

We, the Chairs of Foreign Affairs Committees of our respective national parliaments, condemn the surge in hate and violence plaguing our nations and the world since Hamas' horrific attack against Israel on October 7.

We are witnessing an alarming rise in antisemitic and anti-Muslim bigotry and violence that has included acts of online hate, verbal assaults, vandalism, desecration of Holocaust memorials and cemeteries, intimidation, death threats, and physical attacks.

Antisemitic hate crime investigations have tripled in New York and London over the past month in comparison to last year. In France, the Interior Ministry documented 1,040 antisemitic incidents in the month following the October 7 attack. Jewish and Muslim community organizations have reported even more incidents throughout our countries.

In the United States, six-year-old Wadea Al-Fayoume was brutally murdered because he was Palestinian, while Paul Kessler, a Jewish man, died following an altercation at a pro-Israel rally in California. A synagogue in Germany was firebombed. In Russia, an antisemitic mob stormed an airport in Dagestan and demanded Jewish passengers identify themselves. Jewish and Muslim individuals that are easily identified have been disproportionately targeted.

We are proud to represent diverse constituencies in vibrant democracies. None of this is acceptable. As stated by the European Commission, "No one should live in fear of discrimination or violence because of their religion or their identity." We urge our governments to intensify all efforts to safeguard Jewish and Muslim communities, to condemn these actions when they occur, and to implement our national strategies to combat the dark tide of bigotry and hatred.

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