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**TO: NCSJ Leadership and Interested Parties**

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**UKRAINE UPDATE #2**

NCSJ spoke today with Rabbi Yaakov Dov Bleich, Chief Rabbi of Kyiv and all Ukraine, about the recent violent attacks on members of Kyiv's Jewish community.

We bring you this update in order to make sure you have the latest information about these disturbing events.

Rabbi Bleich reports that:

- 1) The Podolsky Synagogue and other Jewish institutions in the city have increased their security.
- 2) There is a growing concern within the community about the attacks and the community's overall safety and well-being.
- 3) Today, some congregants outside the Podolsky Synagogue reported that a car appeared to be following them. However, the suspicious vehicle, seeing the increased security around the synagogue, sped off before it could be stopped or identified.

Rabbi Bleich has also has been trying to get answers from police about a man detained in relation to the first attack. The police, he said, have not yet shared any information about this man or what his connection to the attack might be.

As always, NCSJ will continue to keep you informed of the latest developments as they unfold.

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NCSJ: Advocates on Behalf of Jews in Russia, Ukraine, the Baltic States & Eurasia, founded in 1971, represents the organized American Jewish community in monitoring and advocating on behalf of the estimated 1.5 million Jews living in the 15 successor states of the former Soviet Union.

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