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A daily summary of political events affecting the Jewish Community

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Business of the House

Bob Blackman (Conservative): On Sunday 20 November, the annual parade of the Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Women will take place at the Cenotaph. I thank you, Mr Speaker, for granting me an Adjournment debate on the subject. This year's event is special—it is the 100th anniversary of the commencement of the parades. I have attended them every year since I was elected, but unfortunately a Minister has never been present. It will be too late by the time of my Adjournment debate, so will my right hon. Friend prevail upon her Cabinet colleagues to ensure that a Government representative is at the centenary parade?

Penny Mordaunt: I thank my hon. Friend for raising that important anniversary. It is right to mark such events with all due respect and courtesy to the people involved in those efforts. I cannot give him the assurances he seeks today. If he had given me a bit of notice, I might have been able to do so, but immediately after this session, I shall follow up and see what we can do to fulfil his request. I thank him again for raising the matter.

<https://hansard.parliament.uk//commons/2022-11-03/debates/ECC4E702-348B-49C6-B0C8-7D4BCA114570/BusinessOfTheHouse#contribution-DC543654-6EAE-48AA-A299-E7FCBAC223F8>

House of Commons Library Briefing

"Common law marriage" and cohabitation

<https://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/SN03372/SN03372.pdf>

Scottish Government

The impact of COVID-19: conversations with faith communities

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/impact-covid-19-conversations-faith-communities/>

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Topical Questions: International Trade

David Simmonds (Conservative): I have met a good many constituents whose businesses are engaged in trade with Israel, and who have told me about the opportunities they see there, particularly in the technology and medical sectors. What progress has there been on a trade deal with Israel? (902050)

The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for International Trade (Nigel Huddleston): This is a very important deal. Earlier this year, we launched negotiations between the United Kingdom and Israel on an upgraded, innovation-focused free trade agreement with services at its heart. The first round of negotiations with Israel were completed in September. An upgraded FTA with Israel will cement our relationship with that rapidly growing economy, and take our trading relationship to the next level.

<https://hansard.parliament.uk//commons/2022-11-03/debates/BA9317B8-1C0B-4B2D-99EC-78116D9E5977/TopicalQuestions#contribution-31F94F29-3A8C-4FBC-B1F5-473E1F2BA671>

House of Commons Written Answer

Israel: Palestinians

Alex Cunningham (Labour) [72251] To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his Israeli counterpart on the imprisonment of Palestinian children in Israeli military detention.

David Rutley: We call on Israel to abide by its obligations under international law and have a regular dialogue with Israel on legal issues relating to the occupation, including the treatment of Palestinian children. We are committed to working with Israel to secure improvements to the practices surrounding children in detention and raise this with the Israeli Ministry of Justice.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-10-26/72251>

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Other Relevant Information

Tell Mama and Faith Matters

The Tangled Web of Far-Right Anti-Muslim Hate: The Andrew Leak Case Study

<https://tellmamauk.org/wp-content/uploads/pdf/The-Tangled-Web-of-Far-Right-and-Anti-Muslim-Hate.pdf>

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Relevant Legislation ** new or updated today

UK Parliament

Bill of Rights Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3227>

Education (Non-religious Philosophical Convictions) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3186>

Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Bill

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

Marriage Act 1949 (Amendment) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3325>

Online Safety Bill

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

Palestine Statehood (Recognition) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3217>

Private Burial Grounds and Cemeteries Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3188>

Universal Credit (Removal of Two Child Limit) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3163>

Schools Bill

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

Scottish Parliament

**** Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill**

<https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/bills/gender-recognition-reform-scotland-bill>

Notices of amendments

<https://www.parliament.scot/-/media/files/legislation/bills/s6-bills/gender-recognition-reform-scotland-bill/stage-2/daily-list-31-october-2022.pdf>

and

<https://www.parliament.scot/-/media/files/legislation/bills/s6-bills/gender-recognition-reform-scotland-bill/stage-2/daily-list-1-november-2022.pdf>

and

<https://www.parliament.scot/-/media/files/legislation/bills/s6-bills/gender-recognition-reform-scotland-bill/stage-2/daily-list-2-november-2022.pdf>

and

<https://www.parliament.scot/-/media/files/legislation/bills/s6-bills/gender-recognition-reform-scotland-bill/stage-2/stage-2-daily-list--3-november-2022.pdf>

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Mapping Exercise - Youth Workers supporting young people facing racism & antisemitism in Scotland (closing date 14 November 2022)

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Z5YX2C7>

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