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TO: NCSJ Leadership and Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: Violent assaults strike at Jewish individuals in Kyiv

NCSJ has learned, as later reported in the [JTA](#) and [Jerusalem Post](#), of a second anti-Semitic attack in less than a week's time in Kyiv, Ukraine.

On Friday night, 28-year-old Kollel student Dov Ber Glickman was followed home from the Podolsky Synagogue in Kyiv and stabbed repeatedly, sustaining life-threatening injuries.

This assault appears to be connected to the severe beating on Shabbat last week of an Israeli-born Hebrew teacher, who was also followed from the Podolsky Synagogue.

Since the first incident last Friday, NCSJ has been in regular contact with Ukrainian Jewish community leaders and U.S. and Ukrainian government officials.

In the last 24 hours, we have consulted directly with the U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Geoffrey R. Pyatt, in Kyiv, Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs Eric Rubin, and Ambassador of Ukraine to the United States Olexander Motsyk.

In addition, we have been in constant contact during the past week with Chief Rabbi of Ukraine Rabbi Yaakov Dov Bleich.

In its communications, NCSJ has sent a clear and strong message that the Ukrainian government must:

- condemn these incidents;
- take the immediate appropriate steps to prevent any further violence against the Jewish community, and;
- make sure that the perpetrators of these unprovoked and heinous attacks are captured and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

In our communications with the U.S. government officials, they have assured us that the Embassy is fully aware of the gravity of the situation and working with the Ukrainian government to respond appropriately.

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

About NCSJ

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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