

A report on the impacts and implications of global antisemitism



# The Abraham Global Peace Initiative State of Global Antisemitism Report 2024

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Cover Photo: Hundreds of Israelis holding photographs of abducted and missing family members protest outside the Knesset, many demanding that any ceasefire be conditioned on their release, November 6, 2023. (Yonatan Sindeli/Flash90)

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# A Message from AGPI's Founder and CEO

It is increasingly challenging to gather effective intelligence about antisemitism worldwide, particularly in countries lacking proper intelligence gathering apparatus and hate crime coding infrastructure.

Certainly, since the assault on Israel by Hamas on October 7th, antisemitism has surged significantly in major cities globally. From Toronto and New York to Paris, London, and Berlin, instances of antisemitism have, in some cases, risen by 300% or more. Unfortunately, many incidents go unreported due to misregistration or fear of reprisal. Additionally, the task of effectively tabulating antisemitism on social media poses a unique challenge, where a single incident can have millions of impressions worldwide.

Nevertheless, this report, crafted by researchers at The Abraham Global Peace Initiative, is comprehensive in accentuating the global problem of antisemitism. As a Canadian NGO dedicated to monitoring and combatting antisemitism worldwide, we believe that documenting this age-old scourge is crucial for instigating social change. Through our efforts, we are developing the necessary tools to eradicate antisemitism. Our educational programs are making a significant impact on thousands of people globally, inspiring them to take action before it's too late for everyone.

We express our gratitude to our members who make this work possible. Thanks also to our dedicated students and researchers who have invested countless hours tabulating and accumulating valuable information. Taking the first step is crucial in combating antisemitism, and we are committed to this cause.

Sincerely,
Avi Abraham Benlolo
Founder and CEO
The Abraham Global Peace Initiative

## **Executive Summary**

This year's Annual Report on Global Antisemitism, which relates to 2023 figures and data, reveals a disturbing rise in incidents across multiple countries, highlighting the persistent and evolving nature of this deeply concerning phenomenon. This report meticulously examines antisemitic activities, trends, and their implications worldwide, providing a comprehensive country-by-country breakdown. With that it needs to be noted that this report is a cross-sectional analysis that, while touching on and referencing the October 7, Hamas' attack on Israel, does not go into depth on that one event.

In Europe, several nations have witnessed a surge in antisemitic incidents, with France, Germany, and the United Kingdom reporting alarming increases. Physical assaults, vandalism of Jewish institutions, and online hate speech have become pervasive, reflecting a troubling trend that demands immediate attention. The rise of far-right ideologies, coupled with societal tensions, has contributed to an atmosphere conducive to antisemitic sentiments.

Eastern Europe has not been immune to this surge, as countries such as Poland and Hungary also experienced a notable uptick in antisemitic incidents. Historical prejudices, exacerbated by political developments, underscore the complex interplay of factors contributing to the rise in hostility towards Jewish communities.

Across the Americas, the United States has seen a concerning escalation in antisemitic incidents, manifesting in acts of violence, desecration of synagogues, and an alarming increase in online hate speech. South American nations, notably Argentina and Brazil, have also reported instances of antisemitism, emphasizing the global reach of this issue.

The Middle East continues to grapple with deeply ingrained antisemitic attitudes, perpetuated by political conflicts. Iran, in particular, remains a focal point, with official rhetoric and state-sponsored media promoting anti-Jewish sentiments.

Asia has not remained untouched, as countries like Malaysia and Indonesia report a rise in antisemitic incidents, often fueled by geopolitical tensions and extremist ideologies.

This report underscores the urgent need for coordinated international efforts to address the root causes of antisemitism, promote education and tolerance, and strengthen legal mechanisms to combat discrimination. In a world increasingly connected by technology and global interdependence, combating antisemitism requires a united and unwavering commitment from governments, civil society, and the international community. The findings of this report serve as a clarion call for action to safeguard the well-being of Jewish communities worldwide.

Neil Orlowsky, PhD Director of Education - AGPI

## **IHRA Definition of Antisemitism**

The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) is a multinational organization comprising representatives of governments and non-governmental organizations (NGOs). The IHRA focuses on Holocaust education, remembrance, and research, with membership contingent on adherence to key declarations. This executive summary outlines the IHRA's definition of antisemitism and the process through which a country can become a member.

The IHRA emphasizes a working definition of antisemitism to guide its members. This definition underscores the importance of combating antisemitism through collective efforts. Governments expressing interest in IHRA cooperation must align with the Stockholm Declaration on Holocaust Education and the 2020 IHRA Ministerial Declaration. The IHRA's commitment to combating antisemitism is exemplified through a comprehensive process for country membership. By fostering collaboration and adherence to shared principles, the IHRA strives to ensure Holocaust education, remembrance, and research are central components of its member countries' commitments.

#### **Member Countries**

- 1. Argentina
- 2. Australia
- 3. Austria
- 4. Belgium
- 5. Bulgaria
- 6. Canada
- 7. Croatia
- 8. Czech Republic
- 9. Denmark
- 10. Estonia
- 11. Finland
- 12. France
- 13. Germany
- 14. Greece
- 15. Hungary
- 13. Hungary
- 16. Ireland 17. Israel
- 18. Italy
- 10. Italy
- 19. Latvia
- 20. Lithuania
- 21. Luxembourg
- 22. Netherlands
- 23. North Macedonia

- 24. Norway
- 25. Poland
- 26. Portugal
- 27. Romania
- 28. Serbia
- 29. Slovakia
- 30. Slovenia
- 31. Spain
- 32. Sweden
- 33. Switzerland
- 34. United Kingdom
- 35. United States of America

#### **Observer Counties**

- 1. Albania
- 2. Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 3. Brazil
- 4. Cyprus
- 5. Moldova
- 6. Monaco
- 7. New Zealand
- 8. Türkiye
- 9. Uruguay

#### A Note on the 2023 Edition of the State of Global Antisemitism

The Abraham Global Peace Initiative is pleased to present the third installment of "The State of Global Antisemitism" for the year 2023. This report, a culmination of data spanning from January to November, aims to provide a comprehensive cross-sectional analysis of the persisting challenges and evolving nature of antisemitism on a global scale. As we delve into the multifaceted dimensions of this phenomenon, it becomes evident that antisemitism, in its various forms, remains a concerning and deeply ingrained issue affecting Jewish communities worldwide.

Antisemitism manifests itself in diverse ways, encompassing a spectrum of prejudices, stereotypes, and discriminatory actions. This report examines the prevalence of antisemitic tropes, which persist as harmful stereotypes rooted in historical prejudices and conspiracies. From age-old canards to contemporary distortions, these tropes perpetuate harmful narratives that contribute to the vilification of Jewish individuals. Whether manifested through conspiracy theories about global influence or insidious accusations of dual loyalty, antisemitic tropes continue to fuel discrimination.

Harassment and intimidation represent insidious tactics that exacerbate the challenges faced by Jewish communities. The harassment of Jews in both physical and online spaces remains a pervasive issue, as evidenced by incidents involving cyberbullying, hate speech, and threats. Notably, antisemitic harassment is not confined to any specific political spectrum, as seen in the manifestation of both left-wing and right-wing antisemitism. Bari Weiss's elucidation of this issue highlights that Jews face threats from multiple ideological directions, demonstrating the urgent need for a holistic approach to combatting antisemitism.

Understanding the nuances of antisemitic violence is paramount in addressing the tangible and immediate threats faced by Jewish communities. Acts of violence, ranging from physical assaults to vandalism of synagogues and communal spaces, underscore the gravity of the situation. Natan Sharansky's "3D's of Antisemitism"—Delegitimization, Demonization, and Double Standards—provide a conceptual framework to analyze the multifaceted nature of antisemitism, helping to identify instances where the line between legitimate criticism and prejudiced hostility is crossed.

In recent years, the conflation of anti-Zionism with antisemitism has become a growing concern. While criticism of Israeli policies is a legitimate aspect of political discourse, the troubling reality is that anti-Zionism has increasingly become a guise for antisemitic sentiments. The deliberate targeting of Jewish individuals based on their connection to or support for the state of Israel raises questions about the intersection of political ideologies and discriminatory attitudes. This report explores the complexities of anti-Zionism, examining instances where legitimate criticism crosses into the realm of antisemitic rhetoric and actions.

As we navigate through the findings of "The State of Global Antisemitism 2023 - Part III," it is imperative to recognize that combating antisemitism requires a concerted effort on multiple fronts. From legislative measures to educational initiatives, the international community must

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work collaboratively to dismantle the deep-seated prejudices that continue to threaten the well-being of Jewish communities worldwide.

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## **Country Report**

Afghanistan

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Albania

Though the shadows of antisemitism weigh heavily on the Jewish community worldwide, there is always a bright light along the way that evokes hope for the Jewish people and their allies. Albania's astonishing decision to create its own Holocaust memorial museum in its capital city, Tirana, comes after Israel's President, Isaac Herzog urged the EU to step up the fight against what he called surging antisemitism at the European Parliament on the eve of the annual commemorations of the liberation of the Auschwitz death camp. This museum will be designed to celebrate the history of Jews in Albania, as well as, to memorialize the bravery of Albanians who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust. This project is a testament to the power of solidarity and compassion in the face of darkness, and I hope it will inspire future generations to continue this legacy of kindness. Albania's decision to create this museum and name it "Besa" (an Albanian word meaning promise or trust and relates to a traditional concept of giving one word to honour and protect and keep it no matter what) is a step in the right direction of illuminating light and hope for its Jewish population and Jewish people worldwide.

Algeria

As with various political conflicts, many public figures often share their uninformed or one-sided perspectives on the political climate with their supporters, most commonly on prominent social media platforms. This was the case, when during the Israel-Hamas conflict in October 2023, Algerian native soccer player, Youcef Atal was suspended from his football (soccer) league, and "Ligue 1 Club Nice" for uploading a post which French prosecutors say was glorifying terrorism to his 3.1 million followers on Instagram. Atal has been widely criticized for sharing a video from a Palestinian preacher on Instagram, purportedly calling for violence against Jewish people which he (Atal) later defended by stating on Instagram that he would never support a message of hate. The football club explained in a press release that they would be taking immediate disciplinary actions due to the severity of this issue. French prosecutors launched a preliminary investigation into Atal on suspicion of glorifying terrorism. AGPI condemns Atal's post and agrees that it is shameful to see public figures with a prominent platform on social media and beyond taking the stance of amplifying hate and conflict, while further perpetuating divisiveness.

Andorra

The European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), established by the Council of Europe, operates through a country-bycountry approach to analyze and address issues of racism, xenophobia, antisemitism, and intolerance within each member state. In the context of the third round of reports, which focus on implementation, ECRI assessed the extent to which its previous recommendations had been followed and implemented in member states, including Andorra. This involved a comprehensive methodology, including documentary analyses, on-site visits, and confidential dialogues with national authorities. This latest report aims to provide an impartial analysis based on diverse sources, both national and international. The report for Andorra, covering the situation as of June, 2007, is a result of ECRI's independent assessment. It scrutinizes the implementation of previous recommendations and delves into specific issues relevant to Andorra. The confidentiality of the dialogue with national authorities allows for corrections of factual errors and provides an opportunity for authorities to append their viewpoints to the final report. It is important to note that any developments post-June, 2007, are not covered in the analysis or considered in ECRI's conclusions and proposals.

Angola

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Antigua and Barbuda

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Argentina

Argentina is home to the largest Jewish population in Latin America, due to the significant emigration of Jews after their expulsion from Spain. The Jewish community in Argentina was horrified to experience a massive bombing attack on the AMIA Jewish Community Center which murdered 85 Jewish people and wounding hundreds just for being Jewish, an atrocity the Jewish community of Argentina still painfully grieves over and will never forget. Many hoped that in 2023, perhaps the level of Antisemitism would decline. Still, it was the significant seize of hundreds of Nazi texts, Nazi propaganda material which included images of swastikas, iron crosses and other Nazi symbols found in a local publishing bookstore, north of Buenos Aires, that reminded the Jewish community that Antisemitism is still widely prevalent in Argentina and around the world. AGPI was pleased to learn that Argentina's Federal Police took swift action to shut down this publisher while detaining Pablo Giorgetti, an Argentine national who is suspected of being the main person responsible for running the bookstore and has been accused of violating Argentina's anti-discrimination law. That said, AGPI is remains astonished by the amount of material from what appears to have been a printing press for the dissemination and sale of

Nazi symbolism, books and indoctrination. This large-scale seize, though extremely disturbing and eye-opening, is a significant step in fighting against Neo-Nazis and the continuous perpetration of reinforcing Nazi ideologies and propaganda.

Armenia

Just days before the horrific genocidal attacks on Israel by Hamas on October 7th, the tiny Jewish community, made up of around 200 Jews, was attacked in the only synagogue in the country on October 3rd by the organization, "ASALA Young" (a group which promotes the ideas of the Armenian Secret Army for Liberation of Armenia [ASALA]... a paramilitary organization created in 1975 and is recognized by the United States as a terrorist organization). Reports note that the attackers vandalized the synagogue with red paint, smashing the windows of the institution, and threw a Molotov cocktail into the synagogue. Reports indicated that this cowardly act of intimidation was perpetrated by ASALA Young and motivated by wanting to take revenge on Israel and world Jewry for supporting Azerbaijan. This latest attack by ASALA Young does not appear to be an isolated incident but rather part of a larger act of provocation against the Jewish community both in Armenia and globally as the group has threatened that if Jewish rabbis in the USA and Europe continue to support the Aliyev regime, they (ASALA Young) will continue to burn synagogues in other countries. In September, 2023, during Sabbath prayers, an unknown individual burst into this same synagogue and began shouting curses and threats to the Jewish people praying inside, continuing the provocation on Jews in Armenia. The blatant and persistent antisemitism and antisemitic attacks and occurrences in Armenia, left Rabbi Zamir Isaev of Baku no choice but to call on the last Jews in Armenia to leave the country and move to Azerbaijan, where he guaranteed them citizenship and security.

Australia

As the rise in death tolls in Israel continues and the conflict between Israel and Hamas escalates, Jewish communities' worldwide fear for their safety, as antisemitic attacks and hate-fueled incidents increase. According to Julie Nathan, the Executive Council of Australian Jewry's research director had noted that one antisemitic incident was reported in the week before the October 7, 2023 attack. In the week after, police reported that the number had increased to 37 incidents but were aware that many others may not have been officially reported to authorities. In examination of what these 37 incidents entailed, some involved calls for the killing or Genocide of Jews, while many other incidents were verbal abuse of individual Jews on the streets and anti-Jewish graffiti. However, these hate-derived incidents did not stop there as polices referenced an Afghan-Australian who showcased an antisemitic sign on

his front lawn (approximately 100m from a primary school) calling for the death of Israel, and reading that "You don't need to be Muslim to stand up for Gaza. You just need to be human. Death to Israel and its allies." Given this and many of the other reported incidents rehash the "Hunting for Jews" ideology prevalent during the Holocaust and within Nazi Germany. Noted in Melbourne, members of the Jewish community noted that on several occasions, carloads of people appeared to be looking for Jews, while in Sydney, outside the Jewish Museum, three men have been charged after they allegedly performed a Nazi salute, leading the NSW premier, Chris Minns to express that those people are in custody and there is no place for that in NSW. AGPI applauds Premier Minns for publically noting that there will be no tolerance for racial vilification in NSW or incitement to violence.

Austria

As antisemitic attacks increase day by day, following the horrifying Israel-Hamas war, Austria's Secretary-General expressed that antisemitic attacks and antisemitism as a whole have significantly increased within the country stating that compared to the incidents reported in the whole of 2022, this represents an increase of 300%, with a staggering 76 counts of antisemitic attacks since the war began. This astonishing statistic follows a series of pervasive attacks and incidents occurring in since October 7, including the stealing and ripping down of an Israeli flag that was mounted at the main synagogue in Vienna, an occurrence that was broadcasted on TikTok by two alleged perpetrators. This video was followed by a brick being thrown through kosher butcher's window to incite intimidation and provocation. As incidents mount, Austria has decided to raise their terror warning to the second-highest level.

Azerbaijan

With all the darkness in the world currently, especially for Jewish communities, it is imperative to shine a light on countries that aim to be an ally for the Jewish people, and Azerbaijan is evidently doing so. In June, Limmud Baku - an all-day festival for Jews that drew 300 people in Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan took place and consisted of speakers, events and children's programs for Azerbaijan's Jewish community (though it is worthy to note that individuals who are Jewish allies were also in attendance). With an estimated 15,000 Jews living in the predominantly Muslim Azerbaijan, many have noted that it's comfortable being a Jew in Azerbaijan. This festival was a testament to the growing relationship between Israel and Azerbaijan which took place less than three months after the inauguration of Azerbaijan's embassy in Tel Aviv and only two weeks after the visit of Israeli President Isaac Herzog to Baku. Azerbaijan, a close ally of Israel, has long been a beacon of religious coexistence, where Muslims, Christians

and Jews live side by side, respecting each other's faiths and traditions. AGPI is delighted to bear witness to Israel and Azerbaijan's flourishing relationships and we know this partnership will set a precedent for other nations too.

Bahamas No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Bahrain No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Bangladesh No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Barbados No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Belarus

Belgium

The Biden administration has been urging U.S. citizens in Belarus to depart the country immediately and warned against travel to Belarus due to Belarus's longtime leader Alexander Lukashenko, known as Europe's last dictator, being a prominent facilitator in Russia's invasion of Ukraine. AGPI notes that Lukashenko is no stranger to his repulsive and blatant antisemitic remarks, including when he expression that during Belarus' independence day, Jews had succeeded in making the whole world bow to them and no one today would dare to raise a voice and deny the Holocaust. In contrast, the Belarusians, who have been a generally tolerant nation, allowed people to spit in their faces. Though

this has been an ongoing narrative by Lukashenko, he remains in power.

While antisemitic vandalism on their streets, properties and beyond has become a hallmark of European society, it is disheartening to learn about the despicable vandalism that appeared in Brussels in February. Shockingly, on the International Holocaust Remembrance Day, the Israeli ambassador to Brussels Idit Rosenzweig-Abu shared a video on Twitter of her driving through the region's largest green space where she bore witness to trees being vandalized with large, provocative swastikas spray painted on them. This disgraceful incident was later followed by more swastikas plastered on two buildings in Ixelles, the same area which had a defaced stop sign covered in a swastika, just a month earlier (In January). In addition to these incidents, a Mercedes jeep with the license plate 'HH-88' (commonly known to refer to 'Heil Hitler' and commonly used in neo-Nazi circles) was seen driving through the streets though later reported only to learn that this same license

Belize No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

plate has been seen over the last several years.

Benin No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Bhutan

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Bolivia

Though Bolivia has had a history of severing ties with Israel, as was seen in 2009 under President Evo Morales, due to growing tensions between Israel and Gaza, AGPI notes that Bolivia has again moved to sever ties due to their belief that Israel's actions against Hamas, following the horrific genocidal attacks on October 7, is a crime against humanity. It is disappointing and shameful to see that Bolivia's Foreign Minister's refusal to acknowledge the 1,400+ deaths of innocent Israeli civilians and over 200 of kidnapped Israelis who are/were held as hostages in Gaza. This shameful severance of ties with Israel will always be noted as being on the wrong side of history.

Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Israel-Hamas war has exposed many people's true feelings about Israel and the Jewish nation, many of which have disturbingly deeprooted notions of blatant antisemitism, anti-Zionism and anti-Jewish hatred. Evidently, many are using this horrifying conflict and the term 'social justice activism' to hide behind harmful rhetoric, to partake in hate speech and hate-derived 'protests' that reinforce how Jewish people are unsafe in their diasporic homes. On October 22nd, during a pro-Palestine protest in Sarajevo a girl held a picture that said: "Please keep the world clean", with an image of a trash can with an Israeli flag inside. This disgraceful sign amplifies the despicable idea that many believe that our world would be better off without the Jewish nation and people and shamefully reinforces (and aligns with) Hitler and Nazi Germany's deep desire of cleansing the world of Jews. This unspeakable act is blatant hate speech at its finest, and AGPI was deeply disturbing to learn that Sarajevo police authorities failed to respond to this incident. It is hard to comprehend how an incident of this severity was not only overlooked but dismissed by those chosen to protect us; police authorities.

Botswana

In 2020, Botswana hosted a community of approximately 100 Jews, primarily consisting of Israeli expatriates, today, while remaining steady, the population continues to flourish. Notably, the Botswanan Jewish community stands out as the youngest and the sole expanding organized Jewish community in sub-Saharan Africa. This community experiences a sense of security, allowing its members the freedom to openly practice Judaism within the country. This unique dynamic contributes to the cultural diversity and religious pluralism present in Botswana. AGPI is pleased to note that there were no documented incidents of antisemitism reported.

Brazil

Brazil's Jewish population, including members of Brazil's National Jewish Association CONIB have been subjected to an unprecedented increase in antisemitic incidents, attacks and hate which has significantly spiked since 2019. Although Brazil has enacted a "racism law" that punishes the use of symbols linked to Nazism since 1989, this has seemingly not stopped Neo-Nazism to persist in the country. A series of terrifying events have occurred to help spike the antisemitic attacks in the country, including, as police report 21 probes into the alleged manufacture, sale, distribution or brandishing of swastikas for the purpose of propagating Nazism have been opened so far this year. AGPI hopes that justice will prevail and authorities will hold the Neo-Nazi perpetrators accountable.

Brunei No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Bulgaria

The Jewish community of Bulgaria has collectively created and signed a declaration expressing their growing worry and concern over the country's significant increase in antisemitism and antisemitic incidents. The persistent perpetration of online antisemitic remarks and rhetoric continues to exist in social networking sites and in the mainstream press as well as, explicit antisemitic graffiti, including swastikas and offensive slurs, appeared in public places, including reported continued vandalism of Jewish cemeteries and monuments. This community is using this declaration to make explicit calls on Bulgarian institutions, politicians, public figures and media to not remain indifferent to the rising antisemitism, xenophobia and hate speech in the country. As antisemitism increases in the country, AGPI reminds the dignitaries that not only is this unacceptable, but indeed Bulgarian Jews deserve the proper safeguards and protection against heinous antisemitic attacks and incidents, they courageously express that Bulgarian Jews are Bulgarian citizens with equal rights and obligations like all other citizens.

Burkina Faso No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Burundi No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Cabo Verde No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Cambodia No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Cameroon No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Canada

The rampant and blatant increase in antisemitism, antisemitic attacks and acute anti-Jewish hate has been astonishing, especially following the October 7 Hamas attacks. For a country that prides itself on multiculturalism, democratic values, social justice and equity, Canada is bearing witness to some of its most despicable antisemitic incidents, attacks, and unabashed hate speech, much of this, predominantly occurring on university campuses and on the streets of prominent cities such as Toronto and Montreal. While AGPI's Campus Report will focus heavier on the rise of antisemitism on Canadian campuses, incidents at York University's (Canada's third largest university) and perpetuated by the York Federation of Students (YFS) has come in the form of claims that the YFS, which by charter, represents all undergrad students at YorkU had released a joint statement (with two other student-led groups) expressing that Hamas' actions were "strong act of resistance," referring to the State of Israel as "so-called Israel" and tying Canada into this disgraceful statement referring to it as "so-called Canada". The statement attempts to not only de-legitimizes Israel (the only Jewish state), but also Canada, and continues to perpetuate blatant hate speech towards the Jewish community and coincidentally omitting the reports of Israeli casualties, while hiding behind the facade that they are advocating for "social justice" and standing in "solidarity" with the Palestinian community. Beyond the campuses, attacks on Jewish businesses occurred in late October 2023, in Downtown Toronto, with groups of people identifying as 'pro-Palestinian' 'protesting' outside of the world-renowned Jewish/Israeli Cafe; Cafe Landwer. "Protesters" referred to this "protest" as a "Zionist cafe boycott" and participants were waving Palestinian flags and provocative signs in the window of the restaurant as patrons sit at a booth eating a meal, trying to indicate Jewish patrons. This is harrowingly reminiscent of the vandalism and destruction of Jewish businesses, during Kristallnacht in Nazi Germany in 1938. Unfortunately, these are only two among a plethora of prominent antisemitic incidents that have occurred in Canada.

Chile

Following Bolivia's recent severance of ties with Israel, Chile's President, Gabriel Boric, expressed his decision to follow in Bolivia's steps after his fury of "Israel's retaliation against Hamas in the Gaza Strip" in the October 2023 Hamas inflicted genocidal war on Israel. Chile is home a small Jewish population, accounting for a mere 0.1% of the larger population. AGPI notes that the decision to join Bolivia and Iran in condemning Israel and omitting the horrible crimes suffered by its civilian population on October 7th, as well as the kidnapping of 239 people, including 2 Chileans creates an unwelcoming and unsafe environment for Chile's Jewish community.

China

Though China has strict censorship on their online network, it seems as though it censors most things except antisemitic tropes and anti-Israeli sentiment. This feeling comes following the October 7 attack by Hamas on Israel, when China's state-run media used the event to accuse the United States of turning a blind eye to Israeli aggression while perpetuating tropes of Jewish control of American politics. This continued in major Chinese media when, an influential commentator and a former editor in chief of Global Times, a Communist Party newspaper, responded to statements from an Israeli minister directed at Hezbollah writing on Chinese social media that Israel needs to calm down. This was followed by reports that a prominent professor of international relations at Fudan University, likened Israel's attacks to acts of aggression perpetrated by Nazis. Among the comments on recent posts from the official social media account of Israel's embassy in China were similar comparisons of Israelis to Nazis. Later in October, following the Hamas posting of a "day to rage" breaking news noted that an Israeli diplomat in Beijing was brutally stabbed a few minutes away from the Israeli Embassy. AGPI is extremely concerned with the rise of antisemitism in Asia and fear that fighting the perpetuation of, and reinforcement of blatant antisemitism needs to be fought on two fronts; on social media and of course, in our everyday lives.

Colombia

Gustavo Petro, Colombia's President, has been accused of Antisemitism, in the midst of the Hamas-Israel war of October 2023, after alluding to the fact that Israel is allegedly resurrecting Hitler in the times of the climate crisis and he returns exactly the same with his concentration camps and the complete destruction of the peoples. Petro seemingly double-downed further hinting that Hitler is reborn as a practice of political and economic power, on the very division of humanity, on its weaknesses and its fears. When pressed on these accusation, Petro defended his claims and position about the war, stating though he neither he nor his family supported Adolf Hitler, as did the oligarchy and the press that attacks him he is considering severing relations with Israel in response to the suspension of exports of security equipment from that country. In the days following, the Colombian Foreign Minister Alvaro Leyva sought an apology from and exit of the Israeli ambassador following the Israel's summoning of Colombia's ambassador where Israel allegedly reprimanded her for hostile and antisemitic comments by Petro, who has refused to condemn the recent attack by Hamas on Israel. The Colombian President and their members of government have made it clear that not only do they not stand with the innocent Israeli civilians who were murdered in cold blood on October 7th, but that they fundamentally and unashamedly believe that Israel and Jewish people have no right to defend themselves against the rampant and blatant

antisemitism in the walls of the parliament and beyond.

Comoros

In a mosque inauguration in Maraharé, Comorian President Azali Assoumani, also known as "al-Imam," advocated for peaceful coexistence between Muslims, Christians, and even Catholics. However, he took a troubling turn by expressing discriminatory views about Jews, suggesting that they are the masters of the world who operate in secrecy and reveal themselves strategically. His remarks included derogatory language, insinuating negative stereotypes about Jews, raising concerns about religious tolerance and inclusivity in the predominantly Muslim archipelago of Comoros.

Costa Rica

In light of positive news and steps in the right direction, Costa Rica's Foreign Minister, Arnoldo Andre Tinoco, met with Israel's Foreign Minister, Eli Cohen in Jerusalem earlier in 2023, and reassured Minister Cohen that Costa Rica is working towards adopting the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism which describes various behaviours considered antisemitic, including the denial of the Holocaust. AGPI is pleased to recognize that both ministers discussed collaboration and deepening relations between the two countries, noting that Costa Rica is an important friend of the State of Israel and under the leadership of the new administration in the country, many opportunities for cooperation are opening up.

Côte d'Ivoire

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Croatia

AGPI is pleased to learn that Croatia will chair (the) International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance in 2023, 2024. AGPI notes that the government has established a National Coordination Body of the IHRA Presidency and the Secretariat of the IHRA Presidency and has firmly adopted the legally non-binding working definition of antisemitism, the definition of Holocaust denial and distortion, and the definition of anti-Romani racism and discrimination of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance.

Cuba

In recent months, Cuba has garnered a closer relationship with Hamas and Iran, which seemingly has brought many countries to accuse the Cuban regime of aiding terrorists and engaging in domestic antisemitism highlighting Cuba's historical involvement in supporting terrorism against Israel, including military action during the Yom Kippur War. Furthermore reports have begun to surface revealing that Iran had clandestinely supported Hamas in planning the October 7 attack, with Cuba allegedly serving as a key ally in their diplomatic efforts. If true, these meetings between high-ranking Iranian and Cuban officials

underscore the close relations between Hamas, Iran, and Cuba's communist regime. Moreover, these meeting further solidifies and highlights Cuba's history of antisemitism, support for extremist groups in the Middle East, and accusations of allowing Hezbollah to establish an operational base on the island. Despite being removed from the State Sponsors of Terrorism list in 2015, Cuba seems to consciously continue their support of terrorism, actively promoting antisemitic propaganda, and refuses to condemn the deadly Hamas attacks on Israel.

Cyprus

This rising tide of antisemitism continues to increase worldwide, and Cyprus is no exception to this. In its annual country assessment, the US State Department report on Human Rights in Cyprus reported that, unlike the zero cases of reported or documented antisemitic incidents in 2021 in the country, it has pointed to an increase of antisemitic verbal harassment in public places, threats on social media and against Jewish students at schools, vandalism, attacks, and pro-Nazi graffiti. Reports coming out of Cyprus has noted that an incident involving a rabbi, who presides over the Jewish community in the north of the island, was denied entry at Larnaca airport in the south after he was allegedly flagged in the system for an unknown reason. AGPI continues to investigate this incident.

Czech Republic (Czechia)

Following the October 7 Hamas attacks on Israel, AGPI is pleased to learn that the Czech authorities have moved to consider the use of the slogan "From the River to the Sea, Palestine will be free" as potentially constituting a criminal offense. This determination is made in the context of the Hamas attack against Israel on October 7, 2023. The slogan is regarded as problematic due to its association with supporting and promoting terrorism, inciting hatred against a group of people, or justifying genocide. Czech police will inform organizers of demonstrations in advance about the perceived problematic nature of using this slogan.

Denmark

Dominica

While generally free from antisemitism, AGPI was disheartened to hear that following ongoing pro-Palestinian protests across Denmark, the Holocaust memorial in Copenhagen was been defaced with antisemitic and anti-Zionist graffiti.

Djibouti No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Dominican No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Republic

DR Congo

The DR of Congo has proudly shown its allyship to the State of Israel by moving its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Prime Minister Netanyahu explained, that in return for this decision, Israel will open an embassy in Kinshasa. We are proud to learn of this exchange and look forward to the joint relations of Israel and the DR of Congo. However, AGPI expressed concern over the attempted new laws that would bar Moise Katumbi, the leading candidate in the 2023 presidential election of Congo, and of Congolese and Jewish-Greek heritage, the son of a Congolese woman from a local royal family and a Greek Jew, Nisim Soriano, who fled to what was then a Belgian colony during the Holocaust, from running for the presidency. AGPI has found documents alleging that some governmental parties are working adamantly to implement a law that would bar anyone without two Congolese parents from ascending to the presidency, thus barring Katumbi from succeeding in his presidential bid. This has caused significant controversy, Rabbi Menachem Margolin, Chairman of the European Jewish Association, and a close ally of Katumbi has indicated that said law seemingly would disqualify a leading candidate from running for office based solely on their Jewish heritage. The controversy arose coincidentally when it was revealed that Katumbi has Jewish heritage. AGPI asks whether Congo's move is antisemitism hidden being patriotism or if the much loved governor of the DRC's southern Katanga province is simply not qualified.

Ecuador

In response to increased antisemitic agitation in Ecuador, Leopoldo Benitez, a prominent columnist, and representative of journalists, has denounced clandestine Nazi agitators spreading anti-Jewish propaganda. His criticism of the Quito chamber of commerce's recent demand to close all Jewish shops and impose a collective fine, emphasized that an individual case should not fuel fascist and inhuman propaganda against the entire Jewish community. AGPI applauds Benitez's rejection of the Quito move and his condemnation of their connecting antisemitism with immigration issues, arguing that Jewish immigrants, forced to flee due to danger, cannot be blamed for seeking security.

Egypt

Disheartening and terrifying news has come from Egypt, reporting that in the days following the Hamas attack on Israel, an Egyptian security officer — apparently acting on his own — killed two Israeli tourists and their local tour guide in Alexandria. The action itself, as well as the Egyptian government's silence on the matter, reflects the widespread antisemitism and hatred of Israel that prevailed in Egypt forty years after the two countries made peace. This attack is not only disturbing and terrifying, but the silence from Egyptian officials is telling. AGPI implores the Egyptian government to further carry out an investigation

and make public any and all information about the murder.

El Salvador No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Equatorial Guinea No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Estonia

Ethiopia

Finland

Eritrea No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

The Jewish Community of Estonia has suspended its membership in the Cultural Council of National Minorities after the council approved former EKRE MP, Ruuben Kaalep as an Integration Foundation board member. It was noted by the Jewish Community that Kaalep has displayed a concerning history of perpetrating antisemitism and as such, through his reappoint as a member of the Integration Foundation's board, following protest previously expressed by the Jewish Community of Estonia, it is believed that they are incompatible with the aims of the Integration Foundation.

Eswatini No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

While home to the Beta Israel population, there have been ongoing concerns regarding the manifestation of antisemitism within the complex socio-political landscape of Ethiopia which delve into the dangerous rhetoric propagated by the Oromo Liberation Front (OLF) and the Oromo People's Democratic Organisation (OPDO), where a divisive racial narrative is employed to foment animosity. In examination of that narrative, drawing parallels with historical genocides, particularly echoes the toxic ideologies of Nazi Germany and the Hutu Power discourse in Rwanda, the OLF, in its pursuit of Oromummaa ideology, classifies Amharas as Semitic colonizers, portraying them negatively and inciting violence against them. The alarming escalation includes the desecration of places of worship, targeted killings, and efforts to erase the cultural and religious identity of the Amhara people. This antisemitic trend, emphasizing its potential to destabilize the Horn of Africa and posing a threat to the region's geopolitical dynamics.

Fiji No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Since political violence in the country is quite rare, it was shocking for Finns to learn about an unprovoked attack on veteran conservative politician and Jewish community leader, Ben Zyskowicz. Reports surfaced that Zyskowicz was approached by a middle-aged man who at a metro station in Helsinki and was hit in the face, leading to him falling

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to the ground, suffering bruises, scratches and other minor injuries. Prime Minister Sanna Marin condemned the attack and expressed that "Everyone must have the right to campaign in peace, without the threat of violence. An attack on a candidate is an attack on democracy". This however came after the Finnish government established a policy to combat racism and Holocaust denial in the wake of multiple racism and neo-Nazi scandals that have rocked the administration in its early months, which in turn came following the then-Minister of Economic Affairs Vilhelm Junnila resigning over revelations that he had joked about Nazi symbols at a far-right political event in 2019. His successor also was revealed to have sent racist messages, as was the deputy prime minister. AGPI applauds the efforts of those in parliament who continue to actively work towards having this law passed.

France

France, unfortunately, is no stranger to antisemitism and antisemitic occurrences, however, it was reported that France has seen more antisemitic incidents since October 7 than over the past year with 501 offenses ranging from verbal abuse and antisemitic graffiti, to death threats and physical assaults have been reported. Moreover, antisemitic acts under investigation include groups gathering in front of synagogues shouting threats and graffiti such as the words "killing Jews is a duty" sprayed outside a stadium in Carcassonne in the southwest. AGPI was happy to learn that the interior minister has actively been working to dismantle the rise in hate and has deployed extra police and soldiers at Jewish schools, places of worship and community centers since the attacks, and in Sarcelles that means soldiers guard school pick-ups and drop-offs. Moreover, AGPI echoes that this is horrifying for the Jewish community which makes up about 500,000 of France's population, and is home the largest Jewish community outside Israel and the U.S.

Gabon

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Gambia

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Georgia

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Germany

Harrowing news is reported from Germany, as the country's antisemitism commissioner, Felix Klein, not only condemned the country's recent increase in anti-Jewish violence, (and is) warning that it risks transporting the country back to its most horrific times, something many did not think would ever happen in the year 2023. Klein had explained that the rise in antisemitism in the country is dire, as people are shocked to hear news of houses where Jews live being marked with a Star of David. The antisemitic climate in Germany continues to rise,

especially after the October 7 massacre. It has been documented that one attack, assailants threw two Molotov cocktails at a synagogue in the center of the German capital. Following this, Chancellor Olaf Scholz said he was outraged by the antisemitic agitation spreading as the Gaza war rages and warned at the inauguration of a new synagogue that the vow of "Never Again" must be unbreakable. Moreover, several buildings in Berlin where Jews live had the Star of David painted on doors and walls, a horrifically act reminiscent of the Kristallnacht. AGPI looks forward to the German leadership to their continued efforts in safeguarding an environment for the Jewish community and their assurance that the promise of "Never Again" becomes an active effort rather than solely a verbal promise.

Ghana

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Greece

In Greece, a series of deeply concerning incidents transpired throughout the year, underscoring a disquieting resurgence of antisemitism. On January 12, the Holocaust memorial site in Thessaloniki was desecrated, revealing a blatant disregard for the historical significance of the site and the atrocities it symbolizes. Subsequently, on March 28, two individuals were apprehended for assaulting Jewish individuals in Athens, illustrating a disturbing manifestation of antisemitic violence. The situation escalated further on August 24 when Ilias Kasidiaris, a controversial figure openly denying the Holocaust and adorned with a swastika tattoo, pursued a mayoral candidacy for Athens from his prison cell. This unprecedented candidacy not only reflects a troubling normalization of Holocaust denial but also raises concerns about the potential influence of such ideologies within the political sphere. These incidents collectively underscore the urgent need for comprehensive efforts to address and counteract the rising tide of antisemitism in Greece.

Grenada

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Guatemala

AGPI was happy to learn that Guatemala's OAS Permanent Mission shared their commitment of their country's unequivocally reject of antisemitism and discrimination against the Jewish people. This endorsement aligns Guatemala with growing international consensus, as nearly 1,000 entities, including over three dozen countries, have adopted the IHRA Working Definition since 2016. Though non-legally binding, the definition which is accompanied by 11 explanatory examples, outlines specific discriminatory behaviors targeting Jews and the State of Israel. Guatemala's President's commitment to combatting antisemitism was evident earlier in June following a similar move by

Colombian President Iván Duque. The Guatemalan President's proactive stance against antisemitism was underscored during his keynote address at the inaugural Central America Forum for Israel last summer, further solidifying the nation's dedication to combating discrimination and fostering a supportive environment for the Jewish community.

Guinea No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Guinea Bissau No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported. Guyana

Haiti No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Honduras No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

> In a disconcerting episode on September 6, Hungary's Construction and Transportation Minister elicited concern within the context of rising antisemitism. Their commendation of WWII leader Miklos Horthy, who aligned himself with Hitler during a dark period in history, raised alarms about the potential normalization of ideologies associated with the

Holocaust. The Israeli Embassy promptly denounced these comments, emphasizing the gravity of the minister's praise for a figure with a problematic historical legacy. This incident underscores the importance of vigilance against the resurgence of antisemitic sentiments, particularly when expressed by public figures, and emphasizes the ongoing need for education and awareness to counteract the

propagation of harmful ideologies.

In the recent developments in Reykjavik, a representative from the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) called on an Icelandic court to compel a local

web domain hosting firm, 1984 Hosting Co., to promptly shut down the Boston Mapping Project. The alleged antisemitic website targeted Jewish communal organizations in Massachusetts by pinpointing their locations. The Mapping Project had intensified its advocacy for the Palestinian terrorist group Hamas following recent violence in Israel, urging support for the group and promoting an antisemitic news channel. AGPI shares these concerns was this site was deliberate in nature as a tool to name and target Jewish communal leaders and organizations with false allegations, which in turn might endanger the Jewish community. The Mapping Project, presented as an interactive map, disclosed physical addresses and aims to intimidate by falsely implicating Jewish individuals and organizations in global issues.

Furthermore, the Mapping Project called for the disruption and

Hungary

Iceland

dismantling of Jewish community institutions are viewed as incitement to violence, with 30 of the 38 named non-profit organizations being Jewish, uniquely targeting this community.

India

Against the backdrop of escalating antisemitic incidents, a series of distressing events unfolded, underscoring the challenges faced by the Bnei Menashe community in India. In May, a synagogue in Bnei Menashe was set ablaze, resulting in the loss of a community member's life. Subsequently, in June, ethnic and tribal violence forced over 20% of India's Bnei Menashe community into displacement, revealing a deeply concerning pattern of targeted aggression. The situation further intensified in July when a detained terrorist was found in possession of photos related to the 2008 Mumbai Chabad attack, pointing to the enduring threats faced by Jewish communities in the region. These incidents highlight the urgent need for comprehensive measures to address and prevent antisemitic violence, ensuring the safety and security of vulnerable communities in India.

Indonesia

In a disturbing sequence of events, incidents in Indonesia exemplify the challenges faced by Israeli representation and the dissemination of misinformation. In February, an Israeli Olympic shooter encountered discrimination when informed that symbols representing Israel were prohibited in the Indonesia International Competition, an Olympic qualification event. This prejudicial decision not only undermines the spirit of international sportsmanship but also reflects a concerning bias against Israeli participants. In October, just one week after the Hamas attack, many reports surfaced of the spread of false information regarding the Israel-Hamas conflict. The propagation of such misinformation not only contributes to a distorted understanding of geopolitical events but also has the potential to fuel prejudiced sentiments. These incidents underscore the need for concerted efforts to promote fair treatment and accurate information dissemination on matters involving Israel in Indonesia.

Iran

A sequence of troubling incidents underscores the global nature of antisemitism, with Iran featuring prominently in these concerning developments. In March, a German official implicated Iran's Revolutionary Guard in the shooting incident at a synagogue in Essen, Germany, underscoring the international dimensions of security threats against Jewish institutions. That same month, Iran's Ofgoh TV broadcasted antisemitic remarks targeting the Director of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Rafael Grossi, revealing a disturbing intertwining of geopolitical tensions with antisemitic rhetoric. The situation escalated in May when Iran's Press TV was identified as a

platform for spreading antisemitic propaganda on social media, reflecting the state-sponsored dissemination of hateful ideologies. So too, in May a German Iranian man faced charges of arson for targeting a German synagogue, allegedly acting on the orders of an unidentified Iranian state agency. These incidents collectively highlight the need for heightened international cooperation to counteract the global spread of antisemitism, particularly when fueled by state-sponsored entities.

Iraq

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Ireland

In a disconcerting sequence of events in Ireland, incidents unfolded that underscored the persistence of antisemitism. In August, a doctor's office in Belmullet was targeted with racial slurs and a swastika, demonstrating the tangible manifestation of hateful ideologies in the form of vandalism. This incident reflects a localized but alarming instance of antisemitic expressions. Subsequently, in October, one week after the Hamas attack on Israel, high-profile online commentators asserted that Ireland harbors antisemitic sentiments, prompting a response from the Minister of Defence, who denied the claim. The public discourse around this assertion highlights the complexity of addressing and acknowledging antisemitism within the Irish context. These events emphasize the importance of fostering awareness, education, and open dialogue to confront and counteract antisemitism in all its forms within Ireland.

Israel

Throughout the year, a series of deeply significant incidents unfolded, reflecting the intricate landscape of challenges and tensions involving Israel. President Isaac Herzog's address to the EU in January underscored the enduring struggle against delegitimization, emphasizing the distinction between acceptable criticisms and questioning the very existence of Israel. Noa Tishby's critique of media response to a synagogue attack on January 29 highlighted the pivotal role of media in shaping perceptions of violence against Jewish institutions. The incident on February 1, where an Israeli Olympic shooter was barred from displaying national symbols in the Indonesia International Competition, raised questions about the politicization of sports and its susceptibility to geopolitical influences. A March 15 NGO study exposing instances of UNRWA teachers glorifying terrorism and demonizing Israel underscored the potential impact of biased narratives within educational systems. Deborah Lipstadt's rebuke of Mohamoud Abas on May 17 drew attention to the sensitivity surrounding Holocaust comparisons in international discourse. The outbreak of the Israel-Hamas War from October 7, marked by rocket attacks, hostage situations, and regional protests, highlighted the multifaceted

challenges Israel faces in navigating geopolitical conflicts. The disturbing posting of antisemitic messages on Google Maps on October 24 demonstrated the insidious use of digital platforms to propagate hate speech. The rocket attack on Rishon LeZion on October 25 served as a poignant reminder of the persistent security threats faced by Israeli cities. Collectively, these incidents illuminate the complex interplay of geopolitical, social, and digital factors in the ongoing challenges surrounding Israel, emphasizing the need for nuanced analysis and international cooperation to address these multifaceted issues comprehensively.

Italy

The year unfolded with concerning incidents reflecting persistent challenges related to antisemitism, particularly in Italy. In March, the Roman Jewish community condemned Lazio football fans for engaging in antisemitic chants and a supporter donning a jersey promoting Hitler, underscoring the pervasiveness of hateful ideologies within sports culture. Subsequently, in April, lawmakers called for the dismissal of a UN envoy who asserted that Israel lacked the right to defend itself against Palestinian acts of terrorism, revealing the complex intersection of international diplomacy and debates on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. A particularly disturbing event occurred when The Simpsons, serving as a cultural touchstone, saw a mural depicting Auschwitz victims defaced, highlighting the insidious nature of antisemitic vandalism. In June, UN officials controversially defended Roger Waters against accusations of antisemitism, exposing divisions in the international community's approach to public figures associated with anti-Israel sentiments. The ramifications of the March 20 incident persisted into June, as soccer players in Italy were banned from wearing the number 88, a symbol associated with neo-Nazism, following a fan wearing a Lazio shirt with the name "Hitlerson" and 88. Finally, on August 25, revelations regarding Marcello De Angelis, a senior officer in Lazio, being under scrutiny for composing and performing antisemitic songs in the 1990s, where he depicted Jews as a "race of merchants," underscored the deep-rooted nature of prejudiced ideologies within influential circles. These incidents collectively underscore the urgent need for heightened awareness, education, and efforts to counteract antisemitism within various spheres of society.

Jamaica

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Japan

While there have been limited to no incidents of public concern, the lack of discussion in official channels poses a risk of encouraging conspiratorial activities amongst Japanese youth. AGPI presses the Japanese government to encourage having informed and open

conversations on Jewish issues as a means to counter the rise of online antisemitism and foster a more nuanced understanding of this complex issue.

Jordan

Throughout the year, Jordan experienced a series of troubling incidents that underscored the persistence of antisemitic sentiments within various segments of society. In January, members of the Jordanian parliament employed derogatory language, referring to Jews as "sons of monkeys and pigs." This incident revealed a disturbing level of antisemitism within the political sphere, emphasizing the need for education and awareness at the institutional level. In late April, the Jordanian government joined in falsely accusing the Israeli police force of assaulting worshippers in Al Agsa Mosque, exemplifying the intersection of geopolitical tensions with the perpetuation of anti-Israel narratives. The situation escalated at the end of May when an openly antisemitic article surfaced in a Jordanian Daily, labeling Jews as "descendants of apes and pigs" and "devil worshippers." This dissemination of hate speech in mainstream media further contributed to the normalization of prejudiced ideologies. Finally, on October 20, protests erupted in Jordan against Israel's actions in the war, highlighting the potential spillover of international conflicts into regional sentiments. Collectively, these incidents underscore the importance of addressing and countering antisemitism at various levels of Jordanian society, from political institutions to media outlets and public demonstrations.

Kazakhstan

In a disconcerting episode on March 21, the realm of mixed martial arts (MMA) became a platform for the manifestation of antisemitism. MMA fighter Ilyas Sadykov sent private antisemitic messages to his Israeli counterpart, Rafael Aronov, on Instagram ahead of their scheduled fight. This incident underscores how expressions of hatred can permeate diverse spheres, even within the context of sportsmanship. The private nature of the messages highlights the insidious nature of antisemitism, which can emerge in unexpected and personal spaces. Addressing such incidents is essential not only for fostering a culture of respect within sports but also for confronting the broader challenge of prejudice within society at large.

Kenya

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Kiribati

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Kosovo

Kosovo's parliament has taken a significant step by endorsing the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) working

definition of antisemitism. This decision places Kosovo among the few Muslim-majority countries that have adopted this definition. Israel's ambassador to Kosovo expressed gratitude to the parliament for its unanimous decision, specifically thanking the 79 Members of Parliament from both ruling and opposition parties, emphasizing Israel's commitment to strengthening the relationship between the two countries and their people. Israel's ties with Kosovo have been steadily developing, marked by a series of bilateral agreements in May 2022. The meeting between Israel's then Foreign Minister and Kosovar counterpart in Jerusalem further solidified the growing relationship between the two nations. The move to adopt the IHRA definition reflects Kosovo's commitment to addressing and combatting antisemitism, contributing to international efforts to promote tolerance and understanding.

Kuwait

On September 12, a concerning incident unfolded as the Ministry of Commerce and Industry ordered the closure of a shop for selling Star of David necklaces. This action raises serious questions about religious freedom and tolerance within the jurisdiction. Targeting a specific religious symbol such as the Star of David suggests a potential bias or discriminatory policy against a particular religious or cultural group. The incident underscores the importance of safeguarding religious expression and diversity, promoting inclusivity, and protecting the rights of individuals to freely practice and display symbols of their faith without fear of discrimination or censorship. Addressing such incidents is crucial for upholding principles of religious freedom and fostering a society that embraces diversity and pluralism.

Kyrgyzstan

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Laos

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Latvia

The Chair of the Riga City Council publically announced that Latvia does not experience antisemitism, emphasizing that Latvia's commitment to peace and harmony among people of different faiths is a top priority. AGPI is happy to note that while Latvia has a small Jewish population, the active Jewish community and ongoing government efforts have fostered an environment where the construction of a Holocaust museum has begun, reflecting the nation's dedication to preserving cultural heritage.

Lebanon

On October 20, protests erupted in Lebanon, expressing dissent against Israel's actions in an ongoing conflict. The nature of these protests and their motivations would largely depend on the specific circumstances

and perspectives of the participants in Lebanon. While public demonstrations serve as a democratic means for Lebanese citizens to voice their opinions and concerns, it is essential to differentiate between peaceful expressions of dissent and instances where protests may take a more aggressive or harmful form. These events highlight the intricate dynamics surrounding geopolitical conflicts, the global nature of public opinion, and the challenges of maintaining peaceful discourse amid tensions related to international affairs in the context of Lebanon. Understanding the motivations behind such protests requires a nuanced exploration of the broader political context and the perspectives of those participating in Lebanon.

Lesotho

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Liberia

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Libya

On August 27, an anti-Israel protest unfolded in Tripoli in response to the announcement of a scheduled meeting between the foreign ministers of Israel and Libya. The protest reflects the deeply entrenched sentiments surrounding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and geopolitical dynamics in the region. The public's reaction highlights the sensitivity and complexity of diplomatic engagements involving Israel in certain contexts, and how such developments can evoke strong emotions and prompt public demonstrations. Analyzing the motivations behind these protests requires considering the historical, political, and cultural factors that shape perceptions and opinions in the region, providing insight into the challenges of diplomatic relations in the Middle East.

Liechtenstein

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Lithuania

In May, a member of the small right-wing Order and Justice Party, vented his sentiments on Facebook, directing a rant against Israel and Jews in response to the demolition of an EU-funded Palestinian school. This incident reveals how geopolitical events, particularly those related to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, can trigger polarizing reactions and inflammatory rhetoric from individuals within the political sphere. The member's use of social media to express his views underscores the role of digital platforms in disseminating opinions, sometimes contributing to the perpetuation of biased narratives. This incident also highlights the importance of fostering informed and respectful dialogue to address complex geopolitical issues without resorting to prejudiced language or perpetuating stereotypes.

Luxembourg

Luxembourg faced criticism at the United Nations Human Rights Council during a periodic review of its human rights record, with the organization UN Watch labeling it as the "most anti-Israel EU member state." A report from the NGO Research and Information on antisemitism in Luxembourg revealed that the country had nearly doubled the number of antisemitic incidents in two years, often characterized by statements equating Israelis to Nazis. The statement highlighted Luxembourg's adoption of an extreme anti-Israel position, citing instances where Luxembourg officials applied a double standard, boycotting events for a homophobic statement while visiting Iran, where gays face execution. Luxembourg's negative reaction to the Abraham Accords, its consistent voting against Israel in UN resolutions, and participation in the 2021 Durban conference boycotted by other democracies due to antisemitism accusations were also noted. The statement urged Luxembourg to reconsider its approach, particularly in light of the rising antisemitism and the trivialization of the Holocaust.

Madagascar

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Malawi

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Malaysia

On July 13, former Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad expressed a disturbing perspective, openly stating his satisfaction with being labeled antisemitic and asserting that sympathy for Holocaust victims is both wasted and misplaced. This statement not only reflects a deeply troubling endorsement of prejudice but also reveals a lack of empathy for historical atrocities. Prime Minister Mohamad's comments underscore the persistence of antisemitic sentiments within certain political circles and the importance of addressing such attitudes to promote tolerance and understanding on the global stage. The rejection of Holocaust empathy further emphasizes the need for education and awareness initiatives to foster a more informed and compassionate approach to historical events and their impact on various communities.

Maldives

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Mali

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Malta

The Government of the Republic of Malta, represented by H.E. Marisa Farrugia, Ambassador of Malta to Poland, signed an agreement to provide a financial contribution to the Auschwitz and Birkenau Foundation, supporting its educational activities. The donation signifies Malta's solidarity with the Foundation and its commitment to combating antisemitism. The funds will be used for educational

programs at the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum, enabling interactive exploration of the history of the former concentration and extermination camp. Malta's support aligns with its Anti-Racism Strategy adopted in 2021, emphasizing the country's dedication to addressing and eliminating racism, xenophobia, and related intolerance. The agreement, signed in Warsaw on February 3, 2023, highlights Malta's ongoing commitment to Holocaust remembrance on International Holocaust Remembrance Day, designated by the United Nations on January 27.

Marshall Islands

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Mauritania

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Mauritius

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Mexico

On July 27, former Mexican president Vicente Fox faced significant backlash for making antisemitic comments directed at then presidential candidate Claudia Sheinbaum and the Jewish community. This incident reflects the alarming presence of discriminatory language within political discourse and highlights the need for public figures to adhere to principles of tolerance and respect. The use of antisemitic remarks by a prominent figure like Fox underscores the potential impact of such rhetoric on public sentiment and emphasizes the importance of condemning and addressing prejudiced language within political circles to foster a more inclusive and respectful public sphere.

Micronesia

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Moldova

Jews groups appealed to the Moldovan President, calling for the removal of two monuments honoring "fanatic Romanian antisemites and Nazi collaborators." In a letter sent on Sunday, the center expressed deep concern about the monuments commemorating events that led to mass murder. The first monument, a recently erected bust in Chisinau's Alley of Classics in Stephan the Great Central Park, depicts former Romanian Prime Minister Octavian Goga. Goga played a significant role in enacting laws that stripped a third of Moldova's Jews of their citizenship. Furthermore, he co-founded the National Christian Party, identified by its Swastika emblem, which carried out antisemitic violence. The letter underscores the gravity of honoring figures with a history of promoting discrimination and violence and advocates for a reconsideration of these monuments in the pursuit of historical accuracy and sensitivity.

Monaco No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Mongolia No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Montenegro No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Morocco No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Mozambique No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Myanmar No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Namibia No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Nauru No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Nepal No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Netherlands

Within the Netherlands, a concerning narrative of antisemitism emerged through distinct incidents, underscoring the complex challenges faced by the Jewish community. On April 25, a San Diego man associated with the Goyim Defense League was arrested in Poland under suspicion of projecting a text at the Anne Frank House, falsely claiming that Anne Frank did not write her diary. This incident not only disrespects the memory of Anne Frank but also illustrates the global reach of antisemitic ideologies. In a separate but equally troubling development on July 12, Dutch universities grappled with allegations of antisemitic bullying, highlighting the persistent presence of discriminatory attitudes within educational institutions. The acknowledgment of these allegations emphasizes the critical need to cultivate inclusive environments and heighten awareness to counteract antisemitic sentiments among students. Collectively, these incidents underscore the imperative to address antisemitism comprehensively, integrating legal measures and educational initiatives, to foster a society that rejects prejudice, promotes historical understanding, and ensures the safety and well-being of all its members.

New Zealand

On July 24, in Greymouth, New Zealand, a disconcerting incident unfolded as a man was arrested for vandalizing a former church with both homophobic and antisemitic graffiti had charges dropped. This event in New Zealand raises concerns about the legal consequences and societal response to acts of vandalism that target not only religious but also identity-based communities. The discharge of the perpetrator without clear consequences underscores the challenges in addressing

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Norway

hate-motivated crimes comprehensively. Such incidents not only impact the immediate community but also contribute to a broader atmosphere of intolerance. This event in New Zealand highlights the ongoing need for a robust legal framework and community initiatives that unequivocally condemn and address acts of vandalism driven by prejudice, fostering a society that upholds the principles of diversity and inclusivity.

Nicaragua No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Nigeria No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

North Korea No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

North Macedonia No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Jews in Norway continue to face increased hostility and antisemitism, particularly in the aftermath of the October 7, Hamas attack on Israel. In response to these incidents, the Norwegian government has announced the development of a new action plan against antisemitism, set to be presented next year. The current action plan, set to expire at the end of the year, will see its ongoing measures continued into 2024. Additionally, the government has proposed an increase of NOK 2.5 million in funding to the Mosaic Religious Communities in the national budget for 2024. The government emphasizes the need for sustained efforts to combat antisemitism, expressing concern about potential exacerbation of tensions due to the war in Gaza. Erling Sande, the Minister of Local Government and Regional Development, underscored the shared responsibility of combating prejudice and racism, stating that it is not the responsibility of Jews alone to address antisemitism in Norway. The new action plan aims to enhance measures to combat antisemitism, especially during periods of heightened tension in the Middle East. The government plans to involve Jewish communities and other stakeholders in the development of the new action plan.

Oman No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Pakistan No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Palau No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Palestinian Territories

While the Palestinian Territories have no doubt been a hotbed of antisemitism and antisemitic rhetoric, this past May say Palestinian PM Mahmoud Abbas contradicting his own previous statements by denying the existence of two ancient Jewish Temples on the Temple Mount and claiming Palestinian rights to pre-1967 Israeli territory. These incidents collectively highlight the urgent need to address antisemitism within the Palestinian Territories, emphasizing the importance of international awareness, condemnation, and diplomatic efforts to foster understanding and tolerance in the pursuit of lasting peace in the region. Adding complexity, on May 17, the US antisemitism envoy, Deborah Lipstadt, criticized Mahmoud Abbas for comparing Israel to Josef Goebbels. As rhetoric had an uptick, on June 23, a member of the Palestine Islamic Scholars Association, publically expressed hatred, stating that Jews are the enemies of humanity and that Palestinian youth aspire to drink the blood of Jews, and a report in July alleged that Palestinian Authority matriculation exams are infused with antisemitism, falsifications, and incitement against Israel? While August remained relatively quiet in the sharing on antisemitic and anti-Zionist sentiments, AGPI was happy to see that on September 11, nearly 100 Palestinian intellectuals condemned Prime Minister Abbas's comments as antisemitic, relating to Hitler's reasons for killing Jews following his own assertion that Ashkenazi Jews were killed by Hitler for their role as moneylenders. In the Palestinian Territories, a troubling sequence of incidents underscores a disturbing trend of antisemitic rhetoric and actions. Sadly this came to a head on October 7 when Hamas militants and Palestinians citizens breached the Israeli border and engaged in a systematic execution of Israeli's and Jews including the including a video of a terrorist boasting to his father about killing 10 Jews with his own hands.

Panama

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Papua New Guinea No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Paraguay

Paraguay's President Santiago "Santi" Peña, who secured a decisive victory in May announced this year his plans to move the country's embassy back to Jerusalem. The embassy was initially relocated by the former president, Horacio Cartes, near the end of his term, but his successor reversed the decision. The move by Peña would align Paraguay with the U.S. and three other countries in recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital. This comes as Paraguay remains a country that has welcomed Jewish immigrants since the late 19th century, including those escaping persecution in Europe, serving as a way station

for many, and was the 33rd country to vote in favor of the Partition of Palestine in 1947, supporting the establishment of an independent Jewish state. Paraguay, with a population of around seven million, is home to approximately 1,000 Jews, concentrated mostly in the capital, Asunción, and is a mix of Ashkenazi and Sephardic Jews. The decision to move the embassy back to Jerusalem has been welcomed by some, and it signifies Paraguay's historical connections, geopolitical stance, and its commitment to supporting Israel.

Peru

AGPI has been extremely concerned with the targeting of Gustavo Gorriti, a prominent Peruvian-Jewish journalist and editor-in-chief of IDL-Reporteros, by right-wing extremist protesters in Lima. It is said that around 30 people from La Resistencia, an extremist right-wing movement, protested outside Gorriti's home, displaying antisemitic signs and shouting slogans like "We will continue visiting this Jew; his days are numbered." The harassment is linked to Gorriti's website's investigations into police violence amid Peru's ongoing political unrest. La Resistencia leaders had published Gorriti's address on social media, urging followers to harass him. Peru has been in political turmoil since last December, with widespread protests and violence. Gorriti's IDL-Reporteros had exposed police killings in Ayacucho, leading to the current wave of harassment.

**Philippines** 

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Poland

In a series of incidents in Poland, reflecting a concerning rise in antisemitic occurrences, an array of events has unfolded. On August 17, the Auschwitz Memorial criticized Musk's X (formerly Twitter) for its failure to remove antisemitic content. This followed reports that just two months earlier, a Polish city drew criticism from Poland's chief rabbi when the city hosted a children's bubble party on the site of a Jewish cemetery. The unsettling trend was prefaced by the arrest of a San Diego man associated with the Goyim Defense League on suspicion of projecting a text claiming Anne Frank did not write her diary on the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam and a Jewish association releasing an antisemitism report based on the experiences of Polish Jews. The complex landscape of antisemitism in Poland came under scrutiny in April with a Polish regulator initiating a probe into a TV channel following a Holocaust scholar's statement that Poles "failed" to become Jewish allies during the Holocaust on the channel, and with the Museum of Krakow showcasing a nativity scene production featuring threats to beat Jews. But it comes as no surprise as 2023 began with troublesome reports that in a far-right Polish group propagated antisemitic charges, including blood libel, on YouTube to set a series of antisemitic incidents

in motion. These events underscores the urgent need for proactive measures, awareness campaigns, and international cooperation to address and counteract the resurgence of antisemitism in Poland.

Portugal

Porto's Jewish community in Portugal claims it is facing an antisemitic campaign of intimidation by Portuguese authorities, alleging harassment and restrictions linked to a criminal probe into alleged fraud involving citizenship applications. The community, which has grown significantly in recent years, says the Portuguese government is unfairly targeting them and hindering their growth. The controversy involves the vetting process for Portuguese citizenship granted to descendants of Sephardic Jews expelled during the Portuguese Inquisition. The community's president, Gabriel Senderowicz, accused state players of engaging in antisemitic actions, while authorities counter that the community is attempting to use claims of antisemitism to avoid scrutiny. The situation has prompted concerns about the potential impact on the thriving Jewish community in Porto.

Qatar

In a concerning incident, a Qatari newspaper faced criticism for drawing a parallel between Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Adolf Hitler. This episode underscores the sensitivity surrounding comparisons to historical figures associated with genocide and hate, particularly in the context of Israeli leadership. Such analogies can contribute to the perpetuation of harmful stereotypes and inflammatory rhetoric, hindering constructive dialogue and mutual understanding. So too, the incident highlights the importance of responsible journalism and the need for media outlets to exercise caution in their portrayal of political figures, recognizing the potential impact on fostering a climate conducive to productive discourse and international cooperation. Addressing such instances is crucial in promoting respectful and informed discussions that contribute to the pursuit of peace and stability in the region.

Romania

Israeli Ambassador Reuven Azar's meeting with George Simion, leader of Romania's right-wing AUR party accused of antisemitism, has sparked criticism. The meeting, approved by Israel's Foreign Minister, ended Israel's boycott of AUR. Yad Vashem, the Holocaust center, expressed disapproval, stating they weren't consulted. AUR, known for antivaccine stances, issued a statement partially meeting Yad Vashem's demands, expressing regret for the Romanian Holocaust responsibility. However, it fell short of condemning certain historical figures and rejecting the government's Holocaust studies plan. The meeting aimed to open a dialogue based on AUR's commitment to key principles. Critics, including Romanian historian Alexandru Muraru, likened it to

legitimizing extremism. The move follows discussions within Israel's Foreign Ministry to reassess its stance toward right-wing European parties.

Russia

In a series of troubling events in Russia, reflective of a concerning trend in antisemitic rhetoric, several incidents have unfolded. On August 28, the former Communist Party newspaper Pravda propagated a conspiracy theory suggesting that Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky is intentionally sending Ukrainians to their deaths as a form of retribution for historical pogroms. This came on the heels of May 25, when lawyers representing a jailed Jewish poet filed an antisemitism complaint against an academic supporter of the Russian government. Further complicating the landscape, on January 18, the Russian Foreign Minister asserted that the United States and its allies were pursuing a genocidal "final solution to the Russian question". These incidents collectively emphasize the persistence of antisemitic sentiments in Russia and the urgent need for international awareness, condemnation, and diplomatic efforts to address and counteract this concerning trend.

Rwanda

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Saint Kitts and Nevis No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Saint Lucia

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Samoa

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

San Marino

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Sao Tome and Principe

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Saudi Arabia

In a noteworthy development on May 23, a report revealed that Saudi Arabia has taken significant steps to address and remove most antisemitic material from its school textbooks. This positive shift underscores the importance of educational reform in fostering tolerance and combating discriminatory ideologies. Saudi Arabia's commitment to revising its curriculum aligns with broader efforts to promote understanding and dialogue, reflecting a recognition of the detrimental impact of antisemitic content on shaping young minds. While challenges may persist, acknowledging and applauding such proactive measures is crucial, emphasizing the potential for positive change through intentional educational reforms that foster inclusivity

and mutual respect.

Scotland

In a disconcerting series of incidents, reflecting a concerning trend of antisemitism, various events unfolded in the United Kingdom. On August 29, during the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, a Jewish comedian faced verbal attacks from the agent of another comedian. This event came on the heels when in mid-June, a Queer Yiddish café in Glasgow was compelled to close its doors after enduring three years of persistent antisemitic abuse. These two incidents collectively underscore the importance of addressing antisemitism in the cultural and public spheres, emphasizing the need for awareness, condemnation, and measures to ensure the safety and well-being of individuals within the Jewish community. Efforts to foster a more inclusive and respectful environment in the arts and public spaces are crucial to combating the deeply rooted issue of antisemitism.

Senegal

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Serbia

Serbia's historical landscape has been marked by the enduring phenomenon of antisemitism. From unfounded accusations of well-poisoning to ritual murders, Serbian antisemitic myths have persisted through the ages, often serving as a scapegoat for societal issues. Today, Serbia grapples with ongoing antisemitism, primarily linked to ultra-right groups, football fans, and Nazi sympathizers. Legal measures have been implemented to counteract such sentiments, including the banning of certain organizations and symbols. Recent incidents, such as offensive graffiti and statements, underscore a concerning rise in antisemitism during the COVID-19 pandemic. AGPI implores the Serbian government to recognize the critical role of local authorities in curbing antisemitic incidents and the necessity of education to dispel ignorance that fuels prejudice, expressing hope that normalization of life will contribute to reducing tensions and antisemitic occurrences in the future.

Seychelles

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Sierra Leone

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Singapore

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Slovakia

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Slovenia

There has been growing concerns of expressions of antisemitism and hateful rhetoric on the national public broadcasting company,

Radiotelevizija Slovenija (RTV Slovenija). Given so, reports have surfaced that highlight instances of explicit Jew-hatred on social media and accused a well-known journalist, reportedly a moderator at RTV Slovenija, of allowing antisemitic expressions. Given that, AGPI has urged the Slovenian authorities to investigate the charges and address any form of slanderous or hateful rhetoric on national public media, emphasizing the importance of distinguishing between free expression and incitement to hatred or defamation. Sadly, Unknown individuals vandalized the Jewish Cultural Centre in Ljubljana, Slovenia, drawing a Nazi swastika alongside the Star of David with an equal sign between them. While many condemned the act, emphasizing the significance of the targeted cultural and historical institutions behind the vandalized door, communities need to remain vigilant. The Slovenian government, including the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs and the Slovenian delegation to the International Holocaust Remembrance Association, strongly condemned the incident, labeling it as an unacceptable hate message. Moreover, the act garnered condemnation on social networks, with organizations expressing concern about equating religious communities with a criminal regime. Despite solidarity with Palestinians in the Slovenian public, this marks the first reported antisemitic incident in the country. The police are reviewing surveillance footage in their investigation.

Solomon Islands

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Somalia

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

South Africa

On March 24, major Jewish groups strongly advocated for a U.S. rugby team to withdraw from a South African tournament that had excluded Israel due to pressure from the South African BDS movement, characterizing Israel as a "settler-colonial state" (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). This incident highlights the intersection of sports and politics, with the BDS movement utilizing its influence to isolate Israel on the international stage. The response from Jewish groups underscores the broader debate over the politicization of sports events and the role they play in geopolitical conflicts. Addressing such instances requires careful consideration of the ethical implications surrounding the participation of teams in events where exclusionary policies are driven by political motivations, emphasizing the need for open dialogue and understanding to mitigate the impact of antisemitic sentiments in the realm of sports.

South Korea

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

South Sudan

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Spain

In a series of concerning events in Spain, reflective of a troubling trend in antisemitic incidents, several incidents have transpired. On June 8, the Federation of Jewish Communities of Spain (FCJE) vehemently condemned the president of the Seville Socialist party for labeling a conservative political opponent as a "Nazi Jew," characterizing the statement as antisemitic. Regrettably, on April 27, Jewish groups expressed condemnation toward Catalan leaders for their failure to criticize the vandalism of a second Barcelona synagogue within a month. This incident followed an earlier event on April 18 when a Barcelona synagogue was vandalized with graffiti, further underscoring the persistent challenges faced by the Jewish community in Spain and the need for decisive action to combat antisemitism.

Sri Lanka

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

St. Vincent and Grenadines

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Sudan

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Suriname

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Sweden

In a disturbing sequence of events in Sweden, reflective of a troubling trend in religiously motivated provocations, several incidents unfolded. On July 5, following a Koran burning outside a mosque in Stockholm, Swedish police received an application to burn a Torah outside the Israeli Embassy in Stockholm. This incident marked a concerning escalation, pointing to a potential increase in religiously charged provocations. Sadly this is not the first case this year of burning the Torah. On January 31, an Egyptian man was granted permission by Swedish authorities for a demonstration outside Israel's embassy, which included the troubling act of burning a Torah scroll. These incidents collectively underscore the need for heightened vigilance, legal scrutiny, and educational initiatives to address the misuse of religious symbols and ensure the protection of religious communities against acts of provocation and desecration.

Switzerland

On April 19, Credit Suisse faced charges from US lawmakers, who accused the bank of impeding a probe into Nazi bank accounts. This incident raises significant ethical and historical concerns, as it suggests potential hindrance in efforts to investigate financial transactions linked to Nazi activities during World War II. Addressing such allegations is

paramount for upholding transparency, historical justice, and ensuring
that financial institutions comply with investigations into past
wrongdoings. The scrutiny of institutions involved in Nazi-era financial
dealings serves as a reminder of the ongoing efforts to confront and
rectify historical injustices.

Syria No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Taiwan No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Tajikistan

The incidents of antisemitic violence in Russia's North Caucasus, particularly in Makhachkala, Dagestan, are deeply concerning. On October 29, 2023, anti-Israel protesters stormed Uytash International Airport, displaying antisemitic behavior, including searching for Jewish passengers and shouting offensive slogans. The police initially remained inactive, but eventually dispersed the riot, arresting over 80 protesters. Similar incidents, such as the attack on a hotel in Khasavyurt and the arson of a Jewish center in Nalchik, highlight the alarming rise of antisemitic sentiments in the region. The Russian authorities' blame on Ukraine and the West without evidence is problematic. The Federation for Human Rights and its member organizations call for the protection of the Jewish community, independent investigations, and measures to prevent further antisemitic violence. The Russian government's responsibility under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights is emphasized, urging protection against discrimination based on ethnicity, religion, or other grounds.

Tanzania No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Thailand No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Togo No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Tonga No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Trinidad and Tobago

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Tunisia
On May 16, the Tunisian president made conflicting statements, reflecting a complex stance on issues related to Jews and Israel. In one statement, he asserted that locals in Tunisia rescued Jews, contrasting this with a claim that Israel kills Palestinians. In a separate statement on the same day, the Tunisian president denied that antisemitism was the motive behind an attack at the Djerba Synagogue, which tragically

resulted in the death of five individuals. These divergent remarks from the Tunisian president highlight the challenges and nuances surrounding discussions on Israel, antisemitism, and regional conflicts, emphasizing the need for careful and accurate communication to address sensitive historical and contemporary issues in the Middle East.

Turkey

In a series of concerning incidents in Turkey, reflecting a complex spectrum of issues related to antisemitism and security, various events have unfolded. On March 16, students at an elite Istanbul school performed a Nazi salute during a football (soccer) game against the only Jewish school in the city, highlighting the persistence of antisemitic sentiments. Earlier, on February 6, Turkish authorities arrested 15 Islamic State suspects for allegedly plotting to blow up synagogues in Istanbul, underscoring the ongoing security threats faced by the Jewish community in the region. These incidents collectively emphasize the need for efforts to address and counteract antisemitism, promote tolerance, and enhance security measures to safeguard religious institutions and communities.

Turkmenistan

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Tuvalu

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Uganda

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Ukraine

AGPI has been conducting an ongoing investigation into the presence of antisemitic symbols among Ukrainian troops engaged in the conflict against Russia. Our inquiry reveals a concerning connection between certain insignia associated with the Nazis and Ukrainian military personnel, raising questions about the extent of antisemitism within these forces. The investigation underscores a potential reluctance within media circles and organized Jewish entities to address this issue openly, suggesting a prioritization of supporting Ukraine in its conflict with Russia over confronting the problem of antisemitism. Moreover, this examination sheds light on historical ties between Ukrainian nationalist movements and antisemitism, emphasizing instances where symbols linked to the Nazis are prevalent among Ukrainian soldiers. It is crucial to recognize that these findings are part of an ongoing investigation and may represent a specific perspective within the broader discourse surrounding the conflict.

United Arab Emirates No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

United Kingdom

In a span of several months, a troubling series of incidents has unfolded, reflecting a persistent and disturbing trend of antisemitism in various spheres across the United Kingdom. On July 26, swastika graffiti was spray-painted on a mailbox in Tatworth, Somerset County, symbolizing a blatant act of hate. Just days earlier, a popular graphic design app took a positive step by removing an antisemitic "Happy Merchant" meme, underscoring the importance of combatting online hate speech. The cultural and entertainment realms have not been immune to the pervasiveness of antisemitism. On July 21, international Jewish organizations called upon Bertelsmann Music Group to drop former Pink Floyd member Roger Waters following his controversial concert tour, during which he donned a Nazi-themed SS uniform in Berlin. Waters, in response on July 15, accused his critics of spreading "lies" about him being an antisemite. Disturbing findings emerged on July 10, revealing that antisemitic attitudes are more likely among conspiracy theorists, revolutionaries, and those who view dictatorship as an acceptable form of government. Concurrently, it was discovered that two convicted terrorists operated a podcast promoting violence against various groups, including Jews. While media outlets faced criticism for perpetuating troubling narratives, on July 7, the Independent drew ire for a cartoon equating Israel's Jenin incursion with Russia's attempt to destroy Ukraine as an independent state. Similarly, outrage ensued over a BBC host's comments on July 5 that "Israeli forces are happy to kill children". The rise of online extremism manifested on July 5 when a teenager was charged with collecting useful information for a terrorist act, having searched online for details about a synagogue in Hove, southern England. In the cultural realm, Glastonbury Festival faced controversy in June for dropping a documentary suggesting that former British Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn was wrongfully accused of antisemitism. Political figures also contributed to the disturbing trend. In April, a Labour Member of Parliament was suspended for suggesting that Jews do not face racism while just weeks earlier a student group at London University expressed support for Hezbollah and posted a video stating, "The Jews are hateful". Acts of physical violence and vandalism persisted. On March 16, a neo-Nazi who wanted to firebomb a synagogue was jailed for sharing a video on how to build a replica machine gun and in North London residents were shocked on March 12 when houses were vandalized with swastikas. In January, a 12-year-old Jewish boy wearing a yarmulke was assaulted on a London bus, while further shed light on the troubling environment within educational institutions. Sadly, antisemitism has been festering in progressive circles

within the National Union of Students. In AGPIs ongoing investigation into antisemitism and education, 2023 began with the National Union of Students being branded as a "hostile environment for Jews," as we detailed incidents of swastikas drawn on Jewish students and the presence of "Hitler was right" stickers on campuses. Expressions of antisemitism also surfaced within political circles. Moreover and with a heavy heart, this is still just a brief overview of antisemitic incidents in the UK and yet still highlights the diverse and alarming manifestations of this prejudice across various sectors, necessitating concerted efforts to address, counteract, and eradicate antisemitism in all its forms.

**United States** 

The escalation of antisemitic incidents in the United States during delineates a deeply concerning surge in hatred and discrimination. California's Attorney General's reported the alarming reality that Jews are the most targeted religious group in the state, highlighting the need for vigilant monitoring and intervention, while a distressing incident in Manchester, New Hampshire, in June 29 involving a perpetrator vandalizing over a dozen homes with swastikas and verbally assaulting police with antisemitic statements, underscoring the tangible impact of hate on communities. In New York, a 77-year-old man was subjected to an antisemitic assault, reinforcing the unsettling presence of hate even in physical attacks on individuals, while public spaces became battlegrounds for antisemitic expressions, with incidents like the vandalism of a Queens library with swastikas, signaling that institutions embodying knowledge and community are not immune to acts of hatred. The summer saw a number of incidents where antisemitic fliers were found on lawns across the country showcasing the insidious nature of discrimination infiltrating residential areas, and causing direct harm and psychological distress to individuals. Geopolitical tensions fueled antisemitism as Russian President Putin's antisemitic claims about Ukrainian President Zelensky drew condemnation from the US Holocaust Memorial Museum, illustrating the intersection of global politics and discriminatory rhetoric. Acts of hate were not confined to a specific region. The FBI arrested a 19year-old suspected of making antisemitic threats and planning violence against Jews, which exemplifies the crucial role of law enforcement agencies in curbing potential violence and ensuring the safety of targeted communities, and yet it is through said arrests that the historical scars resurfaced when in June, an antisemitic shooter was found guilty of murdering 11 congregants at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. The ripple effect reached Cincinnati, Ohio, with the discovery of antisemitic pamphlets in Hyde Park, revealing the need for community vigilance and education to identify and address instances of hate. Meanwhile, in Redlands, California, on the same day, where antisemitic leaflets were

found, the incident underscores the multifaceted nature of antisemitic expressions that can manifest in various forms. To mark the beginning of summer, a church's lawn in Anchorage, Alaska, was scarred with a burned swastika, emphasizing the tangible impact of vandalism on religious and communal spaces, and simultaneously, Huntington Beach, California, witnessed the distribution of anti-LGBTQ+ and antisemitic flyers, showcasing the intersectionality of discrimination and the need for a comprehensive approach to combat multiple forms of hate. Wenatchee, Washington, on the same day, saw nail polish swastikas on a messianic synagogue's front door, a particularly insidious form of vandalism that requires targeted community support and response. Hate speech permeated academic settings, such as the graduation speaker at El Camino Community College in Torrance, California, labeling Israel as an apartheid state, while members of the Goyim Defense League distributed flyers in Plainview, New York, featuring Stars of David imposed on headshots of federal office holders. Sadly, the Jewish community were not the only targets when neo-Nazi demonstrations in Florida protested outside Disney World with Nazi flags, underscoring the urgency of addressing organized hate groups and their potential to incite violence. The interconnectedness of antisemitism and broader political dynamics was underscored when former President Trump backed a candidate for Governor of North Carolina accused of antisemitic speech, emphasizing the need for political leaders to be vigilant in addressing and condemning discriminatory ideologies. These incidents collectively underscore the urgent need for comprehensive efforts to address and counteract the rise of antisemitism across diverse spheres of American society, necessitating a multifaceted approach that encompasses legal, educational, and societal initiatives.

Uruguay

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Uzbekistan

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Vanuatu

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Vatican City (Holy See)

Given the sharp rise in global antisemitism, Pope Francis did express strong condemnation of antisemitic demonstrations in Europe during his meeting with European rabbis. The Pope emphasized the importance of believers promoting fraternity, reconciliation, and peace, rejecting weapons, terrorism, and war in favor of compassion, justice, and dialogue. While the Vatican's concrete actions against antisemitism may not be detailed in this report, the Pope's statements suggest a commitment to addressing and opposing antisemitic incidents.

However, new research has uncovered evidence shedding light on the Vatican's silence during the Nazi Holocaust, particularly under Pope Pius XII. The findings suggest that an antisemitic aide within the Vatican, along with concerns about inciting violence against Catholics under Nazi rule and the Vatican itself, contributed to the wartime pope's decision to refrain from explicitly addressing the Nazi genocide. The revelation adds to the longstanding controversy surrounding Pope Pius XII's lack of public condemnation during that period.

Venezuela

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Vietnam

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Yemen

The Houthis, based in Yemen, have joined the conflict against Israel and fired a number of land-attack cruise missiles and drones since October, 2023. The United States Navy intercepted most of the missiles and drones using the USS Carney destroyer equipped with the Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense System. The Houthis, supported by Iran, have threatened further attacks on Israel, expressing religious obligation and solidarity with the Palestinians. Israel is within the range of the Houthis' cruise missiles and drones, and security officials anticipate additional threats after the IDF's ground operation in the Gaza Strip. The IDF is prepared for potential aggression from Yemen, coordinating with the U.S. Central Command and Fifth Fleet. Despite the interception, Israel has means to defend against future attacks, including fighter planes, naval platforms, and air defense systems like "David's Slingshot" and "Iron Dome." The Houthis claim a longstanding grievance with Israel, accusing it of providing drones to Saudi Arabia and the UAE for attacks in Yemen.

Zambia

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

Zimbabwe

No notable or documented incidents of antisemitism were reported.

## Next Steps in Addressing the Rise of Global Antisemitism

As we confront the troubling reality of a persistent and evolving global antisemitism, it becomes imperative to outline a comprehensive set of next steps to address this rising threat. The multifaceted nature of antisemitism demands a nuanced and collaborative approach that encompasses legislative, educational, and social initiatives.

One key avenue for combating antisemitism is the strengthening of existing legal frameworks and the development of new legislation that explicitly addresses the unique challenges faced by Jewish communities. Governments and international bodies must prioritize the creation and enforcement of laws that criminalize antisemitic acts, both online and offline, with clear and stringent penalties. Additionally, enhancing cooperation between nations to extradite individuals involved in antisemitic activities across borders is crucial, ensuring that perpetrators cannot find refuge in jurisdictions with lax regulations.

Educational initiatives play a pivotal role in reshaping attitudes and dismantling stereotypes that underpin antisemitism. It is imperative to incorporate comprehensive educational programs at all levels to promote understanding, tolerance, and awareness of Jewish history, culture, and contributions. These programs should not only be integrated into formal education systems but also extend to community centers, religious institutions, and online platforms. By fostering a culture of inclusivity and dispelling myths surrounding Jews, we can lay the foundation for a more tolerant and empathetic global society.

Engagement with technology platforms is essential in curbing the rise of online antisemitism. Social media companies must take proactive measures to identify and swiftly remove antisemitic content. This includes investing in advanced algorithms, employing content moderators proficient in recognizing nuanced forms of hate speech, and collaborating with international organizations to establish a standardized approach to combatting online antisemitism. The adoption of clear policies that explicitly prohibit antisemitic content, along with transparent reporting mechanisms, is imperative to ensure accountability.

Interfaith dialogue and collaboration can serve as a powerful tool to foster understanding and unity among diverse communities. Establishing interfaith forums and initiatives that facilitate open conversations about shared values and common goals can contribute to dispelling prejudices and building bridges of cooperation. Religious leaders, scholars, and influencers should actively engage in promoting tolerance and denouncing antisemitism within their respective communities.

Civil society organizations, including those within the Jewish community and their allies, should leverage their collective strength to raise awareness and advocate for change. Initiatives such as awareness campaigns, cultural exchanges, and collaborative projects that promote diversity and intercultural understanding can counteract the divisive rhetoric that fuels antisemitism. Empowering civil society to monitor and report instances of discrimination is crucial for creating a bottom-up approach to combating antisemitism.

International cooperation is paramount in addressing the global nature of antisemitism. Diplomatic efforts should be intensified to foster collaboration between nations in sharing best practices, intelligence, and resources. Establishing a coordinated global response to antisemitism, facilitated through organizations like the United Nations, can ensure that countries work together to confront this shared challenge.

In conclusion, the rise of global antisemitism necessitates a comprehensive and collaborative response. Through legislative measures, educational initiatives, technological interventions, interfaith dialogue, civil society engagement, and international cooperation, we can forge a path towards a more tolerant and inclusive world. The commitment to combating antisemitism must be unwavering, recognizing that the fight against prejudice is integral to the broader pursuit of global peace and justice.

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