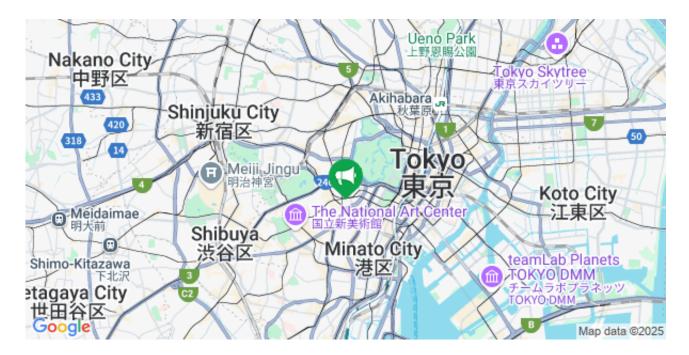


Protest





Japan Tactical: Multiple protests slated in Tokyo on May 31-June 2; allot for disruptions

Current Situation:

- A demonstration calling for an end to military expansion near the Ryukyu Islands will be held at the southeast exit of the JR Shinjuku Station in Tokyo between 17:00–18:30 (local time) on May 31.
- Another demonstration is slated at the same location at 18:00 on June 2, reportedly to protest against the slush funds of the Liberal Democratic Party members of the Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly.
- A protest calling to stop the construction of a new base at Henoko has been scheduled in front of the Ministry of Defense building in Tokyo at 18:00 on June 2.
- A protest is also slated outside the Prime Minister's Office in Tokyo at 18:30 on June 2, to condemn Japanese public-private fund projects that allegedly benefit the Myanmar military.



Source: Shimajima Standing, Shiminrengo, JCA, FoE Japan

Assessments & Forecast:

The anticipated turnout at the slated demonstrations is expected to be in the range of low-to-mid dozens, based on estimates from previous gatherings as well as the mobilization capabilities of the groups involved. The authorities are liable to heighten security measures in the vicinity of the above-mentioned protest locations, particularly at the Ministry of Defense building and the Prime Minister's Office, given their sensitive nature. These measures will likely include the deployment of police personnel to monitor the crowd and ensure smooth traffic flow. The protests are expected to proceed peacefully, given precedent. However, localized disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular traffic are anticipated in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations on May 31-June 2.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Tokyo on May 31 and June 2 are advised to allot for disruptions in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the slated demonstrations.