

The threat from Isreal and Iran

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I found [this post on X](#) particularly telling regarding the biases within the UK government.

As is noted, the government has put the entire Iranian state on the enhanced tier of its Foreign Influence Registration Scheme, while at the same time one third of the MPs in the cabinet and one quarter of MP's altogether receive funding from organisations sympathetic to Israel.

There is a massive problem with the purchase of influence within the UK government, but it does not come from Iran. The problem is with Israel, which can now be quite reasonably described as the biggest rogue state on earth, and is undoubtedly a greater threat to UK security given the current consequences of its actions in the Middle East.

Why isn't funding from the pro-Israel lobby being treated in the same way as that from Iran? Both are neofascist, theocratic states undertaking actions deeply repugnant to those committed to human rights, democracy and justice. That one is apparently favoured, despite that fact is profoundly worrying.




The UK has put "the entire Iranian State" on the "enhanced tier" of its Foreign Influence Registration Scheme, requiring anyone working for Iran to register or be prosecuted.

While a third of Cabinet and a quarter of parliament is funded by the Israel lobby.


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Question

 Lord Goldsmith of Richmond Park
Conservative
Life peer

To ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the number of UK-based organisations with connections to the Iranian regime.

Answer

 Lord Hanson of Flint
Labour
Life peer

Answered on

31 March 2025

We work closely with a range of partners to tackle malign state-backed influence in our society. Where there is clear evidence that Iranian-linked or aligned organisations are undertaking unacceptable activity, the Government will respond accordingly.

We have introduced a comprehensive set of additional measures aimed at countering threats posed by the Iranian regime.

The enhanced tier of the Foreign Influence Registration Scheme (FIRS) requires individuals and