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DHS, FBI 'Very Concerned' About Lone Wolf Terrorist Attack, Mayorkas Tells Jewish Leaders

Source: Washington Examiner

(United States) The Biden administration is on alert for a lone wolf terrorist attack in the United States as war between Israel and Hamas rages thousands of miles away. The Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Bureau of Investigation are on particular alert for hate crimes, including against Jewish Americans, according to DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas.' "The Department of Homeland Security, along with the FBI and all of our partners, are constantly evaluating the threat landscape. We remain very concerned about the lone wolf — the individual incited to violence by an ideology of hate," Mayorkas told Jewish leaders at a "Unity in Crisis: Emergency Solidarity Mission for Israel" event Tuesday. Hate crimes aimed at Jewish individuals in the United States

increased 25% from 2021 to 2022, Mayorkas said. Last year, antisemitic acts made up more than half of all reported religion-based hate crimes, according to new FBI statistics released Monday. "There is no such thing as a small act of hate — a swastika graffitied on an elevator wall impacts so many more than just those who step in or off that elevator," said Mayorkas. Mayorkas implored all Americans to be on alert, remain vigilant, and prepared given the "highly charged environment" the world is in since the Hamas terrorist attack against Israel on Oct. 7.

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Ohio Man Arrested After Making Antisemitic Slurs At Jewish Family Through Doorbell Camera

Source: Fox News

(Ohio) An Ohio man was taken into custody on Monday after making antisemitic slurs toward two families with Israeli flags displayed on their lawns. The incident occurred just a day after FBI Director Christopher Wray warned of a spike in domestic threats linked to Israel's war against Hamas that began after the terrorist organization's brutal Oct. 7 attack. Meyer said she was home with her husband, who was watching a football game, on Sunday when the doorbell rang. "You Zionist pigs are f--ing disgusting," the man says before the footage is cut off as Meyer exits the app to call the police. The police department said it is investigating the incident with state and federal authorities. "The Department is in constant communication with the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force and working closely on this and potential matters which may occur subsequent to last week's attacks," a statement reads. "We encourage everyone that if they see something, say something and report it immediately to aid us in our efforts," the statement continues. Reidy – who has no criminal history – was spotted last Saturday as he shouted slurs from his car outside a synagogue, according to a police spokesperson. Police also said that Reidy went to another house a block away and made similar antisemitic insults, calling a family "dirty Zionists" and telling them that he "wished they would die," according to the police spokesperson.

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Jewish Lawmaker's Maryland Apartment Building Is Vandalized With Antisemitic Graffiti

Source: WUSA 9-TV

(Maryland) Maryland Delegate Joe Vogel says his Montgomery County apartment building has been vandalized with antisemitic graffiti for the third time in just a matter of months. The Jewish lawmaker shared photos on the social media platform X, of four swastikas on the door of his apartment building's lobby bathroom. "To see it in my own apartment building, in my own community, the place that I call home, it's really unsettling," Vogel told WUSA9 in his Gaithersburg home. It is unclear if Vogel, who represents Maryland's 17th District, is the target of the messages. "That kind of hate. Those kinds of messages, that vandalism sends a really dark message to me and others in our community, but it won't make us afraid," he added. The recent incident comes at a time

when places of worship in Montgomery County and across the country have increased security due to potential threats stemming from the war between Israel and Hamas. "I went to high holiday services and there is police officers stationed outside. I am glad they are keeping us safe, but I dream of a Maryland where we don't have to have the police officers there because we are safe," Vogel said.

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Antisemitism Among Muslim Migrants Unsettles A Germany Haunted By The Holocaust

Source: Wall Street Journal

(Germany) Since World War II and the Nazis' defeat, one motto has towered over German politics: "Never again" should Jews here have to fear for their lives. Now anti-Jewish sentiment is surging in the country's large and growing Muslim community, much expanded by the country's openness to asylum seekers from a war-ravaged Middle East. Since Palestinian militant group Hamas's Oct. 7 assault on Israel, Jews in Germany have faced violence on German streets and authorities say antisemitic crimes have surged. Hours after the attacks in Israel, Muslims in one Berlin neighborhood were handing out candy as they reveled in the results of the attack. A smiling Muslim woman in Hamburg told a regional broadcaster that her family celebrated the events at home. In a sinister echo of the 1930s, some homes in Berlin were marked with the Star of David. In a rare move, German authorities have banned public demonstrations in support of Hamas and most other pro-Palestinian rallies. Prosecutors said they would prosecute people who have praised Hamas in conversations with journalists. In addition, Germany has banned Hamas and any organization supporting it, including charities and cultural associations, effectively putting it on the same level as Islamic State, which was banned in 2014. Berlin has prohibited the wearing of the black-and-white Palestinian scarf on school grounds and any chant of "from the river to the sea, Palestine will be free"—a call to establish a Palestinian state on all of Israel's current territory. Justice Minister Marco Buschmann said local authorities should instruct police to gather evidence of any antisemitic offenses so they could be systematically prosecuted. As of next year, foreign antisemitic offenders will be barred from obtaining German citizenship.

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