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Jewish Man Dies After Being Struck By Pro-Palestinian Protester, LA Jewish Federation Says

Source: Jewish Telegraphic Agency

(California) A Jewish man has died after a pro-Palestinian protester struck him in the head with a megaphone on Sunday, according to the local Jewish federation. The altercation occurred at a pro-Palestinian protest on Sunday in Westlake Village in the Los Angeles area. According to a statement by the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles, the man was struck in the head with a megaphone held by one of the protesters and died of his wounds on Monday. JTA has confirmed that the man's name is Paul Kessler. A Jewish security official confirmed the account of how he died. A brief video circulating on social media shows an elderly man in a blue-and-white striped shirt and jeans laying on a sidewalk and clutching his head in a pool of blood. A person wearing pro-Palestinian symbols

crouches down to tend to him, as does another man wearing the same outfit as him. An Israeli flag is leaning against a nearby wall. “We are devastated to learn of the tragic death of an elderly Jewish man who was struck in the head by a megaphone wielded by a pro-Palestinian protestor in Westlake Village,” the federation statement says. “Our hearts are with the family of the victim [and] We remind you that this is the fourth major antisemitic crime committed in Los Angeles this year alone. Violence against our people has no place in civilized society. We demand safety. We will not tolerate violence against our community. We will do everything in our power to prevent it.”

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US Woman Drives Car Into Antisemitic Group's Building, Mistaking It For Jewish School

Source: Times of Israel

(Indiana) A woman was detained after she drove her car into an Indianapolis residential building used by an antisemitic group on Saturday, mistakenly believing it was a Jewish school. Ruba Almaghtheh, 34, drove her vehicle into a house used by a sect of the Black Hebrew Israelites, which the Anti-Defamation League calls "extreme and antisemitic," and has been designated a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center. A local Fox News affiliate said Almaghtheh told police she drove her car into what she referred to as the "Israel school" on purpose after watching news coverage of Israel's war against Hamas, and that she had referred to "her people back in Palestine." The building had a "semblance of a Star of David on the front door" and the words "Hebrew Israelite" on a sign, apparently leading the suspect to believe that the building was connected to the Jewish community or Israel, according to the Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council. Fox 59 said the building housed the "Israelite School of Universal and Practical Knowledge," and several adults and children were inside when Almaghtheh backed her vehicle into it on Saturday morning.

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Umass Amherst Student Arrested After Punching Jewish Pupil And Spitting On Israeli Flag

Source: NBC News

(Massachusetts) A University of Massachusetts Amherst student was arrested for allegedly punching a Jewish student and spitting on Israel's flag during a vigil hosted on campus Friday, officials say. The incident unfolded during a "Bring Them Home: Solidarity Walk and Installation" organized by UMass Hillel, a Jewish organization on campus. The event featured empty seats at a Shabbat table representing the 240 people taken hostage by Hamas, the organization said. At UMass, the student suspect walked through the crowd at the gathering "aggressively giving people the middle finger," UMass Amherst Hillel said in a statement Sunday. After the event concluded and event security had left, the same student returned and then punched a Jewish student holding an Israeli

flag and took the flag and spit on it, the organization said. A Hillel staff member stepped in to de-escalate the situation, and the incident was witnessed by UMass staff, the statement said. Hillel says that it “will continue to maintain increased security out of an abundance of caution,” although the university has no indication of an ongoing security threat. School officials also said in a message to students that the individual had “assaulted a student who was holding an Israeli flag and proceeded to steal and spit on the flag.” The assaulted student was not injured, school officials said. UMass Police investigated and the student, who was not identified, was arrested that same night and released on bail with conditions prohibiting them from returning to campus.

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Man Found Guilty Of Distributing Antisemitic Flyers In West Palm Beach Charged A Second Time, To Have Another Trial

Source: ABC 25 WPBF

(Florida) Jon Eugene Minadeo II was back in Palm Beach County court on Monday for a plea hearing, in connection to separate littering charges after distributing antisemitic flyers in West Palm Beach back on March 11. Attorneys on both sides agreed to a bench trial meaning there will be no jury. It comes one week after Minadeo, who is the founder of an antisemitic hate group known for their neo-Nazi propaganda was already found guilty of littering in a separate March 18 incident. It took the jury 20 minutes to find Minadeo guilty. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail. Investigators with the West Palm Beach Police Department say Minadeo was caught tossing ani-semitic flyers with two other men from a truck in a

neighborhood in the North East section of the city back in March. Minadeo's sentencing and arrest comes after House Bill 269 was introduced by Rep. Mike Caruso, which makes the distribution of hate messages like antisemitic flyers a felony. While Palm Beach County State Attorney Dave Arongberg says, what was on the flyers is technically legal, on camera, Minadeo said he intended to spread the literature – and because of that, investigators were able to arrest him. Minadeo's bench trial is scheduled for Nov. 29.

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In France, 1,040 Anti-Semitic Acts Perpetrated Since October 7

Source: Le Monde

(France) France has recorded more than a thousand anti-Semitic acts since the deadly October 7 attack by Hamas on Israel, French Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin said on Sunday, November 5. "The number of anti-Semitic acts has exploded," he told television channel France 2, adding that 486 people have been arrested for such offenses, including 102 foreigners. Hamas gunmen attacked Israel on October 7 killing 1,400 people, mostly civilians, Israeli authorities say. Paris police chief Laurent Nunez said Sunday that there had been 257 anti-Semitic acts in the Paris region alone and 90 arrests. There was no typical profile for those arrested, he added. They ranged from "young kids who say very serious things" to people involved in the pro-Palestinian cause who had gone too far.

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