

B'nai B'rith strongly condemns shooting at Jewish Museum in Brussels

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B'nai B'rith strongly condemns the shootings at the Jewish Museum in Brussels. Three people are confirmed dead and one other seriously injured.

Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Liberman:

"The terror attack in the Jewish Museum in Brussels, in which four innocent people were killed, is the result of anti-Israeli and antisemitic incitement, expressed, among others, in the call to boycott Israel and Israeli products, as well as in anti-Israeli activity in international forums and the adoption of an automatic, unilateral anti-Israeli position.

In the course of history, anti-Semitism has taken many forms, but the basis is always the same: hatred of Jews only because they are Jews, wherever they may be - whether they live in Jerusalem, in Tel Aviv, in Ariel, in Hebron, in Brussels, or on Mars.

Therefore, the so-called "pro-Palestinian" activity, which, like in those dark days, calls for a boycott of "Jewish goods" and is directed aggressively against the only democracy in the Middle East, is pure and simple anti-Semitism, and not part of a legitimate political debate over a territorial dispute, like those found in many parts of the world.

The recent anti-Semitic events in Kansas, Toulouse, and now in Brussels constitute a powerful, flashing warning light to all those who, consciously or not, take part in this incitement when, time and time again, they rush to condemn Israel and compare the building of a home for a Jewish family in the land of our forefathers to cruel and murderous acts of terror perpetrated by heinous anti-Semites and terrorists in Gaza or in Brussels.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu strongly condemns the murder that was perpetrated at the Jewish Museum in Brussels and shares in the grief of the families of the victims.

"This act of murder is the result of constant incitement against Jews and their state. Slander and lies against the State of Israel continue to be heard on European soil even as the crimes against humanity and acts of murder being perpetrated in our region are systematically ignored. Our response to this hypocrisy is to constantly state the truth, continue a relentless fight against terrorism and build up our strength".

Belgian Interior Minister Joelle Milquet was quoted in local media saying "It's a shooting ... at the Jewish Museum. All of this can lead to suspicions of an act of anti-Semitism."

The situation is still unfolding as law enforcement teams seem to be moving swiftly. B'nai B'rith continues to monitor the situation.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families.