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JOHN DICKERSON: But we turn now to the other deadly mass shooting we're following in Australia targeting Jews celebrating Hanukkah.

MAURICE DUBOIS: At least 15 people were killed. Dozens more are in the hospital. Anna Coren is on the scene in Bondi Beach. Anna?

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Bondi Beach Shooting; Backlash Against Australian Government Ignoring Antisemitism]

ANNA COREN: Yes, that's right. We are here at Sydney's Bondi Beach, the scene of Sunday's massacre. Many in the Jewish community have told us, while the attack came as a shock, it, sadly, wasn't unexpected. [GUNSHOTS] As gunshots rang out over Bondi Beach, disbelief turned to utter terror — [GUNSHOTS] — as two gunmen identified by police as a father and son armed with high-powered rifles fired roughly 60 shots during a rampage that lasted for 10 minutes. [GUNSHOTS] In the chaos, people ran for safety or hid on the ground and under picnic tables, shielding children. During the attack, a courageous civilian, Ahmed el Ahmed, a fruit shop owner, seized one of the attacker's weapons before being shot twice himself. And Reuven Morrison, seen here, threw bricks at the gunman and chased after him. His daughter Sheina Gutnick calls him a hero.

SHEINA GUTNICK: If there was one way for him to go on this earth, it would be fighting a terrorist. He went down fighting, protecting the people he loved the most.

COREN: Morrison was shot in the and bled out while waiting for help, one of at least 15 people killed during the massacre.

GUTNICK: I don't know how to live in a world without him. I don't know how my children will live without him.

COREN: Sixty-two-year-old Morrison had warned about the rise of antisemitism in Australia. He'd fled persecution in the former Soviet Union 50 years earlier, but now feared his adopted homeland was no longer safe. Anti-Semitic incidents have increased since the October 7 attacks and war in Gaza, synagogues firebombed and vandalized. [TO GUTNICK] Who has failed you and your family and your father?

GUTNICK: The Australian government is to blame. They have had the warning signs for so long. The Jewish community has been begging and begging and begging for action. They have failed us, they have betrayed us, and they have so much innocent blood on their hands.

COREN: As the community gathers to grieve the victims of the worst mass shooting in almost

three decades, the Australian government has pledged to make sure it can't happen again. Now, Australia has some of the strictest gun laws in the world. Automatic weapons are banned here. Well, the government is planning on making those laws even stricter in the wake of the terror attack.

DICKERSON: Anna Coren on Bondi Beach, thank you.