

## **Protest**



27 NOV 10:20 UTC Europe Tactical (UPDATE): Protests related to Israel-Hamas conflict to be held in multiple cities regionwide on November 27-30; maintain heightened vigilance

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## **Current Situation**

- Reports indicate that protests relating to the Israel-Hamas conflict are scheduled in Europe on November 27-30.
- In **Croatia**, several groups are holding a solidarity march for Palestine starting at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at the Instituto Cervantes in Zagreb at 17:00 (local time) on November 29.
- Following the initial gathering, participants will march via the German Embassy and the administrative building of the City of Zagreb, before ending at the headquarters of the Croatian government at the National and University Library.

Source: <u>H-Alter</u>

• In **Finland**, a pro-Palestinian protest will be held at Rautientori in Helsinki at 17:00 on November 29.

• The protest is being called to demand a permanent ceasefire and the end of the arms trade between Finland and Israel.

Source: Palactions

• In **Denmark**, a pro-Palestinian protest march will be held in Copenhagen at 14:00 on November 30.

• The protest march will take place from the Storkespringvandet to the Esplanade.

Source: <u>Allepaagaden</u>

• In **Ireland**, the group Irish Sport for Palestine will hold their weekly protest outside the Israeli embassy in Dublin at 12:00 on November 27.

Source: X/Twitter

• In the **Netherlands**, a pro-Palestinian protest will be held at Dam Square in Amsterdam at 14:00 on November 30.

• The protest is being called to denounce the alleged criminalization of the Palestine solidarity movement.

Source: X/Twitter

• In **Slovakia**, a pro-Palestinian protest will be held at Namestie SNP Square in Bratislava starting at 17:00 on November 28.

Source: <u>Instagram</u>

- In **Spain**, a pro-Palestinian rally is slated to be held at Puerta del Sol in Madrid at 12:00 on November 30.
- Additionally, in Barcelona, the protest by the same group will take place at Plaza de la Seu at 12:00 on November 30.

Source: Pararlaguerra

• In the **UK**, activists associated with the Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC) will hold a protest march in Central London, from Park Lane to White Hall, starting at 12:00 on November 30.

Source: PSC

• Additionally, in **France**, the Boycott Divest and Sanction (BDS) France campaign group is calling for nationwide mobilization on November 30. However, the specific demonstration timings and locations are yet to be announced. The mobilizations are being called to denounce a prominent supermarket's alleged ties to Israel.

Source: X/Twitter

## **Assessments & Forecast**

- 1. Based on precedent and the mobilizational capabilities of the organizers, these protests are likely to attract a turnout in the mid-hundreds to mid-thousands, with the protests in London and Madrid likely to attract the largest turnout.
- 2. In addition to the planned protests, spontaneous pro-Palestinian and pro-Israel demonstrations are likely to occur regionwide. Such protests are likely to occur near central government buildings, main squares, Israeli and US diplomatic missions, or Jewish community spaces.
- 3. Based on precedent, any planned or spontaneous demonstrations carry a heightened potential for unrest, particularly if these attract counterprotests by pro-Israel, pro-Palestinian, and/or far-right groups. Additionally, protests with high student involvement or participation of left-wing groups have a heightened risk of unrest, as these entities are known to engage in disruptive tactics, such as blocking transportation or damaging property.
- 4. Given this, a bolstered security presence is expected near the protest locations to monitor proceedings. In the case of escalating unrest, police are liable to use forcible dispersal methods, including conducting mass arrests.
- 5. Significant disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular movement, including road closures, disruptions to public transportation, and traffic diversions, should be anticipated near the protest locations.

## **Recommendations**

- 1. Those operating or residing in Europe on November 27-30 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance near protests related to the Israel-Hamas conflict due to the elevated potential for unrest.
- 2. Allot for travel-related disruptions in the vicinity of the protest locations.