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**Poland Tactical: Farmers to stage protest march from European Commission Representation office in Warsaw at 14:00 (local time) on January 3; maintain heightened vigilance**

## Current Situation

- On January 3, farmers associated with several unions, including Związku Zawodowego Rolnictwa, will stage a protest march from the European Commission Representation office, located on Jasna Street, in Warsaw from 14:00 (local time).
- The protest march will continue via Swietokrzyska Street, Marszałkowska Street, Królewska Street, Plac Marszałka Piłsudskiego, Młocinska Street, Senatorska Street, and Plac Teatralny, concluding at Teatru Narodowego.
- The protest has been organized to denounce the European Union-Mercosur free trade agreement.



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## Assessments & Forecast

1. Judging by previous protests held by farmers, the protest is expected to witness a turnout in the low thousands.
2. Given heightened sentiments, coupled with precedent, the protest carries a latent potential for unrest, including clashes between farmers, police, and disgruntled commuters. The risk of unrest is likely to increase if demonstrators refuse to comply with police instructions, attempt to breach security barriers, or use tractors to carry out blockades.
3. As such, a bolstered security presence is likely along the protest route during the afternoon hours to monitor proceedings. In the case of escalating unrest, police are liable to use forcible dispersal methods, including conducting mass arrests.
4. Severe disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular traffic are anticipated along the protest route. Authorities are expected to implement detours and road closures to manage traffic delays due to the slated protest.

## Recommendations

1. Those operating or residing in Warsaw on January 3 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance along the protest route due to the latent potential for unrest during the farmers' protest.
2. Allot for associated disruptions to travel along the protest route during afternoon hours.