

Protest



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Mexico Tactical: Animal rights activists call for demonstrations nationwide, including in Mexico City, on June 30; allot for disruptions

Current Situation

- According to reports, animal rights activists and associated groups, including Patitas Laguneras and Unidos Rescatando, have called for multiple demonstrations nationwide on June 30.
- Details on the timings and locations are as follows:

In **Guadalajara**, Jalisco, a demonstration is slated outside the Congreso del Estado de Jalisco located in Zona Centro, from 11:00 (local time).

In **Mexico City**, demonstrators will commence marching from the Angel de la Independencia

towards the Zocalo from 11:00.

In **Santiago de Queretaro**, Queretaro, a protest march will take place between Centro Cultural Gomez Morin towards the Plaza de Armas, from 10:00.

In **Torreon**, Coahuila, a protest march is slated between Plaza Mayor and Paseo Colon, starting at 09:30.

In **Toluca**, Estado de Mexico (Edomex), activists will gather at the Edificio de Rectoria of the Universidad Autonoma del Estado de Mexico (UAEM) from 10:00 and proceed for a march towards the Plaza de los Martires, along the Calle Benito Juarez.

- Demonstrations are being held to denounce incidents of abuse and violence recorded against animals, including both wild and domestic such as pets, nationwide in Mexico. Activists have alleged that despite the existence of legal mechanisms as part of the Declaracion Universal de los Derechos de los Animales de 1978, the enforcement of such laws has not been effective.

Assessments & Forecast

1. Based on precedent, including similar protests held nationwide on June 26, 2023, the upcoming demonstrations are likely to draw an attendance in the mid-to-high hundreds at each location. The protest march in Mexico City can be expected to draw a higher turnout in the mid-to-high thousands.
2. While demonstrations are expected to transpire peacefully without any major incidents of unrest, a bolstered security presence can nonetheless be expected near the protest locations.
3. Consequently, localized disruptions to vehicular and pedestrian traffic can be anticipated in the vicinity of the protest locations.

Recommendations

Those operating or residing in Mexico on June 30 are advised to allot for disruptions to

travel in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations due to the slated demonstrations.