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Labour's hate files expose Corbyn's anti-semitic army

Leaked emails reveal party's "shocking" failure to act

Cabinet Pledge and Robert Corby

The Labour Party has failed to take disciplinary action against hundreds of members accused of antisemitism under Jeremy Corbyn's leadership, according to internal documents leaked to the Sunday Times.

A leak drive of emails and a confidential outline has exposed so much it reveals how the party's systems for dealing with such complaints is bedeviled by delay, backstab and inaction from the leader's office. They reveal members investigated for posting such online comments as "Zionists", "F--- the Jews" and "Jews are the problem" have not been expelled, even though the party resolved to do so a year ago.

A striking revelation is that there was an "in" into the party after being about "Jewish" media attacks and the Rothschild family. The said party investigators also treat "Jewish" as a blanket term of description without any more explanation. In Manchester, a trade union official was emboldened despite sharing material saying "Jewish banks" were behind it.

Corbyn's office has been described as approving, delaying or backstabbing from the committee.

The party claims the discipline process has been free from political interference since March last year. A month later, however, in an email seen by The Sunday Times, Corbyn's chief of staff, Kate Sharkey, said that "going for mass" in an office needed an "on-site" of political considerations.

Leaked emails also reveal:

- Thomas Hadden, a Corbyn ally and the powerful chief of Labour's governance and legal unit, has sought to avoid efforts by a committee of its staff to track the investigation of a member who contacted two Jewish MPs for being "rab-baiting" leaders in the party's office.
- In one case, an MP reported a member for using the word of Deputies, British's representative Jewish body, were "anti-semitic" and for saying to his "not anti-semitic, it's anti-Zionist." The member was known with a hearing.
- Last night, Labour's deputy leader, Tom Watson, said: "The waters for deeply shocking and depressing reading. Labour members and the Jewish community will not understand how many years we know the best reasons about anti-semitism being used, we have not got to grips with it."
- Margaret Hodge, the Labour MP for Hartlepool, said: "The scale of the abuse, the depth of the hatred and the total lack of action by the Labour Party is astonishing." She added: "Jewish" gave me a sense of what we have not addressed in our community. This investigation gives me the ability to bring to the attention of the public what we have not done.

of 800 complaints overall, the

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TIGER'S GRAND NATIONAL ROLL



May bids to save deal with a Boris-proof Brexit

Tin Dippen and Caroline Wheeler

Theresa May is preparing to offer Jeremy Corbyn a legally binding exit deal with a "British bill" that would make it difficult for a future Conservative prime minister to raise up after the leaves to the UK's exit from the EU this year, May's team is planning to plan to introduce at least a guarantee that May would have the ultimate say over financial and economic issues. Senior figures in Downing Street will tell Tory MPs that they face a "stack check" — accepts a reworked contract with the EU or "lose the deal".

Corbyn's office stalled on Friday after Labour complained that May was not prepared to accept the political conditions with Brussels, which says out what the terms from the second phase of negotiations. On a sign that May is prepared to return her approach, Philip Hammond, the chancellor, said the government had "no deal" for the time being.

Under the new plan, the prime minister would offer to cover the government's withdrawal with a confidence or confidence agreement in law. That is designed to satisfy Labour that any deal reached with May would be signed up by her successor.

The "British bill" would mean a two-stage leader taking over from May to oversee primary legislation to get a deal done.

In another conversation, which would change the party; May's allies have checked whether Labour would be prepared to accept a deal on Wednesday next.

May hopes to secure a deal with Labour before the European Council meeting, when she will ask for an extension to the exit deadline.

and June 30. In a bid for the cross-party vote, a snap poll by Labour found 42% of voters backed the parties cooperating, with 27% opposed. Labour, Tory, remain and have voters all backed the talks by significant margins.

May warned Eurosceptics that while that offers they back her, there could be bad changes because the bill would be based on a long contract that would give someone space to make an article 50 or force a second referendum. "The longer this takes, the greater the risk of the UK never leaving," May said.

"It would mean letting the British people vote to get it through our fingers. I will not stand for that. We have a stark choice, leave the European Union with a deal or do not leave."

More than 100 grassroots Tory chairmen and party officials signed a letter saying they would support May's deal with Brussels.

They warned that the Conservatives would be "doomed" if local or European elections "I've got 1 million votes in the country, I want to be elected."

"It's May working with Mr Corbyn to save Brexit from immediately staying in the EU, which is what the bill is intended by my constituents as the last straw."

"This is a step too far, which will always be a party."

The new offer to Labour could mean May's team entered a deal to withdraw MPs, in contact with John Birtles, the Commons speaker, to try to reach an agreement to a second referendum to be held.

They warned, claimed that the party has agreed to try to get an extension vote again to allow MPs to apply for an emergency debate.

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Responding to the Sunday Times story on Labour's antisemitism cover up, Board of Deputies President

Any claims to a politically independent system can now be seen as a total sham. Labour must now

Marie van der Zyl has called on Labour to open up its processes to scrutiny by the Jewish community.

urgently open up its processes to scrutiny by the Jewish community.

She said: “The Sunday Times investigation shows that our demands to root out anti-Jewish racism have been treated with utter contempt. Rather than own up to the problem, the Labour leadership has put its efforts into a cover up operation.

“We stand united with all decent people in the fight against ugly racism.”

Read the Sunday Times report [here](#) and the BBC article [here](#).

Marie van der Zyl reacts to Israeli election results

Board of Deputies President Marie van der Zyl has reacted to the results of this week's Israeli elections.

She said: “Benjamin Netanyahu has registered a significant achievement in winning a record fifth election as Prime Minister in this hotly contested election. After a polarising campaign, with some deeply alarming rhetoric, politicians from all sides need to work hard to build trust with every section of Israeli society and not take actions and decisions which deepen divides. We hope that the new Government will be successful in pursuing the peace, security, prosperity and equality that all Israeli citizens need and deserve.”

'Right decision' made to dismiss Sir Roger Scruton

The Board of Deputies this week reacted to the dismissal of Government housing adviser Sir Roger Scruton, following an interview in which he claimed George Soros had an "empire in Hungary" defending Viktor Orbán against allegations of antisemitism.

A spokesperson for the Board of Deputies of British Jews said: “As soon as we saw Sir Roger Scruton's unacceptable comments we contacted Government to make our concerns heard. We are satisfied that the right decision has been made to dismiss him.”

Read the Jewish News story [here](#) and The Sun report [here](#).



A hearty Mazal Tov to Board of Deputies Chief Executive Gillian Merron, who celebrated her 60th birthday this week

ACTIVITY REPORT

INTERNATIONAL

President Marie van der Zyl, Senior Vice President Sheila Gewolb and International Relations Officer Marius Bischoff, together with Rabbi Israel Elia of the S and P Sephardi Community, held a meeting with Tunisian Minister of Tourism Rene Traboulsi.

President Marie van der Zyl attended BICOM's Israeli election event.

EDUCATION

Education Policy Officer Jake Berger visited Etz Chaim Jewish Primary School in Mill Hill, and was given a tour by Headteacher Yvonne Baron.

Education Development Manager Sara Perlmutter met Frances Jeens and Lisa Shames from the Jewish Museum education team to discuss future collaboration.

SOCIAL ACTION

Chief Executive Gillian Merron and Interfaith and Social Action Officer Anthony Silkoff met Naomi Dickson and Emma Gray from Jewish Women's Aid, with Simon Johnson from the Jewish Leadership Council, to discuss next steps in JWA's Sexual Harassment Project in the Jewish community. This is being supported by the Board of Deputies and JLC.

Interfaith and Social Action Officer Anthony Silkoff chaired a meeting of the Jewish Social Action Forum, at which members shared upcoming events and best practice from the community's social action organisations, and discussed issues of common interest including refugees, the environment, LGBT+ equality and homelessness.

INTERFAITH

Vice President Amanda Bowman attended Nisa-Nashim's annual conference.

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