

Protest

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Georgia Tactical: Anti-GD protests slated outside City Court, Parliament in Tbilisi from 12:00 (local time) on October 29; avoid vicinity of rallies

Current Situation:

- Activists will hold protests in front of the Tbilisi City Court at 12:00 (local time) and outside Parliament at 20:00 in Tbilisi on October 29.
- The protesters will denounce the ruling Georgian Dream (GD) Party for its alleged anti-EU policies and disproportionate crackdown on anti-government protesters and opposition figures.



Source: [Instagram](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. Participation in the slated protests is likely to range from the high dozens to the low hundreds, based on sustained anti-GD sentiment in the country. As per standard security protocol, heightened security measures are liable to be in place in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations. These measures will include placing barricades and deploying riot police to monitor protest proceedings.
2. There remains a sustained high risk of clashes between the police and the protesters, due to the authorities' low tolerance towards anti-government demonstrations. Should the latter engage in actions such as blocking major roads or provocative sloganeering against GD lawmakers, the authorities will resort to crowd dispersal measures such as forced removal and detention of protesters. In case of extreme unrest and the use of pyrotechnics against the police, the security forces are liable to employ tear gas and rubber bullet firing to diffuse the situation. Significant travel disruptions are anticipated in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to anticipated turnout and security measures on October 29.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Tbilisi on October 29 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.