

Protest



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USA Tactical: Pro-Palestinian protest march planned from multiple museums towards Union Square in New York City, NY on June 10; maintain heightened vigilance

Current Situation

- According to reports, Within Our Lifetime (WOL) pro-Palestinian social action group has called for a protest march in New York City, New York (NY) on June 10 demanding a ceasefire amid the ongoing Israel-Hamas conflict.
- Protesters will gather outside multiple museums across New York City throughout the day under the slogan "Citywide Day of Rage for Gaza". Museums where demonstrators will congregate include the American Museum of Natural History, the Metropolitan Museum, the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), the Whitney Museum, the Queens Museum, and the Brooklyn Museum.
- Protesters will then converge at Union Square at 17:00 (local time).



Assessments & Forecast

1. Based on recent pro-Palestinian protests and social media traction, the turnout at each of the aforementioned museums is expected to range from the low to mid-hundreds. The anticipated turnout at Union Square, where protesters will converge at 17:00, is expected to be in the low-to-mid thousands.
2. Additionally, ad-hoc counter-protests by pro-Israel activists, witnessing a turnout in the high dozens to low hundreds, can also be anticipated in the vicinity of the slated pro-Palestinian demonstrations.
3. Given the heightened sentiments over the conflict, the upcoming protest action carries a credible potential for escalation into localized unrest manifesting as roadblocks and scuffles between protesters and security personnel. Isolated security incidents, including verbal harassment and physical assaults against pro-Israeli and pro-Palestinian activists, are also liable to occur.
4. Moreover, instances of vandalism targeting Jewish establishments or entities perceived as sympathetic to Israel, largely in the form of spray painting the facades of such buildings with pro-Palestine slogans and antisemitic symbols, as well as property damage, also remain possible near the slated protest sites.
5. As such, bolstered security measures are expected near all aforementioned protest sites to monitor proceedings and divert traffic. Should protests escalate into localized unrest, authorities are anticipated to conduct arrests.
6. Additionally, disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular traffic can be anticipated in the vicinity of all protest sites and especially in the immediate surroundings of Union Square during the slated timings.

Recommendations

1. Those operating or residing in New York City, NY on June 10 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance in the vicinity of planned and spontaneous protests due to the potential for localized unrest.
2. Allot for traffic disruptions in the vicinity of all protest locations, particularly near Union Square

from 17:00 onwards.

3. Maintain heightened vigilance for potential security incidents near Israeli and US embassies, synagogues, mosques, and other Jewish entities.