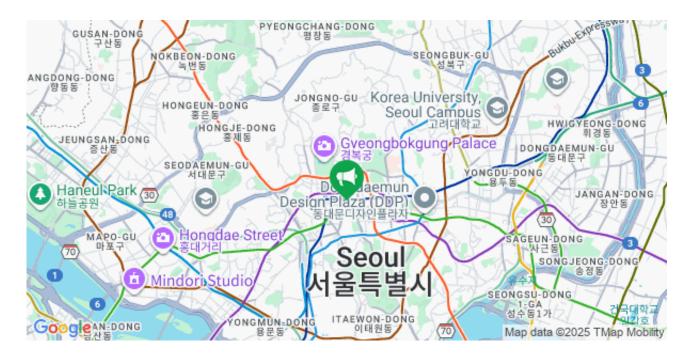


Protest



08 DEC 12:53 UTC South Korea Tactical: Pro-democracy rally, march slated from Bosingak Bell Pavilion in Seoul at 19:00 (local time) on December 10; allot for disruptions

Current Situation:

- Activists will hold a rally at the Bosingak Bell Pavillion in Seoul's Jongno District at 19:00 (local time) on December 10. This will be followed by a march via the Euljiro 1(il)-ga Station, Bank of Korea roundabout, Hoehyeon roundabout, and will conclude at Sejong Hotel on the day.
- The gathering will be held to commemorate the pro-democracy movement following the brief imposition of martial law in December 2024. The event will coincide with International Human Rights Day on December 10.



Source: X/Twitter, X/Twitter

Assessments & Forecast:

Turnout at the slated gathering will likely range in the high dozens to low hundreds given the resonance of the issue. Attendance is likely to be bolstered considering that likeminded groups, such as the HIV/AIDS Human Rights Action group, have voiced support for the rally. The authorities will implement heightened security measures in the vicinity of the Bosingak Bell Pavilion and along the march route, including the deployment of additional police personnel and setting up of barricades to monitor the gathering and ensure the smooth passage of traffic. The rally is anticipated to transpire peacefully, considering the commemorative agenda of the gathering. Disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular traffic are anticipated in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the anticipated turnout and associated security measures during the rally hours on December 10.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Seoul on December 10 are advised to allot for disruptions in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the slated rally and associated security measures.