

## **Protest**

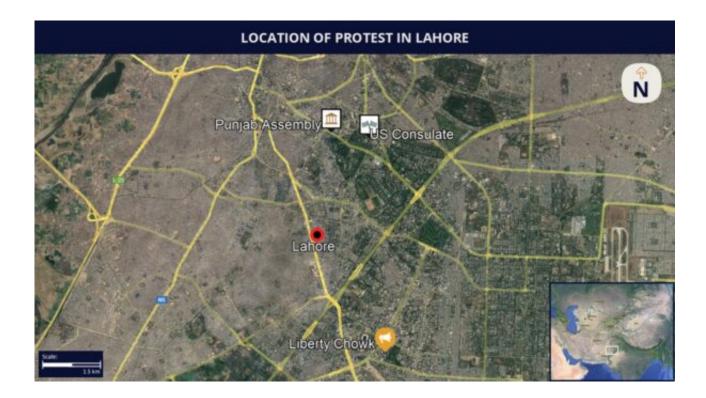




Pakistan Tactical: Aurat March to hold protest at Liberty Chowk in Lahore at 17:00 (local time) on June 6; maintain vigilance

## **Current Situation:**

- The Aurat March group is slated to hold a protest at Liberty Chowk in Lahore at 17:00 (local time) on June 6.
- The protest is being held to demand justice for Sana Yousaf, a 17-year-old social media influencer, who was shot dead in an alleged femicide case in Islamabad on June 2.



Source: X/Twitter

## **Assessments & Forecast:**

- 1. The turnout at the slated protest is expected to range in the mid-to-high dozens, given the mobilization capabilities of the group and the sensitivity surrounding the issue. The authorities are liable to implement bolstered security measures in the vicinity of the Liberty Chowk to monitor the event. These measures will include the deployment of additional police personnel and the erection of barricades.
- 2. There remains a latent risk of scuffles between the protesters and the police if the former are perceived to be engaging in disruptive activities such as breaching security protocols. In case of unrest, the police are liable to employ crowd control measures, including baton charges and temporary detention of demonstrators. However, the authorities are likely to maintain a higher threshold for crowd dispersal given the sensitivity of the issue. Localized disruptions to traffic are anticipated in the vicinity of Liberty Chowk during the protest hours on June 6.

## **Recommendations:**

Those operating or residing in Lahore on June 6 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of Liberty Chowk due to the slated protest and potential low-level scuffles while allotting for travel disruptions.