

15th October 2024 - External Speaker: Major (Ret.) Andrew Fox

Attendees: Lord Arbuthnot, Lord Wasserman, Baroness Foster of Oxtou, Lord Rogan, Sharon Hodgson MP, Lord Fink, Lord Davies, Lord Colgrain, Baroness Ramsay, Baroness Finn, Baroness Meyer, Luke Akehurst MP, Lord Grade, Lord Turnberg

Major (ret.) Fox briefed the group on his observations of the war in Gaza between the IDF and the proscribed terrorist organisation Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad. He spoke about military tactics, fighting formations and counterinsurgency.

No decisions or votes taken.

20th November 2024 - External Speaker: Eylon Levy

Attendees: Lord Walney, Lord Mandelson, Lord Wasserman, Baroness Foster of Oxtou, Lord Polak, Lord Stevens of Birmingham, Baroness Fox, Luke Akehurst MP, Lord Howard, John Lamont MP

Mr. Levy laid out what he believed to be the strategic challenges facing Israel in its war against the proscribed terrorist organisation Hamas, and the threats against the country from the Houthis in Yemen, Hezbollah in Syria and Lebanon and the Iranian nuclear programme.

No decisions or votes taken.

3rd December 2024 - External Speaker: Mandy Damari

Attendees: Damien Egan MP, Lord Polak, Lord Walney, Baroness Ramsey of Wall Heath, Lord Farmer, Jack Rankin MP, Earl of Leicester

Mandy spoke about the fate of her daughter Emily Damari, who was the only British-Israeli hostage still being held by Hamas in captivity in Gaza. The Members were briefed on Mandy's discussions with the International Red Cross and her attempts to secure verification of life.

No decisions or votes taken.

12th February 2025 - External Speaker: Shahira Shalaby and Amnon Be'eri Sulitzeanu from The Abraham Initiatives

Attendees: Vicky Slade MP, Lord Polak, Baroness Whitaker, Lord Hamilton, Sharon Hodgson MP

Shahira and Amnon spoke to the group about the work of the Abraham Initiatives in promoting shared society, particularly in mixed cities like Haifa, Ramla and Lod, in Israel.

No decisions or votes taken.

3rd March 2025 - External Speakers: Hostages and Missing Family Forum, delegation of families of hostages being held captive in Gaza

Attendees: Bob Blackman MP, Damien Egan MP, Lord Roberts of Belgravia, Lord Evans, Lord Austin, Lord Katz, Lord Davies, Lord Grade, Baroness Ludford, Luke Akehurst MP, Baroness Altmann, Christine Jardin MP, Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne, Lord Leigh, Kevin Bonavia MP

No decisions or votes taken.

5th March 2025 - External Guest Speakers: Yaakov Katz and Arsen Ostrovsky

Attendees: Jack Rankin MP, Bob Blackman MP, Baroness Foster of Oxtou, Baroness Foster of Aghadrumsee, Lord MacDonald KC, Baroness Stuart, Baroness Ludford, Lord Gold, Lord Davies.

The discussion focused on international lawfare, waged against Israel through institutions such as the International Criminal Court (ICC), International Court of Justice (ICJ), United Nations (UN) and failure of International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) regarding the Israeli hostages being held captive in Gaza.

No decisions or votes taken.

18th March 2025 - Launch of the 7 October Parliamentary Commission Report

Attendees: Lord Roberts of Belgravia, Baroness Altmann, Bob Blackman MP, Lord Brady of Altrincham, Earl of Leicester, Baroness Deech, Lord Dodds, Damien Egan MP, Lord Elliott of Mickle Fell, Lord Farmer, Baroness Finn, Lord Faulks, Baroness Foster of Aghadrumsee, Baroness Foster of Oxtou, Lord Grabiner, Lord Haskel, Lord Hintze, Lord Howard, Lord Jackson, Lord Leigh, Lord Mendelsohn, Baroness Nicholson, Baroness Noakes, Lord Raval, Lord Shamash, Baroness Stuart, Lord Turnberg, Baroness Whitaker, Lord Wolfson, Priti Patel MP, Jon Pearce MP, Matt Patrick MP, Luke Akehurst MP, Neil Coyle MP, Nigel Farage MP, Lord Richards of Herstmonceux, Priti Patel MP, Lord Colgrain, Earl of Leicester, Lord Young of Norwood Green, Lord Austin, Baroness Berger, Lord Fink, Lord Frost, Lord Gold, Lord Mann, Lord Watson.

The 7 October Parliamentary Commission Report, chaired by Lord Roberts of Belgravia, was launched in the Cholmondeley Room and Terrace in the House of Lords. Speakers at the event included APPG co-chairs Bob Blackman MP and Damien Egan MP, Lord Roberts of Belgravia and Ayelet Epstein from Kibbutz Kfar Aza, Israel, whose son was murdered on the Hamas terror attack and invasion on 7 October 2023, along with other members of her family.

No decisions or votes taken.

26th March 2025 - External Guest Speaker: George Stevens, 4MENA Network

Attendees: Lord Turnberg, Damien Egan MP, Lord Walney, Baroness Stuart, Sharon Hodgson MP, Lord Austin, Baroness Whitaker.

George briefed the group on his work and experiences of the trauma of the past 18 months, and ideas for incorporating proud Jewish and Zionist voices in peacebuilding and facilitating positive encounters with Arab partners. He spoke about the unique place Israeli-Arabs hold in Israeli society.

No decisions or votes taken.