

Protest



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Georgia Tactical: Anti-GD protests slated outside Parliament, Public Broadcaster buildings in Tbilisi from 19:00 (local time) on April 21; avoid vicinity of rallies

Current Situation:

- A protest will be held outside the Public Broadcaster building in Tbilisi from 19:00 (local time) on April 21.
- Another demonstration is planned outside the Parliament building in Tbilisi from 20:00 on April 21.
- The protests mark 145 days of protests to condemn the ruling Georgian Dream (GD) party-led government's perceived anti-democratic policies and anti-EU policies. These include the arrests and trials of anti-government activists and condemn GD's November 2024 decision to halt the negotiations with the EU until 2028.



Source: [Facebook](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. The expected attendance at the aforementioned protests is likely to range from high dozens to low hundreds based on the precedent observed in the previous protests and mounting frustration over the GD policies. This projection is particularly influenced by recent developments, including the reported downplaying of the EU's visa-free regime by the ruling GD. According to reports from April 18, Brussels is considering the potential revocation of the regime, further fueling public discontent. Following this, the authorities are expected to bolster security in the vicinity of the protest locations, particularly the Parliament, considering the sensitivity of the location. This is likely to include the additional deployment of security personnel and the setting up of barricades to manage the crowds and traffic congestion.
2. There exists a high risk of clashes between the police and protesters if the demonstrators engage in perceived unruly behavior, such as the use of pyrotechnics and breaching of security barriers. This risk is elevated given the authorities' low tolerance for anti-GD protests. Forcible dispersal measures by the security forces, including detentions, use of water cannons, and tear gas, can be anticipated in case of escalating unrest. Significant disruptions to travel are anticipated in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the expected turnout and related security measures during the protest hours on April 21.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Tbilisi on April 21 are advised to avoid nonessential travel in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the slated protests and associated high risk of unrest while allotting for travel disruptions.