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### **EMO condemns deadly attack at Hanukkah event in Australia**

On Sunday, Dec. 14, 2025, at least 15 people have been killed and 27 are in hospitals after a shooting at Bondi Beach in Sydney, Australia. The attack, declared a terrorist incident, targeted Jewish Australians who had started to gather for a Hanukkah event near the beach. A Holocaust survivor and two rabbis are among the victims.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) condemns this senseless violence and offers our prayers and solidarity for the Jewish community of Sydney. The freedom to worship and celebrate should come without fear of violence. We call on all people of conscience to stand against hatred, bigotry, and discord and to be the peacemakers that God calls us to be.