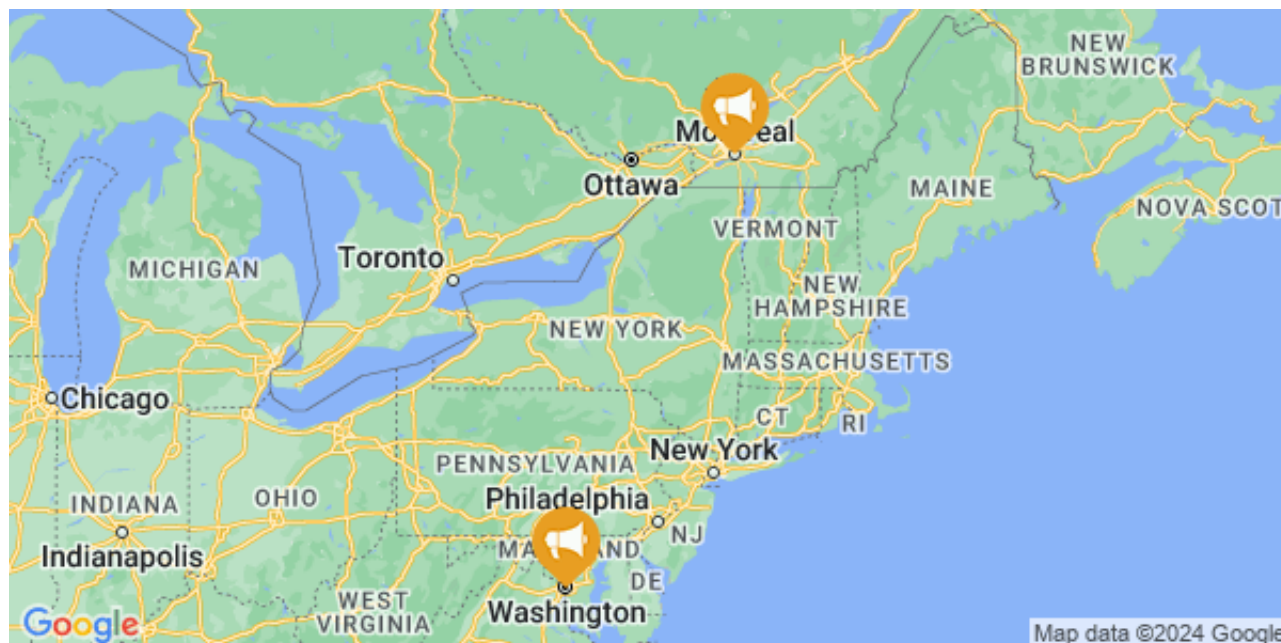


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Canada & USA Tactical: Pro-Palestinian protests planned in Montreal on June 1, Washington DC on May 30; maintain heightened vigilance

Current Situation

- According to reports, pro-Palestinian protests denouncing Israel's offensive against Rafah amid the ongoing Israel-Hamas conflict are slated in Montreal, QC, Canada on June 1 and Washington DC, USA on May 30.
- Details regarding the locations and timings of the slated protests are as follows:

In **Montreal**, a protest is slated in front of the US Consulate at 1133 Catherine Street at 14:00 (local time).

In **Washington DC**, a protest is slated in front of the White House at 18:30.

Assessments & Forecast

1. Based on pro-Palestinian protests held in recent weeks and social media estimates, the upcoming demonstration in Washington DC will likely draw turnouts ranging between the low-to-mid hundreds. Separately, the protest in Montreal will likely witness a turnout in the high dozens, based on the May 28 protest held in front of the US Consulate in Montreal.
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. Judging on precedent, the protests carry a credible potential for an escalation into localized unrest manifesting as roadblocks and scuffles between protesters and security personnel. Isolated security incidents including verbal harassment and physical assaults against pro-Israeli and pro-Palestinian activists are liable amid the protests in Canada and the USA.
4. In addition, 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 remain possible near slated protest sites.
5. As such, bolstered security measures are expected near both protest sites to monitor proceedings and divert traffic. Should protests escalate into localized unrest, authorities are anticipated to conduct arrests.
6. Additionally, significant 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 Montreal, Canada on May 30 and Washington DC, USA on June 1 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance in the vicinity of planned and spontaneous pro-Palestinian protests due to the potential for localized unrest.
2. Allot for traffic disruptions in the vicinity of all protest locations.
3. Maintain heightened vigilance for potential security incidents near Israeli and US embassies, synagogues, mosques, and other Jewish entities.