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## **Threat Insight: Violent Protest in New Zealand**

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- This Threat Insight provides an overview of violent protest activity in New Zealand compared to similar international events, and explains CTAG's mandate regarding violent protest activity in New Zealand. The purpose of this product is to inform stakeholders of the type of protest activity that meet's CTAG's mandate.
- CTAG has moderate confidence in our assessments, which are informed by open source reporting.

### **Key judgements**

- CTAG defines violent protest as a premeditated decision or agreement by protestors to commit violence against people or significant damage to public or private property, as part of their protest activity.
- Violent protest events are rare in New Zealand and CTAG notes only two acts of violent protest in the recent past that fit our criteria.
- Protests at major events in New Zealand have been peaceful in recent years, and we assess the majority of the New Zealand-based activists will continue to engage in non-violent protest activity, even if disruptive or otherwise unlawful.
- Although international events continue to influence protest activity in New Zealand, it is highly unlikely that violent protests overseas will provoke violence in New Zealand.