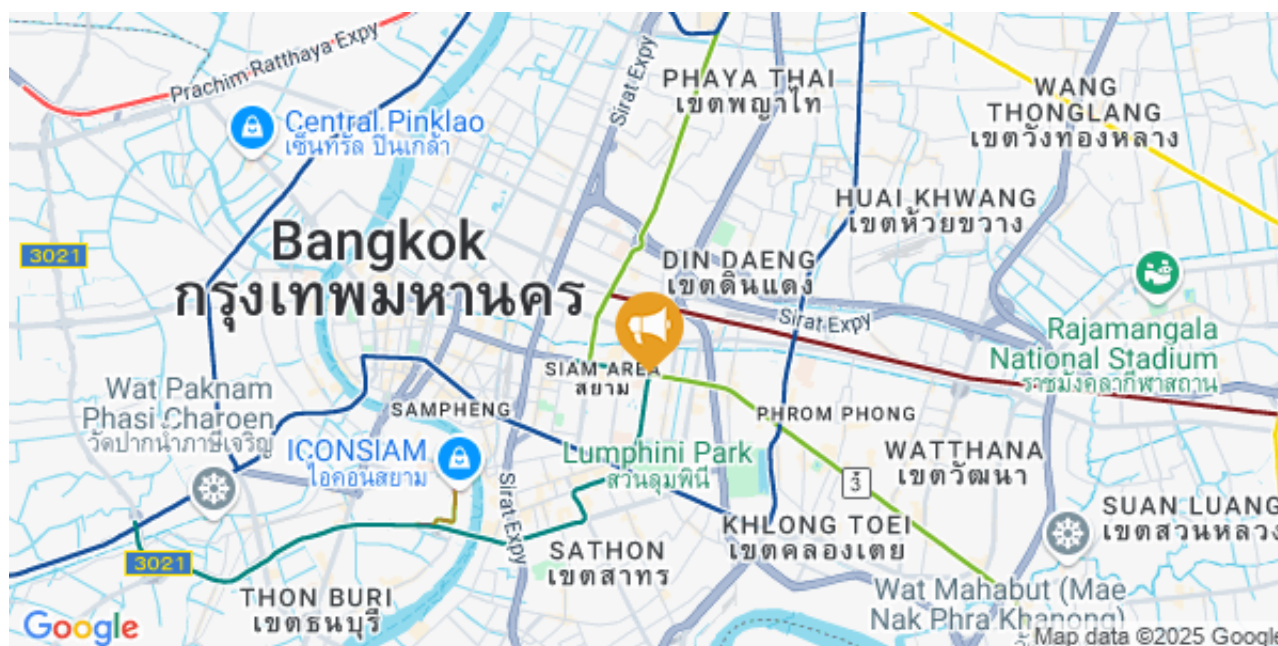


Protest

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Thailand Tactical: Pro-democracy gatherings slated at Ratchaprasong Sky Walk in Bangkok from 15:00 (local time) on May 19; maintain vigilance

Current Situation:

- Activists associated with the United Front for Democracy against Dictatorship (UDD), known as the “Red Shirts,” are slated to hold a demonstration at Ratchaprasong Sky Walk near Central World shopping mall in Bangkok from 15:00 (local time) on May 19.
- As a part of the gathering, several activities are also planned at the location between 15:00-19:00 on the day.
- The protest action is being held to commemorate and demand justice for individuals who lost their lives during the Thai political protests, which escalated into violent unrest in April-May 2010. The 2010 protests were organized by the UDD to demand resignation of then Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva-led government in Thailand.



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Assessments & Forecast:

1. The participation at the aforementioned demonstration and gatherings is anticipated to range between high dozens to low hundreds, given the symbolic significance of May 19, which saw violent unrest during the 2010 protests. Anticipating the turnout, the authorities are likely to bolster security measures in the vicinity of the aforementioned location as a part of the standard security protocol. This will likely include the deployment of police personnel and setting up of barricades to manage disruptions.
2. A localized risk of clashes between demonstrators and the police remains if the former engages in disruptive actions, such as breaching security measures or obstructing major thoroughfares. In such cases, the authorities are likely to resort to crowd control measures, including temporary detentions of protesters and baton charges. Localized travel disruptions can be expected in the vicinity of the aforementioned location during the protest hours on May 19.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Bangkok on May 19 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of Ratchaprasong Sky Walk due to the slated demonstration, associated gatherings, and related risk of unrest while allotting for travel disruptions.