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Mexico & USA Tactical: Pride parades slated in multiple cities, including Guadalajara, New York City, on June 8-9; maintain heightened vigilance

Current Situation

- According to reports, LGBTQ+ pride parades are scheduled in multiple cities in **Mexico** and the **USA** on June 8-9.
- In Guadalajara, Jalisco, **Mexico**, a pride march is slated from Glorieta Minerva till Glorieta de los Desaparecidos at 14:00 (local time) on June 8.
- Details on the LGBTQ+ parades in the **USA** are as follows:

- In **Los Angeles, CA**, the participants will march from Highland Boulevard and move towards Hollywood Boulevard and south on Cahuenga Boulevard at 11:00 on June 9.
- In **Boston, MA**, the march route is slated along Boylston Street between Dartmouth Street and Massachusetts Avenue at 11:00 on June 8. Participants are also expected to use some side streets. In this regard, the Boston transport authorities have released a traffic advisory, including planned road blockades and traffic diversions from June 6-10. Details on the advisory can be found [here](#).
- In **Brooklyn, NYC**, the parade is slated on 5th Avenue and Lincoln Place, along 5th to 9th Street at 19:30 on June 8.
- In **Huntington, NY**, the parade is slated to start from Clinton Avenue and Main Street and move along down Main Street to Heckscher Park from 12:00-17:00 on June 9.
- According to June 5 reports, New York Police Department (NYPD) Commissioner Edward Caban and Chief of Department Jeffrey Maddrey announced that security will be tight, especially at large pride events. Officials have warned against potential threats from terrorist organizations like ISIS targeting the LGBTQ+ community. The NYPD has emphasized that there are no credible threats currently, but they are remaining vigilant.

Assessments & Forecast

1. Based on the previous pride marches held in Guadalajara on June 24, 2023, the slated parade is expected to draw a low-to-mid tens of thousands of attendees. Given precedent, the slated events in Los Angeles is expected to witness, low-to-mid hundreds-of-thousands, while Boston and New York City are anticipated to witness a turnout in the low millions each.
2. While precedent LGBTQ+ parades have transpired peacefully in the USA, the latest NYPD report combined with the parade being held near the eighth anniversary of the Pulse nightclub shooting (an LGBTQ+ friendly club) in Orlando, FL which left 49 individuals dead on June 12, 2016, the potential for discriminatory violence cannot be ruled out.
3. Separately, the parade in Guadalajara is expected to transpire peacefully based on the June 24 precedent.
4. Moreover, while there are no confirmed reports on counter-protests planned near Pride events as of writing, ad-hoc small-scale gatherings by conservative individuals or far-right groups can be staged in the vicinity, especially along the marches in the USA given the increasingly polarized public discourse over LGBTQ+ rights and gender-affirming care. In such a scenario, there remains a latent potential for localized scuffles between the opposing groups.
5. Given the anticipated number of participants, heightened security measures will be in place near the aforementioned locations and along the march routes to monitor proceedings and divert traffic.
6. Significant disruptions to vehicular and pedestrian traffic can be anticipated along the march route.

Recommendations

Those operating or residing in the aforementioned cities in Mexico and the USA on June 8-9 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance near the slated pride events.