



PRESS RELEASE

The Islamophobia Register Australia mourns victims of Bondi Shooting

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Islamophobia Register Australia is deeply saddened and horrified by the mass shooting in Bondi today.

“We are witnessing an unspeakable tragedy that has shaken the Jewish community, the Bondi community and the nation,” said Dr Nora Amath, Executive Director. “Our hearts are with those who were killed, those who were injured, and everyone whose lives have been forever changed by this violence.”

We stand in solidarity with the victims, their loved ones, and the broader community as it grapples with profound grief, shock, and trauma. That this violence occurred during Hanukkah, a time symbolising light, hope, and perseverance, makes this loss especially heartbreaking.

Violence of any kind against any community is unacceptable. Every person has the right to gather, to celebrate their faith, and to live without fear.

“No one should ever fear for their safety because of who they are or how they practise their faith,” stated Dr Amath. “The right to live, worship, and gather without fear is fundamental to a just and democratic society.”

We recognise the deep distress this attack will cause for the Jewish community and for all Australians who value social harmony, diversity, and human dignity.

The Register stands in solidarity with the Jewish community, with all faith and cultural communities affected by such violence, and with those working for peace, understanding, and justice.

In times of tragedy, fear, division, and hate can escalate. We urge all Australians to reject all forms of hatred, and to respond with empathy and care. We also call on leaders, media, and community figures to act responsibly, avoid harmful speculation, and promote unity.

“How we respond now matters,” Dr Amath said. “We must choose compassion over fear, responsibility over speculation, and unity over division.”

We honour the victims by standing together against hatred in all its forms and by continuing to work towards a safe, more inclusive, and compassionate Australia.



About the Islamophobia Register Australia

The Register is a not-for-profit organisation that has been leading the tracking and tackling of Islamophobia across Australia since its launch in 2014. It provides a secure and reliable online reporting platform that captures nation-wide data and offers first-hand support to victims of Islamophobia. The Register has published five academic reports on Islamophobia in Australia and as well as a media report examining post- 7 October 2023 media coverage of Israel-Gaza. In addition to its reporting platform, victim support services and academic research, the Register also provides education and training on Islamophobia and engages in policy and law reform.

Its operating model has been commended and replicated by multiple other marginalised groups who have approached the Register to support them in the establishment of their own reporting models. This includes the First Nations Racism Register, 'Call it Out' founded by the National Justice Project and the Jumbunna Institute. The Register was also invited to provide evidence at the Disability Royal Commission who are looking to make formal recommendations to create a similar organisation to track and tackle disability hate.

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