

## **Protest**



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Iraq Tactical: Republic Day march slated from 18:00 in Baghdad on July 14; allot for disruptions

## **Current Situation:**

- The Federation of Iraqi Trade Unions has called on Iraqi workers and citizens to participate in a march from Baghdad's Victory Square to Tahrir Square from 18:00 (local time) on July 14.
- The march will commemorate Republic Day and the deposition of the Iraqi monarchy by military officers on July 14, 1958.



**Source**: The Federation of Iragi Trade Unions

## **Assessments & Forecast:**

The coup of July 14 is viewed as a significant historical event within Iraqi society. **FORECAST**: Given precedent, the Federation of Iraqi Trade Unions' call for participation will likely draw an attendance in the dozens. This could be bolstered further by other groups who could join the march. The protest is anticipated to proceed peacefully overall. Given the central location of Victory and Tahrir Squares, the protest is liable to prompt traffic disruptions, particularly on the nearby Sodoun Road. Further disruptions may be recorded in the capital during other commemorative events that could materialize on Republic Day.

## **Recommendations:**

Those operating or residing in Baghdad on July 14 are advised to allot for disruptions in the vicinity of Baghdad's Victory and Tahrir Squares in the evening hours of July 14 due to the slated march.