

Press release: Justice Secretary launches HM Prison and Probation Service

[unable to retrieve full-text content]A new frontline service focused on reforming offenders and cutting crime has today been launched by Justice Secretary Elizabeth Truss.

News story: MAIB safety digest 1/2017 published

[unable to retrieve full-text content]Lessons from marine accidents.

Press release: PM call with Chief Minister of Gibraltar: 2 April 2017

The Prime Minister called the Chief Minister of Gibraltar, Fabian Picardo, this morning.

She reiterated our long-standing position that the UK remains steadfastly committed to our support for Gibraltar, its people and its economy. The Prime Minister said we will never enter into arrangements under which the people of Gibraltar would pass under the sovereignty of another state against their freely and democratically expressed wishes, nor will we ever enter into a process of sovereignty negotiations with which Gibraltar is not content.

The Prime Minister said we remain absolutely dedicated to working with Gibraltar for the best possible outcome on Brexit, and will continue to involve them fully in the process.

[Press release: Millicent Fawcett to be honoured with first statue of a woman in Parliament Square](#)

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A statue of Millicent Fawcett, one of the leading figures in the campaign to win women the vote, is to be erected in Parliament Square – making her the first-ever woman to be honoured in this way. As president of the National Union of Women’s Suffrage Societies, Dame Millicent Garrett Fawcett, GBE, led the peaceful campaign for women’s suffrage. She also campaigned for women’s rights in many other areas, including access to higher education. The statue will form part of celebrations to mark the centenary of the Representation of the People Act 1918, which was introduced thanks to Fawcett’s campaigning and which first gave some women the right to vote. Full equality at the ballot box was not achieved until a decade later, just a year before Fawcett’s death.

Prime Minister Theresa May said:

The example Millicent Fawcett set during the struggle for equality continues to inspire the battle against the burning injustices of today.

It is right and proper that she is honoured in Parliament Square alongside former leaders who changed our country.

Her statue will stand as a reminder of how politics only has value if it works for everyone in society.

Communities Secretary Sajid Javid said:

Millicent Fawcett was one of the great campaigners for equal rights and all of us – women and men alike – owe her a debt of gratitude

This statue will be a fitting tribute to Fawcett and all she achieved. Standing in front of Parliament, it will remind us all of the sacrifices Fawcett made and the journey that we as a country have come on over the past 100 years.

The statue will be funded from the £5 million fund provided at the Spring Budget to support projects marking the anniversary.

News story: Make in India, finance in the UK says the Chancellor

[unable to retrieve full-text content]The Chancellor's message in Delhi and Mumbai this week is that the UK is perfectly placed to finance manufacturing growth in India.