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Greece Tactical: Pro-migration protest to take place at Syntagma Square in Athens at 18:30 (local time) on February 6; maintain heightened vigilance

Current Situation

- A pro-migration protest is slated to take place at Syntagma Square in Athens at 18:30 (local time) on February 6.
- The protest is being organized by a civil society group “Solidarity With Migrants” to denounce perceived racism and neo-colonial violence against migrants. Protesters will demand justice for those allegedly killed, imprisoned, and brutalized at borders and call for the abolition of restrictive immigration policies.



Source: [Facebook](#)

Assessments & Forecast

1. Based on the mobilization capabilities of the organizing group, coupled with social media estimates, the protest is likely to garner a turnout ranging in the high dozens to low hundreds.
2. Given the heightened sentiments associated with the protest issue, the protest carries a latent potential for unrest. This is also due to the potential participation of far-left activists. Although counter-protests have not previously occurred at demonstrations organized by the group, in the unlikely event of counterdemonstrations from anti-immigration or right-wing groups, clashes between protesters and the police, as well as with potential counter-protesters are likely.
3. As such, a bolstered security presence is likely to be deployed in the vicinity of the protest location as a precautionary measure. Disruptions to both pedestrian and vehicular traffic are likely in the vicinity of Syntagma Square during evening hours.

Recommendations

1. Those operating or residing in Athens on February 6 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance in the vicinity of Syntagma Square due to the potential for unrest at the protest.
2. Allot for associated travel disruptions from the evening hours onwards.