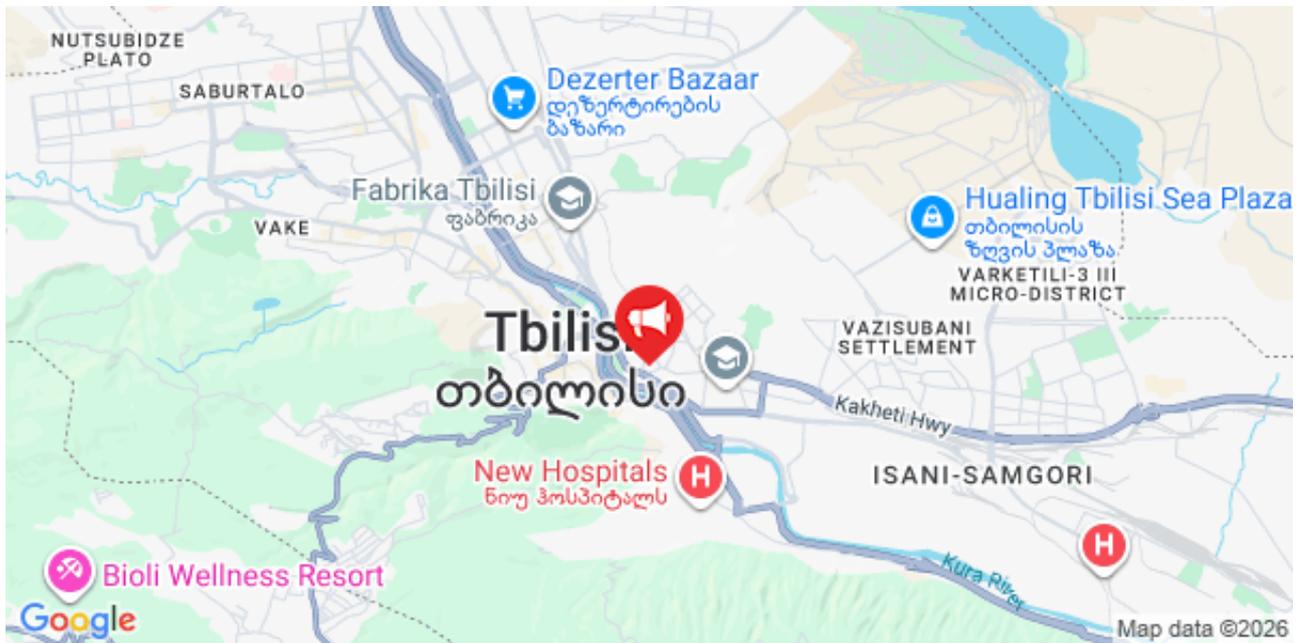




## Protest



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**Georgia Tactical: Anti-GD protests slated outside Avlabari Station, Parliament in Tbilisi from 17:00 (local time) on February 13; avoid vicinity of demonstrations**

### Current Situation:

- Activists are slated to hold a protest outside the Avlabari Metro Station at 17:00 (local time) and outside the Parliament in Tbilisi at 20:00 on February 13.
- The slated demonstrations mark the 443rd day of consecutive protests against the ruling Georgian Dream (GD) party over its disproportionate crackdown on dissenters and alleged anti-EU and anti-democratic posturing.



Source: [Facebook](#)

## Assessments & Forecast:

1. The turnout at the slated protests will likely range between the high dozens to low hundreds, based on estimates observed at sustained anti-GD gatherings in Tbilisi. As per standard security protocols, the authorities are liable to bolster security measures in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations, especially near the Parliament, given the sensitivity of the location. These measures will include the deployment of additional police personnel and the placement of barricades to monitor the protests' proceedings.
2. There remains a high risk of clashes between the demonstrators and security personnel, given the authorities' low tolerance threshold for anti-GD gatherings. Should protesters resort to disruptive behaviors such as blocking major thoroughfares, or pedestrian zones, and breaching security cordons, the authorities will respond with crowd control tactics, including temporary detention and forced removal from protest sites. In case unrest escalates, where the demonstrators are seen launching fireworks at the police, heavy-handed measures like deploying water cannons and tear gas remain likely. Significant travel disruptions are expected in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the anticipated turnout and associated security measures on February 13.

## Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Tbilisi on February 13 are advised to avoid the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the slated protests and associated high risk of clashes, while allotting for travel disruptions.