

Global Vigils Held for Sydney Massacre Victims as Australian Jews Claim Attack Not Isolated Incident

JERUSALEM, Israel – Two days after the Hanukkah massacre in Sydney, Australia, Jewish communities around the world and their supporters are gathering to show their concern for the victims of the worst terror attack there in nearly thirty years. Jewish groups are also calling for greater security and vigilance.

Thousands of Australians gathered on Monday to mourn the victims of the Bondi Beach shooting.

One mourner said, “I was just really, really shocked from yesterday. It was really terrifying for all of the Jews, all around the world, even.”

Another said, “All it is is hate. It’s just purely two people that came down to Bondi yesterday with the intent of killing Jews.”

Jewish communities also held vigils in Manchester, England; London; and Boulder, Colorado, the site of an anti-Semitic attack in June, when a man hurled a Molotov cocktail at people demonstrating in support of the Israeli hostages in Gaza. That attack killed an 82-year-old woman and injured seven others

They came to the vigils to light the second candle of

Hanukkah, the Celebration of Light.

In Colorado, a vigil participant said, “Five hundred-plus people came out in Boulder, where there was a terrorist attack right here, and we’re sharing our light, we’re standing strong, we’re standing proud as a Jewish community, and we are going to fight the darkness with light. We’re going to share a little bit of the light with a spell of a lot of darkness.”

At Bondi Beach, Israel’s Ambassador to Australia, Amir Maimon, attended the memorial.

He declared, “For the last four years, I was very clear – was very clear – about the dangers of the rise in anti-Semitism. My public statements mentioned it and I shared my concerns about the rise in general and after October the 7th (2023) in particular.”

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