

Jerusalem, 28 Kislev 5786  
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The Hon Anthony Albanese MP  
Prime Minister of Australia

Dear Prime Minister,

We write as Chairman of the Executive and Chairman of the Board of Governors of The Jewish Agency for Israel, a global Jewish organisation that works with Jewish communities worldwide, including the Jewish community of Australia.

First and foremost, we wish to convey the deepest condolences of the Jewish Agency to the Australian people following the horrific, barbaric terrorist attack directed at the Jewish community at Bondi Beach, where hundreds had gathered to celebrate Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights.

Our hearts and minds are with the families of those murdered, with the injured, and with all Australians horrified by this act of hatred.

This attack did not occur in a vacuum. Over recent years, Australia has seen a troubling pattern of antisemitic incidents, alongside the normalisation of rhetoric that dehumanises Jews and legitimises violence. Calls to “globalize the intifada”, and the casual use of Nazi comparisons directed at “Zionists” or Jews, are not merely offensive slogans. They create a climate in which violence can be imagined, justified, and then carried out.

Israel has learned, through bitter experience, that extremists test the boundaries of what a society will tolerate. When incitement is excused or minimised, it spreads. The only effective response is early, consistent and unambiguous, combining moral clarity with firm enforcement.

We respectfully urge your Government to act immediately and decisively across three fronts: education, legislation and enforcement. In practical terms, that means:

- strengthening education that confronts antisemitism and all forms of racial and religious hatred
- ensuring laws properly address incitement to violence and targeted hate, including online
- resourcing law enforcement to pursue perpetrators and those who encourage or enable them, with visible consequences


Of course, security must be reinforced around Jewish institutions. But the goal must be more than protection behind fences. It must be the confidence of Jewish Australians that they can live openly as Jews in Australia, without fear.

The world is watching. Australia's response now will send a signal far beyond the Jewish community. It will show every minority whether this country will protect them when hate turns to violence. The Jewish Agency stands ready to assist in any way that is helpful, including supporting affected families and strengthening community resilience.

Yours sincerely,



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