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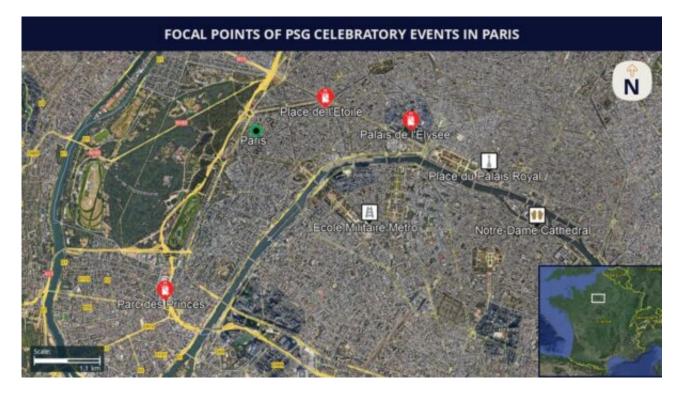
France Tactical (UPDATE): PSG celebratory parade to take place at Champs-Elysees from 17:00 (local time) on June 1; avoid nonessential travel

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Current Situation

- On June 1, celebratory events will be held in Paris after Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) secured their first-ever UEFA Champions League title on May 31.
- According to media reports, the entire PSG team is expected to arrive at Paris Charles-de-Gaulle Airport (CDG) at approximately 16:00 (local time).

- At around 17:00, the team will begin a celebratory parade along the Champs-Elysees, from Rond point des Champs Elysee to Place de l'Etoile. The event will last about an hour and will be heavily supervised by the police. Up to 110,000 supporters are expected to gather along the avenue.
- Access to the area will be tightly controlled, with a designated SILT (Securite interieure et lutte contre le terrorisme) protection perimeter in place. The SILT measures are in place around Place de l'Etoile, and delimited by Cours la Reine and Rue Francois-ler to the south, Place de la Concorde to the east, and Rue Beaujon, Rue de Ponthieu, and Rue de Penthievre to the north, in effect from 06:00. Charles de Gaulle Etoile, George V, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Champs-Elysees Clemenceau metro station will be closed. Details regarding the security perimeter, including associated parking bans and road closures, can be found here (in French).
- Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and live surveillance have been activated to monitor high-risk zones for a quick response if needed. Specific measures include barriers and searches on the Champs-Elysees and extra patrols and checks at train stations and airports.
- Following the parade, the team will be received by President Emmanuel Macron at the Elysee Palace at 19:00.
- Later in the evening, a special event for PSG season ticket holders is scheduled to begin at 21:00 at Parc des Princes. Identity checks and UAVs will be used at Parc des Princes.



Source: Le Parisien

Assessments & Forecast

- 1. In addition to the estimated crowds along Champ-Elysees, hundreds of supporters are anticipated to gather at CDG Airport to welcome the team. The event at Parc des Prince will likely see turnout in the mid-tens-of-thousands, in line with the stadium's seating capacity. Spontaneous non-official celebratory events are also likely to take place in other urban centers in France.
- 2. Due to the emotionally charged nature of the celebrations, there is an elevated risk of disorder, including clashes, accidents, and unruly crowd behavior—exacerbated by alcohol consumption and the presence of hooligan elements. Acts of vandalism and property damage are also likely, consistent with previous incidents.
- 3. Moreover, there is a credible risk of vehicle-ramming attempts targeting large gatherings as well as vehicle crashes. This is evidenced by recent incidents, including the May 26 vehicle ramming that left over 50 injured during a celebratory football parade in Liverpool, the May 15 vehicle crash outside the RCDE Stadium in Barcelona, and the May 8 hit-and-run during PSG-related celebrations near the Champs-Elysees. Moreover, on May 31, four people were injured when a vehicle hit a crowd in Grenoble, Auvergne-Rhone-Alpes, during celebrations for the PSG victory. Football-related mass gatherings also remain potential targets for extremist attacks, including by Islamists, due to their symbolic significance and high crowd density.
- 4. As discussed in the previous section, security measures are expected to be significantly reinforced around the Parc des Princes and along the Champs-Elysees. These will likely include barriers at critical points, heightened police presence, enhanced crowd control, and road closures or diversions. Heavy security is also likely at public transportation hubs and near popular monuments as a precaution.
- 5. As a result, delays and restricted movement are expected in affected areas, especially the 8th and 16th arrondissements throughout the day. Such restrictions will likely impact public transportation, including potential closures of metro stations near the security perimeter.

Recommendations

- 1. Those operating or residing in Paris on June 1 are advised to avoid nonessential travel near the abovementioned locations, especially Champs-Elysee, from the afternoon hours onwards due to the potential for violent unrest associated with the football celebrations.
- 2. Allot for significant disruptions to travel due to road closures, security checks, and potential parking bans throughout the day.