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[Update] Suspect Taken Into Custody In Murder Of Detroit Synagogue President Samantha Woll, Police Say

Source: CBS News

(Michigan) A suspect in the murder of Detroit synagogue president Samantha Woll has been taken into custody, the Detroit Police Department said Wednesday. Woll, 40, the president of Isaac Agree Downtown Synagogue in Detroit, was found stabbed to death outside her home in Lafayette Park on Saturday, Oct. 21. Woll attended a wedding the night before and returned home from the wedding at about 12:30 a.m. Police found no signs of forced entry into Woll's residence. Investigators believe Woll was stabbed inside her home and then made her way out to her yard, where she was found. "As part of my continuing commitment to transparency in this matter, I am sharing with the community that a

suspect has been taken into custody for the murder of Samantha Woll. While this is an encouraging development in our desire to bring closure for Ms. Woll's family, it does not represent the conclusion of our work in this case. The details of the investigation will remain confidential at this time to ensure the integrity of the important steps that remain. Investigators will be continuing their work with the Wayne County Prosecutors Office until the conclusion of this investigation," Detroit Police Chief James White said in a statement. In a press conference on Oct. 23, Chief White said that evidence suggests the crime was not motivated by antisemitism.

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Shut It Down For Palestine' Protests Planned For Cities

Across America On Nov. 9

Source: Jewish News Syndicate

(United States) Noting what they say is the success of mass rallies in London and Canada, pro-Palestinian groups have designated Nov. 9 as “Shut It Down for Palestine” day, urging people worldwide to walk out and protest, while Jewish leadership advises the public to remain vigilant. Protests are set for New York, Philadelphia, San Diego and Los Angeles, along with Columbia, S.C.; Baton Rouge, La.; and Fort Collins, Colo. Though Jewish communal officials say there is no known, direct or credible threat of violence towards Jews, they do note that the general atmosphere remains highly charged. According to the Secure Community Network, more than 770 incidents of antisemitism, including harassment, intimidation and violence, were reported in October—a nearly 200% increase from October 2022. “As in previous calls for violence, protests against Israel and targeted actions against the Jewish community, the Secure Community Network recommends against letting fear or threats dictate our ability to live Jewish lives,” said Michael Masters, CEO and national director of SCN. “We encourage Jewish institutions to remain open and operational, absent information provided by law enforcement and public safety partners.” He said it’s important to understand that the “threat dynamic” in North America is “heightened and fluid.” “Individuals may be motivated to violence with little to no warning,” he said. “We always urge vigilance and preparation, and recommend all members of the community choose de-escalation rather than engaging with oppositional protesters, and to contact their security directors or local federations in the event of any developing incidents.”

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Town Hall In Allentown Addresses How To Keep Jewish Community Safe

Source: WFMZ-TV 69 News

(Pennsylvania) A timely town hall in Allentown centered around keeping members of the Jewish community safe. It comes amid heightened emotions due to the war in the Middle East and because of increased domestic threats against people of the Jewish faith. "I am your local security representative, and I'll work tirelessly with every organization in the Lehigh Valley to make you feel safer," vowed Tim Brooks, as he presented to a crowd of community members in Allentown. A retired police officer, Brooks introduced himself in his new role as regional security advisor to the Jewish Federation of the Lehigh Valley. Brooks' position includes assessing risks and implementing training. He says “even before October 7, the antisemitism in this country was growing exponentially, and

now that October 7 happened, it's just horrible." Brooks plans to hold active shooter trainings, teaching people the run, hide, fight method, and stop the bleed sessions. He also says he'll implement procedures when threats are made against the federation, its buildings and people. "My company, Secure Community Network, we are the official safety and security organization for the Jewish community in North America, and we want to provide a safe and resilient space for the Jewish community, so that they can flourish and be proud and continue to be proud that they're Jewish," added Brooks.

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Mossad Helps Brazil Arrest Hezbollah-Linked

Terrorists Planning Attack On Jews

Source: Jerusalem Post

(Brazil) An Iranian-backed Hezbollah terrorist cell that planned to carry out attacks against Jewish and Israeli targets in Brazil was thwarted, according to Brazilian news reports on Wednesday that were confirmed by the Prime Minister's Office. Brazilian Federal Police prevented imminent terrorist attacks within the country against the Jewish community, The Brazilian Report reported Wednesday, adding that the operation was aimed at dismantling groups allegedly "preparing to commit terrorist acts" and "recruiting Brazilians for extreme acts," targeting Jewish community buildings in Brazil. According to the report, authorities executed two temporary arrest warrants and conducted searches at 11 locations across Minas Gerais, São Paulo, and the federal capital, Brasília. The Prime Minister's Office said: "Security forces in Brazil, in collaboration with Mossad and its partners within the Israeli security community, as well as other international security and law enforcement agencies, successfully foiled a planned attack by the Hezbollah terrorist group – orchestrated and financed by the Iranian regime. This disruption targets a vast network that extends to several other nations globally." "Amid the ongoing conflict in Gaza with the Hamas terrorist group, Hezbollah and the Iranian regime persist in their global efforts to orchestrate attacks against Israeli, Jewish, and Western targets," the Prime Minister's Office said. "The Mossad is active and will continue to employ a diverse array of tactics to prevent these attempts, operating wherever necessary."

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Reports Of Antisemitism Surge 500% To Reach Highest Levels Ever Recorded By CST

Source: The Jewish Chronicle

(United Kingdom) The number of antisemitic incidents reported to CST in the month following October 7 surged by over 500 per cent year on year, with dozens of assaults and more than 100 threats recorded. In total 1,124 antisemitic incidents were reported to CST in the month to 7 November according to data released by the group – the largest number since the charity began keeping records in 1984. The latest figure marks a 514 per cent increase from same period in 2022 when 183 incidents were reported. Overall there were 55 assaults, 112 threats and 880 instances of abusive behaviour, including verbal abuse, graffiti, damage to or desecration of property, hate mail and online abuse. “These are all instances of anti-Jewish racism, wherein offenders are targeting Jewish

people, communities and institutions for their Jewishness. In many cases, these hateful comments, threats to life and physical attacks are laced with the language and symbols of pro-Palestinian and anti-Israel politics," CST said. "Even compared to periods of previous conflicts involving Israel, these statistics are unprecedentedly high. The Metropolitan Police recorded a 1,353 per cent spike in antisemitic offences in London from 1 October to 18 October compared to the same period in 2022, with some 218 anti-Jewish hate crimes recorded by the force during that time.

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