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UK Tactical (UPDATE): XR activists to continue protest campaign with demonstration at London's Trafalgar Square at 10:00 (local time) on August 29; maintain vigilance

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- Activists associated with Extinction Rebellion (XR) have called for another protest in London on August 29 as part of the ongoing protest campaign against the fossil fuel industry.
- Protesters will gather at Trafalgar Square from 10:00 (local time). Protesters have been asked to bring chairs for a sit-in demonstration.
- Protests have been ongoing across London, with demonstrators blocking complete access to Oxford Circus during the protests on August 25. Dozens of protesters were arrested and police cordons were placed on several streets in the protest's vicinity. Over 200 have been arrested over the course of four days of protests.



Assessments

1. Based on recent protests associated with the ongoing XR campaign, the demonstration on August 29 is expected to draw crowds ranging in the mid-to-high hundreds, with multiple climate activists and animal rights groups expected to join the protest.
2. While major incidents of unrest in the vicinity of Trafalgar Square remain unlikely, as observed in recent demonstrations, the protest nonetheless carries the potential for scuffles between the police and demonstrators. In such an event, the police are likely to attempt to disperse crowds and conduct mass arrests.
3. Given that the demonstration has been planned as a sit-in protest, major disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular traffic can be expected in the vicinity of Trafalgar Square from the morning hours. Additionally, police cordons are likely to be placed on roads in the vicinity of the protest location.

Recommendations

Those operating or residing in London on August 29 are advised to maintain vigilance due to the potential for localized unrest and allot for traffic disruptions in the vicinity of Trafalgar Square from the morning hours.