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House of Commons Written Answer

National Security
Emma Lewell-Buck (Labour) [186524] To ask the Prime Minister, with reference to his oral contribution of 2 November 2022, Official Report, column 861, what the evidential basis was for his statement that Labour was committed to abolishing the armed forces, scrapping the nuclear deterrent, withdrawing from NATO, and befriending Hamas and Hezbollah.

James Heappey: I have been asked to reply.
To assist the hon. Member, I have placed in the Library of the House documentation kindly provided by the Conservative Research Department, which outlines the evidential basis for this statement about the right hon. Member for Islington North’s (Jeremy Corbyn MP) security agenda.

https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2023-05-23/186524

The oral contribution referred to above can be read at
https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2022-11-02/debates/43EF9B9D-8092-4B21-854E-78302F541B18/Engagements#contribution-0C9AF820-41EE-46B8-8B71-C0C40B56273C

The documentation referred to above can be read at

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House of Lords Written Answers

Israel: Palestinians
Baroness Janke (Liberal Democrat) [HL8005] To ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of (1) the number, and (2) the human rights implications, of
raids by the Israel Defence Forces on Palestinian refugee camps and towns, which have involved the injuring or killing of Palestinians in 2022; and what representations they have made to the government of Israel about these raids.

Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon: We regularly raise the issue of the numbers of Palestinians killed and injured by Israeli Defence Forces in the West Bank and Gaza with the Israeli authorities. When there have been accusations of excessive use of force, we encourage them to carry out swift, transparent and thorough investigations and, if wrongdoing is found, that those responsible be held to account. We make it clear to Israel that it is important that the security forces provide appropriate protection to the Palestinian civilian population, particularly the need to protect children, and urge restraint in the use of live fire.

https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2023-05-22/hl8005

Israel: Palestinians

Baroness Janke (Liberal Democrat) [HL8006] To ask His Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the government of Israel concerning the protection of Palestinian civilians living in areas surrounded by Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon: Settlements are illegal under international law, present an obstacle to peace, and threaten the physical viability of a two-state solution. The UK condemns in the strongest terms incidents of violence by settlers against Palestinians and stresses the importance of the Israeli security forces providing appropriate protection to the Palestinian civilian population. We urge Israel to halt its settlement expansion. I [Lord (Tariq) Ahmad of Wimbledon] frequently engage with Israelis and Palestinians on this issue.

https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2023-05-22/hl8006

Palestinians: Medical Equipment

Baroness Janke (Liberal Democrat) [HL8007] To ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of reports by Medical Aid for Palestinians that Palestinians are prevented from accessing life-saving medical equipment and supplies by Israeli forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and Gaza.

Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon: We ask Israel to allow access into and out of Gaza and the West Bank, in accordance with international humanitarian law, for humanitarian actors, reconstruction materials and those, including Palestinians, travelling for medical purposes. The British Embassy in Tel Aviv regularly raises the importance of this issue with the Israeli authorities. We strongly condemn all forms of violence and incitement to violence directed towards healthcare workers. The wounded and critically ill in Gaza and the West Bank should be able to access the urgent medical care they need. The UK government welcomes any effort to cooperate between the Israeli and Palestinian peoples, including in the healthcare sector. When the Foreign Secretary wrote to his Israeli counterpart Eli Cohen on 10 May, he asked him to allow humanitarian access to Gaza following recent Israeli airstrikes there.

https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2023-05-22/hl8007

Israel: Palestinians

Baroness Janke (Liberal Democrat) [HL8008] To ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the reports by Yesh Din (1) Law Enforcement On Israeli Civilians In The West Bank (Settler Violence), published in December 2022, which found that 93 per cent of complaints made to Israeli police regarding settler violence, or ideologically motivated crimes, against Palestinian civilians are closed without indictments, and (2) Law Enforcement Against Israeli Soldiers Suspected Of Harming Palestinians And
Their Property, which found that less than one per cent of complaints regarding harm caused to Palestinians by Israeli soldiers resulted in an indictment filed against the soldier. 

**Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** We take note of a number of sources of information and continue to monitor the security situation in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPTs). We regularly raise the issue of the numbers of Palestinians killed and injured by Israeli Defence Forces in the West Bank and Gaza with the Israeli authorities. When there are accusations of excessive force, we encourage them to carry out swift, transparent and thorough investigations and, if wrongdoing is found, that those responsible be held to account. We stress the importance of the Israeli security forces providing appropriate protection to the Palestinian civilian population, particularly the need to protect children, and urge restraint in the use of live fire. I [Lord (Tariq) Ahmad of Wimbledon] also raised this point with the Israeli Government during my visit to Israel and the OPTs in January.

https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2023-05-22/hl8008

The reports referred to above can be read at


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**Foreign Affairs**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**Iran’s Fattah missile: FCDO statement**

Iran has announced the development of a new ballistic missile, despite repeated calls from the UN Security Council to halt its programme. This, only weeks after Iran claimed to have successfully test-launched a ballistic missile of similar capability, further proves its continued disregard of international restrictions and the grave threat posed by the regime to global security.

Alongside partners, the UK remains committed to taking every diplomatic step to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons and to hold the regime to account for its malign activity around the world.


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**Bill of Rights Bill**

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

**Education (Non-religious Philosophical Convictions) Bill**

https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3186
Holocaust Memorial Bill
https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3421

Marriage Act 1949 (Amendment) Bill
https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3325

Online Safety Bill
https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3137

Nakba Commemoration Bill
https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3461

Palestine Statehood (Recognition) Bill
https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3217

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
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Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Draft Bill

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

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The UK’s international counter-terrorism policy (closing date 12 June 2023)
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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)

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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