

Protest

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Peru Tactical: Protest demanding resignation of President Dina Boluarte slated to be held in Plaza San Martín in Lima from 16:00 (local time) on April 5; maintain heightened vigilance

Current Situation

- According to reports, multiple indigenous and civil society organizations are slated to hold a protest at Plaza San Martín in Lima from 16:00 (local time) on April 5.
- The protest is being held to demand the resignation of President Dina Boluarte amid the ongoing corruption investigations into her possession of luxury watches. As per social media reports, the alleged privatization of Servicio de Agua Potable y Alcantarillado de Lima (SEDAPAL), the state-owned drinking water and sewage service, is also part of the agenda of the protests.
- The protest is also set to coincide with the commemoration of the self-coup by former President Alberto Fujimori on April 5, 1992.



Assessments & Forecast

1. Given social media estimates and the precedent of previous mobilizations held at the same venue in Lima, the protest is anticipated to draw a turnout in the low-to-mid hundreds. The larger-than-usual anticipated turnout is also owing to the heightened sentiments over the corruption investigations and Boluarte's disapproval rate standing at 86 percent, per March 24 reports.
2. Furthermore, spontaneous protests remain likely near the Congreso and Palacio de Justicia in Lima, given precedent.
3. Owing to the heightened sentiments over the issue, the potential for localized unrest in the form of scuffles between protestors and security forces remains. In such a scenario, security forces are also likely to deploy crowd dispersal measures such as tear gas and water cannons.
4. Therefore, bolstered security can be expected in the vicinity of Plaza San Martín and other government buildings to monitor proceedings. Moreover, ad-hoc security cordons and road closures also remain plausible near the protest location.
5. Additionally, significant disruptions to vehicular and pedestrian traffic can be expected in the vicinity of Plaza San Martín during the slated timings and other spontaneous protests.

Recommendations

1. Those operating or residing in Lima on April 5 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance due to the potential for localized unrest near Plaza San Martín during the slated protest.
2. Allot for disruptions to travel due to the protest during the evening hours.