

Protest



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Greece Tactical: Anti-racism protest march to take place starting from Victoria Square in Athens at 14:30 (local time) on October 12; maintain heightened vigilance

Current Situation

- Activists associated with the anti-racism and anti-fascism organization- KEERFA Movement United Against Racism and the Fascist Threat, as well as other immigrant diaspora groups, will hold a protest march from Victoria Square in Athens at 14:30 (local time) on October 12.
- Later protesters will stage a march to the Agios Panteleimon Police Station on Michail Voda Street. The exact protest route is not yet confirmed.
- The protest is being held to denounce perceived excessive force used by police following the recent deaths of multiple migrants while in police custody and to denounce policies by the government that they perceived as racist. It is also being supported by various unions and left-wing organizations.
- Additional protests will be held in cities across Greece. Further details regarding protest locations can be found [here](#).



Source: [KEERFA](#)

Assessments & Forecast

1. Given previous protests organized by KEERFA and the support of multiple other organizations, the protest is expected to attract attendance ranging from mid-hundreds to low thousands.
2. Given heightened sentiments surrounding the protest topic, the march carries an elevated potential for unrest. Any such unrest is likely to manifest in the form of clashes between the police and the protesters. The risk is further heightened by the involvement of multiple left-wing groups, as well as the potential presence of far-left extremists, who may engage in direct targeting of law enforcement.
3. Indeed, based on precedent, there is a risk of far-left actors throwing projectiles at police, and engaging in vandalism targeting government property. In the event of escalating unrest, police are liable to use forcible crowd dispersal methods, including conducting mass arrests.
4. As a precautionary measure, a bolstered security presence, including riot police, is expected to be deployed near Victoria Square and the Agios Panteleimon Police Station, and along the protest route, to monitor proceedings.
5. Disruptions to vehicular and pedestrian travel are anticipated along the protest route from the afternoon hours onwards.

Recommendations

Those operating or residing in Athens on October 12 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance near Victoria Square and the Agos Panteleimon Police Station due to the elevated potential for unrest at the slated protest.