



Political Affairs Digest

A daily summary of political events affecting the Jewish Community

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Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and Department for Communities and Local Government

Holocaust Memorial: Updated handling arrangements for planning casework

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/holocaust-memorial-handling-arrangements-for-planning-casework/holocaust-memorial-and-learning-centre-dluhc-handling-note>

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House of Lords Written Answers

Israel: Palestinians

The Marquess of Lothian (Conservative) [HL7506] To ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking, together with international partners, to renew efforts (1) to reduce conflict, and (2) to negotiate new peace talks, between Israel and Palestine on the basis of the two-state solution.

Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon: The UK remains committed to making progress towards a two-state solution. On 10 March Minister Milling held a meeting with Israeli Ambassador Hotovely and a meeting with Palestinian Head of Mission Zomlot to discuss the Middle East Peace Process and importance of making progress towards a sustainable solution to the conflict.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-03-30/hl7506>

West Bank: Roads

Baroness Sheehan (Liberal Democrat) [HL7515] To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the government of Israel's plans to develop a road

that will enable construction in the E1 area of the West Bank, in particular the impact the road would have on the viability of an independent Palestinian state.

Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon: The UK's position on settlements is clear. They are illegal under international law. We urge the Government of Israel to cease the construction of settlement units in the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-03-30/hl7515>

Israel: Bedouin

Baroness Sheehan (Liberal Democrat) [HL7516] To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact the government of Israel's plans to (1) build 10 new settlements, and (2) resume its forestation work, in the Naqab, will have on the existing Bedouin communities.

Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon: We continue to follow the debate around unresolved Bedouin land claims, unrecognised Bedouin villages in the Negev and lack of basic services for Bedouin communities. We continue to encourage the Israeli authorities and Bedouin communities to agree a satisfactory solution to these issues.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-03-30/hl7516>

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

Updated travel advice: Israel

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/israel>

Updated travel advice: Occupied Palestinian Territories

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/the-occupied-palestinian-territories>

Department for International Trade

Updated Trade and Investment Factsheet: Israel

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1068597/israel-trade-and-investment-factsheet-2022-04-14.pdf

Updated Trade and Investment Factsheet: Occupied Palestinian Territories

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1068651/occupied-palestinian-territories-trade-and-investment-factsheet-2022-04-14.pdf

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Relevant Legislation ** new or updated today

UK Parliament

Animal Welfare (Sentience) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2867>

Assisted Dying Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2875>

Education (Assemblies) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2878>

Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2862>

Israel Arms Trade (Prohibition) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3025>

Marriage Act 1949 (Amendment) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3017>

Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2900>

Nationality and Borders Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3023>

Online Safety Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3137>

Palestine Statehood (Recognition) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2942>

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Consultations

** new or updated today

Independent Review of Social Cohesion and Resilience (closing date 2 June 2022)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/independent-review-of-social-cohesion-and-resilience-call-for-evidence/independent-review-of-social-cohesion-and-resilience-call-for-evidence>

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