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Judges 6:12 ESV And the angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him, “The Lord is with you, O mighty man of valor.”

UPDATE - ANALYSIS BONDI BEACH ATTACK TEAM 20 DEC 2025

WARNING: THE THREAT LEVEL FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS URGENT AND REQUIRES HIGH VIGILANCE INCREASED SURVEILLANCE BY CHURCH SECURITY FORCES. REMEMBER IN OBSCURA HAS WARNED ON THE TARGET SURVEILLANCE AND INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION AGAINST CHURCHES.

UPDATE

This report updates and incorporates initial FLASH attack warning of 14 Dec 2025 at <https://inobscura.org/flash-message-attack-bondi-beach-sydney-aus-chanukah-worship/>

SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY (SIGACT)

On 18 Dec 2024, based on threat intelligence of a vehicle traveling from Melbourne to Bondi Beach, New South Wales Counterterrorism Police in Liverpool conducted a hard high-risk traffic stop on two cars with seven occupants.

One of the passengers was confirmed under investigation by the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO). It is clear from guarded police statements to media this event indicates a possible second attack threat. Ages of the occupants are between 19 and 24. They were released without sufficient evidence. The occupants’ explanation for the trip was to enjoy the coming holiday. They denied any terror intent. These men were not identified by name.

FOREIGN TRAVEL

The SUBJECTS in the Bondi Beach attack, Naveed and Sajid Akram at the time living in Sydney. THEY flew to the southern Philippines and completed “military training” during 1-28 Nov 25, per and unnamed senior counterterrorism official. THEY landed in Davao City, Mindanao Province, for a fishing trip. No further information on ground movements during this period. They returned to Sydney, on 28 Nov 25.

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ABU SAYAF GROUP AND ISLAMIC STATE

The relevance here is the Philippines and particularly Mindanao. This region, Mindanao has been an Operational Base for Islamic terrorism in the Pacific Rim. A region associated with the Abu Sayaf Group since its founding in 1991. It is also a region associated with Usama Bin Laden, Ramsi Youssef, Terry Nichols, and Timothy McVeigh. Some of the attacks per open-source research contained in a book on this topic include the Oklahoma City Federal Building bomb attack in 1995, the first World Trade Center bomb attack in 1993. The includes the IED live testing of an in-flight Philippine Airlines seated passenger and an occupied seat in a movie theater. The Terrorist Group Abu Sayaf remains active IVO Mindanao. The Davao City airport for the November 2025 travel is in Mindanao.

The Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) is an Islamist terrorist organization that seeks to establish an independent Islamic state in the southern Philippines. ASG is known for kidnapping innocents, including Westerners, for ransom, and beheading captives if their demands are not met. ASG's brutal decapitations date back to 2001, predating notorious beheadings carried out by al-Qaeda in Iraq and that group's successor, ISIS. ASG is also known for its relationship with al-Qaeda, which has become strained since the beginning of the U.S.-led Global War on Terror. The group is divided into two main factions: Radulan Sahiron, one of the United States' most-wanted terrorists, leads the ASG faction based in Sulu, while a pro-ISIS faction was spearheaded by Basilan-based ASG leader Isnilon Hapilon before Hapilon's death in October 2017.

ANALYST COMMENT

ASIO investigated Naveed Akram in 2019 over his associations with members of a Sydney-based IS terrorist cell. While it would never be officially acknowledged intelligence in this is quite substantial yet the ability to act by counterterror forces was placed in abeyance based on legal predicates. A senior security source said Naveed Akram, then 18, displayed "indications of intent" and associations of concern that were investigated by ASIO in 2019, but further enquiries were not deemed to be needed at the time.

The ASIO national threat assessment of Australia has been quite elevated for some time termed PROBABLE. Considering the complex attack at Bondi Beach, that operation required considerable planning and tradecraft over time, all of the intelligence indicators are there, and the investigation continues. This developed the encounter by

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counterterrorism police on the vehicles in Liverpool, from which more intelligence has probably been gained.

It is with HIGH confidence that this was and remains an Iran connected operation. The vehicle stop was likely a provocation as a psychological “fear UP” operation, maintaining fear in the targeted population and at the same time, useful as a test of security and security forces TTP. The seven occupants could very well be cell members involved in not only the current attack but others yet to come. In retrospect from the cited initial FLASH Report...

FIRST COMPLEX ATTACK

- Twelve people are dead, **including one gunman**, after a shooting at Bondi Beach this afternoon.
- Deployment of IED (UXO) discovered under bridge and SUBJECT vehicle
- Police Officer WIA , critical to stable
- Twenty-nine people have been injured, including two police officers, and have been taken to various hospitals.
- A second gunman is in police custody and is also among the injured.
- A senior law enforcement official confirmed one of the gunmen was Naveed Akram from Bonnyrigg in Sydney's south-west.
- The shooting took place at a Hanukkah celebration.
- NSW Premier Chris Minns says the attack was designed to target Sydney's Jewish community.
- NSW Police have also confirmed it has been declared a terrorist incident.

IN OBSCURA IMMEDIATE ATTACK NOTES

- Ground video and imagery are included in reporting, including overheard drone capture of attack location. SUBJECTS used bridge as apparent elevation site as attack deployment
- **Even in a heavy police presence and prior anti-terror measures present, YOU CAN BE HIT**
- At least one IED staged, UXO, discovered under that bridge
- At least one IED discovered in associated vehicle

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- Residence raided by police
- Use of second SUBJECT in this attack, and police comment that HE was not well known to police is noted as possible “clean” cell member employed for use in pre attack scenario.
- Probable other cell members yet to be identified (Intelligence, Weapons, Target Surveillance.) some providing clandestine support attack scene
- Probability of other attack sites ready
- **Compartmentalization of cellular structure and covert communication of cells, presume and take action for heightened surveillance of “whole of church activities and increase surveillance AND monitoring, including ground inspections for advanced placement of IED, VBIED, suspicious vehicles present, presumed homeless, carried items as backpacks. Unattended items inside and outside of buildings.**
- **Complacency kills**

NOTE: AUSTRALIA SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION (ASIO) “...Australia's terror threat will remain at "probable", meaning ASIO considers there to be a 50/50 chance of a terror attack taking place...”

KEY TAKEAWAYS FOR CHURCHES, CLERGY, CHURCH SECURITY FORCES

In Obscura has repeatedly emphasized pre attack intelligence collection. Recognition of suspicious activities, individuals, vehicles in and around church property, clergy residences, external church activities like mass gatherings and services.

It appears that prior to this Bondi Beach attack on the very first night of Hannukah, target intelligence collection was undetected, attack successful, despite a substantive police presence, uniformed and covert. Again, in the US, target surveillance of Christians is vastly undetected with little indicators in open source as proof, listed in prior In Obscura reporting. There is a dire need to learn and become adept at recognizing threat indicators and taking appropriate legal action. As repeatedly emphasized **“know the target, watch the target, look deeper, expect the unexpected.”**

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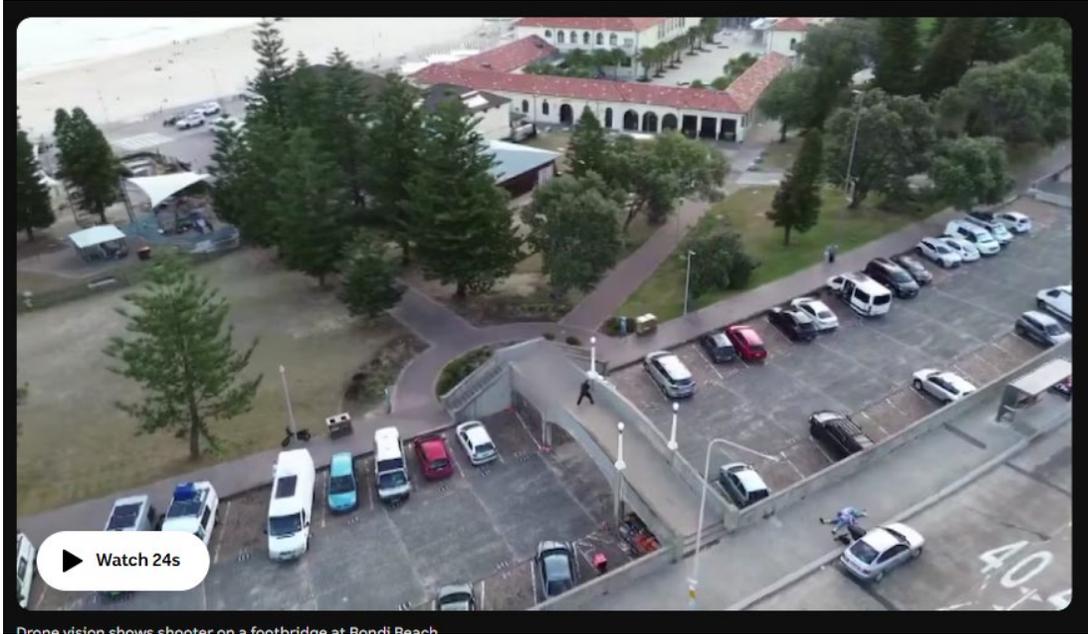


OVERHEAD DRONE IMAGERY

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Drone vision shows shooter on a footbridge at Bondi Beach

**ATTACK IMAGERY 1 OF 2, TWO SUBJECTS, BLACK CLOTHING
IN THE OPEN**



Gunmen opening fire at Bondi Beach

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By ABC Investigations Sean Rubinsztein-Dunlop, ABC NEWS Verify's Michael Workman and defence and national security correspondent Olivia Caisley

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The New Jackals: Ramzi Yousef, Osama Bin Laden and the Future of

Terrorism Hardcover – January 1, 1999

by Simon Reeve (Author)

Liverpool police operation concludes

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New South Wales Police

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Counter Extremism Project

Abu Sayaf Group

<https://www.counterextremism.com/threat/abu-sayaf-group-asg>

Photos emerge of passports used by Bondi shooters during monthlong Philippines trip

By Frank Chung, News.com.au, NY Post

Published Dec. 18, 2025, 4:35 p.m. ET

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‘Low-cost’ terror: Bondi Beach investigators examine IS group link, Philippines trip

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<https://www.france24.com/en/asia-pacific/20251216-low-cost-terror-bondi-beach-investigators-examine-is-group-link-philippines-trip>

Intel further confirms Bondi Hanukkah terror attack was ‘ISIS-inspired,’ says

Australian PM

By Agencies and Tol Staff Today, 11:32 am Updated at 12:57 pm

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/new-intel-further-confirms-bondi-hanukkah-attack-was-isis-inspired-says-australian-pm/>

The Philippines’ long battle against Islamist extremism is back in the spotlight following Bondi attack

By CNN Expansion Hong Kong July 2020 795169, Jessie Yeung

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<https://www.cnn.com/2025/12/17/australia/bondi-beach-attack-suspects-philippines-intl-hnk>

Live, Bondi Beach shooting: 12 people confirmed dead and several injured in terrorist attack on Jewish community event Australian Broadcasting Corporation

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-12-14/bondi-beach-shooting-terrorist-attack-12-dead/106141580>

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Bondi attack resurrects spectre of Abu Sayyaf Group

Father-son duo of Indian origin ‘received military-style training’ in Philippines

The Express Tribune, December 18, 2025

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2582819/bondi-attack-resurrects-spectre-of-abu-sayyaf-group>

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