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Pakistan Tactical (UPDATE): AWP to hold protest at Karachi Press Club in Karachi, on March 22; maintain vigilance

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Current Situation:

- The Sindh chapter of the Awami Workers Party (AWP) will hold a protest at Karachi Press Club in Karachi at 15:00 (local time) on March 22.
- The protest is part of a nationwide protest aimed at denouncing six proposed Indus River Canal Projects in Sindh Province, among other issues.



Source: [X/Twitter](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. The anticipated turnout at the slated protest is likely to range in the high dozens to low hundreds, given the resonance of the issue amongst locals. The attendance will increase should other like-minded groups and political parties, such as the Sindhu Indus Lawyers' Forum, Save Indus River Movement (SIRM), and opposition Jamaat-i-Islami (JI) join the protest. As part of the standard security protocol, the authorities are likely to bolster security measures in the vicinity of the Karachi Press Club, given its proximity to the sensitive buildings in the area. The measures will likely include the deployment of police personnel and the setting up of barricades to monitor the crowd.
2. There remains a latent risk of localized clashes between protesters and the authorities if protesters are perceived to be engaging in unruly behavior, such as breaching security protocols and blocking major thoroughfares. In such cases, the police are anticipated to employ forcible dispersal measures, including baton charges and temporary detentions. Significant disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular traffic are anticipated in the vicinity of the Karachi Press Club during the protest hours on March 22.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Karachi on March 22 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of Karachi Press Club due to the slated protest and associated risk of unrest while allotting for travel disruptions.