

## Protest

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## France Tactical: Teachers' unions to stage strike, protests nationwide, including in Paris on September 23; maintain vigilance

### Please be advised

- Reports indicate that teachers associated with multiple unions, including the Confederation Generale du Travail (CGT), Force Ouvriere (FO), Federation Syndicale Unitaire (FSU), and Solidaires Unitaires Democratiques (SUD), have called for a national strike on September 23.
- The strike is being organized to demand increased wages and better working conditions amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
- In **Paris**, the unions will hold a protest march from Jussieu metro station at 13:30 (local time) to the Ministry of National Education on Rue de Grenelle.
- Similar demonstrations are also scheduled in Auxerre, Clermont-Ferrand, Lyon, Nice, Rouen, and Toulouse.



### Assessments

1. Based on the mobilization capacity of the groups involved and the scale of the strike, the labor action is expected to be widely adhered to. The demonstration in Paris is expected to witness a turnout in the mid-to-high thousands.
2. Judging by the heightened sentiments and the discontent over the government's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic, the demonstration carries a latent potential for unrest. Localized clashes between protesters and police officers cannot be ruled out. Security forces are liable to use forcible methods of dispersal and conduct mass arrests in the event of widespread unrest. Small-scale demonstrations and pickets are also likely to be held outside educational institutions nationwide.
3. Significant disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular traffic are anticipated in the vicinity of the protest locations in Paris from the afternoon hours onwards.

## **Recommendations**

Those operating or residing in Paris on September 23 are advised to maintain vigilance and allot for travel disruptions in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations from the afternoon hours due to the planned protest.