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Protest Activity Brief:

Los Angeles ICE Demonstrations

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Background

On 6 June, ICE agents initiated an operation that resulted in mass arrests throughout Los Angeles, CA. This has sparked large, sustained protests over the past few days. The protests were declared unlawful on 7 June, and police attempted to disperse them. Violent clashes and rioting during the demonstrations prompted Trump to order California National Guard troops and Marines to protect federal property and personnel on 7 June. This action has inflamed the protests in Los Angeles, sparked other demonstrations across the county, and will add fuel to already announced protests on upcoming key dates.

Analysis

The ongoing protests in LA and the deployment of military forces are likely to significantly increase turnout for the “No Kings Nationwide Day of Defiance” protests, organized by the “50501” and “Indivisible” anti-Trump activist groups, scheduled to take place on June 14. The protests are timed to coincide with President Trump’s birthday, upon which he has also organized a military parade in Washington D.C. to commemorate the army’s 250th anniversary. Over 1,550 protests are expected to take place across all 50 US states and in Germany, the UK, Ireland, France, Spain, Italy and Greece.

Similar protests in April, associated with the “50501” movement, had a turnout of 3 million people. However, the recent violent clashes with law enforcement, the use of active-duty military personnel in Los Angeles, and the extreme rhetoric



High Risk Level



being used across the ideological spectrum are likely to motivate greater turnout. Demonstrations are likely to start peacefully but may produce violent clashes with police, military personnel, or counter-protesters, encourage rioting behaviors such as vandalism and looting, and negatively impact traffic congestion. There is an elevated risk of a vehicle ramming incident at protests, given the high tensions and popularity of the modus operandi for executing mass attacks over the past year.

Should protests in other major urban cities become violent, President Trump might decide to deploy the National Guard in other prominent liberal strongholds such as New York City, Boston, or Portland (OR). Should he do so, protests are liable to grow larger and more volatile.

Key Points

Protests are liable to grow in size and intensity as ICE continues to carry out highly visible and publicized raids and arrests throughout the US.

- The overt and visible presence of ICE agents and arrest of at least 44 people in Los Angeles resulted in widespread outrage, which subsequently manifested as mass protests in the downtown Los Angeles (LA) area, Compton, and Paramount the following day. The atmosphere of the demonstrations has progressively become more rowdy and violent – especially at night – including acts of vandalism, reports of looting, interruptions to freeway traffic, setting cars on fire, aiming fireworks, and Molotov cocktails at police. Local law enforcement responded by declaring the downtown area temporarily closed for gatherings for three consecutive days, used tear gas, rubber bullets, and flash bangs to disperse the crowds, and also arrested at least 56 demonstrators over the weekend.
- Acting Director of ICE Todd Lyons and President Trump have both issued statements indicating that ICE operations will not stop, adjust tactics, or decrease in frequency. This fact, in conjunction with the momentum anti-Trump movements are gaining, the warmer weather making outdoor protests easier, a high degree of media coverage, and the prevalence of extreme rhetoric from across the ideological spectrum will combine to elevate the risk of disruptive protest actions over the coming weeks.
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- On 7 June, President Trump announced that he was sending 2,000 National Guard Troops to Los Angeles. On 9 June, he announced that another 2,000 troops would be deployed in addition to a contingent of 700 Marines. This was done without the approval of California Governor Gavin Newsom – a departure from established norms – who considers the National Guard deployment an escalatory and unnecessary measure and has sued the federal government in response. While the troops have been deployed to protect federal buildings and personnel, they have engaged in clashes with protesters.
- The use of military personnel has inflamed protests and fueled several others in California and across the country, with protests having already occurred in Dallas, Louisville, San Diego, Santa Ana, New York City, and Atlanta. This new precedent paves the way for the deployment of National Guard Troops to other cities experiencing unruly protests, which may serve to inflame tensions and elevate the risk level of incidental harm to bystanders.
- On 10 June, Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass announced the installment of a curfew from 8:00pm - 6:00am for parts of the city's downtown area bound by Interstate 5, Interstate 10, and California Route 110 amid ongoing protests. The curfew is expected to last for several days.

Key Points

On 14 June, “No Kings Nationwide Day of Defiance” protests are set to occur across the US and Western Europe and are likely to draw larger crowds than previously expected in response to the situation in Los Angeles.

- This protest date was previously planned in response to Trump organizing a military parade on his birthday, which coincides with the 250th Anniversary of the US Military. Over 1,550 protests are expected to take place across all 50 states and internationally in Germany, the UK, Ireland, France, Spain, Italy and Greece. Similar protests associated with the “50501” movement have occurred throughout the Spring; however, the protests on 14 June are likely to draw a drastic increase in turnout, given the escalation in Los Angeles and widespread media coverage of the situation.
- The risk of vehicle rammings or other mass casualty attacks on the demonstrations is also elevated due to pervasive tensions and extreme rhetoric being broadcast across the ideological spectrum. The occurrence of future planned protests is likely to increase if tensions remain high, prominent sweeping ICE raids continue, and if President Trump deploys more National Guard troops to urban US cities. This heightened frequency will naturally increase the risk level of incidental harm associated with the demonstrations’ occurrence.



Notable Protest Locations

United States:

- Atlanta, GA
- Baltimore, MD
- Birmingham, AL
- Boston, MA
- Charlotte, NC
- Chicago, IL
- Cleveland, OH
- Columbus, OH
- Dallas, TX
- Denver, CO
- Detroit, MI
- Fort Lauderdale, FL
- Houston, TX
- Las Vegas, NV
- Los Angeles, CA
- Miami, FL
- Minneapolis, MN
- New York City, NY
- Orlando, FL
- Pheonix, AZ
- Philadelphia, PA
- Portland, ME
- Portland, OR
- Providence, RI
- Richmond, VA
- San Diego, CA
- San Francisco, CA
- Seattle, WA
- Tampa, FL
- Washington DC



Source: nokings.org

Europe:

- Germany: Frankfurt, Heidelberg, Berlin, Munich, Hamburg, Freiburg
- France: Paris, Lyon, Montpellier, Marseille
- Spain: Barcelona
- UK: London, Edinburgh
- Ireland: Dublin
- Netherlands: Amsterdam
- Sweden: Malmo
- Greece: Athens
- Italy: Florence
- Portugal: Porto

Recommendations

- Remain informed of all planned protests and avoid non-essential proximity to minimize the risk of incidental harm to bystanders and potential travel delays.
- Avoid areas where active ICE operations have been reported to be taking place.
- Avoid Federal buildings, particularly Federal Courthouses, ICE offices, or Homeland Security Buildings.
- Follow the directions of all local and federal authorities regarding unlawful gathering zones, dispersal orders, and road closures.



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