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Uruguay Tactical: Presidential inauguration of President-elect Yamandu Orsi slated in Montevideo on March 1; allot for disruptions

Current Situation

- Reports citing official sources indicate that the inauguration ceremony of President-elect Yamandu Orsi of the left-wing Frente Amplio (FA) political coalition will be held in Montevideo on March 1.
- The proceedings will begin at the Palacio Legislativo at 14:30 (local time), where Orsi and incoming vice-president Carolina Cosse will be sworn-in for the 2025-2030 presidential term during a constitutional pledge ceremony in front of the Assamblea General members.
- Following the swearing-in ceremony, Orsi and Cosse will travel from the Palacio Legislativo on Avenida Libertador, Rio Negro, Avenida 18 de Julio, and then Avenida Andes to

the Auditorio Nacional Adela Reta where the transfer of presidential sash, inauguration, and swearing-in of new ministers will begin at 14:30.

- The ceremony will be held at the Auditorio Nacional Adela Reta and not Plaza Independencia, as initially planned, due to the forecast of rain. Additionally, foreign dignitaries from Bolivia, Colombia, Honduras, among other countries will be present.
- Weather permitting, Orsi and Cosse will then visit Plaza Independencia to greet the public and participate in a musical event.



Source: [Montevideo Portal](#)

Assessments & Forecast

1. Orsi was elected President on November 24, 2024, after securing 49.84 percent of the votes in the second round of the presidential elections, defeating the ruling Partido Nacional's (PN) candidate, Alvaro Delgado, who received 45.86 percent of the votes. This marks the return of the Frente Amplio (FA) to the national government after the PN incumbent, President Luis Lacalle Pou, held office from 2020 to 2025. Previously, FA administrations had maintained the presidency from 2005 to 2020. In the long term, the new administration is unlikely to pursue radical economic policy changes, opting instead for a moderate approach. This is evidenced by Orsi's pro-business stance as the former mayor of Canelones, Canelones province and his campaign promises of imposing tax incentives to attract investments. Additionally, a heightened focus on reducing organized crime and initiating dialogues on social security reforms can be expected. These efforts highlight an attempt to complement economic policies with enhanced social welfare measures.

2. **FORECAST:** The presidential transition is expected to transpire largely peacefully, given the absence of any major instances of unrest following his presidential victory and with Delgado's concession of defeat on November 24. Given Orsi's popularity, supporters ranging in the high thousands to low tens of thousands are expected to gather at Plaza Independencia and along the route planned between the Palacio Legislativo and Auditorio Nacional Adela Reta to portray their support. However, due to the inclement weather forecast turnouts may be significantly lower. Moreover, while the inauguration proceedings are taking place there is a low potential for opposition supporters to hold ad-hoc and spontaneous protests to portray their discontent with the incoming administration. However, given that no unrest was recorded following the presidential election and with the opposition candidate's absence of negative rhetoric over the election results these are likely to remain peaceful.
3. **FORECAST:** While planned security measures remain unconfirmed as of this writing, a bolstered security presence is anticipated near all event locations. Additionally, given the presence of foreign dignitaries, law enforcement is likely to set up security checkpoints along prominent routes in downtown Montevideo, especially those leading to Palacio Legislativo, Plaza Independencia, and Auditorio Nacional Adela Reta. Consequently, significant disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular traffic are anticipated near all event locations and surrounding areas on March 1.

Recommendations

Those operating or residing in Montevideo on March 1 are advised to allot for disruptions to travel in the vicinity of Palacio Legislativo, Plaza Independencia, and Auditorio Nacional Adela Reta due to the planned presidential inauguration events.