

Protest Vs Tren Maya Plan Feb. 18 Indigenous March- Mexico City

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Severity: Warning Alert

Security: Various social movements plan to march to the Secretariat of the Interior building in Mexico City, Mexico, from 1000, Feb. 18. Avoid rally.

This alert affects Mexico City

This alert began 15 Feb 2017 00:01 GMT and is scheduled to expire 18 Feb 2019 23:59 GMT.

- **Event:** Protest march
- **Location:** Mexico City ([map](#))
- **Start Time/Date:** 1000 Feb. 18
- **Impact:** Heightened security, localized transport disruptions; possible clashes

Summary

Several social movements and civil society groups plan to hold a march in Mexico City Feb. 18. Participants plan to gather at the Metro Viaducto from 1000, before marching to Zocalo, where a rally will be held. Protesters then plan to march the Secretariat of the Interior (SEGOB), where they intend on staging a sit-in protest. The exact march routes have not been publicized. The action is taking place in support of indigenous rights and to denounce the government's USD-7.4 billion Tren Maya railway project. Opponents of the railway are concerned that the construction of the railway will destroy the region's biosphere.

Demonstrators will likely number in the high hundreds, at least. The police will most likely deploy to monitor the protest. Violence is unlikely. Localized traffic disruptions are likely near the protest sites and along the march routes.

Advice

Avoid all protests as a precaution. Allow extra time to reach destinations in downtown Mexico City from the morning of Feb. 18.

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