

Situation Report

Israel-Hamas War Monitoring

Classification: TLP:CLEAR

Criticality: High

Intelligence Requirements: Physical Security, Geopolitical, Military

As of 1200 EDT
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Scope Note

ZeroFox Intelligence is derived from a variety of sources, including—but not limited to—curated open-source accesses, vetted social media, proprietary data sources, and direct access to threat actors and groups through covert communication channels. Information relied upon to complete any report cannot always be independently verified. As such, ZeroFox applies rigorous analytic standards and tradecraft in accordance with best practices and includes caveat language and source citations to clearly identify the veracity of our Intelligence reporting and substantiate our assessments and recommendations. All sources used in this particular Intelligence product were **identified prior to 11:00 AM (EDT) on October 14, 2023**; per cyber hygiene best practices, caution is advised when clicking on any third-party links.

Executive Summary

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ZeroFox warns that cyber actors ideologically aligned with Hamas continue to spread anti-Israel content, proliferate misinformation about the war, and conduct targeted cyberattacks against pro-Israel institutions, including relief organizations. Concerns have arisen over the vulnerability of security cameras in Israel and Palestine to cyberattacks, necessitating measures like encryption and access controls for public safety.

¹ [hXXps://www.reuters\[.\]com/world/middle-east/supporters-palestinians-israel-protest-pray-war-intensifies-2023-10-13/](https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/supporters-palestinians-israel-protest-pray-war-intensifies-2023-10-13/)

² [hXXps://www.voanews\[.\]com/a/antisemitism-surges-around-world-as-israel-hamas-clash/7306956.html](https://www.voanews.com/a/antisemitism-surges-around-world-as-israel-hamas-clash/7306956.html)



➤ Key Points

- At the time of this writing, the Louvre, Versailles Palace, and the Gare de Lyon Train Station in Paris, France, have been evacuated in response to direct threats.³⁴⁵ France remains on high alert after a stabbing at a school on Friday, and pro-Palestine demonstration bans are still in place.
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| Additional Details

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Campaigns targeting members of Jewish communities around the world are assessed to be on an upward trajectory. ZeroFox has identified reports of an ongoing intimidation campaign in Berlin, Germany, wherein Jewish residences and Jewish-owned stores are allegedly being marked with a Star of David; similar activity occurred earlier this week in Moscow, Russia.⁸ On October 13, three men were

³ [hXXps://apnews.com/article/france-louvre-evacuation-written-threat-4a578db9a587d14619dd6be0f4d4cf10](https://apnews.com/article/france-louvre-evacuation-written-threat-4a578db9a587d14619dd6be0f4d4cf10)

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[hXXps://www.ndtv.com/world-news/bomb-alert-at-frances-palace-of-versailles-after-louvre-shuts-down-over-threat-news-age-ncy-afp-4481500](https://www.ndtv.com/world-news/bomb-alert-at-frances-palace-of-versailles-after-louvre-shuts-down-over-threat-news-age-ncy-afp-4481500)

⁵ [hXXps://twitter.com/actu_monde5/status/1713201487642321228](https://twitter.com/actu_monde5/status/1713201487642321228)

⁶ [hXXps://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/supporters-palestinians-israel-protest-pray-war-intensifies-2023-10-13/](https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/supporters-palestinians-israel-protest-pray-war-intensifies-2023-10-13/)

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⁸ [hXXps://x.com/visegrad24/status/1713182090068726246?s=20](https://x.com/visegrad24/status/1713182090068726246?s=20)



arrested in Sydney for performing Nazi salutes outside the Jewish Museum in Sydney, Australia,⁹ and a number of Jewish schools in the UK and Netherlands reportedly closed on Friday—almost certainly to protect their students and premises.¹⁰

- On Friday, the UK's Community Security Trust—an organization that helps protect Jewish communities and record antisemitic incidents—reported a 494 percent increase in anti-Jewish hate incidents in the UK in the prior six days compared to the same period in 2022.¹¹¹²
- Antisemitic statements on Telegram, a cloud-based messaging service, surged by an alarming 488 percent within the first two days of the Israel-Hamas war.

The mass proliferation of misinformation surrounding the mislabeling of October 13 as a “global day of Jihad” has muddied the waters—increasing anxiety around motives for the protests on Friday—and is leading to increased calls to regulate social media content flagged as misinformation. On October 10, former Hamas leader Khaled Meshaal announced the “Friday Of The Al-Aqsa Flood” encouraging global protests and soliciting allies to join Hamas in its war against Israel, which was wrongly interpreted or translated as a call for a “global day of Jihad.”

- EU Commissioner Thierry Breton called on major tech companies (including Alphabet, X, Meta, and TikTok) to combat mis- and disinformation during the Israel-Hamas war under the EU Digital Services Act, emphasizing the need to protect users from violent and graphic content amid ongoing challenges in identifying, labeling, and banning content deemed to be misinformation.¹³
- Several viral photos and videos associated with the Israel-Hamas war have been debunked as part of mis- or disinformation campaigns over the week;¹⁴¹⁵¹⁶ ZeroFox recommends exercising a healthy dose of skepticism when confronted with salacious content being circulated on social media and attempting to verify the information through official sources.

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¹⁰ [hXXps://www.bbc\[.\]co\[.\]uk/news/uk-england-london-67096327](https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-london-67096327)

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¹² [hXXps://cst\[.\]org\[.\]uk/news/blog/2023/10/13/antisemitic-incidents-update](https://cst.org.uk/news/blog/2023/10/13/antisemitic-incidents-update)

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¹⁴ [hXXps://x\[.\]com/apocalypseos/status/1712947490583150780?s=20](https://x.com/apocalypseos/status/1712947490583150780?s=20)

¹⁵ [hXXps://www.tiktok\[.\]com/@user1368146280095/video/7273543497787968774](https://www.tiktok.com/@user1368146280095/video/7273543497787968774)

¹⁶ [hXXps://news.sky\[.\]com/video/israel-hamas-war-debunking-the-myths-of-misinformation-online-12983479](https://news.sky.com/video/israel-hamas-war-debunking-the-myths-of-misinformation-online-12983479)



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- The vulnerability of internet-connected security cameras to cyberattacks in Israel is of significant concern; vulnerable real-time streaming protocol (RTSP) cameras, particularly in Tel Aviv, have been identified as accessible to anyone, potentially enabling unauthorized access and surveillance.¹⁷ Safeguarding these devices with encryption, strong credentials, and access controls is crucial to mitigate potential cyber threats and ensure public safety.
- Hackers launched DDoS attacks on the websites of United Hatzalah, an Israeli nonprofit, and Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP), a British charity conducting relief efforts; however, no data or donations were lost.¹⁸ Although the attackers' identity remains uncertain, Hamas-aligned hackers have issued warnings of further actions.
- Pro-Palestine hacker groups continue to target Israeli government websites and various online platforms systematically. The collaboration between pro-Russian hacking entities Anonymous Sudan and Killnet, which jointly targeted Israel's cyber infrastructure, is of particular concern as it underscores the global nature and complexity of cyber conflicts surrounding the Israel-Hamas war.¹⁹

¹⁷ [hXXps://securityonline\[.\]info/exposed-security-cameras-in-israel-and-palestine-pose-major-risk/](https://securityonline.info/exposed-security-cameras-in-israel-and-palestine-pose-major-risk/)

¹⁸ [hXXps://www.reuters\[.\]com/world/middle-east/hackers-hit-aid-groups-responding-israel-gaza-crisis-2023-10-13/](https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/hackers-hit-aid-groups-responding-israel-gaza-crisis-2023-10-13/)

¹⁹ [hXXps://medium\[.\]com/@cybercrimeblogs/cyber-conflict-erupts-amid-israel-hamas-clash-c08910ddb347](https://medium.com/@cybercrimeblogs/cyber-conflict-erupts-amid-israel-hamas-clash-c08910ddb347)



| Appendix A: Traffic Light Protocol for Information Dissemination

	Red	Amber
WHEN SHOULD IT BE USED?	Sources may use TLP:RED when information cannot be effectively acted upon by additional parties and could lead to impacts on a party's privacy, reputation, or operations if misused.	Sources may use TLP:AMBER when information requires support to be effectively acted upon but carries risks to privacy, reputation, or operations if shared outside of the organizations involved.
HOW MAY IT BE SHARED?	Recipients may NOT share TLP:RED with any parties outside of the specific exchange, meeting, or conversation in which it is originally disclosed.	Recipients may ONLY share TLP:AMBER information with members of their own organization and its clients, but only on a need-to-know basis to protect their organization and its clients and prevent further harm. Note that TLP:AMBER+STRICT restricts sharing to the organization only.
	Green	Clear
WHEN SHOULD IT BE USED?	Sources may use TLP:GREEN when information is useful for the awareness of all participating organizations, as well as with peers within the broader community or sector.	Sources may use TLP:CLEAR when information carries minimal or no risk of misuse in accordance with applicable rules and procedures for public release.
HOW MAY IT BE SHARED?	Recipients may share TLP:GREEN information with peers and partner organizations within their sector or community but not via publicly accessible channels.	Recipients may share TLP:CLEAR information without restriction, subject to copyright controls.



I Appendix B: ZeroFox Intelligence Probability Scale

All ZeroFox intelligence products leverage probabilistic assessment language in analytic judgments. Qualitative statements used in these judgments refer to associated probability ranges, which state the likelihood of occurrence of an event or development. Ranges are used to avoid a false impression of accuracy. This scale is a standard that aligns with how readers should interpret such terms.

Almost No Chance	Very Unlikely	Unlikely	Roughly Even Chance	Likely	Very Likely	Almost Certain
1-5%	5-20%	20-45%	45-55%	55-80%	80-95%	95-99%