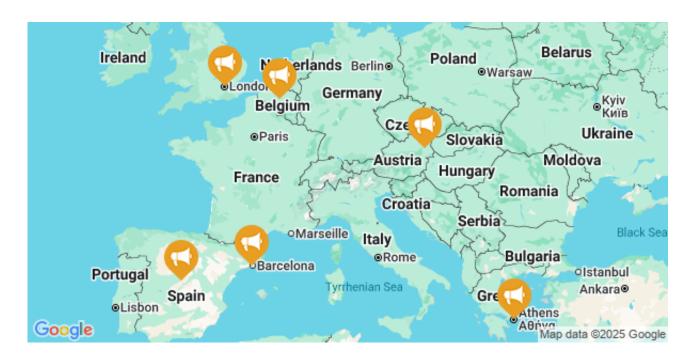


## **Protest**





Europe Tactical (UPDATE): Protests related to Israel-Hamas conflict to take place in cities regionwide on September 9-19; maintain heightened vigilance

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## **Current Situation**

- Reports indicate that protests related to the Israel-Hamas conflict will take place in multiple cities regionwide on September 9-19.
- In Vienna, **Austria**, a pro-Palestinian protest is slated to take place at the intersection of Graben and Ecke Kohlmarkt 1010 at 17:00 (local time) on September 19.

Source: Facebook

• In Brussels, **Belgium**, a pro-Israel protest is slated to take place at Place du Luxembourg at 16:00 on September 17.

Source: X/twitter

• In Athens, **Greece**, a pro-Palestinian protest in support of journalists in the Gaza Strip is slated to take place outside the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at 10:30 on September 11.

Source: 902

- In **Spain**, judicial employees are slated to hold demonstrations in Barcelona and Madrid on September 17.
- The protests are being called to denounce alleged human rights violations in Gaza.
- In Barcelona, the protest will take place at the Consulate of Israel on Gran Via de Carles III at 20:00 on September 17.
- In Madrid, the protest is slated to take place at the Embassy of Israel on Velazquez 150 at 20:00 on September 17.

Source: X/Twitter

- In London, **UK**, the Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC) has called for an emergency pro-Palestinian protest to take place at 10 Downing Street 18:00 on September 9.
- The protest, originally scheduled for September 11, has been called to oppose the scheduled visit of Israel's President Isaac Herzog on September 9.

Source: X/Twitter

## **Assessments & Forecast**

- 1. Based on precedent and the mobilizational capabilities of the organizers, the above protests are likely to garner turnouts ranging from the low hundreds to mid-thousands each, with the protest in London on September 9 likely to garner the largest turnout in the high thousands to low tens of thousands.
- 2. In addition to the planned protests, spontaneous protests related to the conflict are likely to occur regionwide in the coming days, especially given the recent evacuation order of Gaza City and ensuing strikes in the area. Protests are likely to take place near central government buildings, main squares, and Israeli and US diplomatic missions.
- 3. Based on precedent, any planned or spontaneous demonstration related to the Israel-Hamas conflict carries a heightened potential for unrest in the form of clashes between protesters, potential counter-protesters, and police.
- 4. Given this, a reinforced 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 tear gas or conducting arrests.
- 5. Significant disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular movement, including road closures and traffic diversions, should be anticipated near the protest locations. Moreover, in London, security measures are expected to be heightened given Herzog's visit. This could result in temporary road closures due to security cordons. While details on Herzog's itinerary have not been disclosed, disruptions at and near airports, including Heathrow (LHR), City (LCY), Gatwick (LGW), Luton (LTN), Stansted (STN), and Southend (SEN), are possible on September 9.

## Reccommendations

- 1. Those operating or residing in Europe on September 9-19 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.