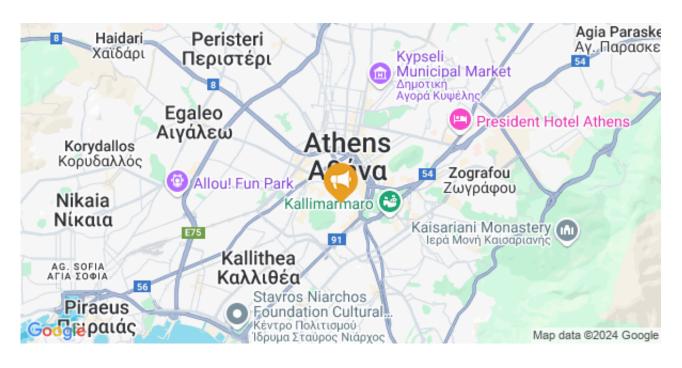


### Protest





# Greece Tactical: Protest march against NATO PA session slated from Propylaea in Athens from 19:00 (local time) on October 14; maintain heightened vigilance

# **Current Situation**

- Pro-Palestinian activists will reportedly stage a protest march from Propylaea to the Hellenic Parliament in Athens at 19:00 (local time) on October 14.
- The demonstration is being organized to denounce the NATO Parliamentary Assembly (PA) session slated to occur in the Hellenic Parliament. Protesters will reportedly demand Greece's "immediate disengagement" from military coalitions led by the EU, NATO, and the USA.

#### FOCAL POINTS OF PROTEST IN ATHENS



Source: Facebook

## **Assessments & Forecast**

- 1. Based on social media estimates, the slated demonstration is expected to garner a turnout ranging in the low hundreds.
- 2. Given heightened sentiments over the protest issue, especially due to the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, the demonstration carries a heightened potential for unrest, primarily in the form of clashes between protesters and law enforcement personnel. This is also supported by previous clashes at pro-Palestinian protests in Athens, including on October 7.
- 3. As such, a bolstered security presence is expected to be deployed along the planned march route, especially near the Hellenic Parliament, as a precaution to monitor the proceedings. In the event of escalating unrest, authorities are likely to deploy forcible crowd control measures such as using tear gas and conducting arrests.
- 4. Significant disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular movement can also be anticipated along the route of the demonstration during the evening hours.

### Recommendations

- 1. Those operating or residing in Athens on October 14 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the potential for unrest at the slated protest.
- 2. Allot for associated travel-related disruptions during the evening hours.