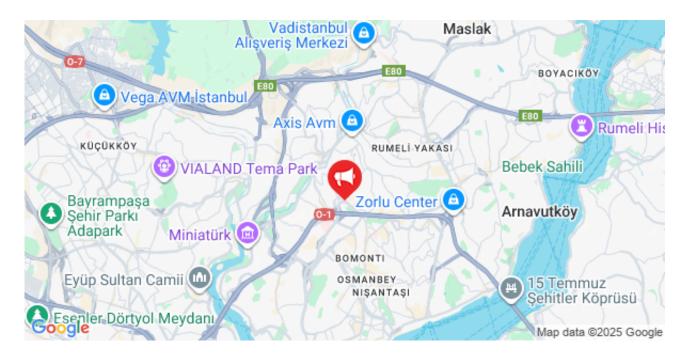


Protest



26 OCT 8:06 UTC Turkey Tactical (UPDATE): CHP protest slated outside Istanbul's Caglayan Courthouse ahead of Ekrem Imamoglu testimony at 11:00 on October 26; avoid nonessential travel

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Current Situation:

- The Republican People's Party (CHP) has called for a protest in front of the Istanbul Courthouse at Caglayan Square at 11:00 (local time) on October 26.
- The protest is organized to demonstrate support for imprisoned CHP Istanbul Mayor Ekrem Imamoglu, who has been <u>detained since March</u>, coinciding with his testimony at the Courthouse.
- According to reports, authorities have established a security perimeter around the area, deploying riot police and multiple water cannons.
- The Istanbul Governor's Office declared a ban on demonstrations, including sit-ins or the establishment of protest tents, in the Beyoglu, Bayrampasa, Kagithane and Sisli districts until 23:59 on October 26.

Source: Ozgur Celik

Recommendations:

- 1. Those operating or residing in Istanbul on October 26 are advised to avoid nonessential travel to Caglayan's Istanbul Courthouse area due to the slated protest and the elevated risk of associated unrest.
- 2. Adhere to authorities' instructions regarding the protest ban for the duration of October 26 and avoid the vicinity of such gatherings due to the elevated risk of unrest and detention.