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Israel 'outright rejects' foreign efforts to create Palestinian state after Hamas war, Netanyahu declares | Fox News

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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government unanimously approved a measure declaring that the country "outright rejects" any attempts by foreign powers to create a Palestinian state.

Netanyahu announced the move at the start of a cabinet meeting Sunday morning. It comes as various forces at the U.N. and even President Biden's administration have pushed Israel to accept a two-state solution after the [war against Hamas](#) in Gaza.

"In light of the talk recently heard in the international community about an attempt to unilaterally impose a Palestinian state on Israel, I am bringing today a declarative decision on this issue for the approval of the government. I am sure it will be widely accepted," Netanyahu told the cabinet in Hebrew.

"Israel outright rejects international dictates regarding the permanent settlement with the Palestinians," the declaration said. "Such an arrangement will be reached only through direct negotiations between the parties, without preconditions. Israel will continue to oppose the unilateral recognition of a Palestinian state. Such a recognition, following the massacre of October 7, will reward the terrorism, a reward like no other, and will prevent any future peace settlement."

The statement echoes a message Netanyahu personally delivered to [U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken](#) last week, telling the top Biden administration official that direct or even indirect recognition "would be a prize for those who planned and orchestrated the Oct. 7 massacre."

Biden and other U.S. officials have repeatedly said that Israel's war against Hamas should end with a two-state solution, implying that the U.S. would recognize a Palestinian state.

Israel has made repeated efforts to negotiate a peace deal and two-state solution with Palestinian and Arab leaders over the past 75 years, but each offer [has been rejected](#), including the initial 1947 UN partition plan that led to Israel's establishment, and Israeli offers in 2000 and 2008 that would have recognized a Palestinian state.

"I do not think a two-state solution is possible, and, even if possible, it is not advisable. For more than 50 years, hundreds of self-proclaimed 'peacemakers,' led by the United

States, have attempted to coerce Israel and the Palestinians into a two-state solution," former U.S. Ambassador to Israel David Friedman told Fox News Digital last month.

Friedman, who served as the U.S. ambassador under former President Trump, said, "The efforts repeatedly fail regardless of who's in charge and the reasons are profound and immutable: 1) the Palestinians are not willing to accept a Jewish State; 2) the likelihood of a Palestinian state becoming a terror state is extremely high, presenting an existential threat to Israel; and 3) the West Bank (referred to by Biblical adherents as Judea and Samaria) is biblical Israel and, absent Israeli control, hundreds of Jewish and Christian holy sites will be destroyed."

[Hezbollah is training Russian pilots to fly Iranian-made drones at Syrian air base – Ukrainian intel | All Israel News](#)

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The Lebanese terror group Hezbollah, together with the Iranian regime's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), has been training Russian drone pilots to operate Iranian-made attack drones, according to reports in Ukrainian media on Monday.

The flight training is said to be taking place at the Shayrat Airbase in Syria, roughly 28 kilometers (17 miles) southwest of the city of Homs, according to the reports, citing Ukraine's military intelligence directorate (GUR).

The military airport has served the Russian Air Force since 2015, when Moscow entered the Syrian Civil War on the side of the Assad regime.

Ever since Russia began the war with Ukraine, it has extensively imported Iranian drones and made domestic copies to keep up its intensive campaign against Ukrainian positions and towns.

As part of the training program, Russian pilots are reportedly being taught to fly the Iranian Shahed-136 and Ababil-3 UAVs, as well as the Raad remote-controlled aircraft.

According to GUR, the training is being led by senior Hezbollah commander Kamal Abu Sadiq, a specialist in manufacturing and maintaining drones.

In addition to the Russian pilots, Syrian mercenaries – recruited to fight alongside Russian forces in Ukraine – are reportedly being trained to use the Iranian-produced attack drones, according to a GUR report last week, suggesting that Russia has been systematically recruiting Syrian mercenaries to boost its forces fighting in Ukraine.

“The recruitment of Syrians for the war indicates a deterioration in the moral and psychological state of the Russian occupation forces due to large-scale losses and the need to replenish them for further mass assaults,” GUR said in a statement, according to a [report by the Kyiv Post](#).

The initial group of some 1,000 mercenaries is said to have begun training near the city of Aleppo and are expected to be transported to another Russian airbase in Syria, Khmeimim, before being transferred to Russia, where the mercenaries will receive their Russian passports before joining the war.

Hezbollah in Lebanon has been known to use Iranian-made weapons for decades, including in its wars against Israel, and has presumably developed proficiency in its use.

Since the outbreak of war between Israel and Hamas terrorists on Oct. 7, **Hezbollah terror forces** have launched dozens of drones against Israeli targets, killing and wounding several civilians, as well as IDF soldiers.

[Putin puts West on notice with flight on nuclear-capable bomber | Fox News](#)

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The Tu-160M is capable of carrying 12 cruise missiles and can fly approximately 7,500 miles without refueling

Russian President [Vladimir Putin](#) flew on a nuclear-capable strategic bomber on Thursday, in a likely move to flaunt Russia's nuclear capabilities in defiance of the West.

Moscow said Putin took a brief flight on a modernized Tu-160M bomber, codenamed "Blackjacks" by NATO.

State media showed Putin, 71, taking off in the giant plane from a runway belonging to the factory in Kazan, which makes the supersonic aircraft.

The plane landed less than an hour later, Russian news agency TASS reported. Moscow did not provide specifics on its flight path, which is considered a military secret, according to Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov.

[IRAN DELIVERS HUNDREDS OF BALLISTIC MISSILES TO RUSSIA AS UKRAINIAN DEFENSE FALTERS](#)

The giant swing-wing plane is a modernized version of a Cold War-era bomber owned by the former Soviet Union. While it was not used during the conflict, it would have deployed to deliver weapons at long distances, Reuters reported.

The Tu-160M is capable of carrying 12 cruise missiles or 12 short-range nuclear missiles and can fly approximately 7,500 miles without needing to refuel. It has just four crew members.

In 2005, the Russian president flew inside another version of the aircraft.

Russia signed a contract in 2018 to purchase 10 modernized Tu-160M nuclear bombers. They are expected to be delivered to the Russian Air Force by 2027.

Each bomber cost about \$163 million.

The flight comes just days after opposition politician Alexei Navalny was [found dead in his prison cell](#) and as Putin is seeking re-election in the Russian presidential race next month. He is expected to easily win another six-year term.

It also comes as Russia's military continues to occupy territories in Ukraine amid a war that is [nearing its two-year milestone](#). The war has further worsened already strained relations between the U.S. and Russia, as Washington has accused the Kremlin of cyberattacks and interfering in its elections with misinformation campaigns on social media.

[Iran sends Russia ballistic missiles capable of striking nearly 450 miles away | Fox News](#)

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Feb 22, 2024

Sources confirmed that Iran began sending Russia surface-to-surface missile shipments in January

Iran has provided Russia with a large number of powerful surface-to-surface ballistic missiles, six sources told Reuters, deepening the military cooperation between the two U.S.-sanctioned countries.

Iran's provision of around 400 missiles includes many from the Fateh-110 family of short-range ballistic weapons, such as the Zolfaghar, three Iranian sources said. This road-mobile missile is capable of striking targets at a distance of between 300 and 700 km (186 and 435 miles), experts say.

Iran's defense ministry and the Revolutionary Guards - an elite force that oversees Iran's ballistic missile programme - declined to comment. [Russia's defense ministry](#) did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The shipments began in early January after a deal was finalized in meetings late last year between [Iranian and Russian military](#) and security officials that took place in Tehran and Moscow, one of the Iranian sources said.

[RUSSIA MOVES FORWARD WITH IRAN DEAL TO PURCHASE BALLISTIC MISSILES, REPORT SAYS](#)

An Iranian military official - who, like the other sources, asked not to be identified because of the sensitivity of the information - said there had been at least four shipments of missiles and there would be more in the coming weeks. He declined to provide further details.

Another senior Iranian official said some of the missiles were sent to Russia by ship via the Caspian Sea, while others were transported by plane.

"There will be more shipments," the second Iranian official said. "There is no reason to hide it. We are allowed to export weapons to any country that we wish to."

U.N. Security Council restrictions on Iran's export of some missiles, drones and other technologies expired in October. However, the United States [and European](#)

[Union](#) retained sanctions on Iran's ballistic missile programme amid concerns over exports of weapons to its proxies in the Middle East and to Russia.

A fourth source, familiar with the matter, confirmed that Russia had received a large number of missiles from Iran recently, without providing further details.

White House national security spokesperson John Kirby said in early January the United States was concerned that Russia was close to acquiring short-range ballistic weapons from Iran, in addition to missiles already sourced from North Korea.

A U.S. official told Reuters that Washington had seen evidence of talks actively advancing but no indication yet of deliveries having taken place.

RUSSIA FIRES HYPERSONIC BALLISTIC MISSILES AT UKRAINE'S 2 LARGEST CITIES, LEAVING 5 DEAD, AT LEAST 130 INJURED

The Pentagon did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the missile deliveries.

Ukraine's top prosecutor said on Friday the ballistic missiles supplied by North Korea to Russia had proven unreliable on the battlefield, with only two of 24 hitting their targets. Moscow and Pyongyang have both denied that North Korea has provided Russia with munitions used in Ukraine.

By contrast, Jeffrey Lewis, an expert with the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey, said the Fateh-110 family of missiles and the Zolfaghar were precision weapons.

"They are used to point at things that are high value and need precise damage," said Lewis, adding that 400 munitions could inflict considerable harm. He noted, however, that Russian bombardments were already "pretty brutal".

U.S. AID DELAY WEAKENS UKRAINE'S DEFENSES

A Ukrainian military source told Reuters that Kyiv had not registered any use of Iranian ballistic missiles by Russian forces. The Ukrainian defense ministry did not immediately reply to Reuters' request for comment.

Former Ukrainian defense minister Andriy Zagorodnyuk said that Russia wanted to supplement its missile arsenal at a time when delays in approving a major package of U.S. military aid in Congress has left Ukraine short of ammunition and other material.

"The lack of U.S. support means shortages of ground-based air defense in Ukraine. So they want to accumulate a mass of rockets and break through Ukrainian air defense," said Zagorodnyuk, who chairs the Kyiv-based Centre for Defence Strategies, a security think tank, and advises the government.

Kyiv has repeatedly asked Tehran to stop supplying Shahed drones to Russia, which have become a staple of Moscow's long-range assaults on Ukrainian cities and infrastructure, alongside an array of missiles.

Ukraine's air force said in December that Russia had launched 3,700 Shahed drones during the war, which can fly hundreds of kilometres and explode on impact. Ukrainians call them "mopeds" because of the distinctive sound of their engines; air defenses down dozens of them each week.

Iran initially denied supplying drones to Russia but months later said it had provided a small number before Moscow launched the war on Ukraine in 2022.

"Those who accuse Iran of providing weapons to one of the sides in the Ukraine war are doing so for political purposes," Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Nasser Kanaani said on Monday, when asked about Tehran's delivery of drones to Russia. "We have not given any drones to take part in that war."

Rob Lee, a senior fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute, a Philadelphia-based think tank, said a supply of Fateh-100 and Zolfaghar missiles from Iran would hand Russia an even greater advantage on the battlefield.

"They could be used to strike military targets at operational depths, and ballistic missiles are more difficult for Ukrainian air defences to intercept," Lee said.

DEEPENING TIES WITH MOSCOW

Iran's hardline clerical rulers have steadily sought to deepen ties with Russia and China, betting that would help Tehran to resist U.S. sanctions and to end its political isolation.

Defense cooperation between Iran and Russia has intensified since Moscow sent tens of thousands of troops into Ukraine in February 2022.

Russia's Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu met the head of Iran's Revolutionary Guards Aerospace Force, Amirali Hajizadeh, in Tehran in September, when Iran's drones, missiles and air defense systems were displayed for him, Iranian state media reported.

And last month, Russia's foreign ministry said it expected President Vladimir Putin and his Iranian counterpart Ebrahim Raisi to sign a broad new cooperation treaty soon, following talks in Moscow in December.

"This military partnership with Russia has shown the world Iran's defense capabilities," said the military official. "It does not mean we are taking sides with Russia in the Ukraine conflict."

The stakes are high for Iran's clerical rulers amid the war between Israel and Palestinian Islamist group Hamas that erupted after Oct. 7. They also face growing dissent at home over economic woes and social restrictions.

While Tehran tries to avoid a direct confrontation with Israel that could draw in the United States, its Axis of Resistance allies - including Hezbollah in Lebanon and the Houthis in Yemen - have attacked Israeli and U.S. targets.

A Western diplomat briefed on the matter confirmed the delivery of Iranian ballistic missiles to Russia in the recent weeks, without providing more details.

He said Western nations were concerned that Russia's reciprocal transfer of weapons to Iran could strengthen its position in any possible conflict with the United States and Israel.

Iran said in November it had finalized arrangements for Russia to provide it with Su-35 fighter jets, Mi-28 attack helicopters and Yak-130 pilot training aircraft.

Analyst Gregory Brew at Eurasia Group, a political risk consultancy, said Russia is an ally of convenience for Iran.

"The relationship is transactional: in exchange for drones, Iran expects more security cooperation and advanced weaponry, particularly modern aircraft," he said.

[Biden Shields Palestinians from Deportation, Vows to Give Them U.S. Jobs \(breitbart.com\)](#)

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President Joe Biden is shielding Palestinians in the United States from deportation while authorizing the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to loosen work requirements to funnel them into American jobs.

On Wednesday, Biden [issued](#) a memorandum to DHS and the State Department, providing most Palestinians in the U.S. with “Deferred Enforced Departure” for at least 18 months amid war in Israel with Hamas terrorists.

Ultimately, the memorandum ensures that most Palestinians cannot be deported from the U.S. over the next year and a half — a plan that was [first pitched](#) to Biden by the far-left Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR).

“I am directing the deferral of removal of certain Palestinians who are present in the United States,” Biden writes in the memorandum. “... I have determined that it is in the foreign policy interest of the United States to defer for 18 months the removal of any Palestinian subject to the conditions and exceptions provided below.”

Also, the memorandum authorizes DHS to open “employment for noncitizens whose removal has been deferred ... for the duration of such deferral” as well as urging the agency to loosen regulations so that Palestinians in the U.S. on F-1 student visas can hold American jobs.

The Biden administration’s economic agenda, for years now, has been to massively inflate the nation’s labor market with millions of newly arrived illegal aliens and legal immigrants.

That agenda has delivered highly successful results for the business lobby and corporate special interests who have a vested financial interest in keeping U.S. wages down by adding millions to the workforce with a constant stream of foreign-born workers to hire.

Former Democrat congressman Dennis Kucinich [recently called](#) Biden’s agenda “a plan to drive down wages.”

America’s working and middle class have been detrimentally impacted by the agenda. For instance, the latest [employment data](#) reveals that since late 2019, nearly three

million illegal aliens and legal immigrants have been added to the workforce, while there are close to 200,000 fewer native-born Americans working today.

In the last year, nearly all new U.S. jobs [have gone](#) to foreign-born workers.

[Biden to go to UN Security Council to force temporary cease-fire on Israel, halt Rafah offensive | Fox News](#)

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Feb 19, 2024

A senior administration told Reuters they didn't believe 'a rush to a vote is necessary or constructive'

JERUSALEM — The Biden administration is reportedly taking its goal of a temporary cease-fire in the Israel-Hamas war to the U.N. Security Council as early as Tuesday.

The administration is said to have proposed a draft U.N. Security Council resolution which in part would call for a temporary cease-fire and call on Israel not to go into Rafah in the Gaza Strip.

According to Reuters, the U.S. text states in part that it "determines that under current circumstances a major ground offensive into Rafah would result in further harm to civilians and their further displacement including potentially into neighboring countries."

Richard Goldberg, a former NSC official during the Trump administration, told Fox News Digital, "The United States should be vetoing pro-Hamas resolutions, not proposing them. By putting forward a resolution calling for a ceasefire and opposing Israeli military action in Rafah, the White House is effectively pushing for Hamas to survive to massacre another day. This is a complete betrayal of U.S. interests and values."

A senior administration official speaking to Reuters on condition of anonymity said, "We don't believe a rush to a vote is necessary or constructive and intend on allowing time for negotiations."

The Jewish state has hitherto opposed President Biden's attempts to torpedo its slated seizure of Rafah where one of the last bastions of Hamas terrorists and hostages, including Americans, are believed to be located.

On Friday, President Biden made clear his feelings about Israel going into Rafah, telling reporters, "I'm hoping that the Israelis will not make a massive land invasion."

Biden added during the same press conference that he had engaged with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on the situation and that he had made the case in calling for a temporary cease-fire so that hostage negotiations can continue.

"The world must know and Hamas leaders must know if our hostages are not home by Ramadan, the fighting will continue and expand to Rafah," said Benny Gantz, an Israeli security cabinet member and leader of the opposition party. Ramadan starts on March 11.

On Sunday, Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant said the decision was one Israel would take on its own: "Hamas is left with marginal [forces] in the central camps and with the Rafah Brigade, and what stands between them and a complete collapse as a military system is a decision by the IDF."

Commentators have noted that the hostage release talks in Cairo are stagnate and Israeli forces have managed to free two hostages via limited incursions into Rafah last week.

Gallant fired back at the international voices opposed to an invasion into Rafah: "There is no one here to come to their aid, no Iranians, no international aid."

He continued, "There were 24 regional battalions in Gaza – we have dismantled 18 of them," Gallant said during a media briefing last week. "Now, Rafah is the next Hamas center of gravity."

A U.S. State Department spokesperson told Fox News Digital, "We have also been clear that a full-scale Israel military operation in Rafah should not proceed until there is a credible and executable plan for ensuring the safety of and support for the more than 1 million people sheltering there."

According to the [State Department spokesperson](#), "The best way to achieve an enduring end to the crisis in Gaza that provides lasting peace and security for Israelis and Palestinians alike, is our strong commitment to the creation of a Palestinian state. As such, the United States continues to support the two-state solution and to oppose policies that endanger its viability or contradict our mutual interests and values."

BIDEN ADMIN CONTINUES PUSH FOR 2-STATE SOLUTION AS CRITICS WARN: 'EFFORTS REPEATEDLY FAIL'

Yigal Carmon, who was a colonel in Israel's military intelligence service, told Fox News Digital, "The Rafah crossing was the major area through which the worst smuggling operation went on for years when it was in the hands of the Egyptian government. If this is not stopped, there will be no end to the war and no end to war, particularly heavy missiles on Tel Aviv and its surroundings. The seizure of Rafah will limit the war significantly."

He added, "If the U.S. administration has a miraculous way to convince Egypt to fulfill its commitment, then there would be no need for an operation. Unfortunately, the United States does not pressure Egypt even though it has all the capabilities to do that.

But what remains is to pressure Israel, but this will not work because what is at stake is missiles on Tel Aviv, and Netanyahu cannot afford to end the war with [a] continued flow of missiles on Tel Aviv."

Carmon, the founder and president of the Middle East Media Research Institute, on Aug. 31 [predicted an](#) Iran-backed Hamas terrorist attack on Israel, which became reality on Oct. 7.

When asked why Biden is imposing pressure on Israel, Goldberg, a senior advisor at The Foundation for Defense of Democracies said, "There are lines being pushed that it's all about Dearborn, or that it's all about securing Saudi-Israel peace, but the polling out of Michigan and the strategic priorities in Riyadh don't back up these arguments. It looks more like left-wing ideologues using the pretext of political necessity and the potential of a Saudi-Israel normalization deal to jam through all the bad ideas that never made it into policy for years."

Fox News Digital reported that Biden is putting Israel in a vice in order to win over the large [American-Muslim vote in Dearborn, Michigan](#), which is a critical swing state in his 2024 reelection campaign.

On Sunday, Netanyahu told the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, "The release of hostages can be achieved through strong military action and tough negotiations, very tough negotiations. That tough position has to involve the exertion of pressure. And the exertion of pressure is not merely on Hamas itself but on those who can exert pressure on Hamas, beginning with Qatar."

Netanyahu added, "Qatar can press Hamas as no one else can. They host Hamas leaders. Hamas is dependent on them financially. I urge you to press Qatar to press Hamas because we want our hostages released. I hope that we can achieve a deal soon, to release more of our hostages. But deal or no deal, we have to finish the job to get total victory."

The U.S. Mission to the U.N. didn't immediately respond to Fox News Digital for comment.

Nearly half of US Jews have altered their behavior to avoid antisemitism: Survey | Fox News

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The survey indicates a 22% increase in American Jews feeling less secure in the US compared to the previous year

- Nearly two-thirds of American Jews feel less secure in the U.S. compared to a year ago, according to a recent national survey by the American Jewish Committee.
- One quarter of American Jews experienced antisemitism in the past year, leading nearly half to modify their behavior to avoid it.
- Jewish and Muslim civil rights and advocacy groups have reported large increases in harassment, bias and physical attacks against their members.

Nearly two-thirds of [American Jews](#) feel less secure in the U.S. than they did a year ago, according to a new national survey.

The American Jewish Committee, a prominent advocacy organization, conducted the survey last fall just as the Israel-Hamas war began on Oct. 7. The number of American Jews who say they feel less secure in the U.S. jumped 22% from last year's survey.

"This year's study shows us very clearly that antisemitism that was really just a simmering flame is now, especially since Oct. 7, a five-alarm fire," Ted Deutch, CEO of AJC, told The Associated Press.

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY HIT WITH FEDERAL COMPLAINT OVER 'PERSISTENT' ANTISEMITISM

The survey released Tuesday found one quarter of American Jews said they have been the target of antisemitism in the past year. Almost half of American Jews responding to the survey said they had altered their behavior during the past year to avoid antisemitism – changing what they wore, what they posted online or where they went so other people wouldn't know they were Jewish.

"I live in a rural area and my home is most likely the only Jewish home in a 30-mile radius," a 62-year-old woman is quoted as saying in the survey report. "We don't tell people and outside the home do not show that we are Jewish."

That reticence is "an enormous challenge for the Jewish community," Deutch said. "But it really represents a challenge for all of our society."

FETTERMAN BLASTS HARVARD, MIGRANT ARRESTED FOR ANTISEMITIC ATTACK

The survey comes as Jewish and Muslim civil rights and advocacy groups have reported large increases in harassment, bias and physical attacks against their members in the wake of the Israel-Hamas war.

Brian Levin, founding director of the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism at California State University, San Bernardino, said he has seen a surge in anti-Jewish and Islamophobic internet searches since last fall, including "eliminationist" and homicidal language.

Levin, who is not affiliated with the AJC survey, said anti-Jewish hate crimes hit a record high last year in several major cities. "As Jews are understandably feeling more insecure, police and social science data back up why," he said.

The AJC began its survey five years ago, after the Tree of Life synagogue massacre in Pittsburgh, the deadliest antisemitic attack on American soil. Since then, most Jews and more than half of Americans say they think antisemitism has increased, according to the AJC.

This year's primary survey collected data from 1,528 Jewish adults in the U.S., while its companion survey collected data from 1,223 U.S. adults. The surveys, conducted by the polling firm SSRS, had margins of error of 3.5% and 3.6% respectively.

Jews between 18 and 29 were more likely to report being the victim of antisemitism. As universities grapple with antisemitism, around a quarter of Jewish college students or recent graduates reported hiding their Jewish identity or refraining from speaking about Israel on campus.

Most American Jews (85%) say the statement "Israel has no right to exist" is antisemitic. A 52-year-old male respondent is cited in the report as saying, "Criticizing Israel's political policies (ex: treatment of non-Jews in the country, Palestinians for example) is not antisemitic. Saying that Israel should not exist, as a result of these practices, IS antisemitic."

Most Americans who witnessed antisemitism saw it online or on social media, but only 5% said they reported it. More than one in five American Jews said an online incident made them feel physically threatened.

"So it's not just some of the memes or jokes," said Holly Huffnagle, the AJC's U.S. director for combating antisemitism. "This is real, vitriolic antisemitism that's affecting them, that's making them feel physically unsafe."

There is a growing awareness [of antisemitism](#). Most American Jews and three-fourths of the general public now believe antisemitism is a problem in the U.S, according to the AJC. That number increases for non-Jews who know someone who is Jewish. About 90% of Americans said everyone is responsible for fighting antisemitism.

ANTISEMITISM IS GETTING WORSE AS MORE 'SHOCKING' AND 'SCARY' INCIDENTS ARE EXPOSED, DC RESIDENTS SAY

"That's a good news piece," Huffnagle said. "I think the question is, 'How do we empower the general public who sees the problem now in ways they hadn't four years ago?'"

Last year, the Biden administration released a national strategy to combat antisemitism, and the AJC is encouraging further action on those recommendations. Deutch, a former Democratic member [of Congress](#), said they will keep working with the government to implement the national strategy.

"But ultimately," Deutch said, "we're really looking to our friends, our allies in other faith communities, in our places of work, in our schools, to stand with us, to understand how we feel and to work together to fight antisemitism and in turn to fight hatred of all kinds."

'Antisemitic Incidents' at Highest Level Ever Recorded in UK (breitbart.com)

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Spike in antisemitism has been “inspired” by Hamas, the Community Security Trust has said as they reveal the highest numbers of incidents the body has ever seen.

There were 4,103 antisemitic incidents in the United Kingdom last year, the highest number ever recorded by the Community Security Trust (CST) by a considerable margin, and the majority of those came in the final two months of the year after the Hamas attack on Israel in October 2023.

The CST reported the number of incidents seen in the post-Hamas attack era at the end of 2023 was 589 per cent higher than the same period in the previous year. The body has been tracking antisemitic attacks in Britain since 1984, and said in their report that while they have previously seen spikes in incidents while Israel is at war, what made 2023 stand out is the surge came immediately after the Hamas attack, and not after the launch of the counter-attack nearly a month later.

October 11th 2023 was the single worst day for antisemitic incidents in the UK since their record-keeping began, said the CST.

The recent surge in antisemitism is beyond contempt. No one should be subject to hatred because of who they are.

Our increased funding for [@CST UK](#) has offered additional protective security to over 480 Jewish community locations.

We will always support our Jewish communities. <https://t.co/ErC18KVNEI>

— James Cleverly (@JamesCleverly) [February 15, 2024](#)

Responding to this phenomenon, the CST said on Thursday: “The speed at which antisemites mobilised in the UK following Hamas’ attack shows that, initially at least, the significant increase in anti-Jewish hate was, if anything, a celebration of Hamas’ massacre by people whose own hatred was emboldened and, in their minds, legitimised by the brutality enacted on civilians in southern Israel... it was the Hamas terror attack, rather than Israel’s military response in Gaza, that sparked most of the antisemitism in this country.”

Several types of incidents qualified to be included in the report, including 266 instances of assault, up 96 per cent in a year, 182 cases of damage to Jewish-owned property, up 146 per cent, and 3,328 incidents of abusive behavior. This includes “verbal and written antisemitic abuse other than direct threats... antisemitic emails, text messages, social media posts, and comments, as well as targeted antisemitic letters”.

Further, the Trust recorded instances of threats, mass-produced antisemitic literature, and hate at schools.

UK Home Secretary James Cleverly, the government minister with responsibility for policing, spoke out on the report and called the surge in antisemitism “beyond contempt” and said the government had increased funding to CST. “We will always support our Jewish communities”, he said.

The issue of antisemitism is continuing to have impacts on politics in the United Kingdom as well. The opposition Labour Party of Sir Keir Starmer, who — based on polling — hopes to become the next Prime Minister later this year has had to suspend three candidates from the party for antisemitic remarks. Starmer suspended two candidates in two days this week, which makes three suspended in all in two weeks.

While antisemitism has been an issue that has plagued the Labour Party in recent years, particularly during and after the leadership of Jeremy Corbyn, who was accused of allowing the issue to fester under his tenure, the Conservatives have also been dealing with issues. Atiqul Hoque, the first Muslim mayor of Salisbury, was [suspended on Thursday](#), reports the *Daily Telegraph*, from the Tories after he was accused of making “offensive” comments on social media.

Antisemitic Acts Soar in Belgium and France Since Hamas Attack <https://t.co/9eZDEHOv3u>

[Indiana freelance reporter charged for threatening to 'kill every Jew' in Fort Wayne | The Times of Israel](#)

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A freelance reporter based in Fort Wayne, Indiana is facing up to five years in federal prison after allegedly threatening to “kill every Jew” in the city and “shoot every pro-Israel US government official,” according to a federal affidavit filed in court last week.

Jeffrey Stevens, 41, is charged with posting threats using interstate communications, which carries a maximum of five years in federal prison. He was first reported to the FBI after “multiple concerning Facebook posts” following the October 7 Hamas assault on Israel, according to the affidavit.

In an interview with the FBI on February 2, Stevens admitted to posting on the CIA’s website that he was going to shoot pro-Israel US government officials, according to the affidavit. He also admitted to sending the Fort Wayne Police Department a message on Facebook saying he would “kill every Jew.”

He said during the interview that he was drunk when he posted the messages, the affidavit says.

Stevens is also alleged to have posted that he will “make sure that every CIA member who is pro-Israel is eliminated.”

[US-Mexico border: 100 billion gallons of toxic sewage creating a 'public health crisis' - ABC News \(go.com\)](#)

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Researchers found harmful bacteria, viruses and more in water samples.

The [U.S.-Mexico border](#) region faces a [public health crisis](#) as billions of gallons of contaminated sewage flow from Mexico into San Diego, California, according to a [newly released report](#).

"South San Diego County is in a total state of emergency related to transboundary pollution, and this is a public health ticking time bomb," Imperial Beach Mayor Paloma Aguirre told ABC News. "We are living in conditions that nobody in this great nation should be living in."

The Tijuana River – which has been classified as an impaired water body, according to the U.S. Clean Water Act -- flows north for 120 miles from Mexico to California before reaching the Pacific Ocean on the U.S. side of the border in the Imperial Beach, San Ysidro and Coronado coastal areas.

Over the last five years, 100 billion gallons of untreated sewage, industrial waste and urban runoff have been dumped into the Tijuana River, according to the [International Boundary and Water Commission](#).

Tuesday marks the 805th day Imperial Beach has been closed due to the ongoing sewage issue, according to Aguirre, but the health risks are affecting residents far from the shore.

San Diego State University's (SDSU) School of Public Health deemed the cross-border contamination a "public health crisis" and warned that "current regulation and monitoring measures are inadequate," according to the new report, released on Feb. 13.

Untreated sewage pollutants originating in Mexico and not properly treated at the International Wastewater Treatment Plant include human and livestock diseases, pathogens carrying antibiotic-resistant genes, and industrial chemicals not permitted to be discharged in California, according to the report.

Studying soil samples from South San Diego, researchers found levels of the poisonous elements arsenic and cadmium that exceeded Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) thresholds for safety.

Water samples taken from the Tijuana River and Estuary, located on the U.S.-Mexico border, showed a range of dangerous viruses and bacteria, including HIV, hepatitis B and C, Salmonella, Vibrio, Streptococcus, Listeria, and Mycobacterium tuberculosis, according to the report.

The report also cites levels of antibiotic-resistant strains of E. coli and Legionella bacteria found in the contaminated water, "which are of considerable public health concern."

Exposure to the contaminants, viruses and bacteria can impact the health of people who live and work nearby, which include children, seniors, lifeguards, military personnel, border patrol officers and at-risk populations, according to the study.

"Urgent interventions are needed to help reduce and address both the immediate and long-term potential health repercussions to those living near this hazardous environment," Paula Stigler Granados, associate professor in SDSU's School of Public Health and the paper's lead author, told ABC News in a statement.

"The longer we take to stop the contamination, the greater the risk of exposures," Granados noted. "Investment in our infrastructure to stop the pollution is critical."

Toxic chemicals and bacteria – which were once believed to be isolated in the sewage alone – can be dispersed in water and air, especially during weather events, the report reveals.

For example, the California-Mexico border region has been hit recently with heavy rain and flooding caused by [back-to-back atmospheric river storms](#). The resulting greater than usual influx of water can overwhelm California's and Tijuana's sewage treatment plants, researchers say.

Doctors Kimberly and Matt Dickson, a married couple who run South Bay Urgent Care in Imperial Beach, told ABC News that amid the February storms they have seen a 200 to 300 percent increase in patients with gastrointestinal illness, with symptoms including vomiting and diarrhea.

"These were people that were in the streets, going to school, but not swimming in the ocean. So, where was the transfer of bacteria and viruses going?" Matt Dickson asked. "How was it getting to these people if they weren't swimming in the ocean?"

The couple says they began to realize that the heavy rains were causing the sewage to spill into the city's streets, spreading illnesses across the community.

"If you're driving down the street that's flooded with sewage water, then you're tracking bacteria back to your home or to the store. Or if kids are walking to school through a flooded street that's got sewage water in it, then they go to class and they touch their shoes, and then they eat their lunch. People are getting sick," Matt Dickson said.

"You don't have to have a medical degree and to understand if there's sewage on the street, people are going to get sick," he noted.

The repeating cycle of rainstorms and illnesses in the community is "flabbergasting" to Kimberly Dickson, who says the cycle can be broken with better infrastructure to help reduce or eliminate the sewage overflow.

When it comes to the long-term health effects of the sewage problem, Kimberly worries, "It's just the tip of the iceberg. We're missing a lot of it. We don't know the long-term consequences."

In 2020, Congress approved a \$300 million fund to expand the International Wastewater Treatment Plant San Ysidro. However, after the devastating infrastructure effects of Hurricane Hilary in August 2023, and the ongoing storms in the area, half of those funds were allocated to deferred maintenance before any type of expansion could happen, according to memos obtained by [The San Diego Union-Tribune](#).

Mayor Aguirre and other state politicians, including Gov. Gavin Newsom, have [asked Congress](#) for an additional \$310 million in federal funds to address the issue, but it has yet to be approved.

"It's challenging to maintain the attention and focus that this emergency needs when we're located 3,000 miles away," Aguirre said of requesting federal intervention from Washington, D.C.

"We also need additional intervention from our state administration. Our governor has advocated for that supplemental funding request, but he has fallen short of declaring a state of emergency," Aguirre added.

In Dec. 2023, the International Boundary and Water Commission announced the Rehabilitation and Expansion Progressive Design-Build project for the International Wastewater Treatment Plant. The project includes essential rehabilitation of existing infrastructure and expansion of the plant, [according to the press release](#).

"We have participated in many public meetings in the affected areas and want to assure residents our priority is improving the health and welfare of communities on both sides of the border," Frank Fisher, Public Affairs Chief for the International Boundary and Water Commission, told ABC News in a statement.

[200 Muslims in Gaza Reportedly Accept Christ after Seeing Him in 'Visions and Dreams' - Michael Foust \(christianheadlines.com\)](#)

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Approximately 200 Muslims in Gaza recently came to Christ after they saw Jesus in visions and dreams and realized they had shared the same experience, according to a new report from the region.

Taysir Saada, a Muslim-turned-Christian who authored the book *Once an Arafat Man*, recounted the incredible story in an interview with [CBN](#), saying he believes God is on the move in Gaza amidst war with Israel. Saada once was an aide to Palestinian leader Yassir Arafat, who died in 2004. Saada also was a sniper for the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organization).

“About 200 Gazans gave their heart to Jesus in one lump sum because the Lord appeared to them in visions and dreams and they were hugging each other and, you know, rejoicing and realized that all of them had the same vision that each one of them had,” Saada told CBN.

Saada is the founder of [Seeds of Hope](#), a humanitarian organization that serves Gaza and the Middle East.

“Despite all of the destruction that is taking place, I believe God has a purpose to get the Palestinians in Gaza to wake up and look at a different alternative to what they believe,” he told CBN. “... Many Muslims are looking for an alternative to Islam. I do believe we're going to have a lot of revival, a lot of believers coming through. It's already happening today.”

William Devlin, the head of the humanitarian organization [Widows and Orphans](#), called the situation in Gaza “perilous.”

“There are a thousand Christians left in Gaza in a sea of 2.2 million Muslims, and these thousand Christians are now living 500 in the Greek Orthodox Church and 500 in the Roman Catholic Church,” he said.

Devlin regularly traveled to Gaza before the war and is hoping he can enter the region soon to deliver relief. He believes Gazans are looking for an alternative to Hamas and Islam.

“In the midst of their travail, the Lord Jesus is appearing to the Muslims,” Devlin told CBN. “We pray that God would continue to reveal Himself through his Son -- dreams, visions, and manifestation -- in order to bring all of Gaza to faith in Jesus Christ. Pray for many Muslims to come to faith in Jesus. That's their only hope.”