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# [Iran-Backed Houthis 'Declare War' on Israel After Alleged Saudi Killings \(breitbart.com\)](#)

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Ansar Allah, the Yemeni Shiite jihadist terror organization known more commonly as the Houthis, took responsibility on Monday for a “large number of ballistic and cruise missiles” as well as drone attacks against the nation of Israel.

The Iranian state outlet Mehr News reported that a spokesman for the Houthis formally “declare[d] war” on the nation of Israel in support of the Sunni genocidal terrorist organization Hamas.

The Houthis are an Iran-backed terrorist organization that [seized](#) control of the capital of Yemen, Sana’a, in 2014 and ousted legitimate President Abd-Rabbo Mansour Hadi, triggering a civil war that remains ongoing, albeit in a ceasefire state, at press time. The group’s [slogan](#) is “*Allahu akbar*, death to the United States, death to Israel, curse the Jews, victory for Islam.” Despite Ansar Allah’s direct ties to the world’s most prolific state sponsor of terrorism, Iran, and its stated goal of destroying America, the administration of leftist President Joe Biden [removed](#) the Houthis from the official U.S. government list of foreign terrorist organizations as one of his first acts in office in February 2021.

The formal declaration from the Houthis that they had begun a terror assault targeting Israel followed a report published in Bloomberg [revealing](#) that the Houthis had also started attacking Saudi Arabia directly again despite the ongoing truce, reportedly killing four Saudi soldiers.

Saudi Arabia is a Sunni Muslim state — a longtime rival of Houthi patrons Iran — and granted Hadi refuge when the Yemeni civil war began, making the country a prime target for Houthi terrorism. Prior to the current alleged truce, the Houthis repeatedly used drones and missiles to bomb Saudi targets across the border, [preferring](#) to attack oil [facilities](#) in an attempt to limit Saudi oil profits. In early 2022, Houthi attacks on Saudi Arabia were so numerous that Riyadh [warned](#) the world it could not guarantee a steady supply of oil if the bombings continued.

In addition to delisting the Houthis, Biden also [halted](#) American offensive weapons sales to Saudi Arabia, reportedly in response to the country’s killing of Islamist *Washington Post* contributor Jamal Khashoggi. Riyadh has reportedly [entered](#) talks with South Korea for military purchases.

Houthi [spokesman](#) General Yahya Saree issued the formal announcement of an attack on Israel from Yemen on Monday, stating that it was intended as a gesture of support

for the “oppressed brothers in Palestine,” referring to the Sunni terrorist organization Hamas. Hamas launched an unprecedented attack on Israel on October 7, killing more than 1,400, abducting about 250 others, and filming atrocities such as the desecration of corpses, the killing of entire families, and cheerful celebrations of death. Among the dead were a large number of children, left dead with knives in their bodies, and decapitated babies, as well as infants appearing to have been burned alive.

Israel has launched a military operation in Gaza, Hamas’s stronghold, to prevent a repeat of the October 7 attack.

“We launched a large number of ballistic and cruise missiles and a large number of drones at various targets of the Zionist enemy in the Palestine Occupied Territories,” Saree [said](#), according to Iran’s Mehr News. “We emphasize that this operation is the third operation in support of our oppressed brothers in Palestine.”

“The position of our Yemeni people towards the cause of Palestine is fixed and principled, and the Palestinian people have the full right to defend themselves and use their full rights,” he claimed. “Our forces performed their duty in supporting Gaza and fired ballistic and cruise missiles at enemy targets in the Occupied Territories.”

Saree’s statement followed a statement from the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) confirming that it had intercepted a missile apparently fired from the southeast and prompting missile alert sirens to go off in the city of Eilat.

“A surface-to-surface missile was fired towards Israeli territory from the Red Sea area and was successfully intercepted by the Arrow air defense system, even before it entered Israeli territory,” the IDF [confirmed](#).

Houthi leaders began threatening attacks on Israel and the United States immediately after the Hamas attack.

“If the Americans directly intervened militarily, we would be ready to participate (against Israel), with missile and drone strikes and other military options,” Houthi leader Abdul Malik al-Houthi [threatened](#).

On Monday, Bloomberg [reported](#) that the Houthis had already begun to attempt to attack Israel in the aftermath of the October 7 Hamas attack and had since targeted Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia and Iran are longtime rivals who [engaged](#) in a high-profile reconciliation under the auspices of communist China in March. That peace may be jeopardized if the Houthis, using Iranian resources, begin to attack Saudi Arabia again.

“Saudi Arabia’s military has gone into a state of high alert following deadly clashes with Yemen’s Iran-backed Houthi rebels, who also tried to fire a missile over the kingdom toward Israel,” Bloomberg claimed, citing unknown “sources.” According to the outlet, the Houthi attacks killed four Saudi soldiers.

Bloomberg also claimed that contrary to its public position repeatedly condemning Israel for trying to protect itself from jihadist attacks, Saudi Arabia may have

participated in intercepting Houthi missiles crossing into Saudi airspace on the way to Israel. The U.S. military [claimed](#) in a statement on October 19 that an American guided missile destroyer intercepted three land attack cruise missiles and a swarm of drones suspected to belong to the Houthis and apparently targeting Israel.

“We cannot say for certain what these missiles and drones were targeting, but they were launched from Yemen heading north along the Red Sea, potentially toward targets in Israel,” Pentagon Press Secretary Air Force Brig. Gen. Pat Ryder said.

Bloomberg on Monday claimed that Saudi Arabia also participated in intercepting that attack, defending Israel from Islamist violence, according to anonymous “people.”

“One of these missiles was intercepted by Saudi air defenses and fell inside the kingdom’s territory, according to the people,” it continued:

*The US and Saudi Arabia had not previously disclosed Saudi involvement in stopping the attack. Protocols associated with a heightened state of readiness have been activated in all branches of the Saudi military following the Houthi missile launches, said one of the people.*

Such an intervention is highly likely to inflame tensions between Iran and Saudi Arabia — already increasing if the Houthi attacks on Saudi territory did happen — and antagonize Islamist groups in the Middle East looking to Saudi Arabia to oppose Israel.

The Iranian and Saudi Foreign Ministers engaged in a phone call on Tuesday, allegedly to coordinate opposition to Israel.

The Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement:

*The two sides discussed the dangerous developments in the situation in Gaza and its surroundings and the importance of the international community in playing its role in achieving a ceasefire and protecting civilians in light of the escalating pace of military operations.*

“Ceasefire” is a term used by opponents of Israel, meaning the prevention of any operations to respond to the October 7 Hamas massacres.

*s (R) | Foreign Minister HH Prince [@FaisalbinFarhan](#) receives a phone call from Iran’s Foreign Minister [@Amirabdollahian](#). [pic.twitter.com/3AKj50Btqk](https://pic.twitter.com/3AKj50Btqk)*

*— Foreign Ministry s (@KSAmofaEN) [October 29, 2023](#)*

Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian also [held](#) a meeting on Tuesday with the head of Hamas, Ismail Haniyeh, currently sheltered in a luxury hotel in Doha, Qatar, to discuss how to “force the Zionist regime to end its atrocities against the Palestinian people,” meaning the ongoing operation against Hamas. Hamas regularly terrorizes Palestinian civilians, using them as human shields and preventing them from seeking refuge outside of Gaza.

Meanwhile, [NewsNation](#) reports:

*The U.S. is deploying 300 additional troops to the Middle East, though the Pentagon said the service members will not be going to Israel.*

*Department of Defense press secretary Brigadier General Patrick Ryder announced the deployment in a press briefing but declined to comment on the specifics beyond saying the troops would not go to Israel.*

Earlier Tuesday, [Breitbart News](#) also reported that the IDF has eliminated a number of Hamas commanders in recent days, including Naseem Abu Ajina — who played a key role in the Palestinian terror organization's unprecedented assault on the Jewish state earlier this month.

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— דובר צה"ל דניאל הגרי – Daniel Hagari (@IDFSpokesperson) [October 31, 202](#)

# [Hamas Official: We Will Repeat October 7 Terror Attack Until Israel is Annihilated \(breitbart.com\)](#)

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A senior political official in the Palestinian Hamas terror organization told Lebanese television last week that the group intends to repeat its October 7 terror attack until Israel is annihilated.

The Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI) [translated](#) the interview. In it, Hamas political official Ghazi Hamad says that attacks on Israeli civilians are justified; that the cost in terms of Palestinian “martyrs” is worth the ultimate goal of ending Israel; and that Hamas will continue to mount such attacks.

MEMRI noted (emphasis omitted):

*Ghazi Hamad of the Hamas political bureau said in an October 24, 2023 show on LBC TV (Lebanon) that Hamas is prepared to repeat the October 7 “Al-Aqsa Flood” Operation time and again until Israel is annihilated. He added that Palestinians are willing to pay the price and that they are “proud to sacrifice martyrs.” Hamad said that Palestinians are the victims of the occupation, therefore no one should blame them for the events of October 7 or anything else, adding: “Everything we do is justified.”*

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*“We must teach Israel a lesson, and we will do this again and again. The Al-Aqsa Flood is just the first time, and there will be a second, a third, a fourth, because we have the determination, the resolve, and the capabilities to fight. Will we have to pay a price? Yes, and we are ready to pay it. We are called a nation of martyrs, and we are proud to sacrifice martyrs.*

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*“The existence of Israel is illogical. The existence of Israel is what causes all that pain, blood, and tears. It is Israel, not us. We are the victims of the occupation. Period. Therefore, nobody should blame us for the things we do. On October 7, October 10, October 1,000,000 – everything we do is justified.”*

Ghazi claimed that Hamas did not intend to harm civilians, but said “complications” caused Hamas to murder civilians, including 260 people at a music festival.

Overall, roughly three-fourths of the more than 1,400 people killed by Hamas on October 7 were civilians.

Pro-Palestinian groups in the West, such as Students for Justice in Palestine, supported the Hamas attacks because they, too, share the vision of destroying Israel. As the Students for Justice in Palestine talking points [claimed](#): “This action of resistance shatters the illusion of Israel as an impenetrable, indestructible entity. ... Settlers are already fleeing the land, their ‘dedication’ to the settler colony is easily broken.”

In reality, the opposite was true: many Israelis came home to join the military or to volunteer.

# **‘Second war of independence’ – Israel’s war cabinet confirms ‘second stage of the war’ has begun | All Israel News**

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Members of Israel's war cabinet address nation together

As the IDF’s ground offensive into the Gaza Strip intensified, the three members of Israel’s war cabinet – Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Minister of Defense Yoav Gallant and former IDF Chief Benny Gantz – addressed the Israeli public on Saturday evening for the first time and made themselves available to answer questions from the press.

Netanyahu opened his remarks by confirming that the ground offensive into Gaza had, indeed, begun on Friday.

“Citizens of Israel, yesterday evening, additional ground forces of ours entered the gates of Gaza, at the doorstep of the fortress of evil. This is the second stage of the war, the goals of which are clear: Destroying Hamas’s military and governing capabilities, and bringing the captives back home,” the prime minister said.

He added that the decision to begin the ground operation was made unanimously by the war cabinet.

In his usual style, Netanyahu’s address used allusions to the Old Testament, for example quoting Deuteronomy 25:17, “Remember what Amalek did to you,” while describing the motivation of the IDF soldiers to avenge the atrocities committed by Hamas.

He also compared the soldiers to the “chain of heroes of Israel,” including Joshua, Judah Maccabee and Bar Kochba.

“This our second war of independence,” the prime minister stressed.

“This will be a victory of good over evil, of light over darkness, of life over death. In this war we will stand steadfast, more united than ever, certain in the justice of our cause. This is the mission of our lives. This is also the mission of my life.”

Gallant addressed the press and explained that the ground offensive in Gaza marked Israel entering a new phase in the war against Hamas.

“Our firepower shook Gaza – it was different from anything that Hamas has ever faced, since the day of its establishment, to this day. Our forces are maneuvering in the



relevant locations, striking Hamas above and underground – from the air, land, and sea. Hamas is taking blows like never before,” the defense minister said.

This was the first time an Israeli official used the Hebrew word for “maneuver,” confirming that Friday was the beginning of the ground offensive, despite the IDF initially reporting that it was “broadening” of ground operations.

In another apparent warning to the Hezbollah terror organization in Lebanon not to join the war against Israel, Gallant stated: “The IDF is prepared on all fronts, in the north, in the center and in the south. We have no interest in expanding the war, but we are prepared. The Air Force invests only a small part of its strength in fighting in Gaza, and it is prepared for any additional mission.”

The defense minister also alluded to the alleged negotiations about the release of additional hostages in exchange for humanitarian aid for Gaza.

“Let’s not deceive ourselves – our enemies do not seek humanitarian [relief]. They seek to remove the pressure of war,” Gallant said, adding that Israel will do “everything possible” to return the hostages.

Gantz, who left the political opposition to join the emergency government with Netanyahu earlier this month, said he praised the international support from allied nations, but stressed regarding the war with Hamas, “there is no diplomatic time limit, only an operational clock.”

Some analysts and Israeli media have criticized the IDF for waiting almost three weeks before beginning the ground operation into Gaza, fearing that international support for Israeli military operations in the Gaza Strip would decrease with the passing of time.

“We will do what is right for us,” Gantz stressed.

“All of us – the prime minister, the defense minister, the Security Cabinet, the extended cabinet and the entire command chain – understand the enormity of the hour and the immense responsibility placed upon our shoulders,” Gantz stated. “We also feel the pain and expectations of Israeli citizens.”

When Netanyahu was asked by the press if he bore responsibility for the failures of Oct. 7, Netanyahu repeated a statement he made a few days prior: “After the war, everyone will have to give answers, myself included.”

He also said that he didn't have concrete indications about direct Iranian involvement in the Hamas assault against Israel.

“I cannot tell you for certain that in this specific operation, at this particular moment, they were involved in the micro-planning,” he said, but said because Iran has supported Hamas for years, it bears some responsibility, regardless.

# [Israel has no right to defend itself, says Russia at UN - The Jerusalem Post \(jpost.com\)](#)

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Russia condemned efforts by Arab states to normalize relations with Israel before the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is settled.

Israel has no right to defend itself as it is an occupying power, Russia's representative to the United Nations, Vasily Nebenzya, said at an emergency special session of [the UN](#) General Assembly on Wednesday.

"The only thing they can muster is continued pronouncements about Israel's supposed right to self defense, although as an occupying power, it does not have that power as confirmed by the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice handed down in 2004," said the Russian representative.

Despite stating that Israel does not have the right to defend itself, Nebenzya proceeded to state that Israel does have the right to "ensure its security" and "to fight terrorism."

"As for Israel's security - and we recognize its rights to ensure its security - this security can only be fully guaranteed if we resolve the Palestinian issue on the basis of relevant UN Security Council resolutions," said the Russian representative. "The Jewish people suffered persecution for many centuries and the Jewish people should know better than anyone that the suffering of ordinary people, innocent lives lost in the name of blind retribution, will neither restore justice, nor bring the dead back to life, nor console their families."

Russia accuses US of 'hypocrisy' in handling of Gaza war

In a possible reference to Western criticism of Russia's invasion and [occupation of eastern Ukraine](#), Nebenzya accused the US and its allies of "hypocrisy," saying that "in other completely different situations are issuing appeals for the respect of humanitarian law, establishing investigation committees, imposing sanctions on those who are actually genuinely only resorting to force as a last resort to put an end to years of violence."

Nebenzya accused Western countries of "[torpedoing](#)" efforts to reach a peaceful settlement of the situation and condemned efforts by Arab states to normalize relations with Israel before the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is settled.

The Russian representative additionally stated that criticism of comments by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres - in which he stated that Hamas's October 7 massacre "did not occur in a vacuum" - was "undeserved."

# [VP Harris blasted for ‘tone deaf’ post announcing anti-Islamophobia plan amid Israel-Hamas war | Fox News](#)

#bibleprophecy, vp harris, anti-islamophobia

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Hate crimes against Jewish people up 37% last year, FBI reports

Vice President [Kamala Harris](#) was blasted on social media over a video "announcing the country's first National Strategy to Counter Islamophobia" with most users taking issue with the timing of the post just weeks after the Hamas terrorist attack on Israel.

"Taking on hate is a national priority," Harris [posted on X](#), rolling out the [White House plan](#) to "combat a surge of hate in America."

The timing of the post was immediately criticized on social media, and many also pointed out the recent surge in hate crimes against Jewish people.

"On the same day Hamas leadership goes on international TV and declares their goal is to erase Jews and Israel off the planet," The Spectator editor Stephen L. Miller [posted on X](#). "Just stunning."

## [THE SCOURGE OF ANTISEMITISM IS NOW GLOBAL AND INESCAPABLE](#)

"According to the FBI director, Jews make up 2.4% of the US population but are the targets of 60% of hate crimes," political commentator Gad Saad [posted on X](#). "This is why it is apparently important to fight Islamophobia according to the White House."

"Anti-semitism is at the highest level since NAZI Germany and the Biden admin decides to launch an anti-Islamophobia effort," GOP Rep. Derrick Van Orden [posted on X](#). "I have absolutely no idea how anyone who cares about the survival of Jewish people could vote for any member of the Democratic Party."

## [BIDEN WHITE HOUSE BRAINSTORMING ANTI-ISLAMOPHOBIA PROGRAM AMID WARNINGS AGAINST SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL](#)

"Timing is everything & is itself a statement," Fox News contributor Tammy Bruce [posted on X](#). "This as Jews are being threatened, hunted, & attacked worldwide. Tells you everything you need to know about the moral depravity and corruption of the Democratic Party and especially of the people in the White House. Shame on them."

"After the worst massacre of Jews since the Holocaust and a breakout of pro-Hamas activism on campus, the White House is claiming \*Islamophobia\* is our top concern," Republican Sen. Tom Cotton [posted on X](#).

Hate crimes data released on Oct. 16 by the FBI shows that reported [hate crime incidents](#) in 2022 rose to 11,634, the highest number ever recorded since the FBI started tracking such data in 1991. The country's reported single-bias anti-Jewish hate crime incidents sharply rose by more than 37%, reaching 1,122 incidents, the highest number recorded in almost three decades and the second-highest number on record.

The [White House](#) responded to a request for comment from Fox News Digital by pointing out several steps the administration has taken to combat antisemitism in the past month, including DHS and DOJ taking steps to engage with college campus law enforcement and the Department of Education expediting its update of the intake process for discrimination complaints under Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, to specifically state that certain forms of antisemitism and Islamophobia are prohibited by this law.

"In addition, Senior Administration Officials continue to engage with leading organizations and students to hear from them directly and discuss additional actions to take," a White House official said.

The White House also pointed to its [first-ever national strategy](#) to combat antisemitism launched in May.

# [UN accused of 'blood libel' against Israel, latest in long history of alleged bias against Jewish state | Fox News](#)

#bibleprophecy, #israel, #united nations, #anti-semitism

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Sen. Ted Cruz joined the chorus of voices calling on the UN secretary-general to resign

JERUSALEM — Allegations of recurring [United Nations](#) anti-Israel activity, including accusations that United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres seemed to rationalize Hamas' murder of 1,400 people — illustrate the world body's obsession with the Jewish state.

"Of course, (Guterres) should resign," Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, told Fox News Digital. "Many aspects of the U.N., like the Human Rights Council and UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency), are either antisemitic or give cover for terrorism or both. The behavior of the secretary-general this week was shameful even by the standards of the U.N."

Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, Gilad Erdan, on Tuesday urged Guterres to resign, [ripping into the U.N. secretary-general](#) for ostensibly rationalizing Hamas' murder of 1,400, including Americans, Oct. 7 in Israel.

Guterres said Hamas' attacks "did not happen in a vacuum," and the "Palestinian people have been subjected to 56 years of suffocating occupation. This is false. It was the opposite," Erdan said, describing Guterres' words as "pure blood libel."

Guterres responded to the criticism against him by noting in a statement outside the U.N. Security Council, "I am shocked by the misrepresentations by some of my statements yesterday in the Security Council. As if ... as if I was justifying acts of terror by Hamas. This is false. It was the opposite."

The U.N. has long faced accusations by critics of antisemitism and anti-Israel hatred.

In 1975, a majority of U.N. member states passed a resolution equating the founding philosophy of the state of Israel — Zionism — with racism. Critics say significant damage has been done by the resolution since, even though member states overturned the antisemitic resolution in 1991. But severe injury had been inflicted on the reputation of [the Middle East's](#) only democratic state, Israel.

New York's former Democratic [Mayor Ed Koch in 1982 called](#) the world body a "cesspool" for passing an anti-Israel resolution against the Jewish state for annexing the Golan Heights.

The late Israeli Ambassador to the U.N., Abba Eban, famously quipped, "If Algeria introduced a (U.N.) resolution declaring that the earth was flat and that Israel had flattened it, it would pass by a vote of 164 to 13 with 26 abstentions."

Guterres' move to blame the Jewish state for an alleged "occupation" of the Gaza Strip omitted information regarding Israel's withdrawal from the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip in 2005.

Erdan condemned Guterres, calling on him to resign.

"His statement that 'the attacks by Hamas did not happen in a vacuum' expressed an understanding for terrorism and murder," Erdan said. "It's really (unfathomable)."

A spokesman for the secretary-general sent Fox News Digital a statement defending his speech and rejecting criticism.

"Nothing can justify the deliberate killing, injuring and kidnapping of civilians — or the launching of rockets against civilian targets," Guterres said in his statement.

## **UN FAILS AGAIN TO PASS RESOLUTION ON ISRAEL-HAMAS VIOLENCE**

"Indeed, I spoke of the grievances of the Palestinian people, and in doing so, I also clearly stated, and I quote, 'But the grievances of the Palestinian people cannot justify the appalling attacks by Hamas.'

"And then I went on with my intervention referring to all my positions on all aspects of the Middle East crisis. I believe it was necessary to set the record straight, especially out of respect to the victims and to their families."

When asked if Guterres believes the U.N. should sanction [Hamas as a terrorist organization](#), Guterres' spokesman declined to comment.

"The United Nations system — its secretariat from the secretary-general to its high commissioner for human rights, its bodies and agencies from the General Assembly and Human Rights Council to the Security Council — has systematically treated Israel differently than any other state for over half a century," Anne Bayefsky, president of Human Rights Voices and director of the Touro Institute on Human Rights and the Holocaust, told Fox News Digital.

"Discriminated against Israel. Demonized Israel. That demonization is not an abstraction. It's lethal, as should now be excruciatingly obvious.

"The U.N. has no definition of terrorism because Islamic states claim targeting the Jewish state and its people is not antisemitism. Last week, Navi Pillay, head of a U.N. Commission of Inquiry, presented a U.N. report condemning Israel that put the word terrorism in quotation marks.

"She justified 'armed struggle' against Israel and backed the secretary-general's contextualization — rationalization — of Hamas atrocities. She said, 'The secretary-general made a correct statement ... the attack (of Oct. 7) isn't an isolated incident. It

flows from all these violations on both sides.' This is the face of modern antisemitism — a straight line from discrimination to death.

"This is a familiar circle of terrorists opposed to a Jewish state and steeped in antisemitism, expecting and finding the U.N. has their back. The secretary-general is a man who has smashed any pretense of a U.N. moral compass. He is a disgrace and lost any entitlement to head an organization theoretically dedicated to human rights."

Rabbi Abraham Cooper, the associate dean of the LA-based Simon Wiesenthal Center, told Fox News Digital he met last week with a U.N. diplomat in the secretary-general's office "on all these roiling issues. When I saw the secretary-general's statement, I was shocked and disappointed. My sense is that many seasoned professionals, journalists and, yes, diplomats just don't get it.

"They want to treat this as just another round of violence between Hamas and Israel. It isn't, and the Jewish people will reject any efforts to do just that. Instead of berating Israel, the secretary-general should be telling the viciously one-sided UNHRC COI to wrap up their inquisition."

### **NETANYAHU SPOKESWOMAN CALLS OUT UN SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR 'MIND-BOGGLING' REMARKS: 'THIS IS INSANITY'**

The U.N. Human Rights Council commissioned a "commission of inquiry" to investigate mainly Israel's alleged human rights violations. The COI and its members have been accused of [antisemitism by critics](#).

Former U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Nikki Haley in 2018 pulled the plug on U.S. participation in the U.N. Human Rights Council because of its alleged bias against Israel. She said at the time the council "has been a protector of human rights abusers [and a cesspool](#) of political bias."

President Biden rejoined the body in 2021.

Haley also denounced the U.N.'s Paris-based UNESCO, which supports various educational and cultural projects around the world and has faced criticism for naming ancient Jewish sites as Palestinian heritage sites and granting full membership to the Palestrian Authority in 2011.

"UNESCO is among the most [corrupt and politically biased U.N.](#) agencies," Haley said after the U.S. announced it would quit the agency in 2017.

The Biden administration rejoined UNESCO in 2023.

"The Jewish people will not be lectured to. They will not allow Hamas to commit more crimes against humanity. The speechwriters and special rapporteurs live in their bubbles. We live in the real world. It's not 1943, but 2023," Cooper said.

The Wiesenthal Center is named after the legendary Nazi hunter, Simon Wiesenthal, who survived the death camps of the Hitler movement.

Cooper took the U.N. specialized agency for Palestinian refugees, UNRWA, to task for "serving as staging areas for weapons and missile launches."

The United Nations Security Council has also faced intense criticism for its efforts to sanction Israel. Germany's former ambassador, Christoph Heusgen, equated Israel with the terrorist movement Hamas during one session, prompting the Wiesenthal Center to list Heusgen's remarks as one of the worst outbreaks of antisemitism and anti-Israeli conduct in 2019.

President Trump's Middle East envoy, Jason Greenblatt, [blasted the UNSC in 2019](#) for impeding peace between Israel and the Palestinians. He called the conduct of the Security Council "the constant drumbeat of tired rhetoric that is designed to prevent progress and bypass direct negotiations. It is time to retire that rhetoric."

On Friday, the United Nations General Assembly failed to condemn Hamas in a non-binding resolution. The Jordanian-sponsored resolution calling for a "humanitarian truce," sailed through with some 120 nations voting for it. Erdan told delegates the vote "will go down in infamy."

"We have all witnessed that the U.N. no longer holds even one ounce of legitimacy or relevance," Erdan said. "This organization was founded in the wake of the Holocaust for the purpose of preventing atrocities, yet the spectacle we just saw proves beyond a doubt that the U.N. is committed, not to preventing, but ensuring, further atrocities."



# [Russians storm Makhachkala Airport to hunt Jews from Israel | Blaze Media \(theblaze.com\)](#)

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Hundreds of individuals stormed an airport in Russia to hunt down Israelis flying in from Tel Aviv, according to multiple reports.

Terrifying video shows the horde flooding into the Makhachkala International Airport in the North Caucasus republic of Dagestan in Russia. The mob is seen waving Palestine flags and are heard shouting: "Allahu Akbar."

[The Moscow Times](#) reported, "The flight from Tel Aviv landed at 7:17 p.m. local time, according to the airport's [website](#), after which the protesters stormed into the airport, breaking past security and running onto the tarmac."

The mob allegedly stormed the tarmac to search for any incoming flights carrying Jews.

The demonstrators reportedly held up signs that read: "Child killers have no place in Dagestan" and "We are against Jewish refugees."

According to [the Jerusalem Post](#), "Footage reportedly from the scene shared on local Telegram channels showed rioters chanting 'Allahu Akbar' and stopping cars in order to check the documents of passengers to ensure they were not Israeli or Jewish."

The Russian state-owned [RIA Novosti](#) media outlet reported that Russia's Federal Air Transport Agency had temporarily closed the Makhachkala airport for arrivals and departures due to the swarm of angry people.

"The measures are in effect until the situation normalizes. Law enforcement agencies are working on the spot," the agency stated.

Unconfirmed videos show a chaotic scene at the Makhachkala Airport as it was breached by the mob.

There were reports that the Russian National Guard and other security forces were deployed to the Makhachkala Airport to settle the situation.

There were reportedly some Israelis who did fly into Dagestan from Tel Aviv.

[The Times of Israel](#) reported, "An Israeli security official says the incident in Dagestan's capital of Makhachkala is ongoing after a plane from Israel was attacked by a local pro-Palestinian mob."

The official told the outlet, "A limited number of Israelis and Jews are currently isolated and under guard at the airport. We are working on having them depart on a connection flight to Moscow once conditions allow. Israeli security officials and the Israeli ambassador are working with the local security authorities."

Former chief rabbi of Moscow and the chairman of the Conference of European Rabbis Pinchas Goldschmidt expressed concern, "The Conference of European Rabbis is concerned about the situation of the Jews in Dagestan, with the reports of calls for pogroms against the Jews in the republic's cities. President [Vladimir] Putin is responsible for the peace of the Jews in his country and we hope that he will give an unequivocal instruction to the local government not to allow riots and pogroms against the Jews."

The Coordination Center for Muslims of the North Caucasus condemned the storming of the airport and other anti-Semitic activities carried out recently, "In recent days, we have been faced with provocations of destructive forces who, purely for personal selfish interests, in order to incite interfaith hatred in the North Caucasus, are trying to call on Muslims to take to the streets against all Jews, including Jewish citizens of the Russian Federation who have been living peacefully on our territory for centuries, who have nothing to do with the genocide of Palestinians by Israel, the United States, and their minions."

Dagestan's population is [purportedly](#) 83% Muslim. However, a [few thousand](#) Caucasian Jews are estimated to live in the Republic of Dagestan situated along the coast of the Caspian Sea.

# [Open hatred of Jews surges globally, inflamed by Gaza war \(yahoo.com\)](#)

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LONDON (Reuters) -In Los Angeles, a man screaming "kill Jews" attempts to break into a family's home. In London, girls in a playground are told they are "stinking Jews" and should stay off the slide. In China, posts likening Jews to parasites, vampires or snakes proliferate on social media, attracting thousands of "likes".

These are examples of incidents of antisemitism, which have surged globally since the attack by Hamas gunmen on southern Israel on Oct. 7 and subsequent war on the Islamist group launched by Israel in the Gaza Strip.

"This is the scariest time to be Jewish since World War Two. We have had problems before, but things have never been this bad in my lifetime," said Anthony Adler, 62, speaking outside a synagogue where he had gone to pray in Golders Green, a London neighbourhood with a large Jewish community.

Adler, who runs three Jewish schools, temporarily closed two of them after Oct. 7 because of fears of attacks on pupils, and has beefed up security at all three.

"The biggest fear is that there will be a random attack on our community, on our families and our children," he said.

In countries where figures are available from police or civil society groups, including the United States, Britain, France, Germany and South Africa, the pattern is clear: the number of antisemitic incidents has gone up since Oct. 7 by several hundred percent compared with the same period last year.

In some countries, such as the United States and Britain, Islamophobic incidents have also increased since Oct. 7.

In the case of the antisemitic incidents, most consist of verbal abuse, online slurs or threats, graffiti, and defacing of Jewish properties, businesses or sites of religious significance. Physical assaults represent a significant proportion.

One common thread is that anger over the deaths of thousands of Palestinians as a result of Israel's bombardment of Gaza is invoked as justification for verbal or physical aggression towards Jews in general, often accompanied by the use of slurs and tropes rooted in the long history of antisemitism.

"Whatever their opinion on the conflict, even if they are extremely critical of the Israeli government's policy, Jew is for them equal to Israel, equal to killing Palestinian children," said political scientist Nonna Mayer, a member of France's CNCDH, an

independent human rights commission. She was describing what was in the minds of those behind antisemitic incidents.

### 'ANY EXCUSE'

The climate of fear is worse for many Jews than in previous rises in antisemitism linked to flare-ups of violence in the Middle East, partly because of the intensity of the Gaza conflict and partly because of the trauma of Oct. 7.

"The idea that Israel was the ultimate shelter, that idea is totally shattered by what happened on Oct. 7," said Mayer.

The most chilling antisemitic incident globally was the storming of an airport in Russia's Dagestan region on Sunday by an enraged crowd looking for Jews to harm after a flight arrived from Tel Aviv.

Rabbi Alexander Boroda, president of Russia's Federation of Jewish Communities, said in response that anti-Israeli sentiment had morphed into open aggression towards Russian Jews.

Shneur Segal, the chief Ashkenazi rabbi of Azerbaijan, said the incident showed that "antisemites will use any excuse - the current Middle East crisis being just the latest - to terrorise the dwindling numbers of us that still remain" in the Caucasus.

"And where do they think they are chasing these Jews away to? The very country whose existence is such an abomination to them!" he said, referring to Israel.

But without reaching such extremes, a string of incidents all over the world show the fears and tensions affecting Jewish communities.

In Buenos Aires, pupils at a well-known Jewish school were asked not to wear their usual uniforms to be less easily identifiable, parents said. Other schools cancelled planned camping trips and activities outside their premises.

At Cornell University in upstate New York, security was increased around the Center for Jewish Living after online threats, including a call for it to be bombed.

In Johannesburg, pro-Palestinian protesters marched to an area with a large Jewish community on Saturday, tearing off pictures of Israeli hostages in Gaza from the perimeter walls of a community centre while a Shabbat service was being held at a nearby synagogue.

"I feel rage towards the people who are trying to curtail my freedom of religion and my freedom of movement, for the most part based on their antisemitism," said Akiva Carr, who was in the synagogue when the incident took place.

Official responses to the surge in antisemitism has varied from country to country.

In the United States and Western Europe, authorities have mostly been quick to express strong support for Jewish communities, denounce antisemitism and in some cases reinforce security at relevant locations.

In Israel, the government said after the Dagestan incident that Israeli citizens should "review the necessity to travel abroad at this time" and urged Israelis residing abroad to be vigilant and stay away from demonstrations.

In China, where the government routinely censors words or phrases it considers sensitive on social media, there was no indication that it had taken any steps to curtail a torrent of antisemitic vitriol on social media.

A Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson said Chinese law prohibits the use of the internet to propagate extremism, ethnic hatred or discrimination.

# [End Times Hope - Mount of Olives Prophecies in Israeli News \(israeltoday.co.il\)](https://israeltoday.co.il)

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The humble hill barely a stone's throw east of the Temple Mount has a glorious past and even more glorious future.

Israel's leading Hebrew news portal Ynet opened 2022 with an [article](#) titled: *"The prophet Zechariah, Jesus and Mohammed: How the Mount of Olives became the 'Last Days Mountain'"*

Many of the **Israel Today** readers have stood on the Mount of Olives and looked out over the little valley full of graves toward the golden dome on the Temple Mount. Perhaps you are one of them and have even ridden the tourist camel parked there rather irreverently.

The Ynet article struck us as remarkable in serving up the Last Days to its predominantly secular Israeli audience – tying together prophecies of the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament and even Muslim tradition, calling the Mount of Olives:

- the "Mountain of Expected Redemption";
- the "Mountain of the War of Judgement Day"; and
- the "Mountain of Resurrection"

We invite you to dig into the biblical sources with us and bring prophetic strands together with the present situation.

*"Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations, as he fights in the day of battle. On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south..." (Zechariah 14:3 NIV)*

The Hebrew article starts with the above "humdinger" of a verse to get Israelis up to speed on the Mount of Olives as the location where in the end times God is prophesied to personally intervene to rescue Jerusalem in its most dire hour:

*"... this is how the prophet Zechariah ben Berechiah describes in his vision the events of the Day of Judgment. In linking the prophecy of Zechariah with the prophecies of Ezekiel and Daniel, the Jewish tradition was formed and formulated as it appears in biblical commentary literature – the Mount of Olives is closely associated with the events of the 'Gog and Magog War,' an expansive*

*international military campaign against Jerusalem... then the direct intervention of God will bring redemption.”*

With pride the Ynet article lays out for its Israeli readers the further widening fame of Israel's very own Mount of Olives into the vast world of Christian believers:

*“... the Mount of Olives occupies a central place in the description of the events of Jesus' last days up to the stage of his crucifixion. Jesus stands on the Mount of Olives and weeps over the destruction of Jerusalem, he foretells the destruction of the Temple and even foresees the end of days.”*

The reference is to New Testament passages and prophecies such as this:

*Each day Jesus was teaching at the temple, and each evening he went out to spend the night on the hill called the Mount of Olives, and all the people came early in the morning to hear him at the temple. (Luke 21:37-38 NIV)*

*When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany [on the southern slope of the Mount of Olives], he lifted his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. (Luke 24:50-51 NIV)*

*... he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.' (Acts 1:9-11 NIV)*

The article also reports how some Muslim traditions drew from biblical inspiration and incorporated the Mount of Olives (“A-Tor” – the mount) into their End Times predictions of the Day of Judgment and Resurrection.

### **Ezekiel prophesies glorious future for Mount of Olives**

However, the original inspiring prophetic reference to the Mount of Olives has to be in the biblical book of Ezekiel. Ezekiel received his commission to be a prophet while in the exile just a few years before Babylonians burned and destroyed the Temple in Jerusalem. Ezekiel's “inaugural” prophetic vision of the appearance of the likeness of the GLORY of God was a wild Technicolor sight of angelic living creatures with faces like a lion, ox and eagle and wheels of fire as a kind of chariot under the sapphire throne of the glowing glory of God. This is the same GLORY that Ezekiel describes as leaving the Temple by way of the Mount of Olives due to the abominations of Israel, and eventually returning to a sanctified people in the same manner:

*Then the cherubim, with the wheels beside them, spread their wings, and the glory of the God of Israel was above them. The glory of the LORD went up from within the city and stopped above the mountain to the east of it. (the Mount of Olives, Ezekiel 11:22-23 NIV)*

*“... and I saw the glory of the God of Israel coming from the east. His voice was like the roar of rushing waters, and the land was radiant with his glory... The glory of the LORD entered the temple through the gate facing east... and the glory of the LORD filled the temple... He said, ‘Son of man, this is the place of my throne and the place for the soles of my feet. This is where I will live among the Israelites forever. The house of Israel will never again defile my holy name... ’” (Ezekiel 43:1-7 NIV)*

## **Tombs waiting to be emptied**

Today nestled among the slopes and summit of the Mount of Olives, in addition to about 100,000 Jewish graves, you will find tourist lookouts, a few churches and some of the Arab neighborhoods of East Jerusalem. From the Mount of Olives and eastward the topography drops down steadily through various dry wadi riverbeds of the Judean Desert toward the lowest point on earth – the Dead Sea.

The Mount of Olives cemetery became the most desired resting place for Jews due to several Jewish traditions, but mostly the belief that those laid to rest there would be the first to rise in the Resurrection. Indeed a fascinating passage in the New Testament gives a taste for just that:

*At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus’ resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people. (Matthew 27:51-53 NIV)*

The Bible highlights the Mount of Olives as a divine entry and exit for the adjacent House of God.

Because of the seething [tensions](#) on the Temple Mount, it now serves as a quieter meeting point and stark reminder towering over Jerusalem towards the East of the coming Messiah, judgement, redemption and the resurrection. It is perhaps a sign of the times that even the eyes of the Israeli media are looking up.