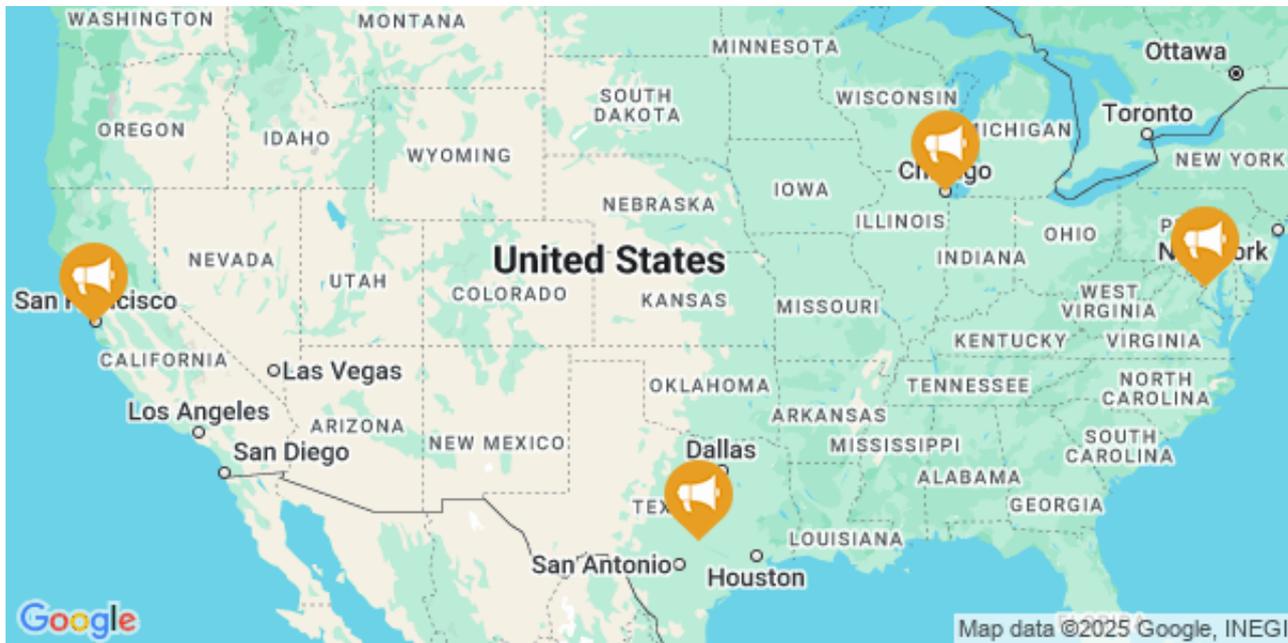




## Protest



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**USA Tactical: Pro-Palestinian protests slated in Austin, TX, Chicago, IL, San Francisco, CA, Washington, DC on April 3, 5; maintain heightened vigilance**

### Current Situation

- Multiple pro-Palestinian activist groups, including Palestinian Youth Movement (PYM), have called for protests in the USA from April 3-5.
- The protest is organized to express support for Palestine in light of the ongoing Israel-Hamas conflict and to denounce the US' role in arming and funding Israel's military operations in Gaza.
- The details of the locations and timings of the pro-Palestinian protests on April 3 are as follows:

In **Chicago, IL**, a protest is slated at the Lincoln Park Student Center on 2250 North Sheffield Avenue at 16:30 (local time).

Source: [Students for Justice in Palestine at DePaul University](#)

In **San Francisco, CA**, a protest is slated at Malcolm X Plaza on 1650 Holloway Avenue at 12:15.

Source: [Students for Justine in Palestine \(SJP\)](#)

- The details of the locations and timings of the pro-Palestinian protests on April 5 are as follows:

In **Austin, TX**, a protest is slated at the intersection of North Lamar Boulevard and 3rd Street near AMTRAK station from 19:30-21:00.

Source: [Austin for Palestinian Coalition](#)

In **Washington, DC**, a protest is slated at the intersection of 3rd Street Southwest and Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest at 13:00. Additionally, the protest is sponsored by over 300 civil organizations and includes the participation of protesters from multiple cities including Boston, MA, Dallas, TX, and Houston, TX, among others.

Source: [Palestinian Youth Movement](#)

## Assessments & Forecast

1. The upcoming protest comes amid heightened sentiments regarding the arrests of international students in the USA for their role in organizing pro-Palestinian protests and allegedly spreading antisemitism. This includes the arrest of Turkish doctoral student Rumeysa Ozturk in Boston, MA on April 1 and Mahmoud Khalil in New York City, NY on March 8, among seven other international students. To this end, two recent pro-Palestinian protests were held in Washington, DC, one outside the Federal Courthouse on March 27 and another outside the White House on March 18. Protests witnessed an attendance in the low-hundreds and transpired peacefully without major instances of unrest. Moreover, pro-Palestinian protests were witnessed through March in Austin, TX, Chicago, IL, and San Francisco, CA, drawing an attendance in the low-to-mid hundreds. These protests transpired peacefully without major instances of unrest.
2. **FORECAST:** Considering the strong social media traction, the reported sponsorship from over 300 civil organizations, and the participation of protesters from multiple cities, the upcoming protest in

Washington, DC is expected to draw a turnout in the mid-to-high thousands. Based on the mobilizing capabilities of the organizing groups and the social media traction for the protest announcement, the protests in Austin, TX, Chicago, IL, and San Francisco, CA are expected to draw an attendance in the low-to-mid hundreds.

3. **FORECAST:** Although the latest pro-Palestinian protests in the aforementioned cities have transpired largely peacefully, the upcoming protests nevertheless carry a credible potential for localized unrest, given the heightened sentiments of protestors as well as previous pro-Palestinian protests in the USA. This could manifest as provocative antisemitic sloganeering, vandalism, use of pyrotechnics, and burning of the Israeli flag or effigies depicting prominent political entities. In the event of escalation, authorities are expected to conduct mass arrests of violent protesters and deploy tear gas to disperse the crowds. Additionally, significant disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular traffic disruptions are anticipated in the vicinity of the protest locations on April 3-5.

## Recommendations

1. Those operating or residing in the USA from April 3-5 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance near the aforementioned protest location due to the potential for localized unrest.
2. Allot for disruptions to travel near the slated protest locations during the slated timings.