

Protest





Germany Tactical: Pro-immigration protest slated at Hauptwache in Frankfurt am Main from 14:00 (local time) on September 6; maintain heightened vigilance

Current Situation

- Multiple pro-immigration groups, including "Seerbrucke", "Hessischer Fluchtlingsrat" as well as the trade union, "Ver.di", are slated to hold a protest under the banner "Pavilions of Solidarity" at Hauptwache in Frankfurt am Main from 14:00 (local time) on September 6.
- Before the rally, an information stand will be set up at the protest location from 12:00 to 17:00.
- The demonstration is being held to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the "Summer of Migration," referring to the mass arrival of refugees and migrants in Europe in 2015. Protestors are slated to denounce alleged restrictive migration policies, including deportations, asylum rejections, and border enforcement measures, while calling for expanded rights and protections for asylum seekers.



Source: Instagram

Assessments & Forecast

- 1. Given the mobilizing capabilities of the organizers, the slated protest is expected to witness turnouts ranging in the low to mid hundreds.
- 2. Considering heightened sentiments surrounding the protest issue and the symbolic significance of the anniversary, coupled with the possibility of counter-protests from far-right groups, the protest carries a latent potential for unrest in the form of clashes between protesters, counter-protesters, and the police.
- 3. As such, a bolstered security presence is expected near Hauptwache to monitor proceedings. In the event of escalating unrest, authorities are liable to use forcible crowd dispersal measures, including mass arrests.
- 4. Significant disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular movement, including road closures and traffic diversions, should be anticipated in the vicinity of Hauptwache from the afternoon hours onwards.

Recommendations

- 1. Those operating or residing in Frankfurt am Main on September 6 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance in the vicinity of Hauptwache due to the latent potential for unrest arising from the aforementioned protest action.
- 2. Allot for travel-related disruptions in the vicinity of Hauptwache from the afternoon hours onwards.