



United States Mission to the OSCE

Murder of Israeli Embassy Staff

As delivered by Chargé d'Affaires Katherine Brucker
to the Permanent Council, Vienna
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The United States condemns in the strongest possible terms the murder of two staff members of the Embassy of Israel in Washington, DC, last night, near the Capital Jewish Museum. As President Trump said, "Hatred and radicalism have no place in the United States of America." Nor do they have a place in any OSCE participating State, which is why we must redouble our efforts to counter all acts of antisemitism – whether violent or not – wherever they occur. We must acknowledge the serious threat that Jewish communities and individuals face simply because of who they are and what they believe. Unless we act more decisively, antisemitic violence will continue to be a daily reality for Jewish communities throughout the OSCE region.

We offer our sincere condolences to the families and friends of the victims. And I did want to add that a perpetrator is in custody.

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