

Protest

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Georgia Tactical: Multiple anti-GD protests, rallies slated in Tbilisi on October 26; avoid vicinity of rallies

Current Situation:

- Activists are slated to hold a protest near the Rustaveli Theater in Tbilisi at 14:00 (local time) on October 26. The protest will be held in solidarity with Zura Tsetskhladze who was detained for allegedly blocking a road.
- An additional rally will be held near Republic Square at 19:00 and a later protest is slated to be held outside the Parliament in Tbilisi at 20:00 on October 26.
- The rally and protest will mark the 333rd consecutive day of denouncing the ruling Georgian Dream (GD) party and their alleged anti-democratic policies and disproportionate targeting of anti-government activists.



Source: [Facebook](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. Turnout at the earlier protest will likely range in the mid-to-high dozens based on the resonance of the issue. Attendance at the later gatherings will likely range in the high dozens to low hundreds given precedent. The authorities are expected to heighten security measures in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations as part of standard security protocols, including the placement of barricades and deployment of police personnel and riot units.
2. Given the authorities' low tolerance for anti-governmental protests, there remains a high risk of confrontations between protesters and security forces, particularly should the former be perceived as engaging in unruly behavior, such as blocking roads or attempting to breach security protocols. This is especially given clashes reported at protests on October 22, in which over 20 protesters were detained. In cases of unrest, the police are likely to employ forcible dispersal measures such as detentions and the imposition of fines. In extreme cases of unrest, the deployment of water cannons or tear gas cannot be ruled out. Disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular travel are anticipated in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the anticipated turnout and associated security measures on October 26.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Tbilisi on October 26 are advised to avoid nonessential travel in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the slated protests and associated risk of unrest, while allotting for disruptions.