

Jordan: Thousands of protesters surround Israeli embassy for fourth consecutive day

Jordanian security forces arrest around 200 activists, who say they will not stop their protest until the war in Gaza ends

Mohammed al-Abssi is one of thousands of Jordanians who have been surrounding the Israeli embassy in Amman for the last four days.

He is clear about their intentions. "Our protests will continue until the war on Gaza comes to an end," he told Middle East Eye. "The protests are expanding to other cities and governorates. We will call for demonstrations in multiple locations."

Yesterday marked the fourth consecutive day that thousands of protesters have come out on to the streets of the Jordanian capital to surround the Israeli embassy, demanding its closure. Young demonstrators tried to breach the security cordon established around the complex by Jordanian security forces, resulting in the arrest of approximately 200 protesters.

While the embassy is currently without a diplomatic mission, after Israel's ambassador left Amman in October and Jordan recalled its ambassador in November in protest at the ongoing war in Gaza, al-Abssi said that protesters "have heard that the embassy has partially resumed operations".

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