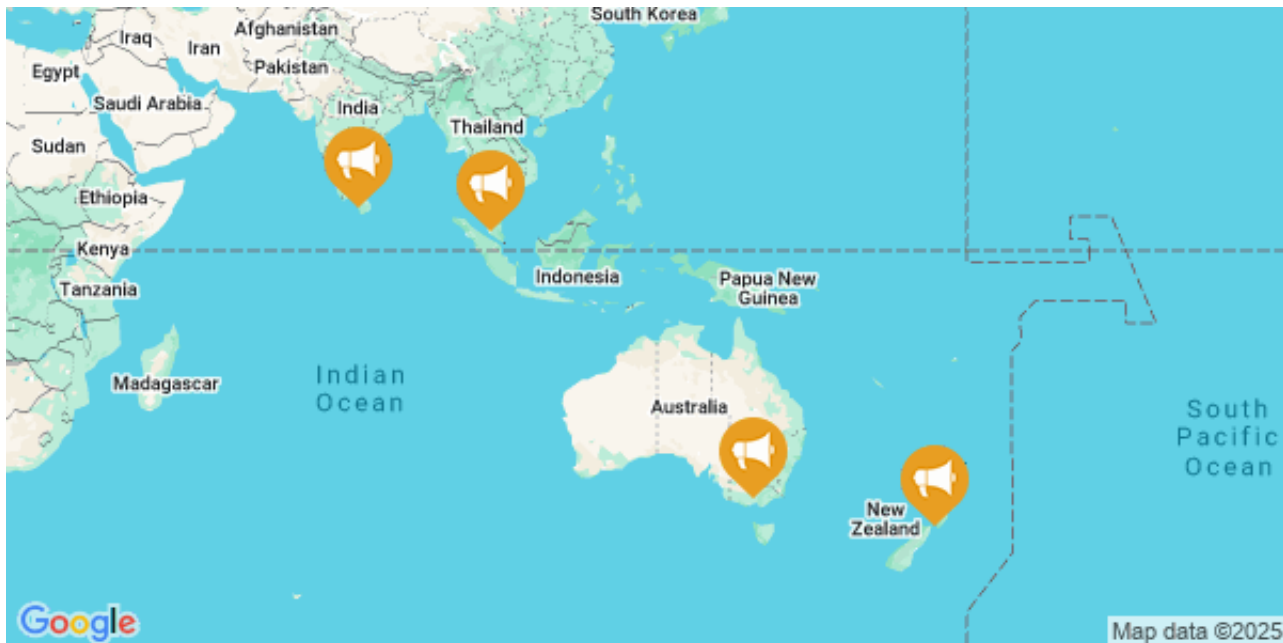


## Protest



# 04

AUG  
3:52 UTC

## Asia Tactical: Pro-Palestinian protests slated in multiple countries on August 5-9; maintain vigilance

### Current Situation:

- Multiple pro-Palestinian protests are slated to be held in Australia, Malaysia, New Zealand, and Sri Lanka on August 5-9 in the context of the ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip.
- In **Australia**, activists from multiple pro-Palestinian groups are slated to hold protests under the banner "National Strike 4 Palestine" at the State Library in Melbourne at 14:00 (local time) on August 7.
- Simultaneous protests will be held at the Town Hall in Sydney at 12:00, and at the Kambri ANU at 12:00 in Canberra on August 7.

Source: [Instagram](#)

- In **Malaysia**, the Humanity 4 Gaza group will hold a rally at Merdeka Square in Kuala Lumpur from 16:00-23:00 on August 9.

Source: [Facebook](#)

- In **New Zealand**, activists from the Justice for Palestine and Peace Action Wellington groups are slated to hold a march beginning outside the UK High Commission to the Police National Headquarters in Wellington from 12:30-13:30 on August 8.

Source: [Instagram](#)

- In **Sri Lanka**, activists are slated to hold a protest at the Baladaksha Mawatha car park in Colombo at 08:00 on August 5.
- The protest will be held to demand that the Sri Lankan government cut ties with Israel.

Source: [X/Twitter](#)

## Assessments & Forecast:

1. The turnout at the protests in Canberra, Melbourne, and Sydney in **Australia** is likely to reach the mid hundreds based on observed attendance at recent protests. In Kuala Lumpur, **Malaysia**, the attendance is likely to range in the high dozens to low hundreds, based on precedent. Meanwhile, the attendance in Wellington, **New Zealand** and Colombo, **Sri Lanka** is liable to range between the mid-to-high dozens. The authorities will bolster security measures in the vicinity of all the aforementioned protest locations as part of standard protocols. This will likely manifest in the deployment of police personnel and setting up of barricades to monitor and control crowds. In Melbourne and Sydney, police presence is likely to be heightened given recent tensions surrounding a banned protest on August 3. The police are liable to enforce blockades along major thoroughfares, particularly bridges, should the protests devolve into ad-hoc marches.
2. There remains a latent risk of scuffles between the police and protesters in all cities, should participants be perceived as attempting to breach security protocols or engaging in antisemitic sloganeering. Potential ad-hoc counter protests by Jewish/pro-Israel groups are liable to further elevate the risk of inter-group clashes in Australia. In case of unrest, the authorities will likely employ forcible dispersal measures, including move-on orders or temporary detentions. Significant travel disruptions are anticipated in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations during the protest hours between August 5-9.

## Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Australia, Malaysia, New Zealand, and Sri Lanka on August 5-9 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the slated protests and associated risk of scuffles while allotting for travel disruptions.