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Americas Tactical: Pro-Palestinian groups call for regionwide demonstrations as part of 'International Day of Action for Palestine' on October 5-6; maintain heightened vigilance

Current Situation

- Pro-Palestinian activist groups including the Palestinian Youth Movement, the National Students for Justice in Palestine, and other associated activist groups have called for an 'International Day of Action for Palestine' on October 5-6, marking the one-year anniversary of the Israel-Hamas war on October 7.
- Demonstrations have been announced in **Canada, Chile, Ecuador, Mexico, USA, and Venezuela.**

Details regarding locations and timings of protest actions in Canada are as follows:

- In **Calgary, AB**, a protest is slated at City Hall at 14:00 on October 5.

- In **Kingston, ON**, a protest is slated at Mcburney Park at 14:00 on October 5.

- In **Montreal, QC**, a protest is slated at Place des Arts at 1400 and at Saint Urbain at 14:00 on October 5.

- In **Ottawa, ON**, a protest is slated at Parliament Hill at 14:00 on October 5.

- In **Saskatoon, SK**, a protest is slated at Cumberland Park 8th Street 14:30 on October 5.

- In **Toronto, ON**, a protest is slated at Yonge and Dundas Square at 14:00 on October 5.

- In **Vancouver, BC**, a protest is slated at the Vancouver Art Gallery at 14:00 on October 5.

- In **Whitehorse, YT**, a protest is slated at the Healing Totem at 14:00 on October 5.

Details regarding locations and timings of protest actions in Chile are as follows:

- In **Concepcion**, a protest is slated at Plaza Peru at 11:30 on October 5.

- In **Puerto Montt**, a protest is slated at Plaza de Armas at 15:00 on October 5

- In **Santiago**, a protest is slated at Alameda at 11:00 on October 5.

Details regarding locations and timings of protest actions in Ecuador are as follows:

- In **Quito**, a protest is slated at the Plaza Santo Domingo at 10:00 on October 5.

Details regarding locations and timings of protest actions in Mexico are as follows:

- In **Mexico City**, a protest march is slated from the Angel de la Independencia to the Monumento de la Revolucion at 15:00 on October 5

- In **Torreon**, a protest is slated from the Plaza de Armas at 10:00 on October 6.

Details regarding locations and timings of protest actions in the USA are as follows:

- In **Albuquerque, NM**, a protest is slated at Robinson Park at 14:00 (local time) on October 5.

- In **Amherst, MA**, a protest is slated at Amherst Town Common at 13:00 (local time) on October 5.

- In **Amityville, NY**, a protest is slated at the Long Island Rail Road station at 13:00 (local time) on October 6.
- In **Anchorage, AK**, a protest is slated at Town Square Park at 14:00 (local time) on October 5.
- In **Atlanta, GA**, a protest is slated at 190 Mariette Street Northwest at 14:00 (local time) on October 5.
- In **Boston, MA**, a protest is slated at Boston Common at the Parkman Bandstand at 13:00 on October 6.
- In **Burlington, VT**, a protest is slated at Battery Park at 13:00 on October 5.
- In **Charleston, NC**, a protest is slated at Marion Square Park at 14:00 on October 5.
- In **Chicago, IL**, a protest is slated at the Qahwa at 7544 West 103rd Street at 18:00 on October 4. Separately, a protest is planned at Water Tower Park at 180 East Pearson Street at 14:00 on October 5.

- In **Cleveland, OH**, a protest is slated at a parking lot on 11804 Lorain Avenue, 44111, at 15:00 on October 5.
- In **Colombus, OH**, a protest is slated at Goodale Park, at 14:00 on October 5.
- In **Dallas, TX**, a protest is slated at The Grassy Knoll at 12:00 on October 5.
- In **Denver, CO**, a protest is slated at 400 Josephine Street at 12:00 on October 5.
- In **Detroit, MI**, a protest is slated at the First Five Woodward Avenue at 14:00 on October 5.
- In **Dover, DE**, a protest is slated at 250 Gateway South Boulevard at 12:00 on October 5.
- In **Honolulu, HI**, a protest is slated at Ala Moana & Atkinson at 11:00 on October 5.
- In **Houston, TX**, a protest is slated at Houston City Hall at 14:00 on October 5.

- In **Indianapolis, IN**, a protest is slated at Lugar Plaza at 14:00 on October 5.
- In **Kansas City, MO**, a protest is slated at Mill Creek Park at 13:00 on October 5.
- In **Las Vegas, NV**, a protest is slated at 3449 South Sammy Davis Junior Drive at 14:00 on October 5.
- In **Little Rock, AR**, a protest is slated at 1200 Main Street at 16:00 on October 5.
- In **Los Angeles, CA**, a protest is slated at Pershing Square at 14:00 on October 5.
- In **Louisville, KY**, a protest is slated at the Waterfront Park at 231 East Witherspoon at 15:00 on October 5.
- In **Memphis, TN**, a protest is slated at the City Hall at 14:00 on October 5.
- In **Milwaukee, WI**, a protest is slated at the Zeidler Square Union Park at 14:00 on October 5.

- In **Missoula, MT**, a protest is slated at the 200 West Broadway Steet at 19:00 on October 5.
- In **Nashville, TN**, a protest is slated at Centennial Park at 14:00 on October 5.
- In **New Haven, CT**, a protest is slated at 250 Temple Street at 13:00 on October 5.
- In **New York City, NY**, a protest is slated at Times Square at 14:00 on October 5. Separately, on October 7, protests are slated at Wall Street (NYSE) at 13:00, at City Hall at 14:30, at Washington Square Park at 15:30, at Union Square at 16:00, at Grand Central Station at 17:00, at Times Square at 17:30, and at Columbus Circle at 18:00.
- In **Orlando, FL**, a protest is slated at Orlando City Hall at 16:00 on October 5.
- In **Pensacola, FL**, a protest is slated at the Palafox and Gregory Street at 14:00 on October 5.
- In **Portland, OR**, a protest is slated at the Denorval Unthank City Park at 15:00 on October 5.
- In **Providence, RI**, a protest is slated at Rhode Island State House Steps at 15:00 on October 5.

- In **Raleigh, NC**, a protest is slated at Moore Square at 15:00 on October 5.
- In **Rochester, NY**, a protest is slated at 353 Court Street at 13:00 on October 5.
- In **San Francisco, CA**, a protest is slated at 16th and Valencia 13:00 on October 6.
- In **Salt Lake City, CA**, a protest is slated at 125 S State Street at 14:00 on October 5.
- In **San Diego, CA**, a protest is slated at 1600 Pacific Highway at 14:00 on October 5.
- In **Seattle, WA**, a protest is slated at Pier 62 on the Seattle Waterfront at 14:00 on October 5.
- In **St. Louis, MO**, a protest is slated at Chouteau Park at 13:00 on October 6.
- In **Tampa, FL**, a protest is slated at Bank of America Plaza at 14:00 on October 5.

- In **Urbana, IL**, a protest is slated at 101 E Main Street at 14:00 on October 5.
- In **Ventura, CA**, a protest is slated at 501 Poli Street at 14:00 on October 5.
- In **Washington DC**, a protest is slated outside of the White House at 16:00 on October 5.

Details regarding locations and timings of protest actions in Venezuela are as follows:

- In **Caracas**, a protest march is slated from the Plaza Altamira to the UN Main Office on Avenida Luis Roche, Quinta Elsa at 09:00 on October 5.

Source: [Palestinian Youth Movement](#)

Assessments & Forecast

1. The anniversary protests are being held amid heightened tensions due to Israel’s operations targeting Hezbollah in Lebanon during the ongoing Israel-Hamas conflict, with tensions exacerbated following the killing of Hezbollah’s Secretary General, Hassan Nasrallah, during its strike on Hezbollah’s Central Headquarters in Beirut on September 27.

Canada & USA

1. Pro-Palestinian protest activity in North America seemingly gained momentum in the past week, with protests reported across major cities in the USA and Canada, not only in solidarity with Palestinians, but also in support of Lebanon. The protests were largely held to demand a ceasefire and denounce US support for Israel’s military offensive in Gaza and against the Israeli airstrikes in Lebanon, which are part of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) offensive against Hezbollah. Protesters are also demanding that the US government impose an arms embargo on Israel.
2. **FORECAST:** Given the prevalent tensions, the precedent of protests in support of Palestine and Lebanon, including the protests held in Canada and the USA on September 27 and 29, in addition to the high levels of engagement on the social media posts calling for protests, the demonstrations are expected to draw a high turnout across major Canadian and US cities. In urban centers such as Montreal, Ottawa, and Vancouver in Canada and Cleveland, Chicago, New York, and Washington, DC in the USA, high turnouts in the low-to-mid tens of thousands is anticipated.

Meanwhile, other urban centers in North Americas are likely to draw lower turnouts ranging in the mid-to-high hundreds, each. In addition, ad-hoc pro-Palestinian protests and events can be expected on university campuses in the USA, as students return for the autumn term.

3. **FORECAST:** These protests are likely to include crowds engaging in provocative antisemitic sloganeering, vandalism of storefronts, landmarks, or other public infrastructure, use of pyrotechnics, burning of the Israeli or host countries' flags or effigies depicting prominent political leaders and officials, or traffic blockades on major motorways. In addition, vandalism of companies perceived to be complicit in the Israel-Hamas conflict, particularly defense manufacturing firms, remains likely.
4. **FORECAST:** In response to the heightened Pro-Palestinian protest activity, there is a credible potential for pro-Israel counter-protests on the same days. They are likely to be held around key public squares, mosques, synagogues, or other Jewish buildings, government buildings, and Israeli diplomatic missions in major cities. Spontaneous and planned counter-protests specifically aimed at disrupting these events can be expected. These protests have the potential to turn violent with participants engaging in clashes and vandalism destroying property. Given these circumstances, the bolstered security measures, including riot police, can be expected to be deployed at the pro-Palestinian and pro-Israel protests to mitigate unrest and violence. In the cases of security forces using forcible measures such as tear gas and batons to disperse the crowds, there is potential for clashes between the protesters and security personnel.

Mexico

1. **FORECAST:** The upcoming demonstrations in Mexico City are likely to witness a turnout in the high hundreds-to-mid thousands and carry a latent risk for clashes based on precedent from previous protests on August 3 and on May 29 in Mexico City. Ad-hoc protests can also be expected outside the US and Israeli Embassies in Mexico City. Consequently, a bolstered security presence can be expected near all protest locations, regardless of the potential for them to escalate, to monitor proceedings, and establish ad-hoc road closures. Security forces can be expected to use forcible measures such as tear gas and batons to disperse the crowds.

South America

1. **FORECAST:** Based on previous Pro-Palestinian demonstrations in Chile on June 9, 2024; in Ecuador on March 8, 2024; and Venezuela on March 2, the upcoming protest actions across the South American countries are likely to draw turnouts in the mid-to-high hundreds.
2. **FORECAST:** These protests are likely to transpire peacefully, without any instances of major unrest. That said, a bolstered security presence can be expected near all protest locations, regardless of the potential for them to escalate, to monitor proceedings, and establish ad-hoc road closures. In addition, significant disruptions to vehicular and pedestrian traffic can be expected near the slated protest locations.

Recommendations

1. Those residing or operating in **Canada** and **the USA** on October 5-6 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance in the aforementioned locations due to the risk of civil unrest and potential vandalism incidents near Israeli diplomatic buildings, synagogues, and other Jewish establishments during the 'International Day of Action for Palestine'.
2. Israeli and Jewish individuals residing or operating in Canada and the USA on October 5-6 are advised to keep a low profile in the public sphere due to the tensions resulting from the Israel-Gaza conflict. Consider keeping a low profile and limiting the wearing or presenting of overt signs or symbols associated with Judaism or Israel. Those that wear the traditional Jewish head covering (kippah), are advised to consider wearing an additional head covering, such as a baseball cap.
3. Those residing or operating in **Chile, Ecuador, Mexico,** and **Venezuela** on October 5-6 are

advised to allot for disruptions to vehicular and pedestrian traffic due to the slated demonstrations.