

Protest



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Georgia Tactical: Multiple anti-GD protests slated in Tbilisi from 10:30 (local time) on August 14; avoid vicinity of rallies

Current Situation:

- Multiple anti-government protests are scheduled to take place in Tbilisi on August 14, marking 260 consecutive days of demonstrations. The gatherings will condemn the ruling Georgian Dream (GD) party's perceived anti-EU policies, including its November 2024 decision to suspend EU negotiations until 2028 and alleged excessive force against anti-government demonstrators.
- Protests are slated outside the City Court at 10:30 (local time), 11:00 and at 14:00 on the day.
- The protesters will also gather outside the Public Broadcaster building at 19:00, and outside Parliament and the Supreme Court at 20:00 on August 14.



Source: [Facebook](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. The turnout at the scheduled protests outside the Public Broadcaster building and the Parliament will likely range in the low-to-mid hundreds, given precedent. Meanwhile, the gathering at the Tbilisi City Court and the Supreme Court is anticipated to range between the high dozens to low hundreds, based on the resonance of the issue. The authorities will bolster security measures in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations, given the sensitivity of the sites. Such measures will likely include the deployment of riot police and the setting up of barricades to control the crowds.
2. Given the authorities' low tolerance for anti-GD protests, there remains a potential for clashes between the protesters and the police. Should participants block roads, or defy police orders, the authorities will potentially deploy forcible dispersal measures. The use of water cannons, tear gas, and the detention of participants is anticipated in the event of unrest. The potential use of pyrotechnics by the protesters in response to perceived excessive police actions could further escalate tensions at the slated gatherings. Significant disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular travel are expected across Tbilisi due to the expected turnout and associated security measures on August 14.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Tbilisi on August 14 are advised to avoid the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the slated protests and associated high risk of unrest while allotting for travel disruptions.