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Georgia Tactical: Multiple anti-GD protests slated across Tbilisi from 10:00 (local time) on May 5; avoid vicinity of protests

Current Situation:

- Activists are slated to hold protests in front of the Tbilisi City Court at 10:00 (local time), 11:00, 12:00, 13:00, 14:00, and 15:00 on May 5.
- Another protest is slated at the Tbilisi State University (TSU) First Building from 15:00 on the same day.
- Another protest is slated in front of Parliament in Tbilisi at 20:00 on May 5.
- Additionally, a 24-hour protest is ongoing outside the Administration of the Government of Georgia building, demanding the availability of medicines for children on May 5.
- These protests will mark the 524th day of continuous demonstrations against the ruling Georgian Dream (GD) party's alleged anti-democratic policies.



Source: [Instagram](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. The demonstrations are likely to see a turnout between the high dozens and low hundreds, based on participation estimates observed at previous anti-GD protests in Tbilisi. The authorities are liable to bolster security measures in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations as part of the standard security protocol. These measures will include the deployment of riot police personnel and the setting up of barricades to monitor the proceedings.
2. There remains a high risk of clashes between protesters and the police due to the low tolerance policy of the authorities toward anti-GD protests. If participants engage in disruptive behaviors, such as breaching security protocols or blocking major thoroughfares, the police are expected to respond with forcible dispersal measures, including administrative detentions and forced removal of protesters from protest sites. Should the unrest escalate or if the protesters resort to the use of pyrotechnics on the police, the authorities are likely to deploy water cannons or tear gas to quell the unrest. Significant disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular traffic are anticipated in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the anticipated turnout and related security measures during the slated protest hours on May 5.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Tbilisi on May 5 are advised to avoid the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the slated protests and associated high risk of clashes while allotting for travel disruptions.