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Interfaith Issues: New Jersey Ranks Third in the Nation in Reported Anti-Semitic Incidents

A report issued last week by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) showed that New Jersey ranked third in the nation in the number of reported anti-Semitic incidents in 2015, with 137. This follows New York (198 incidents) and California (175 incidents). The 137 "Incidents"—which include vandalism—in New Jersey represent an increase from 107 in 2014. Overall, reported anti-Semitic incidents increased by 3 percent in the United States in 2015, with 941 incidents reported. The number of violent acts—categorized as "Assaults"—nationwide increased by more than 50 percent, with 56 assaults in 2015, compared to 36 the previous year.



The nationwide statistics were especially concerning on college campuses, where anti-Semitic incidents nearly doubled in 2015 (90 incidents were reported on 60 campuses, compared to 47 incidents on 43 campuses in 2014). In fact, anti-Semitic incidents on college campuses accounted for 10 percent of the overall total in 2015.

A press release from the ADL's regional office in New Jersey showed that the New Jersey counties with the highest numbers of incidents in 2015 were Ocean (23), Bergen (17), Middlesex (15), and Monmouth (15).

White Supremacists: 10 People Wounded at Rally Outside California Capitol

Ten people were hospitalized with stab wounds and lacerations—with two of the stab wounds being life-threatening—on June 26 when members of white supremacist groups holding a rally outside the California State Capitol in Sacramento clashed with counter-protesters, who have been described as "anti-fascists." According to a California Highway Patrol officer, fighting broke out when about 30 members of the white nationalist Traditionalist Worker Party (TWP), who were gathering for the rally, were met by about 400 counter-protesters. Sacramento police said the TWP had a permit to protest in front of the Capitol, and another group showed up to demonstrate against them. Police say that all protesters have cleared the Capitol area. No arrests have been announced. It has not yet been confirmed how many members of the white supremacist groups were among the wounded.



Matthew Heimbach, the chairman of the TWP, who did not attend the rally, told journalists that his group and the Golden State Skinheads organized the event. He blamed the violence on the counter-protesters.

Press reports quote the Southern Poverty Law Center as saying that the TWP was formed in January 2015 as the political wing of the Traditionalist Youth Network, a group that tries to draw high school and college students into white nationalism.

Aviation: Federal Regulations on UAVs Released

The federal government, with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, and the Department of Transportation in the lead, last week released regulations for the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs, also known as drones) in national airspace. Under the regulations, UAV pilots must keep their aircraft within sight. Commercial UAV pilots must be vetted by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and pass an aeronautical knowledge examination at an FAA-approved test center. The regulations also state that UAVs shall be operated only in daylight, weigh less than 55 pounds, and fly no higher than 400 feet. On one complex issue, the regulations prohibit the operation of small UAVs over a person unless that person is either directly participating in the UAV operation or is located under a covered structure that would protect the person from a falling small UAV.

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