

### Protest





# Israel Tactical (UPDATE): Right-wing protests slated in Jerusalem from 18:00 on June 5; maintain heightened vigilance

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# **Current Situation:**

- The right-wing "Tekuma Youth" group has called for a protest march from Jerusalem's Chords Bridge to join a demonstration at the Supreme Court from 18:00 (local time) on June 5. The protest will call for the Supreme Court's reduced involvement within Knesset legislation.
- Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has reportedly called for increased participation in the rightwing protest outside the Supreme Court.

Source: Channel 7

#### SLATED PROTEST IN JERUSALEM



# **Assessments & Forecast:**

- 1. The call for the rally follows Justice Minister Yariv Levin's June 4 proposal to dismiss Attorney General (AG) Gali Baharav-Miara via a cabinet vote, citing an "unprecedented crisis between the government and the attorney general." This move bypasses the current legal process, which mandates that a statutory committee review the AG's dismissal. The government will likely attempt to capitalize on the protest against perceived judiciary overreach in government affairs to justify Levin's proposed resolution for the AG's dismissal. PM Netanyahu's rare personal call for participation in the protest highlights the government's attempt to consolidate public support for the proposed resolution.
- 2. FORECAST: The protest march starting at the Chords Bridge will likely see turnout in the high dozens to low hundreds. Consequently, the expected youth march and the PM's call for public participation are likely to boost attendance at the Supreme Court protest, increasing turnout to the mid-to-high hundreds, potentially reaching the low thousands. Authorities are likely to bolster security presence around the Supreme Court due to its sensitive location and proximity to other government buildings. While the protest is expected to transpire peacefully, scuffles between protesters and security forces cannot be ruled out. Security forces may disperse crowds forcefully if protesters are deemed unruly. Localized traffic disruptions can be expected along the protest march route from Jerusalem's Chords Bridge and in the vicinity of the Supreme Court.

# **Recommendations:**

Those operating or residing in Jerusalem on June 5 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance and allot for disruptions near the aforementioned locations due to the slated protests and associated risk of unrest.