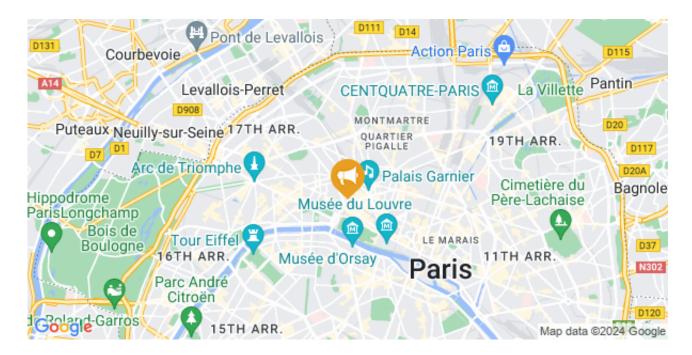


## **Protest**



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France Tactical: Pro-Palestinian protest march slated from Place de la Madeleine in Paris from 18:30 (local time) on May 27; maintain heightened vigilance

## **Current Situation**

- Reports indicate that a pro-Palestinian protest march will begin from Place de la Madeleine in Paris at 18:30 (local time) on May 27.
- Post the initial gathering, the protesters will march to the Embassy of Israel, located at 3 Rue Rabelais.



## **Assessments & Forecast**

- 1. Based on social media estimates, the slated protest march is expected to garner an attendance ranging in the low-to-mid thousands.
- 2. Given the heightened sentiments surrounding the protest issue, there is an elevated potential for unrest especially if pro-Israel counter-protests manifest. Incidents of unrest are likely to manifest in the form of clashes between protesters and the police, as well as with counterprotesters, should such demonstrations occur. In the event of escalating unrest, police are liable to use forcible crowd dispersal methods, including using tear gas and conducting arrests.
- 3. Authorities are likely to deploy a bolstered security presence along the protest march route as a precautionary measure to monitor the proceedings. Additionally, security is likely to be further reinforced near the Embassy of Israel from the evening hours onward.
- 4. Disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular movement, including road closures and traffic diversions, should be anticipated along the slated protest march route, especially near Place de la Madeleine and the Embassy of Israel, during the evening hours.

## **Recommendations**

- 1. Those operating or residing in Paris on May 27 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the elevated potential for unrest during the slated protest march during the evening hours.
- 2. Allot for associated disruptions to travel during the evening hours.