



## Pro-Israel and Pro-Palestine Protests and Rallies Since October 7, 2023


In the month since Hamas's October 7 attack on Israel, thousands of protests, rallies, and vigils have been held around the world in support of both Israel and Palestine. Some have been contentious and received extensive media attention, such as clashes between pro-Israeli and pro-Palestinian demonstrators on U.S. college campuses and an incident in Los Angeles where a man died in an apparent clash between pro-Israel and pro-Palestine protestors. In some countries, such as France, Germany, and India, protests in support of Palestine have been banned or put down. In Singapore and in several parts of Switzerland, officials have prohibited both pro-Israel and pro-Palestine demonstrations, citing security concerns.

Demonstrations in support of Israel include protests demanding the release of the more than 200 people Hamas kidnapped from Israel on October 7, vigils mourning the casualties, and rallies in support of Israel. Some protests also denounced the dramatic rise in antisemitism in the United States and abroad that has accompanied the war.

Pro-Palestine demonstrations include solidarity rallies, protests against Israel, marches decrying the loss of civilian lives in Gaza and calling for a ceasefire, and protests condemning the United States' continued support of Israel. Demonstrations in support of Palestine occurred in roughly double the number of countries than did protests in support of Israel in the first month after October 7.

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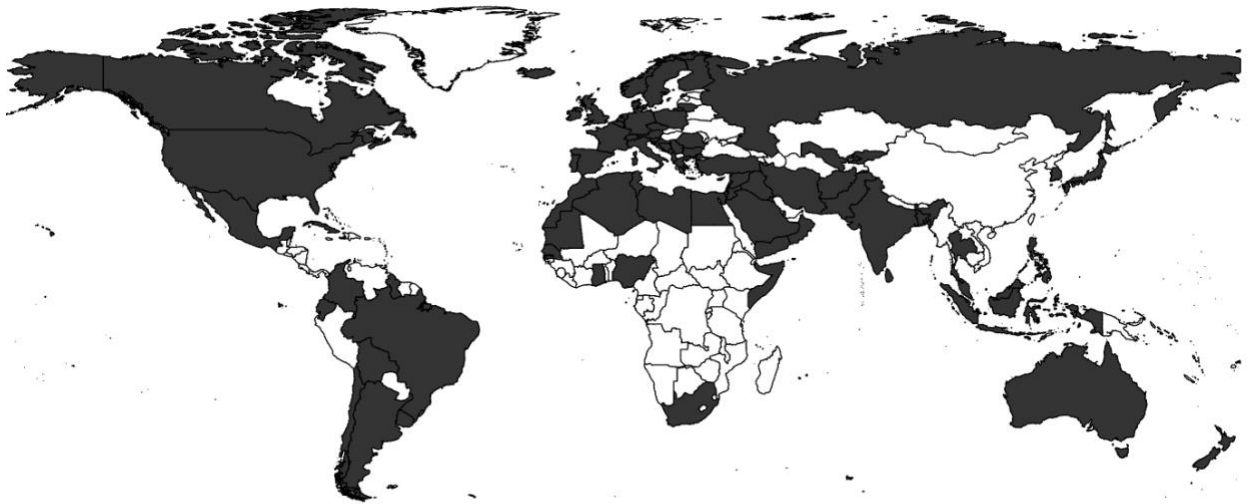
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On October 19, hundreds of Americans attended a protest in New York City's Times Square to demand Hamas release the hostages they hold. Senator Chuck Schumer(D-New York) addressed the crowd, promising to support Israel "until the threat of Hamas is totally eliminated and every hostage brought home." Protesters also crowded London's Trafalgar Square on October 22 to demonstrate in support of Israel. Similar-sized pro-Israel rallies occurred in South Korea and Japan. Smaller gatherings have also occurred in other parts of the world. For example, dozens rallied in the coastal town of Punta del Este, Uruguay, on October 11 to support Israel.

## WHERE HAVE DEMONSTRATIONS IN SUPPORT OF PALESTINE OCCURED?

More than eighty countries have seen demonstrations in support of Palestine, including Afghanistan, Albania, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Chile, the Netherlands, Serbia, Somalia, the United States, and Uzbekistan.



One of the largest gatherings in support of Palestine occurred in Iraq, where a reported crowd of hundreds of thousands flooded Tahrir Square in Baghdad following prayer service on October 13. Protesters reportedly burned Israeli flags and chanted, “No to the occupation! No to Israel! No to America!”

An estimated crowd of hundreds of thousands of people gathered in Istanbul on October 28 to support Palestine. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan addressed the crowd, stating “Israel has been openly committing war crimes for twenty-two days, but the Western leaders cannot even call on Israel for a ceasefire, let alone react to it. . . . We will tell the world that Israel is a criminal.” The following week, pro-Palestine demonstrators tried to storm the Incirlik security base in the southern city of Adana, where U.S. troops were stationed. Turkish law enforcement deployed tear gas and water cannons to disperse the crowd.

Thousands demonstrated in Jordan during the first month of the war, leading to the deployment of security forces to prevent protests along the border with the West Bank. On October 18, protesters carrying flares and waving Palestinian flags attempted to storm the Israeli Embassy in Amman and clashed with anti-riot police.

In the West, protests in support of Palestine occurred with increasing frequency in recent weeks. Tens of thousands gathered in Washington on November 4 for a pro-Palestine protest urging lawmakers to call for a ceasefire and accusing President Joe Biden of backing a “genocide” of Palestinians. Similarly large protests in New York and London called for a ceasefire to end Israeli strikes on the Gaza Strip. Smaller pro-Palestine protests have also been staged in other parts of North America and Europe, including in the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Malta, Spain, and Canada.

This summary account seeks to be as comprehensive as possible, but given the wide geographic range of events, it may not include every relevant protest or rally. It includes information through November 7, 2023.