



Political Affairs Digest

A daily summary of political events affecting the Jewish Community

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The following three questions all received the same answer

Islamophobia

Apsana Begum (Labour) [94891] To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department has taken to mark Islamophobia Awareness Month 2022.

Apsana Begum (Labour) [94892] To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he is taking steps to adopt a definition of Islamophobia.

Apsana Begum (Labour) [94893] To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment his Department has made of trends in the level of Islamophobic hate crime; and if he will make a statement.

Dehenna Davison: We recognise the huge contribution British Muslims make to public life and we are committed to celebrating and promoting this, but we are not complacent. This Government takes tackling hatred towards Muslims very seriously and will not tolerate Anti-Muslim hatred in any form. We have supported Tell MAMA (Measuring Anti-Muslim Attacks) with just over £4 million between 2016 and 2022 to support Muslim victims. We will outline our further steps in due course. Hate Crime Statistics in England and Wales are published annually, and the latest data are available [here](#).

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-11-23/94891>

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Police Service of Northern Ireland

Trends in Hate Motivated Incidents and Crimes Recorded by the Police in Northern Ireland 2004/05 to 2021/22

<https://www.psni.police.uk/sites/default/files/2022-12/Hate%20Motivated%20Incidents%20and%20Crimes%20in%20Northern%20Ireland%202004-05%20to%202021-22.pdf>

Data

https://www.psni.police.uk/sites/default/files/2022-11/hate%20motivations%20tables%20sep%2022_0.xlsx

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Middle East: Electricity Generation

Matthew Offord (Conservative) [92170] To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the Blue and Green Prosperity Memorandum of Understanding signed between Israel, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates.

David Rutley: The UK welcomes the landmark agreement between Israel, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates - three great friends of the UK - to facilitate solar/water cooperation. Climate change requires fresh thinking, creativity and cross-border cooperation. This agreement aims to support both Israel's energy needs and Jordan's water needs. The UK continues to encourage close regional cooperation to tackle regional challenges, including through our support for the Abraham Accords.

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Iran: Israel

Matthew Offord (Conservative) [92166] To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of who the perpetrators were of the drone attack against a tanker off the coast of Oman on 16 November 2022.

David Rutley: The UK condemns the recent drone attack on MV PACIFIC ZIRCON. We remain committed to assuring the safety of shipping in the Middle East region, including through the Gulf of Oman. The UK is a member of the International Maritime Security Construct, along with several Gulf partners, which addresses the threat in the region by providing reassurance to commercial shipping and deterring further threats. We note recent reporting that Iran may be behind the attack. We will work with partners to ensure that those responsible are held to account.

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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> <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

Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill

<https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/bills/charities-regulation-and-administration-scotland-bill>

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

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

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