

NBC's *Today*

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Targeted Attack]

SAVANNAH GUTHRIE: Targeted attack. Authorities identify a father and son as the gunmen in that mass shooting at a Hanukkah celebration on one of Australia's most popular beaches. At least 15 people killed. This morning, what we're learning about the victims and the man who raced into action to take down the gunman.

COUSIN OF AHMED AL AHMED: He is a hero, 100 percent he's a hero.

GUTHRIE: We are live in Sydney.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Happening *Today*; Bondi Beach Shooting]

CRAIG MELVIN: Meanwhile, in Australia, there are new details on a father and son suspected of targeting the Jewish community at a Hanukkah event at a popular beach in Sydney. Police say they will bring criminal charges against the surviving suspect.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: New Details on Sydney Terror Attack]

MELVIN: We're also learning more this morning about that horrific terror attack on Australia's famed Bondi Beach. Police now say at least 15 people were shot and killed at a celebration on the first night of Hanukkah. The suspected gunmen identified as a father and son. NBC's Sarah James is in Sydney for us. Sarah, good morning.

SARA JAMES: Good morning, Craig. Well, Australia's prime minister is saying there's no evidence of any wider collusion. The pair, motivated by extremist ideology, carrying out a terrifying attack that has shattered this community. Australia's Jewish community in mourning and the nation in shock after a Seaside celebration of the festival of light became one of the darkest days in Australian history. [GUN SHOTS] Two gunmen opened fire on a peaceful Hanukkah gathering. The Australian Broadcasting Corporation says police identified the gunmen

as Sajid Akram, who died at the scene and his 24-year-old son Naveed Akram who remains in custody at the hospital. Authorities say the young man's name had come up in a previous investigation in 2019.

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JAMES: Some here asking how the alleged gunman amassed an arsenal in a country famous for strict gun control. Australia's prime minister today says laws may need to be even tougher and that more will need to be done to help the nation's Jewish community. A prominent Jewish leader here, whose friend died in the attack, says his community has been warning the government of a dangerous rise in anti-Semitism.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIAN JEWRY CEO ALEX RYVCHIN: I can't imagine a time when the Jewish community will be safe — [SCREEN WIPE] — without looking over their shoulders.