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# Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories: A Parliamentary reading list (2020-24)



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## Summary

On 7 October 2023, the Palestinian group Hamas, officially designated a terrorist group by many countries including Israel, the United States, the European Union, and the United Kingdom, commenced an armed assault against Israel. It launched several thousand rockets into Israel and conducted attacks in border areas, [killing around 1,200 civilians](#), and [taking 253 hostages](#), as part of what it called “Operation Al-Aqsa Flood”.

In response to the assault, [Israel conducted air strikes against Hamas in Gaza](#) and on 28 October launched a ground attack to [“destroy Hamas’ governing and military capabilities and to bring the hostages home”](#). Hamas continues to [fire rockets into Israel](#).

[Ongoing hostilities](#) are also taking place between Israel and Iran-aligned Hezbollah in Lebanon and northern Israel. Other Iran-aligned groups in Syria and Iraq have conducted attacks against US forces, [killing three troops](#) in Jordan in January, [drawing a US response](#). From Yemen, [the Houthis have launched attacks](#) on shipping in the Red Sea.

This reading list provides links to Commons Library papers, Committee reports, parliamentary material and UK Government press releases related to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict during the current parliament. It also includes material on issues related to the current conflict, such as Iran’s influence in the Middle East and Hezbollah’s position in Lebanon.

This paper will be updated regularly.

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# 1 Library research briefings

## 1.1 Commons Library

[UK aid to the West Bank and Gaza Strip: FAQs](#), Commons Library research briefing, CBP-9900, 2 February 2024

[Freedom and democracy in Iran](#), Commons Library debate pack, CDP-0019, 26 January 2024

[Increases in antisemitic offences](#), Commons Library debate pack, CDP-0238, 8 January 2024

[2023 Israel-Hamas conflict: UK and international response](#), Commons Library research briefing, CBP-9874, 5 January 2024

[E-petitions relating to Israel and Palestine](#), Commons Library debate pack, CDP-0226, 7 December 2023

[Arms export licences for sales to Israel](#), Commons Library debate pack, CDP-0223, 7 December 2023

[What is the status of the Iran nuclear deal?](#), Commons Library research briefing, CBP-9870, 13 October 2023

[UK Government policy on Iran](#), Commons Library debate pack, CDP-0117, 1 June 2023

[Human rights protections for Palestinians](#), Commons Library debate pack, CDP-0083, 14 April 2023

[Iran's influence in the Middle East](#), Commons Library research briefing, CBP-9504, 14 April 2023

[Lebanon: Introductory country profile](#), Commons Library research briefing, CBP-9729, 22 February 2023

[The Middle East in 2023](#), Commons Library research briefing, CBP-9702, 20 February 2023

[Nuclear weapons at a glance: Israel](#), Commons Library research briefing, CBP-9075, 28 July 2022

[Iran's nuclear programme](#), Commons Library debate pack, CDP-0123, 28 June 2022



[\*\*UK Government recognition of the State of Palestine alongside the State of Israel\*\*](#), Commons Library debate pack, CDP-0039, 21 February 2022

[\*\*UK-Israel trade negotiations\*\*](#), Commons Library debate pack, CDP-0013, 18 January 2022

[\*\*Roadmap to peace in Palestine\*\*](#), Commons Library debate pack, CDP-0187, 12 November 2021

[\*\*The Gulf in 2021\*\*](#), Commons Library research briefing, CBP-9284, 9 August 2021

[\*\*EU Review into Palestinian school textbooks\*\*](#), Commons Library debate pack, CDP-0105, 25 June 2021

[\*\*Israel: 2021 parliamentary election and new coalition government\*\*](#), Commons Library research briefing, CBP-9189, 14 June 2021

[\*\*E-petitions relating to Israel and Palestine\*\*](#), Commons Library debate pack, CDP-0085, 11 June 2021

[\*\*Recent fighting in Israel and Palestine\*\*](#), Commons Library Insight, 18 May 2021

[\*\*First British Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court: Challenges ahead\*\*](#), Commons Library Insight, 25 February 2021

[\*\*Lebanon in crisis\*\*](#), Commons Library Insight, 8 February 2021

[\*\*Government policy on Iran\*\*](#), Commons Library debate pack, CDP-0135, 3 December 2020

[\*\*UK support for an international fund for Israeli-Palestinian peace\*\*](#), Commons Library debate pack, CDP-0141, 16 November 2020

[\*\*Establishment of diplomatic relations between Israel and the UAE\*\*](#), Commons Library research briefing, CBP-9028, 15 October 2023

[\*\*The settlement and annexation of the occupied Palestinian Territories\*\*](#), Commons Library debate pack, CDP-0089, 22 September 2020

[\*\*Annexation of the West Bank\*\*](#), Commons Library research briefing, CBP-8937, 10 June 2020

[\*\*Coronavirus and the Occupied Palestinian Territories\*\*](#), Commons Library Insight, 28 April 2020

[\*\*Radicalisation in the Palestinian school curriculum\*\*](#), Commons Library debate pack, CDP-0046, 6 March 2020

## 1.2

## Lords Library

[Humanitarian situation in Gaza](#), Lords Library 'In focus', 5 February 2024

[Israel-Hamas conflict: Latest developments](#), Lords Library 'In focus', 20 October 2023

[Abraham Accords: UK government policy](#), Lords Library 'In focus', 5 September 2023

[Israel-Palestine conflict: Recent developments and statements](#), Lords Library 'In focus', 2 March 2023

[Iran, negotiations on its nuclear capabilities, and its wider regional influence](#), Lords Library 'in focus', 1 April 2022

[UK relations with Qatar](#), Lords Library 'In focus', 17 January 2022

[Israel-Palestine: The New US Peace Deal](#), Lords Library research briefing, 13 February 2020

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## Committee reports

[UK aid for refugee host countries: Government response to the Committee's Eighth Report of Session 2022–23](#), Ninth Special Report of Session 2022–23, International Development Committee, 20 October 2023

[FAC launch inquiry into UK's engagement with the Middle East and North Africa](#), Foreign Affairs Committee, 31 July 2023

[UK aid for refugee host countries](#), Eighth Report of Session 2022–23, International Development Committee, HC 426, 26 May 2023

[First Joint Report of the Committees on Arms Export Controls Session, 2022-23](#) Developments in UK Strategic Export Controls, Response of the Secretaries of State for International Trade, Defence, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, CP 775, January 2023

[Developments in UK Strategic Export Controls](#), First Joint Report of Session 2022–23, Committees on Arms Export Controls, Fourth Report of the Defence Committee, Fourth Report of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Fourth Report of the International Development Committee and Fifth Report of the International Trade Committee, HC 282, 28 October 2022



## 3

# Ministerial statements

### [Situation in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories](#)

30 Jan 2024 | House of Lords | 835 cc1137-1149

Lords statement on the situation in Israel and Gaza.

### [Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories](#)

29 Jan 2024 | House of Commons | 744 cc619-640

Statement on the situation in Israel and Gaza.

### [Israel and Palestine](#)

15 Jan 2024 | House of Lords | 835 cc224-8

Lords statement on the situation in Israel and Palestine.

### [Israel and Gaza](#)

19 Dec 2023 | House of Lords | 834 cc992-2222

Lords statement on the situation in Israel and Gaza.

### [Israel-Hamas War: Diplomacy](#)

12 Dec 2023 | House of Lords | 834 cc1822-6

Lords statement on the international diplomacy surrounding the Israel-Hamas war.

### [Middle East: UK Military Deployments](#)

06 Dec 2023 | House of Lords | 834 cc1540-1546

Lords statement on UK military deployments to the Middle East.

### [Update on the situation in Israel and Gaza](#)

05 Dec 2023 | House of Lords | HLWS87

Written statement on securing the release of hostages and surveillance flights over the eastern Mediterranean, including operating in airspace over Israel and Gaza.

### [Update on the situation in Israel and Gaza](#)

05 Dec 2023 | House of Commons | HCWS90

Written statement on securing the release of hostages and surveillance flights over the eastern Mediterranean, including operating in airspace over Israel and Gaza.

### [Israel and Hamas: Humanitarian Pause](#)

29 Nov 2023 | House of Lords | 834 cc1089-1092

Lords statement on the Israel-Gaza situation and the humanitarian pause.

[Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories](#)

14 Nov 2023 | House of Commons | 740 cc507-532

Statement on the humanitarian situation in Gaza.

[Occupied Palestinian Territories: Humanitarian Situation](#)

09 Nov 2023 | House of Lords | 834 cc155-169

Lords statement on the humanitarian situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

[Occupied Palestinian Territories: Humanitarian Situation](#)

08 Nov 2023 | House of Commons | 740 cc137-168

Statement on the humanitarian situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

[Update on humanitarian situation and UK humanitarian efforts in Gaza](#)

24 Oct 2023 | House of Lords | HLWS1072

Lords statement on the UK's response to the situation in Gaza.

[Update on humanitarian situation and UK humanitarian efforts in Gaza](#)

24 Oct 2023 | House of Commons | HCWS1091

Statement on the UK's response to the situation in Gaza.

[Israel and Gaza](#)

23 Oct 2023 | House of Lords | 833 cc484-496

Lords statement on the Prime Minister's visit to the Middle East.

[Israel and Gaza](#)

23 Oct 2023 | House of Commons | 738 cc591-614

Statement on the Prime Minister's visit to the Middle East.

[Gaza: Al-Ahli Arab Hospital Explosion](#)

19 Oct 2023 | House of Lords | 833 cc332-7

Lords statement on the explosion at the Al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza.

[Israel and Gaza](#)

16 Oct 2023 | House of Lords | 833 cc63-75

Lords statement on the attacks in Israel last weekend.

[Israel and Gaza](#)

16 Oct 2023 | House of Commons | 738 cc23-57

Statement following the attacks in Israel.

[Violence in the West Bank](#)

06 Jul 2023 | House of Lords | 831 cc1359-1363

Lords statement on the violence in the West Bank.

[Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories](#)

**24 Apr 2023 | House of Lords | 829 cc1041-1054**

Lords statement on the situation in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

[Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories](#)

**20 Apr 2023 | House of Commons | 731 cc390-401**

Statement on the situation in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

[Israel Trade Negotiation: Update](#)

**20 Jul 2022 | House of Lords | HLWS245**

Written statement on a new, upgraded free trade agreement with Israel.

[Israel Trade Negotiation: Update](#)

**20 Jul 2022 | House of Commons | HCWS247**

Written statement on a new, upgraded free trade agreement with Israel.

[Shireen Abu Aqla](#)

**17 May 2022 | House of Lords | 822 cc363-6**

Lords statement on the killing of Shireen Abu Aqla.

[Trade with Israel Policy Update](#)

**02 Feb 2022 | House of Lords | HLWS565**

Written statement on a future trade agreement with Israel.

[Trade with Israel Policy Update](#)

**02 Feb 2022 | House of Commons | HCWS578**

Written statement on a future trade agreement with Israel.

[Israel and Gaza](#)

**20 May 2021 | House of Lords | 812 cc695-700**

Lords statement on the UK Government's efforts to secure a ceasefire in Israel and Gaza.

[Violence in Israel and Palestine](#)

**13 May 2021 | House of Lords | 812 cc188-192**

Lords statement on the violence in Israel and Palestine.

[Israel and Gaza](#)

**20 May 2021 | House of Lords | 812 cc695-700**

Lords statement on the UK Government's efforts to secure a ceasefire in Israel and Gaza.

[Violence in Israel and Palestine](#)

**13 May 2021 | House of Lords | 812 cc188-192**

Lords statement on the violence in Israel and Palestine.

**Middle East Peace Plan**

**30 Jan 2020 | House of Lords | 801 cc1515-626**

Lords statement on the proposed Middle East peace plan that was announced by President Trump this week.

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# Urgent Questions

### [Israel and Palestine](#)

08 Jan 2024 | House of Commons | 743 cc23-46

Urgent question on the situation in Israel and Palestine.

### [Israel and Gaza](#)

19 Dec 2023 | House of Commons | 742 cc1237-1253

Urgent question on the situation in Israel and Gaza.

### [Israel-Hamas War: Diplomacy](#)

11 Dec 2023 | House of Commons | 742 cc613-628

Urgent question on the international diplomacy surrounding the Israel-Hamas war.

### [Middle East: UK Military Deployments](#)

05 Dec 2023 | House of Commons | 742 cc211-221

Urgent question on UK military deployments to the Middle East.

### [Gaza: Humanitarian Situation](#)

04 Dec 2023 | House of Commons | 742 cc23-40

Urgent question on the humanitarian situation in Gaza.

### [Israel and Hamas: Humanitarian Pause](#)

27 Nov 2023 | House of Commons | 741 cc553-568

Urgent question on the Israel-Gaza situation and the humanitarian pause.

### [Gaza: Al-Ahli Arab Hospital Explosion](#)

18 Oct 2023 | House of Commons | 738 cc325-348

Urgent question on the explosion at the Al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza.

### [Violence in the West Bank](#)

05 Jul 2023 | Ministerial corrections | House of Commons | 735 cc3-4MC

Letter of correction from the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, the right hon. Member for Berwick-upon-Tweed (Anne-Marie Trevelyan).

### [Violence in the West Bank](#)

04 Jul 2023 | House of Commons | 735 cc695-708

Urgent question on the violence in the West Bank.

**Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories**

**27 Mar 2023 | Ministerial corrections | House of Commons | 730 cc6-7MC**  
Letter of correction from the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, the right hon. Member for Berwick-upon-Tweed (Anne-Marie Trevelyan).

**Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories**

**23 Mar 2023 | House of Commons | 730 cc436-448**  
Urgent question on talks to de-escalate the violence in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

**Shireen Abu Aqla**

**16 May 2022 | House of Commons | 714 cc409-422**  
Urgent question on the killing of Shireen Abu Aqla.

**Israel and Gaza: Ceasefire**

**19 May 2021 | House of Commons | 695 cc701-717**  
Urgent question on the UK Government's efforts to secure a ceasefire in Israel and Gaza.

**Violence in Israel and Palestine**

**12 May 2021 | House of Commons | 695 cc123-137**  
Urgent question on the violence in Israel and Palestine.

**Middle East Peace Plan**

**30 Jan 2020 | 670 cc926-940**  
Urgent question on the proposed Middle East peace plan that was announced by President Trump this week.



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# Parliamentary debates

### [Gaza: Humanitarian Situation](#)

**08 Feb 2024 | House of Lords | 835 cc1793-1806**

Lords question for short debate on what assessment they have made of the current humanitarian situation in Gaza.

### [Gaza: Humanitarian Aid and Children](#)

**08 Feb 2024 | House of Commons | 745 cc145-162WH**

Motion that this House has considered humanitarian aid and children in Gaza. Agreed to on question. Sitting adjourned without Question put.

### [Support for Civilians Fleeing Gaza](#)

**06 Feb 2024 | House of Commons | 745 cc221-230**

Motion lapsed. Motion made and question put that this House do now adjourn. Agreed to on question.

### [Holocaust Memorial Day](#)

**02 Feb 2024 | House of Lords | 835 cc1379-1440**

Lords motion to take note of Holocaust Memorial Day 2024. Agreed to on question.

### [Iran: Freedom and Democracy](#)

**01 Feb 2024 | House of Commons | 744 cc1077-1094**

That this House condemns unreservedly the actions of the government of Iran and the violent conduct of the police in suppressing protests in that country.

### [Holocaust Memorial Day](#)

**25 Jan 2024 | House of Commons | 744 cc479-498**

Motion that this House has considered Holocaust Memorial Day (part two). Agreed to on question.

### [Holocaust Memorial Day](#)

**25 Jan 2024 | House of Commons | 744 cc458-478**

Motion that this House has considered Holocaust Memorial Day (part one).

### [Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism](#)

**18 Jan 2024 | House of Commons | 743 cc1040-1057**

Motion that the draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Proscribed Organisations) (Amendment) Order 2024, which was laid before this House on 15 January, be approved. Agreed to on question.

### [Arms Export Licences: Israel](#)

**12 Dec 2023 | House of Commons | 742 cc244-273WH**

Motion that this House has considered arms export licences for sales to Israel. Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10 (6)).

### [Israel and Palestine](#)

**11 Dec 2023 | House of Commons | 742 cc185-230WH**

Motion that this House has considered e-petitions 648225, 648383 and 648292 relating to Israel and Palestine. Agreed to on question. Sitting adjourned without Question put.

### [King's Speech](#)

**15 Nov 2023 | King's speech debates | House of Lords | 834 cc491-590**

Lords debate on King's speech (sixth day) on foreign affairs and defence. Motion on royal address agreed to nemine dissentiente.

### [Violence Reduction, Policing and Criminal Justice](#)

**15 Nov 2023 | King's speech debates | House of Commons | 740 cc674-764**

King's speech debate (sixth day) on violence reduction, policing and criminal justice. Main opposition amendment (r) negatived on division (183 to 290). Scottish National Party amendment (h) negatived on division (125 to 293). Liberal Democrat amendment (k) negatived on division (25 to 303). Main question agreed to.

### [Israel/Gaza](#)

**24 Oct 2023 | House of Lords | 833 cc514-606**

Lords motion to take note of the situation in Israel/Gaza. Agreed to on question.

### [Gaza: Post-conflict Reconstruction](#)

**19 Oct 2023 | House of Lords | 833 cc305-308**

Lords question for short debate on what plans His Majesty's Government have to coordinate action to rebuild Gaza after the war.

### [Abraham Accords](#)

**14 Sep 2023 | House of Lords | 832 cc212-229GC**

Lords question for short debate on what steps they will take to ensure the success of the Abraham Accords.

### [Human Rights Protections: Palestinians](#)

**20 Apr 2023 | House of Commons | 731 cc430-473**

Motion that this House has considered the matter of human rights protections for Palestinians. Agreed to on question.

### [Israel Arms Trade \(Prohibition\) Bill](#)

**18 Mar 2022 | House of Commons | 710 cc1237-1244**

Motion for second reading. Objection taken. Bill to be read a second time on 6 May.

### [Palestine Statehood \(Recognition\) Bill](#)

**17 Mar 2023 | House of Commons | 729 cc1155-9**

Second reading. Debate adjourned. To be resumed on 24 March.

### [Israel and Palestine](#)

**07 Mar 2023 | House of Lords | 828 cc766-788**

Lords question for short debate on what steps they are taking, with international partners, to calm the violence and build a lasting peace between the government of Israel and the Palestinian people.

### [Recognition of the State of Palestine](#)

**24 Feb 2022 | House of Commons | 709 cc533-563**

Motion that this House has considered the UK Government position on the recognition of the State of Palestine alongside the State of Israel. Agreed to on question.

### [UK-Israel Trade Negotiations](#)

**20 Jan 2022 | House of Commons | 707 cc189-212WH**

Motion that this House has considered UK and Israel trade negotiations. Agreed to on question. Sitting adjourned without Question put.

### [Terrorism Act 2000 \(Proscribed Organisations\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 3\) Order 2021](#)

**25 Nov 2021 | House of Lords | 816 cc1110-6**

Lords motion to approve. Agreed to on question.

### [Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism](#)

**24 Nov 2021 | House of Commons | 704 cc424-5**

Motion that the draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Proscribed Organisations) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 2021, which was laid before this House on 19 November, be approved. Agreed to on question.

### [Palestine: Road Map to Peace](#)

**17 Nov 2021 | House of Commons | 703 cc304-320WH**

Motion that this House has considered the matter of a roadmap to peace in Palestine. Agreed to on question.

### [Abraham Accords](#)

**25 Oct 2021 | House of Commons | 702 cc112-8**

Motion that this House has considered the matter of the Abraham Accords. Agreed to on question.

### [Palestinian School Textbooks: EU Review](#)

**30 Jun 2021 | House of Commons | 698 cc43-67WH**

Motion that this House has considered the EU Review into Palestinian school textbooks. Agreed to on question.

### [Israel and Palestine](#)

**14 Jun 2021 | House of Commons | 697 cc1-22WH**

Motion that this House has considered e-petitions 585313 and 585314 relating to Israel and Palestine. Agreed to on question.

### [UN Human Rights Council: UK Voting Record on Israel](#)

**17 Mar 2021 | House of Commons | 691 cc185-192WH**

Motion that this House has considered the UK voting record at the UN Human Rights Council on Israel. Agreed to on question.

### [International Fund for Israeli-Palestinian Peace](#)

**17 Nov 2020 | House of Commons | 684 cc81-105WH**

Motion that this House has considered UK support for an international fund for Israeli-Palestinian peace. Agreed to on question.

### [Occupied Palestinian Territories](#)

**28 Sep 2020 | Ministerial corrections | House of Commons | 681 c2MC**

Letter of correction from the Minister for the Middle East and North Africa

### [Occupied Palestinian Territories](#)

**24 Sep 2020 | House of Commons | 680 cc1209-1236**

Motion that this House has considered settlement and annexation of the Occupied Palestinian territories. Agreed to on question.

### [Palestinian School Curriculum: Radicalisation](#)

**10 Mar 2020 | House of Commons | 673 cc51-76WH**

Motion that this House has considered radicalisation in the Palestinian school curriculum. Agreed to on question.

### [Israel and Palestine: United States' Proposals for Peace](#)

**27 Feb 2020 | House of Lords | 802 cc351-383**

Lords motion to take note of the United States' proposals for peace between Israelis and Palestinians, announced on 28 January. Agreed to on question.

### [Iran: Stability in the Middle East](#)

**30 Jan 2020 | House of Lords | 801 cc1554-1568**

Lords question for short debate on what assessment they have made of the influence of Iran on stability in the Middle East.

## 6

# UK Government press releases

### [PM meeting with His Majesty King Abdullah II of Jordan: 15 February 2024](#)

Prime Minister's Office

15 February 2024

The Prime Minister hosted His Majesty King Abdullah II of Jordan for a meeting at Downing Street this afternoon (15 February).

### [PM call with Prime Minister Netanyahu of Israel: 15 February 2024](#)

Prime Minister's Office

15 February 2024

The Prime Minister Rishi Sunak spoke to Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu this afternoon.

### [Middle East Minister embarks on Gulf visit](#)

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

12 February 2024

Middle East Minister Lord Ahmad embarks on Gulf tour to build momentum towards lasting peace and security in the region.

### [UK sanctions extremist settlers in the West Bank](#)

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

12 February 2024

The UK announces new sanctions against extremist Israeli settlers who have violently attacked Palestinians in the West Bank.

### [Diplomatic missions urge Israel to cease demolitions of schools](#)

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

7 February 2024

Diplomatic missions call on Israel to halt demolitions and confiscations of Palestinian houses and property in the West Bank

### [Humanitarian situation in Gaza: the UK government's response](#)

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

6 February 2024

The UK has trebled our aid commitment to the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPTs) this financial year. We are doing all we can to get more aid into Gaza.

[UK Minister in UAE for talks on building a sustainable ceasefire in Gaza](#)

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

5 February 2024

UK Minister Lord Ahmad returns to the Middle East to meet key regional partners to discuss the conflict in Israel and Gaza.

[PM call with the Sultan of Oman: 1 February 2024](#)

Prime Minister's Office

1 February 2024

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak spoke to the Sultan of Oman, His Majesty Haitham bin Tarik al Said, this morning.

[We continue to work intensively with the UN and partners to get more aid into Gaza: UK statement at the UN Security Council](#)

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

31 January 2024

Statement by Ambassador Barbara Woodward at the UN Security Council meeting on Gaza.

[Foreign Secretary returns to Middle East to support efforts towards regional stability](#)

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

30 January 2024

Foreign Secretary David Cameron will focus on de-escalating tensions in the region and securing an immediate pause in the conflict in Gaza.

['Settlements Bring Security' conference in Jerusalem: FCDO statement](#)

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

30 January 2024

The Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office gave a statement about the 'Settlements Bring Security' conference organised in Jerusalem on 28 January 2024.

[We all abhor unpleasant deals, but that's what must happen if we are to solve the Gaza crisis: article by the Foreign Secretary](#)

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

28 January 2024

In the Mail on Sunday, Foreign Secretary David Cameron writes on how to solve the Gaza crisis.

[Gaza: what you can do to help](#)

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

27 January 2024

How you can donate responsibly to help the people of Gaza.



**[International Court of Justice interim ruling on South Africa vs Israel: FCDO statement](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**27 January 2024**

The FCDO has issued a statement on the International Court of Justice's interim ruling in the case of South Africa vs Israel.

**[Allegations about UNRWA staff and 7 October attacks: FCDO statement](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**27 January 2024**

The FCDO has issued a statement in response to allegations that UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) staff were involved in the 7 October attack against Israel.

**[Foreign Secretary in Middle East and Turkey to progress sustainable Gaza ceasefire](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**25 January 2024**

Lord Cameron will visit Israel, the Occupied Palestinian Territories, Qatar and Turkey to urge regional leaders to work with the UK to achieve a sustainable ceasefire in Gaza

**[UK announces new aid support for Gaza on Foreign Secretary visit to Middle East](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**25 January 2024**

The UK and Qatar are working together to get more aid into Gaza.

**[We must collectively work towards a sustainable ceasefire in Gaza: Lord Ahmad's statement at the Security Council](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**23 January 2024**

Statement by Lord (Tariq) Ahmad of Wimbledon at the United Nations Security Council open debate on the Middle East.

**[UK, US and Australia sanction key figures in Hamas's financial network](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**23 January 2024**

The UK, US and Australia have announced new sanctions on key figures in the financial networks of Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ).

**[PM call with President Biden: 22 January 2024](#)**

**Prime Minister's Office**

**22 January 2024**

The Prime Minister spoke to US President Biden this evening.

**[Foreign Secretary at Davos to reiterate support for Ukraine and call for security and stability in the Middle East](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**17 January 2024**

Lord Cameron will meet world leaders to mobilise international support and cooperation on the world's biggest challenges at World Economic Forum.

**[Israel must act now to let aid through and save lives in Gaza. Britain has a plan to help that happen: article by the Foreign Secretary](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**12 January 2024**

With crossings opened for longer, water supplies restored and UN staff able to safely distribute food, we can limit the scale of this catastrophe.

**[PM call with President al-Sisi of Egypt: 11 January 2024](#)**

**Prime Minister's Office**

**11 January 2024**

The Prime Minister spoke to Egyptian President Abdul Fattah al-Sisi this afternoon.

**[We call on all parties to implement resolution 2720 on Gaza in full: UK statement at the UN General Assembly](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**9 January 2024**

Statement by Ambassador Archie Young at UN General Assembly 51st plenary meeting 78th Session.

**[UK statement on situation in Gaza - 3 January 2024](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**3 January 2024**

The FCDO has issued a statement firmly rejecting any suggestion of the resettlement of Palestinians outside of Gaza.

**[Foreign Secretary's call with the US Secretary of State, January 2024](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**2 January 2024**

Foreign Secretary David Cameron and Secretary of State Antony Blinken discussed Houthi attacks in the Red Sea, the humanitarian situation in Gaza and support for Ukraine.

**[First UK maritime shipment of lifesaving aid for Gaza arrives in Egypt](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**2 January 2024**

Lifesaving UK aid shipment for Gaza including thermal blankets and essential items delivered from Cyprus by Royal Fleet Auxiliary ship Lyme Bay.

**[Many more will die from attacks, disease and famine if we do not stop the humanitarian catastrophe: UK statement at the UN Security Council](#)**

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

29 December 2023

Statement by Ambassador Barbara Woodward at the UN Security Council meeting on Gaza.

**[The UK is doing everything we can to get more aid into Gaza: UK statement at the UN Security Council](#)**

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

22 December 2023

Explanation of vote by Ambassador Barbara Woodward at the UN Security Council meeting on Gaza.

**[The UK supports Security Council resolution 2720 on aid to Gaza](#)**

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

22 December 2023

Today, 22 December 2023, the UK voted in favour of United Nations Security Council resolution 2720 calling for expanded humanitarian access in Gaza.

**[UK steps up humanitarian aid commitments to Gaza](#)**

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

21 December 2023

The Foreign Secretary will visit Al Arish as the UK continues to urge Israel to increase the flow of aid into Gaza through as many routes possible.

**[Foreign Secretary calls for increased European coordination on humanitarian crises during visit to Paris and Rome](#)**

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

20 December 2023

David Cameron will visit French and Italian capitals today to address the growing humanitarian crisis in Gaza and maintain support for Ukraine over the winter period.

**[Foreign Secretary returns to Middle East to push for a sustainable ceasefire](#)**

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

20 December 2023

The Foreign Secretary and Minister for the Middle East are travelling to Jordan and Egypt this week to push for a sustainable ceasefire and further humanitarian pauses in Gaza.

**[We need a sustainable ceasefire that breaks the cycle of violence: UK statement at the UN Security Council](#)**

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

19 December 2023

Statement by Ambassador James Kariuki at the UN Security Council meeting on the situation in the Middle East.

**[The UK is committed to using all diplomatic tools to prevent Iran from developing a nuclear weapon: UK statement at the UN Security Council](#)**  
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

18 December 2023

Statement by Ambassador James Kariuki at the UN Security Council meeting on Iran.

**[Why the UK and Germany back a sustainable ceasefire: article by the Foreign Secretary and the German Foreign Minister](#)**

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

17 December 2023

In The Sunday Times, Foreign Secretary David Cameron and his German counterpart Annalena Baerbock write on paving the way to a sustainable ceasefire in Gaza.

**[West Bank settler violence: joint statement, December 2023](#)**

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

15 December 2023

The UK and international partners call on Israel to take immediate and concrete steps to tackle record high settler violence in the occupied West Bank.

**[Reports of sexual violence perpetrated by Hamas: Lord Ahmad's statement](#)**

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

15 December 2023

Lord Ahmad gave a statement on reports of sexual violence by Hamas, calling for them to be fully investigated to ensure justice for survivors and victims.

**[The UK supports calls for a sustainable ceasefire: UK statement at the UN General Assembly](#)**

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

15 December 2023

Statement by Ambassador James Kariuki at the UN General Assembly tenth emergency special session on Gaza.

**[New Iranian sanction regime comes in to force](#)**

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

14 December 2023

The UK's new Iran sanctions regime comes into force today, giving the UK extensive new powers to hold Iran and its decision makers to account.

**[UK and US target Hamas with new sanctions to isolate terror group](#)**

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

13 December 2023

The UK and US have announced new sanctions on the leaders and financiers of Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ).

**Minister for the Middle East travels to Qatar for the Doha Forum**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**10 December 2023**

Minister for the Middle East Lord Ahmad is attending the Doha Forum and holding meetings with senior Qatari leaders to discuss the Israel and Gaza conflict.

**We call for further and longer pauses to get aid to Palestinians: UK statement at the UN Security Council**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**8 December 2023**

Explanation of vote by Ambassador Barbara Woodward at the UN Security Council meeting on Gaza.

**The UK supports Israel's right to defend itself against Hamas but Israel must be targeted in achieving that goal: UK statement at the UN Security Council**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**8 December 2023**

Statement by Ambassador Barbara Woodward at the UN Security Council meeting on Gaza.

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**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**8 December 2023**

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**We call for further and longer pauses to get aid to Palestinians: UK statement at the UN Security Council**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**8 December 2023**

Explanation of vote by Ambassador Barbara Woodward at the UN Security Council meeting on Gaza.

**Defence Secretary visits Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories to explore options to boost humanitarian aid**

**Ministry of Defence**

**7 December 2023**

As part of ongoing diplomatic efforts in the Middle East, the Defence Secretary travels to the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPTs) and Israel this week.

**[The Prime Minister's message for Chanukah 2023](#)**

**Prime Minister's Office**

**7 December 2023**

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak sends his best wishes for Chanukah.

**[G7 Leaders' Statement: 6 December 2023](#)**

**Prime Minister's Office**

**6 December 2023**

G7 Leaders issued a statement following their virtual meeting on 6 December 2023.

**[PM call with Prime Minister Netanyahu of Israel: 5 December 2023](#)**

**Prime Minister's Office**

**5 December 2023**

The Prime Minister spoke to Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu this afternoon.

**[In a time of danger and uncertainty we must respond with strength, resilience and unity: article by the Foreign Secretary](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**3 December 2023**

Writing in The Sun on Sunday, Foreign Secretary David Cameron outlined how the UK must build up defences, stay close to partners, and reach out to new allies.

**[PM meeting with Israel's President Isaac Herzog: 01 December 2023](#)**

**Prime Minister's Office**

**1 December 2023**

The Prime Minister met Israel's President Isaac Herzog at the COP28 Summit in the UAE.

**[PM meeting with His Highness Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani of Qatar: 1 December 2023](#)**

**Prime Minister's Office**

**1 December 2023**

The Prime Minister met with His Highness Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani of Qatar at the COP28 summit in Dubai.

**[PM meeting with His Majesty King Abdullah II of Jordan: 1 December 2023](#)**

**Prime Minister's Office**

**1 December 2023**

The Prime Minister met with His Majesty King Abdullah II of Jordan at the COP28 summit in Dubai.



**[PM meeting with Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi: 01 December 2023](#)**

**Prime Minister's Office**

**1 December 2023**

The Prime Minister met Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi at the COP28 Summit in the UAE today.

**[Defence Secretary sends Royal Navy destroyer east of Suez to safeguard security in the Gulf](#)**

**Ministry of Defence**

**29 November 2023**

HMS Diamond has set sail to bolster UK naval forces across the Middle East.

**[We must collectively create the opportunity for more pauses in Gaza: Lord Ahmad's statement at the UN Security Council](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and Ministry of Defence**

**29 November 2023**

Statement by Lord (Tariq) Ahmad of Wimbledon at the United Nations Security Council meeting on the Middle East.

**[Israel and Gaza: G7 foreign ministers' statement, November 2023](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and Ministry of Defence**

**28 November 2023**

Foreign ministers of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the UK, the US and the EU High Representative gave a statement on the situation in Israel and Gaza.

**[UK commits further support to get aid into Gaza](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and Ministry of Defence**

**24 November 2023**

The Foreign Secretary announces further UK funding to tackle the growing humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

**[UK and Türkiye to boost stability, security and prosperity](#)**

**Ministry of Defence**

**23 November 2023**

Two NATO Allies, the UK and Türkiye, have today agreed to work more closely together to help bring greater stability, security and prosperity to both nations.

**[Foreign Secretary commits to working closely with Islamic states on Israel-Gaza crisis at Lancaster House meeting](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**22 November 2023**

The Foreign Secretary hosted a delegation of Foreign Ministers from Arab and Islamic countries in London.

**[The UK welcomes the agreement for a coordinated release of hostages and pause in the fighting in Gaza: UK statement at the UN Security Council](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**22 November 2023**

Statement by Ambassador James Kariuki at the UN Security Council meeting on Gaza.

**[Foreign Secretary's statement on Israel-Hamas hostage agreement](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**22 November 2023**

The Foreign Secretary has given a statement following the agreement reached by Israel and Hamas for a coordinated release of hostages and pause in fighting.

**[Seizure of MV Galaxy Leader by the Houthis: UK statement](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**21 November 2023**

The UK government has issued a statement condemning the unlawful seizure of MV Galaxy Leader by the Houthis in the Red Sea.

**[British-Arab Economic Summit 2023: Lord Ahmad's keynote speech](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**21 November 2023**

Minister for the Middle East, Lord Tariq Ahmad, gave a speech at the British-Arab Economic Summit in London.

**[New initiatives for regional peace: Lord Ahmad's statement at the IISS Manama Dialogue 2023](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**18 November 2023**

Minister of State for the Middle East, Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon, spoke at the International Institute for Strategic Studies Manama Dialogue 2023.

**[Middle East Minister visits Bahrain and Qatar for talks on crisis in Israel and Gaza](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**18 November 2023**

Minister of State for the Middle East Lord Ahmad is travelling to Bahrain and Qatar for high-level talks on the crisis in Israel and Gaza.

**[A humanitarian response to this crisis in Gaza is vital: UK statement at the UN General Assembly](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**17 November 2023**

Statement by Ambassador Barbara Woodward at the UN General Assembly meeting on the humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip.

**[UK Development Minister arrives in Egypt in push for more critical lifesaving aid for Gaza](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**15 November 2023**

UK Development Minister Andrew Mitchell is in Cairo for talks with Egyptian counterparts and trusted partners, to get further aid into Gaza as quickly as possible.

**[It is right the Security Council calls for a humanitarian pause in Gaza long enough to deliver aid: UK statement at the UN Security Council](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**15 November 2023**

Statement by Ambassador Barbara Woodward at the UN Security Council meeting on Gaza.

**[UK and US hit Hamas leadership with targeted sanctions](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**14 November 2023**

The UK and US have targeted Hamas with a new tranche of sanctions today, restricting the terror group's ability to operate.

**[PM speech at Lord Mayor's Banquet: 13 November 2023](#)**

**Prime Minister's Office**

**13 November 2023**

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak made a speech on foreign policy at the Lord Mayor's Banquet at the Guildhall, London.

**[We must see humanitarian pauses that allow enough time for aid into Gaza: UK statement at the UN Security Council](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**10 November 2023**

Statement by Ambassador Barbara Woodward at the UN Security Council meeting on Gaza.

**[The UK will work with our partners towards a two-state solution: UK statement at the UN Fourth Committee](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**9 November 2023**

Explanation of vote by Ambassador to the General Assembly Richard Croker at the UN Fourth Committee.

**[Foreign Secretary arrives in Saudi Arabia to drive diplomatic efforts on the conflict in Gaza and Southern Israel](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**9 November 2023**

Foreign Secretary James Cleverly has travelled to Saudi Arabia and will hold high-level talks with regional foreign ministers.

**[British Embassy in Tel Aviv marks 30 days since 7 October](#)**

**British Embassy Tel Aviv**

**8 November 2023**

On 7 November, the British Embassy in Israel marked 30 days since the events of 7 October 2023 in a short ceremony.

**[G7 united in response to conflicts in Middle East and Ukraine as Foreign Secretary travels to Japan](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and Ministry of Defence**

**6 November 2023**

The Foreign Secretary will be in Japan for the G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting.

**[The UK urges all parties to allow for humanitarian pauses in Gaza: UK statement at the UN](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**3 November 2023**

Statement by Ambassador Tom Woodroffe at the OCHA Briefing on the Humanitarian Situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

**[Foreign Secretary's call with Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian, 3 November 2023](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**3 November 2023**

Foreign Secretary James Cleverly spoke to Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian.

**[UK airlift to Egypt delivers vital equipment to support aid crossing to Gaza](#)**

**Ministry of Defence and Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**2 November 2023**

Shipment follows 21 tonnes of essential supplies delivered last week, and £30 million increase in UK assistance to Occupied Palestinian Territories.

**[UK statement: ILO Governing Body \(November 2023\)](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**2 November 2023**

ILO Governing Body: Enhanced programme of development cooperation for occupied Arab territories (POL/4). Delivered by UK's Ambassador to WTO & UN Simon Manley.

**[PM meeting with Secretary-General of the United Nations António Guterres: 2 November 2023](#)**

**Prime Minister's Office**

**2 November 2023**

The Prime Minister met with the Secretary-General of the United Nations António Guterres at the UK's AI Safety Summit at Bletchley Park today [2 November 2023].

**UK Minister for the Middle East visits Israel and the West Bank**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**1 November 2023**

Lord Ahmad will meet Israeli and Palestinian leaders in Israel and the West Bank over the next 2 days to discuss the crisis in the Middle East.

**PM call with President el-Sisi of Egypt: 1 November 2023**

**Prime Minister's Office**

**1 November 2023**

The Prime Minister spoke to Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi this evening about the situation in Gaza and the wider Middle East.

**UK-Bahrain inaugural Strategic Dialogue 2023: joint statement**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**31 October 2023**

The Minister of State for the Middle East and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bahrain co-chaired the first session of the UK–Bahrain Strategic Dialogue on 31 October 2023.

**New emergencies are pushing the limits of an already strained humanitarian system: UK statement at the UN Security Council**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**31 October 2023**

Statement by Ambassador James Kariuki at the UN Security Council meeting on refugees.

**PM call with Prime Minister Netanyahu of Israel : 31 October 2023**

**Prime Minister's Office**

**31 October 2023**

The Prime Minister spoke to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu this afternoon.

**PM call with President Abbas of the Palestinian Authority: 31 October 2023**

**Prime Minister's Office**

**31 October 2023**

The Prime Minister spoke to the President of the Palestinian Authority, Mahmoud Abbas, earlier today.

**PM call with Prime Minister Rutte of the Netherlands: 29 October 2023**

**Prime Minister's Office**

**29 October 2023**

The Prime Minister spoke to the Prime Minister of the Netherlands, Mark Rutte, this evening about the crisis in the Middle East.

**PM call with President Macron of France: 29 October 2023**

**Prime Minister's Office**

**29 October 2023**

The Prime Minister spoke to French President Macron today following the expansion of Israel's military operation against Hamas.

**Hope and humanity must win out against aggression and terrorism: Lord Ahmad's statement at the UN General Assembly**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**27 October 2023**

Statement by Lord (Tariq) Ahmad of Wimbledon at the United Nations General Assembly tenth emergency special session on Gaza.

**Defence Secretary travels to Middle East on regional security mission**

**Ministry of Defence**

**26 October 2023**

Defence Secretary Grant Shapps travelled to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates to drive forward work to maintain regional stability.

**We regret the draft resolution proposed by the United States has not been adopted: UK statement at the UN Security Council**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**25 October 2023**

Explanation of vote by Ambassador Barbara Woodward at the UN Security Council meeting on the Middle East.

**UK delivers humanitarian aid to support Palestinian civilians**

**Ministry of Defence and Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**25 October 2023**

An RAF C-17 aircraft is en-route to Egypt to deliver vital UK Government humanitarian aid to Palestinian civilians.

**The UK stands resolutely with Israel in defending itself against terror: Minister for Security Tom Tugendhat statement at the UN Security Council**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**24 October 2023**

Statement by Minister for Security Tom Tugendhat at the UN Security Council meeting on the Middle East.

**Joint statement following PM call with leaders of US, Canada, France, Germany and Italy: 22 October 2023**

**Prime Minister's Office**

**23 October 2023**

The Prime Minister Rishi Sunak spoke to his counterparts from the US, Canada, France, Germany and Italy this evening on the ongoing conflict between Israel and the terrorist organisation Hamas.



**[Extra £20 million in humanitarian aid doubles UK support to Palestinian civilians](#)**

**Prime Minister's Office and Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**23 October 2023**

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak announced a new aid package to provide food, water, healthcare, and shelter for those affected by this severe humanitarian crisis.

**[Defence Secretary Grant Shapps visits US for urgent talks in support of global stability amid Gaza-Israel crisis](#)**

**Ministry of Defence**

**22 October 2023**

Defence Secretary Grant Shapps visited Washington D.C. to hold urgent talks with his counterpart and members of Congress in support of global stability.

**[Cairo Peace Summit: Foreign Secretary's statement](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**21 October 2023**

Foreign Secretary James Cleverly gave a statement at the Cairo Peace Summit on the situation in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

**[PM meeting with the Amir of Qatar: 20 October 2023](#)**

**Prime Minister's Office**

**20 October 2023**

The Prime Minister met the Amir of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, this morning in Riyadh.

**[PM meeting with the President of the Palestinian Authority: 20 October 2023](#)**

**Prime Minister's Office**

**20 October 2023**

The Prime Minister met President of the Palestinian Authority, Mahmoud Abbas, in Cairo today.

**[PM meeting with President el-Sisi of Egypt: 20 October 2023](#)**

**Prime Minister's Office**

**20 October 2023**

The Prime Minister met President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi of Egypt in Cairo today.

**[PM statement at press conference with Prime Minister Netanyahu of Israel: 19 October 2023](#)**

**Prime Minister's Office**

**19 October 2023**

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's statement at joint press remarks with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

**PM meeting with the Prime Minister of Israel: 19 October 2023**

**Prime Minister's Office**

**19 October 2023**

The Prime Minister met Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Israel, on 19 October 2023.

**PM meeting with the President of Israel Isaac Herzog: 19 October 2023**

**Prime Minister's Office**

**19 October 2023**

The Prime Minister met Israeli President Isaac Herzog, on 19 October 2023.

**PM meeting with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman of Saudi Arabia: 19 October 2023**

**Prime Minister's Office**

**19 October 2023**

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak met Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in Saudi Arabia today.

**PM call with President Christodoulides of Cyprus: 18 October 2023**

**Prime Minister's Office**

**18 October 2023**

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak spoke to Nikos Christodoulides, President of the Republic of Cyprus, on 18 October 2023.

**The UK will continue work to break the cycle of violence across Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories: UK statement at the UN Security Council**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**18 October 2023**

Statement by Ambassador Barbara Woodward at the UN Security Council meeting on the Middle East.

**The UK supports Israel's right to self-defence in line with the UN Charter: UK statement at the UN Security Council**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**18 October 2023**

Explanation of vote by Ambassador Barbara Woodward at the UN Security Council meeting on the Middle East.

**UK statement on Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) Transition Day**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**18 October 2023**

The UK has issued a statement on its decision to maintain nuclear and missile-related restrictions on Iran beyond JCPOA Transition Day.

**Foreign Secretary travels to Middle East to help prevent regional spread of conflict**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**18 October 2023**

The Foreign Secretary is travelling to Egypt, Turkey and Qatar to help prevent the spread of conflict across the region.

**We cannot support a resolution which fails to condemn Hamas' terror attacks: UK statement at the UN Security Council**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**17 October 2023**

Explanation of vote by Ambassador Barbara Woodward at the UN Security Council meeting on the Middle East.

**PM call with the Prime Minister and Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, Mohammed bin Salman: 17 October 2023**

**Prime Minister's Office**

**17 October 2023**

The Prime Minister spoke to the Prime Minister and Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, Mohammed bin Salman, this afternoon.

**PM call with the Amir of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani: 17 October 2023**

**Prime Minister's Office**

**17 October 2023**

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak spoke to the Amir of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani, this afternoon about the situation in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

**We cannot support a resolution which fails to condemn Hamas' terror attacks: UK statement at the UN Security Council**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**17 October 2023**

Explanation of vote by Ambassador Barbara Woodward at the UN Security Council meeting on the Middle East.

**UK announces £10 million humanitarian aid for civilians in Occupied Palestinian Territories**

**Prime Minister's Office and Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**16 October 2023**

£10 million of humanitarian aid announced by the Prime Minister to support civilians in the Occupied Palestinian Territories in response to escalating conflict.

**[PM statement to the House of Commons on the latest situation in Israel and Gaza: 16 October 2023](#)**

**Prime Minister's Office**

**16 October 2023**

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak made an oral statement to the House of Commons on the latest situation in Israel and Gaza.

**[PM call with President Abbas of the Palestinian Authority: 16 October 2023](#)**

**Prime Minister's Office**

**16 October 2023**

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak spoke to President of the Palestinian Authority Mahmoud Abbas this morning.

**[PM call with President Erdoğan of Türkiye: 16 October 2023](#)**

**Prime Minister's Office**

**16 October 2023**

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak spoke to President of Türkiye, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, this afternoon about the conflict in Gaza following Hamas' terror attack.

**[PM meeting with King Abdullah II of Jordan: 15 October 2023](#)**

**Prime Minister's Office**

**15 October 2023**

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak welcomed his Majesty King Abdullah II of Jordan to Downing Street today.

**[UK Government continues to facilitate British nationals leaving Israel and Gaza](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**14 October 2023**

The first UK Government facilitated flights arrive in the UK and Cyprus.

**[PM words one week on from the start of Hamas terrorist attacks,](#)**

**Prime Minister's Office**

**14 October 2023**

The Prime Minister Rishi Sunak issues a statement, one week on from the start of Hamas terrorist attacks in Israel.

**[Prime Minister deploys UK military to Eastern Mediterranean to support Israel](#)**

**Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of Defence**

**13 October 2023**

The Prime Minister has deployed UK military to the Eastern Mediterranean to support Israel and reinforce regional stability.

**PM call with Prime Minister Netanyahu of Israel: 12 October 2023**

**Prime Minister's Office**

**12 October 2023**

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak spoke to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on 12 October 2023.

**Israel terror attacks: compensation for victims**

**Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority**

**12 October 2023**

How to apply for compensation if you were a victim of the terrorist attacks in Israel starting on 7 October 2023.

**PM call with President el-Sisi of Egypt: 12 October 2023**

**Prime Minister's Office**

**12 October 2023**

The Prime Minister spoke to Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi this morning, following the terrorist atrocity carried out by Hamas in Israel.

**UK government to arrange flights to get British nationals out of Israel,**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**12 October 2023**

Foreign Secretary James Cleverly announces that the UK will facilitate flights to help British citizens wanting to leave Israel.

**Foreign Secretary visits Israel to underline UK's unwavering solidarity in the face of terror**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**11 October 2023**

Foreign Secretary James Cleverly visited Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and southern Israel to underline UK's unwavering solidarity in the face of terror.

**Joint Statement from Quint Leaders on Israel: 9 October 2023**

**Prime Minister's Office**

**9 October 2023**

Today, the leaders of France, Germany, Italy, the United Kingdom and the United States of America released the following joint statement following their call.

**PM call with Prime Minister Netanyahu of Israel: 8 October 2023**

**Prime Minister's Office**

**8 October 2023**

The Prime Minister spoke to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu this afternoon, following deadly attacks by Hamas against Israel.

**GCC-UK ministerial meeting, September 2023: joint statement**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**26 September 2023**

The Foreign Secretary met representatives of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) member states and the GCC Secretary General in New York on 18 September.

**Foreign Secretary speech - International Counter Terrorism Conference, Israel**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**14 September 2023**

The Foreign Secretary gave a speech at the International Counter Terrorism Conference in Herzliya in Israel on 12 September 2023.

**Foreign Secretary meets Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, September 2023**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**11 September 2023**

During his visit to Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories this week, the Foreign Secretary met the Prime Minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu.

**Foreign Secretary meets Israeli Foreign Minister Eli Cohen, September 2023**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**11 September 2023**

During his visit to Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories this week, the Foreign Secretary met the Foreign Minister of Israel, Eli Cohen.

**Foreign Secretary travels to Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories and commits to renewing security ties**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**11 September 2023**

The Foreign Secretary will travel to Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPTs) this week and commit to tackling threats to regional security.

**The UK is extremely alarmed by increasing settler violence in the Occupied Palestinian Territories: UK statement at the Security Council**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**21 August 2023**

Statement by Ambassador James Kariuki at the UN Security Council meeting on the Middle East.

**[All Palestinians and Israelis deserve to live in peace: UK statement at the Security Council](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**27 July 2023**

Statement by Ambassador Barbara Woodward at the UN Security Council meeting on the Middle East.

**[FCDO Statement: Israel Judicial Reforms](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**25 July 2023**

FCDO statement on Israel Judicial Reforms.

**[UK–Middle East and North Africa region development partnership summary](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**17 July 2023**

An overview of Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) development activity with the Middle East and North Africa region.

**[Joint international statement following recent events in Israel and the West Bank](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**30 June 2023**

The UK, Australia and Canada have expressed deep concern at the approval of new settlement units in the West Bank and ongoing cycle of violence.

**[The security situation in the West Bank and Occupied Palestinian Territories continues to deteriorate: UK statement at the Security Council](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**27 June 2023**

Statement by UK Political Coordinator Fergus Eckersley at the UN Security Council meeting on the Middle East.

**[The UK looks to cooperation with the Arab League to support peace and democracy in the region: UK statement at the Security Council](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**8 June 2023**

Statement by Ambassador James Kariuki at the UN Security Council meeting on the League of Arab States.

**[Relocation of the illegal outpost in Homesh: FCDO statement](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**29 May 2023**

FCDO spokesperson statement on relocation of the illegal outpost in Homesh

**[The situation in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories continues to deteriorate: UK statement at the Security Council](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**24 May 2023**

Statement by Ambassador Barbara Woodward at the UN Security Council meeting on the Middle East.

**[Ceasefire in Israel and Gaza: Foreign Secretary statement](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**14 May 2023**

Foreign Secretary James Cleverly welcomes the announcement of a ceasefire between Israel and militant factions in Gaza.

**[43rd Universal Periodic Review: Statement on Israel](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**9 May 2023**

The UK's Permanent Representative to the UN in Geneva, Ambassador Simon Manley, delivered a statement at Israel's UPR at the Human Rights Council.

**[The United Kingdom wishes the State of Israel a Happy 75th Birthday](#)**

**British Embassy Tel Aviv**

**26 April 2023**

Today marks Israel's 75th birthday, also known as Yom Ha'atzmaut.

**["Peace will only be sustainable if both Israelis and Palestinians recommit themselves to a negotiated settlement": UK Statement at the Security Council](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**25 April 2023**

Statement by Ambassador Barbara Woodward at the UN Security Council meeting on the situation in the Middle East

**[Pause to judicial reform in Israel: Foreign Secretary's statement](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**27 March 2023**

UK Foreign Secretary James Cleverly has welcomed the decision to pause legislation to reform Israel's judiciary.

**[PM meeting with Prime Minister Netanyahu of Israel: 24 March 2023](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**24 March 2023**

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak welcomed Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to Downing Street today for talks on strengthening the close partnership between the United Kingdom and Israel.



**Foreign Secretary's meeting with Israeli Foreign Minister Eli Cohen, March 2023**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office  
21 March 2023**

The Foreign Secretary met Israel's Foreign Minister in London today to sign the 2030 Roadmap for Israel-UK Bilateral Relations.

**UK and Israel to sign landmark agreement deepening tech, trade and security ties**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office  
21 March 2023**

The UK and Israel will sign the 2030 Roadmap for UK-Israeli Bilateral Relations, boosting economic, security and technology ties.

**UN HRC52: UK Statement for Item 2 General Debate**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office  
7 March 2023**

Statement delivered by the UK's Ambassador to the WTO and UN in Geneva, Simon Manley, for Item 2 General Debate.

**Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories, March 2023: joint statement**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office  
4 March 2023**

The governments of France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Spain, and the UK condemned the continuing, growing violence in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

**The UK stands ready to facilitate discussions and dialogue between Israelis and the Palestinians: UK Statement at the UN Security Council**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office  
20 February 2023**

Statement by Ambassador Barbara Woodward at the Security Council briefing on the Middle East

**Announcement of further settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories: joint statement**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office  
14 February 2023**

The UK, US, France, Germany and Italy (the Quint) expressed dismay at the Israeli government's decision to expand settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

**[Foreign Secretary leads calls to remember victims of the Holocaust](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**24 January 2023**

The Foreign Secretary James Cleverly and the Israeli Embassy host a Holocaust Memorial Day event at the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office.

**[Change of His Majesty's Ambassador to Israel: Simon Walters](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**23 January 2023**

Simon Walters has been appointed His Majesty's Ambassador to Israel

**[PM call with Prime Minister Netanyahu of Israel: 19 January 2023](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**19 January 2023**

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak spoke to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu this morning to congratulate him on his re-appointment.

**[The UK opposes all unilateral actions that will make Israeli-Palestinian peace harder to achieve: UK Statement at the UN Security Council](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**18 January 2023**

Statement delivered by Political Coordinator Fergus Eckersley at the UN Security Council briefing on MEPP.

**[UK's Minister of State for the Middle East on his first official visit to Israel](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**11 January 2023**

Lord Ahmad, the UK's Minister of State for the Middle East has undertaken a two-day official visit to Israel.

**[The Status Quo governing Jerusalem's holy sites preserves peace: UK statement at the Security Council](#)**

**Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

**5 January 2023**

Statement by Ambassador Barbara Woodward at the UN Security Council meeting on situation in the Middle East

A full list of UK government press releases related to Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories is available on the dedicated pages on gov.uk: [Israel and the UK](#) and [The Occupied Palestinian Territories and the UK](#).

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