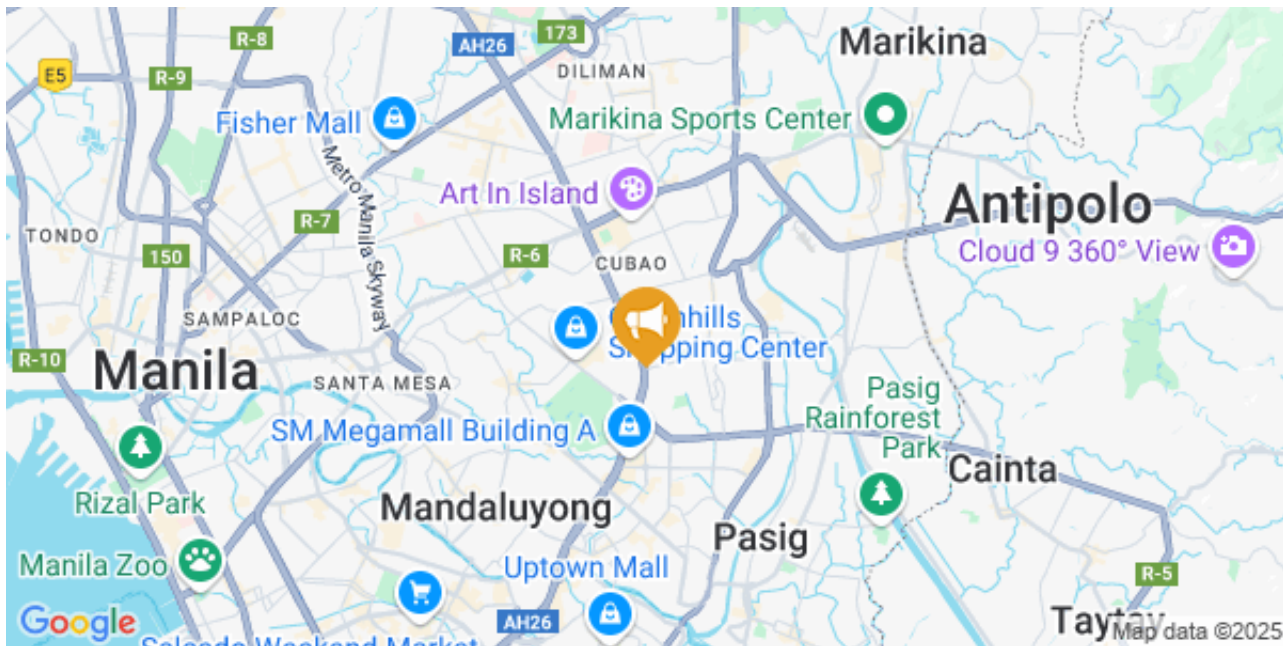




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Philippines Tactical: Rallies, security measures announced for EDSA Anniversary on February 25; maintain vigilance

Current Situation:

- Multiple events have been scheduled to commemorate the 39th anniversary of the Epifanio de los Santos Avenue (EDSA) People Power Revolution of 1986, which resulted in the removal of then-President Ferdinand Marcos Sr.
- The Philippine National Police (PNP) will deploy approximately 8,000 officers to maintain public order and security during the anniversary observances.
- A protest is slated at White Plains Avenue in Quezon City, Metro Manila, at 12:30 PM (local time) on February 25. The demonstrators intend to voice their opposition to the current administration, citing concerns over corruption and the persistence of alleged political dynasties within the country.
- Additionally, a march involving over 70 activist and civil society organizations is scheduled to take place at the EDSA People Power Monument in Manila at 1:30 PM on February 25. The rally aims to highlight concerns over the national budget and its allocations.



Source: [X/twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Manila Standard](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. The turnout at the slated gatherings is expected to range in the low-to-mid hundreds, based on social media engagement and considering the significance of the EDSA anniversary. The authorities are likely to implement heightened security measures around White Plains Avenue and the People Power Monument as part of the standard security protocol. Security will be elevated around EDSA Shrine and Rizal Park as the event is expected to attract a large footfall of visitors. These measures will likely include increased police deployment, the establishment of security checkpoints, and the installation of barricades to control crowd movement and monitor the proceedings.
2. Given the anti-government sentiments associated with the slated gatherings, there is potential for localized scuffles between protesters and security forces, particularly if demonstrators attempt to breach security barriers or obstruct major roads. The authorities are likely to resort to forcible dispersal tactics, such as temporary detentions, should participants engage in unruly behavior or disrupt traffic. Localized travel disruptions are anticipated around White Plains Avenue and EDSA People Power Monument due to the expected turnout and the associated security measures during protest hours on February 25.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Metro Manila on February 25 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the slated gatherings and related risk of scuffles while allotting for travel disruptions.