Israel

House of Commons Written Answer

Iran: Israel
Daniel Kawczynski (Conservative) [186337] To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had recent conversations with his Iranian counterpart on Iranian (a) financing of Hezbollah and (b) involvement in recent rocket strikes to Israel.

David Rutley: The UK Government regularly assesses the impact of Iran's destabilising activity throughout the region, including its political, financial and military support to several militant and proscribed groups, including Hizballah. Such activity compromises the region's security, its ability to prosper and escalates already high tensions, with consequences for the international community. It is for this reason that we currently have over 300 sanctions in place against Iran. Hizballah and other terrorist groups must cease all actions that are violent or provocative, or that put civilian lives at risk. As the Foreign Secretary said in his 14 May statement, we welcome the current Egyptian-brokered ceasefire and urge all sides to de-escalate tensions.

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The statement referred to above can be read at https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ceasefire-in-israel-and-gaza-foreign-secretary-statement

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Foreign Affairs

House of Commons Written Answer

Iran: Sanctions
Daniel Kawczynski (Conservative) [186340] To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what sanctions are imposed on Iran for their financing of Hezbollah.

**David Rutley:** The UK Government condemns Iran's financial support to militant and proscribed groups, including Hizballah which compromises the region's security and escalates already high tensions, with consequences for the international community. In 2019, the UK made its position clear by proscribing Hizballah in its entirety and put an asset freeze in place due to Hizballah's terrorist activity. We support the enforcement of UN prohibitions on Iranian weapons proliferation to non-state actors, including to Hizballah (UNSCR 1701). Our assessment remains that a sovereign Lebanon with strong institutions is the best way to tackle Hizballah's influence in Lebanon.

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International Cooperation: Disputed Territories

**Paul Bristow (Conservative) [186558]** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what his Department's policy is on Government attendance at international summits hosted in disputed territories.

**Andrew Mitchell:** The FCDO does not have a fixed policy on whether to attend international meetings in disputed territories. Attendance is assessed on a case-by-case basis in accordance with UK interests.

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**Education (Non-religious Philosophical Convictions) Bill**
[https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3186](https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3186)

**Holocaust Memorial Bill**
[https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3421](https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3421)

**Marriage Act 1949 (Amendment) Bill**
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**Online Safety Bill**
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**Nakba Commemoration Bill**
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Palestine Statehood (Recognition) Bill
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Private Burial Grounds and Cemeteries Bill
https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3188

Same Sex Marriage (Church of England)
https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3438

Schools Bill
https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3156

Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Draft Bill

Universal Credit (Removal of Two Child Limit) Bill
https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3163

Universal Jurisdiction (Extension)
https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3454

Scottish Parliament

Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

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The UK’s international counter-terrorism policy (closing date 12 June 2023)
https://committees.parliament.uk/call-for-evidence/3120/

Supporting earlier resolution of private family law arrangements (closing date 15 June 2023)

Review of the Race Relations (NI) Order 1997 (closing date 18 June 2023)
The Scottish Council of Jewish Communities (SCoJeC) is Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation SC029438

Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Draft Bill (closing date 23 June 2023)
https://committees.parliament.uk/call-for-evidence/3146/

Charities tax compliance (closing date 20 July 2023)

JPR 2023 Antisemitism in the UK Survey (closing date not stated)
https://www.jpr.org.uk/panel/UKantisemitism2023 (UK except Scotland) and
https://bit.ly/3Vg7DDH (Scotland)

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