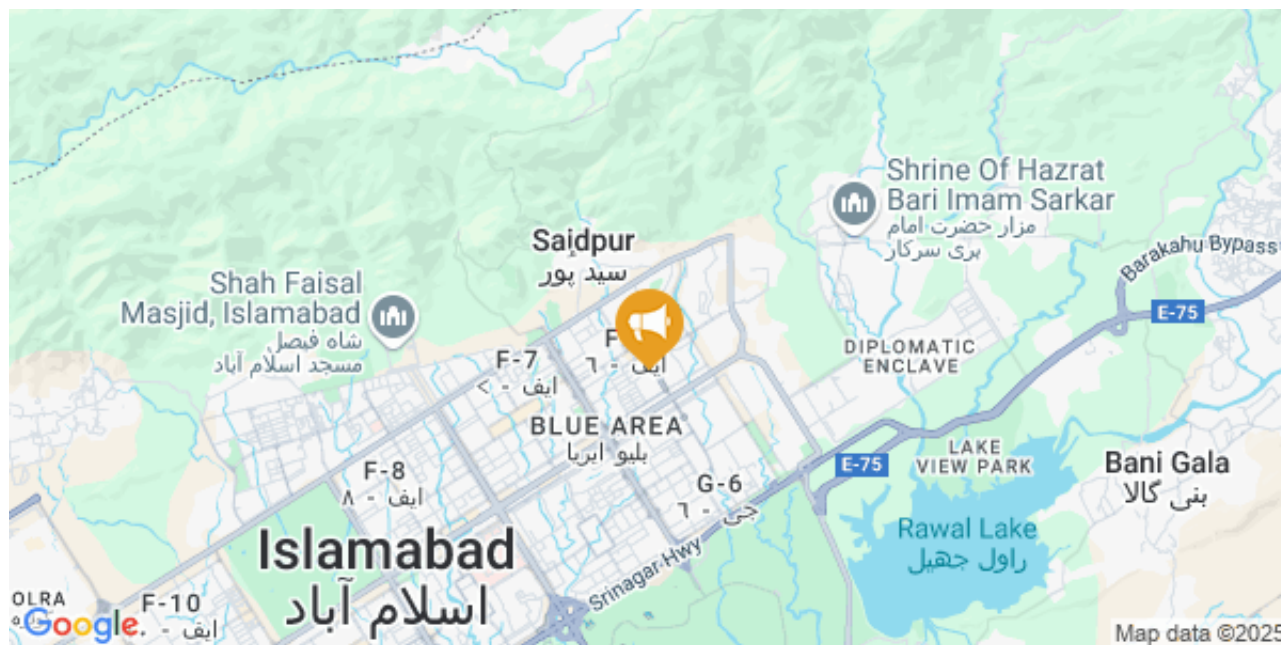


Protest

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Pakistan Tactical: Animal welfare activists to hold protest rally outside National Press Club in Islamabad at 13:00 (local time) on June 21; maintain vigilance

Current Situation:

- A coalition of animal welfare activists, citizens, veterinarians, lawyers, students, and journalists will hold a protest rally outside the National Press Club in Islamabad at 13:00 (local time) on June 21.
- The protest will be held against the alleged inhumane treatment of stray dogs in Pakistan. The demonstration will also condemn the conditions of strays at the CDA Stray Dog Population Control Center and the lack of veterinary care.



Source: [Pro Pakistani](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. The turnout at the protest rally is expected to range in the mid-to-high dozens, given the support garnered from diverse stakeholder groups and the resonance of the issue. The authorities are likely to bolster security measures in the vicinity of the protest site and along the rally route, as part of the standard security protocol. These measures will include the deployment of police personnel and the setting up of barricades in the vicinity of the protest site to monitor the crowd.
2. There remains a latent risk of scuffles between the police and protesters, should the latter be perceived as engaging in disruptive behaviors, such as blocking roads or attempting to breach security measures. The authorities will likely disperse protesters in such cases, using baton charges and temporary detention. Disruptions to vehicular traffic are anticipated in the vicinity of the protest location and along the rally route due to the anticipated turnout and associated security measures during the protest hours on June 21.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Islamabad on June 21 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of the National Press Club and along the rally route due to the slated protest and associated security measures, while allotting for travel disruptions.