INITIAL DRAFT: Offline Events in the US Related to Israel-Palestine Conflict, since October 7

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This is an initial list of offline events in the United States related to the Israel-Palestine conflict. The list focuses on attacks, vandalism, fights, or other offline violence or direct threats.

All events are organized by 4 US regions (Northeast, South, Midwest, West), per US Census categorizations, and then by state. In addition to the types of cases above, categories reported in public news media include: street assaults targeting Jewish, Muslim, Israeli, or Palestinian individuals; security incidents at non-profit offices; vandalism; threats to target specific populations or neighborhoods; bomb threats, especially of synagogues; harassment at local councils; harassment or attacks around protests; and hate-filled flyering.

The list purposefully does not 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 not cover those reports at this time:

- The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) has noted a spike in threats and hate against the Muslim community; and
- The Center on Extremism at the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) has tracked 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 partner on real-time data/analysis, please email bdi@princeton.edu*
Northeast

New York

- On October 30, an unknown individual spray painted antisemitic messages and swastikas at two restaurants in downtown Montauk. (BDI)

- Between October 28 and 30, some Jewish students at Cornell University received violent threats posted to an online Cornell University messaging board. Police have charged a student with posting the violent threats.

- On October 29, an Israeli woman allegedly confronted and physically assaulted pro-Palestine demonstrators during a march on the Brooklyn Bridge. The NYPD hate crimes investigation unit is further assessing the situation. (BDI)

- On October 27, an unknown individual vandalized a synagogue in Park Slope, with anti-Israel graffiti and stickers. The NYPD Hate Crime task force is investigating this incident. (BDI)

- On October 25, antisemitic and anti-Israel graffiti were found at six locations on Cornell University's campus. (BDI)

- On October 24, an unidentified individual attacked 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)

- On October 23, Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz announced felony 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)

- On October 22, an individual, Gilbert Augustin, punched 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 advocating for Augustin to be charged with a hate crime.
  - The NYPD hate crime unit is not yet investigating the incident, however, Mayor Eric Adams indicated via X (formerly Twitter) that he believes an investigation into the potentially hate-motivated act is necessary. (BDI)

- On October 20, an unidentified individual wrote threatening antisemitic graffiti and drew a swastika on the wall of the 34th Street-Herald Square station. Similar graffiti was found across the street. (BDI)
• On October 20, an unidentified man punched 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)

• On October 18, two men attacked a teen waving an Israeli flag in Bay Ridge. NYPD arrested the assailants on October 23. (BDI)

• On October 18, 2nd Ave Deli on the Upper East Side was vandalized 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)

• On October 13, police arrested Republican New York City Councilwoman Inna Vernikov after she was seen with a firearm at a pro-Palestinian rally at Brooklyn College.

• On October 13, hundreds of students held a pro-Palestinian march at Hunter College in Manhattan while pro-Israel counter-demonstrators gathered nearby. One pro-Palestinian protester was taken into custody and charged with petit larceny, having crossed into a section reserved for pro-Israel protesters and snatched an Israeli flag. No injuries were reported.

• On October 13, the New York Police Department arrested hundreds of demonstrators for blocking the street of Senator Schumer’s home during a protest.

• On October 11, three men waving Israeli flags yelled anti-Palestinian remarks at three men walking in Brooklyn and attacked at least one of the men.

• On October 11, two Jewish men approached two men holding Palestinian flags, before grabbing a flag and hitting one of the men with it.

• On October 11, a group of boys fired fake firearms at B’Nai Yosef synagogue in Brooklyn. Law enforcement did not know the firearms contained gel pellets at the time of the threat.

• On October 11, a female suspect allegedly assaulted an Israeli Columbia student, who was putting up pro-Israel posters.

• 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)

• On October 10, police closed the streets around a synagogue in the Hamptons after a backpack was found, triggering a bomb scare.

• On October 9, white nationalist flyers were distributed in a residential neighborhood in Johnston.
● On October 8, protesters were seen holding images of swastikas and making pro-Palestine statements; the location of the rally is unknown.

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.

● On October 26, NorthJersey reported that the CAIR-NJ received 100 requests for help since October 7, a volume that they last received only during the 2017 Trump Muslim ban. These requests included:
  ○ Threats of murder towards a business owner and their family in Paterson, as well as the threatened burning of their business;
  ○ The burning of a Quran in front of a South Asian restaurant in South Jersey;
  ○ A man driving by an Islamic K-12 school in Fair Lawn, hurling curses, and threatening to kill the students and teachers; and
  ○ Dozens of threatening phone calls were made to the Palestinian-American community center — including one from a man in Texas boasting about the guns he has in his home — that prompted the center to hire a security guard.

● On October 24, more than 700 people protested outside the Englewood City Council meeting to address a resolution the council passed in early October, standing in solidarity with Israel against Palestine. During the protest, participants reportedly grew heated and arrests were made for riot and disorderly conduct. (BDI)

● On October 13, a fight reportedly 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.

● On October 13, the Council on American-Islamic Relations reported an incident involving the burning of a Quran in front of a South-Asian restaurant in South Jersey. Reports also included a phone call that threatened arson and the killing of a Palestinian business owner and his family.

● On October 12, pro-Palestine protesters at Rutgers-New Brunswick University met virtually after protesters pulled the event from its in-person setting, for fear of safety following the University President’s response to the ongoing conflict.

● On October 12, students at a high school in south New Jersey allegedly fought in the cafeteria over the Israel-Palestine conflict.

Rhode Island

● On October 12, an individual made a threat via voicemail to a Providence synagogue. Police arrested that man the next day.
• On October 9, unknown individuals left dozens of white nationalist messages in Johnston.

**Pennsylvania**

• On October 27, an individual found a spray-painted swastika on a utility pole in Warrington Township. Police immediately covered up the swastika, and are investigating the incident. (BDI)

• On October 20, students reported 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)

• On October 18, an anti-fascist Twitter account claimed that neo-Nazis had handed out flyers containing pro-Palestinian imagery, which directed viewers to a Goyim Defense League website, at a Pittsburgh Palestine Coalition rally over the weekend of October 14 - 15. The neo-Nazis had no connection with event organizers. (BDI)

• On October 18, an unknown individual vandalized 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)

• On October 17, the neo-Nazi group Storm 14 posted a picture on Telegram of at least five supporters holding a rally, featuring neo-Nazi flags and the flag of the far-right Ukrainian Azov Brigade, at a monument for a Ukrainian Waffen SS division at the St. Mary’s Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery in Elkins Park.
  ○ In September, following widespread criticism from the media and Jewish advocacy groups, the church temporarily covered the monument.

• On October 13, a South Lebanon Township man approached a peaceful pro-Palestinian demonstration in Harrisburg, before yelling racial slurs and pointing a gun at them. Police arrested the man — after a day of urging by Muslim civil rights organizations — and charged him with a felony count of ethnic intimidation and misdemeanor charges of making terrorist threats and simple assault by physical menace.

• On October 13, upwards of 100 people gathered near the University of Pittsburgh in support of Palestine. During the protest, a man shouted anti-Palestinian epithets and forced his way into the crowd; he was escorted away by campus police.

• 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 Goyim Defense League.

**Massachusetts**
On October 30, protesters gathered 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 used 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)

On October 28, the Nationalist Social Club 131, a New England-based neo-Nazi group, self-reported a banner drop in Saugus. Their banner drop included anti-Israel and antisemitic rhetoric. (BDI)

On October 15, a synagogue in Attleboro received a bomb threat by email. The building was evacuated; the police later deemed the threat a hoax.

On October 12, protesters gathered outside of a Cambridge office of Elbit Systems, a defense contractor with a parent company in Israel. Some protesters chained themselves to the door. They also painted "Elbit Kills" in red paint on the building.

On October 12, about two dozen people blocked the entrances to L3 Harris Technologies, a defense contractor, in North Hampton, with boat trailers and a boat as barriers. Although demonstrators said the protest was pre-planned before the developing Israel-Palestine conflict, the war’s outbreak “heightened the urgency.” Some demonstrators chained themselves to the barrier. After six hours, state police and North Hampton police began removing people and arrested seven protesters.

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.

Maine

On October 12, the Portland Police Department announced that anti-Israel and white supremacist graffiti by members of the New England-based neo-Nazi group Nationalist Social Club (NSC-131) had been covered up. Residents discovered the graffiti on a walking trail near the city’s sewage treatment plant.

Connecticut

On October 29, in Westport, an unknown person put 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)

On October 13, a synagogue in West Hartford received a bomb threat. Police responded and searched the building. They determined the threat was a hoax. This was reported as one of multiple “swatting” of Jewish institutions in the state.
**Midwest**

**Illinois**

- On October 29, a spokesperson for the Hyatt Regency O'Hare Chicago Hotel announced the hotel would not host an American Muslims for Palestine convention planned for next month. The hotel claims it received multiple threats in relation to the event. (BDI)

- On October 27, the Aqsa School, an Islamic day school in Bridgeview, received a “threatening hate letter.” The school closed for the day and intends to add extra security. (BDI)

- On October 24, local news reported that a man who fired shots during a Palestine solidarity event in Skokie would not receive charges, determining that he “acted in self-defense upon being surrounded by a crowd,” and that he was allegedly attacked by some individuals.
  - 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)
  - On October 22, individuals alleged that protesters attacked conservative youth group Turning Point USA staffer Peter Christos during the demonstration. (BDI)

- On October 24, a Palestinian-American family in Hickory Hills received a threatening letter following their placement of a “Free Palestine” sign in their front yard. Hickory Hills police continue to investigate the incident. (BDI)

- On October 19, local news reported the DuPage County State Attorney’s Office charged a Lombard man with a hate crime after he threatened to shoot two Muslim men. (BDI)

- On October 14, police arrested 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 statement 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.”

- On October 12, a temple in Skokie received a bomb threat and was forced to evacuate.

- On October 11, thousands of demonstrators held 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.

**Michigan**
On October 20, CBS News reported that Rep. Rashida Tlaib, who is Palestinian-American, has received threats due to her pro-Palestine stance and Muslim identity. The U.S. Capitol Police and the House Sergeant at Arms briefed her, Rep. Ilhan Omar, and other critics of Israel over such threats.
  o Tlaib and Omar are the only Muslim women in Congress and have long faced attacks from conservative media and Trump supporters. (BDI)

On October 14, the Ninth District Court in Dearborn charged Carl Mintz, a 41-year-old from Farmington Hills, with making a terrorism threat for allegedly threatening violence against Palestinian Americans in Dearborn on Facebook.

On October 13, about 100-150 students staged a sit-in at the University of Michigan President Santa Ono’s residence in Ann Arbor to rally against the President’s statement condemning Hamas and expressing support for folks at Israeli universities, without mentioning the loss of Palestinian lives. While Ono released another statement later, protestors were not satisfied with his bias toward Israel.

On October 12, over 100 demonstrators with the Michigan State University chapter of Students United for Palestinian Rights (SUPR) organized a pro-Palestine rally outside the State Capitol in Lansing. They denounced Israel’s siege on Gaza and called for an end to US aid to Israel.

On October 10, over 1000 demonstrators, including members of the Palestinian community rallied in Dearborn to support Palestine and against what demonstrators referred to as 'Israeli apartheid.' Several Democrat elected representatives spoke at the rally and members from organizations like American Human Rights Council, New Generation for Palestine, Palestine Aid Society, and Jewish Voice for Peace, also participated in the rally.

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.

On October 9, dozens of people held a pro-Israel rally in Grand Rapids in support of Israel. They mourned the loss of Israeli lives and some attendees shared personal stories of following the news and growing up in Israel.

On October 9, law enforcement announced the effort to increase patrols in Jewish and Palestinian communities with higher populations, such as Bloomfield Hills, Dearborn, Oak Park, and Farmington Hills.

On October 9, over 2000 Jewish residents gathered in a synagogue in Southfield to declare their solidarity with Israel and mourn the Israeli lives lost. Governor Gretchen Whitmer spoke to the crowd, condemning the Hamas attack and mentioning that Israel has a right to defend itself.

Indiana
On October 9, students and members from Indiana University Hillel and Chabad and the Indiana Israel Public Affairs Committee held a pro-Israel demonstration in Bloomington. Over 100 students from the Palestinian Solidarity Committee held a pro-Palestinian counter-demonstration. While both demonstrations were mostly peaceful, heated verbal exchanges led police to separate the groups.

On October 6, the Department of Justice charged an Indiana man for sending antisemetic death threats via voicemail to Anti-Defamation League (ADL) offices in New York, Colorado, and Nevada.

Ohio

On October 22, a Palestinian man was hit 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)

Around October 13, an individual with a history of Islamophobic and anti-Palestinian harassment entered the Cleveland Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) - Ohio office and verbally harassed and filmed CAIR staff during an event. Police removed the person.

On October 12, a man drove his car into a group of pro-Palestinian protesters in Columbus, hitting at least one protester. The suspect was taken into custody; no charges have been filed as of October 13.

Missouri

On October 9 and 10, residents in south St. Louis discovered several antisemetic markings at Christy Park in south St. Louis and similar markings plastered around the neighborhood.

Minnesota

On October 22, a motorist attempted to drive through a crowd of thousands of pro-Palestinian protesters holding a die-in protest at a busy intersection in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was stopped by demonstrators who pounded on the car and opened his driver's-side 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)
- 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)

On October 20, CBS News reported that Rep. Ilhan Omar, who is Somali-American, has received a significant increase in threats that have made her fear for the safety of her family. She attributed the threats to her Muslim identity and criticism of the Israeli
government. The U.S. Capitol Police and the House Sergeant at Arms briefed her, Rep. Rashida Tlaib Ilhan Omar, and other critics of Israel over such threats.

- Omar and Tlaib are the only Muslim women in Congress and have long faced verbal attacks from conservative media and Trump supporters. Omar pointed to the very dangerous consequences of allowing this rhetoric to go unchecked. (BDI)

- On October 9, nearly 500 people gathered outside of Amy Klobuchar’s office in downtown Minneapolis to demand an end to U.S. aid to Israel. One counter-protester rallied across the street. Several far-right Facebook groups and Telegram channels have reported and commented on the rally; at least one anonymous poster threatened to harm the group with a car ramming.

**South**

**Florida**

- On October 17, a viral video showing two men crumpling up posters with images of missing or kidnapped Israeli civilians received backlash on social media, resulting in one being fired from his job and both being subjected to hateful messages and death threats. One of the men asserted that he spoke to law enforcement and received their approval before taking the posters down over concerns that the posters would lead to heightened tensions and spark conflict in his community. (BDI)

- On October 17, police arrested 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)

- On October 11, three people were arrested at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton during a "Protest for Palestine" march. Campus police intervened, separating pro-Israel counter-protesters from pro-Palestine demonstrators. Witnesses 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.

- On October 11, the University of South Florida’s campus police investigated a bomb threat related to the USF Hillel building on its Tampa campus. Law enforcement found that there was no legitimate threat, and determined it was a misunderstanding between two people communicating on social media.

- On October 9, over 100 demonstrators marched 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 arrests at least one individual from the pro-Israel group.
On October 9, at the University of Florida in Gainesville, a loud noise disrupted a "United with Israel" vigil, leading to a panic among the crowd, and at least five people were injured during the ensuing rush; police indicated there was no malicious intent behind the incident. The incident remains a stark example of offline injuries resulting from the current climate of tension and fear, absent direct threat.

On October 8, opposing rallies were held by supporters of Israel and Palestine in Fort Lauderdale, with several protesters assaulted and a Palestinian flag burned. A pro-Israel protester was arrested for causing a disturbance during clashes between the two groups.

On October 8, Andrew Johnson was caught vandalizing The Shul of Downtown synagogue in the Brickell neighborhood of Miami; Johnson had previously harassed congregants according to Rabbi Chaim Lipskar.

On October 8, Palestinian supporters clashed with Israel supporters, resulting in the arrest of at least one pro-Palestinian and one pro-Israeli protester, along with multiple injuries during a rally of around 200 pro-Palestinian supporters at a Boston Market in Temple Terrace, Florida.

North Carolina

On October 30, vandals targeted several locations on NC Agricultural & Technical State University (NC A&T) in Greensboro, including the Campus Recreation Center, the NC A&T sign near the Dudley Administration Building, and the Academic Classroom Building.

- University Communications sent an email to students, stating that security cameras captured a suspect wearing all black clothing with a covered face and carrying a black book bag. The vandals left messages such as "NCAT pays for genocide," "Free Palestine," and "Free Congo," which highlight broader concerns related to the ongoing Israel-Palestine conflict and humanitarian issues in the Democratic Republic of Congo. (BDI)

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.

On October 11, 44-year-old Michael Patrick Toone was charged with cyberstalking for sending threatening and antisemitic emails to a local synagogue in Asheville. The content of the emails and name of the synagogue have not been released.

South Carolina

On October 11, antisemitic propaganda was discovered at homes in the Lake Carolina neighborhood of Columbia, South Carolina, prompting an investigation by the Richland
Georgia

- On October 14, an unknown actor vandalized 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".

- On October 13, Goyim Defense League 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.

- Additional antisemitic flyers circulated in an unincorporated area of Douglasville.

Louisiana

- On October 26, police arrested two demonstrators 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)

Maryland

- Around October 27, a Palestinian-American family received 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)

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)

Washington, D.C.

- On October 19, an incident of hate 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)

- On October 18, over 10,000 protesters gathered for a pro-Palestinian demonstration calling for a ceasefire. The protest began at the National Mall before making its way to the Capitol. Around 500 protesters, organized by the Jewish Voice for Peace, were also inside the Cannon building. Police arrested at least 300 protesters; three of the arrested protesters were charged with assault on a police officer during processing.

- NBC reported on new death threats leveled against Muslim members of Congress (Reps. Ilhan Omar and Rashida Tlaib). While the Representatives have long had
security details due to persistent threats, “Omar’s office said the threats in the past 10 days have been worse than ever.” Several Jewish members contacted by NBC said they had not seen a noticeable spike.

**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 moved its annual banquet to an undisclosed location, confirming the cancellation due to significant safety risks for attendees, guests, and associates. (BDI)

**West**

**California**

- On October 14, a Veterans on Patrol (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.

- On October 14, pro-Israel counter-protesters maced pro-Palestine protesters at a rally in Los Angeles; Los Angeles police protected the pro-Israel counter-protesters.

- On October 13, San Diego news outlets reported 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.

- On October 12, the San Diego Union-Tribune reported that Torrey Pines High School had discovered antisemitic graffiti in a restroom.

- On October 11, counter-protesters at UC Berkeley disrupted 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.

- On October 11, a group of men threatened UCLA students attending a “Palestine Emergency Panel,” smashing at least one laptop and threatening to tear the students' “heads off.”

- On October 8 and 11, multiple antisemitic flyers were distributed in residential neighborhoods in Los Osos and Pismo Beach, respectively.
On October 10, Vallejo City Council was bombarded with racist, antisemitic public comments in an apparently organized campaign. The City of Claremont reported receiving similar antisemitic remarks during an October 10 City Council meeting – following the event, the city will no longer accept public comments via remote devices.

On October 10, damage from rocks thrown at a Fresno synagogue and a Mediterranean business were being investigated as antisemitic hate crimes; one suspect was arrested later that day.

On October 10, antisemitic flyers were distributed in Orange County.

On October 10, pro-Israel and pro-Palestine protesters clashed 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.

On October 10, unknown assailants broke a window at a Jewish temple and left an antisemitic note at a bakery in Fresno. One person was later arrested in relation to the bakery incident.

On October 8, thousands of pro-Palestine demonstrators rallied 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)

Colorado

On October 25, students held 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)

On October 13, CBS Colorado reported 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)

Nevada

Between October 11 and 19, a Las Vegas man sent threats via voicemail to Sen. Jacky Rosen, threatening to assault, kidnap, or murder the senator, according to the criminal complaint made public on October 30. (BDI)

On October 20, a journalist was handcuffed and detained and an ACLU employee was allegedly hit with a police tire by the Reno Police during a pro-Palestine rally in Reno.

New Mexico
• On October 21, the Albuquerque Police Department (APD) responded to a bomb threat directed against the Adat Yeshua Messianic Synagogue in Albuquerque. The APD’s police department’s bomb squad did not find any explosives. (BDI)

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.

Texas

• Around October 17, a hotel in Houston canceled a pro-Palestine conference after safety concerns and backlash on right-wing social media spaces. (BDI)

• On October 12, multiple men reportedly harassed students at the University of Texas during a Palestine Solidarity Committee meeting, yelling profanities, calling the students terrorists, and throwing papers at attendees. The Texas chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-Texas) called for the arrest of the men.

• On October 8, approximately 250 antisemitic flyers were left on parked cars outside the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens.

Utah

• On October 8, several synagogues across the state received bomb threats and were forced to evacuate.

Oklahoma

• Around October 11, antisemitic flyers were distributed in a residential neighborhood in Ardmore.

Oregon

• On October 21, in Eugene, Oregon, a pickup truck flying the Gadsden flag 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.
• On October 15, the Islamic Society of Greater Portland received a threatening email. The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) is calling for the act to be investigated as a hate crime.

Washington

• On October 8, several physical altercations were recorded at a protest in Kirkland; police allegedly used pepper balls to separate pro-Israel and pro-Palestine protesters.