

NYU professor rejects claim Hamas beheaded Israeli infants, denounces New York as 'Zionist' city

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India, Jan. 25 -- In a shocking incident, an NYU adjunct professor denounced New York City as "Zionist," while claiming that the reports of Hamas beheaded Israeli babies and raped women on October 7, 2023, were "not true".

While speaking to a classroom of students about the Israeli war at The New School on December 5, which was sponsored by the radical organisation Students of Justice in Palestine, 48-year-old Amin Husain downplayed allegations of Hamas crimes and praised the Palestinian people's right to fight for their liberation.

"They're trying to say. 'Oh my god, you support rapists and people that behead babies,' both of which, whatever, we know it's not true," Amin said in a 2-minute clip obtained by The Free Press.

Referencing a petition that was started on October 17, 2023, by an NYU alumnus, demanding his termination, he even made jokes about his antisemitic reputation. "I have a petition going around, right, because I'm antisemitic. I won the honors of antisemitic multiple times," a former finance lawyer said.

Husain is seen facing his audience while seated behind a desk and wearing the traditional Arabic keffiyeh headgear.

"We live in a Zionist city," Husain says. "Let's be f-ing real. these people can come up and say because of keffiyeh you should go back to your country."

Husain slammed the purported discrimination against Muslims as "bulls-t" and went on to say that his bio on Canary Mission's website "is one of the best biographies I have." The mission tracks educators, student activists, and groups that promote hatred for Jews, Israel and US on college campuses.

He has "organised multiple violent New York City disruptions, promoted hatred of America and the police and incited hatred against pro-Israel supporters with Within Our Lifetime (WOL), an anti-Israel activist group in New York," Husain's Canary Mission bio states.

Husain has further stated in the educator's online dossier that he "personally visited a leader of the terror group Palestinian Islamic Jihad" and that he took part in the First Intifada, a series of violent protests and riots organised by Palestinians in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

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"He has also expressed support for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) terror group and glorified its leaders, promoted other terrorists and spread hatred of Israel," the watchdog group added.

Although Husain has not been associated with The New School since 2019, a representative for the institution stated in an email to The Free Press that Husain had received several speaking invitations from the school's SJP.

In response to a question about Husain's employment status at NYU, Beckman stated, "He's not in the classroom currently."

Amid the ongoing war, over 25,000 people have lost their lives in Palestine, Associated Press reported, citing the Health Ministry in the Gaza Strip.

Hamas killed at least 1,200 people when it launched an attack in southern Israel on October 7.

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Israeli forces dressed as women and medics kill 3 Palestinians in West Bank hospital

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Israeli forces disguised as civilian women and medical workers stormed a hospital Tuesday in the occupied West Bank, killing three Palestinian militants in a dramatic raid that underscored how deadly violence has spilled into the territory from the war in Gaza.

The Palestinian Health Ministry said Israeli forces opened fire inside the wards of the Ibn Sina Hospital in the town of Jenin. The ministry condemned the raid and called on the international community to pressure Israel's military to halt such operations in hospitals. A hospital spokesperson said there was no exchange of fire, indicating that it was a targeted killing.

The military said the militants were using the hospital as a hideout, without providing evidence. It alleged that one of those targeted in the raid had transferred weapons and ammunition to others for a planned attack, purportedly inspired by the Hamas assault on southern Israel on Oct. 7 that triggered the war in Gaza.

Footage said to be security camera video from the hospital that circulated on social media showed about a dozen undercover forces, most of them armed, dressed as women with Muslim headscarves or hospital staff in scrubs or white doctor's coats. One in a surgical mask carried a rifle in one arm and a folded wheelchair in the other. The forces were seen patting down one man who kneeled against a wall, his arms raised.

The Associated Press has not independently verified the footage, but it is in line with its reporting.

Meanwhile, fighting continued in the Gaza Strip, even as talks inched forward on a cease-fire to pause the war, which began when hundreds of Hamas-led militants stormed into Israel, killing about 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and abducting about 250 others.

In response, Israel launched a blistering air, sea and ground offensive that killed more than 26,700 people in Gaza, according to the Health Ministry in the Hamas-run territory. The ministry count does not distinguish between fighters and noncombatants, but it says about two-thirds of the dead are women and minors.

The conflict has also leveled vast swaths of the tiny coastal enclave, displaced 85% of its population, and pushed a quarter of residents to starvation. That humanitarian crisis may soon be exacerbated, the U.N. has warned, after

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several countries froze funding to the main aid provider to Palestinians in Gaza following Israeli claims that a dozen of its workers participated in the Oct. 7 assault.

HOSPITALS TARGETED

Israel has come under heavy criticism for its raids on hospitals in Gaza, which have treated the tens of thousands of Palestinians wounded in the war as well as providing critical shelter for displaced people.

Gaza's health care system, which was already feeble before the war, is on the verge of collapse, buckling under the scores of patients, the lack of fuel and medical necessities limited by Israeli restrictions and repeated interruptions from fighting in and near the facilities.

Israel says militants use hospitals as cover, hiding out in them or launching operations from them. The military has found underground tunnels in the vicinity of hospitals, and says it has located weapons and vehicles used in the Oct. 7 attack on hospital grounds.

WEST BANK CRACKDOWN

Since Oct. 7, violence in the West Bank has also surged as Israel has cracked down on suspected militants, killing more than 380 Palestinians, according to the Palestinian Health Ministry. Most were killed in confrontations with Israeli forces during arrest raids or violent protests.

The Israeli military says it has arrested nearly 3,000 Palestinians in the West Bank over the past four months.

The military said in Tuesday's hospital raid, forces killed Mohammed Jalamneh, 27, who it said was planning an imminent attack. The two other men killed, brothers Basel and Mohammed Ghazawi, were hiding inside the hospital and were involved in attacks, the military claimed.

The military did not provide details on how the three were killed. Its statement said Jalamneh was armed with a pistol, but made no mention of an exchange of fire.

Hamas claimed the three men as members, calling the operation "a cowardly assassination."

Hospital spokesperson Tawfiq al-Shobaki said there was no exchange. He said the Israelis attacked doctors, nurses, and hospital security during the raid.

"What happened is a precedent," he said. "There was never an assassination inside a hospital. There were arrests and assaults, but not an assassination."

He said Basel Ghazawi had been a patient in the hospital since October with partial paralysis.

The raid took place in Jenin, long a bastion of armed struggle against Israel and the frequent target of Israeli raids even before the war began. Israeli operations there and in an adjacent built-up refugee camp have left vast destruction.

Israel captured the West Bank, along with the Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem, in the 1967 Mideast war.

Israel withdrew troops and settlers from Gaza in 2005, but imposed a stifling blockade on the territory, along with Egypt, when Hamas came to power in a violent takeover in 2007. It maintains an open-ended occupation of the West Bank, where more than half a million Israelis now live in settlements.

The Palestinians claim these territories as part of their future independent state, hopes for which have increasingly dimmed since the war began.

PROGRESS ON CEASE-FIRE TALKS ELUSIVE

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Progress, meanwhile, appeared elusive on a new deal between Israel and Hamas that could lead to a pause in fighting and see the release of dozens of hostages still held in Gaza.

On Tuesday, Hamas' supreme political leader Ismail Haniyeh said the group was studying the latest terms for a deal, but said the priority was the "full withdrawal" of Israeli forces from Gaza, something Israel opposes, and that any agreement should lead to a long-term cease-fire.

He said Hamas' leadership had been invited to Cairo to continue talks.

Israel had said that cease-fire talks held Sunday were constructive but that "significant gaps" remained in any potential agreement.

The prime minister of Qatar - which has served as a key mediator along with Egypt and the United States - was more upbeat, saying American and Middle Eastern mediators had reached a framework proposal. Speaking at the Atlantic Council in Washington on Monday, Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani said the mediators had made "good progress."

The Israeli military said it was fighting Palestinian militants in south, central and northern Gaza, which was pummeled in the first weeks of the war and where Israel has claimed to have largely dismantled Hamas. It said aircraft destroyed the rocket launcher that fired a barrage of rockets at central Israel on Monday, the first rockets targeting the populated area in weeks.

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NUHW JOINS FIGHT AGAINST ANTI-LGBTQ+ EXTREMISTS IN GLENDALE

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The following information was released by the National Union of Healthcare Workers:

With far-right anti-LGBTQ agitators campaigning to gain a foothold on the Glendale Unified School District Board of Directors, NUHW members stood in solidarity this month with students, parents and teachers fighting to make their community safe and welcoming for everyone.

NUHW worked with the Glendale Teachers' Association to hold a January 25 press conference about the rising threats to the LGBTQ+ community, both in Glendale and throughout Los Angeles, where anti-LGBTQ+ hate crimes have increased significantly.

The press event outside Glendale City Hall was covered by many media outlets including ABC7, Fox11, NBC4, Estrella TV, KNX News Radio, La Opinion and the Glendale Press-News. Representing NUHW was Sarandon Gilbert, a medical social worker at the Los Angeles LGBT Center.

Gilbert said she's seen an increase in patients who don't want the LGBT Center's name or letterhead on anything sent to their home because they're concerned about being targeted. She also said that in her work with transgender youth, the bullying and targeted violence they often face "have long-term impacts on their social physical and mental health."

"Healthcare workers see first-hand the negative long-lasting impacts of targeted violence on the queer community through its effect on our patients," Gilbert said during the news conference. "It is all of our responsibility to unite and ensure our community is a safe place for all."

Last summer, Glendale, which is home to NUHW's Southern California headquarters, became a flashpoint in organized attacks on LGBTQ+ rights as agitators held violent protests outside of school board meetings upset over the district's gender identity curriculum and policies. In response to the protests, NUHW's Executive Board unanimously passed a resolution condemning far-right extremism.

The news conference included remarks from Glendale Teachers' Association President Taline Arsenian as well as student, parent and elected leaders including State Senator Anthony Portantino and Assemblymember Laura Friedman. Teachers warned that although headlines had died down, anti-LGBTQ+ forces continue to target the district and are challenging incumbents in the March election for two seats on the school board.

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"Educators' names, where they work, their room number, and other personal information have been posted and shared on social media, Arsenian said during the news conference. "There have even been threats of physical violence via phone call and email."

Cynthia Chan, added, "I have been a teacher in this district for two decades, and I have never seen anything like this. I'm scared."

A recent report by the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations found that crimes based on sexual orientation were the second most common form of hate crime in the county, having increased 20 percent in 2022. The same report also found that there were a record number of crimes reported against transgender individuals and that 91 percent of those crimes were classified as "violent."

"We're proud to join with Glendale students, teachers and LGBTQ+ organizations to send a clear message that our community is for everyone," NUHW President Sal Rosselli said. "Our members, many of whom provide mental health therapy in Los Angeles, see firsthand how rising anti-LGBTQ+ violence is harming the physical and emotional wellbeing of their LGBTQ+ patients, and we are united in our commitment to their health and safety."

Arsenian said that Glendale teachers feel supported by allies who have stood with them against the right-wing attacks. "Everyone who values a diverse and inclusive community must respond to this coordinated effort," she said prior to the news conference. "We are grateful to partner with the NUHW and other community members to speak against the purposeful intimidation of educators and healthcare workers who are only trying to serve their students and patients."

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Police to step up patrols after violent protest near burnt-out Caulfield shop

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Body

Police will increase patrols on Melbourne streets to prevent further violence following an ugly clash between pro-Palestinian and pro-Israeli protesters in Caulfield on Friday night, which was triggered by a fire that destroyed a local burger shop.

Premier Jacinta Allan said the war in the Middle East could not trigger "deeply distressing" violence on the streets of Melbourne.

She said there was no place for antisemitism or Islamophobia in Victoria and more officers would patrol streets around Hawthorn Road - where Friday's clashes erupted - to help ensure all communities felt safe.

"It is unacceptable that local communities here feel it is unsafe to go to their places of worship, to feel unsafe in their local neighbourhoods," she said. "It's unacceptable that last night this was the experience of Melbourne's Jewish community."

One man was hit by a rock and another was escorted from the scene after about 400 people gathered for a protest and counter-protest near Burgertory on Glen Huntly Road.

CCTV footage posted on social media on Saturday appears to show the arson attack on the burger store. In the footage, taken from across the road, two people in white hoodies are seen breaking through a window and entering the shop. Shortly after, they leave the store and there is a large flash.

Ahead of the protest, Palestinian-Australian Hash Tayeh, who owns the burger chain, said the fire in the early hours of Friday appeared to be a hate crime, but police believe the arson attack that destroyed the shop was not religiously or politically motivated.

Tayeh later urged supporters not to protest at the store.

The Free Palestine Melbourne group, which organised the rally by its supporters, apologised on Saturday for its choice of location for the protest, which led to the evacuation of a synagogue near Princes Park.

Jewish groups said the protest had led to fear and anxiety in their community.

"The behaviour we saw in Caulfield on Shabbat evening was utterly contemptible," the Jewish Community Council of Victoria said in a statement issued on Saturday evening.

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Allan said people from all over the world had chosen Melbourne as their home because it was somewhere they could practise their faith and celebrate their culture.

"That is something precious and that is what we must work hard to preserve," she said.

"I understand how deeply important it is at this time for communities here to come together to share their grief with each other, to show support for each other, but it must be done peacefully, it must be done safely."

About 100 people gathered near Burgertory after 7pm on Friday before moving south along Hawthorn Road to Princes Park, where there were angry scenes as the crowd swelled and dozens of police worked to keep the two groups apart. At least one man was pepper-sprayed by police before the crowd dispersed about 9.30pm.

Police said one man was removed from the area but no arrests were made as members of each group hurled abuse at the other across Hawthorn Road, leading police to close the street and halt trams and traffic. There were about 200 people on each side, police said.

They said a woman was arrested and a number of people were detained after a separate earlier clash between two groups outside Burgertory involving about 15 people. Police have not determined the circumstances of the altercation, which became physical and involved members from both sides trading insults.

Police on Saturday said they were working with community groups in response to Friday night's violence.

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Simon Schluter

"While individuals have the right to protest lawfully, we strongly encourage those attending to protest peacefully and without impacting the broader community," police said in a statement.

State opposition leader John Pesutto said acts of violence or discrimination had no place in a society that valued diversity and understanding.

"We strongly condemn last night's violence in Caulfield, a cherished and diverse area of Melbourne and home to many of our Jewish community," Pesutto said in a statement on Saturday.

"In this moment of tension, we must seek de-escalation, support one another, and reaffirm our commitment to a society that celebrates diversity and embraces mutual respect."

Police Inspector Scott Dwyer said on Friday afternoon that he was confident the burger shop fire was not motivated by prejudice. On Saturday, police said the investigation into the cause of the fire was ongoing.

The Jewish Community Council of Victoria and Community Security Group Victoria released a joint statement following the altercation, published by The Australian Jewish News on Saturday.

They said members congregating at a synagogue near Princes Park were asked to go home for their own safety.

In a statement posted to its Facebook page, Free Palestine Melbourne said it had chosen Princes Park as a "neutral public area" and apologised for holding the protest in support of Burgertory and its staff near the synagogue.

"Organisers were unaware that there was a synagogue across the park ... We apologise to the Jewish community for the protest location that led to the evacuation of the synagogue, for any fear they may have felt and for the cancellation of Shabbat," the statement said. "It was never our intention to disrupt or intimidate Jewish worshippers."

Shabbat is a holy day of rest observed by Jews from sunset on Friday to nightfall on Saturday.

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Free Palestine Melbourne said its demonstration had ended at 8pm and that tensions escalated after that.

"This was not a protest in support of Palestine, rather a solidarity protest with victims of an anti-Palestinian hate crime in Australia," the group said. "Hash Tayah and all Palestinians have every right to expect that they are free to live and work without racism or hatred."

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Lachlan Abbott

The Jewish Community Council of Victoria and Community Security Group Victoria said the police presence along Hawthorn Road had largely managed to keep the protest under control.

"[The protest] created a heightened sense of fear and anxiety in our community and was highly disruptive for local residents," the statement said.

The Jewish groups urged members to "continue advocating for our community, for Israel and for the safe return of the hostages while being aware of their personal safety".

"We urge the community to refrain from any activity which heightens tensions or puts your personal safety at risk," they said.

"We must go about our lives knowing that the Victorian Jewish community is proud and strong, and we have many organisations and individuals working tirelessly to support us."

The state MP for Caulfield, deputy Liberal leader David Southwick, said what happened on Friday evening was a disgrace.

"To enter the heart of Melbourne's Jewish community, terrorise people outside their synagogue, and throw rocks at Jews is appalling beyond words," Southwick said in a statement posted to social media. "This is not the Victoria I know and love."

Speaking on Remembrance Day, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said there was no place in Australia for hatred or prejudice.

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"This is a day when we pause to give thanks for the sacrifices so many Australians have made to keep our nation free and peaceful," he said. "All of us have a responsibility to preserve that peace here at home. To maintain the harmony and respect that unites us."

Foreign Minister Penny Wong said the violence in Caulfield was unacceptable. "There is no place for violence, no place for antisemitism and no place for Islamophobia in Australia," she said in a statement on X, formerly Twitter, on Saturday morning.

"People come to Australia because they want to live in a country that is peaceful, tolerant and respectful. We all must protect that," Wong said.

Federal Opposition Leader Peter Dutton said the behaviour in Caulfield "by individuals provocatively protesting in an area home to many people of the Jewish faith was absolutely disgusting".

"It was a deliberate act of incitement designed to end in violence. And predictably it did," he said. "These scenes have no place in our country and should be totally and utterly condemned."

The clashes on Friday night followed the arrest of at least four people during a pro-Palestine rally at Flemington Racecourse on Melbourne Cup day. Free Palestine Melbourne has arranged another demonstration in Melbourne for Sunday.

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Police are investigating the cause of the fire.

Police separate the two groups as clashes over Gaza broke out near Princes Park in Caulfield.

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