



outside prominent government buildings across the country. In Colombo, these protests are likely to target justice- or health-related government departments, such as the Supreme Court and the Ministry of Health. Security measures, including the deployment of additional police personnel, are likely to be in place to monitor such protests.

2. There remains a low-level risk of scuffles between the police and protesters, should the latter engage in disruptive behavior such as blocking major thoroughfares. However, the authorities are expected to exercise a high threshold before resorting to forcible dispersal measures, such as baton charges, to avoid negative optics given the sensitivity of the issue. Disruptions to medical services are likely due to the ongoing strike.

## **Recommendations:**

Those operating or residing in Sri Lanka on March 12 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of all health union protests while allotting for disruptions to health services due to the ongoing strike.