

Protest



18 AUG 4:49 UTC Japan Tactical: Multiple protests slated in Tokyo between August 19-22; allot for disruptions

Current Situation:

- Multiple protests are scheduled in Tokyo between August 19-22.
- Activists from the Sogakari anti-war group will protest outside the House of Representatives Second Members' Building at 18:30 (local time) on August 19. The protesters will denounce xenophobia and reaffirm the preservation of Article 9 of the Constitution.
- The group will also stage a demonstration at Shinjuku Station's Southeast Exit from 18:00 to 19:00 on August 22, condemning efforts to amend Article 9, known as the "anti-war clause" of the Constitution.
- Separately, the Radiation Free Realization Network will hold a protest outside the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) from 19:30 to 20:15 on August 19. The activists will oppose the release of treated radioactive water from Fukushima into the Pacific Ocean and the reuse of radioactively contaminated soil.
- A weekly protest will also take place outside the Nuclear Regulation Authority's (NRA) Roppongi First Building from 12:00 to 13:00 on August 20, rejecting nuclear plant restarts and demanding the prevention of contaminated water releases into the Pacific Ocean.
- Activists are scheduled to protest outside the PMO from 10:30 on August 21 to counter preparations for constitutional revision.
- Additionally, a protest is scheduled in front of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)

from 17:00 to 18:00 on August 22.



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Assessments & Forecast:

The turnout at the scheduled demonstrations at all aforementioned locations will likely range in the low-to-mid dozens, based on precedent witnessed at similar protests and the resonance of respective issues. The authorities are likely to bolster security measures in the vicinity of the protest sites to monitor proceedings and minimize travel disruptions. The measures will include the deployment of police personnel and the setting up of barricades. The gatherings will likely transpire peacefully, based on precedent. Localized disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular travel are anticipated in the vicinity of all the aforementioned locations due to the expected turnout and related security measures during the protest hours between August 19 and 22.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Tokyo between August 19-22 are advised to allot for disruptions in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the slated protests.