

Protest



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Georgia Tactical: Anti-government protest slated outside Parliament in Tbilisi at 20:00 (local time) on January 3; avoid vicinity of rally

Current Situation:

- Activists are slated to hold a protest outside the Parliament in Tbilisi at 20:00 (local time) on January 3.
- The slated gathering marks the 402nd day of consecutive protests against the ruling Georgian Dream (GD) party for its alleged anti-EU policies, undemocratic measures, and disproportionate crackdown on anti-government activists.

Source: [Facebook](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. The participation at the slated protest is likely to reach the mid-hundreds, consistent with attendance patterns observed at similar rallies in Tbilisi. As per standard protocol, the authorities will implement heightened security measures near the Parliament, given the sensitivity of the area. These measures will include the deployment of additional police personnel and the setting up of security barricades to monitor the gatherings.
2. There remains a likelihood of clashes between demonstrators and the security forces remains

high, given the authorities' sustained low tolerance towards anti-GD protests. The police are expected to employ forcible dispersal measures should the participants engage in perceived disruptive behavior, such as breaching security protocols, blocking major thoroughfares, engaging in provocative sloganeering, or the use of pyrotechnics against security forces.

3. These measures will likely include temporary detentions and baton charges. More stringent measures, such as the employment of tear gas, water cannons, and rubber bullets, cannot be ruled out in escalated cases of unrest. Significant disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular travel are anticipated around the Parliament on January 3 due to expected turnout and related security measures.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Tbilisi on January 3 are advised to avoid the vicinity of the Parliament due to the slated protest and associated high risk of clashes, while allotting for travel disruptions.