

Protest



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Israel Tactical: Riot dispersal ongoing at Jerusalem's Bar Ilan Street during early afternoon hours of January 20; avoid nonessential travel

Current Situation:

- Israel's Police Spokesman confirmed that Jerusalem district police and border guard forces are working to disperse violent rioters in Jerusalem and Bet Shemesh during the early afternoon hours (local time) of January 20.
- In Jerusalem, ultra-Orthodox demonstrators reportedly blocked the **Bar Ilan junction** and were seen throwing objects and stones, setting fire to trash cans, and obstructing traffic routes.
- Footage from the protests depicts law enforcement using water cannons to disperse rioters in the **Har Hotzvim** neighborhood.
- The protests are in response to the slated autopsies due to be performed on two infants who were killed in a kindergarten accident on January 19 in Jerusalem.

Source: [Israel Police](#)

Recommendations:

1. Those operating or residing in Jerusalem and Bet Shemesh during the early afternoon hours of January 20 are advised to avoid all nonessential travel to the aforementioned locations due to the

ongoing riot dispersal and the associated risk of violent clashes.

2. Remain abreast of the possibility of additional spontaneous protests breaking out near prominent thoroughfares and around ultra-Orthodox locales in the coming hours.