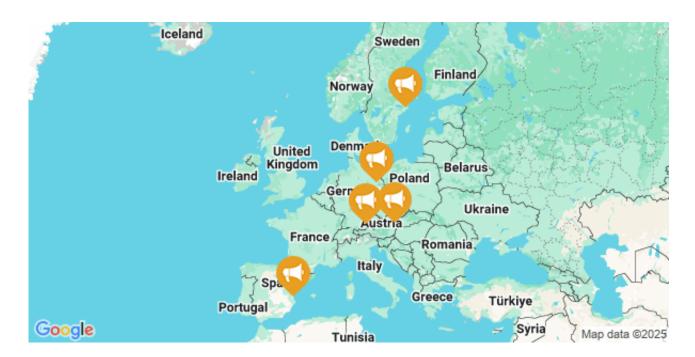


Protest





Europe Tactical (UPDATE): Protests related to Israel-Hamas conflict to take place in multiple cities on April 2-4; maintain heightened vigilance

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Current Situation

- Reports indicate that protests related to the Israel-Hamas conflict will take place in several cities regionwide on April 2-4.
- In Vienna, **Austria**, activists associated with Amnesty Austria and pro-Palestinian groups will hold a protest in the vicinity of the Hungarian Embassy, from 16:30 (local time), on April 3.
- The protest aims to demand the arrest of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his extradition to the International Criminal Court during his visit to Hungary from April 2-6.

Source: Palaestina Solidaritaet

• In Berlin, Germany a pro-Palestinian protest will be held at Alexanderplatz between 15:00 and 17:00 on April 2.
Source: Instagram
• Also in Berlin, a pro-Palestinian protest is slated to take place at the Brandenburger Tor at 18:00 on April 4.
Source: Instagram
• In Munich, Germany , a pro-Palestinian protest is slated to take place in in front of the Bundesame fur Migration und Fluchtlinge on Arnulfstrasse 9-11 at 16:00 on April 2.
Source: Instagram
 In Valencia, Spain, a pro-Palestinian rally will be held at Font de Sant Lluis Pavilion at 19:30 at April 2.
• The protest is being organized to call for a boycott of a basketball game taking place between a Valencian and an Israeli basketball team.
source: X/Twitter

• In Stockholm, **Sweden**, a pro-Palestinian protest will take place at Sergels torg from 18:00 on April 2.

Source: <u>Instagram</u>

Assessments & Forecast

- 1. Based on precedent and the mobilizational capabilities of the organizers, protests are likely to attract turnouts ranging from the low-to-high-hundreds, with the largest turnouts expected in Vienna and Berlin.
- 2. In addition to planned protests, spontaneous pro-Palestinian and pro-Israel demonstrations are expected regionwide in the coming days. Given Netanyahu's visit to Budapest, protests are especially likely outside Hungarian and Israeli diplomatic missions in urban centers Europewide on April 2-6. These protests will be held to demand Netanyahu's arrest.
- 3. Based on precedent, any planned or spontaneous demonstrations carry a heightened potential for unrest, especially in Berlin, where pro-Palestinian protests have repeatedly seen unrest. Incidents of unrest are likely to manifest in the form of clashes between protesters and the police, as well as with counter-protesters, should such demonstrations manifest.
- 4. Given this, a reinforced 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 using tear gas or conducting mass arrests.
- 5. 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 the aforementioned cities in Europe on April 2-4 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance near protests related to the Israel-Hamas conflict due to the heightened potential for unrest.
- 2. Allot for travel-related disruptions in the vicinity of the protest locations.