

Open Season on Jews: Renewed Antisemitism Sparks Global Outcry

From a Jewish man being shot in Chicago to calls for “Jew Hunts,” renewed antisemitic violence is sending shockwaves across communities worldwide.

“It has felt like it’s open season on Jews, certainly since October 7th,” said Ellie Cohanin, Senior Fellow at the Independent Women’s Forum. “The massacre in Israel seems to have ignited a terrible bloodlust against Jews around the world.”

Amsterdam erupted with violent, organized mobs targeting Israeli soccer fans after a heated match between Ajax and Maccabi Tel Aviv.

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Tensions were already high due to recent regional conflicts, and the game became a flashpoint, drawing protesters outside the stadium. Demonstrators clashed with fans in a series of confrontations that escalated into violence and property damage in several parts of the city.

In response to the unrest, Israeli authorities quickly coordinated with Dutch officials to ensure the safety of their citizens, sending evacuation planes to bring fans and Israeli nationals back home.

While no serious injuries were reported, several arrests were made as authorities worked to restore order and protect public safety.

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In Chicago, a Jewish man was shot while walking to a synagogue in broad daylight. He survived, and it's being investigated as a hate crime. Meanwhile, protesters waving Nazi flags in Howell, Michigan, gathered outside the American Legion post hosting a performance of The Diary of Anne Frank. Cohanin, a former State Department Envoy, states that Iran is the leading state sponsor of antisemitism.

"There is a strain of radical Islam, also around the world we've seen from Europe to the United States, that is all too willing to embrace this radical, Jew-hating philosophy," Cohanin said. "Reports from our own U.S. intelligence agencies indicate that the Islamic Republic of Iran has been funding pro-Hamas activities we've seen on our college campuses and in our city streets. Iran is the leading state sponsor of antisemitism globally."

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