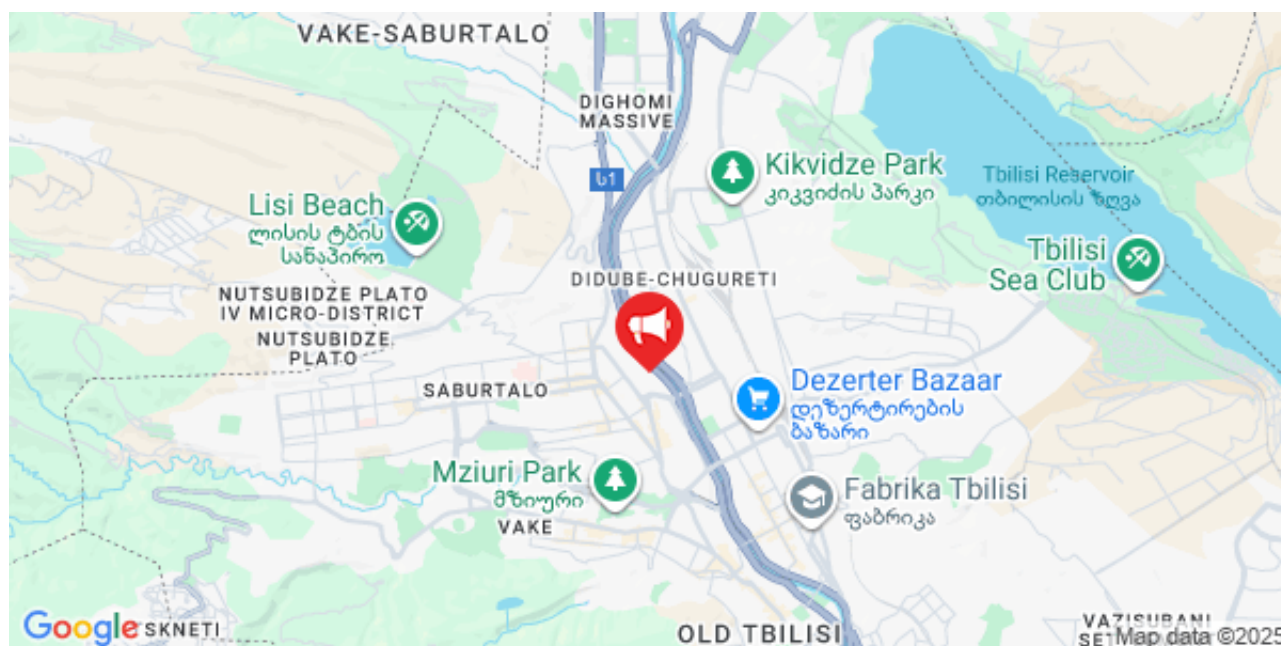


Protest



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4:52 UTC

Georgia Tactical: Anti-GD protests slated outside City Court, along Rustaveli Avenue in Tbilisi from 11:50 (local time) on December 29; avoid vicinity of rallies

Current Situation:

- Activists are slated to hold protests outside the City Court at 11:50 (local time), 13:00, 13:45, and 15:10 in Tbilisi on December 29. Another demonstration is slated along Rustaveli Avenue in Tbilisi from 20:00 on the day.
- The slated demonstration will be held to denounce the ruling Georgian Dream (GD) Party over its perceived anti-EU posturing and alleged disproportionate targeting of anti-government activists.



Source: [Instagram](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. The turnout at the slated gatherings will likely range between the high dozens to low hundreds, based on sustained anti-GD sentiment in Tbilisi. Per standard security protocols, heightened security measures are expected near the aforementioned locations, particularly near the City Court, given that the gatherings aim to denounce the ongoing trials of anti-government activists. These measures will likely manifest in the deployment of police personnel and the setting up of barricades to monitor proceedings and minimize disruptions to travel.
2. There remains a high risk of clashes between security forces and protesters, given the authorities' persistent low tolerance towards anti-government demonstrations. Should participants resort to disruptive behaviour, such as breaching security cordons and blocking major thoroughfares or pedestrian zones, the police will likely respond with temporary detention of protesters. In cases of extreme unrest or violence, including the usage of pyrotechnics on security forces, the authorities are liable to employ tear gas or water cannon. Disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular travel are expected in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the anticipated turnout and associated security measures during the protest hours on December 29.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Tbilisi on December 29 are advised to avoid nonessential travel in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the slated protests and associated high risk of unrest, while allotting for travel disruptions.