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[Within a decade: Israel will become home to the majority of Jews worldwide | Israel Today](#)

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A new report by the London-based Institute for Jewish Policy Research shows that, for the first time in modern history, Israel could become the home of the majority of Jews worldwide within the next decade — a demographic turning point of historic significance that goes far beyond statistics.

Israel overtakes the Diaspora — birth rate and immigration as driving forces

The global Jewish population currently stands at around 15.8 million — fewer than the population of the Netherlands. Of these, almost 7.8 million already live in Israel, representing roughly 49 percent. The trend is unmistakable: while Jewish communities in the Diaspora are shrinking or stagnating, Israel continues to grow steadily.

At the beginning of 2026, Israel surpassed the 10 million population mark for the first time, with Jews making up 76.3 percent of the population.

The main driver is Israel's exceptionally high birth rate. Even in secular Tel Aviv, the average number of children per family is higher than in any European country. The median age in Israel is just 29.3 years — far below Germany's 47 years or the United States' 38 years.

This is accompanied by continuing waves of immigration. Most recently, 250 members of the Bnei Menashe community from India celebrated their arrival at Ben Gurion Airport — a symbol of the ongoing fulfillment of the Zionist vision: the return of Jews from all over the world.

Diaspora shrinking — especially in Europe and the United States

Professor Sergio DellaPergola of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, who authored the report for the Institute, paints a clear picture of both the present and the future.

Jewish communities in Europe are shrinking due to emigration, low birth rates, and increasing assimilation. In the United States as well — still the world's second-largest Jewish community, with around six to seven million Jews — concern is growing. Inter-marriage, declining Jewish identification, and rampant antisemitism are driving more and more American Jews toward Israel.

DellaPergola writes: “If there is still a world in 2126, there will be a Jewish people — but one fundamentally different from today’s, in a world even more unrecognizable than the one in which we live now.”

By 2050, ultra-Orthodox Jews could make up almost one-third of Israel’s Jewish population — a shift that will carry profound social and political consequences.

For Israel, this demographic change also represents a geopolitical shift. As the home of the majority of Jews worldwide, the Jewish state’s responsibility for the entire Jewish world will grow — and with it the pressure to prove itself as a safe, livable, and future-ready center of Jewish life.

[Teen gunmen kill 3 in apparent hate crime at California Islamic Center | The Times of Israel.com](#)

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Two teenage gunmen opened fire on Monday at the Islamic Center of San Diego, California, killing three men outside the mosque, one of them a security guard, before the two suspects were found dead, apparently from self-inflicted gunshot wounds, police said.

All of the children attending a day school that is part of the center — the largest mosque in the region near the Mexico border — were accounted for and safe after the shooting, which erupted shortly before 12 p.m. PDT (1900 GMT), according to San Diego Police Chief Scott Wahl.

Wahl said the FBI was called in to assist the investigation of the incident, which the police chief said authorities were treating as a hate crime, although no motive for the gun violence has been suggested.

The attack came the week before the major Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha or Feast of the Sacrifice and the annual Hajj pilgrimage of Islamic faithful to the holy site of Mecca in Saudi Arabia.

“We have never experienced a tragedy like this before,” said Taha Hassane, the imam and director of the Islamic Center, speaking to reporters. “It is extremely outrageous to target a place of worship.”

Scores of law enforcement officers called to the scene encountered the bodies of three men affiliated with the mosque shot dead outside the building, including a security guard who officials credited with likely having helped prevent further bloodshed.

A short time later, police discovered the bodies of two teenage males, aged 17 and 19, in a vehicle in the middle of a street, dead from apparently self-inflicted gunshot wounds, the chief said at an afternoon news conference.

Details remain sketchy

At about the time police were responding en masse to gunfire at the mosque, shots also were fired at a landscaper a couple of blocks away, though authorities did not make clear whether investigators believe the two incidents were connected. The landscaper was not injured, Wahl said.

The police chief said investigators were still piecing together details of what precipitated the shooting and how the violence transpired.

Wahl said 50 to 100 police officers from across the San Diego area immediately responded to the first “active shooter” call and within four minutes had converged on the mosque, located in the residential-commercial Clairemont district of California’s second-most populous city.

Footage from local television stations showed dozens of patrol cars on a highway bridge next to the Islamic Center, with police officers aiming rifles at the facility and their vehicles surrounding the grounds.

Police in tactical gear armed with rifles were seen perched on the roof of the mosque near its dome, and TV images from the scene showed armed officers on the ground making their way through the complex.

Wahl said no shots were fired by law enforcement during the episode.

The Islamic Center in Clairemont is the largest mosque in San Diego County and houses the Bright Horizon Academy, a school providing Islamic education, according to its website.

Although random gun violence has become a common occurrence in public places across the United States, Muslim and Jewish communities have grown particularly apprehensive since US and Israeli forces launched airstrikes on Iran on February 28, and Iran responded with its own air attacks on Israel and several Gulf states, sparking an intensifying war across the region.

In March, a 41-year-old Lebanese-born US citizen killed himself after crashing his truck into the largest Jewish temple in Michigan, opening fire on security guards and causing an explosion with fireworks. The synagogue near Detroit, like the San Diego mosque, housed a day school.

US President Donald Trump described the shooting as a “terrible situation.”

“I’ve been given some early updates, but we’re going to be going back and looking at it very strongly,” he told reporters.

State Governor Gavin Newsom was briefed on the apparent attack, his press office said.

“We are grateful to the first responders on the scene working to protect the community and urge everyone to follow guidance from local authorities,” it said in a post on X.

[Antisemitism in Germany ‘worse than any time since the Holocaust,’ annual figures show | The Times of Israel](#)

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Germany continues to face persistently high levels of antisemitism, with 2,197 anti-Jewish incidents recorded in Berlin in 2025, according to a [report](#) published Wednesday by Germany’s Federal Association of Departments for Research and Information on Antisemitism, known as RIAS.

The figure was down about 13 percent from 2,521 incidents the previous year, but remained more than double pre-October 7, 2023, levels.

In the state of Hesse, RIAS noted a record 1,099 antisemitic incidents in 2025, an 18% increase from the previous year and nearly six times higher than before Hamas launched its war against Israel in late 2023.

“The threat to Jewish life is worse than at any time since the Holocaust,” Hesse antisemitism commissioner Uwe Becker said in a statement following the report.

RIAS highlighted 40 violent incidents in Berlin during the year, including a stabbing [attack](#) in February at the Holocaust Memorial in which a young man was wounded in the neck.

That attacker, who carried a written oath of allegiance to the Islamic State terrorist group and shouted “Allahu Akbar” during the assault, was later convicted of attempted murder and attempted membership in a foreign terrorist organization, and sentenced to 13 years in prison, the report noted. The man narrowly survived the life-threatening injury after fighting back, fleeing to the edge of the monument, and undergoing emergency surgery.

Other cases involved assaults, victims being punched in the face, spat on, sprayed with chemical irritants, or having religious garments and jewelry violently torn from their bodies.

The report describes an increasingly hostile environment in which Jews and Israelis face harassment, intimidation and violence in public spaces.

RIAS Berlin recorded antisemitic occurrences at 239 public assemblies and rallies in 2025, the highest number ever recorded. The protests frequently featured antisemitic chants, banners equating Zionism or Israel with Nazism, and anti-Jewish slurs woven into public speeches.

Activism categorized as “anti-Israel” accounted for the largest identifiable share of politically motivated incidents, driving 303 cases overall and 179 of the antisemitic rallies. The far-right/right-wing populist spectrum was linked to 123 incidents, primarily taking the form of swastika graffiti and illegal propaganda stickers plastered across outward-lying residential districts.

“These are not isolated events,” the report said. “They point to a societal climate in which antisemitic statements and actions are possible—and too often go unchallenged.”

During the year, several Jewish residents had their apartment doors defaced with threatening language or marked with far-right symbols, the report said. In public spaces, everyday activities like riding the subway, ordering a coffee, or taking a taxi frequently devolved into unexpected confrontations if a person spoke Hebrew or wore a Star of David.

The report warned that antisemitism has become increasingly normalized across German society, making life for the Jewish community increasingly perilous.

“Negotiating the relationship between visibility and safety was already an everyday challenge for many Jews before October 7, 2023,” the report said. “Since then, this burden has been further exacerbated by a more uninhibited and openly articulated antisemitism.”

[Texas Democrat Maureen Galindo faces backlash for pledging to imprison 'American Zionists' at ICE facility | Foxnews.com](#)

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[Jewish Americans turn to self-defense training amid record antisemitic attacks](#)

The Anti-Defamation League reports a significant surge in antisemitic incidents, including a 39% increase in assaults involving deadly weapons, driving Jewish Americans to seek self-defense training. Daniel Schwartz of the American Jewish Alliance and Lox & Loaded co-founder Gayle Pearlstein explain their partnership with the NRA to offer firearm education and create safe community spaces. Marine veteran Will Mueller emphasizes the importance of proper training.

A Democratic House candidate from [Texas](#) is fielding criticism from some in her own party after she pledged to send American Zionists to a facility currently being used to detain undocumented immigrants.

In an [Instagram](#) post last week, Maureen Galindo said she would turn the "Karnes ICE Detention Center into a prison for American Zionists and former ICE officers for human trafficking."

"It will also be a castration processing center for pedophiles, which will probably be most of the Zionists," Galindo wrote, referring to herself in the third person.

Galindo, a sex therapist and housing activist, is running for a seat in the newly redrawn 35th Congressional District, facing Johnny Garcia in a primary runoff.

[UNEARTHED ANTISEMITIC, ANTI-ISRAEL POSTS FROM MAMDANI AIDE SPARK GOP OUTRAGE](#)

Galindo's runoff campaign has also drawn attention amid reports that a mystery super PAC with ties to Republicans has spent heavily in Democratic primaries to boost progressive candidates viewed as easier general election opponents. According to The New York Times, the group — Lead Left PAC — promoted Galindo in mailers highlighting her support for dismantling ICE and impeaching President Donald Trump as Republicans look to hold their narrow House majority.

Her remarks, which have been called antisemitic by critics, have drawn rebuke from fellow Democrats and The New York Times, which urged voters not to allow her to win the May 26 runoff against Garcia, who is considered a moderate.

In other [social media](#) posts, Galindo has accused Garcia—a former hostage negotiator and public information officer for the Bexar County Sheriff's Office—of wanting "Jews and Mexicans in warehouses." She also accused "billionaire Zionists" of controlling San Antonio and South Texas trafficking networks.

During an appearance on Texas Public Radio last week, Galindo refuted accusations of antisemitism while reaffirming her opposition to "Zionist Jews."

ARIZONA DEM TEARS INTO HER OWN PARTY OVER TREND THAT SHE DEEMS ANTISEMITIC: 'SICK AND TIRED'

"I'm not antisemitic. In fact, my last serious relationship was with a Jewish man," Galindo said, as reported by The Times of Israel. "I'm against Zionist Jews. When I said that the Jews who own Hollywood are doing this, do all Jews own Hollywood? No. The Zionist Jews do. The Zionist Jews own our media, our banks, and all of our politicians."

Fox News Digital has reached out to Galindo for comment.

Her remarks have prompted other Democrats to distance themselves from her campaign.

ANTISEMITISM WATCHDOG ISSUES SCATHING 'ALARM BELL' REPORT ON MAMDANI AS NYC ELECTION NEARS

"This [antisemitic rhetoric has no place](#) in our politics," Texas State Representative James Talarico, a high-profile candidate for the U.S. Senate, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. "We need leadership in both parties willing to stand up and call out hate wherever it rears its ugly head." Talarico's campaign confirmed he will not stump for Galindo if she wins the nomination.

U.S. Rep. Jared Moskowitz, D-Fla., called for national Democratic leaders to denounce Galindo's comments. "First current political candidate suggests concentration camps for American Jews. This should be national news!" he wrote on X.

In his own post on X, Sen. Ruben Gallego, D-Ariz., said Galindo should never be allowed to hold public office.

[Masks On: W.H.O. Declares Global Health Emergency as Ebola Outbreak in Congo and Uganda Builds | Breitbart.com](#)

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You have been warned. The World Health Organization (W.H.O.) on Sunday declared an ever-broadening Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo and neighboring Uganda a global health emergency.

More than than 300 suspected cases have been reported and 88 deaths.

The agency said the outbreak in DR Congo's eastern Ituri province, does not meet the criteria of a pandemic emergency – but does not rule out that possible development, the BBC [reports](#).

The current strain of Ebola is caused by the Bundibugyo virus, the health agency said, for which there are no approved drugs or vaccines.

Early symptoms include fever, muscle pain, fatigue, headache and sore throat, and are followed by vomiting, diarrhoea, a rash and bleeding, the BBC report sets out.

The W.H.O. said there are now eight laboratory-confirmed cases of the virus, with other suspected cases and deaths across three health zones including Bunia the capital of Ituri province, and the gold-mining towns of Mongwalu and Rwampara.

One case of the virus has been confirmed in the capital Kinshasa, believed to be in a patient returning from Ituri.

Around 15,000 people have died from the virus in African countries over the past 50 years.

DR Congo's deadliest outbreak was between 2018 and 2020, during which nearly 2,300 people died.

Last year, 45 people died after an outbreak in a remote region.

Ebola is highly contagious and can be contracted via bodily fluids such as vomit, blood or semen. The disease it causes is rare, but severe and often fatal, AP [notes](#).

The W.H.O.'s emergency declaration is meant to spur donor agencies and countries into action. By the W.H.O.'s standards, it shows the event is serious, there is a risk of international spread and it requires a coordinated international response, AP further describes.

[Tennessee Republicans dropped the ball on abortion | The Blaze.com](#)

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A viral video from Memphis recently drew national attention for good reason. A woman was filmed at a gender-reveal party murdering her preborn baby with abortion pills.

In [the video](#), she aired grievances about her “baby daddy” and announced that she would not complete the pregnancy. As friends watched, cheered, and even shouted “kill it,” she opened a packet of abortion pills while whooping and singing, “Thank you, Jesus.” Instead of announcing whether the baby was a boy or a girl, she declared the baby was “no gender” and swallowed the pills.

Tennessee Republicans understand perfectly well that Democrats have no real power in the state. They can govern as they please. And they chose not to abolish abortion.

The episode horrified pro-lifers. But much of the reaction missed a harder truth: Tennessee Republicans recently had a chance to stop this kind of killing and chose not to.

In [a later interview](#), the woman said she had consumed alcohol throughout the pregnancy and that she and the father believed the baby would be born “slow.” That, she said, is why they decided on an abortion. She then celebrated the abortion with the interviewer, who joked that she had managed both a gender reveal and a “funeral” on the same day.

The whole episode stands as a brutal commentary on the culture. Some pro-life leaders still describe women as abortion’s “second victims.” But more women now openly and brazenly celebrate the killing of their preborn children. In recent years, a sickening “[shout your abortion](#)” culture has taken root among women who do not merely defend abortion, but praise it as liberation.

This case drew intense backlash. Yet the Christians expressing horror may not realize that Tennessee lawmakers had a chance only months ago to stop such violence and refused to act.

Many state and national pro-life groups insist that the abortion issue is basically settled in Tennessee. Americans United for Life [says](#) “abortion is illegal in Tennessee, with limited exceptions” and that “chemical abortion pills are tightly regulated.” Tennessee Right to Life [claims](#) “abortion is illegal in Tennessee” and that the state is “a national leader” in protecting preborn babies. Students for Life Action has even described Tennessee as “abortion-free.”

The Memphis video exposes those claims as false.

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The woman and her friends were able to obtain the supposedly “tightly regulated” abortion pills, use them to kill a baby, record the act, and post it online for the entire country to see. They could do that because Tennessee law grants complete immunity to women who procure abortions. In practice, that means no deterrent exists to stop a woman from willfully murdering her preborn child.

The statute that supposedly makes Tennessee “abortion-free” [states plainly](#) that it “does not subject the pregnant woman upon whom an abortion is performed or attempted to criminal conviction or penalty.”

In other words, the woman in the video cannot be held [criminally accountable](#) for intentionally killing her baby, no matter how openly murderous her intent was, because Tennessee’s pro-life laws shield her and every other woman from penalty.

Lawmakers had a chance to close that loophole this year through House Bill 570, which would have established equal protection for preborn babies. Instead of banning prenatal homicide only for third-party abortionists, the bill would have [applied the same murder laws](#) that protect those already born and criminalized abortion as murder for anyone willfully involved.

But when the bill appeared, pro-life establishment groups immediately pressured lawmakers to avoid supporting it. [None of the Republicans](#) on the Tennessee House Population Health Subcommittee even made a motion to grant House Bill 570 a hearing.

That failure matters because Tennessee is not some purple state with divided government. Republicans hold supermajorities in both legislative chambers. They recently pushed through redistricting and [punished Democrats](#) who objected. In other words, Tennessee Republicans understand perfectly well that Democrats have no real power in the state. They can govern as they please.

And they chose not to abolish abortion.

That means any woman in Tennessee, no matter how brazen or malicious, can commit prenatal homicide without fear of legal consequences.

The baby murdered in that video was no outlier. More than 5,000 preborn babies are killed every year in Tennessee through abortion pills [obtained through telehealth providers](#). Thousands more [die outside](#) the formal medical system.

If Tennessee lawmakers want to stop this legally tolerated bloodshed, they must establish equal protection for preborn babies and treat them as the image-bearers of God they are. That means abolishing abortion and criminalizing it once and for all.

[Pastor speaks out after conviction for John 3:16 sermon: 'Criminalized' for the gospel | Foxnews.com](#)

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A 78-year-old retired pastor has been convicted and fined for [preaching a gospel sermon near](#) a hospital in Northern Ireland.

"Naturally, I was deeply saddened by the verdict," Clive Johnston told Fox News Digital. "At 78 years old, I never imagined I would leave a courtroom with a criminal conviction for preaching the Christian gospel. But beyond the personal impact, my overriding concern is what this says about the state of fundamental freedoms in our nation."

On May 7, District Judge Peter King at Coleraine Magistrates' Court convicted Johnston of breaching a "safe access zone" outside Causeway Hospital in Coleraine on July 7, 2024.

Northern Ireland's Abortion Services ([Safe Access Zones](#)) Act prohibits "influencing," "preventing or impeding access," or "causing harassment, alarm or distress" to a protected person within 100 meters (about 328 feet) of facilities where abortions are performed.

[US MONITORING 'CONCERNING' UK PROSECUTION OF RETIRED PASTOR WHO PREACHED JOHN 3:16 NEAR HOSPITAL](#)

Johnston was found guilty of "influencing" inside the protected zone and fined 450 pounds, or about \$614 in U.S. dollars.

He may be the first person prosecuted under the law for preaching a sermon that did not mention abortion, according to the faith-based advocacy group, the Christian Institute, which supported his legal case.

Johnston warned that convicting a person for publicly preaching one of the most well-known Bible passages sets a troubling precedent for [religious liberty and free speech](#) in the United Kingdom.

"It effectively redefines peaceful Christian witness as a form of unlawful 'influence'," he told Fox News Digital. "If simply reading the Bible, praying, and preaching on God's love can now be considered harmful because someone might overhear it within a certain area, then we have crossed a very serious line."

"John 3:16 is one of the most well-known and hope-filled verses in the Bible – a message about God's love and salvation. If even that can be criminalized because of where it is spoken, then how can any public expression of [Christian belief](#) be truly safe from restriction?" he asked.

PASTOR ACCUSED OF 'INCITING RELIGIOUS HATRED' WITH UK STREET SERMON, LEGAL ADVOCACY GROUP SAYS

Johnston isn't the only Christian who has been prosecuted under similar buffer zone laws. Scottish grandmother Rose Docherty was arrested twice for holding a sign offering conversation in a protected zone before [charges were dropped](#).

Others in the U.K. have been [charged and fined](#) for silently praying in these zones.

GRANDMOTHER ARRESTED FOR HOLDING SIGN OFFERING CONVERSATION OUTSIDE SCOTTISH HOSPITAL PERFORMING ABORTIONS

Johnston argued the law is too broad and puts Christians at risk of government overreach.

"Once the state claims the authority to decide that peaceful biblical preaching is an unacceptable 'influence,' in some places, the space for Christians to live out and share their faith in public life risks becoming increasingly narrow," he continued. "And we can go further than faith-related concerns – if an act that doesn't mention abortion is criminalized, what other acts could fall within the reach of this law?"

Body camera footage of the July 2024 incident shows a police officer approaching Johnston as he preached on the side of a road, warning him that he was in a clearly marked safe access zone and could not film or preach in the area.

"You can say to yourself, in the goodness of my heart, 'I am coming here to preach the word of God,'" the officer says at one point. "However, if you are reckless, as to the effect that it could have on patients, staff or any protected person, then you may be committing an offense."

The officer suggested Johnston go inside the hospital's chaplaincy area if he wanted a "safe area" to give "religious guidance or comfort or help."

"But while you're out here in the safe access zone, any act in that area which may dissuade any protected person from availing services, harassment or cause them distress, is an offense," the officer added.

STATE DEPT. SAYS IT IS MONITORING CASE OF UK WOMAN FACING CHARGES FOR HOLDING SIGN IN ABORTION ZONE

Johnston is currently considering appealing his conviction.

"The whole point of preaching within the buffer zone was to stand against the chilling effect that these zones have on gospel preaching," he told Fox News Digital. "My encouragement to fellow Christians is not to give in to fear or discouragement. We have good news to share. We must continue to respond with grace, peace, and courage – never with anger or hostility, but with firm conviction."

The Christian Institute Director Ciarán Kelly warned of "creeping censorship" in the U.K.

"If the ruling stands it will represent a shocking new restriction on freedom of religion and freedom of speech so we will be helping Clive to consider the options for appeal," Kelly said in [a statement](#).

Ahead of Johnston's hearing in April, the U.S. State Department said it was monitoring Johnston's case.

"The United States is still monitoring many 'buffer zone' cases in the U.K., as well as other acts of censorship throughout Europe," a State Department spokesperson told Fox News Digital on Monday. "The U.K.'s persecution of silent prayer represents not only an egregious violation of the fundamental right to free speech and religious liberty, but also a concerning departure from the shared values that ought to underpin U.S.-U.K. relations."

Northern Ireland's Public Prosecution Service told Fox News Digital, "The defendant was found guilty and convicted by the court of doing an act in a safe access zone with the intent of or being reckless as to whether it had the effect of influencing a protected person attending the premises; and failing to comply with a direction to leave a safe access zone."

The office also provided the [court judgment](#) outlining how it said Johnston's actions "amounted to an offense" under the Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) Act.

[Pastor handcuffed mid-sermon says he faces years in prison for hate-related charges| Foxnews.com](#)

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Fox News senior foreign affairs correspondent Greg Palkot reports on the U.K. Home Office's decision to stop policing certain social media posts and refocus on tackling 'real' crime on 'America Reports.'

A 66-year-old U.K. pastor arrested while street preaching in London, said he is facing hate speech-related charges for preaching the Bible and speaking out against [Islam](#).

"It's called [inciting religious hatred](#) — which is false," Pastor Steve Maile told Fox News Digital. "The cross of Christ is a message of hope, love, mercy, and reconciliation to a fallen world... How could that be hate?"

Maile is a gospel singer and the senior pastor of Oasis City Church in Watford, England, a town outside London. For 45 years, the New Zealand native has preached and performed mission work globally. He told Fox News Digital that he often performs famous songs with lyrics altered to convey a Christian message.

However, a complaint led to his arrest while he was preaching on a high street in Watford on April 18. According to the [Christian Legal Centre](#), which is supporting Maile's case, he was singing and preaching a gospel message for about 10 minutes when he discussed Islam's history of violence and called on Muslims to be saved by Jesus.

[RETIRED PASTOR, 78, CONVICTED AND FINED FOR PREACHING BIBLE VERSE NEAR NORTHERN IRELAND HOSPITAL](#)

Video footage of the incident, first reported by [Britannia Daily](#), shows Maile being approached and handcuffed behind his back by Hertfordshire Constabulary officers. One officer tells Maile he is being arrested on allegations of assaulting a child.

As he was handcuffed, Maile continued to preach and insisted no crimes had been committed.

"You repent and believe on the Lord [Jesus Christ](#), and you'll be saved," he told the officers. "I have not assaulted anyone. Take these off now! Take these off in the name of Jesus."

A female police officer appeared to mockingly respond, "In the name of Jesus, get in the car."

Maile told Fox News Digital that his wife and children watched him preach and filmed the encounter. He said he was shocked by his treatment in custody after decades of ministry.

US MONITORING 'CONCERNING' UK PROSECUTION OF RETIRED PASTOR WHO PREACHED JOHN 3:16 NEAR HOSPITAL

"Literally, in seconds, I mean, they didn't even talk to me or warn me or read me my rights," he told Fox News Digital. "I was double handcuffed. In excruciating pain because these double handcuffs are pretty horrendous things. I was literally in shock. I thought, goodness, what have I done? What's going on?"

Maile said he was detained for 12 hours without his phone and was not allowed to use the restroom. Police initially told Maile he was under arrest for assaulting a teenager, a charge Maile denied and which was later dropped. Maile remains under investigation for an alleged public order offense.

The Hertfordshire Police confirmed in a statement to Fox News Digital, "A man aged in his 60s was arrested on suspicion of assault and a Section 5 public order offense (racially or religiously aggravated disorderly behavior)." Police said he was released on bail while an investigation into the public order offense continues and "the conduct of the officers was reviewed and it was deemed no further action was necessary."

Under U.K. [law](#), a person can be found guilty of a Section 5 offense if they use threatening or abusive words likely to cause "harassment, alarm, or distress." While it typically results in a fine, a "religiously aggravated" charge can carry more severe penalties. Maile noted he could face months or even years of imprisonment.

DAN GAINOR: ENGLAND DOESN'T HAVE FREE SPEECH AND WANTS TO TAKE OURS AWAY, TOO

Regarding allegations that he preached "hate," Maile said he does not shy away from preaching the exclusivity of the gospel message.

"I don't preach hate. I don't preach violence. I preach the love of God, the mercy of God and the goodness of God in Christ Jesus," he told Fox News Digital. "Everybody needs to come by the way of the cross ... And nobody gets a free pass."

Maile said he needed wrist splints for three weeks after being handcuffed for around 90 minutes. He is currently taking legal advice while on bail and says it could take up to a year before his case is heard by a judge.

"They chose the wrong man because I'm not going to capitulate," Maile said. "I've got great news. God is on my side."

The Christian Legal Centre called the arrest "deeply troubling."

"A peaceful, Christian preacher was treated like a serious criminal for expressing his Christian beliefs and that Islam is a false religion in a public place," said Andrea Williams, chief executive of the Christian Legal Centre. "The footage raises fundamental questions about whether policing in this country is [now criminalizing Christianity](#) while failing to apply the law equally and consistently."

Parents Say Church Is Making a Big Difference in Their Families: New Report | Crosswalk.com

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Parents of children in America are more likely than non-parents to identify as Christian and value Scripture, according to a new survey that also finds most parents feel supported by their congregations in the challenges of raising children.

Together, the new State of the Bible [data](#) from the American Bible Society underscores the value of faith in the lives of families at a time when balancing work, [parenting](#), and daily responsibilities can be stressful.

Among churchgoing parents, 91 percent of evangelical Protestants, 80 percent of those in historically Black Protestant churches, and 69 percent of Catholics say they feel supported by their congregations. The level of faith commitment also appears to play a role: Among practicing Christians who attend church, 92 percent say they feel supported, compared to 77 percent of casual Christians and 50 percent of nominal or non-Christians who attend church.

The new data is found in Chapter 2 of State of the Bible, released on Thursday.

"Church leaders and fellow Christians need to intentionally invest in parents during this demanding season of life," said John Farquhar Plake, American Bible Society's chief innovation officer and editor-in-chief of the State of the Bible series.

"With support from their church, these caregivers can establish life-giving rhythms of [prayer](#) and Scripture engagement with their children, and in their own personal discipleship. Parents are carrying a heavy load, and all of us in the Church can help them carry it."

Gen Z parents (62 percent) are more likely than their Gen Z non-parent counterparts (44 percent) to identify as Christian – a divide that is also evident among Millennials, where 64 percent of parents identify as Christian compared to 49 percent of non-parents.

Data surrounding parents' engagement with Scripture is more complicated. Although parents (46 percent) are less likely than non-parents (59 percent) to fall into the category of the Bible disengaged – those who rarely or never read Scripture – they are not more likely to be classified as Bible Engaged (16 percent for parents versus 18 percent for non-parents). Instead, parents are far more likely to fall within the "Movable Middle," a category marked by an appreciation for the Bible and moderate

interaction with it, but without a disciplined commitment. That group includes 38 percent of parents, compared to 23 percent of non-parents.

“We’ve already seen that ‘work-family balance’ and ‘fatigue’ sit at the top of parental frustrations,” the report said. “Perhaps some parents just don’t have time (or feel they don’t) for the personal and community disciplines involved in Scripture Engagement.”

Meanwhile, the data on whether children and teens enjoy going to church appears to run counter to what is often conventional wisdom. More than seven in 10 parents (72 percent) of children ages 2-5 say their kids enjoy attending church, while 66 percent of parents with children ages 6-12 and 61 percent of parents with teens ages 13-17 say the same.

“It’s delightful to see about two-thirds of these children ‘liking’ their church experience, but we also take note of the trend line that extends well beyond childhood,” the report said. “Perhaps church leaders could start reversing the widely reported generational slide by starting early, creating robust opportunities for middle schoolers and teens to engage more joyously with their faith, their church, and the Bible.”