

Press release

Publication of new “Antisemitic Incidents in Germany 2025” annual report

No reversal in antisemitic incidents trend – RIAS documents 24 cases per day

Berlin (June 17, 2026): *The Federal Association of Departments for Research and Information on Antisemitism (Bundesverband RIAS) recorded 8,725 antisemitic incidents in 2025. The report released today shows that the number of incidents has been consistently high since October 7, 2023, and continues to impact the lives of Jewish people. Compared to 2022, the number of incidents has more than tripled. Israel-related antisemitism was documented in two-thirds (68%) of all incidents.*

Assaults and threats affect the everyday lives of Jews

In 2025, Jewish life and activism against antisemitism were repeatedly occasions for threats (257 incidents) and assaults (178 incidents). Many of the cases documented by RIAS occurred in everyday settings: In Kehl, four members of the Jewish community were insulted and spat on outside a Jewish prayer room. In Hesse, a rabbi was shoved in a supermarket in front of his children and had his cell phone snatched from him. In these incidents, the victims were blamed for Israeli actions. In addition, four cases of extreme violence were reported, including a terrorist attack at the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe in Berlin. Incidents like these endanger and unsettle Jews.

Threats in the digital space on the rise

More than a quarter of all antisemitic incidents (27%) occurred online, where antisemitism is often expressed without restraint. Nearly 43% of all documented threats, including death threats, were made online. For example, a Jewish woman received repeated threats on Facebook, including an image of a Zyklon B canister with the comment “Still in stock.” Online threats can lead those affected to withdraw from social media and to be less visible in public, even beyond digital spaces.

Incidents of right-wing extremist antisemitism at all-time high

RIAS recorded 807 right-wing extremist incidents in 2025 – the highest figure since the nationwide surveys began in 2020. The incidents included conspiracy theories, glorification of the



Nazi regime, and calls for a repeat of the Holocaust. For example, a right-wing extremist group in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania shouted “Jews to the wall” on a bus, mocked the Holocaust, and threatened refugees as well as passengers who intervened. Recently, right-wing extremist antisemitism has not only become more frequent but has also taken on an openly violent character.

Legitimization of antisemitic violence: The “Zionism” enemy image

The enemy stereotype of “Zionism” played a central role in 2025 incidents targeting Jews and political opponents. In scrawls such as “STILL KILL EVERY ZIONIST” or “Kill ZIONazis (sic!)”, enemy labeling is combined with calls for violence. RIAS also documented this in physical attacks: In Kassel, a victim was first insulted as a “Zionist pig” and then attacked. Such incidents legitimize and normalize hostility and violence.

The annual report “Antisemitic Incidents in Germany 2025” is available at report-antisemitism.de/documents/17-06-26_Antisemitic_incidents_in_Germany_Annual-Report_Federal_Association_RIAS_2025.pdf

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Bundesverband RIAS e. V. is the umbrella organization for the RIAS reporting offices and aims to ensure consistent documentation of antisemitic incidents based on the IHRA Working Definition of antisemitism. The RIAS reporting offices record antisemitic incidents nationwide and provide support to affected parties. The report includes incidents from across Germany and from reporting offices in twelve federal states.

Reactions to the publication

Benjamin Steinitz, Executive director, Bundesverband RIAS:

“Antisemitism affects Jewish people in their daily lives and is expressed openly and aggressively. It intimidates both Jewish people and political opponents and legitimizes the use of violence. The ongoing normalization of antisemitism threatens democratic culture as a whole; we need not only decisive action by the state, the judiciary, and the public administration, but also a resilient civil society. To this end, the federal and state governments must ensure the long-term funding of civil society reporting and counseling centers.”

Bianca Loy, Co-author and researcher, Bundesverband RIAS:

“The form of antisemitism most frequently documented in 2025 was Israel-related. Although the fighting in the Middle East played a central role, specific developments in the conflict—such as the ceasefire between Israel and Hamas—had little impact on the number of reported cases. At the same time, there were also significantly more incidents without any thematic connection to Israel than before October 7, 2023. These developments are cause for concern; antisemitic views could increasingly become socially acceptable.”

Dr. Felix Klein, Federal government commissioner for Jewish life in Germany and the fight against antisemitism:

“The RIAS annual report shows that antisemitism in Germany continues to rise without any sign of slowing down. At the same time, it highlights just how incredibly important the work of RIAS is: it brings to light what would otherwise remain hidden. Without this work, we would not be able to discuss many developments with the necessary clarity. Antisemitism threatens not only Jews; it threatens our democracy, our freedom, and the moral core of our republic.”



Laura Cazés, Head of communication and digitalization, Central Welfare Office of the Jews in Germany (ZWST):

“From the perspective of victims, antisemitic narratives and threats too often remain unpunished online. This severely undermines the right of those affected to participate in society, and affects their sense of safety. The ZWST welcomes the proposed law against digital violence; however, this and other legislative initiatives must also be designed with the victims of antisemitism in mind. At the same time, existing laws such as the DSA and the associated regulation of platforms must be consistently enforced.”

Dr. Josef Schuster, President, Central Council of Jews in Germany:

“8,725 antisemitic incidents, about 24 per day—these are not statistical outliers; it is the grim reality in Germany. The 2025 annual report from RIAS clearly shows that we are witnessing antisemitism solidify at record levels rather than easing.”

Statements from the rapporteurs on antisemitism

The rapporteurs on antisemitism from the CDU/CSU, SPD, and Alliance 90/The Greens parliamentary groups in the Bundestag comment on the findings of the annual “Antisemitic Incidents in Germany 2025” report on the occasion of its publication.

Frederik Bouffier, Rapporteur for antisemitism, CDU/CSU parliamentary group in the Bundestag:

“The number of antisemitic incidents remains at an alarmingly high level and has once again risen compared to the previous year, reaching nearly double the figure from 2023. We are particularly alarmed by the fact that antisemitic statements and actions are increasingly met with indifference, as well as by a lack of public outcry. In addition to a new record high in right-wing extremist incidents, 27% of all cases are already occurring online, 75% of those on social media. That is why we must consistently strengthen and enforce the Digital Services Act at the EU level. European law must apply effectively to non-European platforms as well, and violations must result in tangible consequences.”



Helge Lindh, Rapporteur for antisemitism, SPD parliamentary group in the Bundestag:

“We must not remain indifferent to the fact that antisemitism has already become a part of everyday life. Unbridled violence has been followed by a breakdown in solidarity—that is outrageous. Hatred of Jews is growing across the ideological spectrum, bringing together extremists of all stripes and reverberating far into the political center. Right-wing antisemitism, a core tenet of Nazi ideology, has reached an all-time high. We are responding with strong commitment and decisive action: protecting institutions, promoting Jewish life and culture, and taking a clear stance of solidarity.”

Marlene Schönberger, Member of the Committee on Internal Affairs and responsible for combating antisemitism within the Green Party’s parliamentary group in the Bundestag:

“The present upsurge in antisemitic activity is accompanied by normalization and a breakdown in solidarity. Social media in particular is fueling a loss of restraint, with opposition to antisemitism dwindling. When users regularly encounter content that denies the Holocaust, spreads Nazi songs, or demonizes Jewish people and Israel, it fosters indifference. Jews are thus experiencing isolation even in digital spaces. We need consistent regulation of platforms, and we need it now. The authors of criminal content must be held accountable. The response to this escalation and indifference must be an educational campaign that actively combats antisemitism.”