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JESSICA DEAN: We were just talking when we went to the sheriff there who was giving us the most information we've gotten so far. What stood out to you?

JULIETTE KAYYEM: I think it's absolutely that, he said specifically in the last two weeks, he has been in contact with federal authorities as well as — as the Jewish community about the heightened threat level. It is something that all of us have been warning about that, you know, this may be a regional war, but it's going to have global consequences. And one of them is going to be incitement radicalization in particular as Islamic terrorist groups, are utilizing the war like ISIS to go, to go online and to, to lure people to violence. Now is that this specific case? We don't know. But when you asked me, what did I take away from that? I took away the fantastic news and let's hope it holds that no one but the — the — the assailant was, was — was shot. That is beyond — you know, everyone is incredibly grateful and — and the private security there is likely responsible for that. But the second is, though we're not hearing much from the federal government on this, neither DHS, FBI, nor the National Counterterrorism Center have issued formal bulletin, what we call a formal intelligence bulletin to law enforcement. It is clear to me, state and local law enforcement about the increased threat environment — it is clear to me that state and locals are taking it upon themselves they see the news to ensure that places that may be targeted and in particular synagogues — in this case, a synagogue or the Jewish community are — are focused on and that the threat environment that people that I talked to right now who are in the state and local world are worried about two things. One, of course what we've seen today attacks against the Jewish community and then of course, attacks against Iranian Americans. And so all of that is part of this horrible stew of terrorism and incitement that we live in now in a world online and in a world where, where violence is — is — is too prevalent and so, once again, the fact that the sheriff said two weeks, that's not a — that's not a coincidental two weeks. Every — Every law enforcement agent knew or leader knew that this war was going to have consequences in the homeland in ways that — that we are seeing. Well, we don't that we could be seeing today I'll be careful, but in ways that we should anticipate the longer this war goes.

BORIS SANCHEZ: Of course.