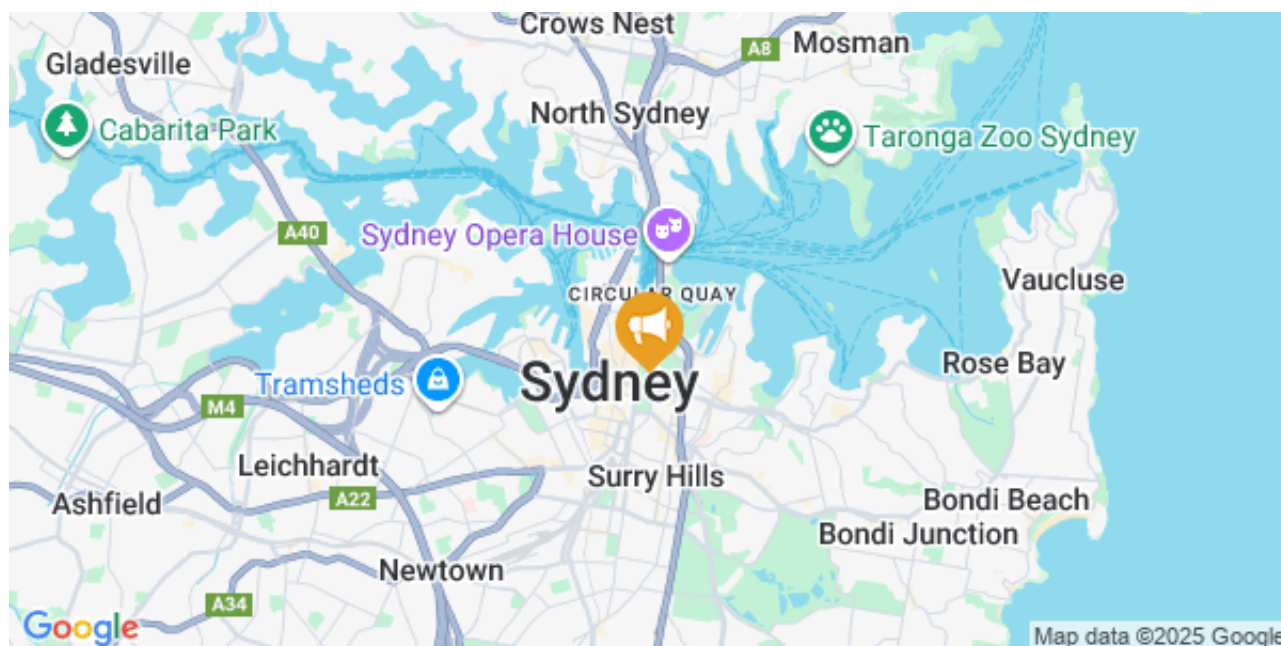


Protest



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Australia Tactical: Pro-Palestinian protest march slated from Hyde Park to Belmore Park in Sydney at 12:00 (local time) on October 12; maintain vigilance

Current Situation:

- Members of the Palestine Action Group of the Sydney chapter are slated to hold a protest march from Hyde Park to Belmore Park via George Street in the Central Business District in the city at 12:00 (local time) on October 12.
- The protesters will call for the end of the Israel-Hamas conflict in the Gaza Strip.



Source: [Facebook](#), [The Guardian](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. Participation at the slated gathering is likely to range in the mid-to-high hundreds, based on the event's traction on social media and the resonance of the issue among the general population. A higher turnout by pro-Palestinian groups is likely, as protesters may view the appeal court's decision on October 9 to prohibit the Sydney Opera House march as a violation of their right to peaceful assembly. Heightened security measures, such as increased police personnel presence, are likely to be in place along the march route to minimize travel disruptions.
2. The risk of scuffles between the protesters and the police persists, considering the sensitivity surrounding the protest. Should the protesters resort to breaching security protocols, vandalism, and antisemitic sloganeering, the authorities are liable to respond with tactics such as temporary detention of protesters, the use of pepper spray, and forced removal from the protest location. The risk of intergroup clashes is slightly elevated should Jewish/pro-Israeli bystanders engage in counterprotests. Significant travel disruptions are expected near the aforementioned locations during the march hours on October 12 due to the anticipated turnout and associated security measures.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Sydney on October 12 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the slated protest and the associated risk of clashes, while allotting for travel disruptions.