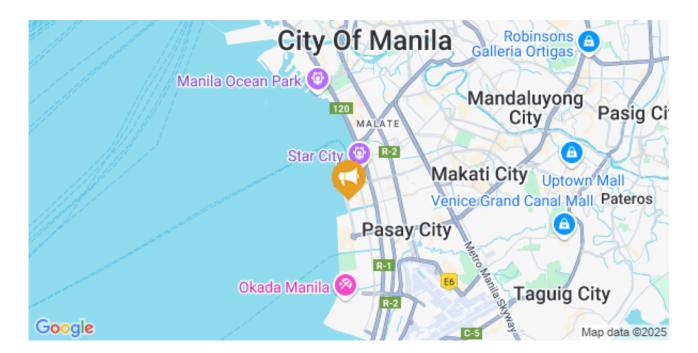
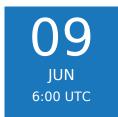


## **Protest**





Philippines Tactical: Protest movement scheduled in Metro Manila from evening hours (local time) on June 10-11; maintain vigilance

## **Current Situation:**

- Protesters aligned with the Akbayan Party, Mamamayang Liberal (ML) Party, Tindig Pilipinas, and
  other civil society groups are scheduled to stage a candlelight march in Manila during the evening
  hours (local time) on June 10. The exact route for the march remains unconfirmed at the time of
  writing.
- The protest movement is slated to continue until June 11. The exact details for the same remain unspecified while writing.
- However, a related protest march is slated from the Film Center to the Senate in Pasay City, Metro Manila, from 14:30 on June 11. Additional details for which can be found <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.
- The movement began as part of a three-day series of demonstrations on June 9, with a march from the Manila Film Center in Pasay City to the Senate in Manila.
- The movement is being held to denounce the postponement of the presentation of the articles of impeachment against Vice President (VP) Sara Duterte in the Senate from June 2 to June 11.

Source: ABS-CBN, X/Twitter

## **Assessments & Forecast:**

- 1. The turnout for the demonstrations is anticipated to range between the high hundreds to the low thousands, considering the mobilization capabilities of the organizing groups along with the witnessed attendance at the protest march on June 9. Participation is likely to be bolstered by the presence of pro-Marcos, other liberal, and independent political groups, given their support for impeachment. The authorities are anticipated to bolster security measures around potential protest locations, particularly government buildings including the Senate, the Cybergate Street in Mandaluyong, and the Manila Film Center. The measures will likely include the deployment of police personnel and barricade installations, especially due to the sensitivity of these locations.
- 2. There exists a potential risk for clashes between the police and protesters, should the latter breach security measures. However, the authorities are unlikely to use harsh dispersal tactics due to the negative optics associated with cracking down on opposition groups. That said, clashes between pro-Duterte and protesting groups are possible in case the former lead impromptu gatherings in support of VP Sara Duterte, particularly in the vicinity of the Senate. In such cases, the authorities are liable to issue temporary detention of the protesters. Significant disruptions to localized vehicular and pedestrian traffic are anticipated on June 10–11 near the aforementioned locations due to the slated protests.

## **Recommendations:**

Those operating or residing in Metro Manila on June 10-11 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of aforementioned locations due to the slated protest movement and associated risk of unrest while allotting for travel disruptions.