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Focal points in January

	Comoros Ecuador Iran Mali
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+	Ivory Coast Guatemala

Countries to monitor in February

Europe	February: ongoing protest movement by farmers, notably in Belgium and Germany.
Pakistan	08/02: legislative elections
Senegal	February: high risk of socio-political unrest in reaction to presidential election postponement <i>sine die</i>

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Japan	Earthquake measuring 7.5 in the Ishikawa Prefecture , triggering a tsunami along the Sea of Japan coastline 1 January. At least 202 dead .
Iran	Islamic State (IS) claimed responsibility for twin bombing in Kerman , leaving at least 91 dead and 284 people injured during the commemoration of the assassination of Qasem Soleimani
Ecuador	Internal armed conflict between the Ecuadorian authorities and criminal gangs since 9 January. Sharp deterioration in security conditions.
Papua New Guinea	Violent rioting and looting 10 January following a demonstration in Port Moresby . State of emergency declared. At least 15 dead .
Comoros	Mass demonstrations and political violence in the wake of the 14 January legislative elections . Curfew declared nationwide.

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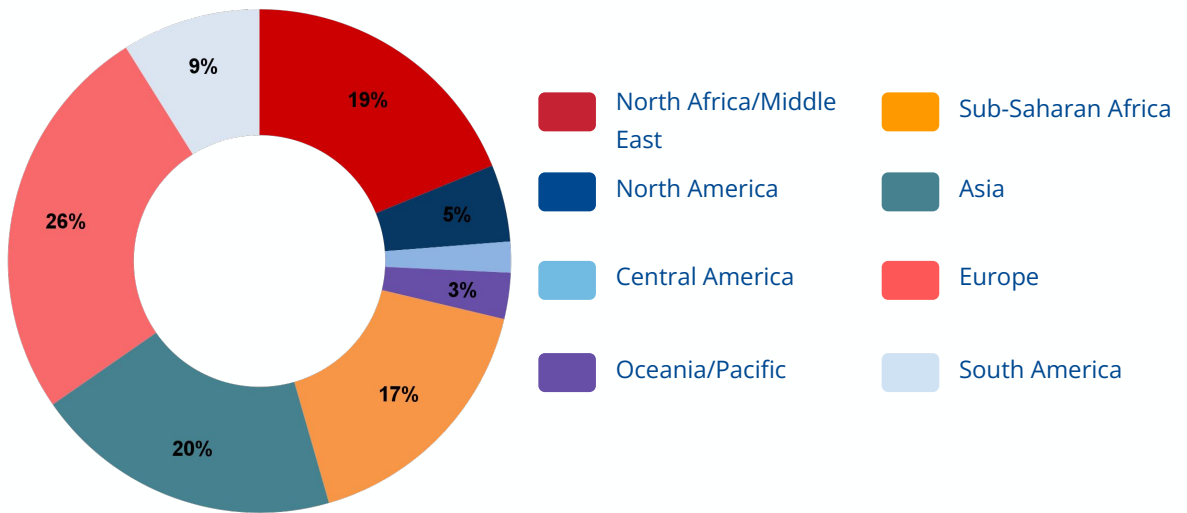
Europe	February: ongoing protest movement led by farmers, particularly in Spain, Germany, Greece and Belgium - Disruption likely.
Pakistan	8 February: legislative elections – Security reinforcements and political violence to be expected in the run up to and after the elections.
Indonesia	14 February: legislative elections – Security reinforcements and disruption to be expected, incidents should not be ruled out.
Senegal	February: risk of a deterioration in the socio-political situation in reaction to the postponement sine die of the presidential elections - Demonstrations and deployment of the security forces to be expected, especially in Dakar, caution required due to the high risk of violence.

Summary of Alerts

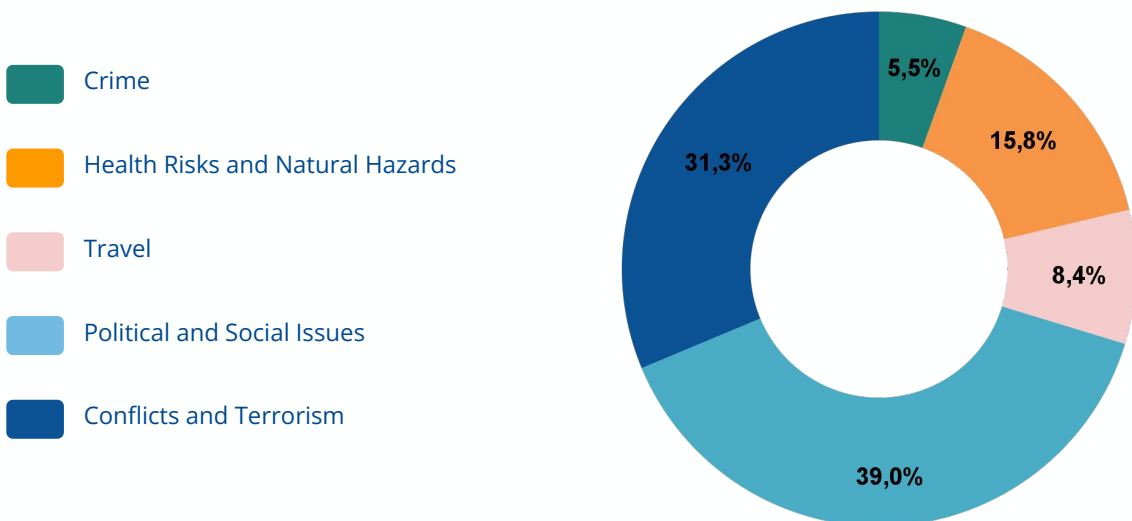
January 2024

The SSF alert service is available by subscription **24/7**, providing you with the latest information, in both French and English, on any events that might have an impact on your interests and the safety or security of your employees across **203 countries and territories**. In **January 2024**, SSF issued a total of **900 safety-security alerts**, concerning all kinds of risks in **138 countries**.

Geographic Distribution

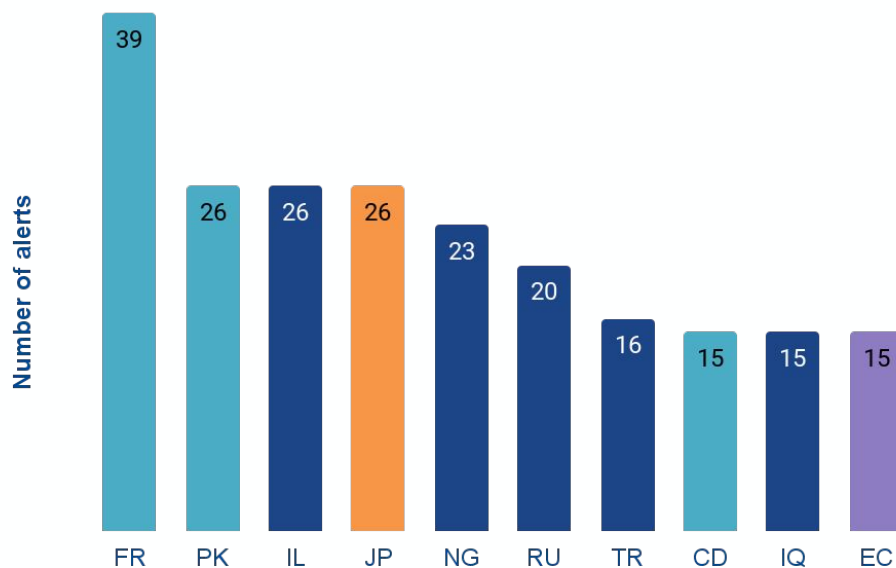


Type of Risk



10 countries to monitor

The following **10 countries** account for **221 safety-security alerts** representing **24.5%** of all of the alerts sent over the last month. Countries engaged in long-term warfare or with extremely high levels of insecurity in general (Afghanistan, Libya, Syria, Sudan, Yemen, Somalia and Ukraine) have been deliberately excluded from the list.



Number of alerts issued during the month and main risk factor according to country



Democratic Republic of the Congo

Ongoing post-election tension with the opposition calling for rallies 18 and 20 January, but no mass turnout from the population. **Clashes** between rival supporters and the security forces reported in **Kinshasa** (22 January), **Goma** and **Béni** - Clashes including loss of life during a demonstration against insecurity in **Kimpese** (29 January) - **Ituri and North Kivu provinces**: ongoing clashes between the **FARDC** and both **M23** and **ADF rebels** (8, 23, 25, 27 & 29 January) - **Mai-Ndombe Province**: at least 11 people killed in an attack attributed to the **Mobondo militia** in Kwamouth Territory.

Ecuador

Upsurge in violence 8 January after **a gang leader escaped** from a Guayaquil prison, triggering **rioting, state of emergency** declared across the whole country. 9 January, **hostage situation live** on Ecuadorian public television channel TC, at least 4 police officers kidnapped in Machala and Quito and 10 dead in Guayaquil and Nobol. **Prosecutor** in charge of the investigation into the tv station takeover assassinated in Guayaquil 17 January. President Daniel Noboa confirmed the **state of internal armed conflict** 9 January - Security reinforcements deployed, leading to the **liberation of a number of hostages** and prisons brought back under control 14 January. **68 suspects arrested** following an **attempted assault on a hospital** in Yaguachi 21 January and an attack on the Prosecutor's Office in Manta 29 January - **State of emergency** declared in several **border regions of Peru** in reaction to the incidents of 9 January - **Gunfight between criminal gangs** in the canton of Duran 1 January, at least 5 dead.

France

Angry protests by farmers throughout the whole country at the end of the month, marked by **huge convoys of tractors** and **roadblocks** around Paris and several other large cities, as well as on motorways and at some airports, namely Toulouse - **Ongoing national rallies** against the **immigration law** (14, 20, 21, 25 & 26 January) and in **solidarity with the Gaza Strip** (20 & 21 January), as well as **strikes** and **demonstrations** among **teachers** (15 January), **taxi** and **private car hire drivers** (29 & 30 January). **Severe disruption to road and rail traffic** in the **north** (specifically Eurostar services) caused by **extremely cold temperatures and snow** at the start of the month.

Iraq

Ongoing **attacks by the Islamic Resistance in Iraq on US military targets**, namely the Al-Asad and Erbil airbases (2, 10, 15, 18, 20, 23 & 24 January). In response, the US claimed to have carried out the **targeted assassination of two commanders of Al-Hashd al-Shaabi in Baghdad** 4 January. The **cycle of attacks and reprisals** culminated 28 January when a pro-Iran Iraqi militia carried out a drone attack in the northeast of Jordan (**3 US soldiers killed**), Kata'ib Hezbollah then announced the suspension of its anti-US operations as part of talks for the **withdrawal of the US troops** from Iraq - **Kurdistan**: unidentified rocket fire targeting the **Khor Mor gas field** (Sulaymaniyah Governorate). Renewed **Turkish airstrikes** on Kurdish military positions in retaliation to an **attack on a Turkish base in Metina, attributed to PKK** fighters (9 Turkish soldiers killed 12 January).

Israel/Palestine

Continued escalation of Israel's military offensive **in the south of the Gaza Strip**, particularly in **Khan Yunis**. Since 28 January, some **progress made in the negotiations for the release of the Israeli hostages** in Gaza, under the aegis of Qatar and Egypt, despite persistent differences between Israel and Hamas over the duration of a ceasefire - Daily violence and Israeli raids in the West Bank (Jenin, Nablus, Ramallah, Bethlehem, Hebron, Tulkarem, Tubas & Qalqilya) - Ongoing intense cycle of attacks and reprisals at the border between **Lebanon and Israel**. Despite the **killing of the deputy chief of the Hamas political bureau** in Beirut (Lebanon) 2 January, Hezbollah is still trying to **avoid open conflict** while Benjamin Netanyahu's government considers that the threat of war on the northern front to be an advantage for its **political survival**. In view of the marked political division in Israel, **anti-government demonstrations** have grown, notably in Tel Aviv.

Japan

Earthquake measuring 7.5 in the Ishikawa Prefecture and a **tsunami** along the Sea of Japan coastline 1 January. **Powerful aftershocks** over subsequent days, notably a **5.9 earthquake** 9 January. At least 202 dead and 665 people injured were reported, along with **extensive material damage**, specifically in the **Noto Peninsula**. **Severe disruption to road and rail traffic** throughout the whole month - **Tokyo Haneda International Airport (HND)**: at least **5 people killed** in a **collision involving two passenger planes** that caused a major **fire** to break out 2 January. **Severe air traffic disruption** until 8 January - **Tokyo**: at least 4 people injured following a **knife attack** on a train at **Akihabara Station** 3 January - **Hokkaido**: **air traffic disruption** at **New Chitose International Airport (CTS)** due to **snowfall** and a **collision involving two passenger planes** on the ground 16 January - **Tokyo**: at least 8 people injured when a **building caught fire** in **Shinjuku** business district 4 January.

Nigeria

Decline in the security situation in Abuja, notably due to the **high risk of kidnapping**. Civil society **demonstration** in condemnation of insecurity 17 January - **Increase in attacks by armed bandits**, specifically in the **states of Zamfara and Katsina**, where **security operations** were carried out 4 January in a bid to stamp out the problem, amid **attacks** carried out 3, 4, 14 & 21. **Attacks spread** to the **states of Jigawa, Plateau and Ekiti**, namely 7, 24, 25 and 29 January (**tens dead**) - **Renewed community-based clashes**, notably in the states of **Delta** 17 January and **Rivers** 19 January . At least 8 people killed - **Borno and Yobe**: **attacks attributed to Boko Haram** 1 and 5 January. **Landmine explosions** in the path of vehicles 8 & 16 January (at least **34 dead**) - **Oyo State**: at least 2 dead and 77 people injured following a **huge explosion** on the outskirts of **Ibadan** 18 January - **Rivers State**: **boat** carrying petroleum products **explodes** in **Port Harcourt** 29 January.

Pakistan

Deterioration in the political situation ahead of the 8 February general elections, with **growing incidents of political violence and attacks targeting candidates**. Current **political repression** illustrated by the **disqualification** and **prison** sentences targeting former Prime Minister **Imran Khan** and several **PTI leaders** (1 & 28 January), condemned by the opposition. However, these **developments have not triggered a mass mobilisation or violence among the opposition**, apart from clashes between the police and PTI supporters in **Karachi** 28 January - **Ongoing threat of terrorism in the country**, including an attack threat against an **Islamabad** university 22 January and a number of **attacks** mainly targeting the **security forces** in the provinces of **Baluchistan**, namely in **Quetta**, and **Khyber Pakhtunkhwa**. Simultaneously, **renewed tension seen between Islamabad and Tehran** with Iranian strikes on **Jaish al-Adl** militant bases near Panjgur (Baluchistan) 16 January and retaliatory Pakistani strikes on terrorist groups near Saravan (Iran) 18 January.

Russia

Intensification of Ukrainian attacks on the country. **Drone attacks** targeting border regions, but also **areas located further away from the Russia-Ukraine border**, with attacks on the regions of **Moscow** and **St. Petersburg**, with others targeting military facilities, production sites and **fuel supply infrastructure**. **Belgorod Oblast**: Russian military plane crashes carrying 65 Ukrainian prisoners of war, shot down according to Moscow (24 January).

Turkey

Istanbul: one person killed in an **attack claimed by the Islamic State group** on a **church in the Buyukdere neighbourhood** 28 January - **Istanbul outskirts**: at least 11 people injured in a **knife attack** in **Esenyurt district** 22 January - At least **9 Turkish soldiers killed** in a **suspected attack by fighters affiliated with the PKK** at the **border between Turkey and Iraq** 12 January. **Ongoing counter-terrorism operations targeting PKK and YPG positions** 12, 13 & 14 January - Different demonstrations, notably in **Ankara** 14 January and in **Istanbul** 21 & 28 January . **Nationwide trade union strike** 11 January.

February 2024

Important events in the month to come

Europe, namely Spain, Germany Belgium and Greece

1 February onwards: ongoing mass protest movement by farmers should be expected, including roadblocks and go-slow operations – Travel disruption likely and unrest should not be ruled out.

El Salvador

4 February: presidential election - Rallies and unrest possible, but limited due to security reinforcements in the country, under a prolonged state of emergency.

Pakistan

8 February: legislative elections – Major security reinforcements should be expected, alongside a high risk of demonstrations and political violence in the run up to the elections and after. Caution required.

Mexico

18 February: march for democracy organised by the opposition a few months ahead of the presidential election amid political tension – Security reinforcements likely, unrest possible.

Ukraine

24 February: second anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine - Commemorative ceremonies should be expected, increased risk of Russian missile strikes on urban areas on the occasion of the symbolic date.

Senegal

25 February: initial date of the presidential election - Major security reinforcements should be expected, along with demonstrations and tension in protest against the postponement sine die of the ballot. Caution required.

EVENTS TO LOOK OUT FOR IN FEBRUARY 2024

February

World: renewed demonstrations in support of the Palestinian people likely in capitals and major cities.

Europe: ongoing protest movement led by farmers, notably in France, Germany and Belgium - Disruption likely.

Senegal: risk of a deterioration in the socio-political situation in reaction to the postponement sine die of the presidential election - Demonstrations and deployment of the security forces to be expected, notably in Dakar. Caution required due to the high risk of violence.

30 January to 9 February

Lebanon: public sector strike - Ongoing disruption to be expected.

1 to 10 February

Qatar: petroleum AFC Asian Cup 2024 (football) - Security reinforcements likely.

1 February

Argentina: march outside the National Congress in Buenos Aires - Security reinforcements, disruption and unrest to be expected.

Belgium: rally led by farmers outside the European Parliament on the fringes of the European summit on EU aid to Ukraine in Brussels - Disruption likely, clashes possible.

Finland: national strike in protest against the government's plans to reform the labour market - Severe disruption likely.

France: ongoing roadblocks staged by farmers, unrest should not be ruled out - Teachers set to strike and demonstrate over pay and working conditions.

Germany: strike action led by the Ver.di trade union in a number of airports - Disruption likely.

Greece: farmers to demonstrate on the fringes of the an agricultural fair - Security reinforcements and disruption to be expected.

Guinea: anti-government demonstration and roadblocks staged by women in Conakry - Tension should not be ruled out.

India: trade union demonstration in Bangalore - Security reinforcements and localised disruption likely.

Indonesia: student demonstration in demand of the resignation of incumbent President Joko Widodo - Security reinforcements and disruption likely.

Malaysia: Federal Territory Day - Disruption likely on the occasion of the public holiday.

Mali: rally in support of ECOWAS withdrawal in Bamako - Security reinforcements likely.

Myanmar: 6-month extension of the state of emergency and third anniversary of the military coup (2021) - Increased risk of violence and both pro or anti-junta rallies in urban areas.

Slovakia: nationwide opposition demonstrations - Disruption likely.

Thailand: activists set to demonstration outside the United Nations building in Bangkok to mark the third anniversary of the military coup in Myanmar - Security reinforcements and disruption likely, unrest possible.

2 to 4 February

Bangladesh: Bishwa Ijtema religious congregation in Dhaka - Disruption likely.

Thailand: Chiang Mai Flower Festival - Security reinforcements and disruption likely.

2 February

Egypt: anniversary of the assault launched against the demonstrators of the revolution on Tahrir Square in Cairo (2011) - Anniversary of clashes between the supporters of Al Masry football club from Port Said and Cairo club, Al Ahly, in which at least 79 people lost their lives in Port Said (2012).

Germany: national municipal transport strike led by the Ver.di trade union - Travel disruption likely.

Hungary: demonstration outside the Budapest police headquarters in condemnation of a ban on demonstrations supporting Palestine - Security reinforcements likely.

India: opposition demonstration in New Delhi - Security reinforcements and disruption likely, including a risk of unrest.

Thailand: demonstrations possible at the Krom Luang Chumphon Shrine and in front of Government House in Bangkok in demand of tougher measures against politicians - Localised disruption likely.

3 February to 10 March

Taiwan: Lantern Festival in Tainan - Disruption likely.

3 to 13 February

Italy: Venice Carnival - Disruption to be expected on the fringes of the festivities.

3 February

France: national strike and demonstrations led by municipal police officers - Another rally against the immigration law and farmers to protest in Paris - Disruption likely, unrest should not be ruled out.

Germany: rally against the far-right in Berlin - Environmental demonstrations in several cities - Security reinforcements and localised disruption to be expected.

Israel: rally for peace and equality in Haifa - Security reinforcements likely.

Netherlands: environmental demonstration and roadblocks in The Hague - Disruption likely.

Portugal: rally against immigration in Lisbon led by the far-right - Security reinforcements likely, counter-demonstration possible.

Russia: rally against political repression and in support of Ksenia Fadeeva, sentenced to 9 years in prison for extremism in Tomsk - Security reinforcements and localised disruption likely, tension with the police should not be ruled out.

UK: march in support of the Palestinian people in central London - Security reinforcements and disruption likely.

USA: "Take our border back" convoy to assemble at the border between the US and Mexico - Security reinforcements to be expected, disruption and clashes possible.

4 February

Angola: Day of the Armed Struggle, which paved the way to independence - Celebrations and increased security to be expected.

El Salvador: presidential and legislative elections - Unrest possible, but contained by security reinforcements in the country, under a prolonged state of emergency.

Sri Lanka: 76th anniversary of independence (1948), demonstration in Colombo led by trade unions and civil society organisations, specifically students - Other rallies possible, risk of travel disruption.

Tunisia: probable second round of the local elections.

Venezuela: anniversary of the failed coup against Hugo Chavez (1992) - Demonstrations possible.

5 to 7 February

South Korea: metro workers could go on strike in Incheon if no agreement on pay is reached - Travel disruption to be expected.

5 February

Ireland: anti-immigration demonstration in Dublin - Disruption and counter-demonstrations possible.

Mexico: Constitution Day, followed by a public holiday 6 February - Transport workers to stage national strike action, demonstrations and travel disruption should be expected.

Pakistan: Kashmir Solidarity Day - Demonstrations likely.

6 to 26 February

Spain: rail unions set to stage an industry slowdown, notably 9 February on the Cercanias Madrid, as well as 16 & 17 on Rodalies de Catalunya lines, along with a trade union rally in Madrid 6 February - Disruption likely.

6 February

New Zealand: national day celebrations commemorating the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi in 1840 between the Maori people and the British Crown.

Turkey: first anniversary of the deadly earthquake in the south and southeast of the country - Commemorations likely.

7 to 11 February

Colombia: meeting between representatives of the Security Council, the government, former FARC rebels and indigenous committees - Security reinforcements likely, demonstrations possible.

7 February

Azerbaijan: presidential election - Security reinforcements likely, limited risk of demonstrations.

France: Tributes to the victims of the 7 October attack by Hamas - Security reinforcements likely, pro-Palestinian demonstrations and tension should not be ruled out.

Grenada: Independence Day - Commemorations likely.

Guatemala: anniversary of the creation of the Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unity (URNG) (1982) - Demonstrations possible in the capital.

Jordan: anniversary of the death of King Hussein of Jordan (1999) - Commemorations likely.

Madagascar: anniversary of the crackdown on an opposition demonstration in 2009, which claimed at least 28 lives on 13 May Square in Antananarivo - Commemorations and rallies should not be ruled out.

8 February

Hong Kong: anniversary of the "Fishball Revolution" (2016) - Small-size pro-democracy demonstrations possible.

Pakistan: Legislative elections - Major security reinforcements likely, including a high risk of demonstrations and political violence before and after the ballot. Caution required.

Sri Lanka: potential demonstration in Colombo for the anniversary of the arrest of General Fonseka (2010).

UK: deadline for the Northern Ireland to restore its parliament following two years without an executive - Demonstrations possible, unrest should not be ruled out.

USA: hearing before the Supreme Court in Washington on the eligibility of Donald Trump - Risk of rival demonstrations.

9 to 14 February

Brazil: Rio Carnival - Celebrations, disruption and security reinforcements likely; increase in petty crime should not be ruled out.

9 February

Algeria: anniversary of the start of the state of emergency.

Italy: strike action at airports in Milan - Travel disruption likely.

Mexico: anniversary of the 1913 coup - Commemorations likely.

Niger: anniversary of the bloody crackdown on a demonstration in 1990 - Student rally possible in Niamey.

10 February

East Asia: Lunar New Year - Disruption likely on the fringes of the festivities.

China: Chinese New Year - Disruption likely on the fringes of the various events.

Russia: deadline for the Central Election Commission to announce the list of candidates in the presidential election - Demonstrations following the result should not be ruled out, security reinforcements likely.

Taiwan: pilot strike at EVA Airways led by the Taoyuan pilot union - Travel disruption likely.

11 February

Algeria: anniversary of the creation of the Secret Army Organisation (OAS).

Bangladesh: Bishwa Ijtima religious congregation in Tongi - Security reinforcements and disruption likely due to the large size of the event.

Egypt: anniversary of the fall of President Hosni Mubarak (2011) - Low risk of demonstrations in cities.

Finland: second round of the presidential election - Low risk of demonstrations.

Iran: anniversary of Iran's Islamic Revolution (1979) - Security reinforcements and commemorative marches to be expected from 10 February.

Japan: National Foundation Day ("Kenkoku Kinenbi") marking the coronation of the first emperor of Japan "Jimmu Tenno" (660 BC) - Celebrations and disruption likely.

South Africa: anniversary of the release of Nelson Mandela - Ceremonies likely.

USA: Super Bowl (American football) in Paradise (Nevada) - Major event requiring increased security, travel disruption should be expected.

Yemen: anniversary of the start of the mass uprising that led to the departure of President Ali Abdullah Saleh (27 February 2012) - Demonstrations likely in major cities.

12 and 16 February

Lebanon: anniversary of the assassination of Hezbollah military chief, Imad Mughniyeh in 2008, and the killing of the Shiite militia's co-founder and secretary general, Abbas al-Musawi in 1992 - Risk of demonstrations.

12 February

Myanmar: Union Day (1947) - Commemorations likely, potential anti-junta demonstrations and renewed violence should not be ruled out.

Venezuela: anniversary of the anti-government protest movement (2014) and celebration of Youth Day - Opposition demonstrations possible amid poor socio-political environment.

13 to 15 February

Germany: commemoration of the Bombing of Dresden by the allied forces (1945) - Risk of pro-Nazi rallies and counter-demonstrations across the whole country.

13 and 14 February

France: meeting of energy and climate ministers on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the International Energy Agency in Paris - Environmental demonstrations possible.

13 February

Spain: farmers set to demonstrate in Barcelona - Disruption likely.

Russia: 50th anniversary of the author Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's deportation from the USSR - Demonstrations possible.

14 to 18 February

Ethiopia: 44th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council of the African Union in Addis Ababa and African Union Summit 17 & 18 February - Security reinforcements should be expected.

14 February

Bahrain: anniversary of the start of the start of the Bahraini uprising (2011) - Opposition demonstrations likely.

Denmark: commemoration of the 2015 attacks on a cultural centre (14 February) and a synagogue (15 February) in Copenhagen.

Indonesia: presidential and legislative elections - Security reinforcements likely, demonstrations should not be ruled out on the fringes of the ballot.

Iran: anniversary of the fatwa issued by Ayatollah Khomeini against author, Salman Rushdie (1989).

Liban: commemoration of the anniversary of the assassination of former Prime Minister Rafic Hariri (2005).

Philippines: anniversary of 2005 simultaneous attacks committed by the Abu Sayyaf group in Manilla and Davao.

15 February

Afghanistan: anniversary of the withdrawal of the Soviet forces from Afghanistan (1989).

USA, Puerto Rico, Samoa: President's Day - Celebrations to be expected.

Serbia: National Day.

Turkey: anniversary of the arrest of Kurdish leader, Abdullah Ocalan (1999) - Risk of demonstrations in the southeast and in Istanbul.

16 February to 3 March

Australia: Sydney World Pride - Security reinforcements should be expected on the fringes of the various events.

16 to 18 February

Germany: Munich Security Conference.

16 February

Austria: anti-fascist demonstrations likely on the occasion of the traditional far-right ball in Vienna - Security reinforcements likely, tension should not be ruled out.

Lithuania: Independence Day (1918).

North Korea: birthday of the deceased Kim Jong Il - Celebrations likely.

17 February

Bahrain: anniversary of the crackdown on the protest camp at Pearl Roundabout in Manama (2011) - Opposition demonstrations should not be ruled out.

Kosovo: anniversary of the declaration of independence (2008).

Libya: anniversary of the start of the uprising against the regime of Colonel Muammar Gaddafi (2011) - Demonstrations possible in major cities.

18 to 23 February

Ukraine: anniversary of the "Revolution of Dignity" and the fatal crackdown on the "Euromaidan" movement in Kyiv (2014) - Commemorations possible, notably 20 February, despite the ongoing war in Ukraine.

18 February

Gambia: Independence Day - Celebrations likely, specifically in Banjul.

Mexico: "March for Democracy" organised by the opposition just a few months prior to the general elections - Security reinforcements, risk of unrest.

Venezuela: anniversary of the arrest of opponent, Leopoldo Lopez (2014) - Opposition demonstrations possible.

19 February

Ethiopia: national ceremonies in remembrance of the occupation by fascist Italy.

India: birthday of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj founder of the Maratha Empire in the 17th century - Rallies possible in Mumbai, Pune and Jamshedpur.

Nepal: National Democracy Day (Rastriya Prajatantra Diwas) - Commemorations likely.

20 and 21 February

UK: demonstrations in London in demand of the release of WikiLeaks founder and whistleblower, Julian Assange - Localised disruption to be expected.

20 February

Morocco: anniversary of the "20 February Movement" calling for democratic reforms - Demonstrations possible, notably in Rabat.

21 and 22 February

Brazil: meeting of G20 foreign ministers in Rio de Janeiro - Security reinforcements should be expected.

21 February

Slovakia: rallies could be staged on the sixth anniversary of the assassination of an investigative journalist (2018), notably in Bratislava.

South Africa: Armed Forces Day - Celebrations likely, disruption should not be ruled out.

Spain: farmers set to demonstrate in Madrid - Disruption likely.

USA: anniversary of the assassination of human rights activist, Malcolm X (1965) - Risk of demonstrations.

Yemen: anniversary of President Abdrabbuh Mansur Hadi fleeing Sanaa (2015).

22 to 25 February

Philippines: commemoration of the fall of President Ferdinand Edralin Marcos (1965-1986), the father of the current president - Demonstrations possible, notably 25 February, marking the end of the 4-day People Power Revolution.

22 February

Algeria: anniversary of the "Hirak" anti-regime protest movement (2019) - Demonstrations likely, tension possible.

China: anniversary of the enthronement of the Dalai Lama in Lhasa (1950).

St. Lucia: Independence Day (1979).

23 February

Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Russia and Tajikistan: Defender of the Fatherland Day - Commemorations likely.

Brunei: National Day marking the end of the British protectorate (1984) - Celebrations and parades to be expected.

Guyana: "Mashramani" festival commemorating the birth of the republic (1970).

24 February to 3 March

France: International Agricultural Show - Renewed demonstrations on the fringes of the event should not be ruled out and disruption should be expected, in the wake of the recent protests by farmers.

24 February

Estonia: Independence Day (1918).

Ukraine: second anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine - Commemorations likely, including risk of an increase in Russian missiles fired at city areas on the occasion of the symbolic date.

25 February

Belarus: legislative elections - Demonstrations possible on the fringes of the ballot.

Iraq: regional elections in Iraqi Kurdistan - Demonstrations and unrest should not be ruled out.

Kuwait: National Day followed by Liberation Day (26 February).

Senegal: initial date of the presidential election - Major security reinforcements to be expected, along with demonstrations and tension in protest against the postponement sine die of the ballot. Caution required.

26 February

Azerbaijan: anniversary of the Khojaly massacre by the Armenians (1992) - Rallies likely in Baku.

27 to 28 February

Armenia: commemoration of the anti-Armenian Sumgait pogrom (Azerbaijan, 1988) - Demonstrations likely in major cities, amid ongoing tension between Yerevan and Baku over the situation in Nagorno-Karabakh.

27 February

Dominican Republic: National Day.

India: anniversary of the attack on a train carrying Hindu pilgrims in Godhra, Gujarat State (2002). Some 2,000 people lost their lives in the violence that ensued, mostly Muslims - Demonstrations among Hindus should be expected.

28 February

Taiwan: rallies to be expected in commemoration of the "228 Incident" (1947) - Disruption likely.

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