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Europe Tactical: Anti-Trump protests to take place regionwide on April 5; maintain heightened vigilance

Current Situation

- Protests against US President Donald Trump and Elon Musk, held under the banner “Hands Off,” will take place in multiple cities regionwide on April 5. Details are as follows:
- In Paris, **France** a protest is slated to take place at Place de la Republique at 15:30 (local time) on April 5.
- In Berlin, **Germany** a protest is slated to take place at the intersection of Ebertstrasse and Behrenstrasse at 14:00 on April 5.

- In Frankfurt, **Germany**, a protest is slated to take place at 1 Opernplatz at 11:00 on April 5.
- In Lisbon, **Portugal** a protest is slated to take place at Praca de Comercio at 16:00 on April 5.
- In London, **UK**, a protest is slated to be held at Trafalgar Square at 15:00 on April 5.

Source: [Mobilize](#)

- Separately, multiple groups, including Fridays for Future (FFF), will hold a protest against Elon Musk outside an automobile dealership at Wilhemstrasse in Berlin, **Germany**, at 12:00 on April 5.
- The protest is being called to denounce Musk's alleged political intervention.

Source: [Instagram](#)

Assessments & Forecast

1. Based on precedent, these protests are likely to attract turnouts ranging from low to high hundreds, with protests in Berlin and London likely attracting highest turnouts. In addition to the planned protests, other protests associated with or inspired by the "Hands Off" movement will likely be held in urban centers in Europe on April
2. Indeed, considering Trump's announcement of a 20 percent tariff on all EU goods further increases the potential for protests, given heightened anti-US sentiments. Protests over Trump's policies are likely to take place near central government buildings, main squares, businesses linked to Musk and/or Trump, and US diplomatic missions.
3. Considering heightened sentiments, coupled with the potential participation of climate, far-left, and pro-Palestinian groups, any planned or spontaneous demonstrations carry a latent risk for unrest. Such unrest is likely to manifest as localized clashes between police and demonstrators. Moreover, based on precedent, instances of vandalism targeting businesses seen as associated with Musk or Trump are likely in cities nationwide. The targeting of vehicles and car dealerships associated with Musk is especially likely.
4. As such a bolstered security presence is likely to be deployed near the protest locations during the slated protests timings. In the event of escalating unrest, authorities are liable to respond with

forcible crowd dispersal measures, including conducting arrests. In cities like Berlin or Paris, police may also resort to deploying tear gas due to the heightened risk for clashes.

5. Significant disruptions to both pedestrian and vehicular traffic can be anticipated in the vicinity of the protest locations during the slated timings.

Recommendations

1. Those operating or residing in Europe on April 5 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance near protests denouncing Trump or Musk due to the latent potential for unrest.
2. Allot for travel-related disruptions in the vicinity of the protest locations.
3. Keep vehicles within a secured space rather than on public streets.