

Situation Report

“Global Day of Jihad” Monitoring

Classification: TLP:CLEAR

Criticality: High

Intelligence Requirements: Key Personnel Residential Threats, Geopolitical, Military

**As of 1300 EDT
October 13, 2023**



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| Executive Summary

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ZeroFox notes that although large demonstrations are reported in Yemen, Iraq, Jordan, and other nearby countries, these actions are likely not associated directly with former Hamas leader Khaled Meshaal's call to join the war against Israel. There remain no credible or imminent threats to life or property tied to Meshaal's announcement outside of the war zone and the immediate areas bordering Israel.

| Background

On October 10, Khaled Meshaal, the former leader of Hamas, announced the "Friday Of The Al-Aqsa Flood," encouraging global protests and soliciting allies to join Hamas in its war against Israel. Meshaal's comments have been reported as a call for a global day of Jihad to begin today, Friday, October 13.

> Key Points

- At the time of this writing, there are no confirmed reports of large-scale protests or violence associated directly with the so-called global day of Jihad outside of the war zone and the immediate surrounding areas; all protest and cyber-related activities remain tied to the ongoing Israel-Hamas war.



- U.S. law enforcement in major cities like New York and Los Angeles have increased police presence to protect Jewish and Muslim communities and their respective worship centers, despite no credible threats tied to the global day of Jihad announcement being identified.¹

| Additional Details

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- Isolated clashes occurred in Nottingham, UK, today between police and pro-Palestinian protestors² when police attempted to interrupt the demonstration; no injuries were reported.
- Earlier today, at least one teacher was killed in a knife attack at a school in Arras, France; there are few details surrounding the motive, including whether it is linked to the call of global Jihad.³

ZeroFox warns that sporadic and isolated acts of vandalism and violence are being directed against perceived Israel-affiliated companies and individuals. An Israeli Embassy representative is in stable condition after being stabbed in Beijing, China, today; a non-Chinese citizen is in custody after the stabbing.⁴

- On Thursday, October 12, protestors in Cambridge, MA, vandalized and sat in protest of a defense contracting company they viewed as providing material support to Israel.

Self-proclaimed “Islamic hackers” continue to target Israel-based and perceived allies abroad in operations with names such as #OP_Israel, #OpIsraelV2, #OPalliesofIsrael, and #AI-Aqsaflood; these campaigns are likely to increase in frequency and tempo as the Israel-Hamas war intensifies. The hackers are conducting DDoS attacks and defacement of websites,⁵ hacking billboards⁷ to post

¹ [hXXps://www.reuters.com/world/us/us-law-enforcement-steps-up-security-ahead-expected-mideast-protests-2023-10-13/](https://www.reuters.com/world/us/us-law-enforcement-steps-up-security-ahead-expected-mideast-protests-2023-10-13/)

² [hXXps://twitter.com/intelFromBrian/status/1712836572024820159](https://twitter.com/intelFromBrian/status/1712836572024820159)

³ [hXXps://www.cnn.com/2023/10/13/europe/arras-france-school-knife-attack-intl/index.html](https://www.cnn.com/2023/10/13/europe/arras-france-school-knife-attack-intl/index.html)

⁴ [hXXps://apnews.com/article/israel-palestinians-hamas-war-china-attack-d572e4169dd7f451cb2b2197506bc74c](https://apnews.com/article/israel-palestinians-hamas-war-china-attack-d572e4169dd7f451cb2b2197506bc74c)

⁵ [hXXps://twitter.com/search?q=%23OpIsraelV2&src=typed_query&f=live](https://twitter.com/search?q=%23OpIsraelV2&src=typed_query&f=live)

⁶ [hXXps://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/hackers-stoke-israel-gaza-conflict-online-2023-10-11/](https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/hackers-stoke-israel-gaza-conflict-online-2023-10-11/)

⁷ [hXXps://www.cnn.com/2023/10/12/billboards-in-tel-aviv-briefly-hacked-to-display-pro-hamas-messages.html](https://www.cnn.com/2023/10/12/billboards-in-tel-aviv-briefly-hacked-to-display-pro-hamas-messages.html)



anti-Israeli and pro-Hamas footage, breaching data from educational institutions, selling personal information of Israeli soldiers on the dark web, and spreading mis- and disinformation.

- European Union authorities have ordered prominent social media platforms to curb the spread of illegal content, disinformation, and propaganda relating to the ongoing situation.⁸

| Planned Protest Activities

- ZeroFox is monitoring dozens of scheduled protests in major cities worldwide planned for the weekend of October 14-15, none of which have currently been tied to the call for global Jihad.

⁸ [hXXps://apnews.com/article/musk-x-twitter-disinformation-israel-hamas-024fedcc43e9446ff1103253e239ce85](https://apnews.com/article/musk-x-twitter-disinformation-israel-hamas-024fedcc43e9446ff1103253e239ce85)



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.



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%