ECHOES OF DENIAL: THE OCTOBER 7TH ATROCITIES AND RISING ANTISEMITISM

The October 7th attacks against Israelis were a horrific act of violence that left deep scars on the Jewish community worldwide. However, as the reality of these atrocities is denied or downplayed, antisemitic incidents have surged globally. The correlation between denialism and rising antisemitism is highlighted by presenting compelling data and advocating for legislation and resolutions that prohibit the denial of such events to protect against hate and ensure justice for the victims. Enacting such laws is vital not only for addressing current injustices but also for guaranteeing the non-recurrence of such hatred and violence in the future.

October 7

Brutal attacks on Israelis by Hamas, live-streamed by the perpetrators themselves

October 7 - 10

U.S., the European Union, Canada, France, Germany, the U.K. and other countries condemn the October 7 attacks

October 31

Jewish cemetery in Vienna desecrated with swastikas and the word "Hitler"

November 5

Signs displayed at a "March for Palestine" protest in Santiago de Chile included one reading "death to Israel, fuck the Jews"

December 12

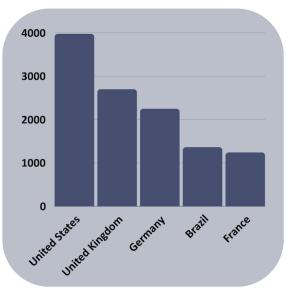
A nursery director in a suburb of Paris, was attacked by a man with a knife, who broke into the nursery, yelling at the director "you're Jewish, you're a Zionist. Five of us will come to rape you, cut you up like they do in Gaza"

"DENIAL OF PAST ATROCITY CRIMES IS A WARNING SIGN OF SOCIETAL FRAGILITY AND OF THE POTENTIAL FOR VIOLENCE."

ALICE WAIRIMU NDERITU, UN SPECIAL ADVISER ON PREVENTION OF GENOCIDE

14,044 ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS RECORDED IN 17 COUNTRIES FROM OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2023.

COUNTRIES WITH MOST ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS



INCREASE IN ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS: A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2023 VS. OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2022



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"I FLEW TO SOUTH AFRICA TO TELL MY STORY. WHEN I ARRIVED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CAPETOWN, I SAW PEOPLE DEMONSTRATING AGAINST ISRAEL BUT WITH T-SHIRTS IN SUPPORT OF HAMAS. I TRIED TO TALK TO THEM, AND EXPLAIN TO THEM WHAT HAPPENED ON OCTOBER7, AND THAT OUR FIGHT WAS AGAINST HAMAS, NOT THE PALESTINIANS.

I SHOWED THE INJURY HAMAS CAUSED ME ON OCTOBER 7 TO THE ONE WHOM SEEMED TO BE THE LEADER OF THAT GROUP. HE TOLD ME "YOU ARE LYING" AND STARTED LAUGHING AT ME."

MAZAL TAZAZO

Survivor of the Nova Massacre

"I WENT ON A TRIP TO PRAGUE WITH MY FRIENDS, AND THERE WE ENCOUNTERED A PRO-PALESTINIAN PROTEST. I WENT TO POLITELY ASK WHAT WAS GOING ON THERE IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO HAVE A CIVILIZED CONVERSATION WITHOUT BEING ATTACKED RIGHT AWAY FOR BEING ISRAELI, BUT THE MAN LEADING THE PROTEST FAIRLY QUICKLY RECOGNIZED I AM ISRAELI.

I ASKED HIM HOW HE COULD POSSIBLY HAVE SO MUCH HATRED IN HIS HEART TOWARDS PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN UNJUSTLY MASSACRED THROUGHOUT HISTORY AND AGAIN ON OCTOBER 7TH, GENUINELY TRYING TO UNDERSTAND. HE ANSWERED THAT EVERY JEW DESERVES IT. I ASKED HIM IF A 30-YEAR-OLD WOMAN DESERVED TO BE BRUTALLY KIDNAPPED OR MURDERED, AND HE REPLIED "YES, BECAUSE YOU ARE A TERRORIST AND A NAZI."

ARIELLE ABOAV Israeli citizen



Oakland City Council meeting, November 28, 2023



A sign at a London pro-Palestinian march, December 9, 2023. (photo credit: @_lacker_via Jerusalem Post)

THE JERUSALEM INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE CALLS UPON ALL CONCERNED INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO SUPPORT THE PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION THAT FORBIDS THE DENIAL OF THE OCTOBER 7 ATROCITIES, PREVENTING ANTISEMITISM AND ENSURING JUSTICE FOR THE VICTIMS.

