

Protest





UK Tactical: Anti-government protest to take place outside Treasury in London at 17:00 (local time) on March 25; maintain heightened vigilance

Current Situation

- An anti-government protest calling for stricter taxes on high-income earners will be held outside the Treasury, located at 1 Horse Guards Road, in London at 17:00 (local time) on March 25.
- The protest is organized by multiple left-wing and climate groups, including Extinction Rebellion (XR) London, Greenpeace, and Global Justice Now.



Source: Globaliustice

Assessments & Forecast

- 1. Based on the mobilizational capabilities of the groups involved and precedent, the protest is likely to witness a turnout in the mid-to-high hundreds.
- 2. Given heightened sentiments over the protest issue, coupled with the confirmed involvement of left-wing groups and climate activists, protesters are liable to use disruptive tactics. These include possible sit-ins, blocking entrances to offices, and instances of vandalism such as spray-painting. Given this, the demonstration carries a latent potential for unrest in the form of localized clashes between protesters and police officials especially if the latter attempts to disperse demonstrators.
- 3. As such, a bolstered security presence can be anticipated in the vicinity of the Treasury building to monitor proceedings. Should unrest escalate, police are liable to deploy forceful crowd dispersal measures, including conducting mass arrests.
- 4. Disruptions to vehicular and pedestrian movement, including road closures and traffic diversions, are anticipated in the vicinity of Horse Guard Road from the evening hours onwards.

Recommendations

- 1. Those operating or residing in London on March 25 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance near the Treasury building due to the latent potential for unrest at the scheduled protest.
- 2. Allot for travel-related disruptions in the vicinity of Horse Guards Road during the evening hours.