

Protest



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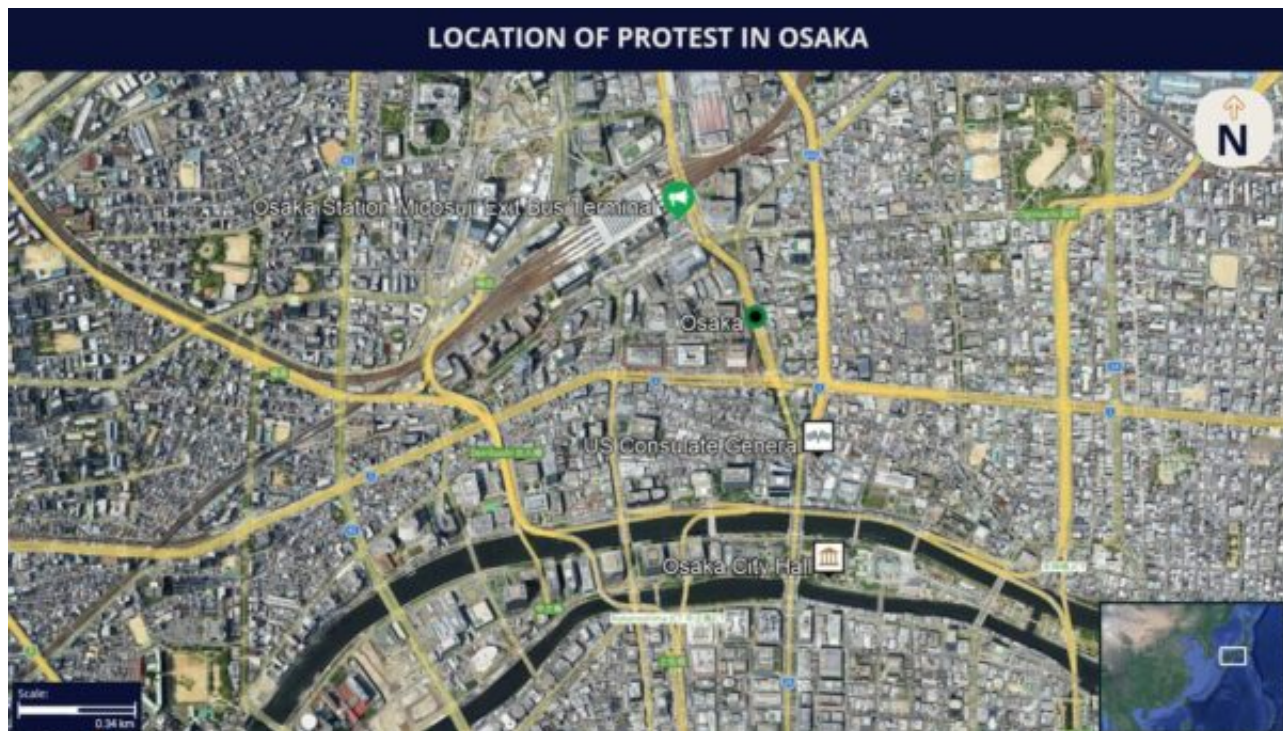
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Japan Tactical: Multiple anti-war protests scheduled in Osaka, Tokyo on May 17-18; allot for disruptions

Current Situation:

- Multiple protests are scheduled across Osaka and Tokyo on May 17 and 18.
- In **Osaka**, activists will hold a demonstration at Osaka Station Midotsuji Exit Bus Terminal from 16:00-17:00 (local time) on May 17.
- The protest will be held to oppose the first Japan-US joint military exercise on Miyako Island, the establishment of a Japan-US Joint Coordination Center, and the militarization of Okinawa's southern islands.



- In **Tokyo**, a demonstration is slated in front of the Akasaka Press Center at 17:30 on May 18. The demonstration will be held to oppose the alleged use of the Akasaka Press Center by US military forces.



Source: [Labornet](#), [Labornet](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

The turnout at the scheduled protests is expected to range in the low-to-mid hundreds, given increased participation at such protests in recent months. The authorities are liable to bolster security measures in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations, to monitor the crowd. These measures will likely include the deployment of police personnel and the setting up barricades to monitor the gatherings. The protests are expected to transpire peacefully, based on precedent. Significant disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular travel are likely in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the anticipated turnout and related security measures on May 17 and 18.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Osaka and Tokyo on May 17-18 are advised to allot for travel disruptions in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the slated protests and associated security measures.