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**TLP:CLEAR**

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# FB-ISAO Newsletter

## The FB-ISAO Daily Awareness Post

The Faith-Based Information Sharing and Analysis Organization (FB-ISAO) provides members with information, analysis, and capabilities to help reduce risk while enhancing preparedness, security, and resilience. We are an all-faiths and all-hazards information sharing organization. Daily, the team publishes the Daily Awareness Post (DAP) to our [blog site](#). This means that the product is free and available to the community and moreover it is shareable.

Get the Daily Awareness Post Delivered to your Email

### More Faith-Based Stories

MA: Ludlow Police Charge Leeds Man in Connection to Vandalism Incident at Church

KS: Overland Park Police clear area after suspicious object reported near synagogue

Afghan refugee accused in a case that shocked Albuquerque’s Muslim community reaches plea agreement (Three ambush-style killings happened over the course of several days in 2022)

Freshman at Massachusetts University Given Anti-Jewish Leaflets at Welcome Event

Intelligence Analysts Part of Plans to Monitor Threats Against Jewish Students

Patients sue UWS senior care system for exploiting health information in cyberattack

Christian brothers charged with blasphemy in Pakistan, face life in prison

### Select All Hazard Stories

They opened a coffee shop in Berkeley celebrating their Palestinian heritage. Someone keeps vandalizing it

Anti-Israel group at Univ. of Maryland reserves quad for anniversary of Hamas invasion

DOD Will Provide Homeland With Support During Presidential Campaigns

CAIR Condemns Distribution of White Supremacist Propaganda in Wisconsin

Hate Group’s Anti-Muslim Rhetoric Reflects Anti-LGBTQ+ Conspiracy Theories

More than 1,000 killed in Bangladesh violence since July, health ministry chief says

Far-Right Extremism is Also a Growing Problem Throughout the Global South

Sweden warns of heightened risk of Russian sabotage

**One might ask why do we this? We believe in Protecting and Securing the Free Practice of Faith. We want the community to work towards resilience - one way to do that is to make the community aware of the threat environment.**

The Daily Awareness Post is comprised of two parts. The first part highlights one, two and sometimes three

items of particular importance. The second part (see image above, left) is a run-down of news stories from the past 24 hours of reporting with direct or indirect impact on faith-Based Organizations. The left-hand column includes information with specific relevance to faith-based organizations while the right-hand column covers the all-hazards threat environment and may include stories related to climate, such as severe weather, and health threats, such as pandemics.

On 28 August 2024, the team highlighted this story in the DAP, “Members who are on FB-ISAO cybersecurity alerts list will be familiar with the daily ransomware data leak site reports. We encourage members to review those lists, not just for potential references to their own organizations (we’ve seen multiple FBOs recently), but also to potential vendors the organization may work with. Today, a Delaware-based security vendor [Security Instrument](#) appeared as victim of Cactus ransomware group. Their website indicates they work with houses of worship.” Our analyst comment sets out to bring awareness of the significance of the item, “Beyond conducting thorough [vendor risk assessments](#) before entering into business relationships, organizations should constantly be mindful of what data another entity have about your organization. While an attack to a security vendor could potentially halt services like remote video monitoring and access control, sensitive data such as floor plans, guard schedules, and video camera coverage of a facility could also be at risk. If security vendors are impacted, members will want to do an audit of information accessed and determine if risk assessments or security plans/resources need to be updated.”

Members of FB-ISAO are notified when the DAP is published. [Sign-up here.](#)

## FB-ISAO Advisory Board

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## Not Yet a Member of FB-ISAO?

How to join...

## Not Yet on FB-ISAO Slack? You Need to Be!

Write to membership

Visit the [events page](#) for a complete listing of FB-ISAO events.



## Upcoming Commemorations and Notable Events

Below is a rundown of some upcoming religions commemorations and notable events:

- 02 - 04 October. Rosh Hashanah, Jewish (begins at sundown on the 2nd and ends at sundown on the 4th)
  - 11 - 12 October. Yom Kippur, Jewish (begins at sundown on the 11th and ends at sundown on the 12th)
  - 12 October. Dussehra, Hindu
  - 16 - 23 October. Sukkot, Jewish (begins at sundown on the 16th and ends at sundown on the 23rd)
  - 23 - 25 October. Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah, Jewish (begins at sundown on the 23rd and end at sundown on the 25th)
  - 25 October. Simchat Torah, Jewish
  - 30 October. Diwali, Hinduism
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- 24 September (2017). Burnette Chapel of Christ Shooting in Antioch, TN (1 killed; 6 injured)
  - 01 October (2017). Las Vegas Mandalay Hotel Shooting (58 killed; over 420 injured)
  - 27 October (2018). Tree of Life Synagogue Shooting in Pittsburg, PA (11 killed; 7 injured)

Some considerations for planning and preparedness around these events include:

- 🔗 Forming a Security Committee
- 🔗 Reviewing or Building a Security Plan
- 🔗 Training and Exercises

FB-ISAO's [Resource Library](#) provides resources to help!



## Spotlight: The President's Volunteer Service Award

Thank you! [Seven](#) members of the FB-ISAO received the President's Volunteer Service Award for their commitment.

Those seven members planned and executed the FB-ISAO [FireArms in the House](#) program. Those same members, and others, are deeply involved with the development of the Physical Security Maturity Model for Houses of Worship. And why stop there? They are also involved with developing and executing on our next educational series on [standing up security teams](#).

The details, of the awards, were posted to FB-ISAO Slack. Please join us, on Slack, to celebrate the member's many contributions and to congratulate them on their tremendous achievement!