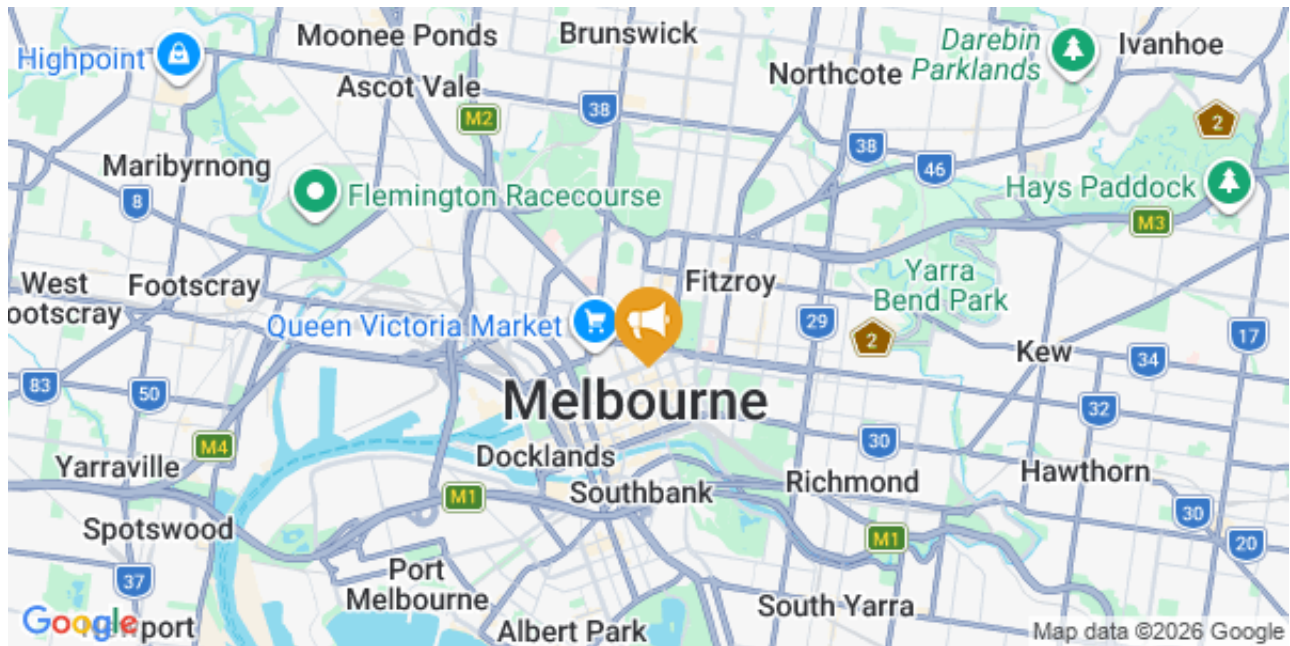




Protest



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Australia Tactical: Pro-Lebanon protest slated at State Library in Melbourne at 12:00 (local time) on April 11; maintain vigilance

Current Situation:

- Members of the Free Palestine Melbourne group are slated to hold a protest at the State Library in Melbourne at 12:00 (local time) on April 11.
- The demonstration will be held to denounce Israel's military operation against Hezbollah targets in Lebanon.



Source: [Instagram](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. Turnout at the slated protest in Melbourne is likely to range between the mid-to-high dozens, based on the resonance of the conflict in the city. The authorities are expected to bolster security measures in the vicinity of the State Library as part of the standard security protocol. These measures will include the deployment of police personnel and installation of barricades to monitor the proceedings.
2. There remains a latent risk of scuffles between the police and protesters, in case the latter engage in disruptive actions such as breaching security cordons. Additionally, the potential presence of pro-Israel protesters in the vicinity of the location is liable to heighten the risk of clashes between the opposite sides. In such cases, the police are liable to quell the unrest through detention or via the use of pepper spray. Localized disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular travel are anticipated in the vicinity of State Library due to the expected turnout and related security measures during the protest hours on April 11.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Melbourne on April 11 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of State Library due to the slated protest and related risk of unrest while allotting for travel disruptions.