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Europe Tactical: Protests for International Women's Day to take place regionwide on March 7-8; maintain heightened vigilance

Current Situation

- On March 7-8, feminist protests will be held in multiple cities regionwide to commemorate International Women's Day on March 8. These protests have been organized by women's rights, left-wing, pro-Palestinian, and trade union groups. Many organizers have also called upon women to stage general strike actions. Details of these protests can be found below:
- In Vienna, **Austria**, a feminist rally will be held at Platz der Menschenrechte from 10:00 (local time) on March 8.
- The protest is organized by feminist organization Österreichischen Frauenrings, and is expected to include female representatives from multiple political parties. Police have stated that disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular traffic are expected from the morning hours.

Source: [OTS](#)

- In Brussels, **Belgium**, a feminist protest will be held at the Kuntsberg, or Mont des Arts, from 14:00 on March 8.
- The protest is organized by the feminist and left-wing Bloc Revolutionnaire Internationnaliste et Feministe group, and is being held to promote “anti-imperialism, anti-racism, anti-capitalism”.

Source: [Instagram](#)

- An additional protest in Brussels will be held at Boulevard de l’Empereur 36 – 1000 Brussels from 14:30 on March 8.
- The protest is organized by the civil society group Golem Belgique along with multiple associations and collectives to denounce restrictions on women’s rights.

Source: [X/Twitter](#)

- In Sofia, **Bulgaria**, a protest will be held at the Court House from 16:00 on March 8. The protest will denounce patriarchal violence, economic exploitation, and war. The protest is organized by civil society group Feminist Mobilisations.

Source: [Facebook](#)

- In Helsinki, **Finland**, a protest march will be held from Senate Square, via Mannerheimintie to Kansalaistori Square from 14:00 on March 8.
- The protest is organized by the feminist group Naisjärjestöjen Keskusliitto, UN Women Finland, and the Union of Women’s Affairs. The protest is being held to advocate for continued work towards gender equality in Finland.

Source: [UN Women](#)

- In Paris, **France**, a protest march will be held from Place de Republique to Place de Madeline from 14:00 on March 8. The exact protest route is not available as of writing.
- The protest is organized by the feminist association Greve Feministe will hold, and supported by multiple organizations, including the far-left political party La France Insoumise (LFI).

- Greve Feministe has also called for a strike in “work, domestic chores, and consumption” on March 8.

Source: [ActuParis](#)

- An additional protest will take place in Paris at Place de la Republique from 14:00 on March 8.
- The protest is organized by Confederation Generale du Travail (CGT), Confederation Francaise Democratique du Travail (CFDT), Union Nationale des Syndicats Autonomes (UNSA), Union Syndicale Solidaires, and Federation Syndicale Unitaire (FSU), in coordination with feminist organizations, to demand gender equality and labor rights.

Source: [CGT](#)

- In the Massy suburb of Paris, **France**, a protest march will be held from 14 Rue de Chermin des Femmes from 19:00 on March 7. The exact protest route is not available as of writing.
- The protest has been organized by multiple feminist and pro-Palestinian organizations, including pro-Palestinian organization Samidoun, feminist group Solidaires 91, and others.
- The organizers have also called for a women’s strike on March 8.

Source: [X/Twitter](#)

- In Berlin, **Germany**, a feminist demonstration will be held at Oranienplatz from 12:30 on March 8.
- The protest has been organized by multiple feminist organizations and trade unions, including the education and science union Gewerkschaft Erziehung und Wissenschaft Berlin and Deutschen Gewerkschaftsbundes Berlin-Brandenburg. It aims to denounce austerity policies and their impact on social programs helping women.

Source: [Instagram](#)

- An additional demonstration for women’s day will be held in Berlin at Hermannplatz from 16:00 on March 8.
- The protest is organized by the left-wing organization Foderation Klassenkampfischer Organisationen, and is described by the organizers as a “class struggle” action. The protest is also held to promote a “fight” for socialism”.

Source: [Facebook](#)

- Another protest in Berlin will be held from Oranienplatz from 11:30 on March 8. The march will proceed via Oranienstrasse, Axel-Springer-Strasse, and Leipziger Strasse to the final destination at Rotes Rathaus. The protest is organized by Bündnis für sexuelle Selbstbestimmung and Verdi union to demand women's rights and social justice.

Source: [Berliner Morgenpost](#)

- Furthermore, in Berlin, a queer feminist bike protest will be held at Mariannenplatz from 12:00 on March 8. The exact protest route and ending is not available as of writing.
- The protest is organized by civil society collective "Purple Ride 2025," and is being organized as a feminist cycling protest for visibility and equal rights.

Source: [Instagram](#)

- In Berlin, a protest march will be held from Schonhauser Allee S-/U-Bahn station to Weydingerstrasse from 13:00 on March 8. The exact protest route is not available as of writing.
- The protest, is organized by the collective "Feminism Unlimited," is being held to promote universal feminist solidarity.

Source: [Feminism Unlimited](#)

- Furthermore, reports indicate that in Berlin, a protest march will be held from Unter den Linden to Alexanderplatz from 14:00 on March 8. The exact protest route is not available as of writing.
- The demonstration is part of the International Women's Day protests and aims to highlight issues related to gender equality and social justice.

Source: [Berliner Morgenpost](#)

- In Cologne, **Germany**, a protest associated with International Women's Day will be held at Wiener Platz from 13:30 on March 8.

- The protest is organized by multiple feminist and left-wing organizations, including Turkish anti-fascist group Yeni Kadin, the communist Marxist-Leninist Party of Germany, Turkish left-wing group “Young Struggle”, and feminist group Frauen Kollektiv. The protest is also being held to denounce recent political developments in Germany, including the second-place win of the far-right Alternative fur Deutschland (AfD) party in the February elections.

Source: [X/Twitter](#)

- In Hamburg, **Germany** a protest will take place at Hachmannplatz from 15:00 on March 8.
- The protest is organized by the left-wing organization Foderation Klassenkampfischer Organisationen, and is described by the organizers as a “class struggle” action. The protest is also held to promote a “fight” for socialism”.

Source: [Facebook](#)

- In Leipzig, **Germany**, a feminist protest will be held in Augustusplatz from 18:00 on March 8. The protest is organized by the left-wing youth group Internazionale Jugend.

Source: [X/Twitter](#)

- In Munich, **Germany**, a women’s day protest will take place in Rindermarkt from 14:00 on March 8.
- The protest is being organized by left-wing group Autonome Antifa Munchen.

Source: [Instagram](#)

- An additional feminist protest organized by civil society group Munchner EPD-Aktionsbundnis Munich will take place in Marienplatz from 13:00 on March 8. The protest is being held to demand equal pay for all genders.

Source: [X/Twitter](#)

- In Stuttgart, **Germany**, a protest will take place in Marktplatz from 18:00 on March 7.
- An additional protest will be held at Schlossplatz from 15:00 on March 8.
- Both protests are organized by the left-wing organization Foderation Klassenkampfischer Organisationen, and is described by the organizers as a “class struggle” action. The protest is also held to promote a “fight” for socialism”.

Source: [Facebook](#)

- In Athens, **Greece**, a feminist protest march will be held from Klafthmonos Square to Syntagma Square from 13:00 on March 8. The exact route of the march is not available as of writing.
- The protest is organized by the labor union Civil Servants’ Confederation (ADEDY).

Source: [ADEDY](#)

- In Milan, **Italy**, a protest march will take place from Piazza Duca d’Aosta, in front of the Central Station from 15:00 on March 8. The exact protest route is not available as of writing.
- The protest is organized by feminist group Non Una Di Meno – Milan and is held under the banner “Struggle, Boycott, Strike”.

Source: [Facebook](#)

- In Rome, **Italy**, a protest march will begin at Piazza Vittorio Emmanuele II at 10:00. The protest will proceed through Via dello Statuto, Via Merulana, Via Labicana, Piazza del Colosseo, Via Celio Vibenna, Via di San Gregorio, Piazza di Porta Capena, Viale Aventino and Via del Circo Massimo before the final protest location at Piazzale Ugo la Malfa.
- The protest is organized by the feminist group Non Una Di Meno and is held under the banner “Struggle, Boycott, Strike”.
- The protest aims to denounce “patriarchal violence, war, and poverty.”

Source: [Ansa](#)

- In Riga, **Latvia**, activists associated with the group “Feminism for All” will hold a protest march from Vermanes Park to Kronvalda Park from 13:00 on March 8. The exact protest route is not available as of writing.

Source: [Mix News](#)

- In Amsterdam, **the Netherlands**, a feminist march will be held from Dam Square to Museumplein from 13:00 on March 8. The exact protest route is not available as of writing.
- The protest is being supported by multiple organizations, including the Turkish Worker's Party in Netherlands.

Source: [X/Twitter](#)

- In Skopje, **North Macedonia**, women's rights advocates will hold a protest march from Universal Hall from 13:00 on March 8.
- The protest will proceed via Partizanski Odredi Boulevard, St. Kliment Ohridski Street, to the Government of the Republic of Macedonia building. Then, it will continue via Ilindenska Boulevard and Skanderbeg Street to Zena Borec Park for the final rally location.
- The organizers have also called for a women's strike targeting large markets, shopping malls, and domestic tasks on March 8.

Source: [Libertas](#)

- In Warsaw, **Poland**, feminist groups Porozumienie Feministyczne 8 Marca and Manifa Warszawa will hold a protest march from Bankowy Square from 14:00. The exact protest route and end location are not available as of writing.
- The protest is being held to denounce sexism and racism, and to demand improved abortion rights.

Source: [Facebook](#)

- In Barcelona, **Spain**, a protest march organized by the feminist group Moviment Feminista de Barcelona will be held from Placa de Catalunya to Placa Sant Jaume from 18:00 on March 8. The exact protest route is not available as of writing.
- The protest is supported by multiple feminist organizations. It is being held to denounce the sexual exploitation of women.

Source: [Twitter/X](#)

- An additional protest march will be held in Barcelona by the feminist organization Assembla 8M from Placa Universitat from 18:00 on March 8. The protest will proceed via Passeig de Gracia and Ronda Sant Pere before the final protest location at Arc de Triomf.

Source: [Assembla 8M](#)

- In Madrid, **Spain**, a feminist protest march organized by the feminist group Movimiento Feminista de Madrid will be held from Plaza de la Cibeles to Plaza de Espana from 18:00 on March 8. The exact protest route is not available as of writing.
- The protest is being held to denounce the reproductive and sexual exploitation of women.

Source: [X/Twitter](#)

- In Alicante, **Spain**, a protest will be held at Plaza de los Luceros from 18:00 on March 8. The protest is organized by feminist group Mujeres Feministas de Alicante.

Source: [Twitter/X](#)

- In Gothenburg, **Sweden**, a protest march will be held from Gustaf Adolfs Torg to Gotaplatsen from 14:00 on March 8. Although exact protest route is unannounced as of writing
- The protest is organized by the March 8 Committee under the slogan "Welfare, Not Warmongering." It will focus on demands for peace, social justice, and economic equality.

Source: [Arbetaren](#)

- In Malmo, **Sweden**, a protest march will be held from Gustav Adolf Torg to Mollevangstorget from 14:30 on March 8.
- The protest is organized by the left-wing political party Vansterpartiet Malmo and Ung Vanster under the slogan "Every Woman Has the Right to Life." It aims to highlight the violence and oppression faced by women globally.

Source: [Arbetaren](#)

- In Norrköping, **Sweden**, a protest will be held at Drottninggatan 48 from 15:30 on March 8.
- The protest is organized by the Women's Shelter in Norrköping and Tjejjouren Ost, in collaboration with various organizations, to raise awareness about gender-based violence and women's rights.

Source: [Arbetaren](#)

- In Stockholm, **Sweden**, a protest will be held at Norrmalmstorg from 14:00 on March 8.
- The demonstration is organized by Kvinna till Kvinna, Unicef Sverige, and the left-wing political party Vansterpartiet to raise awareness about gender oppression in Taliban-ruled Afghanistan.

Source: [Arbetaren](#)

- A separate protest march will take place in Stockholm from Sergels Torg to Norrmalmstorg from 14:30 on March 8.
- The protest is organized by the Ethiopian Refugee Association in Sweden to raise awareness about violence against Ethiopian women, particularly during recent conflicts.

Source: [Ambassador's media](#)

- Another protest march will be held from Sergels Torg to Mynttorget in Stockholm from 15:00 on March 8.
- The protest is organized by the March 8 Committee under the slogan "International Sisterhood – Your Fight is My Fight." The demonstration is being held to oppose gender-based violence and advocate for women's rights worldwide.

Source: [Roks](#)

- Also in Stockholm, a protest will be held at Tjärhovsplan from 20:00 on March 8.
- The demonstration, titled "Take Back the Night," is organized by SUF Stockholm (Syndikalistiska Ungdomsforbundet Stockholm), Allt at Alla Stockholm, Allt at Alla Kvinnofront, and TransHub to denounce gender-based violence in public spaces.

Source: [Arbetaren](#)

- In Uppsala, **Sweden**, a protest march will be held from Stora Torget from 17:30 on March 8.
- The demonstration, titled “Torchlight Procession – Expose the Violence,” is organized by Uppsala Girls’ and Trans Shelter and aims to denounce sexual violence and discrimination.

Source: [Arbetaren](#)

- In Basel, **Switzerland**, a protest organized by feminist group 8mrzunité will be held at Barfusserplatz from 17:00 on March 8.
- The protest will focus on demands for gender justice, social equality, and an end to militarization and patriarchal violence.

Source: [Afbau](#)

- In Zurich, **Switzerland**, a protest organized by feminist group 8mrzunité will be held at Paradeplatz from 13:30 on March 8.
- The protest is being held as a feminist and queer demonstration against right-wing extremism, militarization, and patriarchal oppression.

Source: [Afbau](#)

- In London, **UK**, a protest will be held by feminist and pro-Palestinian groups in Gandalf’s Corner in Regent Park from 15:00 on March 8.
- The protest is organized by the feminist Latin American Women’s Aid organization, and aims to denounce violence against women, particularly against Latin American women, in the UK.

Source: [Facebook](#)

- An additional protest held by the feminist group Million Women Rise will take place in London, with an initial gathering at Duke Street at 12:00 on March 8. The protest march will proceed through Oxford Street, Regents Street, and Piccadilly Circus prior to the final rally location at

Trafalgar Square.

Source: [Million Women Rise](#)

- Separately in London, a protest will be held at the Chinese Embassy on 49-51 Portland Place from 15:00 on March 8.
- The demonstration is organized by multiple feminist and advocacy groups, including Workers Against CCP, Hong Kong Labour Rights Monitor, Taiwan Democracy, Democracy 4 Hong Kong, and Women's Fightback. It aims to demand freedom for women political prisoners in China and Hong Kong, including feminists, labor activists, and democracy advocates.

Source: [X/Twitter](#)

- In Edinburgh, **UK**, a protest march will take place from High Street to the Scottish Parliament from 13:00 on March 8. The exact protest route is not available as of writing.
- The protest is organized by International Women's Day Edinburgh (IWDE) and aims to focus on women's bodily autonomy and the "rise in fascism".

Source: [The National](#)

Assessments & Forecast

1. Based on past years, the demonstrations are likely to draw turnouts ranging in the mid-hundreds to mid-tens-of-thousands each, with protests in France, Germany, Poland, and Spain, likely to draw the largest turnouts. Protests are also expected in other urban centers regionwide on March 7-8.
2. While most of these demonstrations are expected to transpire largely peacefully, protests involving pro-Palestinian groups and far-left groups carry a latent for unrest. Any such unrest is likely to manifest in the form of localized clashes between protesters, potential counterprotesters, and the police. As such, a bolstered security presence is liable to be deployed in the vicinity of the protest locations as a precautionary measure. In the event of escalating unrest, the police are likely to respond with forcible crowd control measures, including conducting arrests and deploying tear gas.
3. Significant disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular traffic, including possible road closures, can be anticipated in the vicinity of the protest locations throughout March 7-8.
4. Further, given calls for a general strike, there is also a latent potential for women to stage walkouts at their workplaces, resulting in disruptions to multiple sectors – including transportation and healthcare.

Recommendations

1. Those operating or residing in Europe on March 7-8 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance in the vicinity of all protests related to International Women's Day due to the latent potential for localized unrest
2. Allot for traffic-related disruptions in the vicinity of protests regionwide.