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Re: A Statement of Solidarity from the Oromo Community of Melbourne

We, the Oromo community of Melbourne, stand in unwavering solidarity with the Australian Jewish community in the wake of the horrific antisemitic terror attack targeting peaceful Chanukah celebrations in Bondi.

Our deepest condolences, sympathy, and love are with the bereaved families, the injured victims, the courageous first responders, and all members of the Jewish and wider Bondi community impacted by this tragedy.

We are proud to join our voice with more than [200 civil society organisations](#) in signing a national statement of solidarity with the Australian Jewish community, representing millions of people across Australia who stand united against hate.

Our Chairperson, Alemayehu Kube, stated: "Love is what fortifies a community, while violence and hatred only destroy. There is no place for hatred and violence in any form. We stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the Jewish community, who have an absolute right to feel safe and be safe in our shared country."

We recognize that the Jewish community is enduring profound pain, and we grieve alongside them. An attack of this nature is an affront to the tolerance and inclusion that define our national character. In the face of such monstrous evil, our Oromo community is committed to deep reflection and meaningful action.

The right to safety in Australia is unconditional. It cannot depend on identity, origin, cultural background, age, or gender. The atrocity in Bondi was an attack not only on the Jewish community but on the safety and cohesion of us all. Its traumatic effects will linger, particularly for children and families who will carry this burden long after the headlines fade.

In this difficult moment, we call on all Australians to come together as one united people. Our strength has always resided in our diversity—in people of all faiths and cultures, from over 236 backgrounds, standing side by side in empathy and mutual respect. We stand firmly with our Jewish brothers and sisters and reaffirm our shared commitment to peace, dignity, and our common humanity.

Let us respond not with fear, but with compassion, not with division, but with unity. May we support one another, honour those who have been impacted, and continue building an Australia where every person feels safe, valued, and supported—in both body and mind.

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