

UK Foreign Secretary Condemns Any Forced Annexation of the West Bank but Home Secretary Said to Approve of Such Illegal Land Grab

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The British Home Secretary supports an Israeli illegal forced annexation of the Occupied Palestinian West Bank whilst the Foreign Secretary is adamant that the UK will never support illegal land grabs of either East Jerusalem or the West Bank.

Whose opinion will prevail? The United Kingdom has been consistent in its declaration that Israeli settlements in the Occupied Territories are a violation of accepted international law and the Geneva Conventions on Human Rights, and our Foreign Secretary clearly reiterated this position during the week.

The situation is crystal clear as is the unanimous UN Security Resolution 2334 which demands the repatriation of all 600,000 illegal settlers back to their homes in Israel.

For the Home Secretary, however, to treat the UNSC with such contempt does not auger well for Britain's place within the international community of nations. Perhaps it would be advantageous for her to be moved to a department where she could do less damage. Maybe Minister for Culture would be appropriate as it would not entail foreign travel or gratuitous interference in Britain's foreign affairs, as unfortunately occurred in her previous ministerial position from which she was forced to resign.

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