

Protest





Spain Tactical: Vox party calls for protest at Puerta del Sol in Madrid from 12:00 (local time) on April 7; maintain heightened vigilance

Current Situation

- On April 7, the far-right Vox party will stage a protest at Puerta del Sol in Madrid from 12:00 (local time).
- This protest has been organized to denounce the alleged persecution of Vox supporters in Spain.



Source: X/Twitter

Assessments & Forecast

- 1. Based on social media estimates and Vox's mobilizational capabilities, the protest will likely garner a turnout in the mid to high thousands.
- 2. Based on precedent and considering heightened sentiments regarding the protest issue, the protest carries a heightened potential for unrest. This is especially so, given the possibility of radical far-right actors infiltrating the demonstration.
- 3. Unrest is likely to manifest as clashes between protesters and police. Radical actors are also liable to use pyrotechnics and projectiles, especially targeting police.
- 4. A bolstered security presence will likely be deployed outside Puerta del Sol to monitor the proceedings. In the event of unrest, authorities are liable to use forcible crowd control measures, including conducting arrests and possible baton charges.
- 5. Significant disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular traffic should be anticipated near Puerta del Sol during the afternoon hours.

Recommendations

- 1. Those operating or residing in Madrid on April 7 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance in the vicinity of the Puerta del Sol due to the heightened risk of unrest at the Vox protest.
- 2. Allot for travel-related disruptions in the vicinity of Puerta del Sol during the afternoon hours.