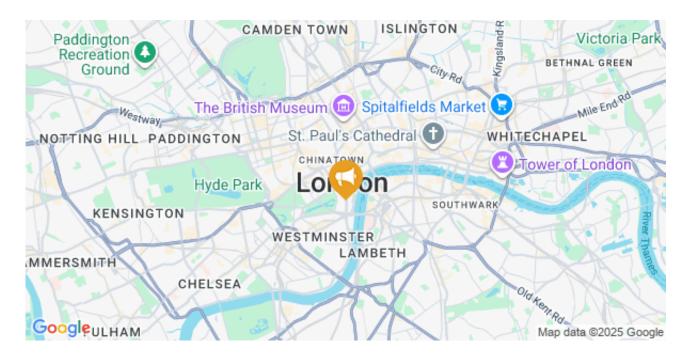


Protest



26 NOV 7:35 UTC UK Tactical: Farmer's protest slated to be held at Whitehall in London from 09:30 (local time) on November 26; maintain heightened vigilance

Current Situation

- On November 26, a farmers' protest is scheduled to take place at Whitehall in London, from 09:30 (local time). Participants will travel along the A4 road route, passing through Trafalgar Square before reaching Whitehall, where the main demonstration will be held.
- The protest, known as "Farmers to London: Budget Day 2025," will denounce the current Inheritance Tax (IHT) system, which they claim endangers family farms, rural livelihoods, and the long-term stability of the UK's agricultural sector.
- Organizers have stated that participants intend to bring tractors as part of their demonstration.
 However, the London Metropolitan Police have banned the use and presence of tractors during the protest.



Source: Facebook

Assessments & Forecast

- 1. Based on precedent and the organizing group's mobilizational capabilities, the protest is expected to draw a turnout in the low-to-mid thousands.
- 2. Given heightened sentiment and precedent, the protest carries a heightened potential for unrest, including clashes between farmers, police, and disgruntled commuters. The risk of unrest is likely to increase if protesters disregard police instructions and attempt to bring their tractors into the city. Indeed, emerging media reports suggest that nearly 1,500 tractors are headed towards London, with some parked on the outskirts.
- 3. As such, a bolstered security presence is likely near Whitehall and central London along the A4 to monitor proceedings. In the case of escalating unrest, police are liable to use forcible dispersal methods, including conducting mass arrests.
- 4. Severe disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular traffic are anticipated near the protest locations and parts of central London, especially if the protesters hold slow-moving convoy rallies and carry out road blockades. Authorities are expected to implement short-notice detours and road closures to manage traffic throughout the day.

Recommendations

- 1. Those operating or residing in central London on November 26 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance in the vicinity of Whitehall and the aforementioned protest locations due to the elevated risk of unrest during the farmers' protest.
- 2. Allot for associated disruptions to travel near the Whitehall and central London from the morning hours onwards.