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SNP Foreign Affairs Team newsletter

Ian Blackford MP: Prime Minister Must Condemn Donald Trump's False Fraud Claims

The SNP Westminster Leader Ian Blackford has called on Prime Minister Boris Johnson to condemn extraordinary scenes this week in the United States, with current President Donald Trump laying false claims of electoral fraud.

The Prime Minister has failed to speak up and challenge these attempts to erode democracy - or stand up for shared UK-US values of free and fair elections.

[Watch it here.](#)



UK Gov Taken to Court Over Russia Report Inaction

Alyn Smith MP has joined a cross-party group pursuing legal action against the UK Government, for reported inaction over Russian interference in UK electoral events.

A long awaited report, due to be published before the December 2019 General Election, was finally published by the Intelligence and Security Committee in July 2020.

The report found successive failures within the governments of David Cameron, Theresa May and Boris Johnson to investigate alleged Russian interference.

[Read more here.](#)

Yemen: International Criminal Court Must Act Urgently

Alison Thewliss MP spoke in a parliamentary debate regarding the current humanitarian crisis in Yemen, urging the UK Government to support ICC involvement in the ongoing conflict.

The United Nations Group of Eminent Experts in Yemen have called for an end to arms sales within the conflict, and for the international community to step up their diplomatic and humanitarian efforts.

The conflict in Yemen has raged since 2011.

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Overseas Operations Bill Fails In Objectives

'The Armed Forces put their lives on the line across the world to defend our way of life, our values and the rule of law. This legislation undermines all of these.'

The proposed Overseas Operations (Service Personnel and Veterans) Bill fails to protect British troops, argues Stewart McDonald MP in a column for the Herald.

The Bill has met a growing swell of opposition, including former senior members of the armed forces, who question its effectiveness and ethics.

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Internal Market Bill Exposes Sham of 'Global Britain'

The UK Government's willingness to break international law and undermine commitments made mere months ago, exposes the myth of 'Global Britain' says Patricia Gibson MP.

Speaking in the House of Commons, Patricia outlined her thoughts directly to the Foreign Secretary.

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International Solidarity for the Belarusian People

The Belarusian people require the international community's full support as they protest the illegitimate election of autocrat Alexander Lukashenko.

The disputed results of the August 2020 election saw opposition leaders, including Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, arrested or exiled.

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Flawed FCO & DID Merger Lacks Consultation

The merger of the Foreign & Commonwealth Office with the Department for International Development has lacked rigorous consultation with key stakeholders, argues Chris Law MP.

Critics of the merger fear it risks distorting the objectives of UK foreign aid programmes.

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UK-Japan Deal Will Boost GDP Growth - By 0.07%

MP Stewart Hosie has taken to task the Secretary of State for International Trade, regarding the overstated benefits of the newly agreed UK-Japan Free Trade Agreement.

Government analysis predicts the deal will boost GDP by a mere 0.07% over 15 years, barely denting the losses anticipated from Brexit.

The IFS believes 2021 GDP growth may be 2.1% lower.

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Armenian-Azerbaijani Conflict Risks Wider Escalation

Alyn Smith MP has called on the UK Government to do all it can to facilitate peace talks and de-escalation in the current conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan, as reports from the region point to growing destruction and casualties.

The SNP are seeking firm assurances from the UK government on current undertakings to prevent the involvement of UK-produced armaments or citizens.

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