

Claim

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This image shows a traffic sign in Montreal in July 2024 which displays a 'Free Palestine. Escalate now' message and was authorized by Montreal's Mayor Valérie Plante."

Actions

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geolocate(![image 13] (media/15.jpg))  
web_search("Free Palestine Montreal sign")  
image_search("Free Palestine sign Montreal")
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Evidence

Evidence from **geolocate**

The most likely countries where the image was taken are: {'Palestine': 0.85, 'Canada': 0.07, 'Germany': 0.02, 'Austria': 0.01, 'Israel': 0.01, 'Poland': 0.01, 'Slovenia': 0.01, 'South Korea': 0.01, 'Albania': 0.0, 'Andorra': 0.0}

Evidence from **web_search**

Electronic traffic signs in Montreal displayed pro-Palestinian slogans, including "free Palestine" and "escalate now" (



). The signs were altered at two construction sites and the original messages were restored. The City of Montreal called the incident an act of vandalism. A group called Clash Mtl claimed responsibility.

The City of Montreal has a history of removing pro-Palestine signs. The article from The Maple mentions that Jeremy Levi, the mayor of Hampstead, called on Montreal Mayor Valérie Plante to take a stand against the signs.

Sources:

- <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/montreal-traffic-signs-pro-palestinian-slogans-1.7274809>
- <https://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/montreal-traffic-signs-apparently-hacked-to-display-pro-palestinian-political-slogans>
- <https://www.readthemaple.com/city-of-montreal-illegally-seized-pro-palestine-signs-activists-allege/>

Evidence from **image_search**

The Globe and Mail reported on a traffic sign in Montreal displaying a "Free Palestine. Escalate now" message (



). Alamy shows a building in Montreal with a Palestine flag and the words "Palestine Libre" painted on it (

