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U.S. Synagogues, Jewish Facilities Boost Security After Hamas Attack

Source: The Washington Times

(United States) Jewish institutions nationwide are bracing for bomb threats and other attacks after the Hamas terrorist invasion of southern Israel. In New York and Los Angeles, police confirmed increased patrols and police presence at synagogues and other Jewish facilities. In an address Tuesday from the White House, President Biden promised to increase federal security protection for houses of worship, including synagogues and related facilities. Michael Masters, national director and CEO of the Secure Community Network, said the group remains watchful. “We are monitoring a significant uptick in conversation on social media, from individuals associated with various violent, extremist ideologies that are encouraging exploiting circumstances to act out against the Jewish

community," Mr. Masters said. He credited "very strong coordination" among law enforcement agencies and community leaders for expanded police protection. "We've been in coordination with the broad array of Jewish houses of worship, synagogues, and day schools across the country," Mr. Masters said. "We have issued guidance on their physical security and guidance related to civil unrest and potential protest activity."

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Israel Attacks Heighten Concerns For CT Jewish Groups, Police Amid Increase In Antisemitic Incidents

Source: CT Insider

(Connecticut) The terrorist attacks in Israel have heightened security concerns among Connecticut's Jewish residents and state and local police at a time when antisemitic incidents were already increasing in the state. "Our Hate Crimes Unit and CTIC (Connecticut Intelligence Center) are continually monitoring and we are working with federal and local authorities to make sure the citizens of Connecticut are safe," state police spokesperson and Trooper First Class Pedro A. Muniz said Tuesday. Connecticut Police Chiefs Association President and Avon Police Chief Paul Melanson also referred to the CTIC, saying police leaders have been getting intelligence briefings so they can coordinate a response to any threats or concerns. Formed after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the CTIC is among 80 "fusion centers" around the U.S. that serve as hubs for local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to share threat-related information. Jewish communities in Connecticut and throughout the nation are on alert as Israeli forces battle Hamas, which has killed more than 900 people and taken as many as 150 hostages since Saturday.

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Death Toll From Hamas Onslaught Passes 1,000; IDF Kills Terrorists In Southern Israel

Source: Times Of Israel

(Israel) The death toll from Palestinian terror group Hamas's shock attack on Israel on Saturday has surpassed 1,000, with close to 3,000 injured and the fate of an estimated 150 people abducted and taken to the Gaza Strip still unclear. The Health Ministry said earlier that 2,901 had been injured in the assault, with over 500 still hospitalized, including 26 critically and 340 seriously. Security forces were also still battling terrorists in southern Israel on Tuesday, with two killed in an agricultural field near the southern community of Kfar Maimon and another two gunmen killed near the Erez Crossing into the Gaza Strip late Tuesday, according to Hebrew media reports. Earlier, troops killed three Palestinian terrorists near the southern coastal city of Ashkelon. The military said troops of the 17th

Battalion, along with a drone and a combat helicopter providing air support, clashed with the three gunmen close to the Ashkelon industrial zone, just outside the city. Overnight Tuesday, the Israeli military said air force jets hit over 70 Hamas targets in the Gaza City district of At-Tuffah as well as a military structure operated by Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

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Reports Of Anti-Semitic Incidents Have Tripled Since Israel Attacks, Says Charity

Source: Evening Standard

(United Kingdom) Reports of anti-Semitic incidents have tripled since

Hamas launched its attack on Israel, a charity has said. Community Security Trust, which logs anti-Semitic incidents, said the number of reports has tripled from what it would normally expect from Saturday to Monday, and the real total could be higher. Speaking to the Jewish News, director of policy Dave Rich said: “The rise in anti-Semitic incidents is deeply troubling, but sadly not unexpected. “We encourage everyone to report incidents to us and, importantly, to the police, and we are working flat out to support everyone who gets in touch.” The Met Police has stepped up patrols in Jewish areas of London in the wake of the attacks on Israel by Hamas militants which left more than 900 Israelis dead. The force said it had arrested three people, two of whom were arrested close to a pro-Palestine demonstration which occurred outside the Israeli embassy in Kensington on Monday. Five more arrest inquiries are ongoing.

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