



INPUT ON REPORT ON COMBATING GLORIFICATION OF NAZISM, NEO-NAZISM AND OTHER PRACTICES THAT CONTRIBUTE TO FUELING CONTEMPORARY FORMS OF RACISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, XENOPHOBIA AND RELATED INTOLERANCE

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I. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to the call by the Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Racism regarding combatting glorification of Nazism, neo-Nazism and other practices that contribute to fueling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, the European Centre for Law and Justice (ECLJ) submits this input to inform the Special Rapporteur's report to be presented at the 62nd session of the Human Rights Council (HRC).

The ECLJ is a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection of human rights around the world. The ECLJ also holds Special Consultative Status with the United Nations ECOSOC. This input provides information regarding “[d]isaggregated data on the victims, perpetrators and incidence of hate speech, hate crime and other violent activities based on racial superiority and hatred against persons or groups of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious or linguistic minorities.”¹

Following the Hamas attacks on Israel on October 7, 2023,² antisemitism has been on the rise globally.³ This surge manifests in many ways including in physical violence and vandalism as well as in online spaces, where social media platforms, artificial intelligence, and extremist networks have been amplifying antisemitic rhetoric and ideological hatred at unprecedented speeds.⁴ From Arabic-language content glorifying violence against Jews to arson attacks on synagogues to the

¹ U.N. OHCHR, *Call for Input On Report On Combating Glorification of Nazism, Neo-Nazism and Other Practices That Contribute to Fuelling Contemporary Forms of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance*, <https://www.ohchr.org/en/calls-for-input/2026/call-input-report-combating-glorification-nazism-neo-nazism-and-other> (last visited Mar. 30, 2026).

² Vered Andre'ev & Lara Portnoy, *Arabic and English Antisemitism On Social Media Platforms Post-October 7: Analysis on Discourse and Prevention*, THE INST. FOR NAT'L SEC. STUD. (Nov. 4, 2024), <https://www.inss.org.il/publication/antisemitism-on-social-media/>.

³ Pesach Benson, *Antisemitism Intensifying Worldwide Since October 7 Massacre, Report Warns*, THE JERUSALEM POST (Oct. 5, 2025, 12:15 PM), <https://www.jpost.com/diaspora/antisemitism/article-869467>.

⁴ Anja Karadeglija, *AI-Powered Hate Content Is On the Rise, Experts Say*, CBC, <https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/ai-hate-content-1.7215369> (last updated May 26, 2024).

murder of innocent Jewish civilians, the trends reveal a convergence of traditional extremism, Islamist-inspired hate, and modern technological tools utilized for antisemitic purposes.⁵

II. NEW TRENDS AND METHODS TO PROMOTE ANTISEMITISM

Online antisemitism has exploded in volume and virulence since October 7, 2023. Arabic-language content, in particular, has sharply increased.⁶ According to the Institute for National Security Studies, in the twenty-five days immediately following October 7, antisemitic content across major platforms rose 86%, from 6,959 to 12,949 posts in English and Arabic combined.⁷

Regarding Arabic discourse specifically, pre-October 7 content often featured conspiratorial anti-Jewish stereotypes, while post-attack content emphasized calls for violence, collective blame on Jews for Israel's actions, and dehumanization that likens Jews to rats, monkeys, or pigs.⁸ Slogans such as “Khaybar, Khaybar O Jews” (an antisemitic chant meaning “Muhammad’s army will return oh Jews”) reached potential audiences of over 596 million users, while phrases like “Hitler was right” garnered nearly half a million views in just eighteen days.⁹ Platforms including Facebook, Instagram, X, TikTok, and YouTube, have struggled to enforce their safety rule, especially with respect to threats in Arabic, where removal rates lagged behind English-language threats.¹⁰

The George Washington University Program on Extremism corroborated this dangerous trend, noting significant surges on X and TikTok in Arabic-speaking regions over the six months post-October 7.¹¹ Content evolved toward violent rhetoric, Holocaust denial, and religiously rooted hate, with terms like “Zionists” or “Sons of Zion” serving as proxies to evade removal.¹² TikTok saw the highest percentage increase, while X had the largest absolute volume.¹³ These trends have “evolved into the normalization of hatred in everyday life for Jews in America and around the world.”¹⁴

AI-powered antisemitism is also trending up.¹⁵ A Canadian Broadcast Network report highlighted how hate groups, including white supremacists, can use AI for propaganda.¹⁶ Examples include AI-altered videos of Adolf Hitler speaking English (viewed over 15 million times on X), racist Pixar-style posters, and deepfakes fabricating claims about the Israel-Hamas conflict.¹⁷ B’nai Brith Canada, Canada’s oldest Jewish rights organization, noted an unprecedented rise in AI-generated

⁵ Omar Mohamed, *Rise of Online Antisemitism in Arabic Six Months Post October 7*, GW PROGRAM ON EXTREMISM (Jan. 14, 2025), <https://extremism.gwu.edu/rise-online-antisemitism-arabic-six-months-post-october-7>.

⁶ Andre’ev & Portnoy, *supra* note 2.

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ Mohamed, *supra* note 5, at 9.

¹² *Id.* at 9-10, 22, 28, 30.

¹³ *Id.* at 9.

¹⁴ *Two Years After October 7: The Normalization of Antisemitism*, ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE 2 (2025), <https://www.adl.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/2025-10/October-7-2-year-Anniversary-Report.pdf>.

¹⁵ Karadeglija, *supra* note 4.

¹⁶ *Id.*

¹⁷ *Id.*

antisemitic images and videos in 2023. It further noted issues in detecting the creators of such antisemitic AI content because most content lacks watermarking or robust regulation.¹⁸ While some sources link AI to broader online Islamic antisemitism amplification via algorithms, the technology also encourages existing biases, creating deepfakes and memes that blend Holocaust denial with current events.¹⁹

Far-right neo-Nazi online activity is also trending up, particularly among youth.²⁰ The Global Extremism Project documented the rise of Neo-Nazi “Youth Clubs” since 2022, and found at least nineteen chapters across forty-two U.S. states by 2025, targeting teens aged fifteen to eighteen.²¹ Additionally, Active Clubs, which are “white nationalist extremist groups that emphasize physical fitness and hand-to-hand combat skills and have a history of violence[],”²² recruit via Telegram channels and TikTok.

Moreover, the “NazTok” network is “an organized neo-Nazi TikTok network [which] is getting millions of views.”²³ According to the Institute for Strategic Dialogue, “Pro-Nazi content is receiving tens of millions of views on TikTok. This includes videos featuring Holocaust denial; glorification of Hitler, Nazi-era Germany, Nazism as a solution to contemporary issues; support for white supremacist mass shooters, and livestreamed footage or recreations of these massacres.”²⁴

Coded language is relevant here as well since it “isn’t just a method of communication, it’s a tool for recruitment and radicalisation.”²⁵ Tactics involving coded language include the use of the number “88,” which “is used by neo-Nazis and far-right extremists to refer to the eighth letter of the alphabet, the letter H. Therefore, “88” stands for ‘HH’ which in this context refers to ‘Heil Hitler.’”²⁶

¹⁸ *Id.*; See also Press Release, The White House, Executive Order on the Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy Development and Use of Artificial Intelligence (Oct. 30, 2023), <https://bidenwhitehouse.archives.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2023/10/30/executive-order-on-the-safe-secure-and-trustworthy-development-and-use-of-artificial-intelligence/> (On October 25, 2023, the United States, through a presidential executive order, defined “watermarking” as follows: “the act of embedding information, which is typically difficult to remove, into outputs created by AI — including into outputs such as photos, videos, audio clips, or text — for the purposes of verifying the authenticity of the output or the identity or characteristics of its provenance, modifications, or conveyance.”).

¹⁹ Tim Orr, *The Rise of Online Islamic Antisemitism: A Deeper Examination*, DR. TIM ORR’S BLOG (Oct. 13, 2024), <https://www.4timorr.org/the-rise-of-online-islamic-antisemitism-a-deeper-examination/>.

²⁰ *Neo-Nazi Teenagers Across America Starting Their Own Active Clubs*, GLOB. PROJ. AGAINST HATE AND EXTREMISM (June 12, 2025), <https://globalextrmism.org/post/neo-nazi-teenagers/>.

²¹ *Id.*

²² Ciarán O’Connor et al., *Active Clubs: The Growing Threat of ‘White Nationalism 3.0’ Across the United States*, ISD 4 (Oct. 24, 2023), <https://www.isdglobal.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Active-Clubs.pdf>.

²³ Nathan Doctor et al., *NazTok: An Organized Neo-Nazi TikTok Network Is Getting Millions of Views*, INST. FOR STRATEGIC DIALOGUE (July 29, 2024), <https://www.isdglobal.org/digital-dispatch/naztok-an-organized-neo-nazi-tiktok-network-is-getting-millions-of-views/>.

²⁴ *Id.*

²⁵ Francesca Gentile & Isabella Gomez O’Keefe, *Use of Coded Language by Far-Right Extremists Online: Emojis, Numbers, and Symbols Reinforce In-Group Identity*, VOX Pol (Nov. 9, 2025), <https://voxpath.eu/coded-language-dog-whistles-tiktok-far-right/>.

²⁶ *Id.*

Some accounts using coded terms “had images of Adolf Hitler as their profile pictures; others had swastikas or pictures of concentration camps. Usernames also included swastikas and lightning bolts, referring to the S.S.”²⁷

III. HATE CRIMES AND TERROR ATTACKS

The rise of physical antisemitic attacks are trending in the wrong direction as well.²⁸ The Anti-Defamation League’s Audit of Antisemitic Incidents reported 9,354 cases in the U.S. in 2024—the highest in 46 years—up 5% from 2023 and 344% over five years.²⁹ Incidents of assault rose 21% (196), incidents of vandalism rose 20% (2,606), and incidents of harassment remained high (6,552).³⁰ And “[f]or the first time in the history of the Audit, a majority (58%) of all incidents contained elements related to Israel or Zionism. A large portion of Israel-related antisemitic incidents occurred at or in the vicinity of anti-Israel protests.”³¹

The following examples underscore the result of these troubling trends. On March 12, 2026, Ayman Gazali, a forty-one-year-old man crashed his truck into a synagogue and opened fire on security guards before killing himself.³² On March 4, 2026, the message “Kill All Jews,” was inscribed on building walls at San Jose State.³³ On March 2, 2026, Brooklyn resident Dan Sohail was charged with intentionally damaging religious property after driving his vehicle into the entrance of the Chabad-Lubavitch Headquarters in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, five times on January 28, 2026.³⁴

On January 10, 2026 in Jackson, Mississippi, nineteen-year-old Stephen Spencer Pittman was indicted for arson on Beth Israel Congregation and an attached Jewish institute.³⁵ Pittman, using gasoline as an accelerant, caused serious damage to the building.³⁶ On November 17, 2025, neo-Nazi Michail Chkhikvishvili, acting under the name “Commander Butcher,” plead guilty to a plot

²⁷ *Id.*

²⁸ *Audit of Antisemitic Incidents 2024*, ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE (Apr. 22, 2025), <https://www.adl.org/resources/report/audit-antisemitic-incidents-2024>.

²⁹ *Id.*

³⁰ *Id.*

³¹ *Id.*

³² Jasper Ward, *Attack on Michigan Synagogue Was Hezbollah-inspired ‘Act of Terrorism,’ FBI Says*, THE DAILY SIGNAL, March 30, 2026.

³³ Dustin Dorsey, *San Jose State Investigating Graffiti Found On Campus Calling for ‘Eradication of Jews’*, ABC-7 (Mar. 14, 2026), <https://abc7news.com/post/san-jose-state-investigating-graffiti-found-campus-calling-eradication-jews/18711774/>.

³⁴ Press Release, U.S. Dep’t of Just.: Office of Pub. Aff., Defendant Charged with Damaging the Brooklyn Headquarters of the Chabad-Lubavitch Movement (Mar. 2, 2026), <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/defendant-charged-damaging-brooklyn-headquarters-chabad-lubavitch-movement>.

³⁵ Press Release, Dept. of Just.: Off. of Pub. Aff., Mississippi Man Indicted for Arson of Beth Israel Synagogue and the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life (Feb. 12, 2026), <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/mississippi-man-indicted-arson-beth-israel-synagogue-and-goldringwoldenberg-institute>.

³⁶ *Id.*

to poison Jewish children in New York with candy.³⁷ In September 2025, Talya Lubit, a Pittsburgh resident, was sentenced for vandalizing Jewish properties.³⁸

On August 6, 2025, thirty-one year old Chicago resident Elias Rodriguez was charged with additional federal and local murder offenses in connection with the May 21, 2025, fatal shootings of two Israeli Embassy staff members, Yaron Lischinsky and Sarah Milgrim, outside the Capital Jewish Museum in Washington, D.C.³⁹ During the attack, he reportedly fired approximately 20 shots while yelling “Free Palestine.”⁴⁰

On June 1, 2025, Denver, Colorado resident Mohammed Sabry Soliman threw two lit Molotov cocktails at individuals participating in a pro-Israel gathering near the Boulder Courthouse, yelling “Free Palestine” and causing burn injuries to eight people.⁴¹ During an interview with local and federal law enforcement, Soliman “stated that he wanted to kill all Zionist people and wished they were all dead.”⁴² On May 7, 2025, twenty-year-old Tarek Bazrouk was indicted on three counts of committing hate crimes for repeatedly assaulting Jewish victims in New York City between 2024 and 2025 at protests related to the Israel-Hamas war.⁴³ His phone contained evidence showing antisemitic bias and support for Hamas.⁴⁴

On March 3, 2025, thirty-one year old Everardo Gregorio faced hate crime charges for burning the Khal Chasidim Synagogue in Casa Grande, Arizona.⁴⁵ He destroyed worship areas, a kosher store, and restaurant.⁴⁶ On November 6, 2024, masked men attacked two Jewish students who were demonstrating in support of Israel at Chicago’s DePaul University.⁴⁷ One suspect later pleaded

³⁷ Jeanine Santucci, *Neo-Nazi Leader Pleads Guilty to Plot to Poison Jewish Children*, USA TODAY, <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2025/11/19/neo-nazi-leader-michail-chkhikvishvili-guilty-hate-crimes/87349512007/> (last updated Nov. 20, 2025, 11:53 AM).

³⁸ Press Release, U.S. Att’y Off.: W. Dist. of Pa., Pittsburgh Woman Sentenced for Vandalizing Jewish Properties, (Sep. 10, 2025), <https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdpa/pr/pittsburgh-woman-sentenced-vandalizing-jewish-properties>.

³⁹ Press Release, U.S. Att’y Off. D.C., Federal Charges Filed After Deadly Shooting of Israeli Embassy Staffers in D.C., <https://www.justice.gov/usao-dc/pr/federal-charges-filed-after-deadly-shooting-israeli-diplomats-dc> (last updated Aug. 6, 2025); Press Release, U.S. Att’y Off. D.C., Federal Hate Crime and First-Degree Murder Charges Filed Against Alleged Killer of Israeli Embassy Staff Members (Aug. 7, 2025), <https://www.justice.gov/usao-dc/pr/federal-hate-crime-and-first-degree-murder-charges-filed-against-alleged-killer-israeli>.

⁴⁰ *Id.*; Madeline Halpert, *Suspect In Shooting of Israel Embassy Couple Faces Hate Crime and Murder Charges*, BBC (Aug. 6, 2025), <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c4gz2gy48kvo>.

⁴¹ Press Release, DEPT. OF JUST.: OFF. OF PUB. AFF., *Justice Department Files Federal Charges Against Alleged Perpetrator of Anti-Semitic Terror Attack in Colorado* (June 2, 2025), <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-files-federal-charges-against-alleged-perpetrator-anti-Semitic-terror>; Compl. at 2-3, *United States v. Soliman* (D. Colo. June 1, 2025).

⁴² Compl. at 3, *United States v. Soliman* (D. Colo. June 1, 2025).

⁴³ Press Release, Dept. of Just.: Off. of Pub. Aff., New York Man Charged with Federal Hate Crimes After Repeatedly Assaulting Jewish *Victims* (May 7, 2025), <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/new-york-man-charged-federal-hate-crimes-after-repeatedly-assaulting-jewish-victims>.

⁴⁴ *Id.*

⁴⁵ Press Release, Dept. of Just.: Off. of Pub. Aff., Arizona Man Charged with Hate Crime for Synagogue Fire (Nov. 20, 2025) <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/arizona-man-charged-hate-crime-synagogue-fire>.

⁴⁶ *Id.*

⁴⁷ Danial Trotta, *Two Jewish Students Attacked at Chicago’s DePaul University*, REUTERS, <https://www.reuters.com/world/us/two-jewish-students-attacked-chicagos-depaul-university-2024-11-08/> (last updated Nov. 7, 2024).

guilty to battery and causing bodily harm to the Jewish victims.⁴⁸ On August 12, 2024, a former Cornell student was sentenced to twenty-one months imprisonment for online threats against Jewish students.⁴⁹ On January 13, 2025, neo-Nazi leader Travis Garland, infiltrated a Jewish Community Center in Nashville, Tennessee, to mock and attack members.⁵⁰

These antisemitic trends are on the rise outside of the United States as well. For example, on March 14, 2026, an explosion struck “at a Jewish school in Amsterdam in what the city’s mayor called a ‘targeted attack against the Jewish community.’”⁵¹ In the UK, two men were convicted in December 2025 of conspiring to commit terrorism against Jews in the future.⁵² And on December 15, 2025, two men, reportedly motivated by Islamic State Ideology, “killed at least fifteen people at a Hanukkah event in Australia[.]”⁵³

In addition to these violent attacks, a new threat has emerged in Europe in the form of an antisemitic terrorist organization called Ashab al-Yamin.⁵⁴ This terror group is targeting Jewish communities and has claimed responsibility for antisemitic terror attacks in various countries including Belgium and Greece.⁵⁵ On March 16, 2026, the Belgian government deployed its military guard to protect Jewish communities from further attacks from Ashab al-Yamin, like the March 9, 2026, bombing of the Liège Synagogue in Belgium.⁵⁶

The Government of Greece has also taken preemptive protective actions following the March 11, 2026, bombing in Greece for which Ashab al-Yamin claims responsibility.⁵⁷ The few examples mentioned here show how widespread the problem is.

⁴⁸ *Man Pleads Guilty to Battery in Attack on Jewish Students on DePaul Lincoln Park Campus*, ABC-7 (Nov. 25, 2025), <https://abc7chicago.com/post/adam-erkan-pleads-guilty-battery-attack-jewish-students-depaul-university-lincoln-park-campus/18209306/>.

⁴⁹ Press Release, Dept. of Just.: Off. of Pub. Aff., Former Cornell Student Sentenced for Posting Online Threats Against Jewish Students on Campus (Aug. 12, 2024), <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndny/pr/former-cornell-student-sentenced-posting-online-threats-against-jewish-students-campus>.

⁵⁰ Eric Pointer, *Federal Complaint Filed Against Neo-Nazi Leaders for Nashville Jewish Center Attack*, NEWS CHANNEL 5: NASHVILLE (Dec. 12, 2025), <https://www.newschannel5.com/news/federal-complaint-filed-against-neo-nazi-leaders-for-nashville-jewish-center-attack>.

⁵¹ Laura Sharman, *Explosion Rocks Amsterdam Jewish School in What Mayor Says Is ‘Targeted Attack’ Against Jewish Community*, CNN WORLD (Mar. 14, 2026), <https://www.cnn.com/2026/03/14/europe/amsterdam-jewish-school-explosion-netherlands-hnk-intl>.

⁵² Sam Tobin & Andy Bruce, *Two Men Found Guilty of UK Plot to Kill Hundreds of Jews as IS Fears Grow*, REUTERS, <https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/two-uk-men-found-guilty-over-terrorism-plot-against-jewish-community-2025-12-23/> (last updated Dec. 23, 2025).

⁵³ Bruce Hoffman, *The Bondi Beach Shooting Shows ISIS Threat in Australia and Beyond*, COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELS. (Dec. 17, 2025, 1:00 PM), <https://www.cfr.org/articles/bondi-beach-shooting-shows-isis-threat-australia-and-beyond>.

⁵⁴ Zev Stub, *New Iran-linked Terror Org Behind Attacks on European Jewish Institutions, Diaspora Ministry Warns*, THE TIMES OF ISRAEL (Mar. 16, 2026, 1:37 PM), <https://www.timesofisrael.com/new-iran-linked-terror-org-targets-european-jewish-institutions-diaspora-ministry-warns/>.

⁵⁵ *Id.*

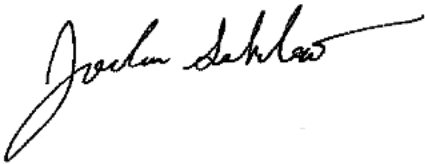
⁵⁶ *Belgium to Deploy Soldiers to Protect Jewish Community After Synagogue Attack*, THE NAT’L (Mar. 18, 2026), <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/europe-antisemitism-iran-war-belgium-italy-deploy-soldiers-jewish-sites/>.

⁵⁷ *Another Attack in Greece Claimed by Harakat As’hab al-Yamin al-Islamiyah*

IV. CONCLUSION

Since October 7, 2023, the rise of antisemitic hate speech and antisemitic violence is tragic. From millions of views of Nazi content on TikTok and other platforms, to violent and deadly antisemitic attacks around the world, the data paints a grim picture of normalization and escalation of terror attacks on Jews. Sustained pressure on tech companies, law enforcement vigilance, and societal education is essential to reverse this dangerous trend. Additional violence against Jews will only get worse if these trends are not immediately addressed by the international community.

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