

Protest



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Pakistan Tactical: Opposition PTI to hold protest to demand former PM Imran Khan's release in Karachi on July 27; maintain vigilance

Current Situation:

- The opposition Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) announced a protest across Karachi on July 27. The exact location and time remain undisclosed, as of writing.
- The protest will be held to demand the release of former Prime Minister and PTI chief Imran Khan.

Source: [X/Twitter](#), [X/Twitter](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. The turnout at the slated protest is expected to range in the high hundreds-to-low thousands, given the party's mobilization capabilities in the city. The authorities are expected to implement heightened security measures around key government installations in line with standard protocol. These measures will likely include deploying additional police personnel and setting up barricades around potential protest sites, including the Press Club, Mohammed Ali Jinnah Road, Numaish Chowrangi, and the Sindh Assembly, to monitor and manage the crowds.
2. There exists a risk of clashes between the authorities and demonstrators, especially should the latter employ disruptive tactics such as blocking major thoroughfares or attempting to breach

security measures. In such cases, the authorities will likely resort to crowd control measures, including temporary detentions and baton charges, to quell any unrest. Disruptions to vehicular traffic are anticipated in the vicinity of the potential protest locations due to the anticipated turnout and associated security measures during the protest hours on July 27.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Karachi on July 27 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of the potential protest locations due to the slated protest and associated risk of unrest, while allotting for travel disruptions.