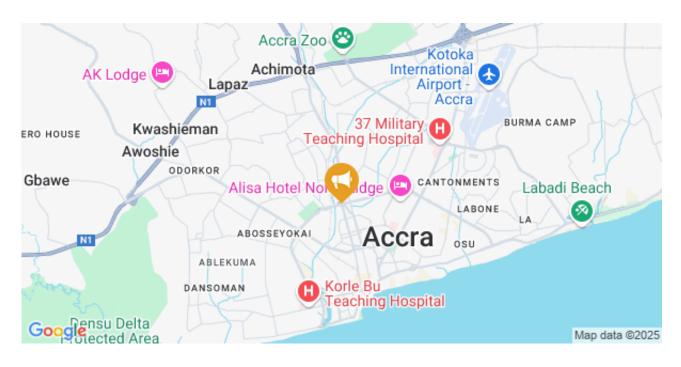


Protest





Ghana Tactical: NUGS to hold protest march to WAEC head office in Accra at 09:00 (local time) on February 25; maintain heightened vigilance

Current Situation

- The National Union of Ghana Students (NUGS) is scheduled to hold a demonstration in Accra at 09:00 (local time) on February 25.
- The demonstrators will gather at the Kwame Nkrumah Circle Interchange, popularly known as Obra Spot, and march to the West African Examinations Council (WAEC) head office to present a petition. As of writing the exact route of the march remains unclear.
- NUGS is organizing the mobilization in protest against the WAEC over the alleged withholding and cancellation of results for some students who sat for the 2024 West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE).



Source: National Union of Ghana Students

Assessments & Forecast

- 1. This follows WAEC's announcement of the 2024 WASSCE results on February 17, while withholding the results of 2,577 candidates. The results sparked widespread dissatisfaction with WAEC's perceived mishandling of the results, with students and parents stating that the delays and cancellations have "unfairly" impacted thousands of students. Therefore, the protest is likely intended to amplify pressure on WAEC to release the remaining results.
- 2. FORECAST: Given the salience of the issue, the protest is likely to be well-attended, with participants ranging in the low-to-mid hundreds. NUGS may also engage in efforts to bolster participation. A bolstered security presence can be expected in the vicinity of the Obra Spot, the WAEC head office, and along the protest route to monitor the proceedings. While the protest is expected to transpire peacefully, given heightened sentiments, there is a potential for the participants to engage in unruly behavior and vandalism. This will likely prompt a swift security response with forcible dispersal measures. Traffic disruptions can be anticipated at the protest venues and along the protest route.

Recommendations

Those residing or operating in Accra on February 25 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance in the vicinity of Obra Spot, the WAEC head office, and along the protest route due to the slated protest march.