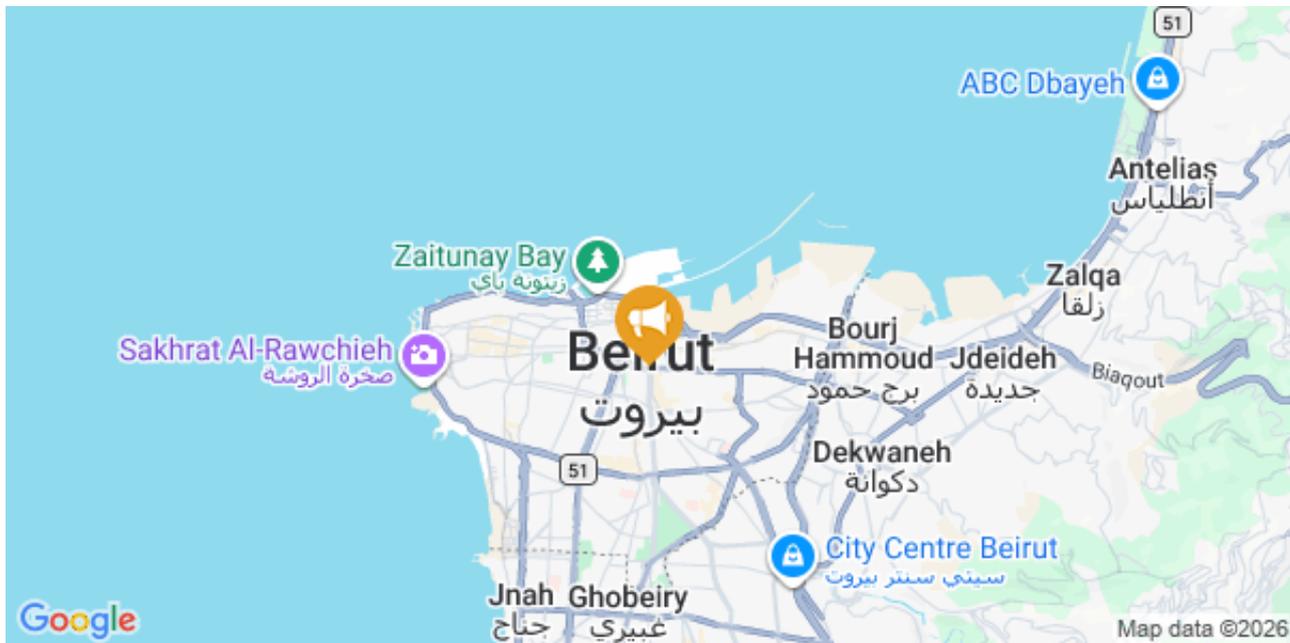


## Protest

**17**FEB  
9:21 UTC

## Lebanon Tactical: Protesters block Beirut's Ring Bridge during late morning hours on February 17; maintain heightened vigilance

### Current Situation:

- Emerging reports state that protesters blocked the Ring bridge in Beirut in both directions during the late morning hours (local time) on February 17.
- The demonstration is ongoing in opposition to the government's decision to increase fees and taxes.
- Images circulating on social media show heavy traffic with many vehicles stranded on the road.

Source: [X](#)

### Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Beirut on February 17 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance and allot for disruptions to travel along the Ring bridge due to the ongoing protest and the associated risk of unrest.