

#### Protest





# Israel Tactical: Protest slated outside Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem during late morning hours of February 11; maintain heightened vigilance

# **Current Situation:**

- The families of the hostages have called for a protest at Yig'al Shilo Square, in front of the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem, at 10:00 (local time) on February 11.
- The protest is set to coincide with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's reported plan to convene the Israeli war cabinet during the morning hours on February 11, following <u>Hamas' decision to</u> <u>indefinitely postpone the February 15 hostage release</u>.

Source: Bring Them Home

### **Assessments & Forecast:**

Since its implementation, activists have consistently staged protests across Israel, urging the government to uphold the ceasefire agreement with Hamas. The latest demonstration, prompted by Hamas' <u>announcement</u>, shows concerns among the hostages' families that the Israeli cabinet may impose punitive measures on Hamas which could jeopardize the truce and further reduce the chances of securing the remaining hostages' release. The protest therefore aims to urge the government to uphold the ceasefire. **FORECAST:** Based on precedent, this demonstration will likely draw a turnout in the mid-to-high dozens. Security forces will likely be deployed near the Prime Minister's Office and potentially in front of the Knesset during the time of the demonstration. Should authorities deem the demonstration excessively disruptive or unruly, they may resort to forceful dispersal. Traffic disruptions are likely to occur near the Yig'al Shilo Square during the late morning hours of February 11.

## **Recommendations:**

Those operating or residing in Jerusalem during the morning hours of February 11 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance and allot for disruptions in the vicinity of the Prime Minister's Office due to the slated protest and the risk of localized unrest.