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Bangladesh: Sylhet division: Avoid protests, anticipate disruption during transport workers' strike from 22 February


OVERVIEW




Level:



Location:



Category:



Active:

Notice

Sylhet - Bangladesh

Transport disruption, Strike, Protest/Rally

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EXPOSURE IN IMPACTED AREA ONLY

Location	There Now	There in next 24 hours	There in next 1-7 days	There while the alert is active
Affected cities	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0

EXPOSURE BY COUNTRY

Location	There Now	There in next 24 hours	There in next 1-7 days	There while the alert is active
Bangladesh (Medium Risk)	2	2	5	9

Staff in Sylhet district (Sylhet division) should anticipate disruption and avoid protests during an indefinite strike from 06.00 (local time) on 22 February by transport workers. The work stoppage has been called in response to an eviction drive in the [Chowhatta](#) area of Sylhet city. On 17 February, at least 15 people were injured in related clashes in the Chowhatta and [Dargah Gate](#) areas of the city. Around 25 vehicles were also vandalised in the violence, during which transport workers blocked the Dhaka-Sylhet and Sylhet-Sunamganj highways.

MORE DETAIL

The violence occurred after municipal workers attempted to evict a taxi and microbus parking area in Chowhatta. Transport workers are demanding that the city administration provide an alternative parking location. Demonstrations are likely during the work stoppage. Potential protest venues in Sylhet city include the [deputy commissioner's office](#), the [city corporation building](#) and [Humayun Rashid Square](#). Protesters may also block the Dhaka-Sylhet and Sylhet-Sunamganj highways again. The police are liable to use forcible measures to disperse any unruly or disruptive gatherings, posing incidental risks to bystanders.


WHAT WE ADVISED YOUR PEOPLE

Liaise with local contacts to remain apprised of any planned or ongoing demonstrations. Avoid all protests as a precaution. Leave an area if protesters or the police begin to gather there.

Reconfirm the status of routes before setting out. Do not attempt to cross roadblocks, as this may provoke a hostile response from protesters. Turn around and seek an alternative route to your destination.

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