

Protest

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Georgia Tactical: Multiple anti-GD protests slated in Tbilisi from 12:00 (local time) on August 20; avoid vicinity of rallies

Current Situation:

- Multiple anti-Georgian Dream (GD) protests are slated to take place in Tbilisi on August 20.
- Protests will be held in Tbilisi outside the City Court at 12:00 (local time), outside the Public Broadcaster building at 19:00, and outside the Supreme Court, the Parliament, and Liberty Square at 20:00 on August 20.
- The gatherings will mark the 266th consecutive day of ongoing protests to condemn the GD-led government's alleged anti-EU policies and violent crackdown on anti-government activists.



Source: [Facebook](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. The attendance at the slated protests is likely to range in the high dozens to low hundreds, based on mounting frustrations over the GD-led government's policies. The protests are likely to see elevated participation given the August 18 arrest of two anti-GD activists over alleged criminal charges. Anticipating this, the authorities are expected to deploy increased security measures in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations as part of standard security protocol. These measures will likely include the deployment of additional police personnel and the placement of barricades to monitor the crowd.
2. A high risk of clashes between protesters and the police remains, considering the authorities' low tolerance for anti-GD protests. Additionally, if the protesters are perceived to be engaged in unruly behavior, such as blocking major thoroughfares or the use of pyrotechnics against police personnel, the authorities are likely to resort to crowd dispersal measures. These measures are likely to include long-term detentions, heavy fines, as well as use of water cannon and tear gas in extreme cases. Significant disruptions to vehicular and pedestrian travel are expected in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the anticipated turnout and associated security measures during the slated protest hours on August 20.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Tbilisi on August 20 are advised to avoid nonessential travel in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the slated protests and associated high risk of unrest, while allotting for travel disruptions.