

## **Protest**





Bangladesh Tactical: Khilafat Majlis party announces protest march outside High Commission of India in Dhaka on April 23; maintain vigilance

## **Current Situation:**

- The Khilafat Majlis, a far-right Islamist political party, will hold a protest march in front of the High Commission of India in Dhaka on April 23. The exact timing and route of the rally remain unconfirmed at the time of writing.
- The protest will be held to condemn the recently enacted Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025, which allegedly infringes upon the rights of the Muslim community in India.



Source: The Tribune

## **Assessments & Forecast:**

- 1. The turnout for the protest is anticipated to reach the low to mid-hundreds, considering the mobilization capabilities of the organizing group and the heightened sentiments over the Waqf issue within Muslim communities. As such, other Islamist groups like Jamaat-e-Islami (JI), Islam Andolan Bangladesh, and Zaker Party could lend support to the protest, further bolstering participation. The authorities are anticipated to bolster security measures in the vicinity of the High Commission of India, with additional personnel deployment and barricading to monitor the crowds. This is especially likely given the sensitivity of the location within a high-security diplomatic zone.
- 2. There remains a latent risk of clashes between protesters and the authorities, particularly if the former engages in perceived disruptive behavior such as breaching security measures or obstructing major roads. The police will likely respond with crowd control measures such as baton charges and temporary detentions in such instances. Localized travel disruptions are anticipated in the vicinity of the High Commission of India during the protest hours on April 23.

## **Recommendations:**

Those operating or residing in Dhaka on April 23 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of the High Commission of India and allot for disruptions due to the slated protest march and associated security measures.