

Australia - Planned Protest Against Ron Dermer's Visit to Perth - February 26, 2026

Name/Description of incident	Planned Protest Against Ron Dermer's Visit to Perth
Organizing Group/s	Friends of Palestine WA
Type of Incident	Protest/Rally ▾
Location	Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, Perth, WA
Coordinates	31.956491 S, 115.852367 E
Risk Level	Medium ▾
Online Engagement	<i>Number of followers on Instagram:</i> fopwa: 15.9K 878 likes

- A protest has been announced in **Perth** in response to the **visit of Ron Dermer**, Israel's former Minister of Strategic Affairs and a close advisor to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Dermer is scheduled to visit Australia as part of a speaking tour and is expected to attend a **United Israel Appeal Gala on February 26**.
- Promotional materials circulating online call for a demonstration on **February 26 at 17:30** (local time) outside the **Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, which may also serve as the venue for the gala event.**¹ Organizers frame the protest as an act of solidarity with Palestinians and opposition to what they describe as the "normalization of Israeli officials" they accuse of responsibility for actions in Gaza.
- The call for protest has **circulated widely across social media** through multiple promotional posts, many of which have garnered hundreds of likes and supportive comments. The announcement has generated a **broad range of responses, including demands for accountability, criticism of the Australian government for permitting the entry of Israeli officials, and more expansive anti-Israel rhetoric.** Several posts reference previous high-profile visits by Israeli leaders to Australia and express concern regarding the continuation of diplomatic engagement.
 - According to the Facebook event page created to promote the demonstration, **74 users** have indicated that they **plan to attend**, while nearly 200 users have marked themselves as **"interested."**²

¹[https://www.instagram\[.\]com/p/DVK9bAj6NX](https://www.instagram[.]com/p/DVK9bAj6NX)

²[https://www.facebook\[.\]com/events/2710033852686666](https://www.facebook[.]com/events/2710033852686666)

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The post promoting on social media the protest in Perth

Context & Analysis:

- The upcoming demonstration is **explicitly directed at a former senior Israeli political figure** and follows the recent visit of Israeli President Isaac Herzog to Australia, which **prompted significant mobilization nationwide**. As such, **anti-Israel sentiment in the local context may intensify, potentially increasing the likelihood of heightened tensions during the event.**
- However, **Perth does not have a documented history of sustained radical or violent anti-Israel activity**, and pro-Palestinian demonstrations in the city have **generally remained peaceful**. In addition, **no explicit calls for violence have been identified in the lead-up to the protest, which reduces the assessed likelihood of serious unrest.**
- Based on current online engagement indicators, attendance is estimated to range from **several dozen to potentially low hundreds of participants.**
- Taking these factors into account, the overall risk level associated with the demonstration is assessed as **medium.**