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**SCHAKOWSKY DENOUNCES
TERROR IN ANY FORM**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In reaction to the latest attacks in Israel and reports of threats against a mosque in Los Angeles and a member of Congress by the Jewish Defense League, U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) today denounced all forms of terrorism.

"I condemn terrorism in all forms," Schakowsky declared.

"We continue to be shocked and saddened by the September 11 attacks, and the gruesome attacks that have been taking place in Israel," said Schakowsky, following Wednesday night's attack where at least 10 Israelis were killed and more than 30 were injured during a roadside bombing and shooting attack against a bus. "If there is going to be hope for peace in the region, these acts of hate and terror must stop. Israel cannot be expected to negotiate with those that allow for such atrocities to occur."

She added, "I was also angered and saddened yesterday to learn that two leaders of the Jewish Defense League were assembling bombs to use in planned attacks against one of L.A.'s largest mosques and the local offices of U.S. Representative Darryl Issa."

"As a Jewish Member of Congress, I was particularly outraged by the news of those vicious plans. I want all of my colleagues and the entire American public to know that those individuals are seen by Jews as any other terrorist would be seen. They have no right to attempt to carry out murder in the name of religion and they do not represent the values or the beliefs of the Jewish community. Now, more than any time, it is important for this nation to embrace its diversity and for all of us to denounce discrimination, terror and hate in any form," Schakowsky concluded.