

THE ALL-PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP AGAINST ANTISEMITISM

ALL PARTY STATEMENT ON THE CURRENT STATE OF ANTISEMITISM:

In recent days, we have watched with horror as a wave of antisemitic incidents has affected the Jewish community. One synagogue has suffered an arson attack and many others have been defaced. Community organisations have faced a barrage of threatening and abusive emails and telephone calls. There have been thankfully few physical attacks on Jewish people, but many Jews report having been verbally abused and threatened. In addition, Hamas has called for terrorist attacks against Jews - especially Jewish children - around the world.

It is easy to forget that even though the Jewish community has been well-established and assimilated in the UK for over 350 years, there is still a discernible sense of anxiety and vulnerability. We must all do everything we can to reassure every community that we will not tolerate attacks, abuse or hostility aimed towards Jews, Muslims or anyone else on the back of the ongoing situation in Gaza.

As the All-Party Parliamentary Group against Antisemitism, we will continue to pursue our aims and perform our duties. We are calling on all right minded and peace loving people to join us in ensuring that the United Kingdom is a place where debate and protest are peaceful and lawful, and communities are free to live, practice and worship without fear or intimidation.

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