



Protest



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Germany Tactical: Right-wing protest march, left-wing counterprotests slated in Berlin, Hamburg on December 14; maintain heightened vigilance

Current Situation

- Reports indicate that a far-right protest march and multiple protests denouncing far-right extremism will be held in Berlin and Hamburg on December 14, the details of which are as follows:
- In Berlin, protesters associated with the far-right group “Aktionbündnis Berlin” will hold a protest march starting at S. Bahnhof Ostkreuz station at 13:00 (local time), proceeding via Neue Bahnhofstrasse, Gurtelstrasse, and Frankfurter Allee to Lichtenberg Brücke.
- The protest is being held under the banner “For law and order: against left-wing extremism and politically motivated violence.”
- This rally will feature speeches by former far-right Alternative für Deutschland (AfD) party politician Serhat Senturk, and right-wing influencer “Der Furst.”

Source: [Tagesspiel](#)

- Multiple counterprotests and blockades by left-wing groups are planned in response to the far-right rally.
- A protest under the banner “United Against the Nazis” will take place at Schlesisches Tor from 11:00. The protest is supported by multiple left-wing groups.

Source: [Demokrateam](#)

- Another protest march will proceed from Oberbaumstrasse to Am Rudolfplatz via Am Oberbaum, Stralauer Allee, Warschauer Platz, and Rotherstrasse from 11:00.

Source: [Berlin Gegen Nazis](#)

- Another counterprotest by the Ge Oberbaumbrücke radedenken initiative will be held near the Ostkreuz station on Annemirl-Bauer-Platz from 12:30.

Source: [Berlin Gegen Nazis](#)

- A protest march by multiple left-wing and climate groups will be held starting at Markgrafendamm at 12:30.
- The protest route will proceed via Persiusstrasse, Corinthstrasse, Revaler Strasse, Matkowskystrasse, Simplonstrasse, Lenbachstrasse, Boxhagener Strasse, Holteistrasse, Weserstrasse, Jessnerstrasse, and Frankfurter Allee, before ending at Lichtenberger Brücke.
- The protest is supported by groups including climate activist group Extinction Rebellion (XR) and Queermany

Source: [Berlin Gegen Nazis](#)

- A protest by left-wing group Omas Gegen Rechts will be held at the intersection of Frankfurter Allee, Mollendorfstrasse, and Gurtelstrasse from 13:00.

Source: [Berlin Gegen Nazis](#)

- A protest against the right-wing will be held by the pro-democracy group Bundnis fur Demokratie on Elsenbrücke from 12:00.

Source: [Bundnis Fur Demokratie](#)

- Separately in Hamburg, a protest against the right-wing will be held at S-Bahn Sternschanze from 14:00.

Source: [X/Twitter](#)

Assessments & Forecast

1. Based on the mobilizing capabilities of the organizers as well as social media estimates, the far-right protest by Aktionbündnis Berlin group is likely to draw a turnout ranging from the high hundreds to low thousands. Additionally, the slated counterprotests in Berlin are liable to attract a combined turnout ranging in the low thousands. Furthermore, the anti-fascist protest planned in Hamburg is expected to draw a turnout in the mid-to-high hundreds.
2. In addition to the slated protests, spontaneous counterprotests by rival groups are liable to manifest near the right-wing and left-wing protests in Berlin.
3. Given heightened sentiments surrounding the protest issues, the likely participation of radical left- and right-wing elements, and the presence of counter-protesters, these protests carry an elevated risk of unrest. The risk of unrest is especially elevated at the Berlin protests, as protesters and counterprotesters are expected to cross paths. As such, incidents of unrest are likely to manifest in the form of localized clashes between the rival protesters as well as with the police. Additionally, the risk of protesters resorting to incidents of vandalism and use of pyrotechnics also remains.
4. As such, a heavily bolstered security presence is expected near the aforementioned protest locations from the late morning hours onwards. In case of escalating unrest, authorities are likely to deploy forcible crowd control measures, including mass arrests.
5. Significant disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular movement, including possible road closures and delays to public transportation services, are anticipated in the vicinity of the protest locations during the slated timings.

Recommendations

1. Those operating or residing in Berlin and Hamburg on December 14 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance near the aforementioned protest locations due to the elevated potential for unrest at the slated protest and counter-protests.
2. Allot for disruptions to travel in the vicinity of such protests.

