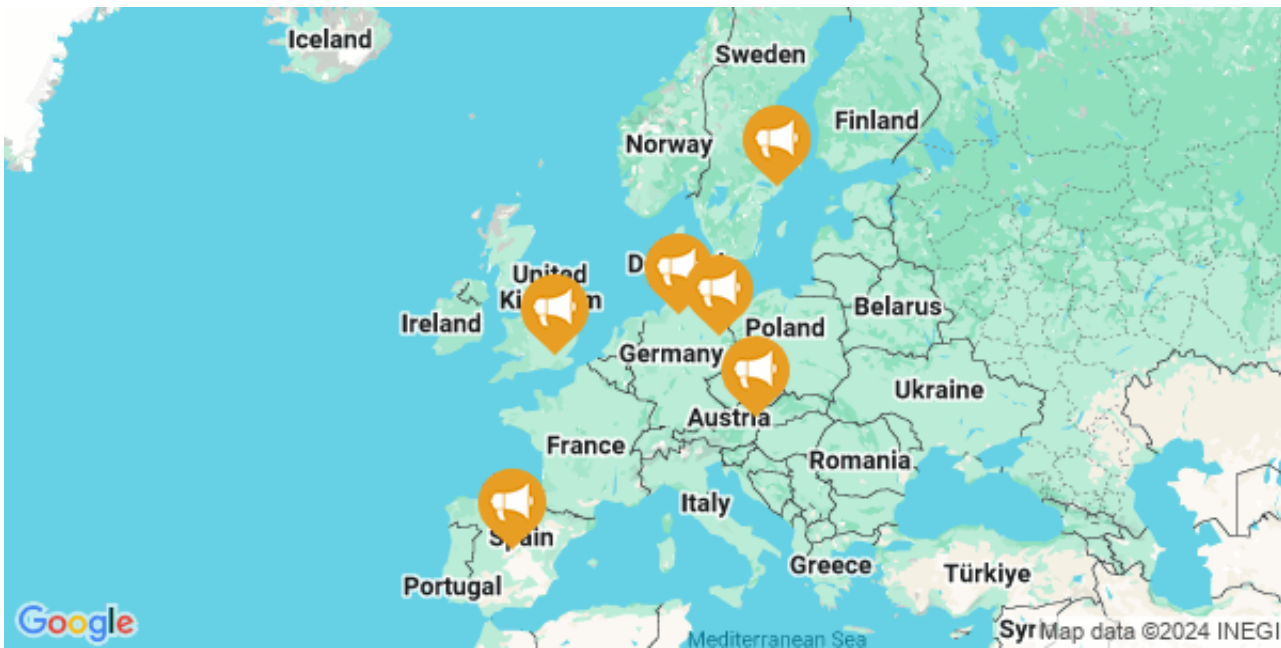




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Europe Tactical (UPDATE): Protests related to Israel-Hamas conflict to be held in multiple cities across Europe on October 7-10; maintain heightened vigilance

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Current Situation

- Reports indicate that protests and events related to the Israel-Hamas conflict are scheduled in multiple cities in Europe on October 7-10, coinciding with the first anniversary of the October 7 Hamas terrorist attacks on southern Israel.
- In Vienna, **Austria**, pro-Israel activists will hold a protest demanding peace on Ballhausplatz from 18:00 (local time) on October 7.

Source: [X/Twitter](#)

- In Berlin, **Germany**, pro-Palestinian activists will stage a demonstration denouncing Germany's support for Israel on Mariannenplatz in Kreuzberg from 19:00 on October 9.

Source: [Instagram](#)

- In Hamburg, **Germany**, pro-Israel activists will stage a demonstration against anti-Semitism near St. Jacobi Church on the intersection between Barkhof and Jakobikirchhof from 17:30 on October 7.

Source: [X/Twitter](#)

- In Madrid, **Spain**, pro-Israel activists will reportedly organize a protest on Puerta del Sol from 19:30 on October 7.

Source: [X/Twitter](#)

- In Stockholm, **Sweden**, pro-Palestinian activists will hold a protest on Sergels Torg in Stockholm from 18:00 on October 9.
- Furthermore, pro-Palestinian activists will stage a "silent" protest march in Stockholm on October 10. However, details, including the exact route of the demonstration and its timings remain unconfirmed, as of writing.

Source: [Facebook](#)

- In London, **UK**, pro-Palestinian student activists enrolled at King's College will stage walkouts from classes beginning at 12:30 on October 7. The students will reportedly hold a rally outside the Strand Building within the college campus.

Source: [Instagram](#)

Assessments & Forecast

1. Based on precedent, coupled with heightened sentiments regarding the one-year anniversary of the October 7 attacks, the slated protests are likely to witness turnouts ranging from the mid-hundreds to mid-thousands, with the protests in Madrid likely to attract the largest turnout.
2. In addition to the planned protests, spontaneous pro-Palestinian, pro-Israel, and Lebanon solidarity protests are liable to occur regionwide. Based on precedent, such protests are likely to occur near central government buildings, main squares, Israeli and US diplomatic missions, or Jewish community spaces. This is especially likely on October 7, given the significance of the date. The potential for counter-protests also remains elevated.
3. Amid high tensions and sentiments, any planned or spontaneous demonstrations carry a heightened potential for unrest, particularly if they attract counterprotests. Incidents of unrest are likely to manifest in the form of clashes between protesters and the police, as well as with counter-protesters. These protests may escalate into blockades, encampments, and acts of vandalism.
4. Additionally, pro-Palestinian protests with high student involvement or participation of left-wing groups have an increased risk of unrest, as these entities are liable to clash with police or engage in disruptive tactics, such as blocking transportation or damaging property. As such, the protest at King's College in London holds a latent risk of clashes with law enforcement, considering the involvement of student activists.
5. A bolstered security presence is expected near protest locations to monitor proceedings. In the case of escalating unrest, police are liable to use forcible dispersal methods, including conducting mass arrests.
6. The risk of anti-Semitic incidents is also expected to remain elevated in the immediate term, especially during such demonstrations. Jewish and Israeli individuals, as well as establishments, remain vulnerable to physical violence including incidents of arson, vandalism, and property damage. As such, authorities are expected to maintain a low threshold for intervention to prevent these disturbances.
7. Significant disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular movement, including road closures, disruptions to public transportation, and traffic diversions, should be anticipated near the protest locations.

Recommendations

1. Those operating or residing in Europe on October 7-10 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance near protests related to the Israel-Hamas conflict due to the elevated potential for unrest.
2. Allot for travel-related disruptions in the vicinity of the protest locations.