

UK – Arson Attack on Jewish Ambulance Service in London– March 23, 2026

Name/Description of incident	Arson attack on Jewish Hatzolah ambulance service in London
Type of Incident	Physical Attack (Threat) ▾
Location	Golders Green, London, United Kingdom

- On **March 23**, four ambulances belonging to **Hatzolah**, a Jewish volunteer emergency medical service, were **deliberately set on fire** in Golders Green, a **heavily Jewish neighborhood** in north London.^{1,2,3,4,5}
 - The incident occurred in the **early hours of the morning, around 01:40** (local time), on **Highfield Road, adjacent to a synagogue**.
- During the attack, **multiple explosions were reported due to gas cylinders inside the ambulances**, causing **windows in nearby residential buildings to shatter** and prompting **evacuations of local residents**.
 - **Six fire engines and approximately 40 firefighters** responded to the scene. The fire was **brought under control at approximately 03:06** (local time).
 - **Dozens of residents were evacuated**, with **around 30 individuals relocated to a temporary shelter**.
- **No injuries were reported**, despite the scale of the explosions and fire.
- Surveillance footage and online videos indicate that **several masked individuals poured flammable liquid (gasoline) on the vehicles before fleeing the scene**.
 - Authorities are **searching for approximately three suspects**, and no arrests have been made at this stage.
 - **The Metropolitan Police are treating the incident as an antisemitic hate crime**, and have confirmed that the investigation is being conducted under this classification.
- An **Iran-aligned militant group**, identified as the **Islamic Movement of the People of the Right Hand (Islamic Right Movement)**, **claimed responsibility for the attack via a Telegram post**, in which it stated that **“prominent Zionist centers in London” were targeted**.⁷
 - The attack aligns with a **broader pattern of similar antisemitic arson incidents across Europe**, including recent cases in Belgium, the Netherlands, and Greece, which have been **linked to the same Iran-aligned network**.

¹ <https://www.jns.org/news/world/suspected-arson-hits-london-jewish-ambulance-service>

² <https://www.jpost.com/diaspora/antisemitism/article-890851>

³ <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/suspected-antisemitic-hate-crime-4-ambulances-jewish-group-fire-london/>

⁴ <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cwyj1p49gdpo>

⁵ <https://www.israelhayom.co.il/news/world-news/europe/article/20174789>

⁶ <https://www.facebook.com/firstpostin/posts/firstpostnews-keir-starmer-strongly-condemned-the-antisemitic-arson-attack-in-no/1449055520588764/>

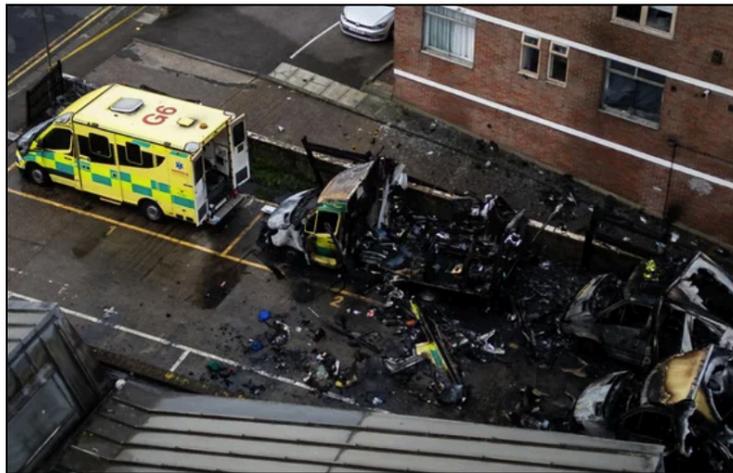
⁷ <https://t.me/harakaashabalyamin/19>

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- UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer described the incident as a “deeply shocking” and “horrific” antisemitic arson attack, expressing solidarity with the Jewish community and emphasizing that antisemitism has no place in society.



The perpetrators on their way to carry out the attack, captured by security cameras



The ambulances after the arson attack



Claim of responsibility for the attack