

Protest



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Current Situation

- Reports indicate that protests related to the Israel-Hamas conflict will take place in cities regionwide on November 4-8.
- In Copenhagen, **Denmark**, a pro-Palestinian protest march is slated to take place from Bronshoj Square to Tingbjerg at 14:00 (local time) on November 8.

Source: Allepaagaden

• In Cologne, Germany , a pro-Palestinian protest is slated to be held at Hauptbahnhof from 14:00 (local time) on November 8.
Source: X/Twitter
• In Hamburg, Germany, a pro-Palestinian protest is slated to be held at Hauptbahnhof from 14:00 on November 8.
Source: Instagram
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 In Munich, Germany, a pro-Palestinian protest is slated to be held at Konigsplatz from 17:00 on November 7.
Source: Instagram
• In Hospitalet de Llobregat, Barcelona, Spain, a pro-Palestinian protest is slated to take place at Avenida de Joan Carles I, 64, at 08:30 on November 4.
Source: Instagram

- In Zurich, **Switzerland,** a pro-Palestinian protest will take place at Gessnerallee at 18:45 on November 5. The exact location on Gessnerallee is not disclosed.
- The protest is being held to denounce an event by the City of Zurich Pension Fund, which organizers claim supports Israel.

Source: <u>Instagram</u>

Assessments & Forecast

- 1. Based on social media estimates and the mobilizational capabilities of the organizers, the protests are likely to garner turnouts ranging from the low hundreds to the high hundreds, with the protests in Copenhagen, Hamburg, and Munich likely to see the highest turnouts.
- 2. In addition to the planned protests, spontaneous protests related to the conflict are likely to occur regionwide in the coming days. This is especially given the alleged ceasefire violations between Israel and Hamas. Protests are likely to take place near central government buildings, main squares, and Israeli and US diplomatic missions, while coordinated civil disobedience campaigns are also likely to target companies in the defense and technology industries, as well as insurance companies and banks. This may involve blocking entrances and roads, as well as splashing paint on building facades.
- 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 all 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.

Recommendations

- 1. Those operating or residing in Europe on November 4-8 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.