

Labor Action



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Mexico Tactical: CNTE-affiliated teachers slated to hold nationwide strike, associated protests in Mexico City, Oaxaca on May 15; allot for disruptions

Current Situation

- According to reports, teachers affiliated with the Coordinadora Nacional de Trabajadores de la Educacion (CNTE), an education workers' union, have called for an indefinite nationwide strike and associated demonstrations in Mexico City and Oaxaca City on May 15.
- The labor action coincides with National Teacher's Day, celebrated on the same day, and is being held to demand increased wages and the reinstatement of teachers dismissed during former President Enrique Peña Nieto's administration. Negotiations are ongoing between teachers and the government to repeal educational reforms of 2007.
- Details regarding the location and timings of the associated protests on May 15 are as follows:

In **Mexico City**, an associated protest march will start from the exit of San Cosme metro station on Avenida Mexico-Tenochtitla and proceed towards Palacio Nacional at 09:00 (local time).

In **Oaxaca City**, Oaxaca, protestors will organize a sit-in protest in front of the Palacio de Gobierno de Oaxaca at an unconfirmed time.

Assessments & Forecast

1. Based on previous strikes by CNTE, including the 24-hour strike on May 1, coupled with the fact that several unions from Chiapas and Oaxaca including Frente de Organizaciones Oaxaqueñas (Foro), have announced their participation on May 15, the labor action is expected to be widely adhered to, causing significant disruption to public education services nationwide.
2. Given CNTE's mobilization capabilities and given precedent, the associated protest actions in Mexico City and Oaxaca City are anticipated to witness a turnout in the high hundreds-to low thousands. Further, given that the planned march on May 15 coincides with National teacher's Day, commemorative spontaneous protests extending support to the teacher's demands are possible in cities of Morelia, Michoacan, Chiapas, and Zacatecas states among others. These protests will likely attract turnouts in the low-to-mid hundreds.
3. Given the absence of unrest on May 1 and in CNTE protests in the past year, the demonstrations are expected to transpire peacefully without major incidents of unrest. Regardless, a bolstered security presence remains likely in the vicinity of the protest's locations, especially near government buildings in Mexico City and Oaxaca, to monitor proceedings
4. Moreover, significant disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular travel can be anticipated in the vicinity of the protest locations in Mexico City from the morning hours onwards, and throughout the day in Oaxaca city on May 15.

Recommendations

1. Those operating or residing across Mexico on May 15 are advised to allot for disruptions to public education services throughout the day due to the labor action.
2. Allot for disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular traffic near the protest locations in Mexico City and Oaxaca due to the associated protests during the slated timings on May 15.