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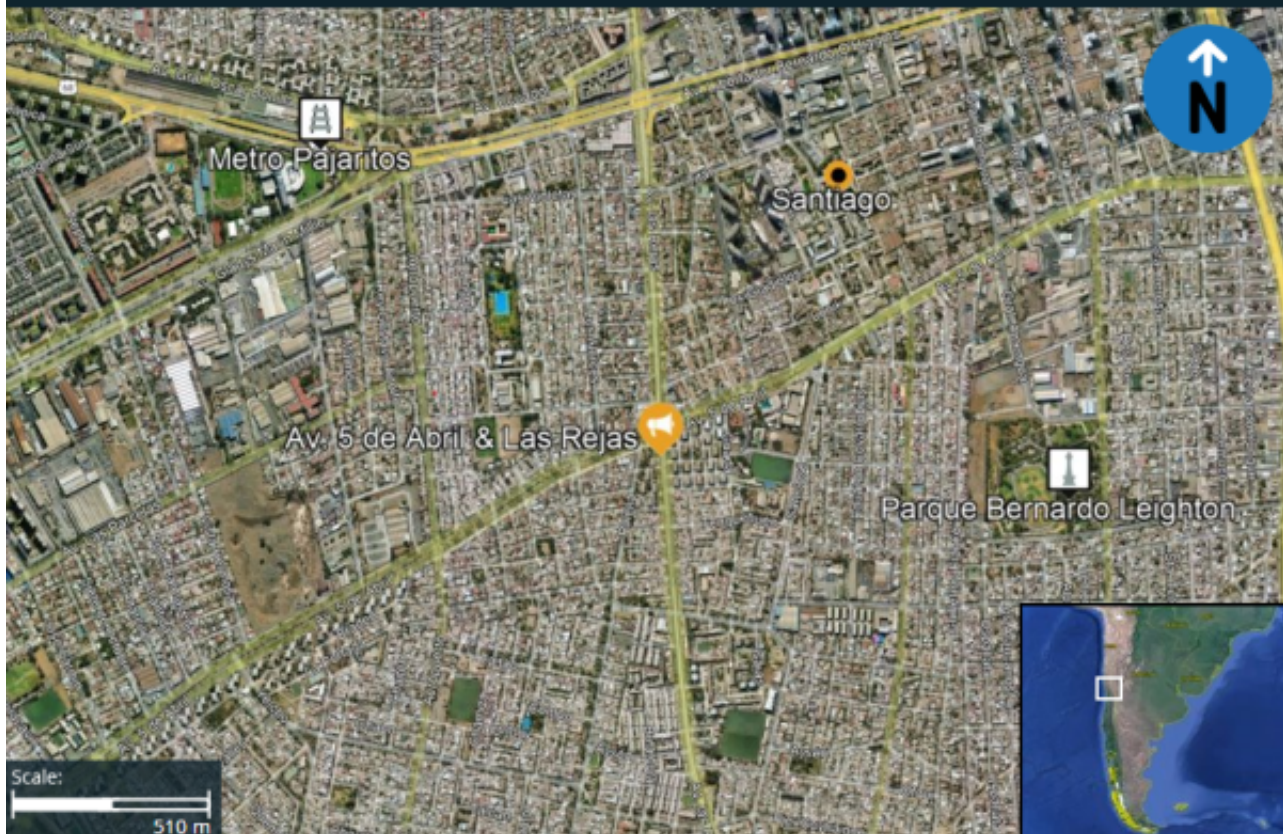
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Chile Tactical: Protests to commemorate Dia del Joven Combatiente planned in Santiago, Valparaíso on March 29; maintain heightened vigilance

Please be advised

- Multiple protests are planned on March 29 to mark the “Dia del Joven Combatiente” (Day of the Young Combatant), which is observed in commemoration of the of two students killed under the military government of Augusto Pinochet in 1985.
- In **Santiago**, activists will demonstrate at the intersection of Avenida 5 de Abril and Las Rejas, in the Estacion Central neighborhood, at 19:00 (local time). As of writing, no other protests have been confirmed. However, authorities warned of possible additional protests in the communes of Conchali, Independencia, Huechuraba, San Joaquin, Penalolen and Pudahuel.

LOCATION OF PROTEST IN SANTIAGO



- In **Valparaíso**, a demonstration will be held at the Plaza Anibal Pinto, also known as Plaza de la Resistencia, at 18:00.

LOCATION OF PROTEST IN VALPARAISO



Assessments

1. Based on previous demonstrations organized in commemoration of the Dia del Joven Combatiente, the protest in Santiago is likely to draw a turnout ranging in the mid-hundreds-to-low thousands, while the protest in Valparaíso is liable to witness attendance in the mid-to-high hundreds. Spontaneous protests are likely to be held in the country's main urban centers, especially in Antofagasta, Arica, Rancagua, and Temuco. In Santiago, additional demonstrations are likely to take place in Plaza Baquedano, known locally as Plaza Dignidad, as well as along Avenida Libertador Bernardo O'Higgins.
2. Given precedent, all commemorative protests will carry a heightened potential for unrest, with protesters likely to carry out acts of vandalism, particularly targeting public transportation buses, and clash with security personnel in the vicinity.
3. Therefore, a bolstered security presence can be anticipated near the slated demonstrations in Santiago and Valparaíso, and in other cities, near the potential locations of protests. In the event of escalating unrest, security forces are liable to use forcible dispersal methods like tear gas and water cannons.
4. Significant disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular traffic, including public transportation such as bus and metro services, can be expected throughout the day in the vicinity of protests in Santiago and Valparaíso. Pre-emptive security cordons can be erected near spontaneous gatherings. In addition, local businesses and educational institutions located in the vicinity of the protests are likely to close during the afternoon hours due to the risk of unrest.

Recommendations

1. Those operating or residing in Santiago, Valparaiso, and other major urban centers in Chile on March 29 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance near the protests due to the risk of unrest.
2. Allot for disruptions to travel in the vicinity of the slated protest locations during the slated hours.