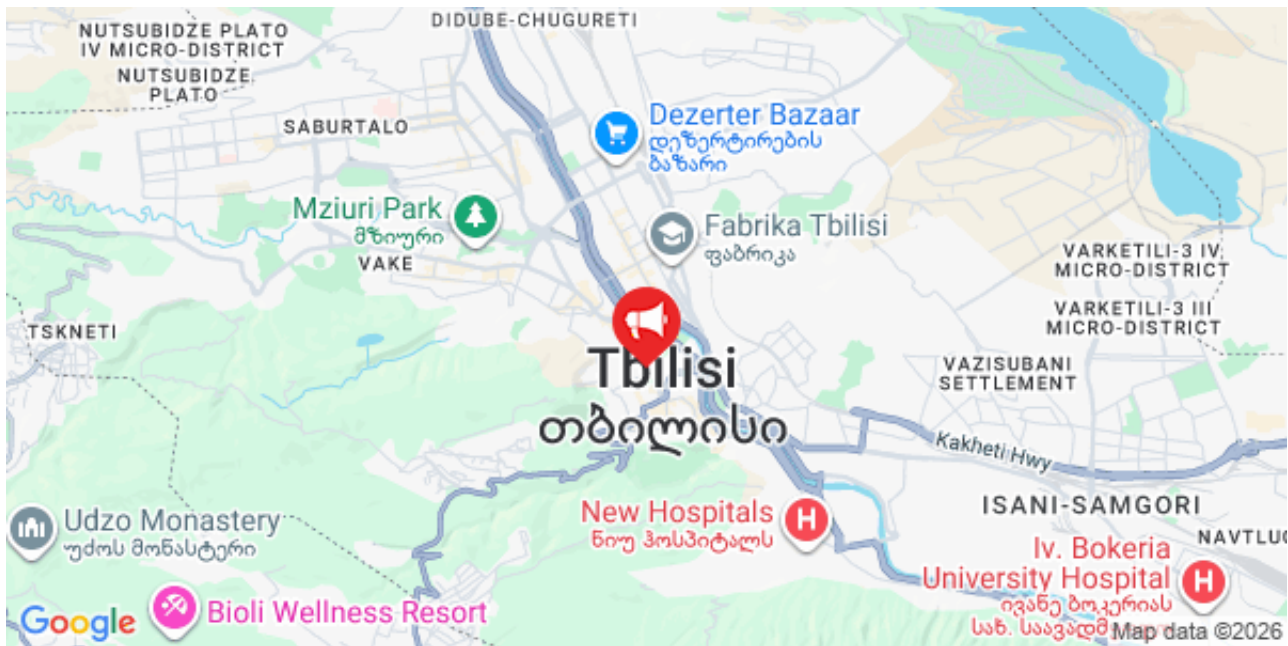




Protest



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Georgia Tactical: Anti-GD protests ongoing, slated in Tbilisi on May 21; avoid vicinity of rallies

Current Situation:

- An anti-government protest is slated near Parliament at 20:00 (local time) on May 21.
- Separately, a 24-hour protest outside the State Chancellery demanding the availability of medicines for children remains ongoing on May 21.
- The demonstrations will mark 540 consecutive days of protest against the ruling Georgian Dream (GD) party, with participants denouncing the government's anti-EU and anti-democratic posturing.



Source: [Instagram](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. The turnout at the slated protests will likely range between the high dozens to low hundreds, given the sustained resonance of anti-GD sentiment in Tbilisi. The authorities will likely bolster security measures in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations, particularly outside the Parliament, given the sensitivity of the location. These measures will likely include the deployment of riot police and the installation of barricades to minimize disruptions.
2. The risk of clashes between security forces and protesters will remain high, given the authorities' low tolerance for anti-GD demonstrations. The authorities are likely to respond with forcible dispersal measures, including physical removal of the protesters from the demonstration sites and potential long-term detentions, should protesters engage in disruptive tactics such as blocking major roads or breaching security perimeters. In the event of escalatory actions, such as the use of pyrotechnics, the police are likely to employ heavy-handed measures, including water cannons or tear gas, to quell potential unrest. Significant disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular movement are expected in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the anticipated turnout and associated security measures during protest hours on May 21.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Tbilisi on May 21 are advised to avoid the vicinity of the Parliament and State Chancellery due to the slated protests and associated high risk of clashes while allotting for travel disruptions.