

Protest



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Georgia Tactical (UPDATE): Anti-GD gatherings slated at Court of Appeals, Ilia-Akaki Statue in Tbilisi on November 28; avoid vicinity of rallies

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Current Situation:

- Protests are slated in Tbilisi on November 28 to denounce the ruling Georgian Dream (GD) party's perceived anti-EU posturing and targeting of opposition lawmakers and activists. The demonstrations will also mark the first anniversary of the beginning of the protest movement against the GD-led government.
- Protests are slated to take place outside the Court of Appeals from 13:00 (local time) and at Ilia Chavchavadze and Akaki Tsereteli Statue in Tbilisi from 18:30 on November 28.



Source: [Facebook](#), [OC Media](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. The attendance at the slated gatherings is anticipated to reach the high hundreds, based on the heightened resonance over the issue and the symbolic significance of the day that marks the first anniversary of daily anti-GD protests since 2024. The turnout is anticipated to be elevated further given the convergence of the gatherings with the protests [slated](#) near the Georgian Parliament at 19:00-20:00 on the day.
2. Anticipating a large turnout, the authorities are expected to heighten security measures along the aforementioned protest sites per standard protocol. These measures will include the deployment of additional police personnel and the installation of barricades. The security will likely be particularly heightened near the Ilia Chavchavadze and Akaki Tsereteli Statue, given its proximity to the Parliament building. Additionally, an elevated police presence is expected in the adjacent streets of the aforementioned demonstration locations, as the recent action featured protest marches rather than static demonstrations.
3. The high risk of clashes between protesters and the police will persist, considering the authorities' low tolerance of anti-government protests, coupled with the reported increase in detentions of anti-government protesters and heightened resonance on November 28. Additionally, if the protesters are perceived to be engaging in unruly behavior, such as blocking major roads, breaching barricades, and provocative sloganeering directed at GD lawmakers, the police will likely resort to forceful crowd-control measures. These measures are expected to include long-term administrative detentions and forced removal from protest locations to quell the action. In case of escalating unrest, such as protesters resorting to tactics such as releasing pyrotechnics in the direction of the police or erecting temporary structures, the police will likely resort to deploying water cannons and firing rubber bullets. Significant travel disruptions are expected in the vicinity of the aforementioned protest locations during the slated hours on November 28.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Tbilisi on November 28 are advised to avoid nonessential travel in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the slated demonstrations and associated high risk of unrest, while allotting for travel disruptions.