

Protest



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Spain Tactical: Anti-Argentine government protests to take place in Barcelona, Madrid on February 1; maintain heightened vigilance

Current Situation

- On February 1, LGBTQ+ and left-wing activists will hold protests in Barcelona and Madrid, denouncing Argentine President Javier Milei and his government's reported plans to remove legal recognition of gender-based killings, as well as alleged anti-LGBTQ+ rhetoric and the elimination of transgender employment quotas.
- In **Barcelona**, the protest will be held at 20:00 (local time) outside the Argentine Consulate on Pg. de Gracia.



Source: [Instagram](#)

- In **Madrid**, the protest will take place at 20:00 outside the Argentine Embassy at C. de Fernando el Santo, 15, Chamberí.



Source: [X/Twitter](#)

Assessments & Forecast

1. Based on precedent, these protests are likely to attract turnouts in the mid-to-high hundreds each.
2. Given heightened sentiments over the protest issues, coupled with the potential involvement of radical left-wing activists, these protests carry latent potential for unrest, in the form of localized clashes between protesters and the police.
3. As such, a bolstered security presence is likely to be deployed near the slated protests to monitor proceedings. In case of escalating unrest, authorities are likely to resort to forcible dispersal measures, such as conducting arrests.
4. Disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular movement are expected in the vicinity of these protests during the evening hours.

Recommendations

Those operating or residing in Barcelona and Madrid on February 1 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance near the Argentine diplomatic establishments due to the latent potential for unrest at the slated protests during evening hours.