

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Merrick B. Garland
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Dear Attorney General Garland,

We are writing to call for you to investigate the recent rallies held across the US, where participants chanted "Death to America," "Death to Israel," and advocated for violence against the United States and its allies. These anti-American and anti-Semitic calls for inciting violence are not protected speech and pose a serious threat to public safety and the American values of freedom and democracy.

Though purportedly held to express support for the Palestinian cause, these events were instead platforms for inciting terrorism and violence. Repeatedly, we have witnessed in the past several months the harassment and physical assault directed at innocent Americans during or immediately following these events. As defenders of the Constitution of the United States against enemies both foreign and domestic, and as staunch supporters of Israel, we are alarmed by the increasing calls to violence against anyone not espousing their radical agenda. The chants of "Death to America" are not only an affront to the United States but also a clear indication of the terrorist sympathies of the organizers and participants. To quickly dismiss these gatherings as people simply exercising their First Amendment rights is not only a dereliction of your duty, but a failure to recognize them as a tinderbox of violence. We implore the Department of Justice to take swift and decisive action to investigate and prosecute the people leading these violent threats against the safety of the American people.

In light of these troubling developments, we request answers to the following questions:

1. What measures is the Department of Justice taking to investigate and prosecute the individuals and organizations involved in organizing and promoting Al-Quds Day rallies, particularly those engaged in incitement to violence against the United States and its allies?
2. Has the Department identified any links between the organizers and participants of these rallies and known terrorist organizations, such as Hamas?
3. If so, what actions are being taken to disrupt and dismantle these networks?
4. Are federal law enforcement agencies coordinating with state and local authorities to monitor and respond to potential threats posed by individuals associated with these events?

We urge you to take decisive action to prosecute those calling for "Death to America" and to uphold the principles of justice and freedom that define our nation by defending it. Now is the time to take action to ensure the safety and security of all Americans.

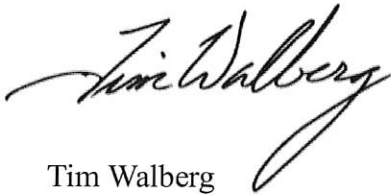
Sincerely,



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