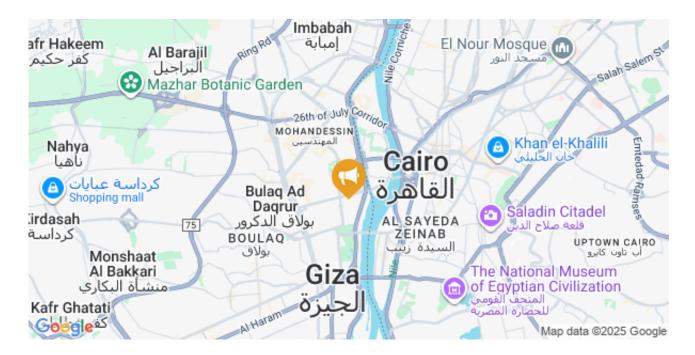


Protest



02 oct 9:56 UTC Egypt Tactical: Pro-Palestinian activists call for sit-in on Cairo's Almosekar Ali Ismail Street from 17:00 on October 2; maintain heightened vigilance

Current Situation:

- Egyptian activists representing the "Egyptian Fleet of Resilience to Break the Gaza Blockade" are calling for a sit-in outside their headquarters, located on 7 Almosekar Ali Ismail Street in Cairo's Dokki District.
- The activists are inviting protesters to come to the headquarters starting from 17:00 (local time) on October 2, ahead of the main event at 19:00. The event is planned to conclude by 23:00.
- The event is being organized to denounce Israel's interception of the "Global Sumud Flotilla," which attempted to break the naval blockade of the Gaza Strip, overnight on October 1-2.



Source: Egyptian Fleet of Resilience to Break the Gaza Blockade

Assessments & Forecast:

- 1. The call for protest comes in the aftermath of the activist group's September 30 announcement that security forces detained three activists outside its Cairo headquarters. This will increase activists' perception of the Egyptian authorities' politically motivated crackdown on pro-Palestine protesters, following a similar incident on June 17 when foreign activists planning a march to Gaza were allegedly beaten and interrogated in Cairo. The recent detentions will likely increase anti-government sentiments among Cairo-based activists, compounding outrage concerning Israel's interception of the "Global Sumud Flotilla."
- 2. FORECAST: This will likely fuel some mobilization for the sit-in, which is likely to attract a turnout in the dozens. Security forces will likely deploy to the vicinity of Almosekar Ali Ismail Street in heightened numbers to quell the potential for unrest, particularly given the anti-government undertones that the gathering is likely to entail. While in recent months, pro-Palestinian protests by local activists in Cairo have largely transpired peacefully, it cannot be ruled out that security forces will intervene in the demonstration and detain participants, as recorded on September 30, given their broad intolerance to demonstrations. Regardless, the expected heightened presence of security forces in the vicinity of the protest location will likely cause traffic disruptions in the area from the late afternoon hours of October 2.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Cairo on October 2 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance near Almosekar Ali Ismail Street and avoid the vicinity of the sit-in due to the risk of authorities detaining participants.