

# 'Antisemitic' London stabbing sends UK into authoritarian frenzy

The Grayzone's Max Blumenthal and Aaron Mate expose the layers of deception and distortions behind the UK government's claims of an "Iran-linked" terrorist attack targeting Jewish Londoners, and explain how the incident is being exploited to take more freedoms away from British citizens. ||| The Grayzone ||| Find more reporting at <https://thegrayzone.com> Support our original journalism at Patreon: <https://patreon.com/grayzone> Facebook: <https://facebook.com/thegrayzone> Twitter: <https://twitter.com/thegrayzonenews> Instagram: <https://instagram.com/thegrayzonenews> Minds: <https://minds.com/thegrayzone> Mastodon: <https://mastodon.social/@thegrayzone> #TheGrayzone

## #Max

The British public can see what's being done to them as well. Whether they're on the right or on the left, they can see that they are subjects of some kind of regime that is doing away with whatever's left of what they had — of a democracy, of a social democracy. And you can now go to jail for saying "naughty" things like "I support Palestine Action" or "Globalize the Intifada." And I don't even want to call it the Israel lobby. It's Israel using the Zionist movement in the UK as a battering ram, and all British Jews, regardless of what they think, as human shields. It's demanding more — demanding total criminalization of Palestine solidarity activity following the stabbing of two Jews and a Muslim man who doesn't exist in British media because it complicates the narrative — in the Jewish-majority neighborhood of Golders Green in London.

Keir Starmer has responded by calling to basically crack down on Palestine solidarity activity because he has been told to. And this really shows you where we are going in the United States. Luckily, we have a Constitution with the First Amendment, but where they would like to take us — they being the foundation for the destruction of democracy. Here's Keir Starmer: "Antisemitism. It's an old, old hatred. It's an old — let's just say it's an old hatred so that we don't look at it as a response to recent genocides carried out under the flag of the so-called self-proclaimed Jewish state. It's just some old thing that's just there, and people just get mad for no reason because they don't like Jews because we're like so funny and smart."

## #Aaron

It's like he wants people to think, oh, I think I'm mad about seeing another massacre of children. But really, I wonder if I'm falling victim to some old form of hatred. Let me interrogate that and hold my criticism of the Jewish state. Let me put that outrage at shredded, massacred children on pause as I interrogate my own inner hatred from centuries ago. That's the point of this.

## **#Max**

Yeah, yeah. Am I like actually Torquemada? Am I like some Spanish inquisitor when I get mad about the Gaza genocide? Maybe. Torquemada, Torquemada. Remember Mel Brooks' History of the World? It's like that level of farce. All right, here we go. Keir Starmer, the least popular British prime minister since anyone can remember, like the most hated man in the UK, the most discredited figure, is still at it. The roots are deep.

## **#Speaker 1**

And if you turn away, it grows back. Yet far too many people in this country diminish that.

## **#Max**

He's attacking Brits. He's attacking British citizens who are mad about genocide and mad about being criminalized for their words.

## **#Speaker 1**

They either don't see it or they don't want to see it. Take the marches that happen regularly across Britain. The marches? Of course, we protect freedom of speech and peaceful protest in this country. But if you are marching with people wearing pictures of paragliders without calling it out, you are generating the murder of Jews. If you stand alongside people who say "globalize the intifada," you are calling for terrorism against Jews. And people who use that phrase should be prosecuted. Oh my God.

## **#Max**

Man, do not go to the UK. That is just horrible. I mean, he's demonizing so many British citizens there who are just decent people who are sick of the slaughter of children and calling for them to be prosecuted. And he's catering to a foreign country, a foreign lobby, after what we're supposed to look at as this ideologically guided terror attack, which was nothing of the sort. The marches, the marches, the marches. The attacker was not involved in the marches. He was a mentally ill man who tried to stab his own Muslim roommate before he carried out these attacks. And the Metropolitan Police are saying pretty much the same thing that Keir Starmer is. They're reading from the same script that was handed to them by the same elements.

## **#Speaker 2**

Two men, one in his 70s and one in his 30s, were treated at the scene for stab wounds and have now been taken to hospital. The 45-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of attempted murder and remains in custody following a check-up at a local hospital. He has a history of serious violence and mental health issues.

## **#Max**

So they admit that the attacker actually stabbed a police officer before and has tried to attack several other people in the past, going back to 2008, and was registered with the Prevent program, which is this counter-terrorism, counter-radicalization program put in place by the British state, which clearly didn't work.

## **#Speaker 2**

And that investigation continues. Let me say a few words about what this was. Let me be clear. This is an attack on one community. An attack on one community is an attack on all of London's communities. This was an attack on Londoners. This is an attack on British Jews. Too many Jewish people in this country feel they have to make choices that no other Briton ever has to make. They have to make choices about how they dress, where they go, or how visibly they live their lives. That's completely unacceptable and has gone on for far too long. We also need to be honest about the nature of the threat. Antisemitism is fueled by hateful and extremist ideologies. It comes from hostile states, the extreme right, and the extreme left. These are terrorist and hateful belief systems, but they're all rooted in racism.

## **#Max**

So the left and the right are terrorist racists. And this attack was guided by foreign states like Iran. However, it was carried out by a mentally ill man with a history of violence. And it was targeting one community. But that's not even true. They're lying. A Muslim man was stabbed by the same person that same day. Is that a different community? So everything that's being said here is a bogus script. And you can see the Shomrim behind, to the left of this Met Police official. The Shomrim are a Jewish paramilitary force run under the watch of the CST and other supposed community organizations, which was basically gifted 25 million pounds after this attack. The Met Police are reading from a politicized script.

## **#Aaron**

I wonder how this will play out at the trial, if there is one. Are they going to bring in some expert to argue about the guy's motives? And when it comes to his stabbing of the Muslim men, they'll say mental illness. And then when it's the two Jews, that was anti-Semitism. Like, how does that fly? It's so incoherent. There was another incident recently with the burning of the ambulances in London.

## **#Max**

Also in Golders Green.

## **#Aaron**

Which looked like a false flag. I think that's fair to say. They're dying for any excuse to justify further suppression of free speech in the UK if that free speech criticizes Israel.

## **#Max**

Well, it really raises some serious questions that I think go beyond just the political machinations of Keir Starmer or the Met Police as they seek to crack down on Palestine solidarity protests. The ambulance attack was not treated as a terrorist attack, and the assailants were let out on bail. You don't let assailants out on bail if they are terrorists. And there was another attack soon after on Iran International, which is an Israeli-controlled network that aims to destabilize Iran. It's a satellite network. Most people watching this know what it is. It has its offices in London. It's being maintained by Israel. So you would think that would be a target for Iran.

The IRGC would want to target that network. And an Israeli consular facility—I think it was the Israeli embassy—supposedly came under attack, but it was a very suspicious attack where nothing was damaged. Those who've been arrested in each attack tend to be teenagers. Those who attacked Iran International were not Iranian immigrants to the UK. They were English, with English names—like white boys. Why would some 18-year-old English kid who has no politics attack Iran International? And I think it was the same with the culprits of the attack on the Israeli embassy. They are being paid in crypto by a certain foreign entity. Let me read—I'm pulling up another clip here because this really raises questions about what's going on.

First of all, all of this is being blamed, including the stabbing attacks of two Jews and one Muslim man—who doesn't exist—on a group called Harakat Ashab al-Yamin al-Islamiyah, which is said to be an Iranian IRGC-linked group, but actually only consists of a Telegram channel. Wyatt did a really good takedown of this fraud for us at The Grayzone. It's basically a Telegram channel. The language in the manifesto of Ashab al-Yamin recognizes Israel as a legitimate state, which is something no Iranian or resistance axis group would do. Things are spelled wrong in its communique, and it claims responsibility for anything that happens here. It claimed responsibility for the Golders Green ambulance attack. It claimed responsibility for a break-in of a car in a Jewish neighborhood in, I think, Antwerp, which actually belonged to a Moroccan Muslim woman.

So anytime anything happens in a Jewish area, this Telegram channel claims credit in order to blame Iran. It's pretty obvious that this channel is run by Israeli intelligence and that they're seeking to get the media to blame Iran, which it proceeds to do—like The Telegraph blamed Iran for the stabbings. They follow their orders. But look at the last line here. It's referring to an arson in Hendon, and it

says the group has claimed six attacks since early April, including arsons at Jewish community ambulances, a synagogue, and a Persian-language media outlet—that's Iran International. Analysts note its branding mirrors that of pro-Iranian militias. No, those are like pro-Israel analysts. Though some members may be, quote, "criminals for hire," recruited online and paid in cryptocurrency.

That sounds familiar. Where else was that taking place? Which other Five Eyes, Commonwealth country was that taking place in? It was in Australia, the Australia of PM Anthony Albanese. Immediately after Albanese announced his intention to recognize a Palestinian state, these attacks began happening on Jewish targets. The first attack was an arson outside a synagogue, which happened to be a non-Zionist synagogue. Very interesting, with the congregation that was defying Israel. And who was carrying out the attacks? Criminal class, non-political elements, paid in cryptocurrency, offered cryptocurrency through Telegram channels, paid from abroad. Albanese actually came out and declared that these are—he called them—paid actors. And all of it was being blamed on Iran.

What was the consequence of these attacks? Paid in cryptocurrency from abroad to criminal elements. And some homeless people were paid crypto to carry out certain attacks—people who have no ideology. The Iranian ambassador was kicked out of Australia. And then Isaac Herzog, the Israeli president, comes to Australia to meet with Albanese, inspires large protests in Melbourne, and he's gearing up Australia to support Israel in the coming war on Iran. And he holds a secret meeting with the head of ASIO, the Australian Security Intelligence Organization—something that has never happened before. Very strange. And in that meeting, he was pushing for more action against Iran. So the point is, we're seeing the same dynamic in the UK as in Australia. The same outcome.

More pressure on these states to join the war against Iran, which they're currently involved in at a low-intensity level. And only one country is served by this. Only one country is served by it. It's Israel. It is not Iran. And this is not part of Iran's playbook. So it's important to look at the big picture and go back to the point I made earlier in my conversation with Wyatt, which is that Israel and the Zionist movement has a long history of attacking Jews in order to achieve its malign objectives, going back to the bombing of the Patria in 1940—a history which everyone should learn. So let's raise these questions. Let's not be afraid to raise these questions about who benefits from this, because it's certainly not the British public. And it's not Iran.

## **#Aaron**

No, and especially when, after the Bondi Beach shooting that you mentioned, Netanyahu openly blamed the Australian Prime Minister, Albanese. He openly said, like, this is your fault for fueling the fire of anti-Semitism because you, as you mentioned, Max, supported a Palestinian state. So Israel didn't hide the fact that it was willing to exploit these attacks for its own cynical ends. And so, given its long history of fueling attacks like this, it's totally fair to raise the questions that you're raising.