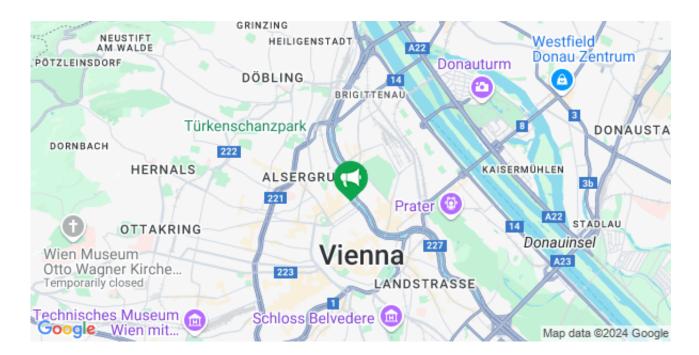


Protest



26 DEC 14:15 UTC Austria Tactical: Chechen activists to hold anti-deportation protest at Oskar-Morgenstern-Platz 1 in Vienna at 14:30 (local time) on December 28; allot for disruptions

Current Situation

- On December 28, members and supporters of the Chechen diaspora will hold a protest at Oskar-Morgenstern-Platz 1 in Vienna from 14:30 (local time).
- The protest aims to denounce deportations from Austria of Chechens potentially facing persecution in Russia.



Source: Twitter/X

Assessments & Forecast

- 1. Based on previous protests and the mobilizing capabilities of the organizers, the protest will likely see a turnout in the mid to high dozens. However, the protest may see support from pro-Ukrainian, pro-Georgian, or pro-immigration groups in the coming days, which could increase the turnout.
- 2. Given precedent, the protest is likely to proceed largely peacefully and without any major instances of unrest. Regardless, a bolstered security presence is expected to be deployed near the aforementioned protest location as a precautionary measure.
- 3. Localized disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular movement should be anticipated near Oskar-Morgenstern-Platz 1 during the afternoon hours.

Recommendations

Those operating or residing in Vienna on December 28 are advised to allot for disruptions to travel near Oskar-Morgenstern-Platz 1 during the afternoon hours due to the slated protest.