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Georgia Tactical: Anti-GD protests slated at Concert Hall, Parliament in Tbilisi from 19:00 (local time) on March 7; avoid vicinity of gatherings

Current Situation:

- Activists are slated to hold a rally by the banner “Strength in Unity” at Tbilisi Concert Hall, also known as the Philharmonic Hall, in Tbilisi from 19:00 (local time) on March 7.
- Additionally, a protest is slated in front of Parliament in Tbilisi at 20:00 on the same day.
- The protests will mark 465th day of continuous demonstration against the ruling Georgian Dream (GD) party, to oppose its alleged disproportionate crackdown on anti-government protesters and anti-democratic policies.



Source: [Instagram](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. The turnout in the protests will remain consistent with the daily demonstrations, ranging between the high dozens to low hundreds. The recent legislative amendments tightening civil society financing and criminalizing the questioning of the government further add to the prevailing public frustration and are likely to elevate participation in the protests. As part of the standard security protocol, the deployment of police personnel and placement of barricades is likely in the vicinity of the protest locations to manage the crowd.
2. The high risk of clashes between protesters and the police persists, especially due to the authorities' low tolerance towards anti-GD protests. Should participants engage in disruptive behavior, such as breaching security protocols or blocking major roads, the police are liable to respond with forcible dispersal measures. These measures will likely include detention and forced removal of protesters from the sites. In case of escalating unrest, particularly if the protesters launch pyrotechnics at the authorities, the police are likely to deploy tear gas and water cannons. Significant disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular traffic are anticipated in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations on March 7 due to the expected turnout and related security measures.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Tbilisi on March 7 are advised to avoid the vicinity of Tbilisi Concert Hall and Parliament due to the slated protests and associated high risk of clashes while allotting for travel disruptions.