

Archibald welcomes the arrival of students evacuated from Gaza

Economy Minister Dr Caoimhe Archibald has confirmed that three students, recently evacuated from Gaza, have arrived to commence study at a local Higher Education Institution.

Minister Kimmins announces £700,000 road resurfacing works for A2 Coast Road, Ballygally, Larne

Infrastructure Minister Liz Kimmins has announced a £700,000 resurfacing scheme along the A2 Coast Road, through Ballygally village. The scheme which will include approximately 2km of carriageway resurfacing, replacing of kerbs and footway is commencing this week.

Givan announces bursaries to tackle teacher shortages at post-primary

Education Minister Paul Givan has today announced a new Initial Teacher Education (ITE) Bursary Scheme, aimed at tackling teacher shortages in critical post-primary subjects across Northern Ireland.

Father and Son sentenced at Antrim Crown Court for Waste Offences

Mr Gerald Bryson McCarroll (69) and Brian McCarroll (38) of Doury Road, Ballymena, have been sentenced today at Antrim Crown Court today for breaches of waste legislation.

Towards a Ceasefire and Political Resolution in Sudan

Two years of brutal civil war have turned Sudan into one of the world's worst humanitarian catastrophes. Over 30 million Sudanese people urgently need humanitarian aid – more than half the population. Yet, despite this scale of suffering, Sudan has received far too little attention here in the UK.

The conflict has shattered communities, forced millions from their homes, and exposed countless civilians to violence, including horrific war crimes. Children have been disproportionately affected, with many denied access to education, healthcare, and safety.

Meanwhile, UK governments have failed to meet the moment. Like the Conservatives before them, Labour has cut international aid budgets. Even where funding for Sudan has been 'ringfenced', it is under severe threat. This damaging retreat from global leadership undermines the UK's ability to help resolve the crisis.

As Liberal Democrats, we believe the UK must lead urgent international action to push for a ceasefire and a lasting political resolution in Sudan – and to provide real support for civilians caught in the conflict.

Today, members have passed new policy calling on the Government to:

- Lead efforts to establish a **Sudan-wide arms embargo** to stop the flow of weapons fueling the war.
- Build international consensus to **resist legitimising warring parties** and ensure that those responsible for war crimes are held to account.
- Reverse its cut to the **UK's aid budget**, and outline a clear timeline for returning to 0.7% of GNI.

Provide targeted support for **Sudanese children**, who have suffered disproportionately and need urgent access to education, healthcare, and trauma-informed services.

Read our new policy in full

These steps are vital – they could save millions of lives and bring hope for a peaceful future in Sudan.

The UK must reclaim its role as a global leader in humanitarian action and conflict resolution.

We must stand with the Sudanese people, demand justice, and work tirelessly to end this conflict once and for all.

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