

Education Minister disappointed by unions' announcement over workload

Education Minister Paul Givan has expressed disappointment after a number of teachers' unions announced their intention to ballot members on industrial action over workload.

"The UK must put an end to the impunity that has enabled and emboldened the Israeli Government" – Ellie Chowns reacts to Israel's escalating military campaign in Lebanon

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Reacting to Israel's escalating action in Lebanon, Dr Ellie Chowns MP said:

"Israel's escalating military campaign in Lebanon has already killed thousands of people, displaced more than a million from their homes, and destroyed vital infrastructure, displaying an indefensible disregard for civilian lives and international law.

"This cannot continue. The UK must put an end to the impunity that has enabled and emboldened the Israeli Government on the world stage. The Green Party repeats our calls for the UK Government to end all arms sales to and military cooperation with Israel, to drive independent investigations into war crimes and support justice mechanisms for victims, and to impose sanctions on Netanyahu and all other government officials responsible for breaches of international law.

"The people of Lebanon – like the people of Palestine, Iran, and Israel – deserve to live in safety and peace, not to have their human rights used as bargaining chips which can be disregarded without consequence. The UK must stand on the side of international law and justice, and act now to help prevent further atrocity."

Prisoners craft military cap badges for unique exhibition

Veteran soldiers in Maghaberry and Magilligan prisons have hand-crafted clay army cap badges for a unique exhibition.

Kestrel Foods invests £5m to fuel global growth of its Forest Feast brand

Economy Minister Dr Caoimhe Archibald has welcomed a £5m investment by Portadown-based premium snacking company, Kestrel Foods, to support growing international demand for its chocolate snack ranges.

DAERA seeks views on fisheries management proposals for protected offshore marine areas

DAERA has today launched a consultation on the development of fisheries management measures to protect conservation areas offshore.