

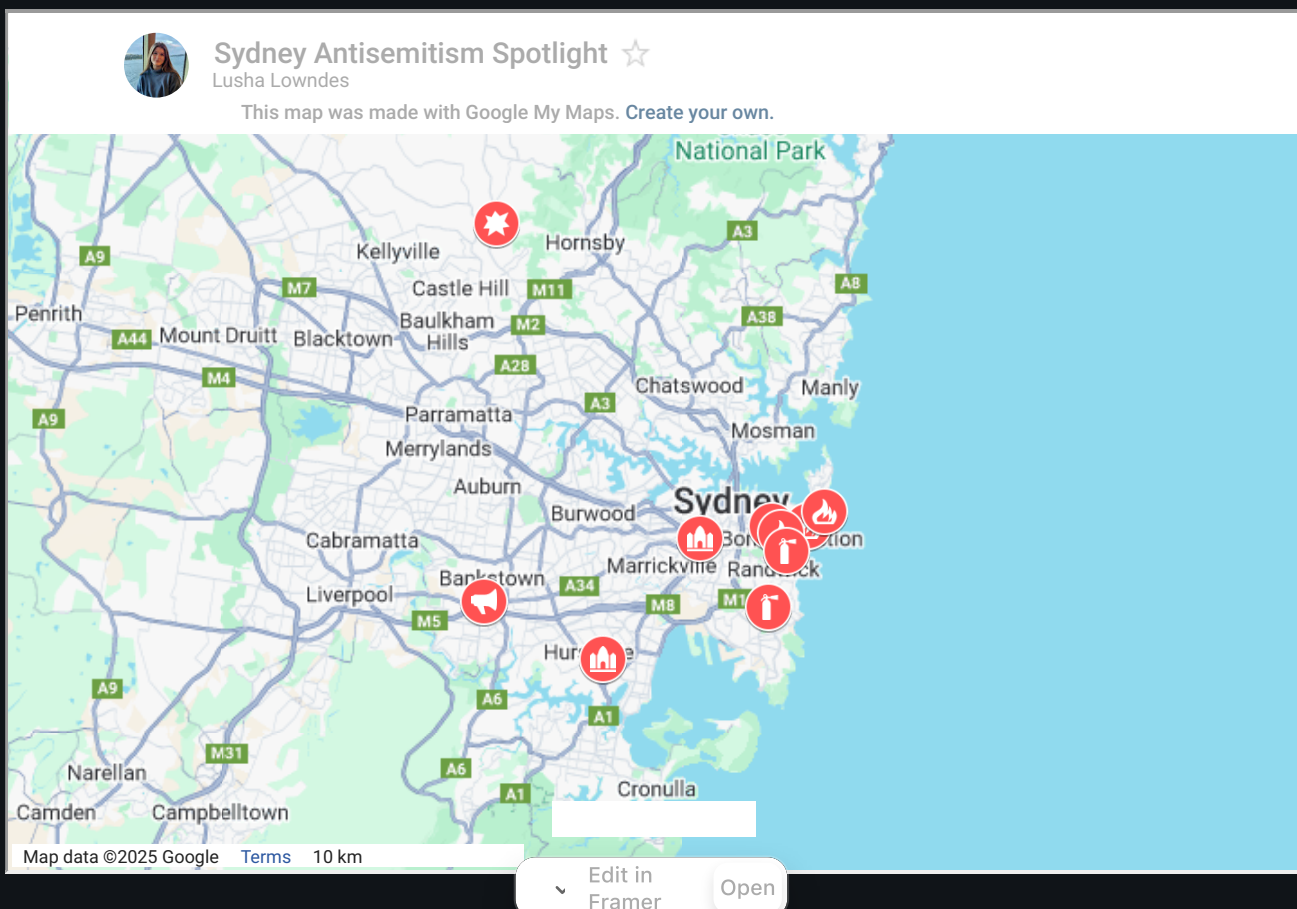


February 25 • Sydney, Australia

# Sydney Antisemitism

## Executive Summary

- Ten antisemitic threats or attacks have been recorded throughout Sydney over the past four months, indicating an increased threat to the Jewish community
- Sydney's eastern suburbs are at a greater risk of antisemitism and violent attacks
- It is **almost certain** Public Disruptions and Public Safety incidents will increase in the near term, exacerbated by increased rhetoric transitioning from "freeing Palestine" to inciting and commending violence against Jews in Australia
- Violent threats and small-scale attacks through fires and vandalism are **probable**
- It is **possible** a large-scale attack is being planned, targeting the Jewish community in the eastern suburbs of Sydney.








# Background

The ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas has led to significant international attention and commentary. Protests have erupted in several major cities in Australia, demanding more support for Palestinians, [severing diplomatic ties with Israel](#), and divesting from companies linked to Israel. The ceasefire between Israel and Hamas is continually at risk of being revoked by either party due to claims of breaches. Moreover, ASIO’s recent [Annual Threat Assessment](#) expressed concerns the “attacks have not yet plateaued” in Australia.

An increase in antisemitic attacks has been reported in Australia, targeting synagogues, vehicles, and violent threats to the Jewish community. In Melbourne, the largest Jewish school in Australia was graffitied on May 2, and the [Adass synagogue](#) was subject to an arson attack on December 6. However, Sydney has seen the largest influx of incidents whereby samdesk detected ten incidents from October 20, 2024, until February 20, 2025, supporting anecdotal evidence of the increase in antisemitism in the region. On January 29, a caravan laden with explosives capable of prompting a 40-meter blast radius was identified by police in Dural in Northern Sydney. Within the caravan, a list of names was discovered linked to previous threats and fires at a synagogue in Newtown on [January 11](#). Although thwarted, the explosives, if used, would have led to the largest terrorist attack in Australia’s history, and initial investigations suggested a possible link to overseas funding. The discovery signifies a rise in the threat of coordinated attacks in Australia. Law enforcement is investigating the threats and has determined that some “may have been coordinated and funded by foreign entities and are paying local criminal groups.”

## Timeline of Sydney Incidents

Date	Event Description
● Oct. 20	Fire at a cafe in Bondi <a href="#">VIEW IN SAMDESK</a> <a href="#">🔗</a>
● Nov. 21	Vehicle fire and vandalism <a href="#">VIEW IN SAMDESK</a> <a href="#">🔗</a>
● Dec. 11	Vandalism, vehicle fire <a href="#">VIEW IN SAMDESK</a> <a href="#">🔗</a>
● Jan. 6	Vandalism <a href="#">VIEW IN SAMDESK</a> <a href="#">🔗</a>

- **Jan. 10** Vandalism at Synagogue  
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- **Jan. 11** Vandalism at Synagogue  
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- **Jan. 17** Vandalism, vehicle fires  
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- **Jan. 21** Fire at childcare center  
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- **Feb. 12** Violent threat from hospital staff  
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# Assessment

An increase in antisemitic threats and attacks in Sydney and its surrounds and the thwarted planned explosive attack on the Jewish community has led to investigations from law enforcement and the establishment of [Strike Force Pearl](#). Given the declared breaches of the ceasefire agreement and continued anti-Jewish rhetoric throughout Sydney, lower-level threats and attacks, particularly in the Eastern suburbs from Vacluse to Bondi, will **probably** continue. A detailed map of Judaism's population density and suspected high target areas can be found [here](#).

Samdesk analysts expect to see more vandalism, violent threats, and arson attacks in the Eastern suburbs of Sydney as a result. It is **possible** a large-scale attack is being planned, given recent investigations are indicating foreign involvement and funding.

Public Disruptions and Public Safety Incidents will **almost certainly** continue and overlap with other planned protest actions, as observed during preplanned [Australia Day protests](#), leading to disruptions in several major cities.

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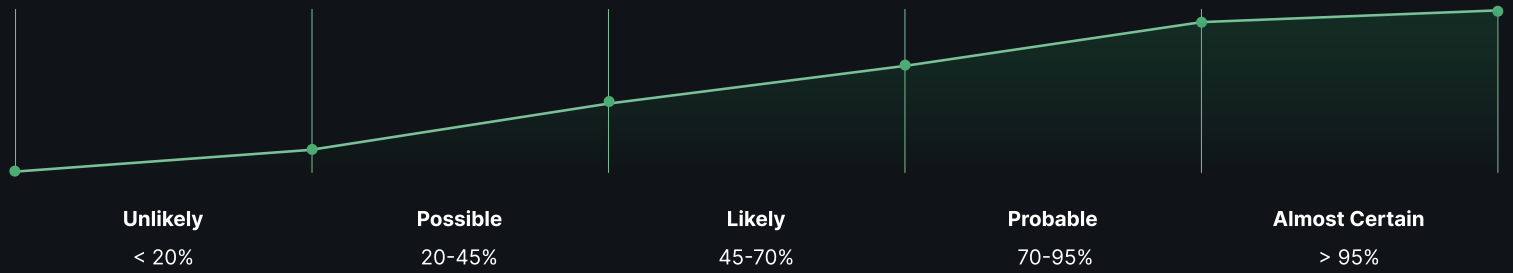
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