

Protest



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Germany Tactical: Pro-Israel protests, rallies to be held in several cities on April 14; maintain heightened vigilance

Current Situation

- Reports indicate that protests and vigils in solidarity with Israel will take place in several cities on April 14. Details are as follows:
- In **Berlin**, the Deutsch-Israelische Gesellschaft, the German-Israeli society in Berlin, has called for a solidarity rally at Pariser Platz at 15:00 (local time). The protest is being held to call for support for Israel following Iran's aerial attack on Israel during the overnight hours of April 13-14.
- The rally has received support from multiple organizations and political parties, including the Christlich Demokratische Union Deutschlands (CDU) regional association in Berlin.

- In **Cologne**, a protest in solidarity with Israel, which also denounces all anti-Semitism, will take place at Alter Markt at 16:30.
- In **Munich**, a protest in solidarity with Israel will take place at Karlsplatz Stachus at 18:30.

Assessments & Forecast

1. Based on the capabilities of the organizing groups, coupled with social media estimates, the protests are expected to witness varying turnouts. While the protests in Cologne and Munich are expected to see attendance in the mid-to-high hundreds, the rally in Berlin is likely to attract attendance in the low-to-mid thousands.
2. Further, given that these protests were announced in recent hours, similar Israel solidarity rallies are likely in other German cities. Moreover, given heightened sentiments over police banning the “Palestine Congress” in Berlin on April 13, pro-Palestinian protests cannot be ruled out, including in the vicinity of planned Israel rallies.
3. With that, the aforementioned protests carry an elevated risk for unrest in the form of clashes between protesters and potential counter-demonstrators. Police are expected to deploy bolstered security measures near the protests, especially in Berlin, as a precaution. In the event of escalating unrest, authorities are liable to deploy forcible dispersal methods, including conducting arrests.
4. Significant disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular traffic should be anticipated in the vicinity of protest locations, particularly should police erect cordons and divert traffic.

Recommendations

1. Those operating or residing in Germany on April 14 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance in the vicinity of pro-Israel rallies and protests due to the elevated potential for counter-demonstrations and associated unrest.
2. Allot for disruptions to travel in the vicinity of protest locations during the slated timings.
3. Maintain heightened vigilance for potential attacks near Israeli embassies, synagogues, and other Jewish establishments.
4. Consider keeping a low profile and limiting the wearing or presenting of overt signs or symbols associated with Judaism or Israel. Those that wear the traditional Jewish head covering (kippah), are advised to consider wearing an additional head covering, such as a baseball cap.
5. Public, private, and third-sector organizations are advised to increase awareness of threats on social media using threat monitoring services. Increased awareness of an organization’s political footprint and perceptions from online fringe groups can help uncover potential violent actors and plots before they occur.
6. Alert authorities immediately upon witnessing suspicious items or behavior.
7. For any questions and risk assessments, please contact intel@max-security.com