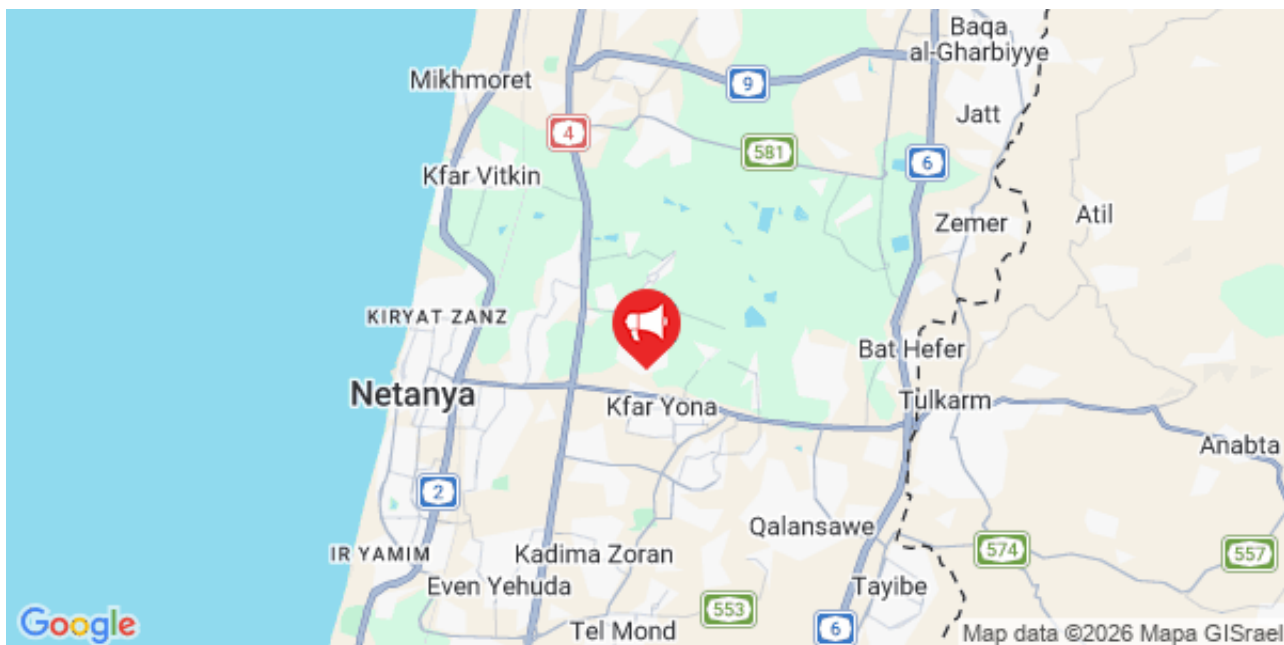


Protest

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Israel Tactical: Ultra-Orthodox demonstration slated outside Prison 10 in Kfar Yona at 16:00 on June 17; avoid nonessential travel to vicinity of protests

Current Situation:

- The ultra-Orthodox (Haredi) Gur Hasidic faction will reportedly hold a protest outside Prison 10 in central Israel's Kfar Yona, located approximately seven km east of Netanya, at 16:00 (local time) on June 17.
- Demonstrators in the high thousands are expected to depart for the protest from across the country. According to an unconfirmed report, around 30 buses will depart from southern Israel's Arad.
- The faction has reportedly called its first protest after an individual from the community was arrested for evading the draft.
- The "Jerusalem Faction," another Haredi group, has allegedly also called for protests and road blockages on June 17.

Source: [YNet](#); [Channel 14](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. The latest mobilization comes amid sustained protests by the ultra-Orthodox community across

Israel, including in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, over the arrest of Haredi draft evaders. In this context, the call for protest by the Gur community is notable given the faction's lack of endorsement of or involvement in prior large-scale protests, reflecting growing discontent among broader sections of the Haredi community. The call also follows the reported postponement of an ultra-Orthodox protest convoy that was expected to stage a demonstration outside Prison 10, suggesting an effort by the Gur leadership to capitalize on heightened sentiment to escalate pressure on the authorities.

- 2. FORECAST:** Given the already elevated tensions within the ultra-Orthodox community and size and mobilization of the Gur faction, the protest will likely garner a turnout in the low-to-mid thousands. Additionally, the reported attendance of the sons of the Gur Rebbe, the spiritual leader of the movement, will further boost participation. A bolstered security presence can be anticipated in the vicinity of Prison 10 to secure traffic and manage crowds. While the community has reportedly coordinated with authorities to prevent friction, given precedent, the protest is liable to witness significant unrest. Localized skirmishes and scuffles with motorists and security forces cannot be ruled out.
- 3. FORECAST:** Significant traffic disruptions can be expected in the vicinity of Prison 10 and the Sharon Junction, at the intersection of Highway 4 and Highway 57, during the afternoon hours. Traffic disruptions can also be expected along key routes leading from Haredi population centers toward Kfar Yoni, including in and around Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, and along Highways 6, 7, and 4, as protest convoys travel to the protest site.
- 4. FORECAST:** Additional nationwide ultra-Orthodox protests called on short notice cannot be ruled out, either, as evidenced by a [protest in Bnei Brak during the morning hours](#).

Recommendations:

1. Those operating or residing in Israel during the afternoon and evening hours on June 17 are advised to avoid nonessential travel to the vicinity of ultra-Orthodox protests due to the elevated risk of unrest.
2. Allot for disruptions to travel near central Israel's Kfar Yona and along major thoroughfares throughout the country.
3. Remain cognizant of the potential for additional protests across the country.