

CIBUK - NEWSLETTER 23rd July, 2023

"Real and present danger – your CIBUK on the multiple threats now encircling the UK."

Dear Subscriber.

Our theme this week is security.

From Belfast to Dover and from Brussels to Tehran, existential threats hang over the United Kingdom requiring courage, leadership and determination to overcome them and it remains to be seen whether those in charge can rise to the occasion and tackle head-on the real and present dangers now threatening to engulf us.

We are indebted to our affiliates for their painstaking research in bringing these vital issues to our readers' attention.

Documentary Latest

In other news, post-production of our Brexit documentary film is now underway following one-to-one interviews with fifteen key players including some household names from the original referendum campaign, including their views on where we are and where we need to be to secure the Brexit we all thought we voted for.

We will of course keep followers fully up to date on the post-production progress including notification of a launch party screening in the autumn which we hope you will be able to attend.

CIBUK - Appeal for Funds

The response we have received to our crowd-funding initiative has been magnificent and on behalf of everyone at CIBUK again I would like to thank all those who have given so generously in helping fund the forthcoming film.

However, it remains the case that CIBUK is entirely reliant on voluntary donations for our ongoing operation from those who follow and support us.

We are therefore appealing to all donors large and small to continue to back us in our campaign for freedom and sovereignty by asking you to click on the link here and make a vital contribution towards our work in campaigning to safeguard our country's future.





"If it looks like a duck..." –

The EU's real vision for PESCO

PESCO (Permanent Structured Co-operation) is the latest in a series of geopolitical ambitions dreamt up in Brussels which if left unchallenged threatens to undermine the Western alliance itself.

In an article for our affiliate, *Briefings for Britain*, Gwythian Prins, research professor at the London School of Economics and a former(?) member of the Chief of the Defence Staff's Strategic Advisory Panel outlines events leading up to the formation of PESCO and the implications for the UK in signing up to the EU's military mobility project which threatens to keep Britain in 'high dynamic alignment' with wider EU defence rules.

Read our full article

We enclose the <u>author's summary</u> as well as a link to the <u>full in-depth research</u> <u>article which supports it.</u>



"A match made in hell: EU's love-in with Iran..."

From one foreign-policy blunder to another, the EU's policy of appearement towards Iran is proving as stupid and short-sighted as many predicted, including our research-based affiliate, Brexit Facts4EU.

Five years ago, in language reminiscent of Munich, EU Vice-President and Foreign Secretary Frederica Mogherini spoke of pursuing "common ground…even when positions and interests differ."

Actions speak louder than words and leopards rarely change their spots. The catalogue of breaches committed by Iran in relation to its nuclear weapons programme since 2018 are numerous, on-going, and well-established.

- Iran has been in violation of its nuclear commitments for years.
- Its stock of enriched Uranium is now 21 times the permitted limit.
- Enriched Uranium can only be used in nuclear weapons.
- Iran has been hiding its activities from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for years.

For further reading please click on links to access the two-part report.



"No let up, Prime Minister...they're still coming..."

And so, to our third existential threat: illegal boats and authorised net migration. Like the crisis itself, CIBUK and its affiliates have a wealth of data to draw upon and we are indebted to former Brexit MEP Ben Habib for his exclusive interview on the subject, a link to which is below.

Since 2016 we are supposed to have taken back control of our borders. The betrayal of that promise by our governing class threatens not only the integrity of our political system but of our very nation itself.

"The more we have paid, the greater the number that have crossed the Channel"

Bribing the French in a desperate act of appeasement does not work "The solution," argues Ben Habib, "lies in our using the sliver of water which separates us from France as it has been used for centuries, a natural buffer."

The full interview can be found here.

"Part and parcel of the same old problem..."

We said at the time it would not fly and so it has proved. The Prime Minister's assertion that the Windsor Declaration would remove 'any sense of a border in the Irish Sea' has turned out to be as hollow as we predicted.

The devil as always is in the detail, no more so than over the <u>transportation of goods into 'red' and 'green' lanes</u> with all the extra time and paperwork involved.

Draft legislation deepens divisions

As if that were not enough, the Government has thrown the *Postal Packages* (*Miscellaneous Amendments*) Regulations 2023 into the mix which will impose a border down the Irish Sea with respect to post.

At the time of writing, a Delegated Legislation Committee is currently scrutinising these proposals and we are indebted to our affiliate *The Centre for the Union* for producing a <u>briefing paper in preparation for the hearing</u>.

As ever we will strive to stay across our brief and continue to monitor developments as they arise. There is much here for the government to ponder as ministers and backbenchers head off on their holidays in search of rest and recuperation, and firmly resolved we hope, to tackle some of this on their return.

Yours Sincerely,



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