

## **Protest**



18 DEC 5:06 UTC Malaysia Tactical: PSM to protest outside Human Rights Commission in Kuala Lumpur at 10:00 (local time) on December 19; maintain vigilance

## **Current Situation:**

- Activists associated with Parti Sosialis Malaysia (PSM) are slated to protest outside the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUKAHAM) in Kuala Lumpur at 10:00 (local time) on December 19.
- The protest aims to denounce the demolition of allegedly illegal houses and reported police brutality.



Source: X/Twitter

## **Assessments & Forecast:**

- The turnout at the slated protest is expected to range in the mid-to-high dozens, given the
  mobilization capabilities of PSM. As part of the standard security protocol, the authorities are likely
  to heighten security measures in the vicinity of SUKAHAM. These measures are likely to include
  the deployment of additional police personnel and the setting up of barricades to monitor
  proceedings.
- 2. There remains a latent risk of scuffles between protesters and the authorities, particularly if demonstrators are perceived to be engaging in disruptive activities deemed unlawful by the authorities, such as engaging in breaching security perimeters or blocking major thoroughfares. In such cases, the authorities are likely to employ forcible dispersal measures, including temporary detentions, baton charges, and forcible removal from the protest site, to quell unrest. Localized disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular travel are expected in the vicinity of SUKAHAM during the protest hours on December 19.

## **Recommendations:**

Those operating or residing in Kuala Lumpur on December 19 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of the SUKAHAM due to the slated protest and related risk of scuffles, while alloting for travel disruptions.