

## “Very threatened”: Fear in the United States from a series of antisemitic acts

Among the expressions of hatred: Rallies of neo-Nazis, vandalizing of synagogues, videos mocking Jews. Survey shows that 58% of online antisemitic content is in English.

A concern in the U.S. from a series of recent antisemitic incidents, among them a rally of neo-Nazis last week. Online videos show demonstrators in Nazi uniforms and swastikas mocking Jews. In Chicago, a man has been arrested for vandalizing a synagogue wearing a swastika.

In California, a former lecturer, after being placed on leave, has been arrested for threatening UCLA campus with an 800-page long antisemitic manifest.

On a call from Miami, lawyer Aaron Parnas has told “Maariv”: “It is scary what is happening here. Unfortunately, those with the power to stop this, do not, and just let it keep going”.

In addition, three men have been arrested in Florida for attacking Jews. All three are leaders of the U.S neo-Nazi movement – The National Socialist Movement. They were rallying last week, wearing Nazi uniforms and swastikas.

Tomer Aldubi, founder of the Fighting Online Antisemitism Movement (FOA), says:

“The increase of antisemitic incidents in the U.S. does not surprise us at all, for this ancient hatred is noticeably present online.

Reports that we have created for examining recent online antisemitic content show that 58% of it is in English. Other reports indicate that Jews in the U.S. feel very threatened.

Recently, we have monitored, in real-time, the content of a U.S. antisemite that has explicitly threatened to harm Jews. We reported this to the relevant authorities in Israel for them to take action with U.S. authorities.

We say again: to prevent harming of innocents, it is imperative to prevent these antisemites from spreading their teachings”.

Yigal Cohen, general director of the Beit Lohamei HaGeta'ot (Ghetto Fighters' House) museum, says: “Antisemitism, Racism, and Xenophobia rear their heads everywhere and all the more forcefully, even in the most progressive democracies.

This phenomenon is not new. What is new is the boldness and aggressiveness of those initiating it. The rise of incidents of this kind, especially during the COVID years, is serious and disturbing, not less is the lack of resources, indifference, and the lack of will to fight it.

Now, of all times, the world must wake up, before the weeds will grow and take over every plot in the field, everywhere”.