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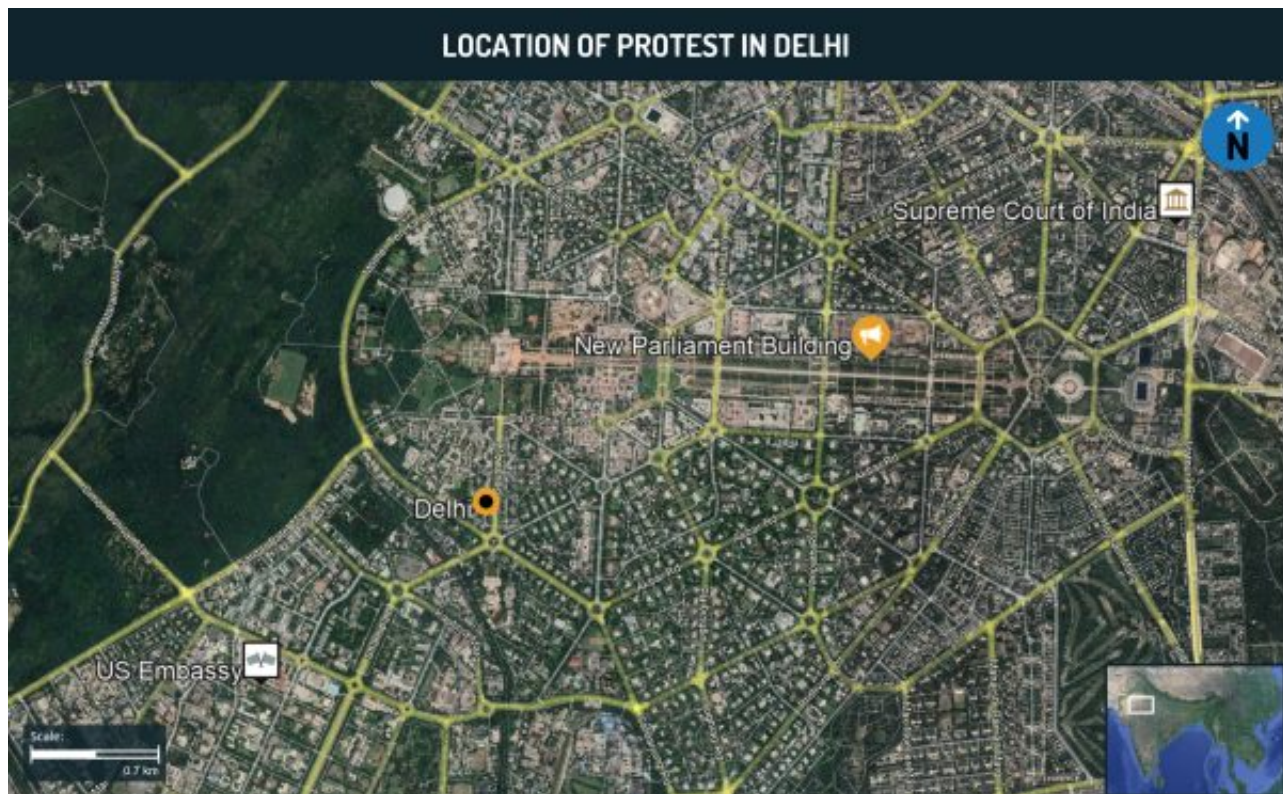
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India Tactical: Women wrestlers call for protest outside new Parliament building in Delhi on May 28; maintain vigilance

Please be advised:

- Women wrestlers have called for a protest outside the new parliament building in Delhi on May 28. The timing of the protest remains unannounced, as of writing.
- The protest is aimed at drawing attention to the alleged involvement of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) member of parliament (MP) and Wrestling Federation India (WFI) chief, Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh in the sexual harassment of women wrestlers.



Assessments:

1. Given that the demonstration has been called to coincide with the new Parliament building's inauguration by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, heightened security measures in the venue's vicinity are expected. The latest demonstration remains in line with the wrestlers' continued anti-government protests in the capital city in recent weeks. As such, attempts to forcefully stage the protest will elevate the likelihood of security forces' intervention, including forcible dispersal and potential arrest of participants. Should the gathering materialize, participation is expected to reach the low-to-mid dozens.
2. While the timing of the gathering remains unknown as of writing, it is likely to be timed with the Parliament's inauguration in the morning or afternoon hours (local time) on May 28. Any potential extension of support from the opposition parties may further bolster the turnout and increase the likelihood of security action. Disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular traffic remain likely in the vicinity of the protest on the day.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Delhi on May 28 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of the new Parliament building due to the slated protest and associated potential for unrest, while allotting for travel disruptions.