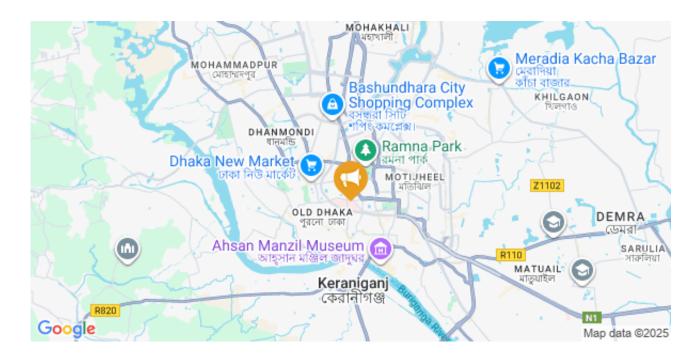


Protest



07 NOV 3:52 UTC Bangladesh Tactical: Teachers' indefinite protest slated at Central Shaheed Minar in Dhaka from 10:00 (local time) on November 8; maintain vigilance

Current Situation:

- Assistant teachers associated with the Primary Teachers' Demand Implementation Council are slated to hold an indefinite sit-in protest at Central Shaheed Minar in Dhaka from 10:00 (local time) on November 8.
- The protest will be held to condemn the government's perceived inaction over the teachers' demand for a salary hike and departmental promotions.



Source: The Dhaka Tribune

Assessments & Forecast:

- 1. The turnout at the slated protest is likely to range between the mid-to-high dozens, given the mobilizing capabilities of the teachers' unions, coupled with the persistent frustrations among teachers' groups due to the government's perceived inaction over their demands. The protest action is expected to witness bolstered participation, given the declared support for the cause and the protest from other teachers' unions such as the Bangladesh Primary Teachers' Association. The authorities are likely to implement heightened security measures in the vicinity of the Central Shaheed Minar, including the deployment of police personnel, installation of barricades, and traffic diversions to manage the crowd.
- 2. There remains a risk of localized confrontations between the authorities and the protesters if the latter are perceived to be engaged in disruptive behavior, such as breaching security protocols. As such, the authorities are likely to resort to crowd control measures like baton charges or temporary detentions to quell the unrest. In case of escalating unrest, the use of water cannons and sound grenades to disperse protesters cannot be ruled out, as seen from the October 12 protest over a similar issue in Dhaka. Significant travel disruptions can be anticipated in the vicinity of Central Shaheed Minar due to the slated protest and associated security measures on November 8.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Dhaka on November 8 and over the coming days are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of Central Shaheed Minar due to the slated protest and associated risk of scuffles, while allotting for travel disruptions.