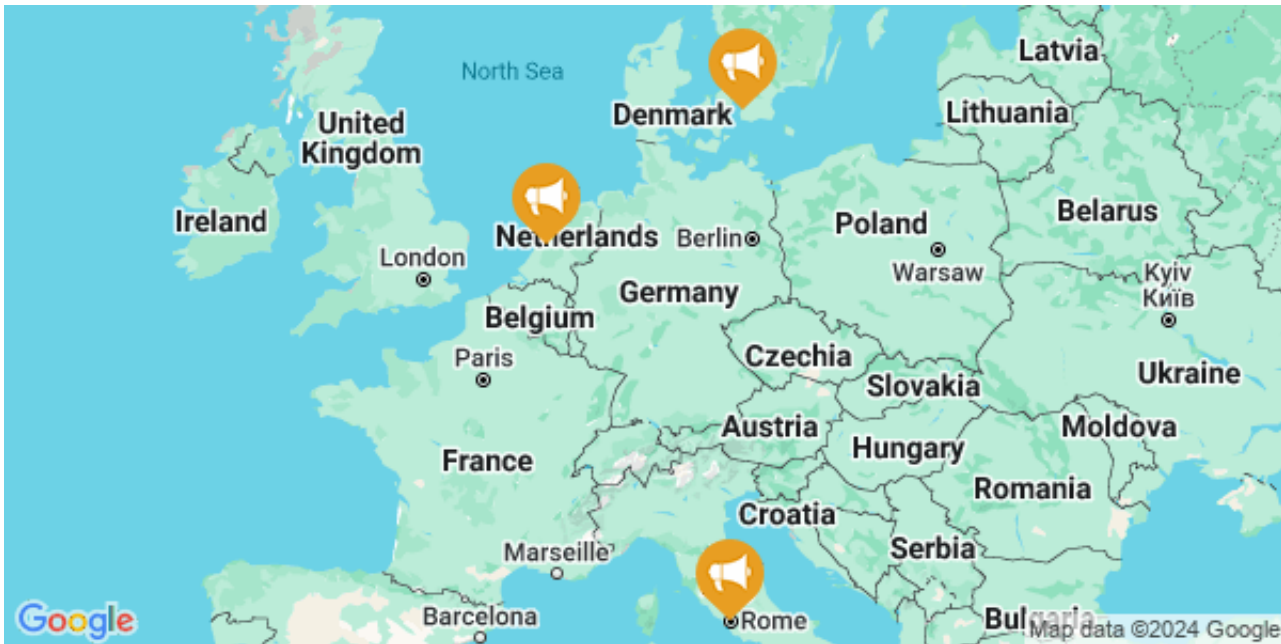




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Europe Tactical (UPDATE): Protests related to Israel-Hamas conflict to be held in multiple cities regionwide on November 28-30; maintain heightened vigilance

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Current Situation

- Reports indicate that protests relating to the Israel-Hamas conflict are scheduled in Europe on November 28-30.
- In **Italy**, a pro-Palestinian protest march will be held starting at Piazza Vittorio and ending at Porta San Paolo in Rome at 14:00 (local time) on November 30.
- Organizing groups, including the left-wing Con le Resistenze, have called for demonstrations nationwide, including in Milan, however exact details regarding timing and locations have yet to be announced.

Source: [Contropiano](#)

- In the **Netherlands**, the pro-Israel group Christenen Voor Israel is calling for a protest against anti-Semitism in front of the Stopera complex in Amsterdam at 19:00 (local time) on November 28.
- The protest was originally set to occur at Dam Square but was moved after an ordinance from the mayor of Amsterdam, Femke Halsema, banning the protest at that location citing safety concerns. Halsema stated that the wellbeing of the visitors of the demonstration at that location cannot be guaranteed by the municipality of Amsterdam.

Source: [Christenen Voor Israel](#)

- In **Sweden**, a pro-Palestinian protest will take place at 17:00 at Stortorget in Malmo on November 29.

Source: [Facebook](#)

- In the **UK**, the Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC) has called for a national workplace day of action and associated local protests on November 28. This will include unions carrying out short durations of labor action and demonstrations at their respective workplaces and offices.

Source: [PSC](#)

- Additionally, on November 28, Belgium and the EU will host the second meeting of The Global Alliance for the Implementation of the Two-State Solution at the Egmont Palace in Brussels.
- The meeting is called to bring together high-level officials from around the world to discuss a potential two-state solution between Israel and Palestine. The EU's outgoing Foreign Affairs chief Josep Borrell will be present, as well as, Belgium's outgoing Foreign Minister Hadja Lahbib.

Source: [The Brussels Times](#)

Assessments & Forecast

1. Based on precedent and the mobilizational capabilities of the organizers, these protests are likely

to attract turnouts in the mi- hundreds to mid-thousands, with the protests in Amsterdam and Rome likely to attract the largest turnout.

2. In addition to the planned protests, spontaneous pro-Palestinian and pro-Israel demonstrations are likely to occur regionwide. Such protests are likely to occur near central government buildings, main squares, Israeli and US diplomatic missions, or Jewish community spaces.
3. Based on precedent, any planned or spontaneous demonstrations carry an elevated potential for unrest, particularly if protests attract counterprotests by pro-Israel, pro-Palestinian, and/or far-right groups. Additionally, protests involving left-wing groups also have an elevated risk of unrest, as these entities are liable to engage in disruptive tactics, such as blocking transportation or damaging property.
4. Due to heightened sentiments regarding the ordinance to change protest locations, the Amsterdam protest on November 28 carries a heightened potential for unrest. It is relevant to note that a pro-Palestinian protest is called for November 30 in Amsterdam and is scheduled to take place at the original location of the pro-Israel protest. As such, the potential for pro-Palestinian counter-protesters is especially high at the November 28 protest.
5. Additionally, in Brussels, while no specific protests have been announced as of writing, spontaneous protests can be expected outside of the Egmont Palace by those opposing a two-state solution.
6. Given this, a bolstered 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 conducting mass arrests.
7. 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 November 28-30 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.