

## **Protest**





Pakistan Tactical: Sindh nationalist parties to hold protest across Sindh Province on November 9; maintain vigilance

## **Current Situation:**

- Multiple Sindhi nationalist parties, including Jeay Sindh Mahaz (JSM), Jeay Sindh Qaumi Mahaz (JSQM), and Sindh United Party, are jointly slated to hold coordinated protests across the Sindh Province on November 9.
- The exact location and timing of the protests remain undisclosed as of writing.
- The demonstrations will be held to demand the release of alleged missing people and to condemn extrajudicial killings, particularly in light of the killing of a doctor in a police encounter in Karachi.
- The organizers also expressed opposition to the proposed 27th constitutional amendment, alleging further deprivation of Sindh's rights and resources.

Source: The Express Tribune, X/Twitter

## **Assessments & Forecast:**

1. The turnout at the protest is expected to vary according to the location. In urban cities like Karachi and Hyderabad, the turnout is anticipated to range between low-to-mid hundreds, given the mobilizing capabilities of the organizing group. In other cities, it will likely reach the mid dozens.

Although the location of the protest remains undisclosed, the authorities are expected to implement heightened security measures around key government installations. These measures will likely include deploying police personnel and setting up barricades around potential protest sites, particularly in Karachi, including the Karachi Press Club, Mohammed Ali Jinnah Road, Numaish Chowrangi, Sindh Assembly, High Court, and Shahrah-e-Faisal, to monitor and manage the crowds.

2. There exists a risk of clashes between the authorities and demonstrators, especially should the latter employ disruptive tactics such as blocking major thoroughfares or attempting to breach security measures. In such cases, the authorities will likely resort to crowd control measures, including temporary detentions, baton charges, and tear gas to quell any unrest. Significant disruptions to vehicular traffic are anticipated in the vicinity of the potential protest locations due to the anticipated turnout and associated security measures during the protest hours on November 9.

## **Recommendations:**

Those operating or residing in Sindh Province, including in Karachi, on November 9 are advised to maintain vigilance due to the slated protest and potential for scuffles, while allotting for travel disruptions.