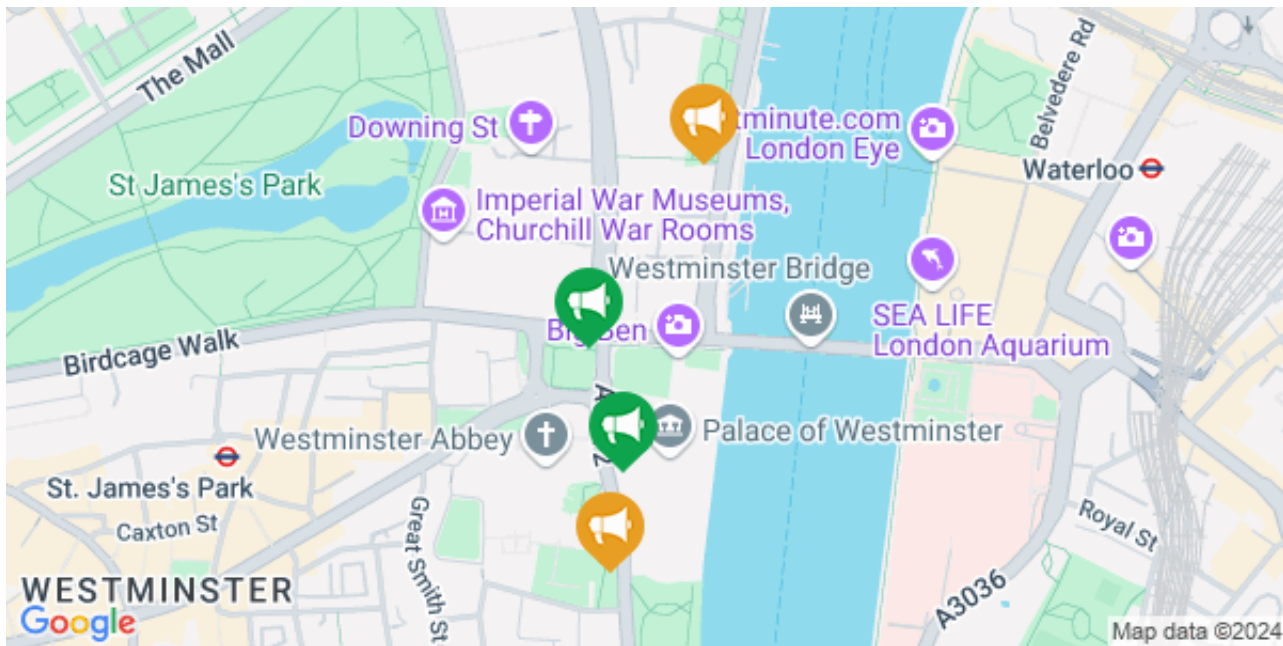




Protest



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UK Tactical: Multiple protests slated to be held in central London on October 30; maintain heightened vigilance

Current Situation

- Reports indicate that multiple protests will be held in London on October 30. Details can be found below:
- An anti-monarchy protest organized by Republic, a pressure group advocating for the abolition of the British monarchy, will be held on Abingdon Street, 5 Great College Street, outside the Palace of Westminster from 11:00 (local time).
- The protestors will denounce the half-billion-pound royal budget, calling for its reduction amid expected public service cuts.

Source: [Organizer's website](#)

- A protest organized by the civil society group Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI), will take place near Sir Winston Churchill's statue at Parliament Square from 12:00
- The protest aims to call for fair and timely compensation for 1950s-born women allegedly affected by State Pension age changes.

Source: [Organizer's website](#)

- Another protest organized by the People's Assembly Against Austerity will take place at Richmond Terrace, opposite Downing Street, starting at 15:00.
- Protesters will oppose anticipated budget cuts from the Labour government, criticizing its fiscal policies and demanding investment in public services instead.

Source: [Organizer's website](#)

- The civil society group Pashtun Tahaffuz Movement (PTM) will also stage a protest outside the Palace of Westminster from 14:00.
- The demonstration aims to advocate for Pashtun community rights and seeks international support against the violence and terrorism affecting their communities.

Source: [Facebook](#)

Assessments & Forecast

1. Considering the mobilization capabilities of the organizers, coupled with social media estimates, the anti-monarchy and anti-austerity protests, are likely to garner turnout in the mid to high hundreds. Meanwhile, the PTM protest is expected to draw turnouts ranging from high dozens to low hundreds. Furthermore, due to the budget announcement, the possibility of spontaneous demonstrations taking place throughout central London, including near government offices and prominent public areas, also remains.
2. Given heightened sentiments surrounding the protest issues, the anti-monarchy and anti-austerity protests carry latent potential for unrest, possibly leading to clashes between protesters and law enforcement personnel. Conversely, protests by PTM and WASPI are expected to transpire peacefully without instances of unrest.
3. As such, a bolstered security presence is expected to be deployed at the aforementioned protest locations to monitor the proceedings. In the event of escalating unrest, authorities may employ crowd control measures, such as conducting mass arrests.
4. Associated disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular traffic should also be anticipated near the protest locations in central London during the scheduled protest times.

Recommendations

1. Those operating or residing in London on October 30 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance due to the latent potential for unrest at the protests near the UK Parliament and Downing Street from afternoon hours.
2. Allot for associated disruptions to travel near the aforementioned locations in central London during the protest timings.