

Situation Report

“Global Day of Jihad” Monitoring

Classification: TLP:CLEAR

Criticality: High

Intelligence Requirements: Key Personnel Residential Threats, Geopolitical, Military

**As of 1700 EDT
October 12, 2023**



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| Executive Summary

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 largely been reported as a call for a global day of Jihad to begin on Friday, October 13. No credible or imminent threats to life or property tied to this announcement outside of the war zone and the immediate areas have been identified as of this writing.

> Key Points

- The emphasis in reporting that is amplifying the seemingly violent rhetoric around the so-called “Global Day of Jihad” on Friday, October 13, risks inflaming simmering societal tensions that could empower actors on either side of the issue to catalyze further offensive cyber and physical activities.
- The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in collaboration with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), has stated there are no credible threats identified at present tied to this call from Meshaal. However, the DHS and FBI are urging some communities, especially faith-based entities, to remain extra vigilant on Friday.¹
- Israel’s Foreign Ministry is warning Israelis living abroad and the Jewish diaspora to avoid any of the planned demonstrations on Friday, citing the prospect of violence.²
- Protests in alignment with Meshaal’s call for action are scheduled for Friday in many major cities worldwide, with counter-protests supporting Israel also likely. ZeroFox notes the possibility that these rallies were scheduled in advance of—or independent from—Meshaal’s statement.

¹ [hXXps://www.dhs\[.\]gov/news/2023/10/10/resources-and-information-faith-and-community-leaders-regarding-situation-israel](https://www.dhs.gov/news/2023/10/10/resources-and-information-faith-and-community-leaders-regarding-situation-israel)

² [hXXps://apnews\[.\]com/live/israel-hamas-war-live-updates](https://apnews[.]com/live/israel-hamas-war-live-updates)



Additional Details

The emphasis in media reporting amplifying the seemingly violent rhetoric around the so-called “Global Day of Jihad” on Friday, October 13, risks inflaming simmering societal tensions that could empower actors on either side of the issue to catalyze further offensive cyber and physical activities. Former Hamas leader Khaled Meshaal announced on October 10 a “Friday Of The Al-Aqsa Flood” and called for global protest activity, along with an accompanying call to join Hamas in the war against Israel.

- Meshaal’s comments have largely been reported as a call for a violent global day of Jihad to begin on Friday, October 13. ZeroFox notes that no credible or imminent threats to life or property tied to this event have been identified as of this writing.

Planned Protest Activities

Protests in alignment with Meshaal’s call for action are scheduled for Friday in many major cities worldwide, with unplanned counter-protests supporting Israel also likely. ZeroFox notes the possibility that these rallies were scheduled in advance of—or independent from—Meshaal’s statement.

- As a probably proactive measure to reduce the likelihood of protest-related violence or escalation, France has banned all protests that are overtly pro-Hamas.³
- However, France remains the outlier, with most other countries—including Australia, Pakistan, Canada, and the United States—allowing scheduled protests to proceed as planned; some local law enforcement agencies in Canada and the United States have announced plans to increase police presence in Jewish communities and near worship centers.⁴⁵
- As a precaution, security teams should remain vigilant against antisemitic attacks directed towards facilities and/or key personnel, which could include, but are not limited to, direct targeting, swatting, doxxing, and other cyber-based threats.

³ [hXXps://www.bbc\[.\]com/news/world-europe-67088547](https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-67088547)

⁴ [hXXps://nypost\[.\]com/2023/10/12/nypd-orders-all-officers-to-duty-after-hamas-call-for-global-protests/](https://nypost.com/2023/10/12/nypd-orders-all-officers-to-duty-after-hamas-call-for-global-protests/)

⁵ [hXXps://www.cbc\[.\]ca/news/canada/toronto/israel-hamas-toronto-rallies-police-patrols-1.6991455](https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/israel-hamas-toronto-rallies-police-patrols-1.6991455)



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%