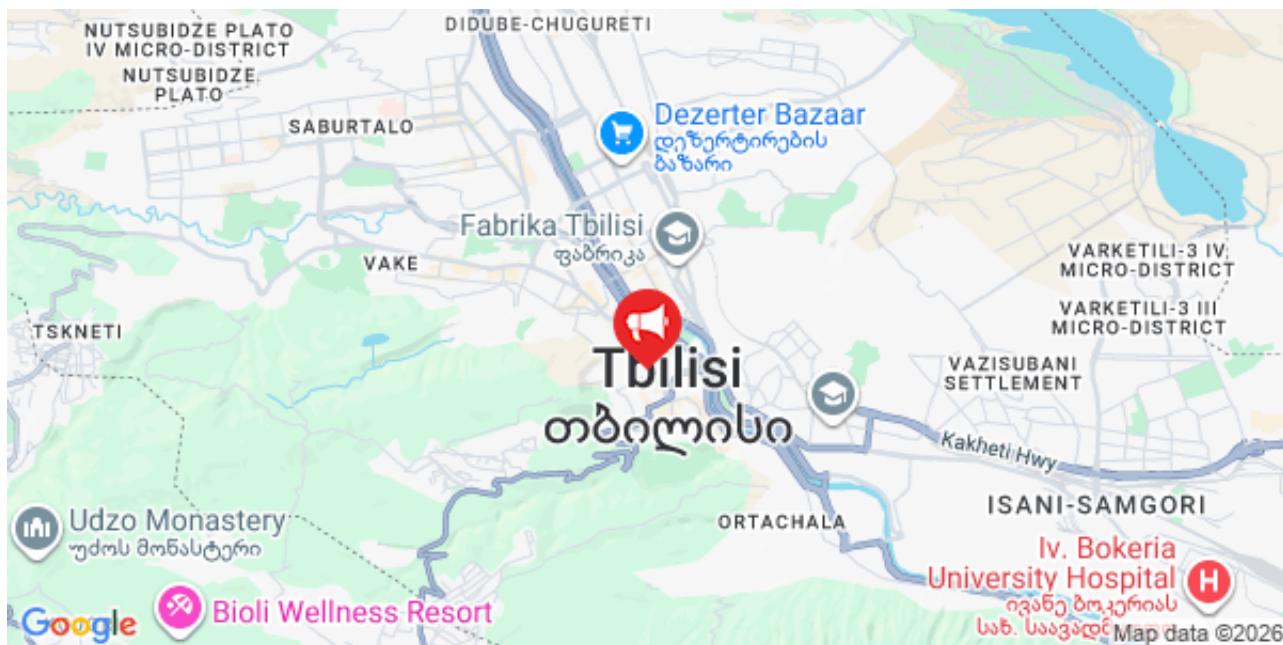




Protest



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Georgia Tactical: Anti-GD protests slated across multiple locations in Tbilisi from 12:00 (local time) on February 3; avoid vicinity of demonstrations

Current Situation:

- Multiple anti-government demonstrations are slated across Tbilisi on February 3. Protesters are slated to gather outside the Parliament at 12:00 (local time), at Tbilisi State University's (TSU) First Building at 15:00, at the Court of Appeals at 16:00, and again outside the Parliament at 20:00 on the day.
- The demonstrations will mark the 433rd consecutive day of protests against the ruling Georgian Dream (GD) Party over the perceived targeting of opposition lawmakers and activists, as well as the government's alleged anti-EU posture.



Source: [Facebook](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. Participation in the scheduled demonstrations is likely to range between the high dozens to the low hundreds, given sustained anti-GD sentiment among the youth. Heightened security measures are expected in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to their sensitivity. The measures will likely include the deployment of riot police and the placement of barricades to monitor the protests.
2. The risk of violent clashes between the police and the protesters remains high, considering the authorities' low tolerance towards anti-government measures. In case the latter resort to actions such as blocking major roads and sidewalks, the police are likely to use crowd-control measures, including immediate detention of protesters and forced removal from the site, to control the situation. The authorities will not rule out using heavy-handed measures such as firing rubber bullets, deploying tear gas, and using water cannons, in case the protesters use escalatory tactics such as releasing pyrotechnics in the direction of the police. Significant disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular travel are anticipated around the protest locations on February 3 due to expected turnout and related security measures.

Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Tbilisi on February 3 are advised to avoid the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the slated protests and associated high risk of clashes, while allotting for travel disruptions.