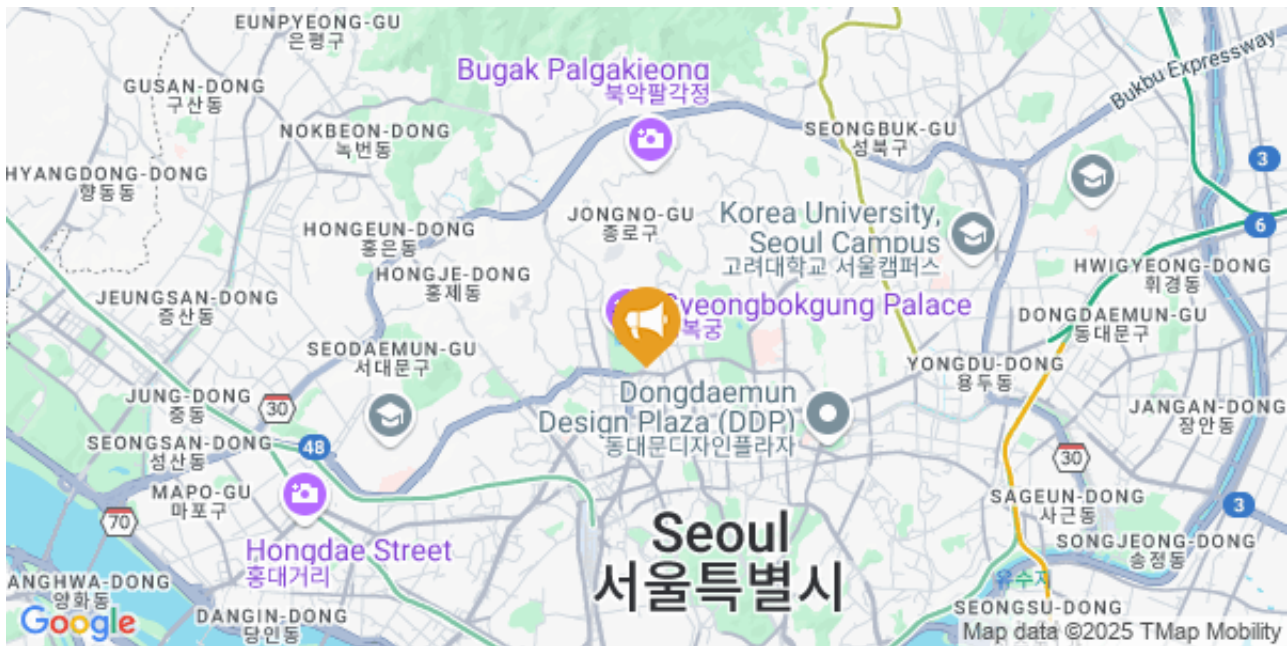




Protest



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South Korea Tactical: Multiple anti-Yoon protests slated nationwide, including in Seoul, on March 18, maintain vigilance

Current Situation:

- Anti-Yoon activists are slated to hold a nationwide protest on March 18.
- In Seoul, protesters will hold the protest at Gwanghwamun Dongsipjagak at 19:00 (local time).
- The protest aims to call for the immediate dismissal of President Yoon Suk Yeol for the revoked imposition of martial Law in December 2024.



Source: [X/Twitter](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. The anticipated turnout at the slate nationwide protest is likely to vary according to the location. In Seoul, the anticipated turnout for the slated protest is likely to range between low-to-mid hundreds based on the resonance of the issue and the participation trend recorded in similar protests. Conversely, the turnout in other major urban centers is likely to reach in high dozens. As part of the standard security protocol, the authorities are liable to heighten security in the vicinity of Gwanghwamun Dongsipjagak by deploying security personnel and setting up barricades to monitor the crowd. Similar security measures are anticipated near demonstration sites in other cities.
2. There remains a risk of localized clashes between the protestors and the authorities, especially if the protestors engage in perceived disruptive activities, including blocking major thoroughfares, breaching security protocols, and holding ad-hoc rallies. There also remains a heightened risk of clashes between the pro-Yoon and anti-Yoon protestors. In the events of unrest, the authorities will employ forcible dispersal measures, including temporary detention of activists. Localized disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular traffic are anticipated during the protest hours on March 18.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in South Korea, including in Seoul, on March 18 are advised to maintain vigilance in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the slated protest and associated risk of clashes, while allotting for travel disruptions.