



# Political Affairs Digest

A daily summary of political events affecting the Jewish Community

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## Home Affairs

### House of Commons Debate

#### **Debate on the Address: Fairness at Work and Power in Communities**

*col/ 337* **Andy McDonald (Labour):** ... The Government have now said they intend to bring forward yet more draconian laws to stifle our democracy: the Orwellian “Bill of Rights” is pure doublespeak. a terrifying attack on our hard-won human rights laws; the Public Order Bill is an outright assault on peaceful protest, and tries to push through a matter that has already been voted down by this Parliament; and the boycotts, divestment and sanctions Bill seeks to criminalise a legitimate form of political dissent, while also smearing the campaign for Palestinian human rights. It ought to worry any person who cares about this issue, or about other human rights abuses, climate activism, the arms trade, or indeed any expression of solidarity with oppressed peoples struggling for justice across the world. ...

**To read the full transcript see**

<https://hansard.parliament.uk//commons/2022-05-12/debates/8DAC81EE-07A4-4C4F-B7B4-4994AEF73773/FairnessAtWorkAndPowerInCommunities#contribution-8D1A7224-5C9D-48AE-8E57-9EC01BAD2364>

### House of Lords Debate

#### **Queen’s Speech**

*col/ 148* **Viscount Bridgeman (Conservative):** ... I wish to speak about the problem of marriages under sharia law in this country and, in particular, the fate of Muslim women seeking a religious divorce or being subject to a divorce by their husbands. ...

This is not an insignificant issue. In 2017, a Channel 4 survey found that 60% of Muslim women who have had traditional Islamic weddings in Britain are not legally married. Of these, 28% are unaware of the fact that they do not have the same legal rights as someone with a civilly registered marriage. The absolute figures are alarming: as many as 100,000 couples in Britain are estimated to be living in religious-only marriages, and this number

will only increase. ...

I understand that sharia courts can be set up with little formality by any member of the Muslim community, and it comes as little surprise that the application and interpretation of sharia law can vary widely. The problem can be exacerbated in the many cases where women may not be aware of their legal rights and may well have language problems. Then there is the extreme shame which a Muslim woman in a divorce situation can be subjected to, both within her family and in the community. I have to say that, regrettably, the police have sometimes not come up to their proper responsibilities because of their concern about race relations implications. ...

May I give an instance which is not atypical ...

A sharia court disregarded a British court order put in place to protect a woman and her children from a violent husband. When the sharia court arranged a mediation session, it heard the husband's testimony without requiring proof. By contrast, from the woman they required two witnesses to confirm her case, because, coming from only one woman, her testimony was seen as being worth less. ...

The Government continue to claim that there is no need for a change in the law because all citizens can access their rights according to law, yet the chasm between the de jure and the de facto is an abyss into which countless women are falling and suffering as a result.

*Col 149* We are not short of enlightened advice on this matter. The *Independent Review into the Application of Sharia Law in England and Wales* reported as long ago as February 2018. That perceptive document made a number of important recommendations, the most basic of which was that the Marriage Act 1949 and the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 needed to be amended:

"The changes are to ensure that civil marriages are conducted before or at the same time as the Islamic marriage ceremony, bringing Islamic marriage in line with Christian and Jewish marriage in the eyes of the law."

This could not be clearer. Another helpful report echoing the same long-overdue need to bring British law into the 21st century "to reflect the diversity of beliefs and practices" in modern society has come from the Nuffield Foundation. ...

In 2018, this Government committed in the *Integrated Communities Strategy* Green Paper to "explore the legal and practical challenges of limited reform relating to the law on marriage and religious weddings."

So far, this commitment has not been followed by action. I therefore ask my noble friend the Minister for an assurance that the Government ... will, in the next Session, bring forward legislation—the admirably simple template for which is the Marriage Act 1949 (Amendment) Bill, reintroduced in 2021 by the noble Baroness, Lady Cox, and awaiting a Second Reading. This is an open-clause Bill to: "Amend the Marriage Act 1949 to create an offence of purporting to solemnize an unregistered marriage."

Its simple message is that all future marriages in the United Kingdom will require to be registered. ...

*col 217* **The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay):** The law has long made provision for couples, including Muslim couples, to marry in their place of worship in a way that gives them legal rights and protections. The Government share the concern that some people may none the less marry in a way that does not, and without appreciating the consequences. We will continue to explore limited reform and non-legislative options in this area with the greatest of care. This work will be informed by the forthcoming reports from the Law Commission on weddings and from the Nuffield Foundation on religious weddings. ...

**To read the full transcript see**

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2022-05-12/debates/A16649EE-B273-4953-8846-708C8B4965ED/Queen'Sspeech#contribution-132F7BD6-D25E-4B6E-A9C4-8D8299B353B6>

The reports referred to above can be read at

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/678478/6.4152\\_HO\\_CPGF\\_Report\\_into\\_Sharia\\_Law\\_in\\_the\\_UK\\_WEB.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/678478/6.4152_HO_CPGF_Report_into_Sharia_Law_in_the_UK_WEB.pdf)

and

<https://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Untying-the-Knot.pdf>

The Green Paper referred to above can be read at

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/696993/Integrated\\_Communities\\_Strategy.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/696993/Integrated_Communities_Strategy.pdf)

Information about the forthcoming reports referred to above can be read at

<https://www.lawcom.gov.uk/project/weddings/>

and

<https://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/project/wedding-not-marriage-exploring-non-legally-binding-ceremonies>

**col 185 Lord Mann (Non-affiliated):** ... To anyone who thinks that racism in cricket is a purely Yorkshire problem, and purely to do with the Muslim community, let me say—without going into greater detail—that although its impact is not as great, the anti-Semitism at Yorkshire Country Cricket Club over the decades is as shocking as the anti-Muslim prejudice. The sexism and sexist behaviour have been as damaging as that done to the Muslim community. Anybody who thinks that Yorkshire is an outlier simply does not know what has been going on across English cricket. ...

I am pleased to report to the House that, for the first time in the history of our football, training is being given in contemporary anti-Semitism to professional football clubs. There is a keenness there to learn. That has happened in recent months and is going to be expanded, because there is a big demand across professional football, but perhaps even more importantly, it will be expanded into grassroots football, where it will make a very big difference. There is nothing the Government specifically need to do—there is no request for funding; football can sort that out—but again, there is an opportunity.

**col 186** If I were a Minister, I would be saying that I might need to go along and see this, report back and steal the example for our other hatreds, both in football and in other sports. Those great sports, not least football, could be used to get out to the masses—the football supporters, for example, whether spectators or online—that others can never reach. ...

**To read the full transcript see**

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2022-05-12/debates/A16649EE-B273-4953-8846-708C8B4965ED/Queen'SSpeech#contribution-D2D8FE35-2097-4F57-9F3A-91E9DC7E7245>

**col 188 Baroness Fox of Buckley (Non-affiliated):** ... Is the only way for society to show disapproval to resort to banning or criminalising, or the only way to endorse certain behaviours or social norms to set them in legal stone, avoiding the harder job of winning hearts and minds? For example, I have always been a critic of the boycott and divestment movement. I think we should vigorously argue against academic arts organisations and councils boycotting specifically Israel, and I will point out how discriminatory and censorious such policies are. However, do we need a Bill to ban boycotts? It just seems such an illiberal way of confronting anti-Semitism in public bodies. ...

**To read the full transcript see**

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2022-05-12/debates/A16649EE-B273-4953-8846-708C8B4965ED/Queen'SSpeech#contribution-7523DC03-A2CD-4D40-B3FB-A949DAE63EC9>

## Department for Education

### **Government suspends engagement with the NUS over antisemitism**

The Government will temporarily disengage with the National Union of Students (NUS) following recent antisemitism allegations.

The NUS will be removed from all Department for Education groups and replaced with alternative student representation, such as from the Office for Student's student panel or from individual student unions, to ensure all students' views are reflected fairly in conversations about higher education. The Department for Education is asking arm's length bodies, including the Office for Students, to take similar action.

The Department for Education has also confirmed that the NUS will not receive any government funding. The Minister for Higher and Further Education, Michelle Donelan, has also written to Civica, the electoral body that had oversight of the NUS election for the NUS President asking for more information on how the electoral process was carried out.

The allegations of antisemitism, which have been well-documented and span several years, have prompted a feeling of insecurity amongst Jewish students across the country and a worry systemic antisemitism within the organisation is not being properly addressed. Although the NUS has shown a willingness to respond to concerns expressed by ministers, including beginning to kickstart a process of independent investigations, this will need to lead to substantive action. This decision to disengage from the NUS will be kept under review as the organisation demonstrates it has suitably addressed these issues.

Education Secretary Nadhim Zahawi said: I am seriously concerned to hear of so many reports of alleged antisemitism linked to the NUS.

Jewish students need to have confidence that this is a body that represents them, and we need to be sure that the student bodies that we engage with are speaking fairly for all students, which is why we are disengaging with the NUS until the issues have been addressed.

From the NUS's initial response to our concerns, I am confident that they are keen to take action and welcome further updates from them. Antisemitism has no place in our society and we will stamp it out, wherever it occurs.

Higher and Further Education Minister Michelle Donelan said: I am horrified by the thought of Jewish students feeling ostracised by an organisation which should be a voice for their community and an advocate of equality for all students.

Although this was a decision that the Department did not take lightly, we have been clear that antisemitism must be stamped out of the sector and are treating these allegations with the utmost seriousness.

Whilst our door is not closed to the NUS, our message could not be simpler. We need decisive and effective action in response to these repeated allegations of antisemitic behaviour. We are glad that the NUS has started to respond and are ready to work with them again when sufficient action has been taken.

This action follows a series of interventions from the department to tackle antisemitism on campus. Earlier this year, Education Secretary Nadhim Zahawi and Minister Donelan hosted an antisemitism summit which brought together vice chancellors, university representatives and Jewish rights groups to discuss measures and commitments that can be taken to ensure Jewish students and staff feel safe in higher education.

This builds on the drive to encourage more higher education providers to sign up to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's definition of antisemitism and, in 2021, more than triple the number of universities have done this – up to 95 from 28 in 2020.

The IHRA is a leading international organisation focused on eradicating antisemitism in public life and educating about the holocaust.

Their definition of antisemitism is as follows:

Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward

Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-suspends-engagement-with-the-nus-over-antisemitism>

### **Termination warning notice to The King David High School**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/termination-warning-notice-to-the-king-david-high-school>

## **Department for Digital, Media Culture and Sport**

### **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Volunteering Award**

*Deadline for applications: 17 June 2022*

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS) is running a special additional award to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee. We want to celebrate fantastic work by national charities and their volunteers to empower young people and provide them with skills and opportunities. ...

#### *Aim of the award*

To recognise 20 excellent national charities working to empower young people and provide them with skills and opportunities, with volunteers playing a key role in delivering this work.

#### *Who can apply?*

Registered national charities who:

- are based in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man
- are organised on a national basis (either UK-wide or with a national reach in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland or Wales)
- have been in operation for at least five years
- involve volunteers in the delivery of their work
- comply with all relevant governance requirements for their sector, including financial returns, safeguarding and insurance

#### **For full details see**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-queens-platinum-jubilee-volunteering-award>

## **Charity Commission**

### **Commission appoints interim manager to Genesis Philanthropy Group**

The Charity Commission has appointed an interim manager to Genesis Philanthropy Group (1180696) to the exclusion of its trustees.

The charity provides grants for new and existing projects to advance the education of the public in the arts, culture and heritage of the Jewish people and develop and enhance a sense of Jewish identity within the Jewish community in the UK and elsewhere.

The Commission opened a [statutory inquiry](#) into Genesis Philanthropy Group in March 2022, to examine whether the charity can continue to operate and is viable, and whether the trustees have discharged their legal duties and responsibilities in their management and administration of the charity. The regulator has now appointed an interim manager to the charity as part of its inquiry. ...

#### **To read the full press release see**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/commission-appoints-interim-manager-to-genesis-philanthropy-group>

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## Holocaust

### Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and Holocaust Educational Trust

**FCDOGovUK:** Lies, disinformation and the distortion of history have been weaponised by the Russian government in its war on Ukraine. It has attempted to justify its actions using baseless claims of "de-nazifying" Ukraine. @KarenPollock100 @HolocaustUK explains why this is so damaging

[video]

<https://twitter.com/FCDOGovUK/status/1524768334633439232>

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## Israel

**See also Andy McDonald's contribution to the House of Commons debate on the Queen's speech, and Baroness Fox of Buckley's contribution to the House of Lords debate on the Queen's speech, which are included in the Home Affairs section above.**

### Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

#### **Foreign Office statement on construction in the West Bank: 13 May 2022**

A Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office spokesperson said: The UK is concerned by the Government of Israel's decision to advance the construction of over 4000 new settlement buildings across the occupied West Bank. The UK's position is that settlements are illegal under international law. We urge Israel to reverse this decision.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/foreign-office-statement-on-construction-in-the-west-bank-13-may-2022>

### Scottish Government

**Nicola Sturgeon [First Minister]:** I agree wholeheartedly with this statement from @JosepBorrellF - what occurred at the funeral of Shireen Abu Akleh was disgraceful

<https://twitter.com/NicolaSturgeon/status/1525405784590409728>

links to:

**European External Action Service - EEAS: Israel/Palestine: Statement by the High Representative @JosepBorrellF on the police action at the funeral of Shireen Abu Akleh**

[https://twitter.com/eu\\_eeas/status/1525173248970874880](https://twitter.com/eu_eeas/status/1525173248970874880)

**Humza Yousaf [Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care]:** The actions of the Israeli security forces attacking mourners who are literally carrying the casket of Shireen Abu Akleh is sickening. Anyone with a shred of decency, or an iota of humanity should condemn in the strongest possible terms.

<https://twitter.com/HumzaYousaf/status/1525211907719831552>

**Neil Gray [Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development and Minister with special responsibility for Refugees from Ukraine]:** I really struggle to understand what

could possibly justify this barbaric action at the funeral of journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, it is awful to watch.

<https://twitter.com/neilgraysnp/status/1525206459583238144>

## National Union of Journalists

### **NUJ condemns killing of Al Jazeera journalist**

The NUJ is shocked by the killing of journalist Shireen Abu Akleh by Israeli forces whilst reporting on raids in Jenin. The union has condemned the act of violence and called on authorities to act swiftly, holding those responsible to account. ...

Attacks against Palestinian journalists in Israel have been condemned by the NUJ and International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) and action must be taken by Israeli authorities to ensure the safety and protection of journalists in the country.

Michelle Stanistreet, NUJ general secretary said: "This is an appalling act of violence. We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Shireen Abu Akleh, who was clearly a brave and committed journalist. We also extend condolences to her colleagues in Al Jazeera, who are devastated by her death.

"The incident is extremely worrying and there must be a full investigation into the circumstances. The apparent targeting of a journalist is a matter of grave concern and it cannot be left to military authorities to investigate the behaviour of their own forces.

"This shocking incident must be seen in the context of Israel's systematic targeting of journalists working in Palestine and its failure to properly investigate killings of media workers. ...

Anthony Bellanger, IFJ general secretary, said: "While the full details of this horrific murder are still emerging, testimony from journalists who were with her when she was killed point towards this being another deliberate and systematic targeting of a journalist. Yet again journalists, wearing press vests, clearly identified were targeted by Israeli snipers. They were not alongside demonstrators, they were not a threat - they have been targeted to prevent them bearing witness and telling the truth about the Israeli action in Jenin.

"We will seek to add this case to the ICC complaint submitted by the IFJ, detailing such systematic targeting. If we demand justice for the Russian targeting of Ukrainian journalists we must demand an end to, and justice for, Israeli targeting and killings of Palestinian journalists".

**To read the full press release see**

<https://www.nuj.org.uk/resource/nuj-condemns-killing-of-al-jazeera-journalist.html>

## European Union

### **Israel/Palestine: Statement by the High Representative on the police action at the funeral of Shireen Abu Akleh**

The European Union is appalled by the scenes unfolding on Friday during the funeral procession of the American-Palestinian journalist Shireen Abu Akleh in occupied East Jerusalem. The EU condemns the disproportionate use of force and the disrespectful behaviour by the Israeli police against the participants of the mourning procession. Allowing for a peaceful farewell and letting mourners grieve in peace without harassment and humiliation, is the minimal human respect .

The EU reiterates its call for a thorough and independent investigation that clarifies all the circumstances of Shireen Abu Akleh's death that brings those responsible for her killing to justice.

[https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/israelpalestine-statement-high-representative-police-action-funeral-shireen-abu-akleh\\_en](https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/israelpalestine-statement-high-representative-police-action-funeral-shireen-abu-akleh_en)

### **Concluding Session, Committee on Information Calls for Fighting Misinformation, Protecting Journalists**

... Prior to approving its report, the Committee observed a moment of silence to honour Palestinian-American journalist Shireen Abu Aqleh — who was killed on 11 May in the Jenin refugee camp, in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, while reporting for Al Jazeera News Outlet — as well as all those members of the press who have been killed in the line of duty.

Riyad Mansour, Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the United Nations, read a quote by Ms. Abu Aqleh and conveyed the sorrow of the Palestinian people at her passing. He condemned the Israeli occupation for murdering the Palestinian media icon even as she was clearly dressed in a press jacket and called for accountability.

Outlining their views on the contents of the Committee's report, many delegates also referred to the death of Ms. Abu Aqleh — describing it as a “crushing blow to truth and justice” — and emphasizing that attacks on members of the press are wholly unacceptable. Many called for an urgent, impartial and independent inquiry aimed at holding those responsible for her death to account.

The representative of Pakistan ... condemned the killing of Ms. Abu Aqleh, calling for an independent investigation into her death. She also made several comments in her national capacity, including advocating for a two-State solution to the long-standing Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

The representative of Kuwait, speaking on behalf of the League of Arab States, said Ms. Abu Aqleh's murder and the wounding of her colleague was only the latest crime carried out by the occupying Power in Palestine in contravention of international law. Calling for an impartial and independent investigation, he said those responsible must be immediately brought to justice.

South Africa's representative ... condemned the death of Ms. Abu Aqleh and emphasized the important role States should play in protecting journalists and their crucial work.

Cuba's representative ... [said] the spirit of consensus ... has been tarnished by the murder of Ms. Abu Aqleh. He joined other speakers in calling for urgent accountability for her death.

The representative of the European Union, ... echoing those delegates who paid tribute to Ms. Abu Aqleh ... strongly condemned her killing — just days after World Press Freedom Day — and called for a thorough investigation to clarify the circumstances surrounding her death. “It is unacceptable to target journalists while they are doing their jobs,” he stressed. Egypt's delegate ... joined others in condemning the killing of Ms. Abu Aqleh and called for the launch of an investigation into that horrific incident.

The representative of the United States ... urged an independent investigation into the death of Ms. Abu Aqleh. ...

Israel's delegate ... said his delegation was also saddened by the death of Ms. Abu Aqleh, which occurred during operations carried out in the wake of a wave of violence against his country. His nation swiftly called for a joint Palestinian-Israeli investigation into her death, but those calls were rejected by the Palestinian side who preferred to act as “judge, jury and executioner” without respect for due process. Nevertheless, Israel remains committed to accountability and to the safety and security of journalists and will push forward with an investigation. He went on to condemn attempts to politicize Ms. Abu Aqleh's death, including in meetings of the Committee on Information. ...

**To read the full press release see**

<https://www.un.org/press/en/2022/pi2301.doc.htm>

## UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

### **UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet on events in the occupied West Bank**

I am following with deep distress events in the occupied West Bank, including in East Jerusalem. Footage of Israeli police attacking mourners at the funeral procession of journalist Shireen Abu Akleh in East Jerusalem on Friday 13 May was shocking. Reports indicate that at least 33 people were injured.

The Israeli use of force, which was being filmed and broadcast live, appeared to be unnecessary and must be promptly and transparently investigated.

There must be accountability for the terrible killing not just of Shireen Abu Akleh but for all the killings and serious injuries in the occupied Palestinian territory.

International law requires prompt, thorough, transparent, independent and impartial investigation of all use of force resulting in death or injury.

So far this year, 48 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli security forces. Today a young man, Walid al-Sharif, succumbed to the serious injuries he sustained at Al Aqsa Mosque Compound on 22 April.

As I have called for many times before, there must be appropriate investigations into the actions of Israeli security forces. Anyone found responsible should be held to account with penal and disciplinary sanctions commensurate to the gravity of the violation. This culture of impunity must end now.

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2022/05/un-high-commissioner-human-rights-michelle-bachelet-events-occupied-west-bank>

### **UN experts condemn journalist killing amid rising West Bank violence**

UN human rights experts condemn the killing of Al Jazeera journalist, Shireen Abu Akleh, in the occupied West Bank and call for a prompt, transparent, thorough and independent investigation into her death.

The experts said Abu Akleh's killing is part of a continuation of the high rate of attacks against media workers, particularly Palestinian journalists. More than 40 Palestinian journalists have reportedly been killed since 2000, with hundreds injured or targeted for violence. Women Palestinian journalists also regularly experience violence in the course of their work just for being journalists.

"The killing of Abu Akleh is another serious attack on media freedom and freedom of expression, amid the escalation of violence in the occupied West Bank," said the experts. "We demand a prompt, independent, impartial, effective, thorough and transparent investigation into the killing of Shireen Abu Akleh ...

"Authorities have an obligation not to harm journalists and to protect them from harm under international humanitarian law and international human rights law," said the experts. "The killing of Abu Akleh, who was clearly performing her duties as a journalist, may constitute a war crime."

The targeting of journalists working in the occupied Palestinian territory and the Israeli authorities' failure to properly investigate killings of media personnel also violate the rights to life and effective remedies, the experts said. The International Federation of Journalists has filed a formal submission to the ICC on the systematic targeting of journalists in the occupied Palestinian territory: Abu Akleh's killing should be part of the ongoing investigation. ...

***To read the full press release see***

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2022/05/un-experts-condemn-journalist-killing-amid-rising-west-bank-violence>

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## Foreign Affairs

### Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

#### **Guidance: International Ministerial Conference on Freedom of Religion or Belief, London 2022: aims and objectives**

##### *Aim of the conference*

An inclusive conference that promotes freedom of religion or belief (FoRB) globally, driving forward international efforts to defend FoRB for all.

##### *Objectives*

The conference has 5 objectives:

- raise awareness of:
  - the current challenges to FoRB across the world
  - the relevance of FoRB to other human rights
  - best practice in preventing violations and abuses and protecting and promoting FoRB
- use UK leadership and experience in addressing human rights issues and our convening power to improve FoRB for all
- galvanise partner countries and stakeholders to work more closely together to promote and protect FoRB, including by working together to address FoRB violations and abuses
- encourage collective action by governments, human rights experts, civil society, academia and faith and belief actors to address FoRB challenges, exchange best practice, and build shared commitments
- to strengthen the voices of and build the capacity of defenders of FoRB, including religion and belief groups, inspiring future leaders and young people, and building and reinforcing global coalitions for collective action

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/international-ministerial-conference-on-freedom-of-religion-or-belief-london-2022-aims-and-objectives/international-ministerial-conference-on-freedom-of-religion-or-belief-london-2022-aims-and-objectives>

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## Relevant Legislation \*\* new or updated today

### UK Parliament

#### **Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Bill**

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

#### **Online Safety Bill**

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

#### **\*\* Schools Bill**

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3156>

#### Explanatory Notes

<https://bills.parliament.uk/publications/46457/documents/1786>

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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>

**Public Participation at the Scottish Parliament** (closing date 30 June 2022)

<https://yourviews.parliament.scot/cppp/participation-2022/>

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The Scottish Council of Jewish Communities (SCoJeC) is Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation SC029438