

## Protest



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**Ireland Tactical: Anti-immigration protest slated to take place in front of hotel located at Garters Lane in Dublin at 19:30 (local time) on October 21; avoid nonessential travel**

## Current Situation

- On October 21, an anti-immigration protest is slated to be held in front of a hotel located at Garters Lane in Dublin at 19:30 (local time). The hotel is currently housing asylum-seekers.
- The protest is triggered by the October 20 sexual assault of a 10-year-old girl by a 26-year-old African migrant on Garters Lane. It is being organized to denounce the migration policies in Ireland, which are perceived as harmful to Irish citizens.



Source: [X/Twitter](#)

## Assessments & Forecast

1. Based on the social media estimates, the protest is likely to draw a turnout in the mid-to-high thousands. Moreover, smaller protests outside asylum centers in Dublin and other cities are also likely to take place in the coming hours.
2. Considering already heightened anti-immigrant sentiments in Ireland, coupled with the nature of the incident itself, given that it involved a female child, the protest carries a high risk for unrest, including sudden violent escalation. This is also supported by the Dublin riots that occurred in November 2023, which were triggered by an Irish national originally from Algeria, who stabbed three children in Dublin. As such, the risk of protesters engaging in clashes with the police, as well as property damage, is high. This includes arson and vandalism of minority-owned properties and potential attacks on individuals with Middle Eastern or African appearance.
3. As such, a heavy police presence is expected near the protest location and neighboring areas as a precaution, with police resorting to forcible measures, including water cannons and the use of rubber bullets in case of escalating unrest.
4. Significant disruptions to travel are expected from the evening hours at the slated location.

## Recommendations

1. Those operating or residing in Dublin on October 21 are advised to avoid nonessential travel near the hotel located at Garters Lane due to the elevated risk of unrest at the anti-immigration protest.
2. Allot for significant disruptions to travel during the evening hours onwards.