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### **Threat Assessment**

Open source checks were completed on the following organizations' websites and social media accounts:

- National Students for Justice in Palestine Website https://www.nationalsjp.org/
- National Students for Justice in Palestine Twitter https://twitter.com/nationalsip?lang=en
- Students for Justice in Palestine UCLA Website http://www.sjpbruins.com/
- Students for Justice in Palestine UCLA Twitter https://twitter.com/SJPatUCLA
- Students for Justice in Palestine UCLA Facebook https://www.facebook.com/SJPatUCLA
- Students Supporting Israel (SSI) at UCLA Facebook https://www.facebook.com/SSIUCLA/
- SSI National Website <a href="http://www.ssimovement.org/">http://www.ssimovement.org/</a>
- Bruins for Israel Facebook https://www.facebook.com/bruinsforisrael/
- Canary Mission https://canarymission.org/
- Change.org <a href="https://www.change.org">https://www.change.org</a>
- Yad Yamin Facebook https://www.facebook.com/TheYadYamin/
- Stop Antisemitism on college campuses and beyond- <a href="https://www.stopantisemitism.org/">https://www.stopantisemitism.org/</a>
- #UCLA Don't Host https://mailchi.mp/e9b5df69d56f/ucla\_dont\_host\_nsjp
- Camera on Campus <a href="https://cameraoncampus.org/blog/anti-semitic-groups-should-not-be-given-a-platform-on-college-campuses/">https://cameraoncampus.org/blog/anti-semitic-groups-should-not-be-given-a-platform-on-college-campuses/</a>
- Reservists on Duty <a href="http://onduty.org.il/about-us/">http://onduty.org.il/about-us/</a>

TMU also contacted past host campuses including the University of Houston (2017) and San Diego State University (2015). Both campus Police Departments stated there were no disruptions or protests during the events. CSU San Diego PD also stated they contacted Tufts University (2014 host) and there were no disruptions during that event.

TMU also contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Joint Regional Intelligence Center (JRIC) and the Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center (OCIAC) for possible intelligence on the event and groups involved. TMU also requested intelligence on the speakers of the conference.

TMU also entered the event into to receive alerts of postings regarding the event.

Due to current and historical tensions in the Middle East between Palestinians and Israelis, this NJSP event is politically charged and controversial. There is a large Jewish community on and around campus that is angered over the event. The event is garnering nationwide attention over the internet. Many pro-Israeli and Jewish groups are calling on people to put pressure on the University to cancel the event. They are encouraging people to sign petitions, call administrators, and email the Chancellor, all of which has begun occurring. Most of the groups however, are only calling for this kind of action and are not calling for protests or acts of violence. Many of the groups are not affiliated with the University or any student groups.

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#### Examples of online reactions to the event





A couple of groups have indicated that they will show up to campus and physically protest the event.

- Reservists on Duty
- Yad Yamin (Right Hand)

Reservists on Duty describe themselves as a non-profit organization established in 2015 by Israeli reserve combat soldiers who felt they had a duty to expose and counter the BDS movement and new forms of anti-Semitism erupting on college campuses across America. They have contacted the University and expressed their intent to conduct a peaceful silent protest during the event. They are currently going through the proper channels and there is no indication they will protest violently.

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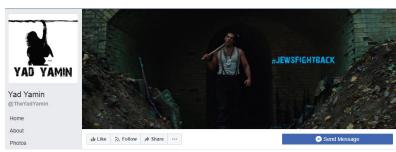
Yad Yamin describes themselves as a community organization. They are students and community members united to take the fight to those who intimidate, harass and use violence against Jews and pro-Israel advocates. Their mission is to stand up for the vulnerable Jews and pro-Israel advocates who have been the victims of repeated intimidation, hatred and violence and ensure them a safe space to express their opinions. They post violent images on their Facebook and encourage violence to stand up and protect Jewish groups.

They have posted a plan to protest on campus at the Faculty Center on 11/6/18 at 1100 hours. They are in the process of creating an event page but as 11/2/18, it was not posted so TMU is unable to confirm how many people may show up. The event was reported to the University by a student group that does not want to be affiliated with Yad Yamin. The JRIC had no intelligence on the group and there are no reports of them committing acts of violence locally. The group appears to be based out of Belgium.

#### **Posts from Yad Yamin**









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At this time, based on all intelligence, the potential for demonstrations and even possible disruptions is likely to occur during the conference. Although there is a large online reaction to the event, TMU has not received intelligence regarding mass or violent protests. The peaceful protest planned on the day of the event only has about 20 people confirmed to attend. The likelihood for violence at this time is low.

The protest planned for 11/6/18 at the faculty center does not have a confirmed number of people attending. There is nothing indicating that SJP members will be there and the potential for counter protestors and confrontations is low. Also, the group is not affiliated with any student groups on campus and it does not appear that any student groups will be joining them.

SJP groups have, recently engaged in disruptive tactics including disrupting an event on campus in May 2018. At this time there are no calls for retaliation from pro-Israeli groups. If Jewish protestors show up, SJP members are likely to engage.

As the event draws closer, other groups may join the Reservists on Duty protest at the conference. Also, Yad Yamin may call for people to show up at the actual conference and protest (including calling for violent actions). Having larger numbers of people protesting will increase the likelihood of confrontations between the groups which could potentially lead to violence.

The recent shooting at the Pittsburgh Synagogue and vandalism at an Orange County Synagogue have also increased the tension surrounding this event and extra patrols of local Jewish houses of worship should be conducted during the operational period of this event.

### **Potential Speakers (Unconfirmed)**



The FBI was provided with the list of possible speakers due to allegations of their ties to terrorism and terrorist organizations. Several of the speakers have been investigated by the FBI in the past due to their high profile activism and ties to Palestinian groups, but no charges were filed and there are no active investigations.

TMU will continue to monitor the event and will update this report prior the conference or as new relevant intelligence becomes available.

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