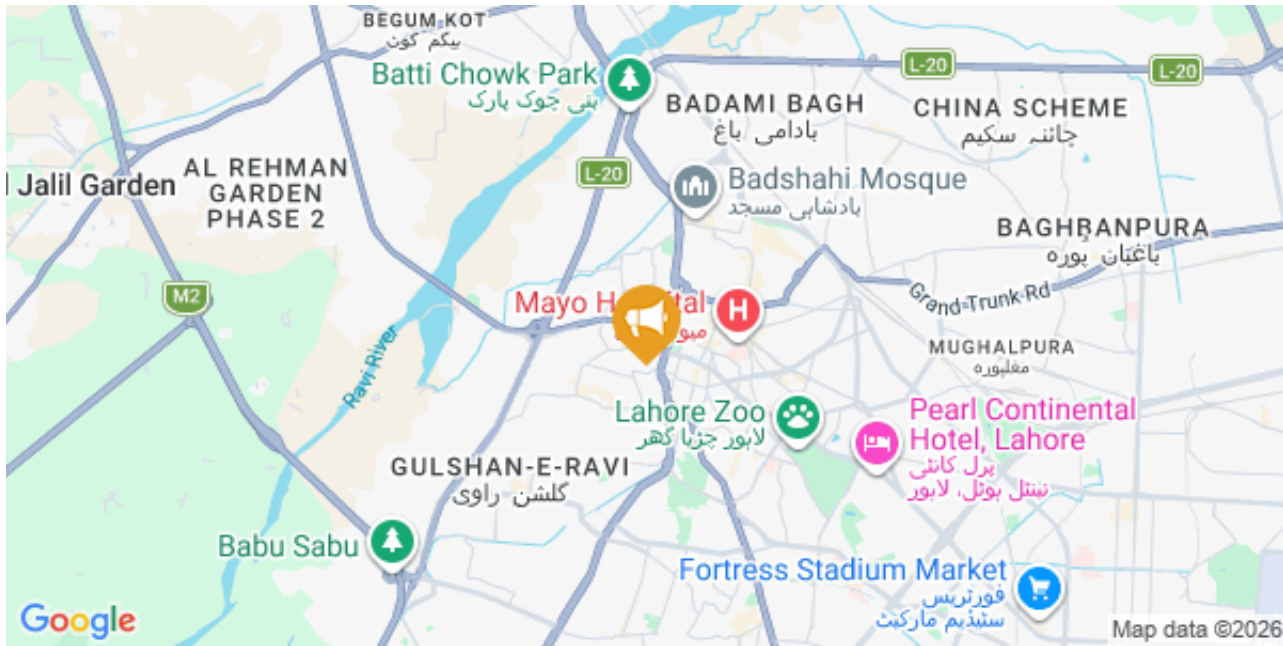


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Pakistan Tactical: Teachers’ protest slated outside Punjab Civil Secretariat in Lahore from 11:00-18:00 (local time) on April 23; maintain vigilance

Current Situation:

- A protest is scheduled to be held outside the Punjab Civil Secretariat in Lahore from 11:00-18:00 (local time) on April 23.
- The protest will be held to oppose the reduction and removal of existing benefits and privileges for teachers, including pension cuts and closure of public schools.



Source: [Facebook](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. The turnout at the slated protest is expected to range between the mid-to-high dozens, based on the participation trends observed during similar previous protests and the high resonance of the issue among teachers. The authorities are expected to bolster security measures in the vicinity of the Punjab Civil Secretariat, given the sensitivity of the location and proximity to other government buildings. These measures will likely include the deployment of police personnel and barricades to manage the gathering.
2. There remains a latent risk of scuffles between protesters and the police, especially should the former engage in behavior perceived as provocative, such as breaching security protocols or blocking major thoroughfares. In such instances, the authorities will likely employ crowd dispersal measures, including baton charges and temporary detentions. Localized disruptions to vehicular travel can be expected in the vicinity of the Punjab Civil Secretariat during the protest hours on April 23.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Lahore on April 23 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of the Punjab Civil Secretariat due to the slated protest and associated risk of unrest while allotting for travel disruptions.