



# **EXAMPLES OF ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2014**

This document presents the major anti-Semitic incidents during this period.

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## Austria

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- **Man brandishes knife outside Vienna synagogue**

**14 October, 2014** - A biker holding a knife and shouting anti-Semitic slogans in front of Vienna's main synagogue was arrested. The biker, identified as Markus G, 51, was taken into custody by Austrian police on October 4th, Yom Kippur. According to the report, the man assaulted police when they approached him but he did not hurt anyone prior to his arrest. His demeanour suggested he was inebriated but he refused to undergo an alcohol test.

Source: <http://www.eurojewcong.org/Austria/11809-man-brandishes-knife-outside-vienna-synagogue.html>

## Belgium

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- **Arson attack on Brussels synagogue**

**16 September, 2014** - The first floor of a synagogue in Brussels was set alight in an arson attack. A number of areas of the Synagogue de la Clinique were noted by police as the source of the fire, indicating a criminal act. Damage to the building was limited, police said, although three people suffered injuries through smoke inhalation. The synagogue is in the Anderlecht neighbourhood of the capital, not far from the city's Shoah memorial where a group of visitors were attacked.

Source: <http://www.eurojewcong.org/Belgium/11707-arson-attack-on-brussels-synagogue.html>

- **Bottles thrown at visitors to Brussels Shoah memorial**

**16 September, 2014** - A number of objects were thrown at a group of visitors to Belgium's national memorial to Jewish victims of the Shoah in Brussels. The visitors were present at the site as part of the European Day of Jewish Culture and to unveil a plaque. The incident occurred at the memorial in Anderlecht, a district of the capital. Bricks, stones and an empty alcohol bottle were thrown at the visitors from a basketball court next to the garden in which the memorial is located. Anti-Semitic slogans were also shouted at the group. A police investigation has been opened into the incident.

Source: <http://www.eurojewcong.org/Belgium/11705-bottles-thrown-at-visitors-to-brussels-shoah-memorial.html>

- **New Belgian interior minister justifies collaboration with Nazis in WWII**

**15 October, 2014** - Belgium's new Minister of Interior and Deputy Prime Minister Jan Jambon have said that while it was "an error" to collaborate with the Nazis, those who did had their own reasons. Jambon is a member of the Flemish Nationalist N-VA party, the most successful group in recent national elections. Jambon was responding in an interview about his presence as a Flemish minister at a reunion in 2001 of Belgian soldiers who had fought with the Nazis on the Eastern Front. He was forced to resign over the issue at the time. Members of other parties strongly attacked Jambon during a debate in parliament. Jambon said his words had been politically exploited and taken out of context.

Source: <http://www.eurojewcong.org/Belgium/11827-new-belgian-interior-minister-justifies-collaboration-with-nazis-in-wwii.html>

## Denmark

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- **Danish imam calls Jews offspring of apes and pigs**

**15 October, 2014** - A Danish imam has said that Jews are the offspring of apes and pigs who should not share land with Palestinians, in a sermon uploaded to the Internet. Mohamad al-Khaled Samha, a controversial cleric who claimed in the past to have links to convicted terrorists, told congregants that Muslims should not accept a two-state solution for Israel and the Palestinians.

Source: <http://www.eurojewcong.org/Denmark/11822-danish-imam-calls-jews-offspring-of-apes-and-pigs.html>

## France

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- **French teenagers planned bombing of Lyon synagogue**

**01 September, 2014** - Two teenage Muslim girls were arrested for planning a suicide bomb attack on a synagogue in the east-central French city of Lyon. The girls, aged 15 and 17, were arrested after the plot to blow up the Great Synagogue of Lyon was discovered. According to the source, the girls never met, and communicated only via social media. They were indicted on August 22 for conspiracy to commit terrorism. The girls are among some 60 people being investigated in France for criminal association in relation with a terrorist enterprise, the Associated Press reported.

Source(s): <http://www.eurojewcong.org/France/11643-french-teenagers-planned-bombing-of-lyon-synagogue.html> ; <http://www.haaretz.com/jewish-world/jewish-world-news/1.613364>

- **Nemmouche planned massive terror attack in Paris**

**08 September, 2014** - Mehdi Nemmouche, the French Islamist terrorist who killed four people at the Jewish museum in Brussels earlier this year, had planned a massive terror attack in central Paris during the official celebrations for Bastille Day on the Champs-Élysées. Nemmouche was instructed by the ISIS organisation to perform “at least one attack in France, in the heart of Paris”, according to information gathered by French intelligence services. Nemmouche had apparently planned the attack for the French national day on July 14, an event attended by the president of the French Republic and the whole of the country’s political and military echelon.

Source(s): [http://www.liberation.fr/societe/2014/09/07/je-vais-faire-cinq-fois-merah-au-14-juillet\\_1095637?xtor=EPR-450206&utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=quot](http://www.liberation.fr/societe/2014/09/07/je-vais-faire-cinq-fois-merah-au-14-juillet_1095637?xtor=EPR-450206&utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=quot)

<http://www.eurojewcong.org/France/11667-nemmouche-planned-massive-terror-attack-in-paris.html>

- **Brigitte Bardot calls on French government to ban religious slaughter**

**08 September, 2014** - Veteran French film star Brigitte Bardot has launched a call for the French government to ban religious slaughter of animals for meat in articles widely published across the country’s major national media outlets. Bardot made the appeal in advance of her 80th birthday writing that she would feel she had “wasted my life” if she did not succeed in getting the ban through parliament. The article was published by Le Figaro and Le Parisien in the form of an open letter to President François Hollande and Prime Minister Manuel Valls.

Source (s): <http://www.rtl.fr/actu/societe-faits-divers/abattage-rituel-et-hippophagie-lettre-ouverte-de-bardot-au->

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- **Man makes murder threat outside Marseille Jewish school**

**15 September, 2014** - Police in Marseille arrested a man who brandished a weapon in front of a Jewish school and threatened to commit murder. The man, who was not named, approached the Gan Ami School while carrying the weapon, shouting: "I will kill all of you," an unnamed police source told the Le Figaro daily. The man, 48, was drunk and was arrested soon after making the threats, according to the report.

Source: <http://www.eurojewcong.org/France/11697-man-makes-murder-threat-outside-marseille-jewish-school.html>

- **French court opens investigation after Nazi salute at Shoah memorial**

**15 September, 2014** - A French court has opened an investigation to identify a man who photographed himself making a Nazi salute at a Shoah memorial at the transit camp in a Paris suburb from where French Jews were sent to the death camps. 80.000 Jews were sent from the Drancy camp between May 1941 and August 1944.

Source: <http://www.eurojewcong.org/France/11690-french-court-opens-investigation-after-nazi-salute-at-shoah-memorial.html>

- **French court convicts man for "quenelle" outside synagogue**

**18 September, 2014** - A man who made a quenelle gesture outside a synagogue in eastern France received a three month suspended prison sentence. The court in Colmar heard that the man had made the anti-Semitic gesture in front of a commemorative plaque in honour of Shoah victims at the Colmar synagogue.

Source: <http://www.eurojewcong.org/France/11715-french-court-convicts-man-for-quenelle-outside-synagogue.html>

- **Anti-Semitic graffiti scrawled on Paris synagogue**

**23 September, 2014** - Anti-Semitic graffiti including a swastika was scrawled on a synagogue in a suburb of Paris over the weekend. The synagogue president in Joinville-le-Pont, south-east of the capital, has filed a formal police complaint following the incident.



Source: <http://www.eurojewcong.org/France/11734-anti-semitic-graffiti-scrawled-on-paris-synagogue.html>

- **Strasbourg court convicts man for anti-Jewish insults**

**29 September, 2014** - A court in the French city of Strasbourg has handed down a three-month jail term to a woman who shouted anti-Semitic insults on a public transport vehicle. The woman also received a nine-month suspended sentence as well as being required to pay 500 euros in damages. Apparently under the influence of alcohol, the woman removed a kippa from the head of a man while shouting “Dirty Jew”.

Source: <http://www.eurojewcong.org/France/11750-strasbourg-court-convicts-man-for-anti-jewish-insults.html>

- **Jihadists ask French teen to attack local Jews**

**03 October, 2014** - A French teenager who wanted to join jihadists in Syria said her handlers instructed her to commit attacks on Jews in France. The testimony of the 15-year-old girl, who was arrested after her parents alerted police to her plans was published in Le Nouvel Observateur weekly. The magazine referred to her only as Lea, which is not her real name. In the interview, Lea said she communicated for months with individuals who contacted her on Facebook. None of them were named. She also met with at least two handlers who allegedly helped prepare fake documents for her ahead of her planned journey to Syria. But at one point, one of her handlers told her she could not travel to Syria after all and would need to commit an attack against Jews on French soil. “They told me: ‘it’s no use, you’ve got too much of a record to ever come, so now the action needs to take place in France,’” the girl told the weekly. “They started showing me videos of dead children in Palestine, telling me about the need to act against the Jews.”

Source: <http://www.eurojewcong.org/France/11775-jihadists-ask-french-teen-to-attack-local-jews.html>

- **Swastikas scrawled on Corsican synagogue**

**03 October, 2014** – Two swastikas were painted on the synagogue in the Corsican city of Bastia. The Beit Meir synagogue is in the centre of the city on the French island.

Source : <http://www.eurojewcong.org/France/11773-swastikas-scrawled-on-corsican-synagogue.html>

- **Protestors in France disrupt screening of Israeli film**

**08 October, 2014** - Around 80 anti-Israel demonstrators disrupted the screening of an Israeli film about how Jews and Muslims dance together in the city of Jaffa. The film was being shown as part of the Israeli film festival in the southern town of Carpentras.

Source: <http://www.eurojewcong.org/France/11787-protestors-in-france-disrupt-screening-of-israeli-film.html>

- **Paris suburb names street after convicted Palestinian terrorist**

**14 October, 2014** - A town near Paris has named a central street after convicted Palestinian terrorist Marwan Barghouti. The mayor of Valenton's Communist Party-controlled council Françoise Baud de inaugurated "Rue Marwan Barghouti". The street leads to Nelson Mandela Square. Barghouti was found guilty by a court in Israel of authorising and organising a terrorist attack on the Tel Aviv fish market in which three Israelis were killed.

Source: <http://www.eurojewcong.org/France/11802-paris-suburb-names-street-after-convicted-palestinian-terrorist.html>

- **Leading French author exonerates Vichy from Shoah responsibility**

**14 October, 2014** - A controversial French journalist and historian's latest bestseller has claimed that the collaborationist wartime Vichy government tried to save French Jews from the Nazi death camps. He wrote that those Jews who survived the Holocaust in France were "saved by the strategy of [Vichy leader] Philippe Pétain and [wartime Prime Minister] Pierre Laval in the face of German demands". Specifically, he says they deliberately "sacrificed foreign Jews (living in France) in order to save French Jews".

Source: <http://www.eurojewcong.org/France/11804-leading-french-author-exonerates-vichy-from-shoah-responsibility.html>

## Germany

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- **Germany: Leftist politician hit with antisemitic graffiti**

**9 September, 2014** - Hoyerswerda - A politician Ralph BÜchner (Die Linke, "The Left") came back to his home in Hoyerswerda just to find "Jew" spray painted in red letters across the front door of the building he lives in.



Source: <http://antisemitism-europe.blogspot.be/search?updated-max=2014-09-11T12:00:00%2B01:00&max-results=15&reverse-paginate=true>

- **OSCE condemns anti-Semitic graffiti on German newspaper office**

**15 September, 2014** - The Organisation of Security Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) has strongly condemned the daubing of the offices of a German newspaper with neo-Nazi graffiti and anti-Semitic messages of hate because of its coverage of far-right groups. The words "Jews" and the Nazi slogan "Sieg Heil" were spray-painted onto the office windows of the Lausitzer Rundschau newspaper. The week before, four swastikas were drawn onto the windows as well as the messages "Jews, kill them" and "We'll get you all". The OSCE described the attacks on the newspaper as "unacceptable and must be stopped".



Source : <http://www.eurojewcong.org/Germany/11693-osce-condemns-anti-semitic-graffiti-on-german-newspaper-office.html>



- **German euro-sceptic party expel politician for anti-Semitic cartoon**

**30 September, 2014** - Germany's euro-sceptic Alternative for Germany party (AfD) is to expel one of its members, after he posted an anti-Semitic cartoon on his Facebook page. The AfD recently won several seats in regional legislative bodies. Jan-Ulrich Weiss, one of its MP's in the eastern state of Brandenburg, is to be expelled by the party for the remarks. Weiss posted a collage-style cartoon included photos of prominent Jewish banker Jacob Rothschild next to pictures of "Mr. Burns" - the greedy villain of hit TV show, The Simpsons. German newspapers refused to print the offensive post, but it quickly made the rounds on social media.

Source: <http://www.eurojewcong.org/Germany/11762-german-euro-sceptic-party-expel-politician-for-anti-semitic-cartoon.html>

## Greece

- **Golden Dawn compares Islamic State to "Jewish Caliphate"**

**11 September, 2014** - The website of the New York branch of the right-wing political party Golden Dawn published an article titled "Why Does ISIS Only Fight Israel's Enemies? And Why Do They Have So Much In Common?" In the article the party claims that Islamic State serves as a proxy for the Mossad, and compares them to the "Jewish Caliphate" of Israel. To give one representative quote: "The highly illegal and inhumane tactic of purposely murdering the women and children in Syria and Iraq by ISIS to drive them out of their home is no different than Israel's ethnic cleansing of Gaza."

Source: <http://antisemitism-europe.blogspot.be/search?updated-max=2014-09-11T12:00:00%2B01:00&max-results=15&reverse-paginate=true>

## Hungary

- **"F\*\*k the Talmud, f\*\*k the menorah"**

**10 September, 2014** - A message in a Budapest playground: "F\*\*k the Talmud, f\*\*k the menorah, we spit in the stinky faces of the Jews"



Source: <http://antisemitism-europe.blogspot.be/2014/09/hungary-fk-talmud-fk-menorah.html>

- **Football coach suspended for anti-Semitic insults**

**17 October, 2014** - Attila Vágó, a football coach in the women's league, was suspended for a year after he made derogatory anti-Semitic comments to members of an opposing team.

Source: <http://antisemitism-europe.blogspot.be/>

## Italy

- **"The owner of the world" poster**

**03 September, 2014** - Monserrato - In a small town located in the province of Cagliari, an antisemitic poster was discovered hanging between Riu Mortu Street and Deroma Street, in which a Star of David is depicted above a snake twisted into the shape of the American dollar sign containing a swastika and an iron cross under the heading "The owner of the World".



Source: <http://antisemitism.org.il/article/90378/antisemitic-poster>

- **Plaque commemorating Jewish Brigade desecrated**

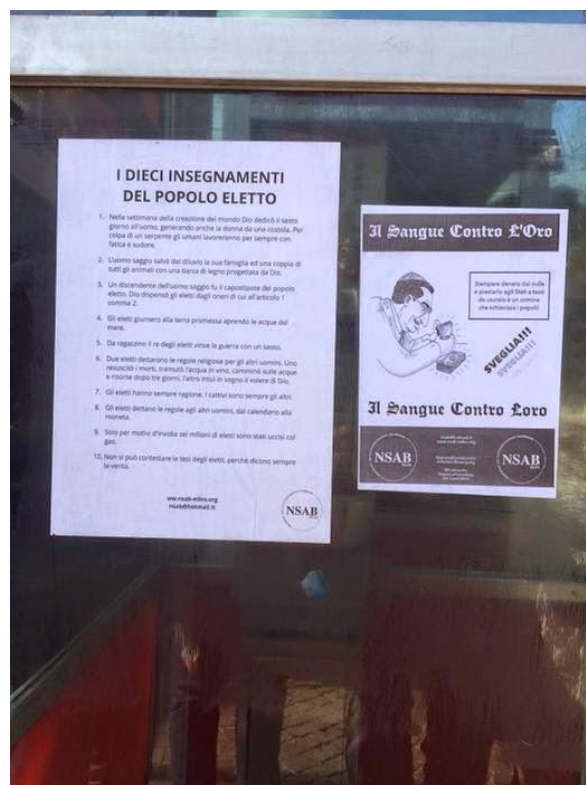
**11 September, 2014** - In Pesaro (northern Italy), a swastika was sprayed on a plaque commemorating the Jewish Brigade. Seventy years ago the Jewish Brigade helped liberate Pesaro from the Nazis.



Source: <http://antisemitism-europe.blogspot.be/2014/09/italy-plaque-commemorating-jewish.html>

- **Flyers against Festival of Jewish Culture**

**18 September, 2014** - Anti-Semitic flyers posted around Milan as the International Festival of Jewish Culture kicks off. The flyers, signed by the NSAB (National Social Workers' Movement), denounce the festival and accuses Jews of loansharking, conquest and hate.



Source: <http://antisemitism-europe.blogspot.be/search?updated-max=2014-09-21T07:30:00%2B01:00&max-results=15&reverse-paginate=true>



## The Netherlands

- **Dutch school pupil threatens to behead Jews**

**30 September, 2014** - A 14-year-old Muslim pupil at De Spindel High School in the Dutch town of Hengelo has prepared a short film in which he expressed sympathy for ISIS and threatened to behead Jews. The pupil has been suspended. The matter has since gone public and Dutch MP's have put forward questions to the Minister of Security and Justice regarding this issue.

Source: <http://www.eurojewcong.org/The%20Netherlands/11760-dutch-school-pupil-threatens-to-behead-jews.html>

- **Kipa-Clad Jew Nearly Run Down, Called 'Cancer,' by Passersby in Netherlands**

**10 September, 2014** - A hostile rider on a motorized scooter almost hit a Dutch Jew walking down a street in The Hague, while other passersby called him a "cancer." "In the district, I feel really unsafe," local artist Fabrice Schomberg told local media. He filed a complaint with the police over the attack, noting, "That's why I stopped over a year ago with wearing a yarmulke."

Source: <http://www.algemeiner.com/2014/09/10/kipa-clad-jew-nearly-run-down-called-cancer-by-passersby-in-netherlands-video/>

## Portugal

- **"Death to the Jews" on homes of marrano Jews**

**14 September, 2014** - Anti-Semitic vandalism against the homes of the marrano Jews of Belmonte, a community of Jews who were forcibly converted but kept Jewish traditions for hundreds of years. The slogans include: "El Hitler" (in Portuguese 'El' is used for royalty), and "Death to the Jews".



Source: <http://philosemitismeblog.blogspot.co.il/2014/09/belmonte-des-tags-antisemites-sur-des.html>

## Slovakia

- **Slovak Catholic priest blames Jews for Shoah**

**08 September, 2014** - Slovak Catholic priest Emil Floriš has said that Jews are to blame for the Holocaust and the same can happen to Roma. Floriš was speaking at a mass in Ďačca, north central Slovakia. Lucia Kollárová, spokeswoman for the Jewish Religious Communities in Slovakia, told the Slovak news agency SITA that the speech "offends and humiliates the memory of the victims of the Holocaust". Kollárová said a part of Floriš's speech included untruths and anti-Semitic clichés, relativising the suffering of the Jewish population during World War Two on the territory of present-day Slovakia. Floriš reportedly said Jews from all over Europe had been transported to the concentration camps because they were hated, for which they themselves were to blame

Source(s): <http://www.praguepost.com/eu-news/41410-slovak-priest-jews-are-to-blame-for-holocaust>

<http://www.eurojewcong.org/Slovakia/11665-slovak-catholic-priest-blames-jews-for-shoah.html>

## Spain

- **Anti-Semitic graffiti in Toledo Jewish Quarter**

**10 October, 2014** - A 32-year old resident of Toledo was arrested for anti-Semitic graffiti in the city's Jewish Quarter. The man and an accomplice vandalized 50 signs with Jewish symbols and sprayed "no to Jews" next to a statue of Samuel Ha-Levi Abulafia (14th century Jew who served as court treasurer).



Source: <http://antisemitism-europe.blogspot.be/search?updated-max=2014-10-12T06:30:00%2B01:00&max-results=15&reverse-paginate=true>

## Sweden

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- **Politician sees nothing wrong with David Duke clip blaming Jews for all wrongs in society**

**9 September, 2014** - Swedish anti-Semitism watchdog Judehatet point out that this is not the first time Dayana Jadarian links to anti-Semitic conspiracy theories. In the clip she posted, and with Jadarian sees no problem, Duke accuses Jews of being responsible for killing Palestinians, abortion, divorce, crime, sexually transmitted diseases, drugs, 9/11, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and the porn industry. Jadarian points out that the world is upset about Muslims killing Christians (and hints that nothing is done about the Jewish threat to Christians).

Source: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2749595/I-m-not-racist-Swedish-politician-defends-posting-video-social-media-featuring-former-Ku-Klux-Klan-leader-ranting-against-Jews.html>

## United Kingdom

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- **UK store security guard refuses entry to Jewish children**

**16 September, 2014** - A major British high-street chain has promptly apologised after a security guard at one of its branches north of London refused entry to a group of Jewish school pupils, who claim he told them, "No Jews, No Jews". The group of children, including two 11-year-old boys from the Yavne School in the area, were targeted by the guard, who reportedly pointed at the badges on their school uniforms. The incident occurred at the Borehamwood branch of Sports Direct when Nathan Rosen and Daniel Levitan, who had just completed their first week of secondary school, were refused entry at 2.20pm, according to their parents.

Source: <http://www.eurojewcong.org/United%20Kingdom/11703-uk-store-security-guard-refuses-entry-to-jewish-children.html>

- **Liverpool FC withdraws Rosh Hashana tweet after anti-Semitic responses**

**29 September, 2014** - British football team Liverpool deleted a tweet wishing Jewish supporters a happy new year after it was met with a series of anti-Semitic messages on the club's official account. The club marked Rosh Hashanah with a tweet that read: "Liverpool FC would like to wish all our Jewish supporters around the world a happy new year. #RoshHashanah". However, the tweet was removed several hours later.

Source: <http://www.eurojewcong.org/United%20Kingdom/11753-liverpool-fc-withdraws-rosh-hashana-tweet-after-anti-semitic-responses.html>

- **British former party leader blames Israel for ISIS**

**14 October, 2014** - The former leader of Britain's Liberal Democrats party has claimed that Israel's conflict with the Palestinians is one of the main reasons for the rise of ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and Syria). Menzies Campbell made the claim during an interview on the BBC's "The Daily Politics". Campbell answered his own question: "What are the causes of the rise of ISIS and Al-Qaeda?" before answering his own question by claiming that "one of the principle causes is the continued dispute between Israel and the Palestinians".

Source: <http://www.eurojewcong.org/United%20Kingdom/11803-british-former-party-leader-blames-israel-for-isis.html>

- **Man pleads guilty to shouting anti-Semitic abuse on London bus**

**14 October, 2014** - A man has **pleaded guilty to** a racially aggravated public order offence after shouting anti-Semitic abuse on a London bus carrying Jewish schoolchildren. Ian Campbell was charged following the incident on a 102 bus in north London. He allegedly shouted: "I hate the Jews, burn them. I'm going to burn this bus." Campbell was bailed until 31 October when he will be sentenced.

Source: <http://www.eurojewcong.org/United%20Kingdom/11801-man-pleads-guilty-to-shouting-anti-semitic-abuse-on-london-bus.html>