

Protest



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Georgia Tactical: Anti-GD protests slated at Parliament, Rustaveli Avenue in Tbilisi from 20:00 (local time) on November 12; avoid vicinity of rallies

Current Situation:

- A protest is slated outside the Parliament building in Tbilisi from 20:00 (local time) on November 12. A car rally is slated on Rustaveli Avenue at 21:00 on the day.
- The gatherings will mark 350 consecutive days of protests denouncing the ruling Georgian Dream (GD) party over its perceived anti-EU posturing, democratic backsliding, and disproportionate crackdown on dissent.



Source: [Facebook](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. The turnout at the slated demonstrations will likely range between the low-to-mid hundreds, given the wider anti-GD sentiment among the population, and the precedent. This assessment also takes into account the expected surge in anti-government sentiment leading up to the first anniversary of the protest movement on November 28. As part of the standard security protocols, the authorities are likely to heighten security measures in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations. These measures are likely to include the deployment of additional police personnel, riot control units, traffic teams, and setting up barricades, to monitor the proceedings.
2. There remains a high risk of clashes between the police and protesters, given the authorities' low tolerance for anti-government protests. The authorities are likely to employ forcible dispersal measures, should the protestors engage in perceived disruptive activities, such as blocking major roads, breaching security protocols, provocative sloganeering, or employing fireworks against security forces, as witnessed on October 4. These forcible security measures are likely to include baton charges, temporary detentions, impounding of vehicles, and forcible removal from the site, to quell the unrest. Use of tear gas and water cannons cannot be ruled out in extreme cases of unrest. Disruptions to vehicular and pedestrian travel are anticipated in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the expected turnout and related security measures during the protest hours on November 12.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Tbilisi on November 12 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.