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Pro-Hamas Extremists And Neo-Nazis Flood Social Media With Calls For Violence

Source: NBC News

(United States) Pro-Hamas extremists are flooding social media platforms with calls for attacks on Jewish communities and other targets in the U.S. and Europe, prompting U.S. law enforcement agencies to step up their readiness postures amid deep concerns about possible violence, American officials and private analysts told NBC News. Tuesday's explosion at a hospital in Gaza is threatening to become a flashpoint, they said, with posts on X and other platforms portraying it as an Israeli atrocity using an American-made bomb, despite an assessment from U.S. intelligence agencies that the damage resulted from an errant missile fired by a Palestinian militant group. Groups linked to Al Qaeda and American neo-Nazis have been seeking to exploit the ongoing war to encourage

attacks. “You must attack them in their homes, shops, posts and places of amusement … Tear their bodies apart, let their blood flow and take revenge for your martyrs,” said one Al Qaeda post quoted in an intelligence bulletin by the New York Police Department, which has maintained a global intelligence network since 9/11. The Al Qaeda branch in the Indian subcontinent, known as AQIS, is calling for attacks on Americans, British and French nationals, the bulletin said, while another Al Qaeda-aligned propagandist issued an online call for attacks using silencers, explosives and knives. A Homeland Security official told NBC News that the DHS is monitoring a “heightened threat environment” in the U.S. and is concerned about attacks on Jewish-Americans, as well as Arab Americans and Muslim-Americans. “The intensity has gotten worse,” the official said, noting that DHS, the FBI and the National Counterterrorism Center are “constantly monitoring the threat environment,” including online chatter.

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'I Am Going To Take Every One Of You Out': North Carolina Man Arrested For Threats Against Jewish Organization

Source: ABC News

(North Carolina) The Justice Department has announced the arrest of a North Carolina man charged with leveling threats against a Jewish house of worship last week in the wake of the Hamas attack on Israel. "I am going to take every one of you out in a way," Jeffrey Scott Hobgood allegedly said in an email to the Jewish organization on Oct. 11, according to court documents. "You will beg for your life ... you semite pieces of **** - will be annihilated." Even after law enforcement contacted him following the first email, Hobgood proceeded to send a second threatening message to the same organization two days later, prosecutors say. "Guess what happens to traitors? ... Public execution. ... We are at war. ...

If you think you semite pieces of **** are going to win, then you are delusional," he allegedly wrote, court documents show. Hobgood's family members had previously reported to law enforcements threats that they say he allegedly made against them in the past year as well, according to his arrest affidavit. The FBI released data on Monday showing that anti-Jewish hate crimes increased by more than 37% in 2022 -- the second-highest number on record and the highest number in almost three decades. There were a total of 11,634 criminal hate crime incidents motivated by bias toward race, ethnicity, ancestry, religion, sexual orientation, disability, gender, and gender identity in 2022, according to the data.

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IDF: Hamas Terror Cells Remain In The Negev Region Waiting To Attack

Source: i24News

(Israel) The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) reported on Wednesday that Hamas cells remain present in the south of the country. The IDF has estimated that between 1,500 to 2,000 terrorists entered Israel during the Hamas attack on October 7. While many were killed or managed to return to Gaza, and the army regained full control of the Gaza border area within a week following the attack, the latest assessment reveals the army's concern that some terrorists were instructed to remain in hiding in order to commit future terrorist attacks. According to the IDF briefing, the remaining terrorists are believed to be hiding in the Negev desert. The IDF also said there is fear of an increased risk of attack on the Egyptian border. The IDF spokesperson also stated that Israel had captured 120

terrorists in connection to the October 7 attacks. They are reportedly incarcerated in high-security areas and being interrogated for intelligence gathering. Several of the terrorists received medical treatment in Israeli hospitals, alongside their victims, which sparked public uproar in the country.

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The German Chancellor Condemns A Firebomb Attack On A Berlin Synagogue And Vows Protection For Jews

Source: Associated Press

(Germany) German Chancellor Olaf Scholz strongly condemned a

firebomb assault on a synagogue in Berlin on Wednesday, saying, “We will never accept when attacks are carried out against Jewish institutions.” Assailants threw two Molotov cocktails early Wednesday at the synagogue in the center of the German capital, police said, as antisemitic incidents in the country have been rising following the violent escalation in the Middle East. Dozens of police officers were investigating in front of the synagogue in the city’s Mitte neighborhood, and the entire street next to the building was cordoned off and blocked for traffic. Police said they were investigating “an attempted serious arson” in which two people approached the synagogue on foot at 3:45 a.m. and threw the firebombs, which burst on the sidewalk next to the building. The two people, their faces covered, ran away. A couple of hours later, when police were already investigating the incident, a 30-year-old man approached the synagogue on a scooter, which he threw aside, and began running toward the building. When police officers detained him, he resisted and shouted anti-Israeli slogans. “We are all shocked by this terrorist attack,” Germany’s leading Jewish group, the Central Council of Jews, said in a statement. “Above all, the families from the neighborhood around the synagogue are shocked and unsettled. Words become deeds. Hamas’ ideology of extermination against everything Jewish is also having an effect in Germany.” Police also said there were riots overnight between Muslim immigrants and police in the city’s Neukoelln and Kreuzberg neighborhoods and at Berlin’s landmark Brandenburg Gate in which several officers were injured.

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