

## Protest



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**Europe Tactical (UPDATE): Protests related to Israel-Hamas conflict to take place in multiple cities on April 16-19; maintain heightened vigilance**

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## Current Situation

- Reports indicate that protests related to the Israel-Hamas conflict will take place in several cities regionwide on April 16-19.
- Multiple protests are organized as part of the International Day of Solidarity with Palestinian Prisoners on April 17. Details are as follows:
  - In Brussels, **Belgium**, a pro-Palestinian protest will be held at Place du Luxembourg at 17:00 (local time) on April 17.
  - The protest is being held in connection with the International Day of Solidarity with Palestinian Prisoners.

Source: [Instagram](#)

- In Antwerp, a pro-Palestinian vigil will be held at Heide Station from 19:30 on April 18.

Source: [Facebook](#)

- In Paris, **France**, a protest organized in support of journalists in the Gaza Strip will be held in front of the Opera Bastille, located at Place de la Bastille in Paris, at 18:00 on April 16.

Source: [X/Twitter](#)

- An associated protest will be held at the same time at the Old Port in Marseille.

Source: [X/Twitter](#)

- Also in Paris, three pro-Palestinian protests in connection with the International Day of Solidarity with Palestinian Prisoners on April 17.
- A protest is slated to be held at Place de la Republique at 19:00.

Source: [Instagram](#)

- Another protest will be held at Metro Menilmontant from 18:00.

Source: [Instagram](#)

- Also at 18:00, a protest will be held in front of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, located at 37 Quai d'Orsay.

Source: [Facebook](#)

- In Berlin, **Germany**, a protest in support of students arrested during pro-Palestinian demonstrations in May 2024, will be held at Amtsgericht Tiergarten, located at 91 Turmstrasse, at 10:30 on April 16.

Source: [Instagram](#)

- Also on April 16, a protest denouncing deportations of pro-Palestinian activists will be held in front of the Irish Embassy, located at 51 Jagerstrasse in Berlin from 11:00 to 13:00.

Source: [Instagram](#)

- On April 17, a protest in connection with the International Day of Solidarity with Palestinian Prisoners will be held at Oranienplatz in Berlin at 17:00.

Source: [Instagram](#)

- On April 18, a protest denouncing deportations of pro-Palestinian activists will be held at Alexanderplatz in Berlin from 16:00.

Source: [Instagram](#)

- On April 19, a pro-Palestinian demonstration will take place at Mariannenplatz in Berlin at 13:00.

Source: [Instagram](#)

- In Dublin, **Ireland**, a pro-Palestinian protest is slated to be held in front of the Leinster House, located at Kildare Street, at 12:00 on April 16.

Source: [IPSC](#)

- In The Hague, **Netherlands**, a pro-Palestinian sit-in protest will be held at Centraal Station from 18:00 on April 16.

Source: [Instagram](#)

- In Barcelona, **Spain**, a protest in connection with the International Day of Solidarity with Palestinian Prisoners will be held at Rambla del Raval at 18:30 on April 17.

Source: [X/Twitter](#)

- In Stockholm, **Sweden**, a pro-Palestinian protest will be held at Sergels Torg at 18:00 on April 16.

Source: [Instagram](#)

## Assessments & Forecast

1. Based on precedent and the mobilizational capabilities of the organizers, protests related to the Israel-Hamas conflict are likely to attract turnouts in the low hundreds to mid-thousand each. The protests commemorating International Day of Solidarity with Palestinian Prisoners in Berlin and Paris are likely to see the largest turnouts.
2. In addition to the planned protests, spontaneous pro-Palestinian and pro-Israel demonstrations are likely to occur regionwide, given the commemorations of the International Day of Solidarity with Palestinian Prisoners. Protests over the conflict 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 demonstrations related to the Israel-Hamas conflict carry a heightened potential for unrest in the form of clashes between protesters and police. Further, the potential for pro-Israel counter-protests also remains, increasing the risk of clashes between opposing groups.
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 using tear gas or conducting mass arrests.
5. 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 April 16-19 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.