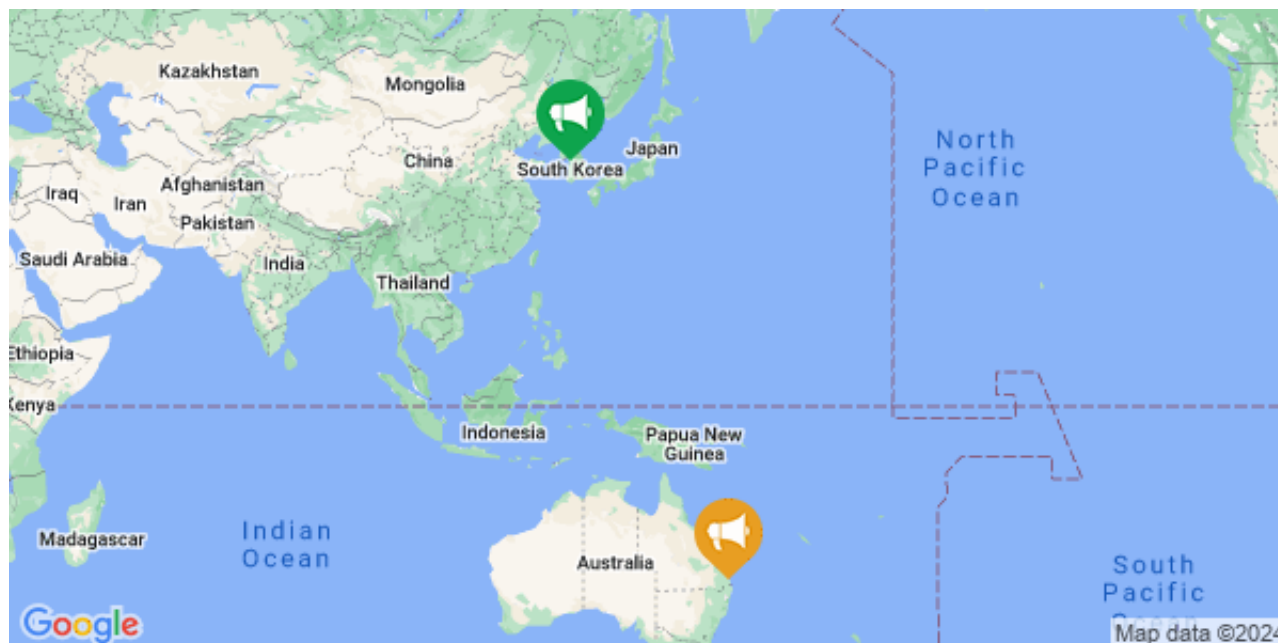


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Australia & South Korea Tactical: Multiple pro-Palestinian protests slated in both countries on June 15; maintain vigilance

Current Situation:

- Multiple pro-Palestinian demonstrations are slated in **Australia** and **South Korea** on June 15 in the context of the ongoing hostilities between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip.
- In **Australia**, the 'Darebin for Palestine' group is slated to hold a protest at three local Member of Parliament (MPs) offices located in Melbourne's suburbs.
- The group will gather outside Nathan Lambert's office in Preston at 11:00 (local time) on June 15, before proceeding to Ged Kearney's office, also in Preston, and concluding the rally at Kat Theophanous's office located on High Street in Northcote.
- The 'Wollongong Friends of Palestine' group will hold a demonstration at Crown Street Mall in Wollongong, New South Wales, at 14:00 on June 15.
- Multiple groups including the 'Justice for Palestine Magan-djin', 'Brisbane Stands with Palestine,' and 'Queensland Muslims Inc.' groups will hold a joint protest in Queens Garden, Brisbane at 11:00 on June 15.

- In **South Korea**, the 'People in solidarity with Palestinians' group will gather outside the Kyobo Book Center in Gwanghwamun, Seoul, from 14:00 on June 15.
- The 'BDS Korea' group will protest outside the SK Seorin Building, located near the Embassy of Israel in Seoul, from 15:00 on June 15.

Assessments & Forecast:

1. The turnout at the slated protests in **Australia** is likely to reach the mid-to-high dozens, with higher participation reaching the low hundreds anticipated in Brisbane, considering precedent witnessed at previous similar gatherings and mobilizing capabilities of the groups. In **South Korea**, the turnout at both protests is expected to reach the mid-to-high dozens. The authorities will bolster security measures in the vicinity of the aforementioned protest locations as part of a standard security protocol to monitor the crowds.
2. There remains a risk of scuffles between the protesters and security forces in **Australia**, should the latter engage in disruptive tactics or anti-Semitic chanting. Police intervention is especially likely should demonstrators attempt to deface the MPs' offices amid heightened sensitivities regarding such activities in recent weeks. In case of unrest, the police will forcibly disperse the crowd through pepper spray and/or the temporary detention of participants. The protests in **South Korea** are expected to transpire peacefully. As a matter of precaution, the authorities will deploy additional police personnel and barricades to control the crowds considering the proximity of one gathering close to the Embassy of Israel.
3. Localized pedestrian and vehicular travel disruptions are expected in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations during protest hours on June 15.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Australia and South Korea on June 15 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the slated protests and associated risk of unrest while allotting for travel disruptions.