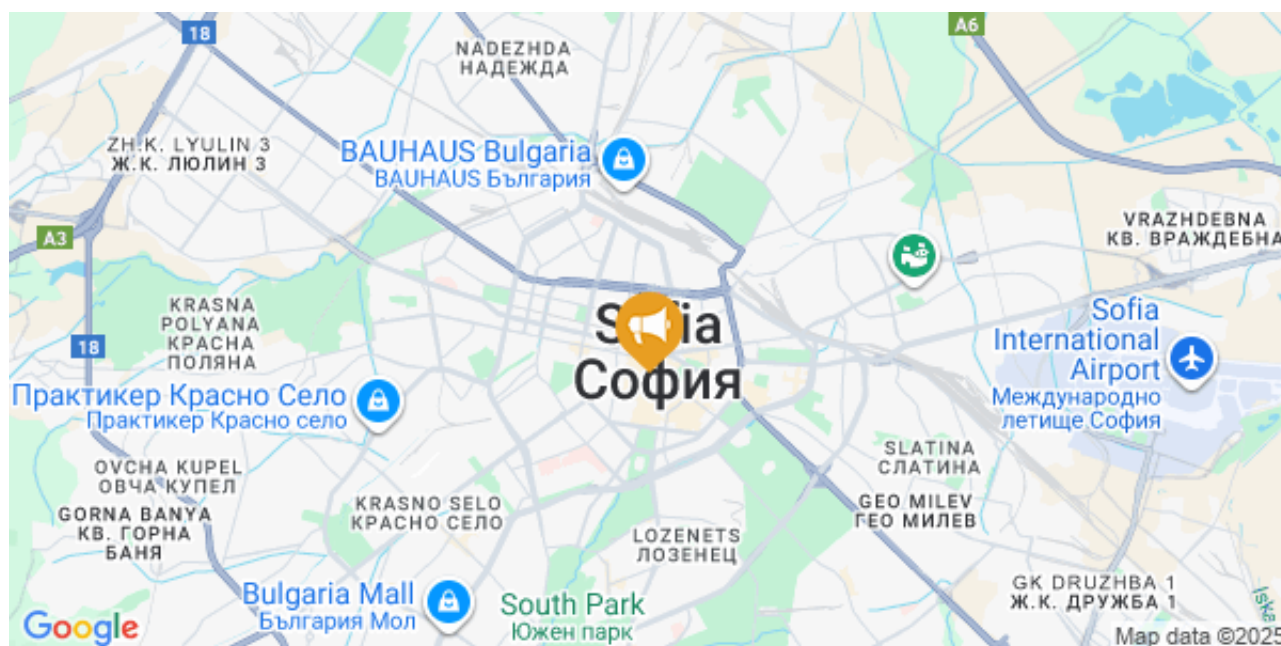


Protest



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Bulgaria Tactical: Anti-government protest march slated from City Court to Orlov Most in Sofia from 18:30 (local time) on September 3; maintain heightened vigilance

Current Situation

- On September 3, an anti-government protest march is slated to be held from the Sofia City Court at 18:30 (local time). Thereafter, the protest will proceed towards the National Assembly building and will then conclude at Orlov Most.
- The protest is organized by the civil society initiative Justice for All to denounce perceived corruption in the government. The center-right coalition Democratic Bulgaria is also supporting the protest.



Source: [Offnews.BG](https://offnews.bg)

Assessments & Forecast

1. Based on the mobilizational capabilities of the group and social media estimates, the protest is expected to attract a turnout in the low-to-mid-thousands.
2. Although previous protests have transpired largely peacefully, given heightened sentiments over the protest issue, the slated demonstration carries a latent potential for localized clashes between protesters and the police.
3. As such, a bolstered security presence is expected to be deployed along the protest route as a precautionary measure. In case of escalating unrest, authorities are liable to use forcible crowd dispersal measures, including conducting arrests.
4. Significant disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular movement are anticipated near the abovementioned protest locations from the evening hours onwards.

Recommendations

1. Those operating or residing in Sofia on September 3 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance due to the potential for localized clashes along the protest march route.
2. Allot for travel-related disruptions from evening hours.