

Meet the Hero Who Tackled, Stopped Alleged Terrorist in Australia

A brave man who risked his life to stop one of the gunmen who attacked a Hanukkah event at Bondi Beach in Sydney, Australia, is receiving international praise.

Australian media identified the man as Ahmed al-Ahmad, 43, after video showed al-Ahmad sneaking up on one of the two shooters as he was shooting at people, tackling him, and taking the gun away, Fox News reported.

Footage shows the hero, who reportedly owns a local fruit stand and was visiting a friend when the deadly attack unfolded, then turning the gun on the assailant, though he reportedly didn't fire it.

New South Wales Premier Chris Minns called al-Ahmad a "genuine hero" and others agree.

"That man is a genuine hero," Minns said. "And I've got no doubt that there are many, many people alive tonight as a result of his bravery."

Ahmed is a real-life hero. Last night, his incredible bravery no doubt saved countless lives when he disarmed a terrorist at enormous personal risk.

It was an honour to spend time with him just now and to pass on the thanks of people across NSW.

– Chris Minns (@ChrisMinnsMP) December 15, 2025

Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese also heaped praise on people like al-Ahmad who stepped out and helped in such a powerful way. He thanked these “everyday Australians who, without hesitating, put themselves in danger in order to keep their fellow Australians safe.”

Albanese thanked brave individuals like al-Ahmad for saving lives.

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