

## **Travel**



20 APR 6:03 UTC Israel Tactical: Israel Police announce road closures in central Israel's Bnei Brak starting at 10:00 on April 20 ahead of ultra-Orthodox funeral procession; allot for extensive disruptions

## **Current Situation:**

- The Israel Police announced that road closures and heavy traffic congestion are expected in central Israel's Bnei Brak, located adjacent to **Tel Aviv**, starting at 10:00 (local time) on April 20 ahead of a slated ultra-Orthodox funeral procession.
- The funeral will take place at Bnei Brak's Ponevezh Yeshiva Cemetery.
- Road closures will be implemented in the following streets: Aharonovich, Ezra, Chazon Ish, and Ierusalem Boulevard.
- Disruptions can also be expected in the following streets: Har Sinai, Kibbutz Galuyot, Damesek Eliezer, Uziel, Haadmor Mikotsk, Kehilot Ya'akov, Imrei Baruch, Imrei Khayim, and Yitzhak Nisim.
- The southbound right-hand lane on **Highway 4** will be closed between Givat Shmuel Interchange and Aluf Sade Interchange.
- The northbound right-hand lane on **Highway 4** will be closed between Bar Ilan Interchange and Givat Shmuel Interchange.
- The police requested the public to avoid traveling to Bnei Brak until the end of the funeral procession and adhere to instructions.

Source: Israel Police

## **Assessments & Forecast:**

**FORECAST**: The funeral procession is expected to draw a significant turnout in the high thousands, as mourners will arrive in Bnei Brak from across Israel. Heavy vehicular traffic is therefore likely on the country's major highways, particularly near the city, including on Highway 4. In accordance with the police's statement, a bolstered presence of security forces will be witnessed across Bnei Brak to secure the event and direct traffic. Significant disruptions to travel in the Tel Aviv Metropolitan area are likely starting from the morning hours of April 20.

## **Recommendations:**

Those operating or residing in Israel on April 20 are advised to allot for extensive disruptions in the Tel Aviv metropolitan area, particularly in Bnei Brak, and anticipate increased congestion on major highways leading to this area due to the slated funeral procession.