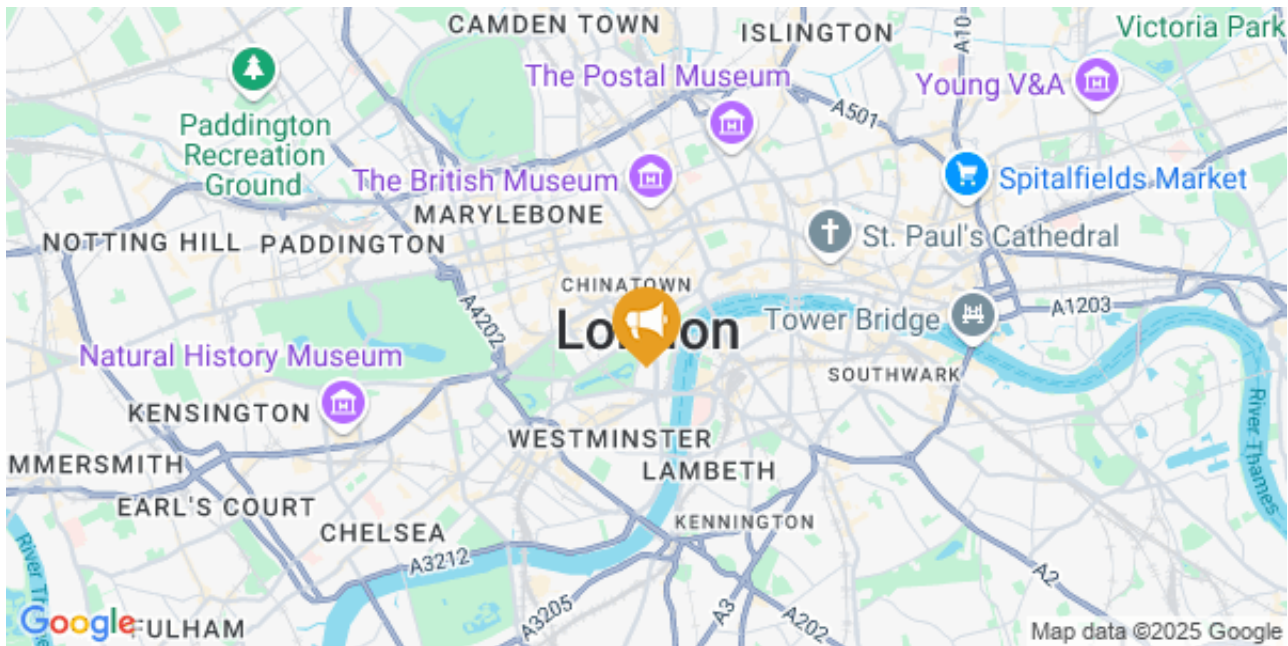


Protest



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UK Tactical: Anti-austerity protest march to take place from 10 Downing Street in London at 11:00 (local time) on March 26; maintain heightened vigilance

Current Situation

- On March 26, a protest march denouncing planned government cuts to welfare benefits, including disability benefits and other spending reductions, will take place from 10 Downing Street in London from 11:00 (local time).
- Following the initial gathering, the march will proceed to Westminster Parliament for an additional rally. The protest aims to condemn the perceived impact of the proposed cuts on vulnerable populations and to oppose any increase in military spending.
- The protest is organized by multiple housing rights, disability rights, and anti-war groups, including the Stop the War Coalition and Homes 4 All UK.
- Additional protest actions are slated to take place in cities nationwide, including in Manchester, Edinburgh, and Brighton.



Source: [X/Twitter](#)

Assessments & Forecast

1. Given the mobilization capacity of the organizing groups, the protest is likely to draw a turnout in the mid-to-high thousand. Additionally, heightened public sentiment over the government's proposed benefit cuts could lead to participation from other trade unions and civil society activists, potentially boosting participation further.
2. Given the heightened anti-government sentiments and likely participation of radical left-wing and pro-Palestinian protesters, this protest march carries a latent potential for unrest, possibly leading to localized clashes between protesters and law enforcement personnel.
3. As such, a reinforced security presence is liable to be deployed along the protest route as a precautionary measure. In the event of escalating unrest, authorities are liable to use forcible crowd control methods, such as conducting arrests.
4. Disruptions to vehicular and pedestrian travel, including planned road closures and scheduled changes to public transportation services, can be anticipated along the march route from late morning hours onwards.

Recommendations

1. Those operating or residing in London on March 26 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance in the vicinity of the anti-austerity protest march from 10 Downing Street to Parliament at Westminster due to the latent risk of unrest.
2. Allot for disruptions to travel in the vicinity of the aforementioned protest locations from late morning hours onwards.