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Ok, thank you!

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On 22 Nov 2024, at 5:58 PM, 5.1, 2, e 5.1, 2, e wrote:

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Dear 5.1, 2, e

I have tried to answer as many of your questions in English before your deadline. Hope this is helpful. Please find the letter to the council in English attached with further information.

I am afraid not all of your questions can be answered by the City of Amsterdam. Some are either for the police, the public prosecutor's office or perhaps the national government.

1. Palestinian organizations said they met with the mayor to discuss potential violence surrounding the match ahead of time, initially calling off their demonstration, what was the nature of this meeting and its outcome?

The municipality received a notification of a demonstration on November 7 at the main entrance of the Amsterdam JC Arena between 5:00 PM and 11:45 PM.

The organizing party received a 'WOM-brief' (a letter from the Mayor, on the basis of the 'Public Manifestations Act/Law') stating that demonstrations were allowed on the basis of the law, but only on a different location: the Anton de Komplein, for safety reasons. Despite heavy police deployment, it would have been impossible to manage the large crowds of visitors (including 56,000 football supporters, visitors of the nearby concert and shopping public in the area) in a safe and responsible manner and at the same time protect and facilitate the demonstration at the Arena.

(Such an instruction can be given on the basis of Article 5 of the Public Manifestations Act, to prevent disorder, in the interest of traffic and/or to protect the safety of demonstrators and other visitors. Please find the relevant press release attached, in Dutch, unfortunately.)

The Mayor personally explained the letter and instructions in a meeting with the organizing party.

2. When did you first become aware of pro-Palestinian groups organizing action against the Israeli fans online? What

did you see in the posts. Did you see any online threats of violence from Maccabi groups and when?

The municipality is not allowed to collect (online) information; this is police information. Please see the attached council letter for more details about the timeline.

3. The city has said that officials held a meeting on Oct. 7 to discuss violence the previous evening, was this an emergency meeting, who attended, and why was the decision taken for the match to proceed?

This was an additional triangular meeting of the local authorities: Mayor, chief public prosecutor, police chief, including supporting staff from the municipality, police and public prosecutor's office who prepared the match. Various scenarios were discussed, including whether the match should be cancelled. See the council letter under: Progress of Thursday (match day) and police actions

4. An Israeli official said that around the time the match began Mossad and Shabbat passed on clear and precise warnings to counterparts in the Netherlands, with a clear request from a representative in the Israeli embassy in the Netherlands who directly called police to ask for further deployments after the match in the city center, and around hotels. Was any attempt made to bolster police presence in the city following this warning? When was this warning received, were there any other advanced signals, and how did authorities act upon it?

The local authorities did not receive information. This is a question for the national government.

(But they stated on Tuesday not to have received any information either: Uitermark: vooraf geen Israëlische waarschuwing ontvangen voor rellen Amsterdam [nos.nl])

5. Would you characterize violence perpetrated by pro-Palestinian demonstrators and Dutch groups in the city against Maccabi fans as pre-planned, or spontaneous?

You can find all information we have in the council letter attached. The violent incidents are now under police investigation. I cannot anticipate the outcome.

6. There was an allegation that a Maccabi fan was pushed into a canal on Wednesday evening, has anyone been charged in connection to this incident and do you have a time or location for when it occurred.

See Answer above. You can find all information we could share in the council letter attached. The violent incidents are now under police investigation.

7. How many police would typically be deployed for an Ajax game against an international team?

There is not one unequivocal answer to this question. Police deployment depends on the degree of animosity between different supporter groups. In case of this match there was no animosity between the various supporters (on the contrary), but it was clear that tensions between Pro-Israel and Pro-Palestine groups could lead to confrontations and therefore there was a large police deployment.

8. How many police were deployed in the city centre and central station immediately after the match? When were they first deployed and where?

See the council letter attached.

9. When did you receive your first report of violence erupting after the match, and where was this? When was the mayor first alerted?

See the timeline in the council letter attached.

10. The city has said that people on scooters carried out hit-and-run attacks, can you give any more detail on this or where these incidents first occurred?

See the council letter attached: 'After midnight, issues arose by small groups of rioters spread throughout the city center and nearby neighborhoods. These groups engaged in violent hit-and-run actions targeting Israeli supporters and nightlife crowd. These incidents occurred in various locations across the city center, including Damrak, Damstraat, Vondelstraat, Overtoom, Stadhouderskade, PC Hooftstraat, Kerkstraat, Elandsgracht, Nes, Keizersgracht, Dirk van Hasseltsteeg, Bosboom Toussaintstraat, Herengracht, and Leidsegracht.'

11. Multiple Israeli witnesses say that they asked police for help in the streets, but that police declined to escort them to their hotels or get them to safety. Do you have any comment?

See the council letter attached: 'The police responded to all reports received through emergency calls. They patrolled, intervened where visible threats emerged, and managed to keep rioters away from Israelis, preventing numerous incidents. Nevertheless, rioters succeeded in committing severe assaults, resulting in injuries among Maccabi supporters. It proved extremely challenging for the police to act against

these rapid, sporadic attacks. Rioters moved in small groups, on foot, by scooter, or car, briefly attacking Maccabi supporters before quickly disappearing.

In response, the police adjusted their approach. Separate groups of Maccabi supporters were gathered at Dam Square and Rokin and were protected by police. GVB buses were arranged to

transport the supporters safely back to their hotels, and smaller groups were escorted by police on foot. From 01:30 onward, reports of street violence rapidly declined.

(In addition, the first and last paragraphs of the letter might be useful for a quote.)

12. Do you have any update on the number of people arrested and charged in relation to violence surrounding the match?

This is a question for the police/public prosecutor

13. Do you have any figures on the number of assaults that took place/ individual complaints?

This is a question for the police/public prosecutor. Part of the police investigation.

14. Are the Telegram groups Controle Amsterdam, Taxi Updates 24/7 and the WhatsApp group Buurthuis part of your investigation? How many groups are being investigated in total.

This is part of the police investigation.

15. Can you update on the status of investigations and the coordination with Israeli authorities?

This is a question for the police and/or the national government.

Best regards,

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Bestuursvoorlichting

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Hi both,

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