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Antisemitism Reportedly Spikes And US Jews Face Violent Threats Amid Climate Of Fear Over Israel-Hamas War

Source: Jewish Telegraphic Agency

(United States) A top lawyer in Illinois' state government told a Jewish person, "Hitler should have eradicated all of you." An Israeli student was assaulted at Columbia University. And Jewish schools and synagogues in at least three different states have been subjected to violent threats. That reported increase in antisemitism has put Jewish communities — and the U.S. government — on guard as the war in Gaza and Israel dominates the headlines, even as Jewish security agencies have not warned of any credible threats of violence. Hillel International is providing new funding for armed guards on college campuses, and other Jewish institutions are also bolstering security. Last week, Attorney General Merrick Garland

announced that the Justice Department was monitoring an increase in reported threats to Jewish, Muslim and Arab communities. A spokesperson for the Secure Community Network, a nationwide security organization for Jewish institutions that operates a “command center” in Chicago, told JTA it was seeing “a significant increase in the threat environment for the Jewish community across North America” since Oct. 7. However, its CEO Michael Masters added in a statement the group was “not tracking any active, credible threats at this time.”

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[Update] ‘You Are Jewish’: Man Accused Of Punching Woman In Hate-Crime Attack In NYC

Source: Pix 11 New York

(New York) A man is accused of attacking a woman in a Manhattan subway station last week because she was Jewish, police said Tuesday. Christopher D'Aguiar, 28, allegedly punched the 29-year-old victim in the face in the 42nd Street-Lexington Avenue subway station at 11:30 p.m. on Oct. 14, police said. When the woman asked D'Aguiar why he punched her, he allegedly said, "You are Jewish," according to the NYPD. The victim suffered minor injuries. D'Aguiar was arrested Tuesday and charged with hate crime assault, assault, aggravated harassment, and harassment, police said.

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Antisemitic Graffiti Found Scrawled In Gated Cooper City Neighborhood, Prompting Increase In Security

Source: WSVN-TV

(Florida) Residents of a Cooper City neighborhood said they were disturbed to find messages of hate in their community, and now they want to know who's behind them. The antisemitic messages were initially discovered in the gated community Monterra on Saturday morning. "Two writings on the cement walkway, as well as one on a bench," said Avi Fishman, president of the neighborhood's homeowners association. "We're not used to this. This is a beautiful community, great neighbors, good people and this was truly a shock to all of us." Fishman shared several pictures of the disturbing graffiti with 7News on Sunday. "Homeowners are very concerned about this. Not only Jewish homeowners, but all homeowners," he said. "People are truly outraged

that this happened." One of the messages reads, "I am Muslim, and say: kill all Jews." Another reads, "By Allah, free Gaza, kill all Jews." The three messages were written at a time when tensions are high, as war rages on in the Middle East between Israel and Hamas. "We immediately notified the authorities," said Fishman. "As a community, we've also hired additional resources to reassure our homeowners that they will be safe." At this point, it's unclear who wrote the graffiti, and the hateful words have been removed.

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Milan Probes Death Threat To Jews At Nightclub, Dozens Of Antisemitic Incidents

Source: Times of Israel

(Italy) Italian officials are reportedly investigating dozens of antisemitic incidents in Milan tied to the Israel-Hamas war, including one in the bathroom of a nightclub that called for killing Jews. Messages translated in Italian media to “Jews to death, rats we are coming to get you in your sewers” and “Nazi Jews you will pay,” accompanied by drawings of Arabic crescents and crossed-out Stars of David, were reportedly found in the Bande Nere club in Milan’s former Jewish Quarter on Friday. “There is a tense and hate-filled atmosphere in the neighborhood that affects everyone,” said one employee at Bande Nere, which is not under Jewish management. Another told Il Giornale, “For now, it’s just writing on the walls, but who can guarantee that something even more serious might not happen tomorrow?” Local Jewish communal institutions, as they have been throughout the continent since Hamas’s devastating incursion in Israel on October 7, are on high alert in Milan, which is home to around 10,000 Jews — the second-largest community in Italy after Rome. Groups have issued guidelines to individuals and families, advising them to remain vigilant and to not linger in public places for long.

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German Police Arrest Suspected Terrorist, ‘Osama the German,’ For Plotting Truck Attack on Pro-Israel Rally: Report

Source: The New York Sun

(Germany) Armed federal agents in Germany raided the home of a Hamas sympathizer at Duisburg who was allegedly planning to attack a pro-Israel demonstration in the coming days, according to a report in the German press. Berlin’s Bild newspaper reports Tuesday that authorities arrested a terrorist that goes by the name Tarik S. after foreign intelligence agencies alerted them to online chatter by the Duisburg native suggesting that he wanted to die a martyr in an attack on a rally in North Rhine-Westphalia. The intent was to drive a truck through the rally and injure and kill as many as possible, according to the report. Bild quotes German intelligence officials as saying that the suspect was inspired by an Islamist attack at

Brussels last week that left two Swedish football fans dead. Police in France charged two men in connection with that attack, during which the 45-year-old Tunisian man was killed, Tuesday. German officials believe Tarik S. was radicalized by jihadist cells in the German city of Herford. He traveled to Syria via Turkey in 2013 to join ISIS and took on the nom-de-guerre “Osama the German” and appeared in one video beside a decapitated victim. He was arrested upon his return to Germany in 2016 and sentenced to five years in prison in 2017. Germany has seen a significant increase in the number of reported antisemitic incidents since the war in Israel began October 7.

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