

Protest



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Nepal Tactical: Teacher's protest march slated from Maitighar Mandala in Kathmandu at 12:00 (local time) on April 16; maintain vigilance

Current Situation:

- Nepal Teachers' Federation have announced a protest rally from Maitighar Mandala to Baneshwor in Kathmandu at 12:00 (local time) on April 16. The exact route for the rally remains unconfirmed at the time of writing.
- The demonstration aims to demand the effective implementation of the School Education Act and urge the government to address teachers' concerns over job security, contract terms, and other related issues.



Source: [Facebook](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. The turnout at the scheduled rally is expected to range from the low to mid-hundreds, based on attendance at similar demonstrations over the past 13 days. The participation is likely to be reinforced by allied groups such as the Nepal Teachers Federation National Committee, among other sympathizers. The authorities are expected to enforce standard security measures around protest sites, including the installation of barricades and increased police presence to manage the crowds. While the government has agreed to summon a parliamentary session on April 25 to coordinate and facilitate the passage of the bill, the protesters are anticipated to continue their demonstrations until their demands are met.
2. There remains a minor risk of localized scuffles between the police and the protesters if the latter engage in disruptive actions, such as blocking key roads or marching toward government sites. However, the police are likely to maintain a higher threshold for the use of force, given the negative optics associated with targeting teachers and the sensitivity of the issue. Should unrest materialize, the security personnel will be liable to respond with baton charges and temporary detentions to restore order. Disruptions to travel are anticipated along the rally route during protest hours on April 16.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Kathmandu on April 16 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the slated protest rally while allotting for travel disruptions.