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Netanyahu urges global action on antisemitism, rising tensions with Iran, and delayed security funding for Jewish schools

Netanyahu is calling for urgent global action against antisemitism, while tensions rise with Iran's call for Hezbollah to target Israel.

In a powerful statement on December 16, 2025, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called for urgent and decisive action to combat rising antisemitism worldwide, particularly following a tragic shooting at a Chabad Chanukah celebration in Sydney, Australia. The attack left 15 dead and dozens more wounded, with authorities suspecting the assailants were motivated by extremist Islamic ideology. "We can no longer afford to wait," Netanyahu asserted in a video message posted on social media. "I demand that Western governments take immediate action to secure Jewish communities and combat antisemitism. They must listen to our warnings and act without delay."

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu:

"I demand that Western governments do what is necessary to fight antisemitism and provide the required safety and security for Jewish communities worldwide. They would be well-advised to heed our warnings. I demand action from them – now." pic.twitter.com/w5tDi7ZZfp

— Prime Minister of Israel (@IsraeliPM) [December 16, 2025](#)

The attack took place at Bondi Beach, where a father and son opened fire during the festive gathering. The surviving son has since been charged with multiple offenses, including murder and terrorism, as authorities continue to investigate the incident's ties to radical groups like ISIS.

Netanyahu's call for stronger security measures highlights the growing concern among Jewish communities worldwide as they face increased threats of violence, particularly during religious holidays. The Prime Minister emphasized the urgency of global unity in addressing these challenges before further harm can be done.

Concerns Rise Over Delays in New York State Funding for Jewish Schools' Security

Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-N.Y.) has raised serious concerns over delays in state funding intended to bolster security at Jewish schools in New York. In a letter to Governor Kathy Hochul, Stefanik highlighted the growing threat of antisemitism, especially after a series of attacks, including vandalism at Magen David Yeshivah in Brooklyn, which was targeted by swastika graffiti.

Stefanik criticized the state's failure to disburse grant funds that had been promised to protect Jewish institutions. "This delay is not only a logistical issue but a signal that the

state government may not be taking the surge in antisemitic incidents seriously,” she wrote. “Our Jewish communities deserve better.”

This is Kathy Hochul and Mamdani’s New York where antisemitic crimes are on the rise and attacks against Jewish New Yorkers are skyrocketing.

Let me be clear, this heinous act of antisemitic violence and harassment has no place in New York, in America, or anywhere in the world... <https://t.co/XtLrA2sQ9o>

— Elise Stefanik (@EliseStefanik) [December 17, 2025](#)

The congresswoman specifically pointed out that Magen David Yeshivah applied for funding in June 2024, but months later, they had received no support. Additionally, with the new fiscal year underway, it remains unclear when—or if—new applications for security funding will be accepted.

With New York facing the highest number of antisemitic incidents in the country, Stefanik’s letter underscores the need for state and local authorities to act swiftly in protecting vulnerable communities. The Congresswoman also expressed concerns over the state’s handling of Securing Communities Against Hate Crimes grants, which have not been processed for 2025, further delaying crucial security measures.

Stefanik has called on Governor Hochul to provide answers and ensure that funding is distributed promptly, emphasizing that delays in security grants put Jewish students, educators, and community members at risk.

Iran’s Threats: Hezbollah Urged to Attack Nahariya

Billboards across Iran have raised alarms by urging Hezbollah, the Lebanese militant group, to target the Israeli city of Nahariya, a coastal town in northern Israel. The provocative messages read, “For the next war: Nahariya, be prepared,” signaling a potential escalation in tensions between Hezbollah and Israel.

Lt. Col. Nadav Shoshani, spokesperson for the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), condemned the billboards, emphasizing that this was yet another blatant attempt by Iran and its proxies to destabilize the region. “This is not just rhetoric. Iran continues to fund and arm Hezbollah to carry out its violent threats,” Shoshani wrote in a statement.

Across Iran, billboards have appeared calling on Hezbollah to invade Nahariya, a civilian community in northern Israel, stating: “For the next war: Nahariya, be prepared.”

This is yet another call for the destruction of the State of Israel by Iran and its proxies, this time... <pic.twitter.com/5hS1IOHIsE>

— LTC Nadav Shoshani (@LTC_Shoshani) [December 16, 2025](#)

The billboards come amid rising tensions in southern Lebanon, where Hezbollah has been involved in multiple violations of a ceasefire agreement brokered by the U.S. and other mediators. Since the ceasefire took effect in late November 2024, the IDF has targeted and eliminated dozens of Hezbollah operatives involved in terrorist activities, including the establishment of new weapon smuggling routes and attacks on Israel.

In a recent development, Lebanese Prime Minister Nawaf Salam announced that Lebanon plans to disarm Hezbollah by the end of the year, though the group’s influence remains a significant challenge to stability in the region.

Australia terror attack: 16 dead, including gunman, after father-son duo opens fire on Jewish community | Foxnews.com

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An investigation is underway after a deadly attack on a Hanukkah event at Bondi Beach in Sydney, Australia, on Sunday.

Police say a father and son were behind the horrifying mass shooting that left 16 people dead, including one of the gunmen, and 40 people hospitalized during a Hanukkah celebration at Bondi Beach in [Sydney, Australia](#).

New South Wales Police Commissioner Mal Lanyon said during a press conference on Monday in Australia that it was a 50-year-old man and his 24-year-old son that carried out the terror attack.

The father is dead, police said, and the son is in critical but stable condition in a hospital. Lanyon also said they are not looking for additional suspects at this time.

The father was a licensed gun owner with six legally registered firearms. All six of the firearms have been recovered, with some being recovered at the scene. The others were located and recovered when investigators executed search warrants at two separate locations, police said.

ISRAELI OFFICIALS HEAP BLAME ON AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT AFTER BONDI BEACH SHOOTING: 'COUNTLESS WARNING SIGNS'

The commissioner told reporters Monday afternoon that the father met the eligibility criteria for a hunting license used for recreational hunting.

Still unidentified, the father was issued a Category A/B firearms license, which allowed him to possess the long firearms he registered.

Lanyon told police the warrants were executed at a property in Campsie and another property in Bonnyrigg. He added that their residential address was in Bonnyrigg, though they were staying in Campsie.

The commissioner also told reporters the father had held a gun license for 10 years.

"There was very little knowledge of either of these men by the authorities," Lanyon said. "The person was determined to be entitled to have a firearms license and...the person had a firearms license for a number of years for which there were no incidents."

Two improvised explosive devices (IEDs) were also found at the scene of one of the homes where search warrants were executed. The IEDs were taken into possession by a rescue and bomb disposal unit and found to be active. They were then rendered safe by police.

AUSTRALIA'S JEWISH COMMUNITY ALARMED BY RISING ANTISEMITISM: 'FEAR AND ANXIETY'

Lanyon noted that the IEDs were "rudimentary," or fairly basic, though he also noted he was grateful they did not detonate.

Police said the victims of the Sunday attack range in age from 10 to 87 years old.

The shooting happened during an annual celebration, known as "Chanukah By The Sea." It was scheduled to kick off at 5 p.m. to celebrate the first day of the Jewish holiday by lighting the first candle on the Menorah. The shooting happened around 6:45 p.m. local time.

Police say the attack "targeted" the Jewish community and is being investigated as an act of terrorism.

At least 40 people remained hospitalized after the shooting, including two police officers, the agency confirmed. The shooting is the worst attack against Jews since the Oct. 7, 2023, Hamas terror attacks.

Police added that they found evidence of multiple improvised explosive devices in a vehicle near the scene of the attack.

"We have our rescue bomb disposal unit there at the moment working on that," he said.

[Israeli President Isaac Herzog](#) acknowledged the attack while speaking at an event in Jerusalem recognizing immigrants' extraordinary achievements on Sunday.

"At these very moments, our sisters and brothers in Sydney, Australia, have been attacked by vile terrorists in a very cruel attack on Jews who went to light the first candle of Chanukah on Bondi Beach," Herzog said. "Our hearts go out to them. The heart of the entire nation of Israel misses a beat at this very moment, as we pray for the recovery of the wounded, we pray for them and we pray for those who lost their lives."

Herzog also called on the Australian government to "seek action and fight against the enormous [wave of antisemitism](#) which is plaguing Australian society."

‘It’s Open Season’: Antisemitic Attacks in NYC Highlight Broader Threat, ‘This is Mamdani’s NY’ | Breitbart.com

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New York City is witnessing a surge in violent, targeted assaults on Jewish individuals during the Hanukkah holiday.

New York City is witnessing a surge in violent, targeted assaults on Jewish individuals during the Hanukkah holiday, part of a broader pattern of rising antisemitism and heightened holiday-season security concerns.

Within just 24 hours, two Jewish men were attacked in Brooklyn in incidents now under investigation by the NYPD.

On Monday night, Orthodox Jewish men returning from a Hanukkah event on the southbound No. 3 train were [harassed](#) and threatened with antisemitic slurs. A video shared on social media shows one attacker grabbing a young man by the collar as others shouted threats.

On Tuesday, a 35-year-old Jewish man was [stabbed](#) in the chest in Crown Heights after a verbal altercation outside a synagogue. Witnesses say the attacker shouted antisemitic remarks before fleeing the scene. The victim was hospitalized with non-life-threatening injuries.

The back-to-back incidents during a major Jewish holiday have left communities on edge and [calling](#) for condemnation, while urging resilience.

The events in New York come amid global concerns over extremist violence during the holiday season.

Just days earlier, a jihadi father-and-son duo in Australia carried out a mass shooting at a Hanukkah celebration in Sydney, killing at least 15 people and injuring dozens more — one of the deadliest antisemitic attacks in recent memory.

Meanwhile, a deadly mass shooting at Brown University [left](#) multiple students dead, including in a classroom reportedly led by a professor of Judaic Studies. Though authorities have not released a motive, the academic community remains shaken.

Security concerns have also grown after authorities in [Germany](#) and [Poland](#) foiled planned Islamist terror attacks on Christmas markets, part of a growing pattern of holiday-targeted extremist plots.

In response, major U.S. cities including New York and Los Angeles have [increased police presence](#) at synagogues, churches, and public holiday events. Law enforcement has stepped up patrols around Jewish neighborhoods and Christmas venues, during this period of heightened risk.

[Trump Signs Executive Order to Designate Fentanyl as a Weapon of Mass Destruction | The Gateway Pundit.com](#)

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Dec 15, 2025

President Trump on Monday signed an executive order designating fentanyl as a Weapon of Mass Destruction (WMD). Last month, it was reported by the Wall Street Journal that the Trump Administration classified fentanyl as a “potential chemical weapons threat” being smuggled on Venezuelan drug boats to justify strikes in the Caribbean and Western Pacific.

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Now, with Trump’s new classification of the deadly poison as a WMD, this will likely be used to justify the defense of America against drug cartels further.

“The manufacture and distribution of fentanyl, primarily performed by organized criminal networks, threatens our national security and fuels lawlessness in our hemisphere and at our borders. The production and sale of fentanyl by Foreign Terrorist Organizations and cartels fund these entities’ operations — which include assassinations, terrorist acts, and insurgencies around the world — and allow these entities to erode our domestic security and the well-being of our Nation,” [the order](#) states.

“The two cartels that are predominantly responsible for the distribution of fentanyl in the United States engage in armed conflict over territory and to protect their operations, resulting in large-scale violence and death that go beyond the immediate threat of fentanyl itself. Further, the potential for fentanyl to be weaponized for concentrated, large-scale terror attacks by organized adversaries is a serious threat to the United States.”

It further directs the Secretary of War and the Attorney General to “determine whether the threats posed by illicit fentanyl and its impact on the United States warrant the provision of resources from the Department of War to the Department of Justice to aid in the enforcement of title 18 of the United States Code, as consistent with 10 U.S.C. 282.”

The Secretary of War and Secretary of Homeland Security are also ordered to “update all directives regarding the Armed Forces’ response to chemical incidents in the homeland to include the threat of illicit fentanyl” and to “ensure the United States uses the full array of appropriate counter-fentanyl tools.”

During a [Mexican Border Defense Medal presentation](#) this afternoon to honor service members assisting Customs and Border Protection at the US-Mexico border, Trump announced that he was also signing the Executive Order.

“There’s no doubt that America’s adversaries are trafficking fentanyl into the United States, in part, because they want to kill Americans. If this were a war, that would be one of the worst wars,” the President said.

“That’s why today I’m taking one more step to protect Americans from the scourge of deadly fentanyl flooding into our country. With this historic executive order I will sign today, we’re formally classifying fentanyl as a Weapon of Mass Destruction, which is what it is. No bomb does what this is doing. 200-300,000 people die every year, that we know of.”

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Trump signed the order while War Secretary Pete Hegseth presented 13 service members with the Mexican Border Defense Medal, then took a photograph with the service members and the newly signed order.

“No auto pen, none ever,” Trump joked as he signed the order.

Gavin Newsom reveals his top priority is pushing trans propaganda: ‘I want to see trans kids’ | The Blaze.com

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Gearing up for 2028, Newsom touted his record of signing more transgender-related legislation than any other governor.

On a recent episode of “The Ezra Klein Show” — which is hosted by the New York Times — California Governor Gavin Newsom (D) praised trans kids and fervently claimed that he’s signed more pro-transgender bills into law than any other governor.

“I want to see trans kids,” Newsom said. “I have a trans godson. There’s no governor who has signed more pro-trans legislation than I have, and no one has been a stronger advocate for the LGBTQ community.”

“Democrats ... they just continue pushing this trans propaganda, and they’re very proud of that,” Gonzales comments, pointing out that Newsom is going to push that propaganda even more considering he likely has 2028 presidential aspirations.

“Obviously, he is the front-runner. He’s angling for that. I think he would have been very happy if he was the candidate this last go-around instead of Kamala. But he is bragging that he is the most pro-trans governor in the country,” she says.

Newsom also dove into the topic of his previous stance on transgenders in women’s sports, telling Klein, “We didn’t get into trans sports.”

“That’s an issue no one wants to hear about because 80% of the people listening disagree with my position on this. But it comes from my heart, not just my head. It wasn’t a political evolution,” he added.

“It’s in his heart,” Gonzales mocks. “He just wants more trans kids. He just wants more kids being sterilized. He wants more kids being mutilated. He loves that truly, in his heart, in his heart of hearts.”

[Over 200 House Dems vote against criminalizing transgender surgery for kids | Foxnews.com](#)

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House Democrats largely opposed a controversial bill criminalizing transgender medical treatment for minors, though it passed 216-211 with crossover votes.

More than 200 House Democrats voted against [a bill](#) aimed at criminalizing transgender medical treatment for minors Wednesday evening.

The bill passed in a 216-211 vote that had some bipartisan crossover.

Three Democrats — Vicente Gonzalez, D-Texas; Don Davis, D-N.C.; and Henry Cuellar, D-Texas — voted with Republicans for the bill.

Four Republicans — Mike Kennedy, R-Utah; Brian Fitzpatrick, R-Pa.; Gabe Evans, R-Colo.; and Mike Lawler, R-N.Y., voted against it.

[TRANS DEM REP. MCBRIDE SUGGESTS PARTY WENT TOO FAR WITH TRANSGENDER AGENDA BEFORE PUBLIC WAS READY](#)

It was widely opposed by most Democrats, however. Forty-five [House Republicans](#) signed on to formally back the legislation before the vote.

And while the majority of Republicans supported it on the House floor, it's unclear if it will be taken up in the [GOP-led Senate](#).

Transgender issues, particularly related to minors, have been one of the topics driving a wedge between moderate and progressive Democrats. But the severity of the bill's language appears to have turned off a significant number of Democrats in the House.

The bill creates new federal crimes that carry up to 10 years in prison for doctors performing transgender-affirming surgeries on minors, while also making it a crime to prescribe puberty blockers.

[GENDER DYSPHORIA TREATMENTS POSE 'SIGNIFICANT RISKS' TO KIDS AND TEENS, HHS REPORT REVEALS](#)

[Parents or guardians](#) of children under 18 could also be held criminally liable if they consent to or otherwise facilitate transgender treatment for them.

"This extreme bill puts the threat of prosecution between hundreds of thousands of families and their doctors and would put doctors behind bars for exercising their best medical judgment," said Mike Zamore, national director of policy & government affairs at the American Civil Liberties Union.

"Passing this bill would be a grave escalation of an already severe effort to not only push transgender people out of public life but also allow the state to control our bodies and our lives further."

[Rep. Nancy Mace, R-S.C.](#), who argued in favor of the bill on the House floor, said Wednesday, "It is obscene. It is disgusting. You're seeing, in real time, Democrats wanting and defending grooming of children. And it is abhorrent.

"There is a lie at the heart of the debate we're having today that I have to correct. No child is born in the wrong body. There are only two sexes, male and female. There are no others."

[NY Gov. Hochul to sign bill to legalize physician-assisted suicide: 'Who am I to deny you?' | Foxnews.com](#)

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Dec 17, 2025

New York Gov. Kathy Hochul plans to sign legislation legalizing medically assisted suicide for terminally ill patients after adding safety guardrails.

New York Gov. [Kathy Hochul](#) said she plans to sign a measure to legalize medically assisted suicide for terminally ill patients under a deal reached with state legislative leaders.

The governor intends to sign the bill next year after working to add a series of "guardrails," she wrote in an op-ed in the Albany Times Union announcing her plans. The measure, [approved by state lawmakers](#) during their regulation session earlier this year, will go into effect six months after it is signed.

Hochul, who is Catholic, said she listened to New Yorkers in the "throes of pain and suffering," as well as their children, while also hearing out "individuals of many faiths who believe that deliberately shortening one's life violates the sanctity of life."

"I was taught that God is merciful and compassionate, and so must we be," she wrote. "This includes permitting a merciful option to those facing the unimaginable and searching for comfort in their final months in this life."

[NEW JERSEY'S MEDICALLY-ASSISTED SUICIDE LAW ONLY COVERS STATE RESIDENTS, APPEALS COURT RULES](#)

New York Gov. Kathy Hochul said she plans to sign a measure to legalize medically assisted suicide for terminally ill patients. (Julia Nikhinson, File/AP Photo)

New York will join a dozen other states and Washington, D.C., in adopting laws allowing physician-assisted suicide for terminally ill adults, including Delaware and Illinois, which each approved legislation this year that will go into effect in 2026.

Several other countries, including Canada, Germany, Belgium, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Australia and Colombia, have also legalized so-called death with dignity.

New York's bill, dubbed the Medical Aid in Dying Act, requires a terminally ill person who is expected to die within six months to make a written request for life-ending drugs. Two witnesses must sign the request to ensure the patient is not being coerced,

and the request would need to be approved by the patient's attending physician and a consulting physician.

The bill's sponsors and legislative leaders have agreed to add provisions to mandate that a medical doctor affirms that the person "truly had less than six months to live," along with confirmation from a psychologist or psychiatrist that the patient is capable of making the decision without being under duress.

"The Medical Aid in Dying Act will afford terminally ill New Yorkers the right to spend their final days not under sterile hospital lights but with sunlight streaming through their bedroom window," Hochul wrote.

"The right to spend their final days not hearing the droning hum of hospital machines but instead the laughter of their grandkids echoing in the next room. The right to tell their family they love them and be able to hear those precious words in return," she added.

The measure will go into effect six months after it is signed. (Alex Kent/Getty Images)

Hochul said the bill will include a mandatory five-day waiting period in addition to a written and recorded oral request to "confirm free will is present." Outpatient facilities linked to religious hospitals may choose not to offer medically-assisted suicide.

The governor also said she wants the bill to only apply to New York residents.

Earlier this month, a [federal appeals court](#) ruled that a similar law in New Jersey only covers state residents and that people from other jurisdictions cannot seek medical aid-in dying in the Garden State.

"Death brings good things to an end, but rarely neatly," U.S. Circuit Court Judge Stephanos Bibas wrote in the opinion. "Many terminally ill patients face a grim reality: imminent, painful death. Some may want to avert that suffering by enlisting a doctor's help to end their own lives. New Jersey lets its residents make that choice—but only its residents."

Hochul said on Wednesday that supporting the New York bill was one of the toughest decisions she has made as governor.

DELAWARE'S ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL SIGNED INTO LAW, MAKING IT THE 11TH STATE WITH SUCH A STATUTE

"Who am I to deny you or your loved one what they're begging for at the end of their life?" she said. "I couldn't do that any longer."

The legislation was first introduced in 2016 but failed to receive approval for years as religious groups such as the New York State Catholic Conference sought to block the measure, arguing that it would devalue human life and undermine the physician's role as a healer.

Cardinal Timothy Dolan and New York's bishops said in a statement after Hochul's announcement that her support for the bill "signals our government's abandonment of its most vulnerable citizens, telling people who are sick or disabled that suicide in their case is not only acceptable, but is encouraged by our elected leaders."

But supporters of the legislation contended that it would reduce suffering for terminally ill people and allow them to die on their own terms.

Trump signs executive order fast-tracking reclassification of marijuana | CNN.com

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The move doesn't legalize marijuana, but reclassifying it would allow the FDA to study it for medical purposes.

President Donald Trump signed an executive order Thursday to fast-track the [reclassification of cannabis](#), which would pave the way for the Food and Drug Administration to study its medicinal uses.

"It is the policy of my Administration to increase medical marijuana and CBD research to better inform patients and doctors. It is critical to close the gap between current medical marijuana and CBD use and medical knowledge of risks and benefits," [the order says](#).

Trump said before he signed the directive in the Oval Office that it is "really something having to do with common sense."

The order does not make [cannabis legal](#) nationwide, he said.

"It doesn't legalize marijuana in any way, shape or form or and in no way sanctions its use as a recreational drug," he said, adding that the order is aimed at helping people struggling with chronic pain.

Trump also indicated he would not be open to legalizing cannabis for recreational use. "It's never safe to use powerful controlled substances in a recreational manner," he said. "So unless a drug is recommended by a doctor for medical reasons, just don't do it," he said.

Cannabis is currently classified in the same category as heroin, ecstasy and LSD under the Controlled Substances Act of 1970. Trump's order directs it to be reclassified a Schedule III substance, defined by the [Drug Enforcement Administration](#) as a drug "with a moderate to low potential for physical and psychological dependence."

Other examples of Schedule III drugs are Tylenol with codeine, ketamine and testosterone.

The executive order directs Attorney General Pam Bondi to conclude the formal rescheduling process, which has been going on for more than a year, and move to publish a final rule that would reclassify cannabis.

Changing the classification to Schedule III would ease regulatory hurdles and allow the FDA to study medical applications for cannabis, potentially opening it up for wider medical use by seniors, veterans and others as a pharmaceutical, irrespective of state laws.

The goal of the order, a senior administration official said ahead of the signing, is to "remove barriers to research" and to "start working to improve the medical marijuana and CBD research to better inform patients and doctors. That's the primary goal."

The order also specifically addresses CBD — [cannabidiol](#) — which is derived from hemp plants and does not cause a high by itself. It directs the White House deputy chief of staff for legislative, political and public affairs to work with Congress to allow people in the U.S. to benefit from access to CBD products while still restricting sale and access to products that pose serious health risks, the administration official said.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., a staunch Trump critic, called the move "a step in the right direction" [on X](#) but added that "more work must be done to decriminalize cannabis, ease overly restrictive banking regulations that stall industry progress in states where it is legal, and rectify the harms done by the War on Drugs."

According to a [November Gallup Poll](#), 64% of U.S. adults think the use of marijuana should be legal.

Record Year for FCA as Bible Distribution Surpasses 244,000 Copies | Crosswalk.com

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The Fellowship of Christian Athletes dramatically increased Bible distribution in 2025, reaching over 244,000 individuals globally.

The Fellowship of Christian (FCA) announced that it distributed more than 244,000 Bibles in 2025, a substantial increase from last year.

FCA, a Christian youth organization, distributed 244,650 Bibles at various events and meetings across the United States and 68 other countries through its chapters. The celebration also makes a significant increase from 2024, in which the FCA distributed 219,000 Bibles

“Some of the primary spaces where FCA distributed Bibles are through Huddles, camps or outreach events such as [Fields of Faith](#),” an FCA spokesperson told [The Christian Post](#).

“FCA ministry happens on campuses ranging from elementary schools to colleges, in pro and elite sports spaces, off-campus leagues and clubs, and in sports environments spanning traditional sports to outdoors, action sports, motorsports and all-ability.”

FCA's evangelism effort through their staff and volunteers, who “make an impact in their communities and various sports environments daily,” was also a contributing factor, the spokesperson added.

“They are always ready to put a Bible into the hands of coaches and athletes when the opportunity arises,” FCA told CP. “The Bibles are intended to serve as the foundation for long-term discipleship, ensuring ongoing engagement rather than a one-time interaction.”

Overall, the FCA hopes that the widespread distribution of Bibles will “deepen the faith and spiritual growth of coaches and athletes, helping them develop a stronger relationship with [Jesus](#) Christ and live out biblical values.”

The spokesperson stressed the importance of the organization’s “E3 Strategy,” which is based on the concepts of “Engage,” “Equip,” and “Empower.”

“FCA's overachieving aim is to reach coaches and athletes with the Gospel, help them grow spiritually and then enable them to help others do the same,” stated the spokesperson.

“We believe this spiritual foundation extends beyond sports, positively influencing teammates, schools, families and entire communities. By providing Scripture in multiple languages, FCA aims to make the Gospel accessible and culturally relevant worldwide.”