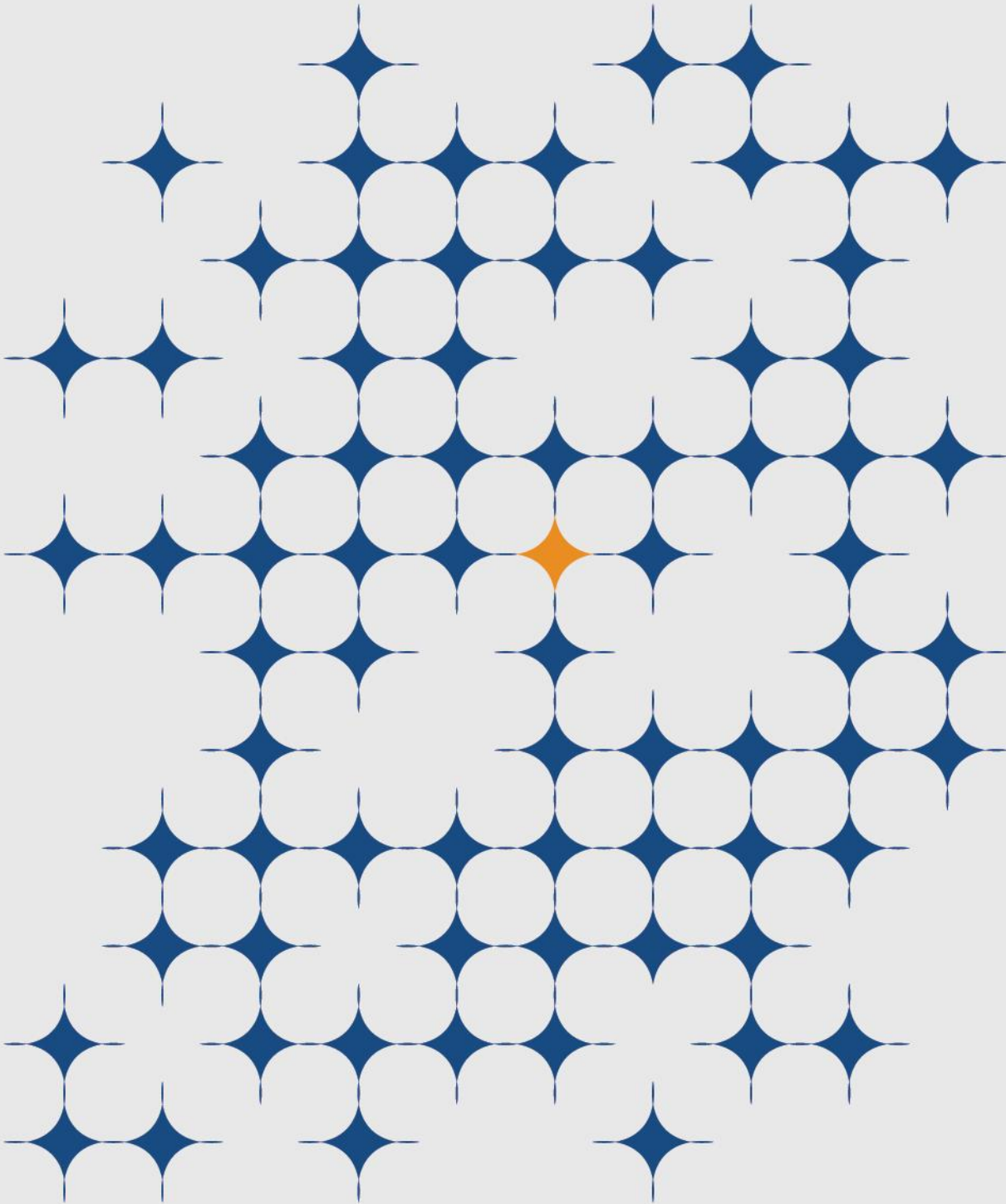


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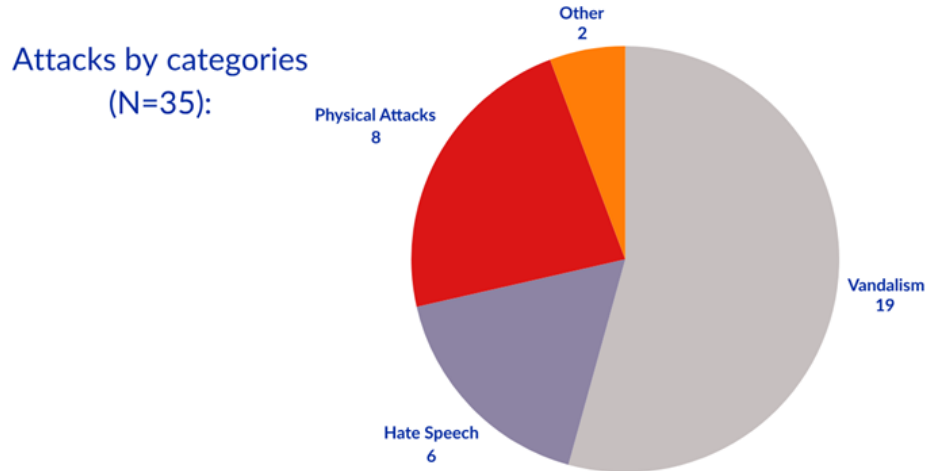
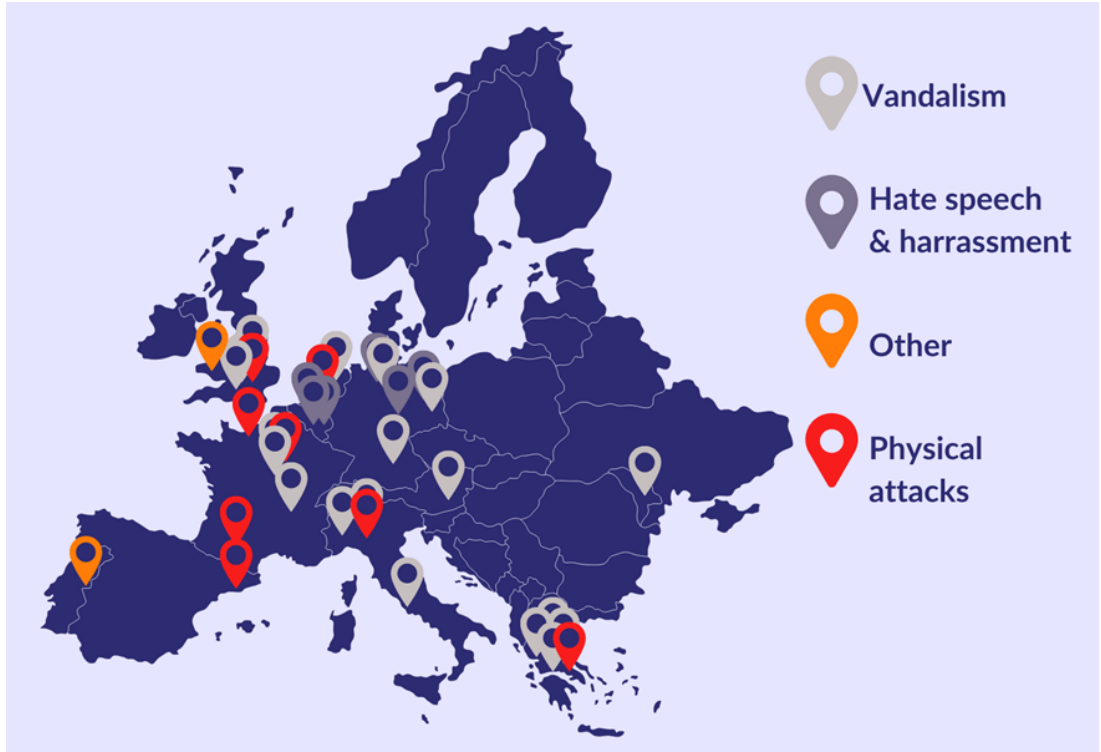
## Executive Summary

- In this fifth newsletter, SENTINEL covers incidents from 15/05/2025 to 30/06/2025. 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 15/05/2025 to 30/06/2025, the ICCT research team, responsible for developing this report and assisted by SACC by EJC, recorded 35 antisemitic incidents in European countries.
- Vandalism continues to be the most prevalent type of attack, with 19 incidents out of 35. Yet, attacks to Jewish religious leaders continued in France, with a [rabbi being attacked twice](#) within a week. Additionally, alongside violent attacks in the US in [Washington](#) and [Colorado](#) in the name of Palestinian struggle, Israel-related physical attacks have been seen in Europe too: for example, with teenagers [beating up a Rotterdam man](#) for a flag of Israel on his balcony.
- Within this period, six Holocaust memorials and six synagogues were targeted
- The map below indicates the locations of incidents by their type. These were recorded in 11 European countries (UK, Netherlands, Belgium, France, Portugal, Spain, Germany, Italy, Austria, Greece, and Moldova).
- 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](#).

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Targeted institutions included:





## The state of antisemitism in Europe: May – June 2025

Over the past month, discussions of antisemitism in Europe have certainly been overshadowed by the events taking place in the US and in the Middle East. Most notably, on May 22, two staff members of the Israeli embassy in Washington were shot in front of a Jewish museum, by a suspect who told the police: “I did it for Palestine, I did it for Gaza.” Federal authorities called it a targeted act of terrorism.

On 1 June, during a march in support of Israeli hostages in Boulder, Colorado, an Egyptian national attacked demonstrators with a makeshift flamethrower while shouting pro-Palestinian slogans, injuring at least 12 people. **The attack resulted in one fatality, an elderly woman dying of her injuries weeks later. The assailant** was found carrying 16 Molotov cocktails in his backpack, suggesting that the act was premeditated. The United States has emerged as a focal point in the recent escalation of targeted anti-Israeli terrorist attacks. In this context, and amid rising tensions between Israel and Iran, the risk of Israel-related antisemitism facing European Jewish communities is likely to increase.

### Incidents by type of incident, in chronological order

#### Physical attacks, 8:

- Three Jewish boys [were threatened](#) with a knife by six or seven suspects in London. One was admitted to the hospital with minor injuries and later discharged. The police have confirmed the incident and are treating it as racially aggravated assault and robbery. (UK, 26.05.2025)
- A resident of Rotterdam was assaulted after confronting two youths who had [climbed onto his balcony](#) to remove an Israeli flag. While fleeing, they shouted antisemitic slurs. When the resident approached them, a physical altercation ensued. He sustained injuries, including a head wound caused by a glass bottle, and required hospital treatment with stitches. (Netherlands, 26.05.2025)
- A rabbi in Deauville was approached by three appearingly drunk men on the street, one of whom [struck him in the stomach](#) before fleeing. Following the victim’s complaint, the police opened an investigation into religiously motivated violence. However, no suspects have been identified, and no evidence of a religious motive has been found so far. (France, 30.05.2025)
- The same rabbi was assaulted again just one week later. While seated at a café in the Paris suburb of Neuilly-sur-Seine, he was [struck on the head](#) with a chair by an assailant. The attacker, a 28-year-old man born in Rafah, Gaza, was detained and subsequently forcibly hospitalized following a psychiatric evaluation. (France, 06.06.2025)
- Israeli tourist Meidad Hozeh was [chased, punched and threatened with a flag-pole by a pro-Palestinian mob in central Athens](#) after they overheard him speaking Hebrew; when one assailant falsely claimed he had hit her, police briefly handcuffed Hozeh, but released and apologised once his phone video showed the attack and the group’s antisemitic slurs (“F\*\*\* Zionists, you’re not welcome here”). (Greece, 11.06.2025)



- Two Jewish teenagers (15 and 18), both wearing kippahs, were [robbed of a phone and barraged with antisemitic slurs outside Milan's Via dei Gracchi synagogue](#); police traced one 16-year-old Egyptian suspect and charged all three assailants with aggravated robbery and incitement to racial hatred. (Italy, 18.06.2025)
- A 15-year-old non-Jewish student at a Jewish school in Colomiers was lured into a trap. After agreeing to a date with a girl he had met online, she arrived accompanied by two other teenagers who, at knifepoint, forced him to remove his T-shirt, kneel, and endure further humiliation. The trio filmed the incident and later circulated the video on social media. The victim claimed he was called a “dirty Jew,” though the perpetrators—arrested shortly afterwards—denied any antisemitic motive, despite admitting to the assault. The girl remains unidentified. (France, 18.06.2025)
- During a rally held in Barcelona for Israel and against antisemitism, a young man tried to [forcibly remove an Israeli flag](#) from one of the protesters. He was quickly halted by the police, and detained. (Spain, 29.06.2025)

## Vandalism, 19:

- In Chisinau, 37 graves at a Jewish cemetery were [vandalised](#) with swastikas and other Nazi and neo-Nazi graffiti. One inscription, written in Russian, read: “Thieves, murderers.” (Moldova, 15.05.2025)
- For the third time this year, a Holocaust remembrance [mural in Milan](#) was vandalised. The paintwork was stripped off, and beneath it, a red graffiti inscription reading “Free Palestine” was drawn. (Italy, 18.05.2025)
- Jewish homes and shops in London and Manchester were [defaced with graffiti](#) reading “Nazi Jews”, while a sticker stating “Antisemitism is a crime, anti-Zionism is a duty” was found inside a Northern Line tube carriage. (UK, 18.05.2025)
- A man used a knife to [steal a mezuzah](#) from a Jewish home in Golders Green, north London; CCTV captured him prying the ritual scroll off the doorpost. Police are treating the act as antisemitic. (UK, 19.05.2025)
- Far-left activists from the “Continuous Struggle for Class Liberation” group [attacked the Didotou Bar in central Athens](#), spray-painting “Jews out” on its walls because it welcomed Israeli patrons. (Greece, 24.05.2025)
- A [Graz synagogue](#) was attacked by a man: according to the police, he threw a bottle against the wall. According to the head of the Jewish community of Salzburg, Styria, and Carinthia, the object thrown resulted in damaging the access system of the synagogue. The suspect was arrested immediately due to police surveillance of the synagogue. The synagogue was already a target of vandalism in previous years, and so was the community president, who was attacked with a baseball bat in 2020. (Austria, 26.05.2025)

- In Paris, multiple targets were [vandalised overnight with green paint](#), including the Holocaust memorial, a Jewish restaurant, and two synagogues. Initial reports circulated videos featuring one alleged suspect. Subsequently, three Serbian nationals were detained while preparing to leave France. Their identification resulted from police analysis of telephone data. According to a source within the prosecution, they were presented before a judge on [charges](#) of “damage to a place of worship... with the aim of serving the interests of a foreign power.” It is unknown what power is alluded to, but it likely refers to Russia, which was previously seen in orchestrating antisemitic attacks. For example, in late October 2023, [Russia was blamed](#) for painted ‘blood-red’ hands appearing on a Holocaust museum in Paris, and the Stars of David on Parisian streets. (France, 31.05.2025)
- A 20-year-old man was [taken into custody](#) after trespassing into a synagogue in Poissy, climbing on it, and taking down an Israeli flag, thereby damaging it in the process. He admitted to the facts, and tested positive for alcohol. (France, 01.06.2025)
- Following a fire started at a primary school in Lyon, multiple [graffiti were discovered](#), including swastikas, Stars of David, and pro-Palestinian inscriptions. A city hall official indicated the city’s intention to file a formal complaint. Even though the fire started in an easily-accessible outside bathroom, which could point to arson, there is no official ruling on that yet, rather, it was likely the occasion that demonstrated pre-existing graffiti to the authorities. (France, 01.06.2025)
- A Holocaust memorial to Berlin-Spandau’s destroyed synagogue was [defaced with the graffiti slogan “Ich bin der Kink”](#); police found the smear on Sunday and the state security branch is investigating the suspected antisemitic vandalism. (Germany, 08.06.2025)
- The [Holocaust memorial](#) “Hannoverscher Bahnhof” in Hamburg was defaced with right-wing extremist symbols by unknown perpetrators. (Germany, 01.06.2025)
- A Jewish Amsterdammer, upon returning from a vacation, [found his car](#) with punctured tires and a word “Jew” graffitied across it. (Netherlands, 13.06.2025)
- A memorial stone marking Heidelberg-Rohrbach’s destroyed synagogue was [defaced with red and white paint](#); police opened a politically motivated vandalism probe, and Rabbi Janusz Pawelczyk-Kissin said the community was “not surprised” by the attack. (Germany, 14.06.2025)
- In Larissa, the face of a statue at the city’s [Holocaust memorial](#) was partially covered with red paint, causing minor damage. (Greece, 19.06.2025)
- Just one day later, a local synagogue in Larissa was [defaced with graffiti](#) reading “f\*\*\* Zionism, Free Palestine” sprayed across its wall. (Greece, 20.06.2025)
- A [synagogue in Stamford Hill](#), northeast London, was broken into during the night. Images shared online show torn off cabinets and panels and Torah scrolls scattered on the floor, though nothing appears to have been stolen. The police launched an investigation, but no suspects have been identified yet. (UK, 20.06.2025)
- The entrance of the office of Jewish community of Ioannina was covered with red paint. No further details beyond photos of the incident and statements of condemnation have been made available so far. (Greece, 22.06.2025)

- In Latina, an engraving “[6 million Grassuccis](#)” together with a swastika were graffitied. The words refer to an active supporter of Israel and self-identified Zionist – Lidano Grassucci, an Italian journalist. Yet, coupled with a clear reference to Jewish victims of Holocaust, this graffiti can be seen as an act of intimidation and Holocaust excusal. (24.06.2025, Italy)
- [Matteo Doria](#), a city councilor in Chivasso returned home from a council meeting to find his front door scratched, including the word “Jew” engraved on it. Though not Jewish, he reported the incident and condemned the use of religion as an insult. [Some sources](#) have linked the attack to him previously leaving a council meeting just before the vote on a left-launched pro-Palestinian motion, though Doria cited personal reasons for leaving. (25.06.2025, Italy)

## Hate speech and harassment, 5:

- In Antwerp, a woman and her father, both wearing religious clothing, were [verbally abused](#) by a man seated at a restaurant as they passed by. In a video circulated online, the man is heard shouting “genocidal b\*tch” and other profanities at the woman, who was filming, while her father responds, “We are not Israeli.” (Belgium, 16.05.2025)
- Hamburg’s commissioner for antisemitism reported being targeted in a [road rage incident](#). A 56-year-old Jordanian citizen allegedly shouted “baby killer” and “dirty Israeli” at him after hearing Hebrew music playing from his car. The verbal abuse continued even in front of a police patrol. Although the suspect was not arrested due to insufficient grounds, his phone was confiscated and an investigation launched. (Germany, 25.05.2025)
- A pro-Israel student activist at Brussels’ Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB) was [verbally abused and given death threats](#) by two men who branded him an “Israeli agent” after he protested the removal of posters denouncing antisemitism; he warned the clash “could just as well have ended in tragedy.” (Belgium, 30.05.2025)
- At a pro-Palestinian festival in Brussels, several individuals staged a [re-enactment](#) of Hamas attacks in front of the audience. Dressed in military-style uniforms and keffiyehs, and carrying mock weapons, they walked among activists posing as civilian casualties on the ground, raising their arms in celebration to the backing chant: “From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free.” (Belgium, 08.06.2025)
- Former Union of Jewish Students in Germany president Hanna Veiler [received a four-page antisemitic death-threat letter](#) mocking the Holocaust and urging her to “go to Auschwitz for a happy Holocaust,” signed “Heil Hitler” and now under police investigation. (Germany, 08.06.2025)
- In a Berlin park, a 60-year-old man wearing a Star of David pendant was [harassed](#) by a 29-year-old Austrian national wearing a keffiyeh. Shouting “You murderer!” and other insults, the attacker also threatened the victim and his dog with a knife. Parts of the incident were captured on video by bystanders. Police arrived promptly, and the perpetrator has since been placed in a psychiatric facility. (Germany, 20.06.2025)



## Other, 2:

- The BBC barred Gaza-based freelancer Ahmed Alagha from [appearing on its Arabic channel](#) after his social-media posts described Jews as “devils” and Israelis as “not human beings,” with the broadcaster emphasising that antisemitism has “no place” on its platforms. (United Kingdom, 03.06.2025)
- A Jewish artist was added to a WhatsApp group titled “Left Wing Argument” due to her professional work, where participants discussed [plans to infiltrate](#) the Idanha-a-Nova music festival in Portugal, scheduled for July, citing the high number of Israeli attendees. According to [screenshots](#) shared by the artist, the messages ranged in severity, from calls to defecate on Israeli tents to suggestions of poisoning. (Portugal, 11.06.2025)

## Legal development in relation to antisemitism:

- Finland has announced that Holocaust denial will be [criminalised](#) under forthcoming amendments to the country’s criminal law. (Finland, 15.05.2025)
- Sweden has launched its [first national action plan against antisemitism](#), following media reports highlighting [failures in prosecution](#). Despite at least 20 reports from the Jewish community in recent years, none had led to investigations, including a 2022 incident where two men were caught on video urinating on a synagogue and attempting arson. The move may reflect increased public attention and pressure. (Sweden, 15.05.2025)
- On 13 June, a court concluded the case of the 2024 [rape of a 12-year-old Jewish girl](#) near Paris. Two teenage offenders (aged 13 and 14) were sentenced to nine and seven years respectively, with the judge ruling the crime was motivated by religious bias. A third boy, aged 12 at the time, was found complicit and placed in foster care with professional supervision for five years. (France, 13.05.2025)
- A man who committed arson at the Oldenburg synagogue last year was found [not criminally responsible](#) due to religious delusions. The judge ruled out a political motive, noting that the attacker believed he was acting to convert Jews to Christianity to save them from damnation. He will remain in psychiatric care until deemed recovered. (Germany, 17.05.2025)
- A French TikToker who made several videos about the Holocaust, including a viral one questioning the existence of gas chambers, received a [six-month suspended prison sentence](#) and a 2,000€ fine. (France, 04.06.2025)
- Bavarian interior minister Joachim Herrmann told Deutschlandfunk that Germany’s interior ministers will [step up protection for Jewish and Israeli institutions](#) after Israel’s strike on Iran, calling the situation a “dramatic escalation” and warning that any street “overreactions” must be prevented during their Bremerhaven security conference. (Germany, 13.06.2025)
- Czech police [announced](#) that, in a joint operation with Austrian authorities, five teenagers were arrested for affiliation with the Islamic State (IS), and numerous weapons were seized. Two of the suspects were charged with hate-related offences, promotion and support of terrorism, and an attempted terrorist attack for allegedly placing a firebomb in front of a synagogue in Brno in January 2024. The device, however, did not detonate. (Czech Republic, 25.06.2025)



- The Swedish far-right party *Sweden Democrats* [apologised](#) for the extensive connections of their party to antisemitic Nazi groups in the 1980s and the 1990s, in an attempt to present the image of a more moderate and mainstream party ahead of national elections next year. (Sweden, 26.06.2025)

## Terrorism incidents

### Jihadi/Islamist Terrorism, 9:

- Moroccan intelligence helped Spanish Civil Guard [arrest an ISIS suspect](#); the wanted foreign fighter was tracked on an international warrant and captured in Guadalajara, highlighting Rabat–Madrid counter-terrorism cooperation. (Spain, 17.05.2025)
- A 24-year-old Lebanese national was [arrested in Campobasso for jihadist propaganda](#) after police found three smartphones filled with Islamic-State videos and self-shot clips urging jihad against Christians and Jews; Italy’s newly introduced offence of “possessing terrorist material” was applied, and a judge jailed him citing the high risk of repeat offences. (Italy, 20.05.2025)
- Five people were injured in a [knife rampage outside the “Cutie” bar in Bielefeld](#); the 35-year-old Syrian suspect Mahmoud M., who had slipped into Germany via Slovakia in August 2023, was found to be travelling under five different passports and alias identities and had been granted only temporary subsidiary-protection status last December. (Germany, 18.05.2025)
- A 28-year-old gang figure was [detained for buying drones for Hamas](#); extradited from Lebanon, he was remanded until 11 June on suspicion of procuring UAVs for a future terror strike, part of a probe that had already foiled a December 2023 plot and jailed six accomplices. (Denmark, 19.05.2025)
- Over 300 schools across Germany (+ 50 in Austria) [received identical bomb-threat emails](#), forcing evacuations and exam disruptions; police are investigating the nationwide “threat wave” after at least one message referenced Islamic State. (Germany & Austria, 26.05.2025)
- Hamas [urged worldwide “days of rage” protests](#), calling for mass demonstrations, marches and sit-ins across major cities. (Worldwide, 27.05.2025)
- A 24-year-old Italian was [arrested in Perugia for “self-training for international terrorism”](#) after police seized jihadist manuals, online propaganda and chemicals suitable for bomb-making, concluding he had been preparing an attack. (Italy, 27.05.2025)
- German federal prosecutors obtained an [arrest warrant for Russian national Akhmad E. on suspicion of supporting Islamic State](#); he allegedly translated IS propaganda into Russian and Chechen and was intercepted at Berlin-Brandenburg Airport in February while trying to join the group. (Germany, 05.06.2025)
- A 17-year-old from Podkarpacie [was arrested on terrorist charges](#). Tracked through his online posts with Islamic State propaganda and posts calling for attacks on Jewish targets, he is being accused of preparing plans for an attack on one of the schools in the region and creating a kill-list. (Poland, 27.06.2025)

## Far Right, 7:

- Three British neo-Nazis: Brogan Stewart and Marco Pitzettu (both 25) plus Christopher Ringrose (34) were [convicted of plotting synagogue and mosque attacks](#) as part of an online “race-war” cell dubbed “Einsatz 14.” Sheffield Crown Court heard they stockpiled 200+ weapons, body armour and rations, 3D-printed parts for a semi-automatic rifle, and messaged about killing then-PM Rishi Sunak and torturing imams while vetting recruits with vile antisemitic slurs. (UK, 15.05.2025)
- German federal prosecutors [arrested five teenagers \(14-18\) from the far-right “Letzte Verteidigungswelle” terror cell](#) after raids in three states uncovered plans to fire-bomb asylum centres and attack migrants and political opponents. (Germany, 21.05.2025)
- French anti-terror prosecutors opened a terrorism inquiry after 45-year-old Tunisian hairdresser Hichem Miraoui was [shot dead outside his home in Puget-sur-Argens](#) by a 53-year-old neighbour who had posted racist, ultra-right videos online. This marks the first time France’s national anti-terror unit has treated an apparently racist murder as potential far-right terrorism. (France, 03.06.2025)
- Sweden’s security service Säpo [warned that the far-right “aktivklubbar” martial-arts gyms are luring children and teenagers into violent extremism](#), noting the clubs now exist in almost every region, were seeded by foreign extremists and are boosting the radical right’s capacity for violence even without an immediate attack threat. (Sweden, 12.06.2025)
- Polish investigators [charged three 19-year-old men with terrorist offences after seizing pyrotechnic materials, firearms-handling manuals and videos of their shooting-range drills](#); security services say the trio idolised Norway’s 2011 mass-killer Anders Breivik, took military-tactical training near Olsztyn and were mapping out a Breivik-style assault on a local school. (Poland, 12.06.2025)
- 28-year-old extremist Alexander Dighton was jailed for life (minimum 22 years) for a [terror-motivated attack on Talbot Green police station](#) in which he stabbed an officer, tried to ignite a Molotov cocktail and set a police van ablaze; journals seized at his home detailed anti-immigrant ideology and plans to “spill police blood.” (UK, 13.06.2025)
- Portuguese counter-terror police [arrested six militants from the far-right “Movimento Armilar Lusitano”](#) after raids near Lisbon seized explosives, 3D-printed guns, thousands of rounds, knives and neo-Nazi propaganda; the 2018-born cell, whose ranks include a serving police officer, had been recruiting online, holding tactical training and was “ready for an attack of significant scale,” investigators said. (Portugal, 17.06.2025)



### Far Left, 3:

- [Anonymous anarchist groups claimed responsibility after coordinated arson sabotaged a Cannes electrical sub-station](#) and felled a power-pylon in Nice, cutting power to 160,000 homes and briefly disrupting the Cannes Film Festival; authorities are treating the twin blackouts as organized extremist sabotage. (France, 25.05.2025)
- [German federal prosecutors indicted seven members of the far-left “Hammerbande / Antifa-Ost” cell](#) linked to jailed extremist Lina E., alleging they formed a terrorist organization and staged hammer attacks on neo-Nazis in Germany and Budapest from 2018-23. (Germany, 05.06.2025)
- [Two Palestine Action activists infiltrated RAF Brize Norton and sprayed paint into the engines of two Voyager tankers](#), smashing parts with crowbars. Home Secretary Yvette Cooper responded by moving to proscribe the militant anti-arms group under UK terror laws. (United Kingdom, 20.06.2025)

### Iran - related, 6:

- Three Iranian men Mostafa Sepahvand (39), Farhad Javadi Manesh (44) and Shapoor Qalehali Khani Noori (55) [appeared in a London court charged with assisting Iran’s spy service and plotting violence against dissident journalists](#) (United Kingdom, 06.06.2025)
- A 30-year-old Iranian man and 29-year-old woman were [arrested at Catania’s Vincenzo Bellini Airport after trying to board a London flight with forged Brazilian passports](#); police said new electronic scanners instantly flagged anomalies, prompting a forensic check that confirmed multiple alterations and led to charges for possessing and fabricating false identity papers, offences that can carry up to five years in prison as investigators probe how the couple obtained the documents. (Italy, 19.06.2025)
- Swedish and European intelligence services [uncovered a sweeping Iranian deal with Foxtrot gang boss Rawa Majid](#): in exchange for safe haven, no-extradition guarantees and unrestricted movement in Tehran, Majid’s network agreed to wage a Europe-wide terror campaign against Israeli and Jewish targets. According to the investigation, gang operatives:
  - planted a “proof-of-intent” grenade outside Israel’s Stockholm embassy in **January 2024**, then gunned down the same building in **May** before bombing the Israeli mission in **Brussels** days later, leaving DNA from a 23-year-old recruit;
  - twice plotted explosives at **Elbit Systems** sites in Gothenburg and staged follow-on grenade / gun attacks at Israel’s Copenhagen embassy;
  - received an Iranian “target catalogue” covering kidnappings or assassinations of Israelis, strikes on synagogues and Jewish centers across Europe, and a plan to murder exiled **Iran International** journalists in Britain;

- routinely used teenage operatives. A **16-year-old** was arrested for the Stockholm shooting and a **15-year-old** who enlisted a **13-year-old** for bomb missions while following strict “zero-contact” payment channels to mask Tehran’s role.
  - Majid is thought to be directing the cell remotely from Iran despite outstanding Swedish murder warrants. (Sweden, 19.06.2025)
- Israel’s Shin Bet security service has [deployed extra teams across Europe to thwart suspected Iranian plots against Israeli embassies, aircraft parking areas and other overseas targets](#); it is also helping to repatriate some 100,000 Israelis stranded abroad since last week’s Iran-Israel clash. (Israel, 20.06.2025)
- An Azerbaijani national identified as an **Iranian IRGC operative** was [arrested in Cyprus after weeks of covertly photographing RAF Akrotiri and the Cypriot Andreas Papandreou air base with a tele-lens camera and three cellphones](#); tipped off by a “cooperating foreign service,” security officials say he had mapped foreign forces on the island and faces charges of terrorism, espionage and conspiracy to commit a felony. (Cyprus, 21.06.2025)
- France’s interior minister Bruno Retailleau told LCI TV that [Paris has evidence Iran previously hired drug-trafficking gangs as cut-outs to “stoke trouble” in France](#), and could do so again using tactics that let Tehran mask its hand by using intermediaries who “don’t even know the job links back to the regime.” He recalled the 2018 foiled bomb plot against an exiled-opposition rally near Paris led by Iranian diplomat Assadollah Assadi as proof of how such proxy networks operate, and issued the warning while France was on heightened alert after overnight U.S. strikes on Iranian nuclear sites. (France, 22.06.2025)

#### Other, 4:

- Three pupils were [stabbed at Vähäjärvi School in Pirkkala](#) by a 16-year-old classmate wielding a knife; police arrested the suspect and said the victims’ injuries were not life-threatening. (Finland, 20.05.2025)
- A 39-year-old woman injured 18 people in a [knife rampage at Hamburg Central Station](#) before passengers subdued her and police arrested her; authorities say the assailant was released from psychiatric care just a day earlier and acted alone. (Germany, 23.05.2025)
- British counter-terrorism police arrested a fourth suspect over a [series of arson attacks](#) targeting properties linked to Prime Minister Keir Starmer, including his current and former north-London homes and a car he once owned. The 48-year-old was detained at Stansted Airport on suspicion of conspiracy to commit arson with intent to endanger life; three other men (two Ukrainian nationals and one Romanian) have already been charged and are due in court. (UK, 02.06.2025)
- The Netherlands’ National Coordinator for Counterterrorism and Security (NCTV) [said in its latest threat assessment that there remains a “realistic” chance of a terrorist attack](#), keeping the national threat level at 4 (“substantial”) and warning of persistent jihadist plotting alongside the rapid online radicalisation of both Islamist and far-right youths. (Netherlands, 17.06.2025)

## 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

The mounting shadow conflict between Israel and the Islamic Republic has spilled into Europe, where arrests of Tehran operatives and linked proxies are pointing to intensifying surveillance of Jewish and Israeli targets. Recent history shows that these surveillance activities are done in preparation for terror attacks.

In early July, German and Danish authorities arrested a Danish citizen (“Ali S.”) accused of gathering photographs and floorplans of Berlin synagogues for Iran’s Ministry of Intelligence. In late June, other Iranian operatives were arrested in Cyprus on espionage charges or in Italy for using fake passports to travel across Europe. This relative increase in activity points to heightened risk to Jewish communities.

This month also marks the anniversary of some of the deadliest attacks in Europe:

- [The 7/7 London suicide bombings](#). These attacks, carried out by al-Qaeda-inspired operatives, **claimed 52 lives and injured more than 770**
- [The July 16, 2016, truck ramming in Nice](#) where an ISIS-inspired terrorist drove a 19-tonne truck through Bastille Day crowds on the Promenade des Anglaise, **killing 86 people and wounding about 450**.
- [The infamous July 22, 2011, far right extremist attack of Anders Breivik](#). He detonated a **car bomb** in Oslo and then carried out a **mass shooting** at a Labor-Party youth camp on Utøya island, **murdering 77 people and injuring 319**

## Attacks on the Jewish community

- [July 4, 2002 – Los Angeles, United States](#)

A lone gunman opened fire at the El Al ticket counter in LAX, **murdering two people and wounding four before being stopped by security staff**. The attack specifically targeted Israel’s national airline and is widely regarded as an antisemitic terrorist act.
- [18 July 1994, Buenos Aires, Argentina](#)

A Renault Trafic van packed with roughly **600 kg of ammonium-nitrate explosive obliterated the AMIA Jewish community center, killing 85 and injuring more than 300**. Argentine, U.S. and Israeli investigators have long **attributed the operation to Hezbollah operatives acting on IRGC orders**. Several Iranian officials remain subject to Interpol red notices. The incident remains the deadliest antisemitic attack in Latin America and a pivotal case study in Iran’s global terror playbook.
- [18 July 2012, Burgas, Bulgaria](#)

A suicide bomber boarded an Israeli tourist bus at Burgas Airport, detonating a device that killed five Israelis, their Bulgarian driver and himself, while wounding 32 others. **Bulgaria’s investigation quickly pointed to a Hezbollah cell that had scouted targets across Europe** using Canadian and Australian passports. Court proceedings against two accomplices continue in absentia, and the bomber’s remains were repatriated to Lebanon earlier this year. **The case illustrates Hezbollah’s reach and the IRGC’s reliance on proxy operatives.**



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