

## [Foreign aid must be channeled to the right causes](#)

MARGOT Parker has reacted to news which revealed Britain is now just one of only five countries to meet the UN's foreign aid target.

The UK gives nearly double compared to the average of all countries, new figures from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development showed.

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## [Government rudderless over murder wave](#)

The Home Secretary Amber Rudd is utterly out of her depth over the crime wave that has seen over 50 murders in London this year alone.

A leaked Home Office report said that government cuts to the police had "likely contributed" to a rise in serious violent crime. In an interview with BBC Radio 4 this morning, the Home Secretary admitted that she had not seen the report, while stating that "it is not all about police numbers."

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## [UKIP fielding over 530 candidates at the upcoming English council elections](#)

UKIP is pleased to declare that it will be fielding over 530 candidates in the English local elections.

The final figure will be known shortly.

This is a remarkable achievement given that just six weeks ago UKIP was thought to be on the edge of collapse.

UKIP's Interim Leader Gerard Batten MEP said:

**"Our branches, activists and members have found fresh heart and motivation and are back in the fight.**

**"Six weeks ago we had no local election campaign planning in place. In a short space of time, the Party has rallied and organised a respectable number of candidates.**

**"We will be campaigning hard to retain those seats we are defending, and fighting to win some new ones.**

**"Whatever the final result, UKIP is firmly back on the political map."**

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## **UKIP AM Gareth Bennett calls on Welsh Labour and Plaid Cymru to "build bridges with Westminster" over the renaming of the Second Severn Crossing**

UKIP Assembly Member for South Wales Central, Gareth Bennett, has waded into the row over the renaming of the Second Severn Crossing.

Speaking after critics of the change signalled their opposition to the UK Government's plans to rename it the Prince of Wales Bridge, Gareth said:

**"Rather than getting into a row about a name, Welsh Labour and their bedfellows in Plaid Cymru should be working to build bridges with the Government in Westminster to secure the Brexit that the people of Wales voted for.**

**"Coupled with their bogus legislation on a supposed 'power grab', the people of Wales will see this for what it is; a cynical attempt by Plaid and Welsh Labour to claim they've been hard done by yet again.**

**"The people of Wales voted by a clear majority for Brexit, far more than the very few who cling on to a vain hope of a 'Welsh Republic'. It's time the establishment in Cardiff Bay and London got on with the day job and stopped their pointless virtue signalling."**

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## **UKIP Leader Gerard Batten slams £500 million increase in the foreign aid budget**

The UK's foreign aid budget now stands at an eye-watering £14 billion; an increase of £500 million on the previous year. The increase came about because spending by law must rise by 0.7 per cent of Gross National Income, in order to comply with the United Nations resolution on foreign aid.

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