

Protest





Morocco Tactical: Education unions call for nationwide strike, protest outside Rabat's Ministry of Education at 10:30 on April 10; maintain heightened vigilance

Current Situation:

- Several education unions have called for a protest in front of Rabat's Ministry of Education at 10:30 (local time) on April 10.
- The unions will also hold a nationwide strike on April 10-11.
- The action is being undertaken to demand the implementation of the agreements signed between the union and the government in December 2023. This included increased wages and compensation to workers in the sector, an increase in the number of positions, and reduced working hours.



Source: National Coordination for the Education Sector

Assessments & Forecast:

This comes amid continued protest activity by the Moroccan education unions due to persistent socioeconomic grievances and the authorities' perceived failure to fulfill their demands. **FORECAST**: Given the unions' mobilization capabilities, the turnout at the protest is expected to be in the mid-dozens, at least. Although the protest will likely transpire peacefully, given its location outside a state institution, security forces will likely be present to prevent demonstrators from approaching the building. Security forces are likely to intervene further if protesters are deemed to be behaving in an unruly manner, increasing the risk of scuffles. Disruptions to traffic can be expected in the area starting from the morning hours.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Rabat during the morning hours on April 10 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance and allot for disruptions in the vicinity of the Ministry of Education due to the slated protest and associated risk of localized unrest.