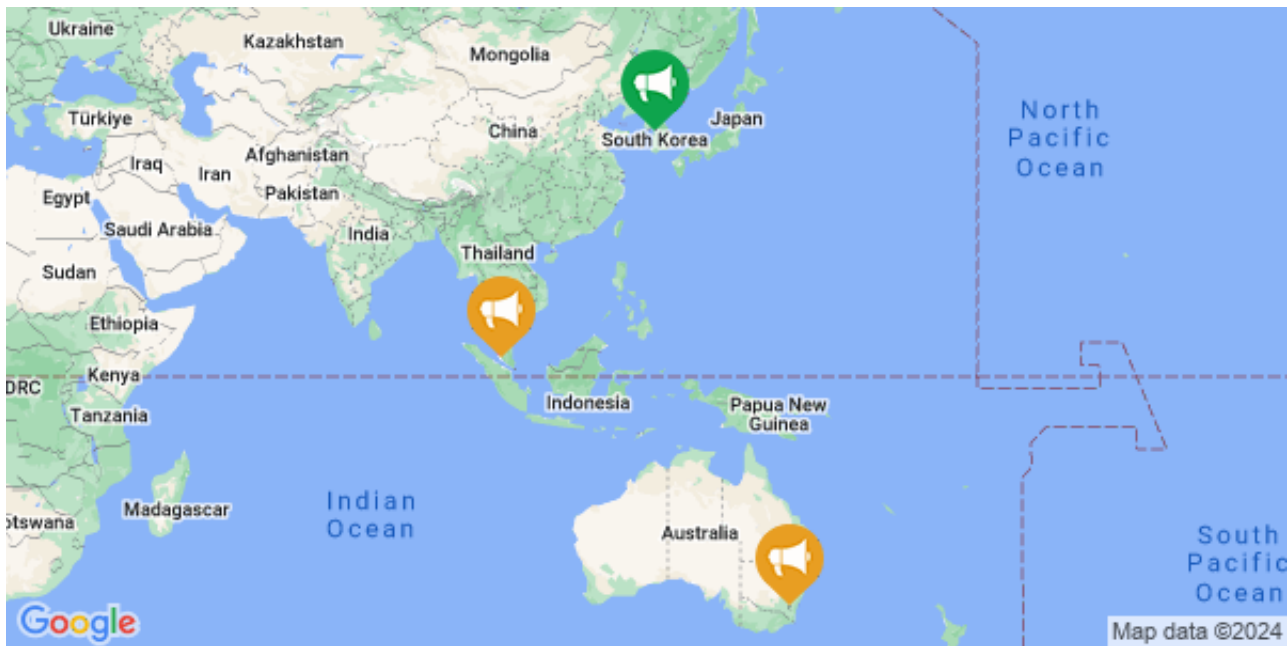




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Asia Tactical: Multiple pro-Palestinian protests slated in Australia, Malaysia, South Korea on June 28-29; maintain vigilance

Current Situation:

- Pro-Palestinian protests are scheduled to be held in Australia, Malaysia and South Korea on June 28-29 amid ongoing hostilities between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip.
- In **Australia**, activists affiliated with the Canberra chapter of the Palestine Action Group are scheduled to protest at Garema Place in the city at 13:00 (local time) on June 29.
- Activists affiliated with the Teachers and School Staff for Palestine are scheduled to hold a protest at the Town Hall in Sydney at 16:30 on June 28.

- In **Malaysia**, BDS Malaysia group will hold a protest rally starting at Parkroyal Bukit Bintang, moving around Bukit Bintang, and concluding at Star Hill Bukit Bintang in Kuala Lumpur from 20:30 to 21:30 on June 29.

- In **South Korea**, the BDS Korea group has announced a protest rally starting from behind SK Seorin Building in Seoul. The rally will proceed from Cheonggyecheon Stream to Gwanghwamun, then to the US Embassy, and finally head towards the Israeli Embassy at 17:00 on June 29.
- The 'People in solidarity with Palestinians' group will gather to protest outside the Kyobo Book Center in Gwanghwamun, Seoul from 14:00 on June 29.

Assessments & Forecast:

1. Participation in Australia, Malaysia, and South Korea is expected to range in the mid-to-high dozens, given the mobilization capabilities of the groups involved and the resonance of the issue. The authorities are expected to enhance security measures across all protest sites as a precautionary nature, which may include deploying additional police personnel and erecting barricades near the protest sites. Security arrangements will particularly be bolstered outside the Israeli and US embassies in Seoul, considering the sensitive nature of the locations.
2. While pro-Palestinian protests will transpire peacefully in South Korea, there remains a latent risk for low-level clashes in Australia and Malaysia, especially should protesters engage in disruptive behavior. Pedestrian and vehicular travel disruptions are likely in the vicinity of the aforementioned protest locations due to the anticipated turnout and related security measures during the protest hours on June 28-29.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Australia, Malaysia, and South Korea on June 28-29 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of the pro-Palestinian protests given the latent risk of unrest while also allotting for disruptions to travel.