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[VIDEO] CNN Special: "Antisemitism In America" On The Whole Story With Anderson Cooper

Source: CNN

(United States) On Sunday night, CNN aired its most recent special, "Antisemitism In America," as part of its series "The Whole Story with Anderson Cooper." Secure Community Network National Director & CEO Michael Masters joined CNN's Dana Bash at SCN headquarters to detail the alarming rise in antisemitic incidents across North America since the 07 October Hamas terror attacks on Israel, SCN's response, and our organizational approach to ensuring the community's safety and security.

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Tensions High At Brandeis University After Palestine Supporters Arrested

Source: WCVB Boston

(Massachusetts) Seven people who were arrested during a pro-Palestine rally at Brandeis University appeared in court Monday, as tensions are high on the school's Massachusetts campus in the wake of demonstrations brought on by the war between Israel and Hamas. Waltham police said Brandeis University police requested their help Friday afternoon after a demonstration on their campus became unruly. The seven people who were arrested after refusing to disperse the gathering face charges that included disorderly conduct, unlawful assembly and assault and battery on a police officer, but Waltham police noted no major injuries happened as a result of the arrests. The pro-Palestine rally on Friday came several days after Brandeis University announced that it will

cease to recognize a local chapter of National Students for Justice in Palestine. Shortly after the seven who were arrested Friday were arraigned in court, other supporters of Palestine held a walkout and sit-in on the Brandeis campus to protest the university's policy regarding free speech. "'From the river to the sea' means the elimination of the Jewish state. That's what it means," said Brandeis student Michael Schwartz. "So you can understand why as a Jew, as a pro-Israel Jew, I would feel scared and threatened by somebody who suggested that from the river to the sea, there should be no Jews or Jewish state living there."

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Biden Administration Bolsters Effort To Battle

Antisemitism And Islamophobia In Schools

Source: NBC News

(United States) The Biden administration is rolling out new tools Tuesday to address the continued rise in antisemitism and Islamophobia on college campuses nationwide following the outbreak of the Israel-Hamas war last month, according to a White House official. Among the materials are a list of resources from the Education Department for students, parents and staff members aimed at preventing antisemitism and Islamophobia in all school levels, from elementary to college. The two guides, one meant for young students and one for higher education institutions, were put together by the National Center for Safe and Supportive Learning Environments, a technical assistance center funded by the Education Department, the White House said. The new tools build on actions the White House has announced in recent weeks, including creating a national strategy to combat Islamophobia that tasks the departments of Justice and Homeland Security with thwarting growing threats of antisemitism on college campuses in conjunction with campus law enforcement after Hamas terrorist attacks in Israel on Oct. 7. As part of the effort, dozens of cybersecurity and protective security advisers at DHS have been detailed to work with schools as they navigate increasingly tense environments. The Justice Department also published an updated “hate crimes threat response guide” from the FBI to let people know what steps they should take if they are the subject of one, the official said. The new guide helps people figure out how to respond to potential hate crimes, depending on what form the attacks come in.

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[Update] U.P. Man Seann Pietila Guilty After Threatening To Kill Jews At East Lansing Synagogue

Source: Detroit News

(Michigan) An Upper Peninsula teenager accused of posting online threats to attack and kill people at an East Lansing synagogue pleaded guilty to a federal crime Monday amid a rise in antisemitism nationwide. Seann Pietila, 19, of Pickford, pleaded guilty to one count of transmitting a threatening communication after being accused of posting threats on social media, including Instagram, that included comments about neo-Nazi ideology, antisemitism and glorifying mass shootings. He admitted sending multiple Instagram messages about planning to commit a mass shooting and targeting Jewish people, prosecutors said Monday. Pieteila faces up to five years in federal prison and is scheduled to be sentenced March 4 by U.S. District Judge Robert Jonker in federal court in Grand

Rapids. “No one should face violent threats because of their race, ethnicity, religion, or any other status,” U.S. Attorney Mark Totten said in a statement. “At this moment of increased threats across the nation, we renew our commitment to prevent, disrupt, and prosecute illegal acts of hate fueled by antisemitism, Islamophobia, or anti-Arab bias.”

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