

Protest



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Georgia Tactical: Multiple anti-government protests slated in Tbilisi on April 12; avoid vicinity of rallies

Current Situation:

- Multiple anti-government protests are scheduled to take place in Tbilisi on April 12, marking the 136th consecutive day of demonstrations.
- A protest is planned outside the Public Broadcaster Building at 19:00 on April 12. This demonstration will be held to protest against recently passed media restrictions.
- A protest will take place outside Parliament at 20:00 on the day.
- The gatherings will be held to condemn the ruling Georgian Dream (GD) party's November 2024 decision to suspend negotiations with the EU until 2028 and the alleged excessive use of force against anti-government demonstrators.



Source: [Facebook](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. The turnout at the scheduled protests outside the Public Broadcaster Building and Parliament will likely range in the low-to-mid hundreds, given these locations have been central to prolonged anti-GD demonstrations. The authorities are liable to bolster security in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations, especially outside the Parliament, given the sensitivity of the protest location. The authorities are expected to deploy riot police and set up barricades to restrict protesters from approaching the government buildings.
2. Given the anti-government nature of these protests, there remains a high likelihood of confrontations between the protesters and security forces at the slated gatherings. Additionally, the authorities' low tolerance for anti-government gatherings is likely to inform the deployment of forcible dispersal measures in case protesters engage in perceived unruly behavior. The use of water cannons, tear gas, and the detention of participants are anticipated. Additionally, the potential use of pyrotechnics by protesters in response to perceived excessive police actions could further escalate tensions at these slated gatherings. Significant disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular travel are expected in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the high turnout and associated security measures on April 12.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Tbilisi on April 12 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.