

# Iraq-Born Man Released From Jail After Bringing Gun to Texas Elementary School

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A naturalized citizen born in Iraq is free from jail after facing charges for entering a Texas elementary school with a gun and tactical gear. Kyle Najm Chris, also known as Muhi Mohanad Najm, 39, allegedly walked into the front office of Zwink Elementary School in Spring, Texas, last Tuesday, wearing a load-bearing vest, a taser, and a holstered firearm.

Authorities arrested Chris on Wednesday, and the Harris County District Attorney charged him with possession of a prohibited weapon, a third-degree felony, KHOU reported. The law prohibits carrying weapons on school premises. Authorities released Chris from jail Sunday after he posted a \$75,000 bond, according to court records reviewed by The Daily Wire.

Chris allegedly walked into the school's front office after another visitor failed to close the door. A school employee asked Chris how he entered, and he said the door was unlatched. He reportedly asked if there was armed security on school property. After school staff asked him to provide an ID, he refused and left the school.

While Chris has left jail, he remains under 24-hour house arrest with a GPS monitor, and the court has forbidden him from going near any property belonging to the Klein Independent School District, Fox 26 reported. Chris has a private investigator license.

Chris did not open fire and his motives remain unknown. However, this incident follows a string of violent attacks allegedly perpetrated by naturalized citizens or children of naturalized citizens from Middle Eastern and African countries after President Donald Trump launched Operation Epic Fury in Iran.

## 1. Texas Shooting

A gunman later identified as Ndiaga Diagne opened fire at a bar in Austin, Texas, on March 1, about 24 hours after Trump announced Operation Epic Fury. Diagne,

a naturalized citizen who was born in Senegal, killed two people and wounded 14 before police shot and killed him. He had been wearing a shirt with an Iranian flag and a hoodie reading “Property of Allah.” The FBI is investigating the shooting as an act of terrorism, possibly tied to the war.

## 2. Gracie Mansion Bombing

On Saturday, March 7, Emir Balat, 18, and Ibrahim Kayumi, 19, allegedly attempted to detonate two improvised explosive devices, targeting protesters outside Gracie Mansion, the residence of New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani. The protesters had been opposing radical Muslims. According to the Justice Department, both men expressed their support for the Islamic State. Balat’s parents, born in Turkey, are naturalized citizens. Kayumi’s parents reportedly came to the U.S. from Afghanistan and are naturalized citizens.

## 3. Old Dominion University

On March 12, Mohamed Bailor Jalloh, 36, shouted “Allahu Akbar” before opening fire inside a classroom for the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia, according to an FBI special agent. Jalloh, a naturalized citizen born in Sierra Leone, killed an Army ROTC instructor and injured two others. Jalloh, who died of stabbing injuries after the ROTC students responded in self-defense, had previously been convicted of attempting to provide material support to ISIS.

## 4. Temple Israel Synagogue

Ayman Mohamad Ghazali, 41, a Lebanese-born naturalized citizen, rammed a vehicle into the building of Temple Israel synagogue in West Bloomington Township, Michigan, on March 12. He damaged the building and engaged in gunfire with armed security, who killed him. The FBI has described the attack as a targeted act of violence against the Jewish community. A source in Michigan’s Lebanese American community told CBS News that an Israeli airstrike in Lebanon killed the suspect’s two brothers and other family members.

While America prides itself on welcoming legal immigrants who aim to contribute to this country, extremism expert Ryan Mauro warned that the U.S. government lacks the ability to monitor naturalized citizens from countries of particular concern.