

# Select Offline Events in the US Related to Israel-Palestine Conflict, since October 7 Last updated on November 16, 2023

This is a running list of select offline events in the United States related to the Israel-Palestine conflict. The list focuses on:

- Attacks, such as street assaults targeting Jewish, Muslim, Israeli, or Palestinian individuals; or car rammings;
- Vandalism and propaganda, such as hate-filled flyering or banner drops;
- Violent counter-demonstrations, such as fights or attacks that occur at protests;
- **Direct threats**, such as security incidents at non-profit offices, threats to target specific populations or neighborhoods, or bomb threats of synagogues; and
- Other offline violence, such as harassment at local councils.

All events are organized thematically across these categories below.<sup>1</sup>

The list purposefully does <u>not</u> include cases of increased security for religious institutions or schools, doxxing, verbal altercations, peaceful counter-protests, peaceful demonstrations more largely, or general online harassment that may be related to similar issues and have equally chilling effects.

Multiple organizations are reporting that Jews, Israelis, Muslims, and Palestinians are feeling less safe attending school or are changing their regular behavior in their community; this list does <u>not</u> cover those reports at this time:

- The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) has <u>noted</u> a spike in threats and hate against the Muslim community; and
- The Center on Extremism at the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) has <u>tracked</u> a rise in antisemitic incidents (including vandalism, harassment, or assaults).

Publicly reported events clearly indicate overall heightened tensions and a spike in related incidents within communities, while specific groups (e.g., GDL) are engaged in similar types of activities as of before October 7. Given the ongoing conflict and US political/policy response, risk and violent events in the US are expected to continue at similar rates at minimum, with similar actors involved.

\*This list is a live document and is not comprehensive, relying on news media and an initial list of events from other monitors. Incidents reported solely to groups like CAIR, ADL, FBI, or other monitoring groups, and not reported publicly, are not included here. To note any omissions or to partner on real-time data/analysis, please email bdi@princeton.edu\*

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In cases where an event could be categorized across multiple categories, it is included under the category it best fits, so as to not double-count events.



#### **Attacks**

- In Massachusetts, on November 10, roughly 100 people <u>gathered</u> at Brandeis in Waltham to oppose the university's November 6 <u>decision</u> to <u>ban</u> its Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) chapter. Police arrested seven people after getting physically violent with the protesters.
  - Brandeis alleges without evidence that the SJP chapter supports Hamas.
     Brandeis was the first university to do so and <u>Columbia University</u> followed.
     Following threats of violence, the SJP chapter at Brandeis <u>canceled</u> a planned vigil for Gaza. (BDI)
- In New York, on November 9, two unidentified individuals <u>assaulted</u> a Jewish woman after she confronted them for tearing down Israeli missing person posters. The NYPD Hate Crimes Task Force is investigating the incident. The perpetrators were <u>identified</u> by an independent journalist on November 10 as being Kurush Mistry and Shailja Gupta.
- In Wisconsin, on November 7, an unknown individual threw a rock at University of Wisconsin-Madison students following a vigil for Israel – the students also reported "being harassed with profane and hateful language." The incident is currently under investigation.
- In Florida, on November 7, Local 10 News <u>reported</u> an incident in which Fort Lauderdale
  police arrested a 47-year-old man and charged him with a hate crime after attacking a
  visibly Muslim postal worker and ripping off her hijab on October 24. The individual
  called the victim derogatory names and told her to go back to her country before
  slapping and punching her. Police took the individual into custody the same day. (BDI)
- In New York, on November 7, an unidentified woman threw her cell phone and a cup of hot coffee at a man and his child in a public park. The victim has been identified as Ashish Prashar, who says he was <u>targeted</u> for wearing a Palestinian scarf. The perpetrator made hateful and threatening comments directed at Prashar and his child, alleging their support of Hamas on account of their race. The NYPD <u>Hate Crime Task Force</u> is currently searching for the perpetrator.
- In Indiana, on November 4, a woman attempted to drive her car into an Indianapolis Jewish school. In attempting to commit the hate crime, the woman inadvertently rammed into a building used by a local extremist <u>sect</u> of Black Hebrew Israelites. The individual told police she had been watching news coverage of the Israel-Palestine conflict and admitted to ramming the "Jewish" building on purpose. On November 8, a federal prosecutor <u>announced</u> three federal charges against the woman. (BDI)
- In Utah, on November 3, Salt Lake County District Attorney Sim Gill <u>announced</u> that a
  man would be charged with a hate crime for spitting and shouting Islamaphobic and
  xenophobic statements at a woman and her child while at a Utah Transit Authority TRAX



stop in Millcreek. The Utah Muslim Civic League <u>created</u> a new page on the website to report hate crimes in response to what some describe as a spike in bias incidents. (BDI)

- In Massachusetts, on November 3, police at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst arrested a student for allegedly punching a Jewish student after an event organized by UMass Hillel. The student also allegedly spit on an Israeli flag. (BDI)
- In California, on November 3, an unidentified driver <u>struck</u> a Muslim student on Stanford University's campus, resulting in non-life-threatening injuries. The California Highway Patrol is investigating the incident as a hate crime. (BDI)
- In Minnesota, on November 2, an unknown individual <u>attacked</u> a Muslim woman in Minneapolis while she was filling her car with gas alongside her elderly mother. The assailant expressed anti-Muslim sentiment.
  - Five days later, the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-MN) held a
    press conference to call for an investigation into the incident. Minneapolis police
    confirm they are investigating the assault as a hate crime.
  - o CAIR-MN reported the back door of their Minneapolis office was smashed. (BDI)
- In Massachusetts, on October 30, protesters <u>gathered</u> outside of Elbit Systems, a
  defense contractor with ties to Israel. Protesters pushed through police barriers and
  threw things including eggs at officers and the building. Police used pepper spray on the
  protesters and alleged that two officers were hurt. Police arrested nine people, including
  on charges of assaulting officers.
  - On October 24, activists <u>used</u> red spray paint at the building of Intercontinental Real Estate, which owns the building for Elbit Systems. The activists also reportedly smashed the intercom box of the office of the real estate group and spray painted "Evict Elbit." (BDI)
- In New York, on October 29, an Israeli woman allegedly <u>confronted and physically</u> <u>assaulted</u> pro-Palestine demonstrators during a march on the Brooklyn Bridge. The NYPD hate crimes investigation unit is further assessing the situation. (BDI)
- In New Jersey, on October 28, students at a pro-Palestine rally in Princeton filmed an
  alleged Princeton staff member grabbing a Jewish student's phone, in turn pulling the
  student's hair, before fleeing the protest with the phone. This reportedly occurred after
  the staff member related the protesters to "Hamas." The CAIR-NJ (NJ Council on
  American-Islamic Relations) later called for the staff member's firing.
- In Louisiana, on October 26, police arrested two <u>demonstrators</u> during a demonstration surrounding the Israel-Palestine war. It remains unclear who was arrested, however, there was a physical altercation after people attempted to light an Israeli flag on fire. (ACLED, BDI)
- In New York, on October 24, an unidentified individual <u>attacked</u> a Muslim teen on the subway in New York City. The perpetrator made threatening statements and pulled on her hijab. The NYPD hate crime task force is investigating this incident. (BDI)



- In New York, on October 23, Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz announced <u>felony</u> hate crime charges against Christopher Philippeaux for his attack on a 19-year-old Sikh man on an MTA bus on the morning of October 15. (BDI)
- In Minnesota, on October 22, a motorist <u>attempted</u> to <u>drive</u> through a crowd of thousands
  of pro-Palestinian protesters holding a die-in protest at a busy intersection in
  Minneapolis. He was stopped by demonstrators who pounded on the car and opened his
  driver's door. The motorist produced a knife or box cutter before closing his door and
  trying to speed away.
  - Demonstrators claim that one protester's foot was run over and that another person sustained bruised ribs from being struck by the car. (ACLED)
  - o Some eyewitnesses report that the driver harassed a woman in a hijab. (BDI)
  - Some witnesses say that the driver may have also fired a gun, while others say that it may have been demonstrators who fired a gun at the perpetrator in self-defense. No gunshot-related injuries were reported. (ACLED)
- In New York, on October 22, a man <u>punched</u> an elderly Sikh man following a car accident. The victim, Jasmer Singh, died the same day from a brain injury sustained from the attack. The victim's family is publicly <u>advocating</u> for Augustin to be charged with a hate crime.
  - On October 31, prosecutors announced <u>hate crime charges</u> against Gilbert Augustin, who beat a 66-year-old Sikh man to death after the two got into a fender bender.
- In Ohio, on October 22, a Palestinian man was <u>hit</u> by an SUV as he was walking home in Cleveland. The victim reported that the driver yelled anti-Palestinian threats before striking him, including "Kill all Palestinians" and "Long live Israel." (BDI)
- In Illinois, on October 22, individuals fired shots in the air and pepper-spayed pro-Palestinian demonstrators near an Israel solidarity event in Chicago's northern suburbs. The incident began after about 200 pro-Palestinian protesters staged a rally near a 1,000-person pro-Israel demonstration in Skokie. (BDI)
  - Individuals alleged that protesters <u>attacked</u> conservative youth group <u>Turning</u> <u>Point USA</u> staffer Peter Christos during the demonstration. (BDI)
  - On October 24, local news <u>reported</u> that the man who fired shots during the Palestine solidarity event in Skokie would not receive charges, determining that he "acted in self-defense upon being surrounded by a crowd," and that some individuals allegedly attacked him.
- In Oregon, on October 21, in Eugene, a <u>pickup truck</u> flying the <u>Gadsden flag</u> blocked about 200 pro-Palestinian demonstrators, with an individual wearing a Guy Fawkes mask emerging holding a splatter gun and shooting it towards the demonstrators. (Splatter guns are not capable of shooting live bullets.) (BDI, ACLED)
  - In response, two demonstrators pulled out handguns and disarmed the individual, and a member of the protest slashed his tires. While police arrested the individual, initially with plans to charge him with menacing and disorderly conduct, police now say that he will not be charged with a first-degree bias crime due to a lack of sufficient evidence.



- One demonstrator broke their leg after being trampled in the panic after the splatter gun was fired.
- In New York, on October 20, an unidentified man <u>punched</u> a woman in the face in Grand Central Terminal, he then said he hit her 'because she is Jewish'. The NYPD hate crimes unit is investigating this incident. (BDI)
- In Nevada, on October 20, a journalist was handcuffed and <u>detained</u> and an ACLU employee was allegedly hit with a police tire by the Reno Police during a pro-Palestine <u>rally</u> in Reno.
- In Illinois, on October 14, police <u>arrested</u> and charged Joseph M. Czuba with a hate crime after fatally stabbing Wadea Al-Fayoume, a six-year-old Palestinian-American child, and critically injuring his mother. Czuba targeted the victims because of their faith and the ongoing Israel-Palestine conflict. According to Wadea's mother, Czuba knocked on her door and proceeded to choke and attack her with a knife, shouting, "You Muslims must die!" The Council of American-Islamic Relations left a <u>statement</u> calling on officials and broadcasters to "reconsider fanning an atmosphere of hate and dehumanization, not seen since the aftermath of 9/11 which puts communities at certain risk."
- In New Jersey, on October 13, a fight <u>reportedly</u> broke out between students at Cherry Hill High School, allegedly as a result of the recent conflict. The school notified parents about the incident and announced that the altercation between students was immediately addressed by school officials.
- In New Jersey, on October 12, students at a high school in south New Jersey <u>allegedly</u> fought in the cafeteria over the Israel-Palestine conflict.
- In North Carolina, on October 12, a rally in support of Palestine held at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill grew contentious as counter-demonstrators assembled, sparking heated debates and occasional confrontations between the two groups. In some instances, law enforcement had to intervene to address physical altercations, including an incident in which an Israeli professor, who waved an Israeli flag and yelled "Nazis!" in front of pro-Palestine demonstrators, was allegedly pushed down a flight of stairs by an unidentified individual and was escorted away by UNC police.
- In Ohio, on October 12, a man <u>drove his car into a group of pro-Palestinian protesters</u> in Columbus, hitting at least one protester. The suspect was taken into custody; no charges have been filed as of October 13.
- In New York, on October 11, two Jewish men <u>approached</u> two men holding Palestinian flags, before grabbing a flag and hitting one of the men with it. (BDI)
- In New York, on October 11, two men waving an Israeli flag attacked a teen in Bay Ridge. NYPD <u>arrested</u> the assailants on October 23. (BDI)
- In California, on October 11, a group of men <a href="threatened">threatened</a> UCLA students attending a "Palestine Emergency Panel," smashing at least one laptop and threatening to tear the students' "heads off."



- In New York, on October 11, a female suspect <u>allegedly assaulted</u> an Israeli Columbia student, who was putting up pro-Israel posters.
- In Florida, on October 11, three people were <u>arrested</u> at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton during a "Protest for Palestine" <u>march</u>. Campus police intervened, separating pro-Israel counter-protesters from pro-Palestine demonstrators. <u>Witnesses</u> reported that a young woman was tackled to the ground by a campus police officer, and demonstrators were seen elbowing each other, resulting in several students being taken away in handcuffs.
- In New York, on October 10, Oren Levy, a conservative journalist who often rallies against drag story hours, and his brother, Ronen Levy, threatened to physically assault and reportedly tripped an independent reporter at a pro-Israel rally in New York City. (BDI)
- In Michigan, on October 10, Wayne State University Students for Justice in Palestine reported being verbally and physically harassed after painting the flag of Palestine on the school's Spirit Rock.
- In Florida, on October 8, opposing rallies were held by supporters of Israel and Palestine
  in Fort Lauderdale, with several protesters <u>assaulted</u> and a Palestinian flag burned. A
  pro-Israel protester was <u>arrested</u> for causing a disturbance during clashes between the
  two groups.
- In Washington, on October 8, several <u>physical altercations</u> were recorded at a protest in Kirkland; police allegedly used <u>pepper balls</u> to separate pro-Israel and pro-Palestine protesters.

# Vandalism & Propaganda

- In Massachusetts, on November 15, Wayland Police <u>announced</u> they were investigating an incident of multiple swastikas being drawn on a street. (BDI)
- In Pennsylvania, on November 14, the owner of Quantum Communications in Harrisburg discovered that someone had placed a swastika sticker on his building. The company had an Israeli flag in the window. (BDI)
- In Tennessee, around November 13, an antisemitic message was <u>found</u> spray painted at Exit 74A on I-65 in Brentwood. The Tennessee Department of Transportation painted over the messaging. (BDI)
- In Ohio, around November 11, unknown individuals <u>defaced</u> 23 headstones with antisemitic graffiti at a Jewish cemetery in Cleveland. (BDI)



- In Minnesota, on November 11, White Lives Matter (WLM) reported dropping several banners over an overpass in an undisclosed location in the state. One of the banners read "No More White Blood For Israel." (CCC)
- In Pennsylvania, on November 10, an individual <u>attempted</u> to smash the front glass window of a Pittsburgh business that displayed a "We Stand With Israel" sign. The person failed to break the glass but stole the sign and damaged one of the business' trucks. (BDI)
- In New York, on November 10, residents of Midwood and Sheepshead Bay reported multiple sightings of anti-Palestine <u>hate speech and vandalism</u>. Some messages were painted on local businesses and others along Kings Highway. (BDI)
- In New York, on November 10, Fordham Prep announced a <u>suspension</u> and potential hate crime investigation after video footage revealed students off campus spray painting antisemitic graffiti on October 9.
- In New York, on November 9, pro-Palestine demonstrations calling for a ceasefire smeared fake blood on the exterior of The New York Times Building.
  - Pro-Palestine protesters <u>vandalized</u> several NYPD vehicles parked outside of The New York Times Building during a demonstration. The vandalism occurred on the route of a march originating at the New York Public Library.
- In Oregon, on November 9, pro-Palestinian demonstrators protested inside the World Trade Center in Portland to support Palestinian civilians, condemn Israel, and call for a ceasefire and end of U.S. aid to Israel. The police arrested six individuals for <u>trespassing</u> and damage, including destroying glass double doors and graffiti along the windows, walls, and ground. (ACLED)
- In Ohio, on November 9, two people "shouting anti-Israel statements and threats" vandalized Ohio State's Hillel Wexner Jewish Student Center. (BDI)
- On November 9, the University of Maryland <u>condemned</u> "antisemitic sentiments expressed [during a] demonstration organized by Students for Justice in Palestine," noting that "the offensive actions of a few should not reflect on the vast majority of protesters who were there to peacefully express their views." At the demonstration, students shouted "The only solution is the Intifada revolution" and an unknown actor wrote the words "Holocaust 2.0" outside a campus library. According to the organizing member of Students for Justice in Palestine, the "Holocaust 2.0" was "referring to what is happening in Gaza," and clarified that SJP members came over to cross it out after the picture had been taken."



- In Illinois, as reported on November 9, students at the University of Chicago <u>alleged</u> posters of children kidnapped by Hamas had been torn down or vandalized in recent days. (BDI)
- In Massachusetts, on November 9, the Boston University Police Department announced and <u>investigated</u> graffiti saying "Free Palestine" on a window of the Boston University Hillel House. The Suffolk County DA is investigating the incident as a potential hate crime, due to the graffiti's location on a Jewish institution. (BDI)
- On November 7, a decapitated doll covered with fake blood was <u>found</u> on display by the owner of the home in Sylvania under a Palestinian flag that was hanging in the yard. (BDI)
- In Georgia, on November 3, police <u>arrested</u> individuals associated with the <u>Goyim Defense League</u> (GDL) after they threw antisemitic flyers in driveways in Lithia Springs on November 2. The two arrestees are a married couple that has been responsible in part for a string of such flyerings in North Georgia for months. After their release, police in Haralson arrested them again for possession of marijuana. (BDI, ADL)
- In California, on November 3, San Francisco police <u>announced</u> that they were investigating a swastika found on a wall at George Washington High School. (BDI)
- In Illinois, on November 3, police began <u>investigations</u> of the destruction of "We stand with Israel" signs in Skokie. Several homeowners allege unknown individuals tore up their yard signs that included this message. (BDI)
- In Pennsylvania, on November 2, an individual <u>vandalized</u> the Khair Community Center mosque in Phoenixville, writing the word "terrorist" on its front door. Police are investigating the incident. (BDI)
- In Rhode Island, on November 2, the Providence District Court <u>arraigned</u> two students at the Rhode Island School of Design on vandalism charges. The student allegedly spray-painted "Kills Kids" on the office of Textron the previous day.
- In Minnesota, on November 2, an unknown individual <u>attacked</u> a Muslim woman in Minneapolis while she was filling her car with gas alongside her elderly mother. The assailant expressed anti-Muslim sentiment.
  - Five days later, the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-MN) held a
    press conference to call for an investigation into the incident. Minneapolis police
    confirm they are investigating the assault as a hate crime.
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- In California, during the week of November 1, racist anti-Palestinian graffiti was left on a Palestinian-owned business in Petaluma. The police are investigating the incident as a hate crime. (BDI)
- In Nevada, on November 1, about two dozen community members from the Las Vegas Valley <u>gathered</u> in support of the Jewish community after antisemitic graffiti was found on a wall divider along a roadway. (BDI)
- In Virginia, around November 1, a high school football field in Mechanicsville was vandalized with a spray-painted swastika. School officials issued a statement calling it a "disgraceful and unthinkable act" that "stands in direct opposition to the principles of unity, respect, and inclusion" of the school. (BDI)
- In Wisconsin, on October 31, antisemitic flyers promoting the Goyim Defense League were distributed in Wausau.
- In New York, on October 30, students discovered a <a href="swastika">swastika</a> drawn in a bathroom in Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs.
- In New York, on October 30, an unknown individual spray painted <u>antisemitic messages</u> and swastikas at two restaurants in downtown Montauk. (BDI)
- In Connecticut, on October 29, in Westport, an unknown person <u>put</u> red handprints on an Israeli flag lawn sign (likely in reference to Israel's attacks on Gaza).
  - On October 29, in Weston, police reported similar vandalism of two signs and the theft of an Israeli flag. (BDI)
- In Massachusetts, on October 28, the <u>Nationalist Social Club 131</u>, a New England-based neo-Nazi group, self-reported a banner drop in Saugus. Their banner drop included anti-Israel and antisemitic rhetoric. (BDI)
- In New York, on October 27, an unknown individual <u>vandalized</u> a synagogue in Park Slope, with anti-Israel graffiti and stickers. The NYPD Hate Crime Task Force is investigating this incident. (BDI)
- In Pennsylvania, on October 27, an individual <u>found</u> a spray-painted swastika on a utility pole in Warrington Township. Police immediately covered up the swastika, and are investigating the incident. (BDI)
- In Maryland, around October 27, a Palestinian-American family <u>received</u> a hate letter glorifying the ongoing Israel-Palestine conflict. The letter, condemned by the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), expressed violent sentiments against Palestinians and justified the ongoing violence in Palestine. (BDI)
- In Tennessee, around October 26, residents of West Knoxville reported finding antisemitic flyers, stating "Let's Go Brandon," and "every single aspect of the Biden administration is Jewish" in their yards. (BDI)



- In New York, on October 25, a group of New York City public school students <u>held</u> a
  pro-Palestine rally at Washington Square Park. Several students held antisemitic signs
  reading "Please Keep the World Clean," with an illustration showing the blue Star of
  David in a trash can. (BDI)
- In New York, on October 25, antisemitic and anti-Israel graffiti were <u>found</u> at six locations on Cornell University's campus. (BDI)
- In New Jersey, on October 24, surveillance cameras <u>captured</u> the theft of an Israeli flag from Hoboken city hall. (BDI)
- In Massachusetts, on October 24, activists <u>used</u> red spray paint at the building of Intercontinental Real Estate, which owns the building for Elbit Systems. The activists also reportedly smashed the intercom box of the office of the real estate group and spray painted "Evict Elbit." (BDI)
- In Georgia, on October 22, individuals associated with the antisemitic Goyim Defense League (GDL) spread hateful flyers in neighborhoods of Brookhaven. Brookhaven police indicated they would be conducting a full investigation on the flyers.
  - Recently, individuals associated with the GDL demonstrated or spread flyers on several occasions, including in Kennesaw, Macon, Brookhaven, Marietta, and Atlanta.
- In New York, on October 20, an unidentified individual wrote threatening <u>antisemitic</u> graffiti and drew a swastika on the wall of the 34th Street-Herald Square station. Similar graffiti was found across the street. (BDI)
- In Pennsylvania, on October 20, students <u>reported</u> to police that they had found antisemitic graffiti on a building next to the University of Pennsylvania's Jewish fraternity, AEPi. Penn campus public safety stated they are investigating the incident as a possible hate crime. (BDI)
- In Washington, DC, on October 19, an <u>incident of hate</u> occurred at Letts Hall at American University where swastikas and a Nazi slogan were graffitied on two room doors belonging to Jewish students and in a bathroom. (BDI)
- In New York, on October 18, 2nd Ave Deli on the Upper East Side was <u>vandalized</u> with swastikas. The owners of 2nd Ave spoke out on social media in support of Israel following the recent Hamas attacks.
  - Similar vandalism was found across the street, but it is unclear if these two incidents are connected. The NYPD hate crime unit is investigating this incident but no arrests have been made. (BDI)
- In Pennsylvania, on October 18, an anti-fascist Twitter account <u>claimed</u> that neo-Nazis had handed out flyers containing pro-Palestinian imagery, which directed viewers to a <u>Goyim Defense League</u> website, at a Pittsburgh Palestine Coalition rally over the weekend of October 14 - 15. The neo-Nazis had no connection with event organizers. (BDI)



- In Pennsylvania, on October 18, an unknown individual <u>vandalized</u> the United Muslim Islamic Center mosque in Point Breeze Philadelphia with Islamophobic graffiti. The Philadelphia chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations called for the vandalism to be investigated as a hate crime. Local police are investigating the incident. (BDI)
- In Georgia, on October 14, an unknown actor <u>vandalized</u> the fraternity house for Alpha Epsilon Pi on the Georgia Tech campus, writing "Free Palestine" on the building. Alpha Epsilon Pi is a Jewish fraternity and is currently flying a banner reading "We Stand with Israel".
- In Georgia, on October 13, <u>Goyim Defense League</u> flyered at multiple locations across the state from flyers in Rome against ADL, where police confronted them after the community called in the activity, to flyers on a federal building in Atlanta, to a banner drop in downtown Atlanta over a highway.
- In California, on October 13, San Diego news outlets <u>reported</u> that unknown actors had vandalized the Islamic Center of San Diego, attaching around 60 flyers to trees and tying rags on a fence in the shape of Israel's flag.
- In California, on October 12, the San Diego Union-Tribune <u>reported</u> that Torrey Pines High School had discovered antisemitic graffiti in a restroom.
- In Maine, on October 12, the Portland Police Department <u>announced</u> that anti-Israel and white supremacist graffiti by members of the New England-based neo-Nazi group <u>Nationalist Social Club</u> (NSC-131) had been covered up. Residents discovered the graffiti on a walking trail near the city's sewage treatment plant.
- In Pennsylvania, on October 11, residents of Warrington in Bucks County reported finding antisemitic flyers left outside of their homes overnight. The flyers contained antisemitic language and imagery associated with GoyimTV, a media platform operated by the antisemitic organization <a href="Goyim Defense League">Goyim Defense League</a>.
- In Illinois, on October 11, thousands of demonstrators <a href="held">held</a> a pro-Palestinian rally in Chicago. The demonstration was mostly peaceful, aside from several incidents where an unidentified man tried to steal a Palestinian flag from demonstrators and fled inside a building, and a small group nearby burned an Israeli flag away from the main march. The situation did not escalate further, and no arrests were made.
- In South Carolina, on October 11, antisemitic propaganda was <u>discovered</u> at homes in the Lake Carolina neighborhood of Columbia, prompting an investigation by the Richland County Sheriff's Department; specific details about the content and distributor of the propaganda remain unknown.
- In Oklahoma, around October 11, <u>antisemitic flyers were distributed</u> in a residential neighborhood in Ardmore.



- In Massachusetts, around October 10, the word "Nazis" was spray-painted on a sign for the Islamic Seminary of Boston and the Palestinian Cultural Center for Peace. (BDI)
- In Michigan, on October 10, Wayne State University Students for Justice in Palestine reported being verbally and physically harassed <u>after</u> painting the flag of Palestine on the school's Spirit Rock.
- In California, on October 10, <u>damage from rocks</u> thrown at a Fresno synagogue and a Mediterranean business were being investigated as antisemitic hate crimes; one <u>suspect</u> <u>was arrested</u> later that day.
- In California, on October 10, antisemitic flyers were distributed in Orange County.
- In California, on October 10, unknown assailants <u>broke</u> a window at a Jewish temple and left an antisemitic note at a bakery in Fresno. One person was later <u>arrested</u> in relation to the bakery incident.
- In Missouri, on October 9 and 10, residents in south St. Louis <u>discovered</u> several antisemitic markings at Christy Park in south St. Louis and similar markings plastered around the neighborhood.
- In New York, on October 9, white nationalist flyers were distributed in a residential neighborhood in Johnston.
- In Florida, on October 8, Andrew Johnson was <u>caught vandalizing</u> The Shul of Downtown synagogue in the Brickell neighborhood of Miami; Johnson had previously harassed congregants according to Rabbi Chaim Lipskar.
- In California, on October 8 and 11, multiple <u>antisemitic flyers were distributed in residential neighborhoods</u> in Los Osos and Pismo Beach, respectively.
- In Texas, on October 8, approximately 250 <u>antisemitic flyers were left on parked cars</u> outside the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens.
- In Georgia, in early October, <u>antisemitic flyers circulated</u> in an unincorporated area of Douglasville.

#### **Violent Counter-Demonstrations**

- In California, on November 8, pro-Israel and pro-Palestine protesters physically <u>clashed</u> in Los Angeles, throwing punches and using pepper spray. Police detained several attendees. (BDI)
- On November 6, protesters outside a screening of "Bearing Witness to the October 7th Massacre" at the Museum of Tolerance <u>fought</u> with each other. The film features Israel Defence Forces footage. Pro-Palestine and pro-Israel demonstrators kicked and



punched each other. The LAPD formed a <u>skirmish</u> line and used pepper spray to control the crowd.

- In California, on November 5, an elderly pro-Israel protester <u>died</u> in Los Angeles after falling during a physical altercation with a pro-Palestine protester, who allegedly struck him on the head with a megaphone. The pro-Palestine protester has been <u>arrested</u> on a charge of involuntary manslaughter.
- In Colorado, on October 25, students <a href="held">held</a> a pro-Palestine rally as a part of the national 'Walkout for Gaza' at Metropolitan State University in Denver and were met by counter-protesters. CBS Colorado reported, "pro-Israel demonstrators screamed 'Israel forever' and 'dead Palestinians are animals," and physical altercations were reported. Police were present but made no arrests. (BDI)
- In California, on October 14, a <u>Veterans on Patrol</u> (VOP) volunteer attended a pro-Palestine march in Sacramento, to find "radical Jihads" and record license plate numbers that participated in the rally in a show of intimidation. The volunteer's attendance likely stems from conspiracy theories that have utilized the recent Middle East war to create further fear around migrants crossing the border.
- In California, on October 14, pro-Israel counter-protesters <u>maced</u> pro-Palestine protesters at a rally in Los Angeles; Los Angeles police protected the pro-Israel counter-protesters.
- In Arizona, on October 12, Ethan Schmidt-Crocket, a known anti-LGBTQ+ actor, counter-protested against a pro-Palestinian rally at the Phoenix state Capitol; at least one physical altercation occurred between a member associated with Schmidt and a pro-Palestinian protester.
- In California, on October 11, counter-protesters at UC Berkeley <u>disrupted</u> a group of primarily Jewish students reading the names of Israelis killed and kidnapped by Hamas. The counter-protesters allegedly performed Nazi salutes and a physical altercation occurred, resulting in minor injuries to a campus Rabbi.
- In Florida, on October 11, three people were <u>arrested</u> at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton during a "Protest for Palestine" <u>march</u>. Campus police intervened, separating pro-Israel counter-protesters from pro-Palestine demonstrators. <u>Witnesses</u> reported that a young woman was tackled to the ground by a campus police officer, and demonstrators were seen elbowing each other, resulting in several students being taken away in handcuffs.
- In California, on October 10, pro-Israel and pro-Palestine protesters <u>clashed</u> at a rally in Santa Clarita. One protester allegedly pointed pepper spray at another, but the sheriff reported that the clash mostly consisted of shouting.
- In Florida, on October 9, over 100 demonstrators <u>marched</u> in Fort Lauderdale in support of Palestine and were met by hundreds of counter-demonstrators supporting Israel. Confrontations between the demonstrators escalated, resulting in physical altercations



with punches thrown. One individual from the pro-Palestine group reported being pepper-sprayed and having their shirt torn. Among the pro-Israel demonstrators, a Palestinian flag was set on fire. Law enforcement responded by using pepper spray on the demonstrators and arresting at least one individual from the pro-Israel group.

 In California, on October 8, thousands of pro-Palestine demonstrators <u>rallied</u> outside the Israeli consulate in San Francisco. At one point, some lanes in the 405 Freeway were briefly shut down. The demonstration was mostly peaceful, although a small crowd of pro-Israeli counter-demonstrators physically confronted the demonstrators and one pro-Israeli individual fired pepper spray, injuring a Los Angeles Times photographer. Several other counter-demonstrators also pepper-sprayed demonstrators before fleeing. Police made no arrests. (ACLED)

## **Direct Threats**

- In New York, on November 12, an unknown individual called a <u>false bomb threat</u> into Central Synagogue in Manhattan. (BDI)
- In Georgia, on the evening of November 8, an unknown perpetrator made a <u>bomb threat</u> targeting The Way of Yah Synagogue in Conyers. Worshippers evacuated and the Conyers Police Department swept the area for explosives, finding nothing. Someone called in a similar threat on <u>September 14</u>. (BDI)
- In Michigan, on October 26, an unknown individual made a <u>bomb threat</u> over the phone at a Starbucks in Dearborn, <u>prompting</u> a shutdown of the store and a police investigation.
  - A week earlier, Starbucks <u>sued</u> Starbucks Workers United after the union expressed support for Palestine, causing many to mistake the Union's pro-Palestine stance as Starbucks', <u>leading</u> to calls for a <u>boycott</u> of Starbucks on social media. As of November 9, it remained unknown whether the bomb threat was related to the boycott. (BDI)
- In New Mexico, on October 21, the Albuquerque Police Department (APD) responded to a <a href="bomb threat">bomb threat</a> directed against the Adat Yeshua Messianic Synagogue in Albuquerque. The APD's police department's bomb squad did not find any explosives. (BDI)In Florida, on October 17, police <a href="arrested">arrested</a> a man who threatened to bomb a Jewish school and synagogue in Miami Beach. The man, Ojeda Salas, approached a security guard and said "I am Hamas" and pointed to a plastic bag he claimed had C4 explosives. The school and synagogue went on lockdown for safety precautions and Salas was later taken into custody. No explosives were found. (BDI)
- In Virginia, on October 19, the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) canceled its annual banquet, citing the specific nature of the violent anti-Palestinian and anti-Muslim threats they received (such as threats of a bomb planted in hotel parking; to kill specific hotel managers by name; and to stage an attack similar to the January 6



attack at the U.S. Capitol) and the "inability to secure additional security from local law enforcement agencies."

- On October 20, CAIR <u>moved</u> its annual banquet to an undisclosed location, confirming the cancellation due to significant safety risks for attendees, guests, and associates. (BDI)
- In Illinois, on October 19, local news <u>reported</u> the DuPage County State Attorney's Office charged a Lombard man with a hate crime after he threatened to shoot two Muslim men. (BDI)
- In Massachusetts, on October 15, a synagogue in Attleboro <u>received</u> a bomb threat by email. The building was evacuated; the police later deemed the threat a hoax.
- In Illinois, on October 12, a temple in Skokie <u>received a bomb threat</u> and was forced to evacuate.
- In New York, on October 10, police <u>closed</u> the streets around a synagogue in the Hamptons after a backpack was found, triggering a bomb scare.
- In Utah, on October 8, several synagogues across the state received <u>bomb threats</u> and were forced to evacuate.

## **Other Offline Violence**

• In Colorado, on October 13, CBS Colorado <u>reported</u> that a Palestinian family had found a bullet hole in their home, but were unsure when the incident happened. Police increased patrols, but no arrest was reported. (BDI)