

Israeli diplomat stabbed in China and supporters sing ‘Oseh Shalom’ in Tokyo as Israel-Hamas war reverberates across Asia

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(JTA) — An Israeli woman with a Chinese mother viral on China’s internet after being captured by Hamas. Dozens of Southeast Asian workers hostage, missing and killed on Israeli kibbutzes. Calls in Taiwan to take lessons from Israel’s embrace of self-defense.

And, on Friday, an Israeli embassy employee attacked in Beijing, on a day when a Hamas leader called for global protests.

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“It’s not only that China and Israel have very vast trade relations in recent years. China and Israel really have grown closer together,” **Ofir Dayan, a research assistant at Israel’s Institute for National Security Studies’** Israel-China Policy Center, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. “China is our ally. When you see someone as an ally, this statement is extremely disappointing ... to Israelis and to Israeli politicians who really believe in this relationship with China.”

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