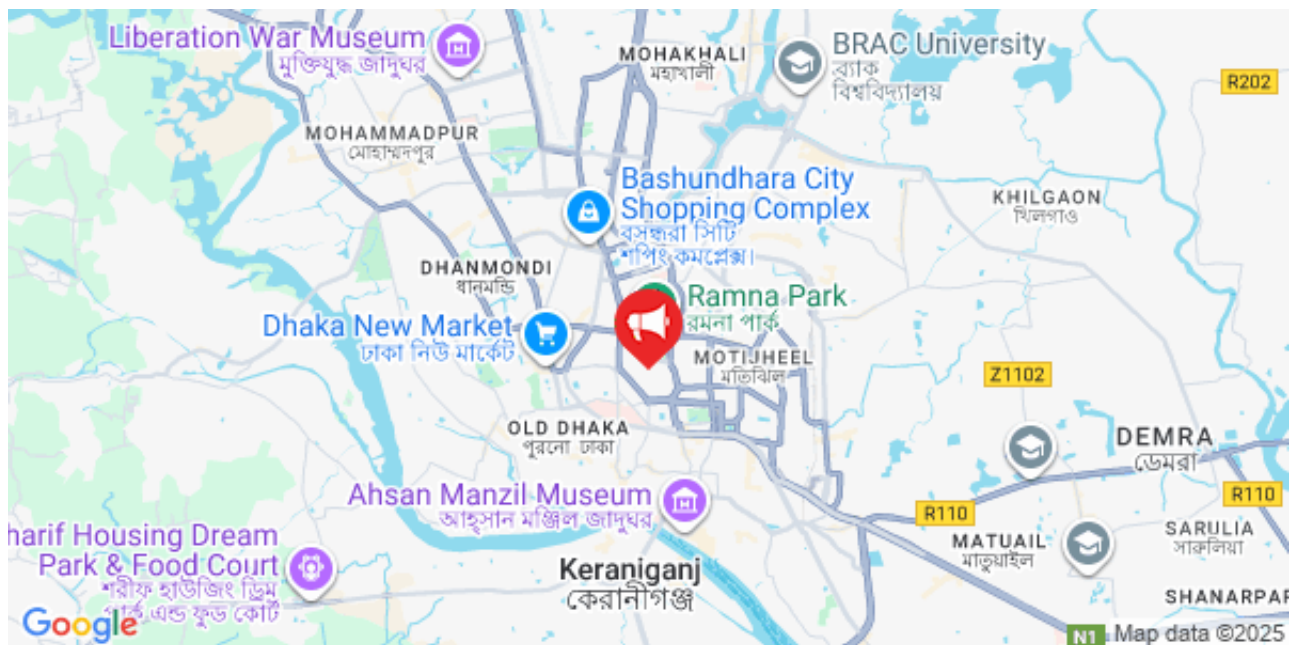


## Protest



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**Bangladesh Tactical: CPB, AL to hold multiple protests, shutdown across Bangladesh, including Dhaka, between November 14-17; avoid vicinity of rallies**

### Current Situation:

- Activists associated with the Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) are slated to protest at Suhrawardy Udyan in Dhaka at 14:00 (local time) on November 14, to call for the strengthening of the left-wing forces against the alleged authoritarian rule.
- Separately, activists associated with the banned Awami League (AL) party are slated to hold nationwide demonstrations on November 14 and 15. The party also announced a nationwide shutdown on November 16 and 17.
- The exact timings or locations of these AL-led gatherings remain undisclosed, at the time of writing.
- These protests aim to denounce the current political leadership and call for the resignation of Bangladesh's interim Chief Advisor Muhammad Yunus.



Source: [X/Twitter](#), [Facebook](#)

## Assessments & Forecast:

1. Turnout at the CPB rally is likely to range between the low-to-mid hundreds, given the mobilizing capabilities of the organizing party. Meanwhile, participation in the AL-led gatherings is likely to vary across the country, ranging between mid-to-high hundreds in key cities like Dhaka and Chittagong, given widespread support for the party in these areas. A limited turnout, ranging in the high dozens to low hundreds, is likely in other cities of the country. Turnout is liable to increase if additional supporters or cadres from the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), the AL's student wing, join the proceedings. Meanwhile, the announced shutdown is expected to see a limited adherence across the country, given AL's status as a banned organization.
2. While the exact protest locations have not been disclosed, potential sites are likely to include key government buildings such as the State Guest House, Parliament House, Dhaka University campus, and International Crimes Tribunal building, based on precedent. As part of the standard security protocol, the authorities are expected to heighten security measures across these potential protest sites, especially in light of the elevated security posture amid reports of multiple arson and IED attacks in Dhaka in recent days. These measures will include the deployment of additional police personnel as well as riot control units, Rapid Action Battalion (RAB), along with the setting up of barricades to monitor the proceedings and temper the banned AL-affiliated activism.
3. There remains a high risk of clashes between the authorities and the protesters during the CPB and AL-led gatherings, particularly if the participants are perceived to be engaging in disruptive activities such as breaching security protocols, blocking major thoroughfares, or engaging in provocative sloganeering. The risk is further heightened for the AL-led protests, given the authorities' low tolerance towards AL-led events, particularly ahead of the upcoming national elections in February 2026. There remains a latent risk of counter-protests or confrontations with opposing political groups during the AL-led gatherings. In such cases, the authorities are likely to employ forcible dispersal measures, including temporary detentions, baton charges, and forcible removal from the sites, to quell the unrest. In cases of extreme unrest, the use of rubber bullets, water cannons, and tear gas cannot be ruled out. Significant disruptions to pedestrian and

vehicular travel are expected in the vicinity of the potential and slated protest locations across Bangladesh, including Dhaka, given the expected turnout and associated security measures until November 17.

## **Recommendations:**

Those operating or residing in Bangladesh, including in Dhaka, until November 17 are advised to avoid the vicinity of the aforementioned potential protest locations due to the associated high risk of unrest, while allotting for travel disruptions.