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Biden Gives Message To Americans Worried About Violence Amid Israel-Hamas War: ‘We See You’

Source: The Hill

(United States) President Biden on Monday issued a message to Americans concerned over potential violence in the United States amid the Israel-Hamas war, saying he asked his team to prioritize handling any emerging threats. “To those Americans worried about violence at home, as a result of the evil acts of terror perpetrated by Hamas in Israel, we see you. We hear you,” Biden said in a statement. “And I have asked members of my team, including Homeland Security Secretary [Alejandro] Mayorkas and Attorney General Garland, to prioritize the prevention and disruption of any emerging threats that could harm Jewish, Muslim, Arab American, or any other communities during this time. My Administration will continue to fight Antisemitism and Islamophobia,” he added. The

president’s message comes after the FBI released annual statistics that showed antisemitic hate crimes rose 25 percent from 2021 to 2022. “The data is a reminder that hate never goes away, it only hides. Any hate crime is a stain on the soul of America,” Biden said. FBI Director Christopher Wray has warned that a rise in violent extremism could be incoming amid the ongoing fighting after Hamas launched its deadly attack on southern Israel last week, prompting Israel to declare war.

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Israel War: Blinken Announces Biden Will Visit Israel To Discuss 'War Aims And Strategy' And Deter Iran

Source: Washington Examiner

(United States) Secretary of State Antony Blinken announced that President Joe Biden will visit Israel on Wednesday amid Israel's war with Hamas that has world leaders on high alert for escalation with Iran. “The president will reaffirm the United States solidarity with Israel and our ironclad commitment to its security,” Blinken told reporters at the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem. “President Biden will underscore our crystal clear message to any active state or nonstate trying to take advantage of this crisis to attack Israel. To that end, he's deployed two aircraft carrier groups and other military assets to the region,” he added. “He will reiterate that Hamas does not stand for the Palestinian people’s right to dignity and self-determination and discuss the humanitarian needs of civilians in Gaza,” White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said in a Monday evening statement. Those travel plans have come together as Iran threatens to launch “preemptive action," perhaps through Hezbollah, its terrorist proxy entrenched on Israel’s border with Lebanon, to constrain Israel’s plan to target Hamas. "The possibility of preemptive action by the resistance axis is expected in the coming hours," Iranian president Hossein Amir-Abdollahian said Monday.

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Calls For Violence Against Jews Rose By 1,200% With NYC Emerging As Epicenter Of Threats

Source: NY Post

(United States) A shocking new report suggests the number of antisemitic posts online increased 1,200% since Hamas began its terror attack in Israel on October 7 — with New York City emerging as an epicenter for this hate. The Antisemitism Cyber Security Monitoring System found that between October 7 and October 10, at least 157,000 posts calling for violence against Israel, Zionists and Jews were made online, according to a survey obtained by the Jerusalem Post. That represents a 450% increase from the four days before. It also represents a 360% increase when compared to the same period last month. In the UK, the first four days of the conflict saw a surge in antisemitic content of over 300%, according to the government's Community Security Trust. FBI Director

Chris Wray told reporters on Sunday, “The threat is very much ongoing and in fact, the threat picture continues to evolve.” Much of the antisemitic content originated in Paris, where a teacher was stabbed in “Islamist terror,” the report says. But coming in second place for its number of antisemitic posts was New York City, where hundreds of pro-Palestinian protesters were seen stomping on and burning the Israeli flag while at least one person displayed a Nazi flag.

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B.C. Rabbi's House Egged, Vandalized With Anti-Semitic Graffiti

Source: CTV NEWS

(British Columbia) A rabbi's home in Surrey, B.C., was targeted by a vandal last week. Rabbi Falik Schtroks' son caught the incident – which happened around 6:30 p.m. on Friday – on camera. In the video, a man can be seen throwing eggs at the house. A photo provided to CTV News also shows that a swastika was drawn in sharpie on the window. Schtroks told CTV News the vandal approached his son and asked if the home was a Jewish temple, and he said yes. The rabbi alleges the man said, "I'm God, and I'm going to egg this place." He added that his son called the police and they were shown the video. Schtroks said the incident left him disappointed, but not at all surprised. "On one hand, it's only eggs," he said. "(But) which philosophy is to listen to a person who says around the world go, and attack Jews, and a person feels that they therefore must throw eggs. So where does that way of thinking end? Where does it end?" In a news release issued Monday, Surrey RCMP said it is investigating the incident "which may have been motivated by hate," and appealed for help identifying the suspect. Police described the suspect as male, 25 to 35 years old, with a "slim to medium build" wearing a purple coat, white shirt, black Adidas sweatpants and brown shoes. "We recognize that incidents of this nature impact the feeling of safety and security for members of our Jewish community," said Cpl. Vanessa Munn, in the release. "Hate has no place in our city and our officers are working to identify the person responsible so that they can be held accountable."

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