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Statement following attack in Sydney

The thoughts of all of us at the Metropolitan Police are with the loved ones of those who have been killed or injured in the terrible attack in Sydney earlier today and with the emergency services who responded.

While the details of the incident continue to emerge, the Australian authorities have now confirmed that the target was a Hannukah gathering taking place on Bondi Beach.

It is an awful reality that Jewish communities across the world continue to face a higher level of threat. At a time when London's Jewish communities are coming together to begin the celebration of Hannukah, we know this attack will be the cause of not just terrible upset but also significant

heightened concern about safety.

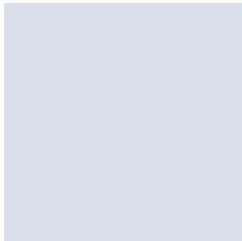
We were already working closely with partners, including the Community Security Trust, to provide an increased presence around synagogues and other community venues at this important time.

While there is no information to suggest any link between the attack in Sydney and the threat level in London, this morning we are stepping up our police presence, carrying out additional community patrols and engaging with the Jewish community to understand what more we can do in the coming hours and days.

We always encourage the public to be vigilant at events and in public places. If you see anything suspicious, trust your instincts and tell us.

In an emergency, always call 999.

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