

Protest

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Philippines Tactical: Protests slated at Liwasang Bonifacio, Mendiola Street in Metro Manila from 09:00 (local time) on December 10; maintain vigilance

Current Situation:

- Activists associated with Philippines-Palestine Friendship Association are slated to hold a protest at Liwasang Bonifacio in Metro Manila at 09:00 (local time) on December 10.
- The protest will be followed by a march towards Mendiola Street in Manila at 11:00 on the day. The exact route of the march remains undisclosed, at the time of writing.
- The protest, coinciding with International Human Rights Day, aims to denounce the alleged corruption, political repression, and perceived systemic injustice under the administration of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr, while advocating for an end to struggles and exploitation globally.



Source: [Instagram](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. The turnout at the slated protest is anticipated to range between the mid-to-high dozens, given the mobilizing capabilities of the organizing group. The turnout is expected to increase further, should other like-minded civil society groups decide to join the protest to mark International Human Rights Day. As part of the standard security protocol, the authorities are expected to bolster security measures in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations and along the march route, particularly at Liwasang Bonifacio, given its proximity to Manila City Hall. These measures will likely include setting up barricades and deployment of police personnel to monitor the proceedings.
2. There remains a latent risk of clashes between the authorities and participants, given the anti-government nature of the protest and the authorities' low tolerance towards such protests. If the participants are perceived to be engaging in disruptive activities or unruly behavior, such as breaching the security protocols or blocking major thoroughfares, the authorities are likely to employ forceful dispersal measures. These measures will likely include forcible removal from the protest site, temporary detentions, and baton charges. In case of escalating unrest, the authorities are likely to resort to stricter crowd-control measures, such as deploying tear gas and water cannons. Disruptions to vehicular and pedestrian travel are expected in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations and along the march route during the protest hours on December 10.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Metro Manila on December 10 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the slated protests and associated risk of clashes while allotting for travel disruptions.