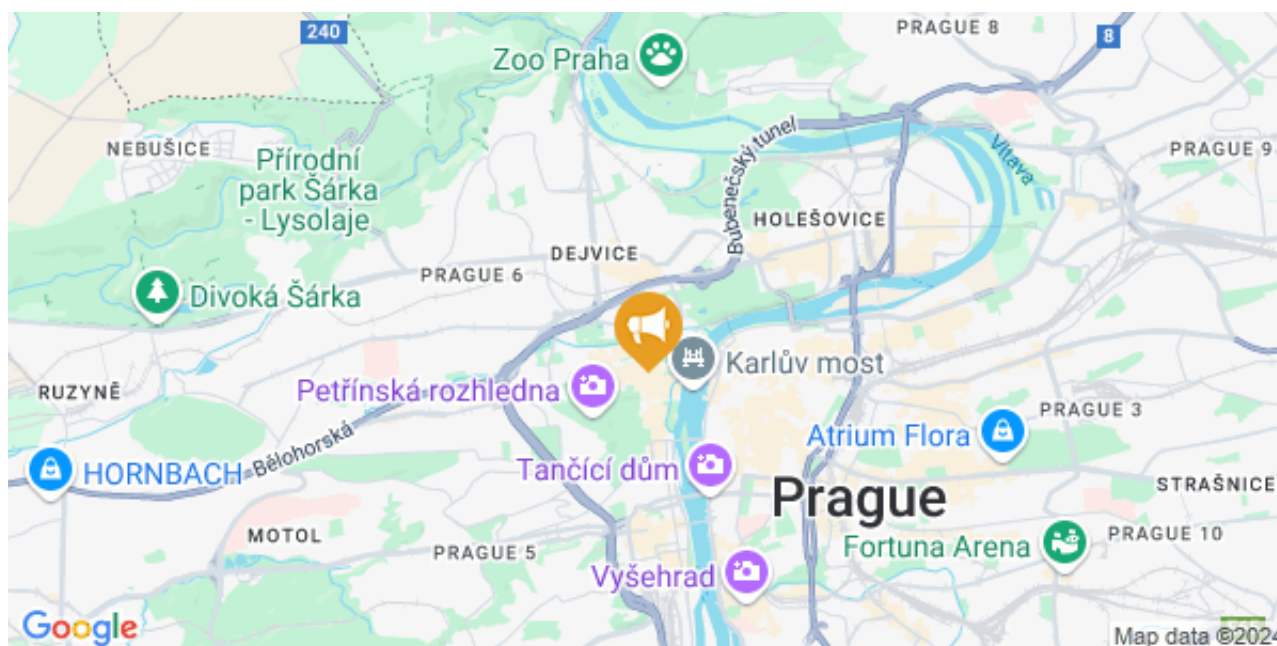




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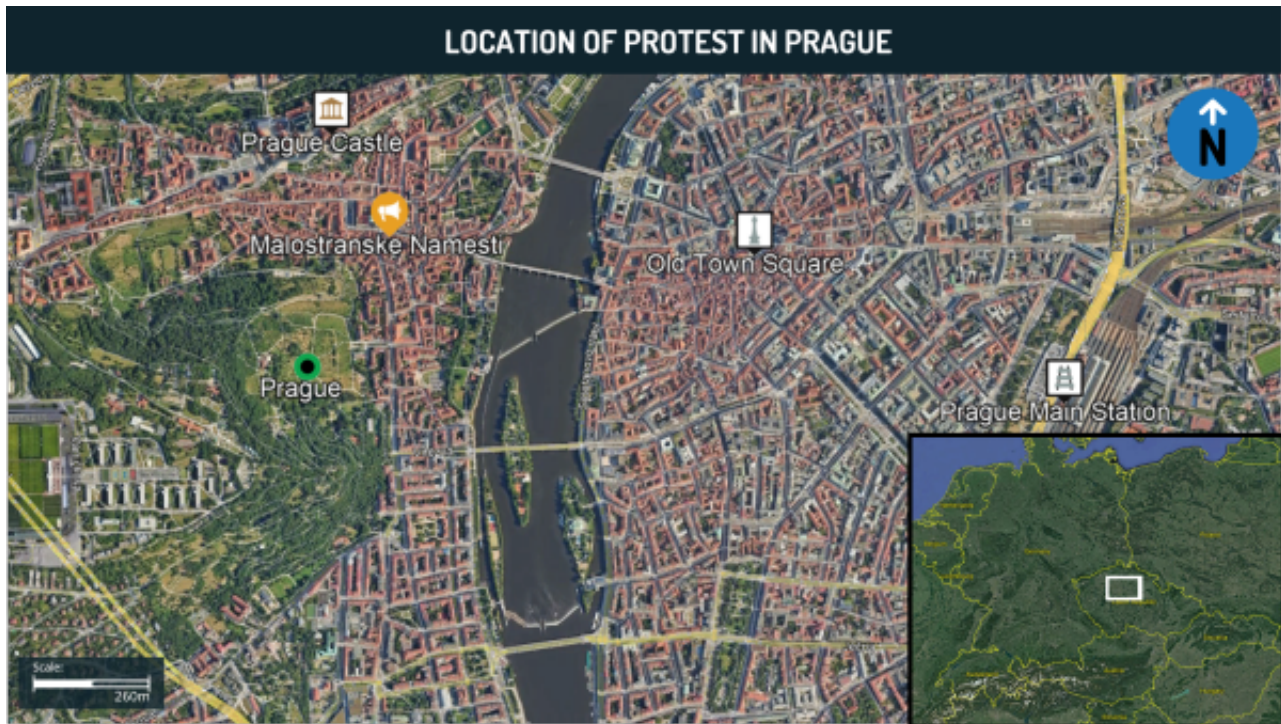
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Czech Republic Tactical: Far-left protest slated at Malostranske Namesti in Prague at 17:30 (local time) on December 18; maintain heightened vigilance

Current Situation

- Activists associated with “Anarchisticka federace”, a far-left group, are slated to hold a protest at Malostranske Namesti in Prague from 17:30 (local time) to 19:30 on December 18.
- The protest is organized to denounce the policies of the Turkish government and to denounce Turkey’s alleged aggression against Kurdish populations in Rojava, Syria.



Source: Akce.nolog.cz

Assessments & Forecast

1. Based on precedent and previous protests organized by the group, the protest is expected to witness a turnout in the low hundreds.
2. Given the heightened sentiments associated with the protest issue and the presence of far-left activists, the protest holds a latent potential for unrest in the form of scuffles and even localized clashes between protesters and police personnel.
3. As such, a bolstered security presence is expected to be deployed in the vicinity of Malostranske Namesti to monitor proceedings. In the event of escalating unrest, authorities are liable to use forcible crowd dispersal methods, such as conducting arrests.
4. Disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular movement are anticipated in the vicinity of the slated protest location from the late afternoon hours onwards.

Recommendations

1. Those operating or residing in Prague on December 18 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance in the vicinity of Malostranske Namesti due to the potential for unrest.
2. Allot for associated travel-related disruptions from the late afternoon hours onwards.