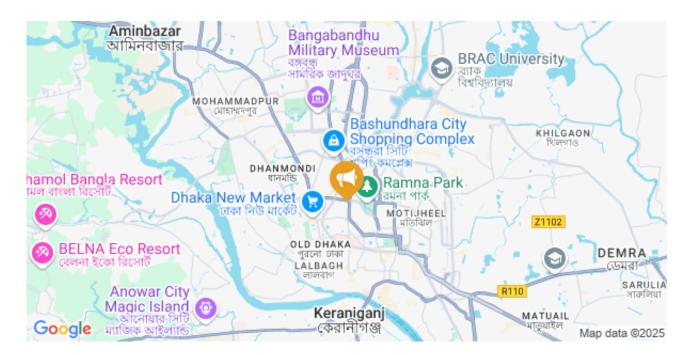


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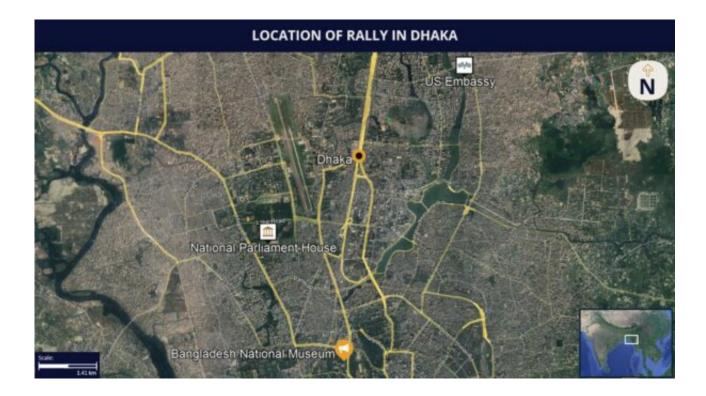




Bangladesh Tactical: Student groups announce protest rally from Bangladesh National Museum in Dhaka at 15:00 (local time) on April 25; maintain vigilance

Current Situation:

- The Private University Students Alliance of Bangladesh (PUSAB) and the Inqilab Manch groups are slated to hold a protest rally under the banner of "Martyrs' Rally" starting from the Bangladesh National Museum, Shahbagh in Dhaka at 15:00 (local time) on April 25. The exact route for the rally remains unspecified at the time of writing.
- The protesters will demand a ban on the Awami League (AL) and seek justice for those allegedly killed during the 2024 July Uprising.



Source: Facebook

Assessments & Forecast:

- 1. The anticipated turnout at the slated protest is expected to range between the high dozens to low hundreds, given the resonance of the issue among various groups and the organizing groups' mobilizational capabilities. The participation is liable to be bolstered if like-minded groups and student organizations join the protest. The security measures are anticipated to be enhanced in the vicinity of the aforementioned location as a precautionary measure. These include setting up barricades to manage traffic and the deployment of police personnel.
- 2. A latent risk of localized scuffles between the student protesters and police forces remains. Such risks will be further elevated if the former engage in disruptive activities such as blocking major thoroughfares or carrying out vandalism. The police will likely respond with crowd control measures like baton charges and temporary detentions in such instances. Localized travel disruptions are anticipated in the vicinity during the protest hours on April 25.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Dhaka on April 25 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of the Bangladesh National Museum due to the slated protest and related risk of clashes, while allotting for travel disruptions.