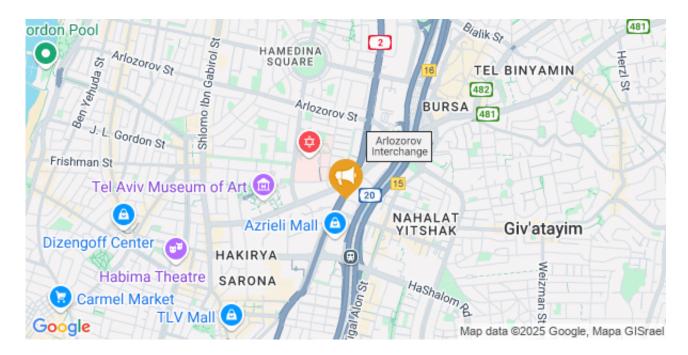


## **Protest**



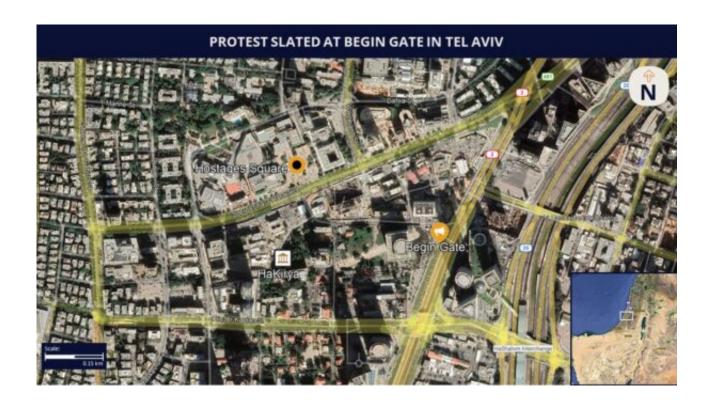
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Israel Tactical: Anti-government protest slated in Tel Aviv during evening hours of March 19; maintain heightened vigilance

## **Current Situation:**

- The activist group "We Are All Hostages" has called for a protest outside the Kirya's Begin Gate from 18:30 (local time) on March 19.
- The protest will be followed by an overnight camp at the Begin Gate, calling on the government to secure the return of the hostages.

Source: We are All Hostages



## **Assessments & Forecast:**

This follows Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's March 18 announcement of resumed hostilities against Hamas in the Gaza Strip, where the group continues to hold 59 living and deceased Israeli hostages. Netanyahu's decision, seen as a setback to ceasefire and hostage release negotiations, is likely to fuel intensified anti-government protests in Israel demanding the hostages' return. **FORECAST:** The protest is expected to draw a turnout in the high dozens to mid-hundreds. Security measures near the Kirya will likely be bolstered, given that it houses key government and military offices. Security forces may forcibly remove protesters if they are perceived as unruly, with scuffles between protesters and security forces not being ruled out. Protesters may obstruct key roads, including Menachem Begin Street, Kaplan Street, and potentially the Ayalon Highway. Traffic disruptions can be expected in the vicinity of the protest site.

## **Recommendations:**

Those operating and residing near Tel Aviv's Kirya complex in the evening hours of March 19 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance and allot for disruptions due to the slated protest.