

Protest



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Georgia Tactical: Multiple anti-GD protests slated across Tbilisi from 15:00 (local time) on December 11; avoid vicinity of rallies

Current Situation:

- Multiple protests are slated across Tbilisi to mark the 379th consecutive day of demonstrations against the ruling Georgian Dream (GD) party over alleged disproportionate crackdown on dissenters, democratic backsliding, and its perceived anti-EU posturing.
- Anti-GD activists are slated to hold a protest outside the Tbilisi City Court at 15:00 (local time), followed by another protest at the Supreme Court at 19:00, and a rally along Rustaveli Avenue in Tbilisi from 20:00 on December 11.



Source: [Facebook](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. The turnout at the slated protests will likely range between the high dozens to low hundreds, given the precedents observed at similar demonstrations. The participation is liable to be bolstered considering reports of GD leaders unveiling plans on December 9 to require prior notification for protests in pedestrian areas, authorizing police to clear blockades within 15 minutes, and imposing jail penalties of up to 20 days for organisers and 15 days for participants in case of non-compliance. As part of the standard security protocols, the authorities are likely to implement heightened security measures in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations, particularly outside the City Court, given the ongoing trial of a detained anti-GD activist. These measures will include the deployment of additional police personnel, riot units, and the setting up of barricades to monitor the proceedings.
2. There remains a high risk of clashes between the police and protesters, given the authorities' low tolerance for anti-government demonstrations. The police are expected to employ forcible dispersal measures should the participants engage in perceived disruptive behavior, such as breaching security protocols, blocking major thoroughfares, engaging in provocative sloganeering, or the use of pyrotechnics against security forces. These measures will likely include temporary detentions and baton charges. More stringent measures, such as the employment of tear gas, water cannons, and rubber bullets, cannot be ruled out in escalated cases of unrest. Significant disruptions to vehicular and pedestrian travel are expected in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the expected turnout and associated security measures during the protest hours on December 11.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Tbilisi on December 11 are advised to avoid nonessential travel in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the slated protests and associated risk of clashes, while allotting for travel disruptions.