

Protest

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12:24 UTC

Bulgaria Tactical: Protest by education sector activists slated at Ministry of Finance in Sofia from 11:00 (local time) on May 20; allot for disruptions

Current Situation

- Reports indicate that unionized education sector activists will stage a protest outside the Ministry of Finance building on Georgi Rakovski Street in Sofia from 11:00 (local time) on May 20.
- The protest organized by education sector unions, including the National Trade Union of Higher Education and Science (KNSB), will denounce the alleged lack of funding for higher education.



Assessments & Forecast

1. Based on the mobilizational capabilities of the organizers, the slated protest is expected to garner a turnout ranging in the low hundreds.
2. Given the nature of the protest, it is expected to transpire largely peacefully, without any major instances of unrest. Regardless, given the protest location, authorities are liable to additionally bolster security in the vicinity of the Ministry building to monitor proceedings as a precautionary measure.
3. Disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular travel are also anticipated along Georgi Rakovski Street during the late morning hours.

Recommendations

Those operating or residing in Sofia on May 20 are advised to allot for travel-related disruptions in the vicinity of Georgi Rakovski Street due to the slated protest from the late morning hours onward.