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USA Tactical: Security measures, road closures, restrictions announced ahead of NATO summit in Washington DC on July 8-12; allot for disruptions

Current Situation

- The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is scheduled to hold its annual summit in Washington DC from July 9 to 11. The summit, which will see the heads of states of NATO members participating, is slated to be hosted at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. Events are also slated at the White House and the Andrew W Mellon Auditorium.
- Multiple road closures, parking restrictions, checkpoints, bus detours and rail station closures have been announced between July 8-12, ahead of the summit.
- The Federal Triangle metro station will be closed from 11:00-23:00 (local time) on July 9, while the Mount Vernon Square metro station will be closed from 11:00 on July 9 to 17:00 on July 12.
- Additionally, multiple Metrobus routes will be detoured from 20:00 on July 8 to 05:00 on July 12. Details of detours can be found [here](#).
- Further details on road closures and parking restrictions can be found [here](#), while details on checkpoints and vehicular and pedestrian access can be found [here](#).
- As per reports, security fences have been set up around the Walter E. Washington Convention Center and the International Trade Center, considered as security zones.
- Multiple protests were recorded in Washington DC ahead of the summit. Demonstrators, representing a coalition of anti-imperialist and anti-war organizations, held a protest on July 7. The demonstration witnessed a turnout in the low hundreds.

Assessments & Forecast

1. Although no protests have been slated as of writing, given reports of multiple civil society and anti-war groups gathering in Washington DC, demonstrations witnessing a turnout between the low-to-mid hundreds can be expected between July 9-11. The likelihood of protests is also high given heightened sentiments over the Israel-Hamas conflict, particularly surrounding the USA's perceived support to Israel. On that note, demonstrators are likely to gather around slated event venues.
2. However, the demonstrations are likely to be largely symbolic and transpire peacefully, given the bolstered security measures, including barricades, implemented in the vicinity of the venues.
3. Moreover, a bolstered security presence can be anticipated across the city, particularly near security zones and checkpoints, as well as near key roads in order to divert traffic.
4. Significant disruptions to vehicular and pedestrian traffic can be expected near the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, White House, and the Andrew W Mellon Auditorium from July 8-12.

Recommendations

Those operating or residing in Washington DC on July 8-12 are advised to allot for disruptions to vehicular and pedestrian travel near the aforementioned locations due to the slated road closures and other security measures implemented ahead of the NATO summit.