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ISRAELI HOUSE DEMOLITIONS



On 9th Feb. 2021 over 80 MPs from different parties, from both the House of Commons and the House of Lords, asked the UK's Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab in a letter to "make clear to its Israeli counterpart that relations cannot continue as normal in the event of such transgressions".

"As you are well aware, the forcible transfer of an occupied population is a grave violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention, as is the transfer of an occupier's population into occupied territory, which includes East Jerusalem," the letter read.

"All measures should be considered including reducing diplomatic engagement and banning trade in settlement products in full conformity with international law obligations in order to challenge the settler economy that profits from the occupation," it added.

Adding that Israel's settlements are illegal, MPs said: "Such a step is not a sanction but a measure designed to ensure that the UK does everything in its power to ensure it does not assist in such serious breaches of international law."

Palestinian territories, including the West Bank and East Jerusalem, have been under Israeli occupation since 1967. The occupation is considered illegal under international law.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO



His Excellency the Italian Ambassador to the DRC, his bodyguard and his driver have been killed in the Eastern part of the country'. An armed group ambushed them as they travelled in a 2-car convoy to a World Food

Programme school feeding project. Luca Attanasio, 43, died in hospital. Mr Attanasio was a passenger in one of two vehicles travelling about 15km north of Goma when the attack happened.

Individual at Risk- Loujain al-Hathloul



In May 2018, Loujain al-Hathloul was detained without charge or trial. For the first three months of detention, Loujain endured torture, sexual abuse and other ill-treatment

and had no access to her family or lawyer. Loujain is a women's rights defender who peacefully campaigned for an end to the male guardianship system in Saudi Arabia and fought for women's right to drive. In Dec. 2020, Loujain was sentenced to five years and eight months in prison. She has appealed her sentence. On 10 Feb. she was conditionally released from prison but she is not free yet as she is facing probation and a 5-year travel ban & denied justice for her ill-treatment while in custody.

You can email the Saudi Embassy via the Amnesty website:

<https://www.amnesty.org.uk/actions/help-quash-loujains-sentence?variant=0>

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CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY - WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

4 of the women featured on Facebook and Twitter during the week leading up to Int. Women's Day

WADI BEN-HIRKI



The gender gap in education is narrowing globally but in many countries. Girls are still receiving basic literacy skills and primary education at lower rates than boys. This gap narrows in higher levels of education, so it's crucial to make sure girls are getting an education early in life.

[Wadi Ben-Hirki](#), a youth activist Champion in Nigeria, is advocating for better education access for marginalized communities, particularly women and children. She founded the [Wadi Ben-Hirki Foundation](#) to address some of the biggest challenges faced by youth, especially girls. The foundation runs campaigns like #Street2School, which provides education to homeless children. By making sure these kids have a quality education, the program is helping them combat poverty and become independent. The WBH Foundation also addresses the connection between education and child marriage with the campaign #GirlsNotWives. This initiative advocates for the end of child marriage, while also providing an education to girls so that they are less likely to become child brides.



SHIRIN EBADI is an Iranian lawyer, human rights activist, and the first female judge in Iran. After Khomeini's revolution in 1979, she was dismissed as a judge, but then opened a legal practice to defend people being persecuted by the authorities. In 2000, she was imprisoned for criticizing her country's hierarchy. She won the 2003 Nobel Peace Prize for her pioneering efforts for democracy and human rights, especially those of women, children, and refugees. She is the first Iranian and first Muslim woman to win the prize. She is living in exile due to increased persecution of opponents of the current regime.

NADIA MURAD



Iraqi Yazidi activist Nadia Murad is a prominent voice in the fight to help women and children affected by war. In 2014, she was kidnapped by the

Islamic State and held captive for three months. During that time, she was held as a slave and experienced sexual and physical violence.

After her escape, she became the first person to speak on human trafficking to the United Nations Security Council. She's also the founder of Nadia's Initiative, which helps those affected by genocide and human trafficking. In 2018, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, alongside Denis Mukwege, for their work "to end sexual violence as a weapon of war and armed conflict." She is the first Iraqi and first Yazidi to receive a Nobel Prize.

MELENE ROSSOUW



Political empowerment is the largest gender gap with [only 25% of all global political seats are filled by women](#), with significant variation from country to country. Almost a third of all countries have women in less than 20% of the available seats.

Lawyer and activist [Melene Rossouw](#) is working to address this issue in her home country of South Africa. She is the founder of the [Women Lead Movement \(WLM\)](#) to get more women involved in politics. Some of their work includes running workshops on human rights and democracy, and empowering women to increase their participation in local government.

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." - Martin Luther King, Jr.