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Early Day Motions tabled on Wednesday 7 July 2021

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New EDMs

290 APPG Report on UK funding facilitating human rights abuses in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia

Tabled: 7/07/21 Signatories: 1

Brendan O'Hara

That this House expresses concern at the findings of the July 2021 report by the APPG on Democracy and Human Rights in the Gulf which shows that at least £53.4 million in public funds have benefited Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states since 2016; is shocked that beneficiaries of UK-funding include institutions in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia accused of facilitating and perpetrating human rights abuses and potential war crimes; is alarmed by the considerable lack of transparency and accountability surrounding the Integrated Activity Fund (IAF), despite the government recommending a root and branch overhaul to strengthen the transparency, accountability and governance of the IAF as early as 2019; is concerned that £10 million has been allocated to GCC states through the IAF's successor, the Gulf Strategy Fund (GSF), for 2021-22, including support for abusive Bahraini oversight bodies; maintains that funding assistance to those bodies places the Government at risk of complicity in their abuses; raises concern over claims made by Ministers regarding the IAF and GSF; notes serious problems with the Government's human rights due diligence process which the report finds is flawed, improperly applied and entirely absent in some cases and urges that it should be replaced with binding statutory safeguards; affirms that the Government's pursuit of closer ties with the region must not come at the expense of human rights; and asks the Government to seriously consider responding to and implementing the report's recommendations, including suspending the GSF pending an independent investigation.

291 Alison Palmer, headteacher Arrochar Primary School.

Tabled: 7/07/21 Signatories: 1

Brendan O'Hara

That this House sends its sincere thanks to Alison Palmer, who for the past 16 years has served as headteacher at Arrochar Primary School in Argyll and Bute; appreciates everything Alison has done for the her pupils and everything she contributed to the local community in her 28 years as a teacher; acknowledges Alison's dedication to education and commends her on a hugely successful tenure as headteacher, which saw Arrochar Primary School receiving the best inspection report any Argyll and Bute school has ever had; notes that in 2012 Alison was a finalist in the head teacher of the year awards; congratulates Alison in securing a new role with the Educational Institute of Scotland, an organisation that she has been closely involved with throughout her teaching career, having previously been a delegate, treasurer, then local and national president; recognises that in 2019, the EIS made Alison their Degree Fellow for her contribution to education; and wishes Alison well in her new job in the future.

292 NHS Highland and Raigmore Hospital

Tabled: 7/07/21 Signatories: 1

Jamie Stone

That this House is aware that NHS Highlands' largest hospital, Raigmore, has received code black status; is concerned that health staff in the Highlands are facing unprecedented levels of demand due to the increase in covid-19 cases and hospital admissions; notes that those pressures are in part due to the downgrading of other local healthcare facilities in the Far North; and calls on the Scottish Government and UK Government to work together to support NHS Highland.

293 Access to cash

Tabled: 7/07/21 Signatories: 1

Marion Fellows

That this House recognises the importance of access to cash for the UK population; notes that due to bank branch closures and the loss of free-to-use ATMs across the UK, millions are at risk of losing access to cash; further notes that all communities should be guaranteed a right to cash services including withdrawal and deposits to cash and that these services should be available to the penny and free at the point of use recognising the importance of cash to those most vulnerable and small businesses; supports the services offered by all Post Offices for cash withdrawals and deposits under the current banking framework; further supports the Post Office's Save Our Cash campaign which highlights the importance of access to cash; and calls on the Government to introduce legislation to ensure access to cash is protected by law.

Added Names

Below are EDMs tabled in the last two weeks to which names have been added. Only the first 6 names and any new names are included.

239 Local government workers pay rise

Tabled: 23/06/21 Signatories: 23

Navendu Mishra
Grahame Morris
Kate Osborne
Claudia Webbe
Paula Barker
Ian Mearns

Sir Mark Hendrick

That this House is appalled by the 1.5 per cent pay increase offered to local government workers, which amounts to as little as £1.03 per day for some workers and is in real terms a pay cut; applauds the incredible effort those workers have made during the covid-19 pandemic, continuing to deliver frontline services and to keep their communities running while many other workplaces have shut down; notes that those workers have already faced 10 years' worth of real-terms pay cuts and increased workloads as a result of the Government's policies of austerity; insists that the joint trade union claim for a 10 per cent pay rise for local government workers is justified and necessary; and calls on the Local Government Association and local government employers to negotiate in good faith with the joint trade unions to give local government workers the pay rise they deserve.

250 Welfare support for terminally ill people

Tabled: 28/06/21 Signatories: 36

Drew Hendry
Andrew Gwynne
Jim Shannon
Claudia Webbe
Marion Fellows
Joanna Cherry

Jamie Stone

Deidre Brock

That this House notes that Marie Curie and the Motor Neurone Disease Association estimate that more than 6,000 people have died waiting for a decision on their benefits claim since the Department for Work and Pensions announced its review of the benefits system for terminally ill people and the Special Rules for Terminal Illness scheme in 2019; further notes that that review has yet to be published despite the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Terminal Illness's inquiry report of 2019 revealing that the six-month rule leaves terminally ill people facing devastating and far-reaching financial hardship and crippling debt; and calls on the Government to urgently publish its report into how the benefits system treats terminally ill people and bring forward proposals to end that punitive six-month rule without further delay.

254 Rett UK and Rett Syndrome AwarenessTabled: **28/06/21** Signatories: **24**

Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Brendan O'Hara
Dr Philippa Whitford
Joanna Cherry

Christine Jardine

That this House commends Rett UK for the invaluable work they do as the only specialist charity in the UK to provide professional family support, information and advice to those affected by Rett Syndrome; recognises the need for greater awareness of Rett Syndrome as a rare neurological condition that impacts one in 10,000 girls born each year; notes their vision that everyone with Rett syndrome should be given every possible opportunity to achieve their individual potential so that they may live their life to the full; and further commends all of their staff on their excellent work, particularly in their increased service support during the covid-19 outbreak and wishes them well for the future.

255 Death of Jim Walker MBETabled: **28/06/21** Signatories: **12**

Martyn Day
Jim Shannon
Margaret Ferrier
Marion Fellows
Neale Hanvey
John McNally

Douglas Chapman

That this House recognises the life and work of Jim Walker, MBE, former local councillor in his beloved Bathgate for 30 years and tireless local champion for the community of Bathgate; sends deepest condolences to his family; notes that Jim Walker was an exemplary champion of his community, serving as Bathgate Procession Secretary since 1962 at the age of 18, founder member of Newlands Brass Band, President of Bathgate Thistle Football Club, proud past Chieftain of Bathgate Highland Games and recognises his commitment to many other local organisations; further notes that he was instrumental in the forming of the Twinning Agreement between Cran Gevrier in France and Bathgate; further recognises the passion he had for his work in Bathgate and the respect he gained within the local community, both as a local councillor and as a community activist; and notes the pride his family, friends and organisations he has served will have for his lifetime commitment to the community he served so well.

262 UK citizenship charges

Tabled: 29/06/21 Signatories: 22

John Nicolson
Allan Dorans
Navendu Mishra
Kim Johnson
Paula Barker
Jonathan Edwards

Jamie Stone

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

That this House regrets the extortionate charges for people wanting to gain citizenship to the UK; highlights that the fees are much higher than European neighbours and international allies; further highlights the exceptional social and economic benefit that immigrants contribute to the UK; and, finally, urges the Government to lower that cost to encourage immigration in a post-Brexit world.

263 Effect of ending the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme on levels of poverty

Tabled: 29/06/21 Signatories: 20

David Linden
Allan Dorans
Kim Johnson
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Chris Law

Jamie Stone

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

That an Humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to direct Ministers to lay before this House, not later than 5.00pm on Thursday 1 July, all papers and correspondence compiled by the Department of Work and Pensions relating to an analysis of terminating the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and the impact on levels of poverty.

264 Families of children with extremely rare chromosome and gene disorders

Tabled: 30/06/21 Signatories: 24

Owen Thompson
Jim Shannon
Andrew Gwynne
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Alan Brown
Patricia Gibson

Christine Jardine

Douglas Chapman

That this House recognises the challenges faced by parents of children with unique or extremely rare chromosome and gene disorders in receiving tailored medical care and locating support groups specific to their situation, as well as in being able to know what to expect or gauge against; commends the work of Unique, whose database helps to track down and pair families with extremely rare chromosome and gene disorders; notes that Unique was founded in 1984 by Edna Knight after two of her four daughters were born with a rare chromosomal disorder; and welcomes

significant progress in recent years in helping families overcome diagnostic obstacles through DNA sequencing.

265 Co-operative businesses 250 years after Robert Owen

Tabled: 30/06/21 Signatories: 7

Geraint Davies
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Dan Jarvis
Alison Thewliss
Christine Jardine

Patrick Grady

That this House notes that the UK co-operative movement has grown to a combined annual turnover of £38.2 billion and has increased by £340 million in the last year; notes that over 7,000 independent co-operatives in the UK are owned by over 14 million members and 241,714 employees; recognises the contribution of the co-operative sector in response to the national effort against the effects of the coronavirus pandemic; further recognises the role co-operatives can play in rebuilding the economy in the aftermath of the covid-19 crisis; notes that Co-operatives Fortnight takes place from 21 June until 4 July 2021; recognises that 2021 marks 250 years since the birth of Robert Owen and notes his contribution and legacy as the father of co-operation; and urges the Government to take steps to increase the size of the co-operative sector.

268 Srebrenica Memorial Week 2021

Tabled: 30/06/21 Signatories: 25

Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon
Andrew Gwynne
Patricia Gibson
Kenny MacAskill
Wera Hobhouse

Jeremy Corbyn
 Debbie Abrahams
 Mick Whitley
 John Spellar

Christine Jardine
 Deidre Brock
 Patrick Grady
 Martyn Day

Douglas Chapman
 Ben Lake
 Kirsten Oswald
 Liz Saville Roberts

That this House notes that from 4 to 11 July 2021, the UK will mark Srebrenica Memorial Week with commemorations taking place in hundreds of schools, local authorities, places of worship, community centres, and police forces to name but a few, all of which bring the nation together in powerful acts of remembrance to mark the 26th anniversary of the Bosnian genocide; further notes the theme for this year is Rebuilding Lives, which will enable individuals to gain an insight into the challenges that those who survive genocide and ethnic cleansing face and how they have been able to overcome these challenges whilst encouraging others to think about our own responsibility in ensuring that prejudice does not take root in our communities; recognises the courage of the survivors who continue to be a source of inspiration, and who despite experiencing the very worst of humanity, have shown great strength and determination to rebuild their lives; and commends the work done by the charity Remembering Srebrenica who since 2013 have educated 130,000 young people on the lessons from Srebrenica, enabled over 1,800 community actions to take place

right across the country each year, and have created 1,450 Community Champions who pledge to stand up to hatred and intolerance in their communities.

269 International School Aberdeen, showing racism the red card

Tabled: 1/07/21 Signatories: 11

Stephen Flynn
John Nicolson
Marion Fellows
Allan Dorans
Jonathan Edwards
Amy Callaghan

Jamie Stone

Patrick Grady

That this House congratulates pupils from the International School Aberdeen on being selected as finalists in 2021's Show Racism the Red Card Creative Competition; notes that over 1,500 young people from across Scotland took part, creatively expressing their messages of inclusion with some fantastic artwork, poetry, creative writing, t-shirt designs, music and short films; acknowledges that the competition encourages children to develop a piece of creative work that gets across a clear message of anti-racism and the positive impact this can have on the attitudes of young people, and wider society; and praises the continuous work of Show Racism the Red Card in Scotland in encouraging and educating young people to respect each other.

272 Rose Duncan, Collydean Community Centre

Tabled: 1/07/21 Signatories: 8

Peter Grant
John Nicolson
Marion Fellows
Allan Dorans
Pete Wishart
Chris Law

Jim Shannon

That this House commends the work of Rose Duncan, Manager of Collydean Community Centre for the last two and a half years; highlights the vital work of Rose and the many volunteers during the covid-19 outbreak whereby they supported vulnerable people in the North Glenrothes area by extending a hand of friendship and ensuring that the most vulnerable were able to receive supplies to their homes; thanks her and the team for their work on various other projects such as the Community Larder, their Detached Youth Work with young people and their work on getting Senior Citizens online access; recognises the vital role that Rose has played in taking the Community Centre to the next level in ensuring it is accessible to all and in becoming an integral part of the local community where people are at the heart of everything they do; further thanks Rose for being such an inspiration to the community and beyond; and wishes Rose all the best in her future endeavours.

273 Service reductions at the British Council

Tabled: 1/07/21 Signatories: 22

Chris Stephens
 Wera Hobhouse
 John Nicolson
 Marion Fellows
 Allan Dorans
 Stephen Farry

Jeremy Corbyn

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Patrick Grady

That this House acknowledges the vital role of the British Council in promoting education, training and language across the globe; notes that it was created in 1934 to improve global cultural relations and social mobility and currently works with over 100 countries worldwide changing the lives of millions and helping people to understand other cultures as well as promoting British values; is aware that the British Council employs over 11,000 people across the world with over 1000 being UK based staff; is further aware that ordinarily the British Council generates 85 per cent of its income through teaching and examinations but has faced major difficulties due to the covid-19 pandemic; further notes that in 2020 thanks to the campaigning efforts of the PCS Union and other supportive organisations and individuals, additional money was secured from Government to see the organisations through its financial difficulties; is concerned that the loans provided as well as emergency funding has come with stringent and detrimental conditions determined by the FCDO including the sale of a section of its commercial business in India, a restructure resulting in a 15 to 20 per cent cut to staffing and estates related to the organisation potentially resulting in the loss of around 2000 skilled and vital jobs; and therefore calls on the FCDO to halt the redundancy process and support the British Council in future strategic and detailed planning which retains jobs and the valued reputation of the organisation across the world.

274 Importance of youth work

Tabled: 5/07/21 Signatories: 9

Lloyd Russell-Moyle
 Navendu Mishra
 Paula Barker
 Ian Lavery
 Mick Whitley
 Jim Shannon

Kim Johnson

Kate Osborne

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

That this House notes the incredible work and dedication of youth workers across the UK who have been supporting young people throughout this pandemic when all other support networks have been closed or have been inaccessible; further notes the decision by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport to recognise youth workers as key workers in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic; notes that youth work is a degree entry profession and that the JNC agreement states that all professional youth workers must have a degree or equivalent qualification; recognises that youth workers have faced real-terms pay cuts of as much as 24 per cent over the past 10 years; believes that all young people across the UK should have access to a statutory funded, wide-ranging and universal youth service with ring-fenced funding from central Government which is delivered by local authorities working closely with schools and youth voluntary organisations; and further believes that the joint trade union claim for youth worker to receive a 10 per cent pay rise plus an improvement in work-life balance would deliver real improvements to the well-being of staff, and consequently to the quality of youth services provided.

275 Hawkhill Community Centre

Tabled: 5/07/21 Signatories: 3

John Nicolson
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the hard work of the volunteers at the Hawkhill Community Centre; commends their unflappable determination to give a lifeline to people who need it in Clackmannanshire; and finally thanks Centre Manager, Sandra Clements for her leadership and ambition in developing the Community Centre going forward.

276 Perth and Kinross Schools' Percussion Ensemble

Tabled: 5/07/21 Signatories: 4

John Nicolson
Marion Fellows
Alison Thewliss
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates the Perth and Kinross Schools' Percussion Ensemble for their recent second place (gold) result in the Whitburn Band Virtual Festival, in the Youth/Percussion category; recognises the importance to young people's lives that music can play, particularly in the context of bands and orchestras; and wishes these talented young performers every success in the future.

277 Growth in employee-owned businesses

Tabled: 5/07/21 Signatories: 5

Douglas Chapman
Marion Fellows
Alison Thewliss
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon

That this House welcomes the growth in Scotland of employee-owned Scottish companies; and supports the Scottish Government's target of having 500 employee-owned businesses by 2030 to help maintain a strong and resilient commercial sector in Scotland, where being an employee-owned enterprise is seen as a positive option to enhance skills, productivity and company revenues.

278 Open Doors' report entitled Destructive Lies, and religious minorities in India

Tabled: 5/07/21 Signatories: 8

Brendan O'Hara
Marion Fellows
Alison Thewliss
Jonathan Edwards
John Spellar
Patricia Gibson

Jim Shannon

Patrick Grady

That this House notes with grave concern the contents of Destructive Lies, the recently published report from the Christian charity Open Doors, based on work done by a research team from the

London School of Economics, which concludes that due to a sharp rise in extreme Hindu religious nationalism, Christians, Muslims and other religious minorities in India are living in an atmosphere of deep trauma, fear and anxiety; is alarmed to learn that religious minorities in India are suffering systematic persecution and are, in the words of the report, facing an existential threat due to the increasing instances of beatings and murders carried out by extremists mobs, whose crimes all too often go unpunished by the police and local courts; is deeply saddened that as a result, India is now ranked 10th in the world on the Open Doors Watch List of where it is the most dangerous place to be a Christian; notes that since the start of the covid-19 pandemic, religious persecution has significantly worsened amid false accusations that Christians and Muslims have deliberately spread the virus, accusations are repeated and amplified on several social-media platforms; demands that social media companies do more to ensure that such dangerous and harmful content is immediately removed; and calls on the UK Government to raise the plight of Indian religious minorities with the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and the High Commissioner as a matter of urgency.

279 Care Radio

Tabled: 5/07/21 Signatories: 5

Christine Jardine
Jamie Stone
Wendy Chamberlain
Mr Alistair Carmichael
Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House welcomes the launch of Care Radio, the UK's first dedicated radio station for carers; notes that there are around 9 million paid and unpaid carers across the UK, including NHS workers, care home employees and at-home carers; recognises that carers have played an important role throughout the covid-19 pandemic supporting older, infirm and vulnerable people; understands that Care Radio is a not-for-profit station entirely run by volunteers; pays tribute to the many volunteers, individuals and organisations supporting Care Radio; believes that a dedicated radio station for carers will help to raise awareness about the role of carers and celebrate their achievements; and wishes the Care Radio team every success with their launch.

280 ISS workers at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

Tabled: 5/07/21 Signatories: 12

John McDonnell
Mick Whitley
Jonathan Edwards
Beth Winter
Navendu Mishra
Paula Barker

Jeremy Corbyn

Tommy Sheppard

That this House believes that all workers in Government buildings deserve to be paid fairly and treated with respect and dignity at work; regrets that, all too often, people employed in roles outsourced to private contractors face a struggle to defend their basic pay, terms and conditions at work in comparison to their centrally contracted colleagues; notes that such workers are more likely to be female or to come from Black and Minority Ethnic backgrounds; further notes that support staff working for ISS on Government Property Agency contracts at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy seek improved pay and conditions, the agreement of a protocol on covid-19 health and safety, agreed bonus payments for working through the covid-19 lockdown, the restoration of annual leave entitlements deducted unilaterally and to avoid redundancies; is

disappointed that ISS management have failed to respond to these reasonable proposals; and gives support and solidarity to PCS members left with no choice other than to ballot for industrial action.

283 Homophobic attacks on LGBTQ+ campaigners in Tbilisi

Tabled: 5/07/21 Signatories: 9

Layla Moran
Alison Thewliss
Jonathan Edwards
Sir Mike Penning
Andrew Gwynne
Jamie Stone

Wendy Chamberlain

Mr Alistair Carmichael

Christine Jardine

That this House strongly condemns the attacks on LGBTQ+ campaigners in Tbilisi; expresses its regret that the Tbilisi Pride march has had to be called off as a result; expresses concern for the safety of LGBTQ+ campaigners and other community members, as well as those journalists who were attacked; calls on the Government to condemn the words of Georgian Prime Minister Irakli Garibashvili that the march was not reasonable; further calls on the Government to further promote and uphold LGBTQ+ rights and all other human rights worldwide; and resolves that the right to protest must be upheld in all parts of the world.

286 First anniversary of Bow Crane collapse

Tabled: 6/07/21 Signatories: 8

Apsana Begum
Ian Byrne
Jeremy Corbyn
Navendu Mishra
Paula Barker
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Jim Shannon

John McDonnell

That this House notes with deepest regret that 8 July 2021 marks the tragic death of June Harvey after a tower crane fell on her house in Bow in 2020; further notes with sadness other fatalities as a result of crane collapses; pays tribute to the construction safety campaign, largely led by bereaved relatives and trade unions, raising concerns about the under-regulation of health and safety in the construction industry amidst a reduction in inspections and reductions in the Health and Safety Executive's resources, particularly since 2010; and calls on the Government to ensure that legislation and guidance regulating cranes are robust and that the HSE has the resources for vigorous enforcement.

287 March for Dignity - Tbilisi Pride 2021

Tabled: 6/07/21 Signatories: 6

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Jamie Stone
Jonathan Edwards
Layla Moran
Alison Thewliss

That this House is saddened and disappointed to note the cancellation of the recent March for Dignity Tbilisi Pride event after a violent counter demonstration; condemns the actions of Georgian authorities which allowed a mob to break in and ransack the offices of the organisers; notes with concern that 53 journalists were among the hundreds injured in the violence around the city; further notes that protecting minorities, and free and fair expression is a cornerstone of liberal democracy, and one which is enshrined in Georgia's Constitution; gratefully acknowledges the joint letter issued by more than 20 Embassies and delegations in Tbilisi including that of the UK condemning the violence; supports their contention that those responsible for the violence should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law; notes that Georgia is one of the most ancient nations in the world, and that LGBT+ Georgians have existed as long as the nation; shows solidarity with those LGBT+ Georgians and their allies; and offers its support to their continued in the future.

288 Townhill Primary School and Fernhill School Green Flag award

Tabled: 6/07/21 Signatories: 3

Margaret Ferrier
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Townhill Primary School in Hamilton and Fernhill School in Rutherglen on their receipt of the Eco-Schools Green Flag award; notes that the award recognises outstanding effort in environmental awareness and action on climate change; recognises the commitment of the schools to the Eco-Schools Scotland programme and their work in engaging their local community in environmental activism; acknowledges this has included programmes where pupils made bird boxes, carried out community litter picks, talked about litter issues in school assemblies, and created an outdoor classroom area; and commends the pupils and staff of those two schools on this significant achievement.

289 Aberdeen FC Women's Premier League 2 title

Tabled: 6/07/21 Signatories: 5

Stephen Flynn
Jamie Stone
Jim Shannon
Patrick Grady
Richard Thomson

That this House congratulates Aberdeen FC Women on their historic Scottish Women's Premier League 2 title; applauds all players for their outstanding performances in securing qualification for SWPL 1; notes that the team secured the title on 27 June 2021 at the Regional Performance Centre in Dundee; commends the manager Emma Hunter for leading the team to remarkable success; and wishes the team every success in the Scottish Women's Premier League 1 next season.