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Hochul Bolsters Joint Terrorism Task Force Amid Rise In Hate Crimes

Source: New York 1 News

(New York) New York will deploy more state police personnel to the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force in an effort to combat hate crimes across the state, Gov. Kathy Hochul announced Monday. The state has directed $2.5 million to the New York State Police, which will allow the agency to deploy 10 additional investigators to the Joint Terrorism Task Force's offices in New York City, Albany, Buffalo and Rochester, Hochul said at a news conference. The governor made the announcement following an "emergency meeting" with religious leaders and law enforcement officials. The NYPD last week said New York City saw a spike in hate crimes following the start of the Israel-Hamas war, fueled by a rise in anti-Jewish incidents. Sixty-nine of the 101 hate crimes the NYPD recorded in October

were anti-Jewish incidents, up from 22 out of the 45 hate crimes it recorded in October 2022. Hochul on Monday said the spike coincided with “the day that Hamas attacked Israel” on Oct. 7. “The rise in hate crimes began instantaneously,” the governor said. “I’ve never seen anything like this in my entire life.” Seven of the 10 new investigators will be assigned to New York City, New York State Police Lt. Colonel Andrew Crowe said at the news conference.

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Vandals Paint Swastikas On Headstones At Jewish Cemetery In Brooklyn

Source: Cleveland.com

(Ohio) Several headstones at a Jewish cemetery were desecrated with swastikas in what officials are calling a “cowardly act.” According to a statement from the Jewish Federation of Cleveland, the vandalism occurred at the Chesed Shel Emeth Cemetery on Ridge Road in Brooklyn. “It is absolutely sickening that anyone could have so much hate for the Jewish people that they would desecrate (the cemetery),” the statement says. The federation says it is working with law enforcement in hopes of finding who was responsible for the vandalism. Brooklyn police have not released information on the incident.

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Ottawa Man Arrested After Allegedly Inciting Hate And

Antisemitism

Source: Windsor Star

(Ontario) An Ottawa man was arrested near Toronto this weekend after he was allegedly caught on video inciting hatred and expressing antisemitic views. Ottawa police have charged Mohammed Assadi with breaking several bail conditions and hope to keep him in jail while Toronto's hate crime unit investigates. The Crown says Toronto and Ottawa's police hate-crimes units are working together on the case. Assadi appeared virtually in an Ottawa courtroom Sunday. His bail hearing has yet to be scheduled. Assadi also faces outstanding charges, including assault and breaking and entering, which have yet to be tested in court. "It is important that the public and victims of antisemitism have confidence in the administration of justice and the rule of law," Crown attorney Moiz Karimjee told the court Sunday in reference to Assadi's arrest. It comes as several Canadian police services are concerned about a sudden spike in hate-motivated crimes in connection with the war between Israel and Hamas that started on Oct. 7. Ottawa police reported several incidents earlier this month, including graffiti, vandalism, hate mail and threats targeting the Jewish and Muslim communities. Last week, the Toronto police service said they have increased the size of their hate crime unit in light of a similar rise in hate-crime reports. On Sunday, Montreal Mayor Valerie Plante confirmed police are investigating after a Jewish school was hit by gunshots for a second time. The school is one of two that were targetted in overnight shootings just three days earlier.

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Chilling Threat Sent To Australia's Peak Jewish Body: 'We Are Coming For You'

Source: The Australian

The image of an Islamic State terrorist with a knife in his hand about to behead a hostage in Syria was sent to Australia's peak Jewish body with the words "We are coming for you soon, from western Sydney". The nation's peak Jewish body, the Executive Council of Australian Jewry and the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies received the image via direct message on Instagram on October 12, less than a week after Hamas terrorists slaughtered 1200 Israeli citizens in southern Israel. NSW Police investigated the incident and on November 1, a 33-year-old man from the southern Sydney suburb of Wolli Creek was arrested. A NSW Police spokesperson said the man was charged with behaving in an offensive manner in a public place, using a carriage service to threaten to kill and

three counts of using a carriage service to menace and offend. The shocking incident is just one of a nationwide surge in death threats, abuse on the streets and incitement to violence against Jewish Australians that accelerated across the country. In the Jewish Melbourne suburb of Caulfield, Palestinian demonstrators attacked pro-Israel supporters on Friday, two young Jewish men were assaulted by a group of men of Middle Eastern appearance just after midnight on Saturday who told the victims they had come to Caulfield because of the “protests”. In the NSW city of Newcastle, the home of a Rabbi was defaced with graffiti urging people to “Kill the Jews this morning” while in Sydney’s Surry Hills the Shaffa restaurant was subjected to a graffiti attack with “child murder” written on its walls.

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