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Sydney Marks One Week Since Deadly Bondi Beach Shooting



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Sydney, Dec. 21 – Thousands of people gathered at Sydney's Bondi Beach on Sunday evening to commemorate one week since a fatal mass shooting that claimed the lives of 15 innocent people.

A minute's silence was observed at 6:47 p.m. local time, marking the moment the first gunshots were fired, according to Australia's 9News network. The solemn gathering brought together community members, officials, and mourners to honor the victims and reflect on the tragedy.

New South Wales Premier Chris Minns addressed the crowd, offering an apology on behalf of the state government. He acknowledged that protecting citizens is the government's highest responsibility and stated that this duty was not fulfilled on the day of the attack.

Australia's Governor-General Sam Mostyn also spoke at the ceremony, noting that she had received messages of support and condolence from leaders around the world. She read a letter from King Charles III, who expressed sympathy and emphasized that in moments of deep pain, Australians consistently come together with unity and resolve.

The shooting targeted an event marking the first day of the Jewish festival of Hanukkah. Authorities confirmed that the incident was the deadliest mass shooting in Australia since 1996, leaving a lasting impact on the nation and prompting renewed reflection on public safety and community solidarity.