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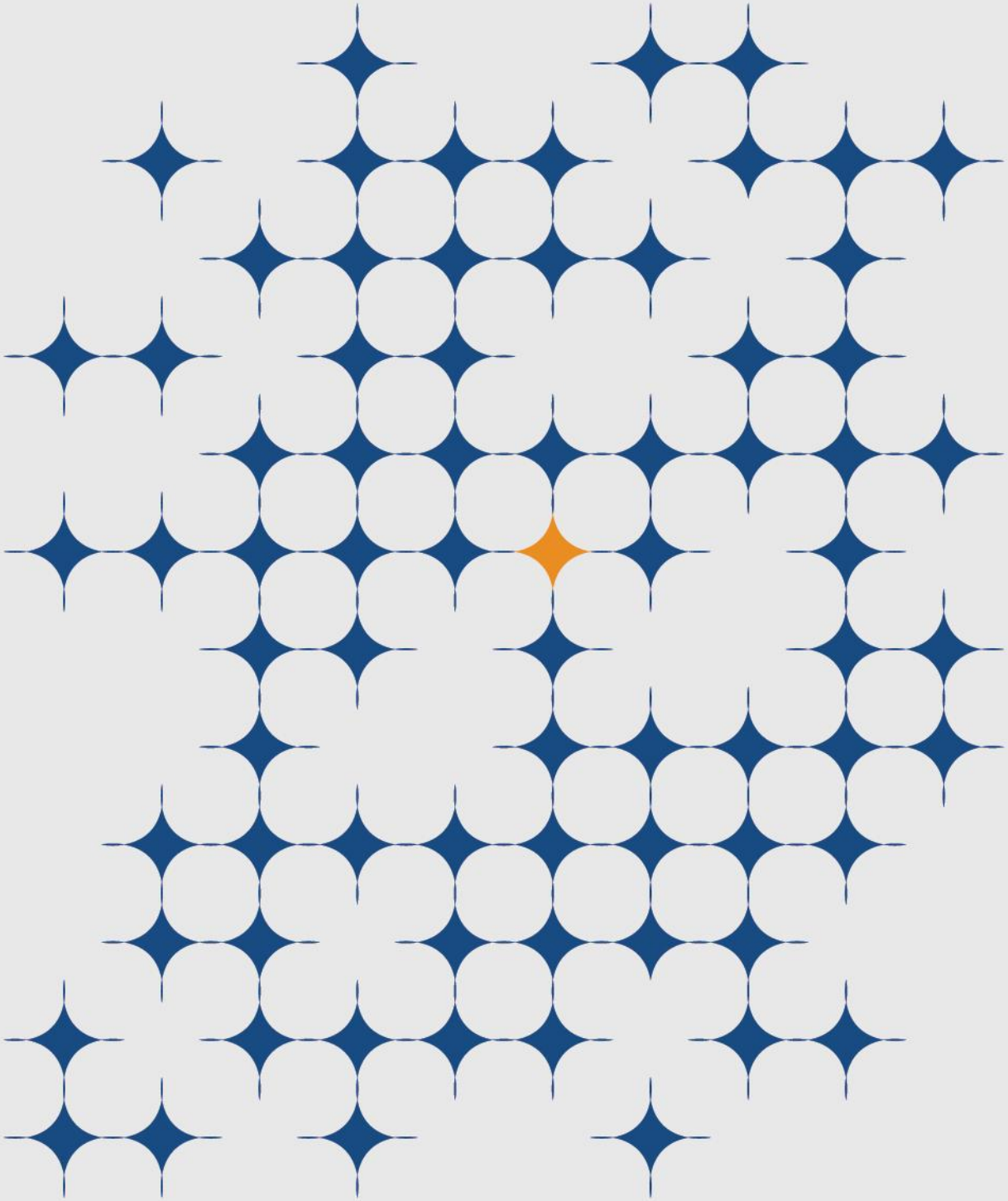

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Executive Summary

- → In this ninth newsletter, SENTINEL covers incidents from 01/10/2025 to 31/10/2025. An additional note on the methodology can be found in the appendix, alongside legal developments related to antisemitism, useful to better understand the persecution Jewish people face in Europe as well as to monitor the interpretation and application of European hate crime laws.
- → Beyond monitoring antisemitic incidents, the final part of this report will provide insights into foiled and executed terrorist attacks and developments in this period, including from sources of threat that may not specifically target Jewish communities, in order to enhance community awareness and preparedness to evolving terrorist trends.
- → From 01/10/2025 to 31/10/2025, the ICCT research team, responsible for developing this report and assisted by SACC by EJC, recorded 21 antisemitic incidents in European countries.
- → Vandalism continues to be the most prevalent type of attack, with 9 out of 21 incidents.
- → Within this period, two incidents targeted Holocaust memorials, two synagogues, and two kosher businesses.
- → The key incident for both antisemitic monitoring and monitoring of terrorist incidents in Europe is the Manchester synagogue car ramming and stabbing attack that took place on Yom Kippur, 2nd of October. The 35-year-old attacker, according to the police, has pledged allegiance to ISIS. This makes it the first executed ISIS attack on UK territory since 2020, when the group has claimed responsibility for a non-fatal attack where two pedestrians were stabbed in London. Access the dedicated chapter of this report below or through this link: Terrorist attack in Manchester synagogue.
- → Worryingly, two other victims of the five physical attacks were children. A boy was insulted and beaten by five other teenagers in the elevator of his own building in Paris. Another boy, according to his mother, has been consistently bullied with antisemitic intent in school before being beaten on the streets of Vienna by two classmates.
- → The map below indicates the locations of incidents by their type. These were recorded in 9 European countries (*Austria*, *Bulgaria, Germany, France, Italy, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, UK*).
- → Jump straight to parts of this report: Physical attacks; Vandalism; Hate speech & harassment; other; Legal developments in relation to antisemitism; Terrorist incidents & threat assessment; and a Note on Methodology.

Terrorist attack in Manchester synagogue

The attack outside the Heaton Park Hebrew Congregation synagogue in Manchester unfolded on the morning of 2 October 2025, when a man drove a car through members of the public, stabbed a security personnel member by the entrance of the synagogue, and attempted to get inside while the festive service was taking place.

According to investigators, the assailant, identified as Jihad Al-Shamie, 35, a British citizen of Syrian descent, targeted worshippers on Yom Kippur, Judaism's holiest day. He pledged allegiance to ISIS in a call to the police shortly before the attack. He attempted to gain entry carrying a knife, wearing what appeared to be an explosive vest (which turned out not to be viable).

Some of the attendees courageously barricaded the doors while the police were alerted: as a result of a swift response, the assailant was shot at the scene just seven minutes after the officers received the alert. Two men, identified as Adrian Daulby (53) and Melvin Cravitz (66), were killed in the incident, as well as the assailant. Three other men were seriously injured: one was struck by the car, one was stabbed, and one was wounded by police gunfire. One of the victims was subsequently discharged from the hospital; the other two remain in stable conditions.

In the aftermath, the attack was formally declared a terrorist incident. Investigators believe it was ideologically motivated, likely antisemitic, though the exact motive is still under investigation. Several arrests followed: three initial arrests shortly afterwards, and then three more announced on 3 October in connection with planning, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism.
The British Prime Minister, who returned to the UK early after the attack, has vowed to "defeat antisemitism" in his speech, later allocating additional funds to the Jewish Community Security Trust (CST), and ordering mandatory antisemitism training for NHS staff. Despite the attack being "sadly something we feared was coming", the community has demonstrated strength and resilience in the aftermath. (UK, 02.10.2025)

The state of antisemitism in Europe

At the time of heightened discussion on the horrific Manchester Synagogue attack on October 2nd, new details also emerged on the foiled plot from 2024, where two Jihadi-radicalized men plotted to kill 'as many Jews as possible' in Manchester, amassing a huge arsenal of ammunition before being arrested by undercover operatives. These details emerge from the ongoing court hearings.

Simultaneously, there have been arrests of 3 Hamas members in Berlin when procuring weapons, who reportedly planned to target Jewish and Israeli institutions. More on this and other incidents can be found in the Terrorism Threat Assessment section of the report. This is notable because this month, there is a heightened number of terrorist developments with antisemitic motive and targeting. Outside of the direct scope of monitoring but situated nonetheless in an interconnected European space is the incident in Kyiv, where a Jewish man was sprayed with tear gas by supposed members of a neo-Nazi group just outside the synagogue (Ukraine, 11.10.2025).

In terms of responses of antisemitism, the Czech Republic has fundamentally revised its approach. Recognizing the substantial growth in instances of antisemitism since 2023, the Ministry of Interior in their report highlighted that antisemitism is not just a marginal part of other extremist beliefs anymore, but an ideology of its own: the so-called 'new anti-Semitism' consisting of delegitimization of Israel and "application of double standards". The pillars of the 2030 strategy are ensuring Holocaust education, strengthening security, and supporting Jewish life.

Incidents by type of incident, in chronological order

Physical attacks, 5:

→ The attack outside the Heaton Park Hebrew Congregation synagogue in Manchester. Read more in the dedicated part of the report: Terrorist attack in Manchester synagogue. (UK, 02.10.2025)

→ On a sidelines of Cologne's pro-Palestinian demonstration on October 7, an observer claims to have been beaten up by one of the protestors, a 29-year-old man of Moroccan descent wearing a pro-Palestinian scarf. In the video posted by the victim of the beating, the protester can be seen first approaching and inquiring as to what the other man is doing there, to which he replied, "I'm just watching this". The protester then exclaimed "You're a terrorist. You've killed too many children. You and your president". The situation escalated, and after being asked "What problem do you have with Jews?", the protestor exclaimed "You're a Jew. You're a piece of shit", as BILD reports based on the video. The video becomes incomprehensible then, but the protestor supposedly beats up the sideline counter-protestor, tackling him to the ground and punching on the temples – diagnosed the next morning as a concussion. The police in response to BILD's enquiry confirmed that the investigation is ongoing with charges of assault against the Moroccan man. (Germany, 07.10.2025)

→ In Créteil, a woman was assaulted on a bus by another woman. The woman asked the alleged attacker to speak more quietly on the phone, who then reportedly punched and bit the victim, proclaiming "you look like a Jew, we're going to kill all the Jews in Créteil". After this, the attacker also stole the victim's phone before rushing out. An investigation has been launched into robbery with violence and antisemitic death threats. (France, 14.10.2025)

→ In Seine-Saint-Denis, a 13-year-old boy was confronted by five other teenagers in an elevator of his apartment building. They asked if his clothes were designer as an insult, and called him "a dirty Jew" before proceeding to push him to the ground, causing several injuries. The family are confident it

was an antisemitic attack and filed a complaint. The investigation has been opened into alleged religiously motivated violence. (France, 16.10.2025)

→ A 12-year-old Jewish boy in Vienna has been a victim of bullying with antisemitic background. According to his mother, his classmates were forcing him to give them his pocket money accompanied by antisemitic insults. As early as October 1, he was allegedly choked and pushed down a flight of stairs by a girl in his class, leading to a need for a neck brace. His photos were published online, accompanied by sexualized insults and threats. Lastly, on October 21st, after an altercation with another classmate in class, the boy was apprehended on his way home by the assailant and another teenager. The boy was pushed to the ground and beaten, before a passerby on the street was able to intervene, and the boy was taken to a hospital. From the mother's words, antisemitic insults accompanied the incident, as the attackers reportedly shouted, "you're a Jew, if you say anything, I'll tell everyone you're a Jew". The victim's mother has filed a report with the police. (Austria, 21.10.2025)

Vandalism, 9:

→ In Vincennes, not far from Paris, an antisemitic tag appeared graffitied on a wall near a Jewish primary school, according to photographs posted. (France, 03.10.2025)

→ In Rome, antisemitic graffiti urging to "burn all Jews" appeared on a shutter of a kosher bakery, as photographed and reported by an Italian antisemitism monitoring centre. (Italy, 06.10.2025)

→ In Berlin, a man was arrested by the police shortly after he committed an act of vandalism on a Jewish museum. According to the police spokesperson, the 54-year-old defaced the museum sign, crossing out the word "Jewish" and replacing it with the word "child murderer." (Germany, 06.10.2025)

→ In Coiano, Italy, Marco Tofani, an active member of the Italy-Israel Association and a former municipal president of Avis, discovered that the door of his home has been vandalised with graffiti "Tofani Zionist". He announced it in a social media post, but further details are lacking. (Italy, 06.10.2025).

→ On an unspecified date in early October 2025, two Jewish targets were vandalised in Bulgaria. First, a Holocaust memorial in Burgas, already vandalised in August 2025 with pro-Nazi stickers of General Hristo Lukov, was now covered with green paint. (Bulgaria, 09.10.2025)

→ Simultaneously, according to the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on October 9th, at a similar time, the synagogue in the city of Varna was also vandalised in an unspecified manner. (Bulgaria, 09.10.2025)

→ In Alghero, Sicily, antisemitic inscription appeared on the house. The city council president condemned the act, urging the owner to take responsibility for the quick clean-up. (Italy, 22.10.2025)

→ In Cavallino, the electoral billboard was graffitied with a slogan "death to the Jews of the Democratic Party", while another was graffitied with an anti-NATO slogan, seemingly by one person. Thus, an act of political vandalism also becomes antisemitic due to, likely, beliefs in conspiracies such as that Jews control political parties. (Italy, 22.10.2025).

→ In Vilnius, the window of the restaurant serving traditional Jewish cuisine was smashed with a large stone. The owner is sure the attack was antisemitic. The police refused to arrive at the scene and suggested filing a complaint on an online platform. (Lithuania, 28.10.2025)

Hate speech and harassment, 5:

→ In Offenbach, a man was threatened with an antisemitic gesture by a female driver after leaving the synagogue wearing a prayer shawl, according to the police investigating the incident. (Germany, 05.10.2025)

→ Days after the deadly terrorist attack on Manchester synagogue, a Jewish club in Manchester situated opposite of the attacked synagogue, received an envelope containing 'suspicious powder'. The club was promptly evacuated, and the police later identified the substance as 'non-suspicious' – according to BBC, most likely dyed flour. In the context of a recent attack, such an action is a clear provocation aimed at eliciting fear from recently disturbed members of the community. (UK, 13.10.2025)

→ "Postój" grassroots social and cultural Center in Wrocław became a target of a group of provocators. A group of young men appeared, intent on entering the centre and arguing with an anti-Semitism-awareness poster with a Star of David. Due to them drinking alcohol in a 'sober space principle' of the Center, they were removed from the premises. They returned an hour later in a bigger group, throwing glass bottles and stones, and even attacking one employee with pepper spray. They fled before the police arrived at the scene, and the report was filed subsequently. According to the Center's statement, some were shouting "Free Palestine" and "the entire left hates you" during the event. This could indicate that the group identified as left-wing and was "policing" or "showing protest" against the progressive social space's stance on antisemitism, and possibly Gaza and Israel. Activists are sure it was an ideological attack. Their statement reads: "For two years, former acquaintances from the radical left have been attacking us for not excluding Israeli victims in our demand for solidarity with all civilian victims of war. They pretend not to know that the Palestinian flag was displayed at the "Postoj" events, that we raised money to help Palestinians... They are attacking us for calling Hamas fascists, for our cooperation with Jewish people, Israeli punks..." (Poland, 18.10.2025)

→ In Września, a concert was to take place in a parish church on the 26th of October. However, prior to an event, organisers received many harassing threats and messages of disrupting the event. The reason for the outrage is that the concert aimed to honour a local-born composer of synagogue music, Louis Lewandowski. The event's artistic director, Jakub Stefek, stated: "hysterical, anti-Semitic campaign, first unleashed on a far-right YouTube channel and then picked up by Grzegorz Braun, an MEP." Apparently, the far-rights' accusations were that songs from a Jewish composer were inappropriate to be sung in a church, alongside the fact that some of them are in German. Archbishop Wojciech Polak disagreed with these accusations, reinforcing the position that such events are accepted and welcomed in the Church. (Poland, 26.10.2025)

→ In Rotterdam, people congregated to protest against a "zio-professor" on the campus of Rotterdam Erasmus University, as a result of months long hate campaign, started by the professor's PhD student. A Jewish-Israeli professor has been home for months, forced to arrive on campus with security. The Egyptian student who claims Palestinian origins initially started the campaign after finding the professor's signature on a petition against boycotting Israeli academics. He then blackmailed her by distributing allegations of her "racism" to other faculty members and online, complaining of "unsafe conditions" and "unbearable abuse." The Erasmus University Committee on

Undesirable Conduct sided with the professor, who was within her rights to express personal opinions outside of teaching. Additionally, they claim the professor has demonstrated proof of her statements being taken out of context and warped. This demonstration is notable because it is the first time pro-Palestinian student groups – alongside several supporting organisations such as Muslim Rights Watch – organise a demonstration against an individual. A counterdemonstration in the professor's support was also held at the same time. (Netherlands, 26.10.2025)

Other, 2:

→ An event organised by a far-left student union took place on the campus of Paris 8 University. In a published online video, a speaker asks students if they should condemn the October 7 attacks, after explaining her reasons for not doing so. In unison, many in the full lecture hall reply negatively. In response, the public prosecutor's office has opened an investigation on suspicion of "public glorification of terrorism." Philippe Baptiste, the Minister of Higher Education, has condemned what happened and promised further action, alongside the Association of University Presidents, which now wants to join legal proceedings against antisemitism as an injured civil party. (France, 11.10.2025)

→ Birmingham safety advisory group (SAG) recommended that no foreign travelling fans should be allowed at the upcoming November football match between Aston Villa v Maccabi Tel Aviv taking place at the Villa's homebase, citing heightened security risks and previous incidents. The Villa adopted this recommendation, effectively banning most of the Israeli Maccabi fans from attending. Prime Minister Keir Starmer was among the politicians criticising the ban, alongside Culture Secretary Lisa Nandy who said the ban is wrong and comes "against the backdrop of rising antisemitism here and across the world". While not an antisemitic incident in itself, this is a notable occurrence: it highlights the escalating tension in the UK, and the perils that Keir Starmer and the Labour Party face as a result. UK Prime Minister faces increasing pressure: it is crucial that he takes a stance against antisemitism as the head of government, especially following the Manchester attack, and given the classic pro-Israel Labour Party positioning. Yet after Labour's 2024 'historic break' with Muslim voters, who long preferred the party but switched to alternatives due to the position on Gaza and Israel, the party is forced to adapt, too. For example, at the end of September, Labour Party members also voted to accept the UN's findings that Israel is committing a genocide in Gaza, further putting pressure on the government. This makes the current UK policy on both Israel and Gaza, and antisemitism less coherent and comprehensive in all directions. (UK, 17.10.2025)

Legal development in relation to antisemitism:

→ At the end of September, Serbia arrested 11 individuals suspected of anti-Semitic and Islamophobic acts in Paris and Berlin. They are alleged to be behind placing the pigs' heads in front of mosques and the vandalism of 5 Jewish sites in Paris in May of 2025. Serbia claims the individuals were part of an organised group who were trained in Serbia for diversionary acts. The 12th suspect, now on the run, was supposedly the head of the group and the one in contact with an unspecified foreign intelligence organisation. Given the previous Russian involvement with antisemitic vandalism and other division-provoking sabotage actions in Europe using third nationals as agents, it comes off as the usual suspect. (Serbia, 29.09.2025)

→ An 83-year-old local man confessed to sending threatening letters to hotels in Davos in 2024 and 2025, the Graubünden cantonal police said. The letters were specifically sent to Jewish guests, one of them even containing a death threat, even though the police state that the man has demonstrated no intention to follow through with the threats. The 2024 antisemitism report on Switzerland cited in the article, interestingly, points to a particular increase in incidents in the French-speaking part of the country. (Switzerland, 30.09.2025)

→ The man filmed in a jersey "Kippah snatcher" and doing a Nazi salute, as reported on in September's newsletter, has been sentenced to six months' suspended imprisonment for enticement of racial hatred by the court in Toulouse. He apologised to the Jewish people, calling the act "a shitty joke". (France, 23.10.2025)

→ The homeless twin brothers who cut down the memorial tree to Ilan Halimi, a young French Jew killed in 2006, were found guilty of aggravated property damage. They each received 8 months' – one in prison, and for the other – suspended. The public prosecutor took the decision to appeal this verdict, since the court ruled there is insufficient evidence that they knew of the monument's purpose, thus not recognising the incident as antisemitic. (France, 24.10.2025)

→ Mossad intelligence in a joint statement with Netanyahu disclosed the name of a high-ranking commander in the Iranian Revolutionary Guards as a man in charge of a mechanism to promote attacks on Israeli and Jewish targets, as well as planning of the attacks. They claim he is directly responsible for attempted attacks in Greece, Germany, and Australia. (Germany, Greece, 26.10.2025)

→ A 51-year-old Palestinian from Lebanon, a former hotel manager, messaged his colleagues on WhatsApp that he plans to become a suicide bomber in Zurich's Jewish Quarter. His colleague reported it to the police, while the man, heavily intoxicated, travelled armed with knives to Zurich before being arrested at the station. After these events in November 2024, his defense claimed at the trial that it was "a joke". The court rejected this, and convicted him for plotting murder this month. He was first sentenced to 18 months in prison, now replaced with 18 months' outpatient therapy to treat his alcoholism. (Switzerland, 29.10.2025)

Terrorism incidents

Jihadi/Islamist Terrorism, 9:

→ The German authorities arrested three Hamas operatives suspected of planning attacks on Jewish and Israeli institutions. The suspects were identified as members of Hamas' external operations wing and were allegedly preparing a violent assault in Germany and had received instructions from senior figures abroad. Police recovered an AK-47 rifle, several pistols, and ammunition in coordinated raids across Berlin and Rotterdam. Investigators say the men had been monitoring possible targets, including synagogues and community centers. German prosecutors charged them with membership in a foreign terrorist organization and preparing serious acts of violence endangering the state. (Germany, 01.10.2025)

→ The attack outside the Heaton Park Hebrew Congregation synagogue in Manchester. Read more in the dedicated part of the report: Terrorist attack in Manchester synagogue. (United Kingdom, 02.10.2025)

→ A 62-year-old woman from the Midlands has been charged with supporting a banned organisation. According to the charge notification, detectives from Counter Terrorism Policing West Midlands allege she knowingly provided support, whether by invitation, assistance or material help to a proscribed group, which is an offence under the UK Terrorism Act. She appeared in court, where the case was formally listed, and police confirmed the investigation remains active. (United Kingdom, 08.10.2025)

→ An Algerian man in his twenties was arrested and indicted in Hauts-de-Seine on suspicion of planning a terrorist attack against a train station in France. According to investigators, he was in contact with members of the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria and had expressed willingness to carry out armed jihad or travel to the Sahel to join ISIS. Police found two knives and "tutorials" on killing, making detonators, and producing poison during a search of his home, along with jihadist videos including footage of "Jihadi John." The suspect denied the accusations, while his lawyer requested a psychiatric evaluation. (France, 12.10.2025)

→ A counter-terrorism operation in Georgia led to the arrest of three citizens linked to the Islamic State. The State Security Service of Georgia (SSSG) detained the men in the Adjara region on 13 October 2025, accusing them of belonging to a radical network known as the "Takbirist Jamaat." Authorities allege the suspects maintained contact with ISIS operatives abroad and planned to use Georgian territory as a transit point for foreign fighters. Raids at multiple locations uncovered weapons, explosives, military gear, and digital evidence. (Georgia, 13.10.2025)

→ A 31-year-old Tunisian man was arrested in Latina for distributing jihadist content on TikTok after being caught sharing extremist videos and tutorials on weapon-use as part of a probe by the Rome Antiterrorism Unit and the Crime Division. He was indicted for "promotion of criminal terrorist association" under Italy's antiterrorism law. (Italy, 15.10.2025)

→ The MI5 chief reportedly warned that ISIS and Al-Qaeda are directing renewed threats toward Jewish communities in the UK, particularly in light of recent events in Manchester. Intelligence officials are said to be increasingly concerned about "lone-actor" attacks inspired by Islamist extremism, with synagogues and Jewish institutions flagged as potential targets. Heightened patrols and alert levels have been implemented around religious and communal sites in response. (UK, 16.10.2025)

→ A 33-year-old Tunisian man from Sicignano degli Alburni was arrested for posting videos on TikTok glorifying ISIS and terrorism. He allegedly uploaded over 200 videos and images praising jihadist ideology and providing instructions and has been placed under house arrest pending further investigation. (Italy, 21.10.2025)

→ A British man was sentenced to nine years in prison for joining a jihadist group in Syria. He travelled from London to Syria in 2015 to join the coalition Jaysh al-Fath, which included the al-Qaeda affiliate Jabhat al-Nusra, and was arrested on his return in May 2024. At his trial he was found guilty of preparing terrorist acts under the UK Terrorism Act. (United Kingdom, 26.10.2025)

Far Right, 4:

→ A Paris court jailed members of the far-right group Action des Forces Opérationnelles (AFO) for terrorism conspiracy targeting Muslims. The court found the members guilty of preparing violent actions, including designing explosive devices, targeting Muslim individuals and places of worship, and facilitating military-style training camps. Sentences ranged from heavier prison terms to lighter suspended ones; several defendants were acquitted of the terrorism charge but fined for illegal weapons possession. (France, 01.10.2025)

→ A man was convicted of terrorism offences after being stopped at Stansted Airport and his phone revealed extreme-right-wing material and guides for lone-wolf attacks. Declan George-Candiani was stopped on 13 August 2024, his phone analysed and home searched, where investigators found documents "likely to be useful to someone committing or preparing an act of terrorism". He was convicted on 3 October 2025 of two counts of the Terrorism Act 2000 for collecting such material. (United Kingdom, 08.10.2025)

→ A man attempting to make firearms using a 3D printer was found guilty of terrorism offences. Robert Adamski, 29, a Polish national living in east London, was arrested after police discovered a 3D printer in his home producing components for an FCG-9 Mk2 semi-automatic 9 mm rifle. Investigators also found other printed gun parts, extremist material, and evidence that Adamski had been sharing terrorist publications online. He was convicted at Woolwich Crown Court of firearms offences, possession of terrorist documents, and dissemination of terrorist publications. Authorities said there was no indication of a specific planned attack, but confirmed he had a clear intent to manufacture lethal weapons. (UK, 16.10.2025)

→ A man from Farnham Common was convicted of far-right terrorism offences. He was found guilty of four counts of possessing documents likely useful to terrorists, one count of encouraging terrorism, and two counts of stirring up racial hatred under the Terrorism Act. The individual held a white-supremacist and antisemitic mindset, sharing extremist propaganda and content promoting violence. (UK, 23.10.2025)

Iran - related, 2:

→ A cargo ship flagged by the Netherlands was struck by a missile fired by the Houthis and led the Dutch government to call for the group's designation as a terrorist organisation by the European Union. The vessel, the MV Minervagracht, was sailing in the Gulf of Aden when it was hit, injuring two crew members and forcing the evacuation of all 19 onboard. The Houthis claimed the attack, saying the ship had visited Israeli ports. Dutch Foreign Minister David van Weel branded the group "a serious threat to freedom of navigation" and urged EU member states to impose additional sanctions. (Netherlands, 03.10.2025)

→ A report by MI5 warns that the UK is facing escalating threats from states such as Russia and Iran, alongside a resurging terrorist risk from groups like al-Qaeda and Islamic State. The UK spy chief highlighted a roughly 35% increase in investigations into state-threat activity over the past year, citing methods such as sabotage, arson, surveillance and physical assaults directed by hostile states. He stressed that terrorism investigations remain "huge", with young people under 18 increasingly involved and the demarcation between terrorist and state-directed attacks becoming more blurred. (UK, 16.10.2025}

Other, 3:

→ A mosque in Peacehaven was set ablaze in a suspected hate crime arson attack on Saturday evening, when CCTV footage showed two masked individuals spraying an accelerant at the front door and igniting a fire while two worshippers were inside; no one was injured, but a nearby car was also destroyed and the incident is being treated as a hate crime by Sussex Police. The Prime Minister, Keir Starmer condemned the attack. (United Kingdom, 05.10.2025)

→ A supposed series of terrorist plots targeting Jewish religious sites in Russia were foiled by the Federal Security Service (FSB) in which suspects affiliated with an international terrorist organisation planned bombings and arson attacks on synagogues and Jewish community buildings in regions such as Krasnoyarsk and Stavropol (Russia, 06.10.2025)

→ 33-year-old man was detained in Romania by DIICOT on suspicion of planning a terrorist attack and manufacturing homemade explosives. Romanian prosecutors say he intended to detonate the device in a public place and had accumulated the necessary materials. (Romania, 06.10.2025)

→ A bomb exploded outside the Ministry of Agriculture offices in central Athens late on October 12 2025, causing material damage but no injuries. The device, made from camping gas canisters, detonated near the building's entrance on Syngrou Avenue. Police and bomb-disposal units responded, with authorities suspecting involvement of anarchist or anti-state groups known for similar attacks in Athens. (Greece, 12.10.2025)

→ A British schoolboy was arrested after the bomb squad were called to his family home in Monkseaton, Whitley Bay. Police responded to the property when a suspicious explosive-type substance was found; the teenager has been charged with possession of an explosive device and is due to appear in court. (United Kingdom, 12.10.2025)

→ A suspected pipe-bomb was thrown at a house in the Hyde Road area of Ballinacurra Weston, Limerick City late on the evening of 15 October 2025. The device is believed to be an improvised explosive which failed to detonate, and no injuries were reported. The scene was cordoned off by An Garda Síochána, and bomb-disposal specialists from the Defence Forces EOD Unit were called to inspect and remove the item for safe disposal. Investigators believe the incident may be connected to an ongoing feud between rival families on the city's south side. (Ireland, 15.10.2025)

→ A plot to assassinate a Russian dissident was foiled by French authorities. Four men aged 26-38 were arrested on Monday and placed under investigation by the Parquet national antiterroriste (PNAT) on charges of "participation in a terrorist criminal association with the aim of preparing one or more crimes against persons." The target is believed to be Vladimir Osechkin, a prominent Russian dissident living in Biarritz who leads the NGO Gulagu.net and has exposed torture in Russian prisons. French intelligence began investigating on Sept. 19. (France, 16.10.2025)

→ A suspicious bag containing a possible explosive substance was discovered at Eugen Doga International Airport in Chişinău on the morning of 17 October 2025; passengers and airport staff were evacuated and check-in processes were temporarily suspended. (Moldova, 17.10.2025)

→ A suspect was held over an attempted firebombing at the headquarters of the party led by Donald Tusk in Warsaw. The incident occurred on 17 October 2025 when a man threw a Molotov cocktail at the entrance of the Civic Platform party's building on Wiejska Street but the device failed to ignite after a bystander intervened. The suspect, identified as a 44-year-old from Łosice district in eastern Poland, had previously been charged in June with making death threats against Tusk. He was detained on 20 October 2025 and is under investigation for attempted arson and criminal threats. (Poland, 20.10.2025)

→ A network of saboteurs linked to Russian intelligence was uncovered in Poland and Romania, planning a series of explosions and arsons via courier parcels using the logistics company Nova Poshta. Polish authorities report that one Ukrainian citizen, named Danylo H., was arrested in Poland for working with Russian handlers to send parcels containing explosive or incendiary materials destined for Ukraine. Romanian intelligence prevented two additional Ukrainians from delivering similar parcels to a Nova Poshta facility in Bucharest. (Poland & Romania, 21.10.2025)

→ A man was found guilty of terrorism after shooting Robert Fico. The 72-year-old retired miner and public activist, Juraj Cintula, shot at Fico five times at close range during a public event in the town of Handlová in May 2024, wounding him four times. The court determined the act was a targeted attack against the government and terroristic in nature, and Cintula was sentenced to 21 years in prison. (Slovakia, 21.10.2025)

→ A shooting and fire were reported outside the parliament building in Belgrade, resulting in one injury and the detention of a suspect. The incident involved gunfire directed at a tent camp set up by supporters of Aleksandar Vučić outside the building, followed by a blaze. The president condemned the occurrence as a "terrorist act with political motives." (Serbia, 22.10.2025)

→ A man was indicted over assisting a Russian intelligence plot to assassinate Volodymyr Zelensky. Polish prosecutors say the suspect, identified as Paweł K., offered to work for Russia's military intelligence, gathered security data at Rzeszów-Jasionka Airport, and established contacts with Russian nationals involved in the war in Ukraine. The first court hearing is scheduled for November 25 2025 in Zamość, Poland. (Poland, 25.10.2025)

→ A group in Latvia was uncovered preparing arson attacks on defence and infrastructure sites under orders from Russian intelligence. The State Security Service of Latvia (VDD) revealed that the network began its work in autumn 2023, first setting fire to a private company involved in defence projects. It then planned further attacks for early 2024, including targeting critical infrastructure by setting fire to a Ukrainian-plated truck on site. The suspects conducted reconnaissance and sent this material to handlers in Russia. The investigation continues, with charges being prepared for four detainees suspected of sabotage, recruitment, and foreign-intelligence collaboration. (Latvia, 27.10.2025)

→ A man from Lurgan, County Armagh was jailed on terrorism charges following a police probe into dissident republicans. He was sentenced at Belfast Crown Court on 27 October 2025 to 5 years and 3 months imprisonment for three firearms-related terrorism offences, connected to a broader investigation of activities by dissident republican groups in Northern Ireland. (UK, 27.10.2025)

Note on Methodology

For the purposes of this report, antisemitic incidents are defined using the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism. This framework has been adopted by all EU member states except Malta, as well as by many NGOs, including the European Jewish Congress (EJC).

Our preliminary assessment involved reviewing national and international media outlets in the original languages of EU member states between 1 January and 28 February 2025, using online translation tools where necessary. Search engines with custom keyword searches were used for this purpose.

The ICCT research team also monitored the websites and social media accounts of national Jewish organisations and law enforcement agencies to identify reported incidents. ICCT's manual and semi-automated searches and data scraping were complemented by incident reports directly collected by the EJC's SACC team, in addition to a specialised OSINT methodology. This methodology focused on systematic, real-time collection, analysis, and cross-referencing of publicly available data from sources such as social media, news outlets, websites, and forums.

The identified incidents are categorised by type into:

a) *Physical attacks* refer to criminal acts involving direct physical harm motivated by antisemitic hatred, such as assaults or violent actions.

b) *Vandalism* includes property damage, graffiti, destruction of religious symbols, or desecration of Jewish spaces.

c) *Hate speech and harassment* covers the use of offensive, discriminatory, or prejudiced language targeting Jewish individuals or communities, including threats and harassment both online and offline.

d) *Other* refers to acts that do not clearly fit the above categories, such as exclusionary practices, disruption of Jewish cultural events, or indirect and/or non-violent expressions of antisemitism in social and political contexts. While such cases may not always meet the strictest criteria for antisemitic incidents, they are included for their relevance to broader societal dynamics, particularly when they attract public attention or media coverage.

Key dates and anniversaries which might be relevant to offering better protection for Jewish communities in Europe

Kristallnacht (Night of Broken Glass) begins on **Sunday, November 9** and is commemorated through **Monday, November 10, 2025**. This date marks the 87th anniversary of the coordinated antisemitic pogroms that took place across Nazi Germany and Austria in 1938. Synagogues, Jewish shops, schools, and homes were destroyed, and over 30,000 Jews were arrested and sent to concentration camps.

Across Europe, Jewish communities, schools, and municipalities organize **public memorials**, **candle-lighting ceremonies**, **marches**, and **educational programs** around this time. These events are often **advertised in advance**, and many are held at or near **synagogues, Holocaust memorials, or Jewish cemeteries**, creating periods of **predictable gathering and high symbolic visibility**.

Given the day's historic and emotional weight, extremist groups and antisemitic activists occasionally attempt to **disrupt or exploit commemorations**, whether online or physically. Security services in several European states routinely issue warnings about potential threats or protests around the Kristallnacht anniversary period.

Communities and all other recipients of the Sentinel newsletter are welcome to augment their monitoring efforts by **regularly visiting the Project SENTINEL website as well as using its ´ mapping feature which allows for quick identification of events (planned protests, terrorism arrests, antisemtic incidents, etc.)** relevant to their geographical area.

Attacks on the Jewish community

→ November 2, 2020 – Vienna City-Center Attack (Austria)

A **20-year-old Islamist extremist** opened fire with an automatic rifle in central Vienna, killing **four people** and injuring 23. **The attack began near the Stadttempel, Vienna's main synagogue, located in the city's historic Jewish quarter. Although the synagogue was closed at the time, Jewish institutions across Austria went into lockdown amid fears of coordinated assaults**. The attacker, an **ISIS sympathizer**, was shot dead by police nine minutes after the rampage began. Authorities later confirmed he had previously been convicted for attempting to join the Islamic State in Syria.

→ November 15, 2003 – Istanbul Synagogue Bombings (Turkey)

On **15 November 2003**, two truck bombs detonated in Istanbul in quick succession outside the Bet Israel Synagogue in the Şişli district, and another outside the Neve Shalom Synagogue in Beyoğlu, killing about **28 people** (including the bombers) and injuring over **300**. The attack was attributed to Al-Qaeda and affiliated Islamist militants.

→ November 18, 2015 – Jewish teacher stabbed in Marseille (France)

Three individuals on two scooters, one of them wearing an Islamic State T-shirt and brandishing a mobile phone showing militant imagery, **approached a Jewish teacher walking in the street and stabbed him** in the arm and leg **while shouting antisemitic slogans**. **The attack occurred near a Jewish school in Marseille** and was treated by prosecutors as a terror-motivated incident.

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