

## Protest



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**USA Tactical: Separate pro-Palestinian protests planned in Los Angeles, New York City on June 16-17; maintain heightened vigilance**

## Current Situation

- According to reports, pro-Palestinian protests demanding a ceasefire amid the ongoing Israel-Hamas conflict are slated in the USA on June 16-18.
- Details including the location and timing of protests are as follows:

In **Los Angeles**, CA, demonstrators will gather at the intersection of Wilshire Boulevard and South Western Avenue in Koreatown, from 18:00 (local time) on June 17.

In **New York City**, NY, a protest is slated to take place at Washington Square Park in Greenwich Village, from 13:00 on June 16.

## Assessments & Forecast

1. Based on pro-Palestinian protests held in recent weeks as well as the elevated sentiments regarding the ongoing Israel-Gaza conflict, the upcoming protests are expected to draw a turnout in the low-to-mid thousands at each location.
2. Meanwhile, given heightened sentiments over the conflict, ad-hoc counter-protests by pro-Israel activists witnessing a turnout in the high dozens-to-low hundreds can also be anticipated in the vicinity of the slated pro-Palestinian demonstrations.
3. Based on precedent, pro-Palestinian protests carry a credible potential for an escalation into localized unrest manifesting as roadblocks and scuffles between protesters and security personnel.
4. In addition, isolated security incidents including verbal harassment and physical assaults against pro-Israeli and pro-Palestinian activists are liable amid the protests. Moreover, vandalism targeting Jewish establishments, largely in the form of spray painting the facades of such buildings with antisemitic symbols, as well as property damage, also remains possible near slated protest sites.
5. As such, security measures are expected to be heavily bolstered near all protest sites to monitor proceedings and divert traffic. Should protests escalate into localized unrest, authorities are anticipated to conduct arrests.
6. Additionally, disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular traffic can be anticipated in the vicinity of the aforementioned protest locations during the slated timings.

## Recommendations

1. Those operating or residing in Los Angeles, CA and New York City, NY on June 16-17 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance in the vicinity of pro-Palestinian protests due to the potential for localized unrest.
2. Allot for disruptions to vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the vicinity of all protest locations.
3. Maintain heightened vigilance for potential security incidents near Israeli consulates, synagogues, mosques, and other Jewish entities nationwide.