

Protest



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France Tactical: Protests against pension reforms to take place in multiple cities nationwide, including Paris, on June 5; maintain heightened vigilance

Current Situation

- Reports indicate that protests will take place in multiple cities nationwide, including Paris, on June 5.
- The protests are being organized by several trade unions, including the Confederation Generale du Travail (CGT), Federation Syndicale Unitaire (FSU), and Confederation Nationale du Travail (CNT), demanding the abolition of the retirement age of 64, the return to retirement at 60 years of age, and increases in pensions and wages.
- These protests coincide with a vote in the National Assembly, where deputies will decide whether to repeal the retirement age of 64.
- In Paris, a protest will take place at the Ecole Militaire, located in the 7th arrondissement, at 14:00 (local time).

- Another protest in Paris will be held in front of the Prefecture de Paris, located at 5 Rue Leblanc, at 10:00.
- Associated protests will take place in over 100 locations nationwide. Further details regarding the locations of these protests are available [here](#) (in French).



Source: [CGT](#)

Assessments & Forecast

1. Based on similar protests held previously, the slated protests in Paris are likely to witness a combined turnout in the range of high thousands to low tens of thousands, whereas the protests in other cities will likely witness turnouts in the range of high hundreds to low thousands each.
2. Given heightened sentiments surrounding the pension reforms, the protests carry a high risk for unrest in the form of clashes between protesters and the police.
3. As such, a bolstered security presence is likely to be deployed near Ecole Militaire and Prefecture de Paris in Paris, as well as at planned protest locations in other cities, to monitor proceedings. In the event of escalating unrest, authorities are liable to respond with forcible crowd control measures, including conducting arrests and using tear gas.
4. Severe disruptions to vehicular and pedestrian movement, including road closures and traffic diversions, should be anticipated near protest locations in Paris and other cities during the slated protests.

Recommendations

1. Those operating or residing in Paris on June 5 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance in the vicinity of Ecole Militaire and Prefecture de Paris due to the elevated potential for unrest arising from the slated protests.
2. Those operating or residing in France on June 5 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance near any protests associated with the pension reforms due to the elevated potential for unrest.
3. Allot for associated travel-related disruptions near the protest locations during slated timings.