

Protest



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Germany Tactical: Anti-far-right protests to be held in multiple cities on February 18-20; maintain heightened vigilance

Current Situation

- Multiple anti-far right protests are slated to be held in multiple cities on February 18-20. Details of which are given below:
- On February 19, the anti-racist group Migrantifa Berlin plans to hold a protest march in **Berlin** from Sonnen Center, Sonnenallee 330, starting at 17:30 (local time). Thereafter, the protest will proceed via Sonnenallee and Hermannplatz, concluding at Hermannplatz.
- The demonstration aims to commemorate the victims of the Hanau attack which occurred on February 19, 2020, where a far-right extremist killed nine people of migrant background at two shisha bars in Hanau, Hesse, and to denounce the right-wing extremism.

Source: [Instagram](#)

- Separately, on February 19, the student group Fichtenberg-Oberschule plans to hold a protest march in Berlin from Blissesstrasse 22, 10713, starting at 10:00.
- Thereafter, the protest will proceed via Hildegardstrasse, Weimarische Strasse, Detmolder Strasse, Laubacher Strasse, Schwalbacher Strasse, Stubenrauchstrasse, Bundesallee, concluding at Walther-Schreiber-Platz.
- The demonstration aims to oppose right-wing extremism and defend a diverse and inclusive society. Furthermore, it will denounce the recent collaboration between the center-right Christlich Demokratische Union Deutschlands (CDU) party and the far-right Alternative fur Deutschland (AfD) in the Bundestag, the German Parliament.

Source: [Asanb.noblogs](#)

- On February 19, the activist group Revogermayn plans to hold a protest march in Berlin from Pallasstrasse/Elssholzstrasse, 10781, starting at 10:00. Thereafter, the protest will proceed via local streets, concluding at Hermann-Ehlers-Platz. However, the exact route of the protest has not yet been confirmed.
- The demonstration aims to mobilize students against racism and deportations from schools. While primarily focused on anti-racism, it is also part of the larger student movements opposing the CDU and AfD, warning against a shift towards nationalist policies.

Source: [Asanb.noblogs](#)

- In Berlin, another protest denouncing the right-wing conspiracy theories, misinformation, and irrational policies at the entrance of Tempelhofer Feld at 17:00 on February 20.

Source: [X/Twitter](#)

- On February 19, the civil society group Sonnenland Organisieren plans to hold a protest in **Hamburg** at U Horner Rennbahn, starting at 18:00.
- The demonstration aims to remember the Hanau attack victims and continue the fight against racism.

Source: [X/Twitter](#)

- In **Stuttgart**, an anti-AfD protest is slated to take place at Bahnhof Uingen starting at 17:45 on February 20.

Source: [X/Twitter](#)

- On February 18, the student association Arbeitskreis kritischer Juristinnen plans to hold a protest in **Potsdam** at Schinkelhalle Schiffbauergasse 4A, 14467, starting at 18:00 (local time).
- The demonstration aims to defend the right to asylum and oppose right-wing agitation. Furthermore, it denounces the CDU and AfD for their recent collaboration in the Bundestag.

Source: [Instagram](#)

Assessments & Forecast

1. Based on precedent, the slated protests are likely to witness varying turnouts ranging from the low hundreds to the low tens of thousands, with the February 19 student protests in Berlin likely to witness the highest turnout.
2. Similar protests are also likely in other cities nationwide in the coming days due to the ongoing election campaign. Such protests are likely to take place in prominent squares, outside government buildings, and outside AfD and CDU party offices.
3. Given the heightened sentiments over the protest issues, the protests carry an elevated potential for unrest. The risk of unrest will increase if the protests attract counter-protests by AfD supporters or other far-right elements. Incidents of unrest are likely to manifest in the form of clashes between protesters, potential counter-protesters, and police personnel.
4. As such, a bolstered security presence is likely in the vicinity of the protest locations to monitor the proceedings as a precautionary measure. In the event of escalating unrest, authorities are likely to use forcible crowd control measures, including conducting mass arrests.
5. Significant disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular movement, including possible road closures and scheduled changes to public transport services, can be anticipated in the vicinity of these protest locations during the slated timings.

Recommendations

1. Those operating or residing in Berlin, Hamburg, Stuttgart, and Potsdam on February 18-20 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance in the vicinity of the aforementioned anti-far-right protests due to the elevated potential for unrest.
2. Allot for travel-related disruptions during the slated timings.