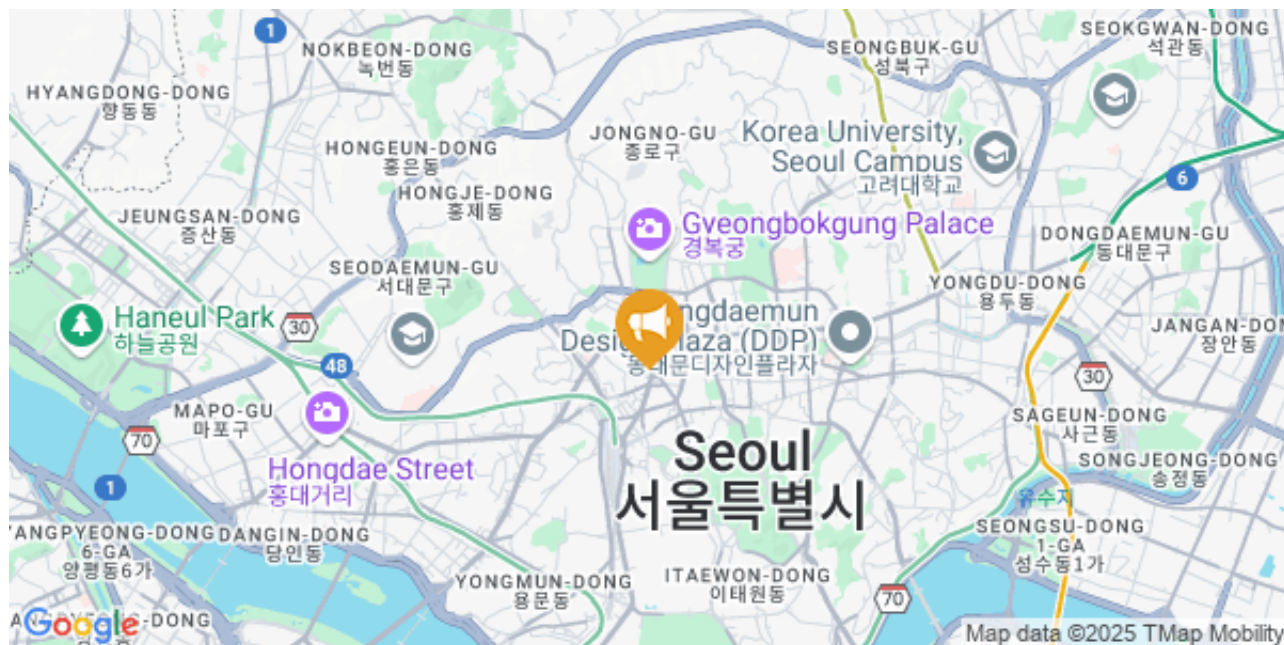


Protest



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South Korea Tactical: Candlelight Action Group to hold protest at City Hall Station in Seoul at 15:00 (local time) on April 19; maintain vigilance

Current Situation:

- The Candlelight Action Group has called for a demonstration at Exit 7 of City Hall Station in Seoul at 15:00 (local time) on April 19.
- The demonstration is being held in commemoration of South Korea's April 19 Revolution that saw the overthrow of the country's first president, Rhee Syngman.



Source: [Naver Channel](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. The anticipated turnout at the slated protest is likely to range in the high dozens-to-low hundreds, given that the gathering coincides with the anniversary of the April 19 Revolution and based on the group's mobilization capabilities. Bolstered security measures can be expected in the vicinity of the City Hall Station, given that it is a busy commuter hub, as part of standard security protocol. The measures will include the deployment of additional police personnel to monitor the crowd.
2. There remains a latent risk of localized scuffles between the demonstrators and the police, particularly should the former engage in an unruly manner by breaching security protocols. The possibility of inter-group clashes remains should pro-PPP supporters engage in impromptu counter protests. The police are liable to deploy forcible dispersal measures such as temporary detentions in instances of unrest, particularly in light of the heightened anti-government sentiments towards the ruling People Power Party (PPP). However, a hardline approach from the police is a low possibility amid heightened public scrutiny of police actions. Disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular traffic can be anticipated in the vicinity of the City Hall Station during the protest hours on April 19.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Seoul on April 19 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of City Hall Station due to the slated protest and related risk of unrest while allotting for travel disruptions.