

Lia Tarachansky Incitement against refugees leads to racist attacks in Israel

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After weeks of violence, incitement against African refugees living in Israel's poorest neighborhoods led to a race riot and a wave of protests

In recent weeks, incitement by government officials, rightist settlers, and poor community members against African refugees seeking asylum in Israel escalated into violence. In May Molotov cocktails were thrown into refugee homes, businesses and one kindergarten. The incident did not lead to casualties but inspired a wave of protests leading to a race riot on May 23rd.

The Real News' Lia Tarachansky spoke with community members who protested against the refugees, with Mohammad Ibrahim, a refugee from Sudan, Rotem Ilan who volunteers to chaperone refugee children home from kindergartens to avoid violence, and journalist Mya Guarnieri.