

Protest

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South Korea Tactical: Candlelight Action group to protest outside Supreme Court in Seoul on May 7, 10; maintain vigilance

Current Situation:

- The Candlelight Action group will protest outside the Supreme Court (SC) in Seoul at 19:00 (local time) on May 7 and at 16:00 on May 10.
- The demonstrations will denounce the perceived interference of the SC in the upcoming presidential elections, which are scheduled for June 3. The protests will also demand the impeachment of the current SC judges.



Source: [Facebook](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. The expected participation at the slated protests is anticipated to range from the high dozens to the low hundreds, based on the group's mobilization capabilities in the city. The participation is likely bolstered on May 10, given that it falls on a weekend. The authorities are likely to heighten security measures in the vicinity of the SC, given its sensitive location. This will likely include increased police deployment than usual and the placement of barricades around SC's vicinity to monitor the crowd and minimize travel disruptions.
2. A latent risk of scuffles remains between protesters and the police should the former resort to disruptive behavior such as breaching security protocols. In case of counterprotests by the pro-People Power Party (PPP) bystanders, a risk of inter-group scuffles also remains. In such scenarios, the authorities are likely to employ crowd control measures, such as forced removal from the site. However, stringent measures by the authorities remain low based on precedent. Localized disruptions to the pedestrian and vehicular traffic are anticipated in the vicinity of the SC during the protest hours on May 7 and 10.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Seoul on May 7 and 10 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of the SC due to the slated protest and associated risk of scuffles while allotting for travel disruptions.