

Terror Threat and ‘Demonic’ Opening Ceremony: Israel’s First Christian Olympian Speaks Out

Ashlee Bond has been on a truly captivating journey. The show-jumping rider is the first Christian athlete to represent Israel at the Olympics. Bond participated in the Tokyo Games in 2021 and was in Paris this summer to once again compete in the Olympic games.

Dealing with Terror Threats

There were some significant considerations for Bond when competing in the 2024 Olympic Games, though, especially after Hamas’ Oct. 7, terror attack and the ongoing tensions in the Middle East—events that led to increased security concerns for Israeli Olympians.

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“It was definitely nerve-racking, to say the least,” she said. “I pride myself on being a pretty tough person, someone who isn’t shaken too easily.”