

Protest



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Georgia Tactical: Multiple anti-government protests slated across Tbilisi from 19:00 (local time) on February 22; avoid vicinity of rallies

Current Situation:

- Multiple anti-government protests are slated across Tbilisi on February 22.
- The demonstrations will denounce the ruling Georgian Dream (GD) government and the halted membership negotiations with the EU since November 2024. The protestors will also continue to call for fresh parliamentary elections to be held.
- A protest march will be held outside the Public Broadcaster Building in Tbilisi at 19:00 (local time) on February 22.
- Another group from the healthcare sector will protest at Parliament on Rustaveli Avenue in Tbilisi at 20:00 on the day.
- Simultaneously, another Protest will be held at Parliament at 20:00 on the day.
- Additionally, a public lecture is slated at the Ilia Chavchavadze and Akaki Tsereteli Statue, near the Parliament in Tbilisi at 21:00 on February 22.



Source: [Facebook](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. The turnout at the Public Broadcaster Building and Parliament will likely range between the low-to-mid hundreds, based on precedent. Participation for the public lecture at Ilia Chavchavadze and Akaki Tsereteli Statue will likely reach the mid-to-high dozens, given the nature of the gathering. Participation at these events will likely be bolstered on weekends. The authorities will bolster security by means of deployment of riot police and erection of barricades in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations, as per the standard security protocols.
2. The risk of clashes between the police and protesters remains high, considering the sustained sensitivities surrounding the protest movement. Should the protesters engage in disruptive behavior, such as breaching security protocols, the authorities will likely use forcible dispersal measures like temporary detentions, tear gas shelling, and the use of water cannons. Detained protesters are also subject to heavy monetary fines, as per recent reports. Significant disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular traffic in the vicinity of the aforementioned protest sites are anticipated during the protest hours on February 22.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Tbilisi on February 22 are advised to avoid the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the slated protests and associated high risk of unrest while allotting for travel disruptions.