

# The West is turning on its Jews Algorithms and ethnic hatred threaten the diaspora

The terror attack at Bondi Beach is one of several recent acts of brutality against diaspora Jews. Saeed KHAN / AFP via Getty Images



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19 March, London: two men charged with planning an attack on a synagogue. 16 March, Longueness: men found with an ISIS flag and guns plotting antisemitic attacks. 14 March, Amsterdam: bomb detonated outside a Jewish school. 13 March, Rotterdam: explosion at the synagogue gate. 12 March, Trondheim: suspects arrested outside the synagogue. 10 March, Sarcelles: 14-year-old girl beaten and hospitalized. 7 March, Liège. A bomb goes off outside a synagogue.

A war is being waged against the Jewish diaspora. It is being waged with bombs, shootings, harassment and intimidation. The attacks, and the fear of them, are a small side plot in a great Middle Eastern War. Those two men charged in London had a plan to attack a sister synagogue I sporadically attend. I feel this myself, as I push my son's pram past the policemen at the temple gate. Yet more than fear, I feel disappointment. For if ever me and



my son, or any of us who pray here, were butchered by a gunman shouting “Free Palestine”, many Western activists would equivocate, contextualize, or even say it served us right. Never mind that us diaspora Jews have no single agreed view on Gaza, the West Bank, or Benjamin Netanyahu, let alone Iran.

I am reflective of this myself. In a small synagogue, I am, to the best of my knowledge, the only person who’s had any connection to British government policymaking regarding the wars in the Middle East. As a special adviser to David Lammy when he was foreign secretary, I advised him to sanction Israeli ministers, supported his decision to recognize Palestine as a state, and was involved in a futile attempt to persuade Iran and America to make a deal.

But I am under no illusions: if my family had happened to pray at the Manchester’s Heaton Park synagogue, where Jihad al-Shamie killed two worshippers and injured three others on our holiest day of the year, and if I had been among the fallen, I would have been “contextualized” by people who call themselves anti-Zionist. The obvious distinction — that criticism of Israel’s occupation or military conduct is legitimate, indeed necessary, but holding all Jews worldwide accountable for Israel’s actions is antisemitic and targeting them nothing less than murderous — is clearly breaking down.