

Protest



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Georgia Tactical: Multiple anti-GD protests slated across Tbilisi on June 12; avoid vicinity of rallies

Current Situation:

- Multiple protests are slated to be held in Tbilisi on June 12.
- Activists are scheduled to stage protests outside the City Court in Tbilisi at 11:00 (local time), 14:00, 15:00, and 16:00 on June 12.
- Additional demonstrations are planned outside the Public Broadcaster building at 19:00 and near the Parliament at 20:00 on the day.
- Protesters will denounce the Georgian Dream (GD)-led government for its perceived antidemocratic policies, undermining of the EU accession process, and disproportionate crackdown on dissent.



Source: Facebook

Assessments & Forecast:

- 1. The turnout at the slated protests is expected to range in the high dozens to low hundreds, with the highest concentrations likely outside Parliament and the City Court based on precedent and the symbolic significance of these locations. The latter has gained more prominence among activists following the June 11 summons of opposition politicians, journalists, and activists over alleged online "insults" against GD lawmakers. Consequently, the authorities are expected to enhance security measures through the deployment of additional police personnel and the installation of barricades at these locations.
- 2. The risk of clashes between the protesters and security forces will remain elevated, given the authorities' limited tolerance for anti-GD demonstrations. In the event of unrest, police are likely to disperse gatherings, which could prompt confrontations with activists. Temporary detentions are also likely should protesters defy police orders or violate security measures. In the event of heightened unrest, the use of water cannons and tear gas cannot be discounted. Disruptions to both pedestrian and vehicular movement are likely around the aforementioned locations during the slated protest hours on June 12 due to the expected turnout and accompanying security arrangements.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Tbilisi on June 12 are advised to avoid nonessential travel in the vicinity of aforementioned locations due to the slated protests and the associated risk of unrest while allotting for travel disruptions.