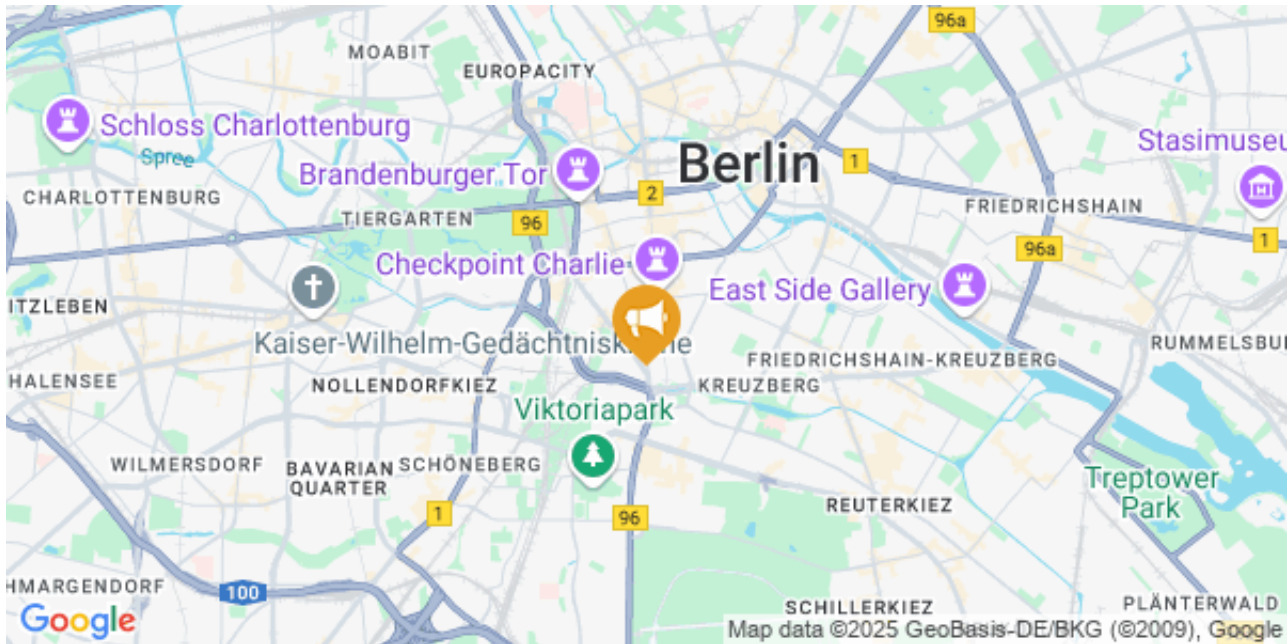




Protest



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Germany Tactical: Activists to hold protest march from Willy-Brandt-Haus to CDU Federal Office in Berlin from 15:00 (local time) on February 9; maintain heightened vigilance

Current Situation

- Reports indicate that activists associated with “QueerGermany Berlin” and other far-left groups are slated to hold a protest march from Willy-Brandt-Haus to the Federal Office of the Christlich Demokratische Union Deutschlands (CDU) party, located at Konrad-Adenauer-Haus in Berlin at 15:00 (local time) on February 9.
- The protest march is being held to denounce the Act on Assistance to Violence passed in the Bundestag in January 2025, due to its alleged discrimination against and lack of inclusion of the LGBTQ+ community under the measures proposed in the act. Organizers are also protesting the CDU over its alleged support of the far-right Alternative für Deutschland (AfD) party.



Source: [Instagram](#)

Assessments & Forecast

1. Based on social media estimates, the slated protest march is likely to witness a turnout in the low to mid thousands.
2. Given heightened sentiments over the protest issue and the potential involvement of far-left and anti-fascist activists, the protest carries an elevated potential for unrest. The risk of unrest will be especially heightened if the protest attracts right-wing or conservative counter-protests. Given precedent, incidents of unrest are most likely to manifest in the form of localized scuffles between protesters and the police, as well as with potential counter-protesters. However, should radical far-left actors attend, there is also a risk of violent clashes between protesters and police, with the former known to target police with projectiles.
3. As such, a bolstered security presence is likely to be deployed along the protest march route as a precautionary measure. In the event of escalating unrest, authorities are likely to use forcible dispersal methods, including conducting arrests, utilizing baton charges, and deploying tear gas to control crowds.
4. Significant disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular movement can be anticipated in the vicinity of the protest route from the afternoon hours onwards.

Recommendations

1. Those operating or residing in Berlin on February 9 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance near the aforementioned protest march route due to the elevated potential for unrest at the slated protest.
2. Allot for disruptions to travel in the vicinity of the protest march from afternoon hours onwards.