

## **Protest**





Europe Tactical: Protests denouncing gender-based violence slated in multiple cities regionwide on November 23-25; maintain heightened vigilance

## **Current Situation**

 Reports indicate that feminist groups and other women's rights proponents will stage protests denouncing gender-based violence (GBV) in multiple cities regionwide on November 23-25. These protests will be held ahead of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on November 25. Details of these demonstrations can be found below.

• In Brussels, **Belgium**, a protest march will be held from Place Poelaert to Sint-Gillisvoorplein from 14:00 (local time) on November 24. The demonstration will be preceded by events and activities at Place Poelaert from 12:00.

Source: Facebook

• In Paris, <b>France</b> , feminist groups will stage a protest march from Gare du Nord to Place de la Bastille, via Place de la Republique, from 14:00 on November 23. Pro-Palestinian activists will also participate in this demonstration.
Source: X/Twitter
• In Berlin, <b>Germany</b> , a protest march will be held from Abgeordnetenhaus on Niederkirchnerstrasse 5 to Klostestrasse at 16:00 on November 25.
Source: Instagram
• In Rome, <b>Italy</b> , a protest march is slated from Piazzale Ostiense to Piazza Vittorio Emanuele II from 14:00 on November 23.
Source: Instagram
• In Malaga, <b>Spain</b> , a protest march is scheduled from Plaza de la Merced to Plaza de la Constitucion from 19:30 on November 25.
Source: <u>Plataforma Violencia Cero Malaga</u>
• In Bern, <b>Switzerland</b> , protesters will stage a protest march from Schutzenmatteplatz at 14:00 on

• Post the initial gathering, protesters will march along Speichergasse, Nageligasse, Rathausgasse, Kreuzgasse, Kramgasse, Hotelgasse, and Amthausgasse to conclude the demonstration at

November 23.

Bundesplatz.

## **Assessments & Forecast**

- 1. Based on media estimates, the aforementioned protests are expected to garner turnouts ranging from the low hundreds to the high thousands, with the demonstrations in Berlin, Brussels, Paris, and Rome anticipated to garner the largest turnouts. Moreover, protests are also likely to be announced in other urban centers regionwide, especially on November 25.
- 2. Considering heightened sentiments over rising gender violence in multiple countries in Europe, coupled with the possible involvement of far-left feminist groups, the protests carry a latent potential for unrest in the form of localized scuffles between police and demonstrators. However, this is unlikely to escalate into wider unrest.
- 3. As such, a bolstered security presence is liable to be deployed in the vicinity of the aforementioned protest locations to monitor the proceedings.
- 4. Significant disruptions to both pedestrian and vehicular movement are expected near the aforementioned protest locations during the slated timings. Authorities are also likely to establish cordons and roadblocks in the vicinity of these locations during the protest timings.

## Recommendations

- 1. Those operating or residing in Europe on November 23-25 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance in the vicinity of the aforementioned protests due to the latent potential for unrest.
- 2. Allot for associated disruptions to travel near the protests during the slated timings.