

October 11, 2023

Good afternoon,

Our hearts are heavy in the wake of the terrorist attacks in Israel. Please see President Biden's statements below, and join our call this Thursday (tomorrow) for additional updates and resources from across the Administration.

In solidarity,

White House Faith and Neighborhood Partnerships Team

White House Faith and Neighborhood Partnerships Engagement Call

Please join us tomorrow on Thursday, **October 12**, at 12:00 pm EST.

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Resources Related to Terrorist Attacks in Israel

READ: [Statement from President Joe Biden on American Citizens Impacted in Israel](#)

RESOURCES: [Department of Homeland Security Resources and Information for Faith and Community Leaders Regarding the Situation in Israel](#)

RESOURCES: U.S. citizens in Israel seeking consular assistance can complete this [crisis intake form](#) or call +1-833-890-9595 and +1-606-641-013. See the latest updates from the State Department [HERE](#).

Joint Statement on Israel

Today, we — President Macron of France, Chancellor Scholz of Germany, Prime Minister Meloni of Italy, Prime Minister Sunak of the United Kingdom, and President Biden of the United States — express our steadfast and united support to the State of Israel, and our unequivocal condemnation of Hamas and its appalling acts of terrorism.

We make clear that the terrorist actions of Hamas have no justification, no legitimacy, and must be universally condemned. There is never any justification for terrorism. In recent days, the world has watched in horror as Hamas terrorists massacred families in their homes, slaughtered over 200 young people enjoying a music festival, and kidnapped elderly women, children, and entire families, who are now being held as hostages.

Our countries will support Israel in its efforts to defend itself and its people against such atrocities. We further emphasize that this is not a moment for any party hostile to Israel to exploit these attacks to seek advantage.

All of us recognize the legitimate aspirations of the Palestinian people, and support equal measures of justice and freedom for Israelis and Palestinians alike. But make no mistake: Hamas does not represent those aspirations, and it offers nothing for the Palestinian people other than more terror and bloodshed.

Over the coming days, we will remain united and coordinated, together as allies, and as common friends of Israel, to ensure Israel is able to defend itself, and to ultimately set the conditions for a peaceful and integrated Middle East region.

Federal Agency Actions to Counter Antisemitism

Across the federal government, agencies have taken dozens of actions to implement the Biden-Harris Administration's [U.S. National Strategy to Counter Antisemitism](#) since it was [released](#) in May. For example, eight federal agencies clarified—for the first time in writing—that Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits certain forms of antisemitic, Islamophobic, and related forms of discrimination in federally funded programs and activities. These wide-ranging protections provide important tools to curb discrimination based on shared ancestry or ethnic characteristics and to better protect the civil rights of all Americans. Learn more at the link below.

READ: [Fact Sheet: Biden-Harris Administration Takes Landmark Step to Counter Antisemitism](#)

Allied Against Hate: A Toolkit for Faith Communities

The White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships is pleased to share “[Allied Against Hate: A Toolkit for Faith Communities](#).” This resource fulfills the following commitment set forth in the [U.S. National Strategy to Counter Antisemitism](#).

The White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, in cooperation with federal agency Centers for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships and diverse faith leaders, will produce a toolkit for faith communities on standing in solidarity with other religious communities to combat antisemitism and other forms of hate.

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