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Summary of alerts
Countries to monitor
Calendar



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Focal points in November

Countries to monitor in December

— Georgia
Haiti
Tanzania
Syria
Chad

+ New Caledonia

1 & 8 December

Romania: legislative elections (1 December), presidential second round (8 December)

7 December

Ghana: presidential and legislative elections

14 December

Georgia: presidential election

29 December

Croatia: first round of the presidential election

Chad: legislative, provincial and local elections

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Colombia

Explosions in Bogota 20 and 30 November. One soldier killed in a motorcycle bombing in Jamundi 9 November. Suspected ELN attack in the Antioquia Department 21 November, jeopardising the renewed **peace talks**.

Georgia

Near-daily rallies in Tbilisi in condemnation of alleged fraud in the 26 October legislative elections. **Violent clashes** since 24 November on the fringes of rallies against the **decision to postpone EU membership negotiations to 2028**. **Protests and clashes** in Sokhumi (**Abkhazia**) 12 & 15 November against an economic deal with Russia.

Mozambique

Ongoing **post-election tension** during national demonstrations by the opposition led by Venancio Mondlane. Violent clashes in **Maputo, Nampula, Matola, Lichinga** and **Tete** as part of a **harsh police crackdown**, leaving more **than fifty people dead**. **Lebombo** border crossing with South Africa closed amid tension 5 November.

Pakistan

38 people dead in total in **several attacks** claimed by the BLA in Mastung, Quetta and Kalat (**Balochistan**). At least **124 dead** since 21 November due to **inter-communal violence** (Kurram District), **14 people killed** in **clashes** between the security forces and rebels and an attack in Bannu (**Khyber Pakhtunkhwa**). Attack on Chinese nationals in Karachi 5 November. Enhanced security for massive **PTI** demonstrations in **Islamabad** (4 dead in clashes 26 and 27 November).

Middle East

60-day **ceasefire** introduced between **Israel** and **Hezbollah** following intense strikes on Beirut's southern suburbs and the city centre. It does not appear that the ceasefire, undermined by the **lack of a clear political and diplomatic framework**, will be able to ease **regional tensions** in a sustainable manner, while in **Syria** renewed tension has emerged over **attempts to establish a new strategic balance**. Given that this is difficult to impose on the main players involved, **in the short term there is a high risk of a massive offensive by the Syrian regime, supported by the Russian air force, on Idlib**.

Romania

1 and 8 December: fragile victory for the pro-European social democrats in the **legislative elections**, confirming a breakthrough by the far-right (1 December) and the **second round of the presidential election** (8 December) following a vote recount after the first round - Security reinforcements and political demonstrations possible.

Georgia

14 December: indirect presidential election amid tension and repeated opposition rallies, condemning alleged fraud in the legislative elections and pro-Russian drifts by the government - Security reinforcements and tension should not be ruled out.
29 December: new president to be sworn-in - Official ceremonies and increased security expected.

Chad

29 December: legislative, provincial and local elections - Security reinforcements, demonstrations and tension should not be ruled out.

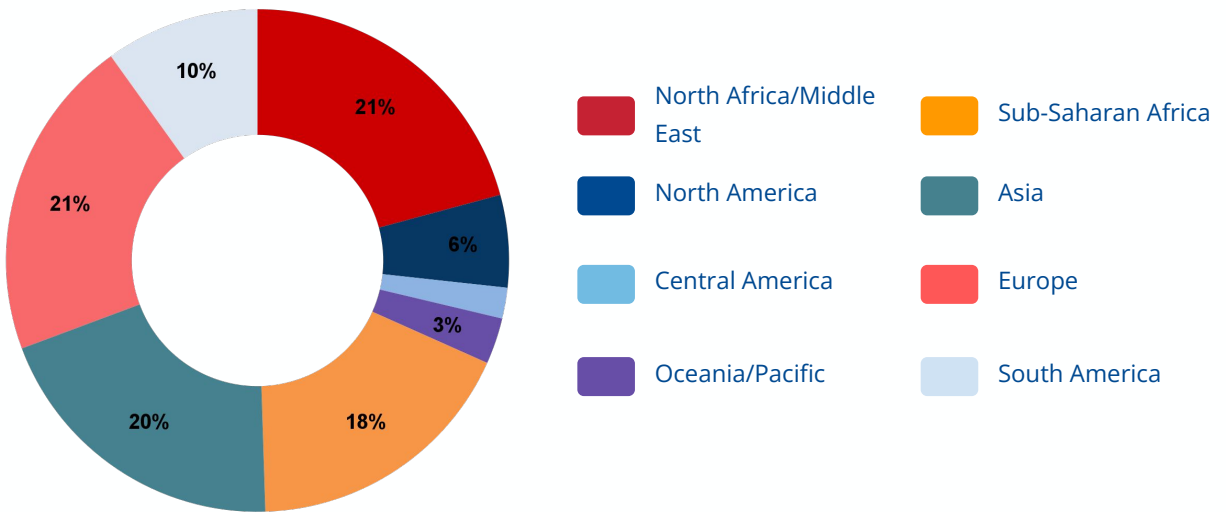
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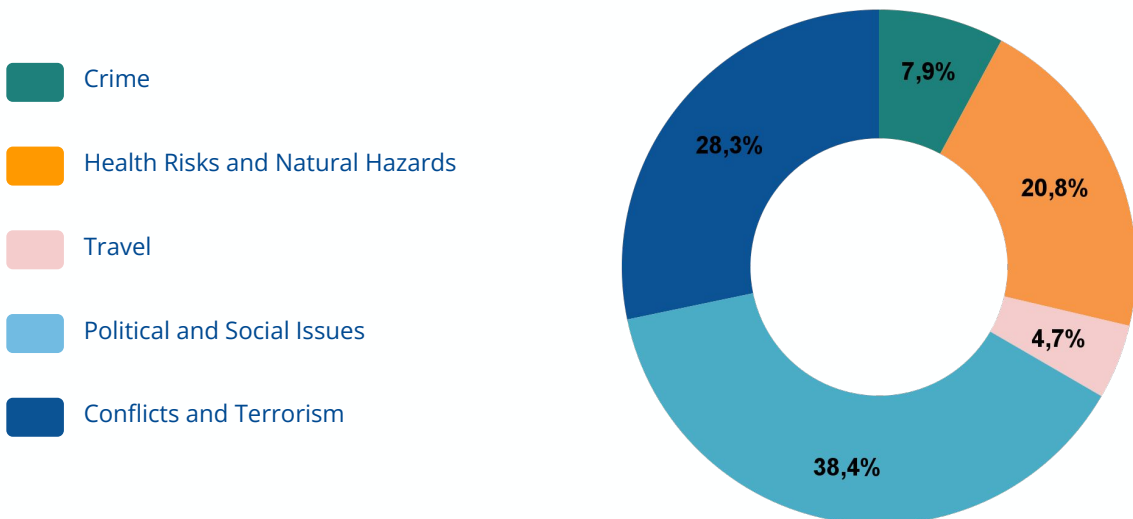
November 2024

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 **November 2024**, SSF issued a total of **861 safety-security alerts**, concerning all kinds of risks in **135 countries**.

Geographic Distribution

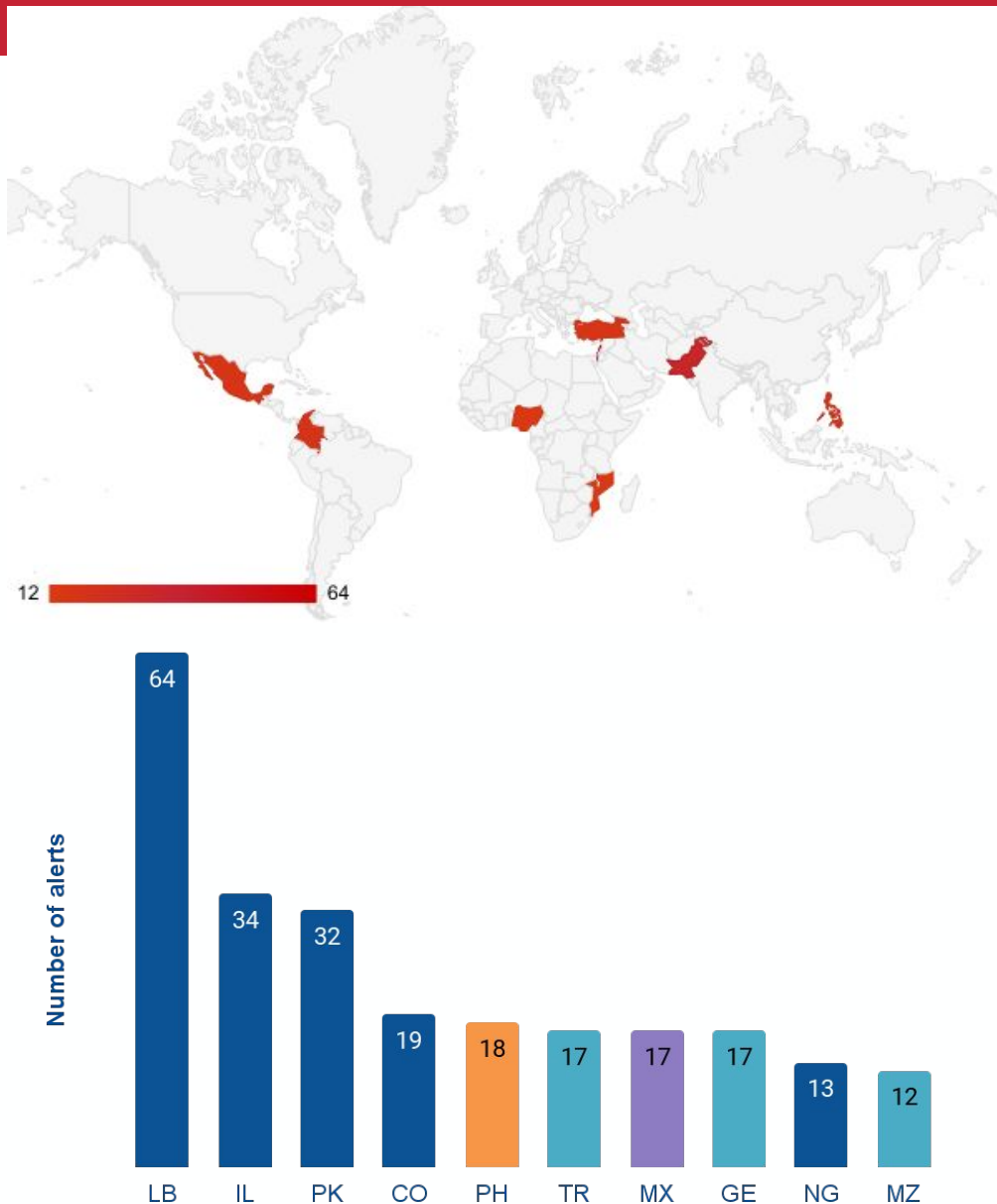


Type of Risk



10 countries to monitor

The following **10 countries** account for **243 safety-security alerts** representing **28%** 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



Colombia

Explosions reported in **Bogota** 20 and 30 November. Soldier killed in a motorcycle-bombing in Jamundi (Valle del Cauca) 9 November. Suspected **ELN** attack in the Antioquia Department 21 November (4 soldiers killed), jeopardising the recently launched peace talks - **Anti-government demonstrations** in Bogota, Cali and Cartagena 23 November and a **national rally in support** of President Petro's **social reforms** 21 November. Clashes on the fringes of student rallies at the National University of Bogota, the Industrial University of Santander in Bucaramanga and the Cadavid Colombian Polytechnic in Medellin 20 November - **Bad weather**: national disaster declared 10 November across Choco, Santander and Bogota, where flooding caused travel disruption.

Georgia

Near-daily demonstrations in **Tbilisi** since the start of November in condemnation of fraud in the 26 October legislative elections. **Violent clashes** on the fringes of rallies from 24 to 30 November against the **decision to postpone the EU membership negotiations to 2028**, including particularly large clashes 29 and 30 November (107 arrests, several people injured) - **Abkhazia**: protests including violent clashes (12 and 15) in **Sokhumi** against an **economic deal with Russia**, which was postponed, and resignation of separatist President Aslan Bzhania 19 November.

Israel/Palestine

Israel: ongoing tension and cross-border strikes by Hezbollah in northern regions (Haifa, Nahariya, Kiryat Ata), more than **180 missiles** fired 24 November inflicting injuries and strikes on military targets near Tel Aviv (Gililot military base 19 November) prior to the introduction of a **precarious 60-day ceasefire with Hezbollah from 27 November** - Criminal explosion of a car in **Petah Tikva 18 November** (1 dead) - Daily anti-government demonstrations in Tel Aviv in demand of the release of the hostages and against controversial political decisions - **West Bank**: frequent IDF incursions and raids in Jenin, Qabatiya, Tulkarem, Nablus and Salfit, including deadly clashes (**at least 29 Palestinians killed since 1 November**) - **Gaza Strip**: tens of civilians killed in ongoing IDF strikes in the north and 3 humanitarian workers killed in Khan Yunis 30 November. Israeli operations stepped up around **Beit Lahia** and **Jabaliya** in view of potential territorial occupation.

Lebanon

Prior to the **introduction of a ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah 27 November**, intense and daily Israeli strikes on the south of the country and on Beirut's southern suburbs (Ghobeiry, Haret Hreik, Chiyah), but also on the city centre (**Ras el-Nabaa, Barbour, Al-Nuwayri and Basta** between 7 and 26 November). Nearly 4,000 people killed nationwide since 17 September. Raids reported near **Beirut International Airport** 1, 5 and 17 November. Education establishments temporarily closed in Beirut between 18 and 28 November. Israeli raids on southern Lebanon and densely-populated areas such as Tyre and Nabatieh (more than 55 deaths) - **South Governorate**: Israeli bombing raids (towards Baissariye and Majdal Zoun 30 November) despite the ceasefire in force since 27 November. Curfew imposed by the Israeli army in the border area 30 November - **North Governorate**: residential building linked to Hezbollah targeted in Ain Yaaqoub (8 dead).

Mexico

Ongoing **armed attacks related to cartel activities**: in Villahermosa (**Tabasco State**) 24 November (6 dead, 10 injured), in a bar in **Queretaro** 9 November (10 dead, 7 injured). **Guerrero State**: 11 bodies found inside a vehicle near Chilpancingo 7 November - **Rallies** against the **justice reform** in Mexico City 3 & 5 November. Demonstrations by teachers (in Oaxaca 15 November, Mexico City 27 November) and Federal Highway 185 blocked near Salina Cruz (Oaxaca) 29 November - **Earthquakes in the regions** of Montecillos (Guerrero) 14 November and Santiago Tapextla (Oaxaca) 12 November (measuring 5.0, no casualties reported) - **Tropical Storm Sara** from 15 to 18 November, causing flooding and landslides, mainly in coastal areas in the Yucatan Peninsula (**Quintana Roo**).

Mozambique

Ongoing post-election tension: national opposition demonstrations led by Venancio Mondlane and violent clashes in several cities, notably in **Maputo** (1, 5, 7 and 27) and **Nampula** (13 and 27), as well as in other towns such as **Matola**, **Lichinga** and **Tete**. Violent police crackdown (**more than 50 dead** and vast damage) and social networks blocked nationwide. Three-day mourning period from 20 to 22 November in tribute to the victims of police violence - **Lebombo border crossing closed** with South Africa 5 November due to tension.

Nigeria

Tens of fishermen on Lake Chad killed by mistake by the Chadian army 3 November. Multiple attacks attributed to **Boko Haram** and **ISWAP** in the states of **Kaduna** (7 people missing 18 November) and **Borno** (5 soldiers killed 16 November). 15 dead in an attack by the Lakurawa group in **Kebbi State** 8 November and at least 30 dead in **Benue State** 24 and 25 November in attacks attributed to herdsmen. **Renewed kidnappings** in the northwest: 50 people taken hostage in **Zamfara State** 6 November - **Anti-government demonstration** in Lagos (8 November). National strike by medical staff from 18 to 24 November and demonstrations by workers 6 and 14 November - Sinking on the Niger River in Kogi State 29 November (27 dead).

Pakistan

Balochistan: separatist tension escalates after a bomb explodes in the path of a police vehicle in Mastung 1 November (5 dead). BLA claims responsibility for a suicide bombing at **Quetta Railway Station** that targeted soldiers on the Jafar Express (26 dead 9 November). Attack on a checkpoint in Kalat 16 November (7 dead) - **Islamabad:** considerable security reinforcements due to **massive PTI rallies** from 22 to 27 November in demand of the release of Imran Khan (schools closed, internet cut-off and more than 25,000 officers deployed). Violent clashes between activists and police in D-Chowk (4 dead) - **Khyber Pakhtunkhwa:** clashes between the security forces and rebels in South Waziristan 7 November (4 dead). Car bombing followed by an armed attack in Bannu 19 November (10 soldiers killed). Escalation in inter-communal violence in Kurram District (at least 124 dead since 21 November) and ongoing tension despite the ceasefire 27 November - **Karachi:** Chinese nationals attacked 5 November (2 injured) and PPP demonstration 30 November.

Philippines

Typhoon Toraji swept across the provinces of **Aurora** and **Isabela** 11 November causing major landslides (**7,000 people evacuated**), followed by **Typhoon Ofel** 13 November, in which 5,000 people were evacuated in Cagayan Province, then Typhoon Man-yi 21 November, which left 12 dead and caused vast damage in Luzon, Nueva Vizcaya and Catanduanes - Negros Island: Kanlaon volcano projects ash 11 November (alert maintained at level 2) - **Political tension and ongoing parliamentary probe** following accusations made 25 November against Vice President Duterte, suspected of plotting to assassinate President Marcos Jr. - **Mindanao:** violent clashes between rival factions of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front in Pagalungan 30 & 31 October (19 dead, 2,000 displaced) - **Manila:** fires in densely-populated neighbourhoods, notably Isla Puting Bato 24 November (1,000 homes destroyed, 8,000 displaced) and in Karangalan 19 November (localised disruption).

Türkiye

Escalating tension and demonstrations after several pro-Kurd mayors are removed from office and arrested, namely in Mardin, Batman, Halfeti and Esenyurt, on suspicion of having connections with terrorism. Clashes on the fringes of a demonstration in Tunceli Province 22 November - Workers demonstrate in demand of higher wages in Ankara 30 November. Rallies in support of women's rights held in **Istanbul** 23, 24 & 25 November, condemning an increase in femicide in the country - Industrial fires in Istanbul's neighbourhoods of Esenyurt 15 November and Beylikduzu 23 November , resulting in evacuations and disruption - Azimuth Airlines plane makes an emergency landing at Antalya Airport 24 November, causing major disruption but no casualties.

December 2024

Important events in the month to come

Ghana

7 December: presidential and legislative elections amid tension - Security reinforcements and rallies likely, unrest should not be ruled out.

Romania

8 December: second round of the presidential election following the first round held 24 November and the legislative elections held 1 December - Increased security and political rallies possible depending on the results.

Georgia

14 December: indirect presidential election amid post-election tension marked by a crackdown on opposition rallies condemning alleged fraud in the legislative elections, as well as the freezing of the European Union membership process - Ongoing rallies and violence should be expected.

29 December: new president to be sworn-in - Security reinforcements should be expected.

France

11 December: SNCF rail workers set to go on strike indefinitely, led by the trade union confederation - Rail traffic disruption should be expected (action potentially renewed every 24 hours).

Croatia

29 December: first round of the presidential election - Increased security and rallies possible.

Chad

29 December: legislative, provincial and local elections - Security reinforcements should be expected; demonstrations and tension should not be ruled out.

EVENTS TO LOOK OUT FOR IN DECEMBER 2024

December

World: ongoing pro-Palestine and/or pro-Israel demonstrations should be expected in capitals and major cities.

1 & 2 December

United Arab Emirates: Commemoration Day and National Day - Ceremonies and festivities likely.

1 December

Central African Republic (CAR): National Day celebrating creation of the autonomous republic (1958) - Rallies and festivities likely.

Indonesia: anniversary of the raising of the flag of independence (1961) - OPM separatist demonstrations scheduled in the provinces of Papua and West Papua on the anniversary of the movement's creation (1965), security reinforcements likely, tension possible.

Israel: 51st anniversary of the death of David Ben Gurion (1973), founder of the State of Israel - Commemorations to be expected.

Kazakhstan: First President's Day, marking the first election of President Nursultan Nazarbayev (1991) - Ceremonies likely.

Romania: legislative elections – Security reinforcements should be expected.

Romania: Great Union Day – Parades should be expected in cities, along with related security reinforcements.

Senegal: 80th anniversary of the Senegalese Tirailleurs massacre in Thiaroye – Demonstrations and commemorations scheduled.

Serbia: 106th anniversary of the first Yugoslavia.

Venezuela: demonstration in demand of action by the International Criminal Court (ICC) for the release of political prisoners - Rallies scheduled, clashes possible.

World: World AIDS Day - Demonstrations likely in major cities.

2 to 13 December

Saudi Arabia: COP16 to address desertification – Security reinforcements in Riyadh. Traffic restrictions in force around the conference centre.

2 to 7 December

Netherlands: ICC Assembly of States Parties annual meeting - Security reinforcements should be expected in relation to potential rallies following the arrest warrants issued against the Israeli prime minister and defence minister.

2 to 6 December

Nigeria: national demonstration by young people involved in the “N-Power” scheme, notably in Abuja – Risk of clashes with the police.

2 and 3 December

India: 40th anniversary of the Bhopal disaster – Commemorations scheduled.

2 December

Angola: US President Joe Biden to visit Luanda – Security stepped up. Traffic restrictions expected.

Egypt: humanitarian conference for Gaza in Cairo – Security reinforcements should be expected.

2 December

France: vote on the PLFSS 2025 social security bill in the National Assembly – Rallies by taxi drivers, disruption affecting transport and public services possible.

Latvia: meeting between the Canadian foreign minister and Baltic counterparts in Riga – Security reinforcements should be expected.

Thailand: Trooping the Colour in honour of the King in Bangkok – Official celebrations and road closures scheduled.

Tonga: vote of no confidence against the prime minister – Political tension and rallies possible, notably in Nuku'alofa.

United Arab Emirates: 53rd anniversary of the creation of the UAE federation.

World: International Day for the Abolition of Slavery - Commemorations likely.

3 December

France: national demonstrations staged by pensioner organisations – Localised disruption expected.

New Zealand: national strike action by nurses - Rallies likely.

Portugal: partial strike by metro employees in Lisbon – Public transport disruption.

World: International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

4 to 7 December

South Korea: KCTU to stage strike action and anti-government demonstrations - Rallies and disruption, notably affecting transport, should be expected. Action could be cancelled after martial law was declared 3 December.

4 to 6 December

Senegal: demonstrations by healthcare workers – Strike action and disruption in the public healthcare service.

4 and 5 December

United Kingdom: strike action at The Guardian and The Observer.

4 to 11 December

Mozambique: renewed demonstrations led by opponent Venancio Mondlane within the framework of the post-election crisis - Security reinforcements should be expected, high risk of unrest.

4 December

Belgium: farmers to block the roads at borders nationwide - Traffic disruption should be expected.

India: demonstration in front of the Secretariat building in Dehradun in protest against an increase in drug usage - Localised demonstrations and disruption, as well as security reinforcements, should be expected.

Japan: activation of a unit of the US Space Force at Yokota Air Base – Security stepped up.

Kosovo: teachers set to demonstrate in Pristina - Potential disruption should be expected.

Serbia: demonstration in Belgrade in protest against the planned demolition of a bridge.

Thailand: religious procession for the arrival of the sacred relic of Buddha's tooth in Bangkok - Security reinforcements and disruption should be expected.

Tunisia: trade unions and commemorative demonstrations in Tunis – Security reinforcements and disruption should be expected.

Uganda: national day against corruption - Demonstrations likely in Kampala, unrest should not be ruled out.

United States: UN General Assembly on Gaza – Demonstrations possible.

5 and 6 December

Equatorial Guinea: ECCAS summit in Malabo - Security reinforcements should be expected.

Uruguay: Mercosur summit in Montevideo – Security reinforcements should be expected.

5 December

Argentina: strike and demonstrations nationwide against President Javier Milei's economic policy - Security reinforcements should be expected, risk of unrest.

Austria: OPEC+ ministerial meeting in Vienna – Security reinforcements should be expected.

Finland: demonstration against budget cuts in the cultural sector in Helsinki - Disruption should be expected.

France: day of action and strikes in the civil service - Demonstrations in several cities. Disruption affecting transport and public services expected.

South Africa: demonstration in Pretoria in demand of the release of political prisoners in Eswatini - Security reinforcements and disruption should be expected.

Spain: national transport strike - Disruption should be expected.

6 December

Belarus: visit from Russian President Vladimir Putin to validate the idea of a Belarus-Russia security union - Security reinforcements should be expected.

Finland: Independence Day - Celebrations and demonstrations likely, especially in Tampere, led by the Suomi Herää far-right movement.

Greece: anniversary of the death of a student in the 2008 riots - Demonstrations likely, specifically in Athens, high risk of unrest.

India: anniversary of the destruction of the Babri Masjid in Ayodhya (Uttar Pradesh State, 1992) by Hindu nationalists - Security reinforcements and rallies likely, risk of violence.

Israel/Palestine: 7th anniversary of the US recognising Jerusalem as the capital of Israel (2017) - Tension could increase around the symbolic date.

United Arab Emirates: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, the final round of the Formula 1 World Championship – Security stepped up around the Yas Marina Circuit. Travel disruption should be expected.

7 December

Côte d'Ivoire: 31st anniversary of the death of former President Houphouët-Boigny (1993) - Commemorations likely.

France: inauguration of Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris ahead of the official opening the following day – Security reinforcements should be expected around the site.

Germany: demonstration in Berlin in favour of the legalisation of abortion - Security reinforcements and disruption should be expected.

Ghana: presidential and legislative elections – Security reinforcements and rallies should be expected, unrest should not be ruled out.

8 December

France: official reopening of Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris – Large-scale security reinforcements should be expected for the arrival of several heads of state and government, notably US President-elect Donald Trump.

Romania: second round of the presidential election – Security reinforcements and political rallies possible depending on the results, especially if far-right independent candidate, Calin Georgescu wins.

World: World Climate Day - Demonstrations to be expected in city centres.

9 and 13 December

Finland: pilots at Finnair set to go on strike – Disruption to flight schedules should be expected.

9 and 10 December

France: dockworkers set to go on strike nationwide - Demonstrations should be expected, along with disruption to port services and shipping.

France: renewed rallies and action by farmers nationwide - Disruption should be expected.

9 December

Spain: national transport strike - Disruption should be expected.

Tanzania: Independence Day (1961) - Ceremonies and disruption likely.

World: International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime - Commemorations likely.

10 December

Israel: Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to give evidence in his corruption trial in Jerusalem – Anti-government demonstrations likely, security reinforcements should be expected.

Madagascar: municipal elections – Security reinforcements should be expected.

Peru: demonstration in Lima in protest against crime and corruption – Mass rallies expected.

Portugal: partial strike by Lisbon Metro employees – Public transport disruption.

Türkiye: anniversary of twin bombings at the Vodafone Arena, the home of Istanbul football team Besiktas, in which 44 people were killed (2016) - Commemorations likely.

World: Human Rights Day - Demonstrations to be expected in major cities, disruption should not be ruled out.

11 to 15 December

Greece: parliamentary debates and vote on the 2025 budget – Demonstrations possible.

11 to 14 December

Burundi: Tourism Week – Cultural gatherings and tourist events expected.

11 December

France: anniversary of terrorist attack on the Strasbourg Christmas Market (2018) - Commemorations likely.

France: appeal ruling on the Bisesero investigation (Rwandan Genocide) – Commemorative rallies possible.

France: indefinite strike action at the SNCF led by the rail confederation- Large-scale train disruption should be expected.

World: 27th anniversary of the signing of the Kyoto Protocol to reduce greenhouse gases - Environmental demonstrations likely.

Russia: 30th anniversary of the Russian invasion of Chechnya – Commemorations and demonstrations possible.

12 December

Eritrea/Ethiopia: anniversary of the Algiers Agreement (2000) ending the war between the two countries.

France: strikes and demonstrations by workers nationwide led by the CGT - Rallies and disruption in the public sector should be expected.

Kenya: Independence Day (“Jamhuri Day”) - Celebrations and disruption likely nationwide.

12 December

Lithuania: new government to be sworn-in in Vilnius – Security reinforcements should be expected.

Mexico: annual celebration of the Day of the Virgin of Guadalupe - Festivities likely.

13 December

Iran: promulgation of the Chastity Law – Risk of opposition demonstrations.

14 December

Bangladesh: Martyred Intellectuals Day (1971) - Commemorations likely.

Georgia: indirect presidential election amid post-election tension marked by opposition rallies in protest against alleged fraud in the legislative elections as well as the freezing of the European Union membership process - Security stepped up, tension should not be ruled out.

Israel: 43rd anniversary of the annexation of the Golan Heights.

Russia: United Russia party congress – Security reinforcements should be expected in Moscow.

Somalia: president-elect of Somaliland to be sworn-in – Increased security should be expected in the region.

15 December

Bolivia: judicial elections – Security stepped up around polling stations.

France: Pope Francis to visit Ajaccio – Security reinforcements and disruption should be expected. Large mass scheduled at the Théâtre de Verdure du Casone.

Nigeria: ECOWAS heads of state summit in Abuja – Security reinforcements should be expected.

16 to 20 December

Romania: 35th anniversary of the Romanian Revolution (1989) - Commemorations and rallies likely, notably in Timișoara.

16 to 17 December

Estonia: Joint Expeditionary Force (JEF) Leaders' Summit in Tallinn – Increased security and traffic restrictions expected.

16 December

Bahrain: National Day and Martyrs' Day - Opposition demonstrations possible, notably in Manama and the surrounding area.

Bangladesh: 53rd anniversary of the end of the War of Independence.

Germany: lawmakers to hold a vote of confidence against Chancellor Olaf Scholz.

India: 12th anniversary of the gang rape of a female student on a bus - Demonstrations protesting violence against women should not be ruled out.

17 December

Tunisia: 14th anniversary of the start of the revolution (2010) - Rallies to be expected.

18 December

Niger: Republic Day (1958) – Security reinforcements possible.

Qatar: National Day celebrations likely, notably in Doha.

World: International Migrants Day – Demonstrations possible.

19 to 26 December

Israel/Palestine: Hanukkah, Festival of Lights - Security reinforcements and travel restrictions should be expected.

19 December

Germany: anniversary of vehicle-ramming terrorist attack on the Berlin Christmas Market, which left 12 people dead (2016).

Sudan: 6th anniversary of the start of the 2018 protest movement that led to Omar al-Bashir being overthrown.

20 December

China: 25th anniversary of the retrocession of Macao – Official ceremonies and security reinforcements should be expected.

Panama: anniversary of the 1989 US invasion – Security reinforcements and demonstrations should not be ruled out, especially in the vicinity of US diplomatic representations.

20 December

United Kingdom: 20th anniversary of the Northern Bank robbery, the so-called "hold-up of the century" in Belfast – Symbolic events possible.

21 December

Germany: 52nd anniversary of the signing of the Basic Treaty between the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG) and the German Democratic Republic (GDR) - Commemorations likely.

22 December

Zimbabwe: Unity Day

23 December

Nicaragua: 52nd anniversary of the earthquake, which claimed more than 10,000 lives and left 20,000 others injured in the region of Managua - Commemorations likely.

24 and 25 December

World: security measures likely to be stepped up in many countries for Christmas celebrations. Risk of attacks should not be ruled out in countries affected by the threat of international Islamist terrorism.

24 December

Côte d'Ivoire: 25th anniversary of the coup in which Henri Konan Bédié was overthrown (1999).

Russia: Informal summit of the Commonwealth of Independent States in Moscow - Security reinforcements and disruption should be expected.

25 December

Vatican City: "Urbi et Orbi" Christmas message and mass – Large crowds expected on St. Peter's Square and security stepped up.

Russia: anniversary of Russian military plane crash in the Black Sea near the resort city of Sochi with 92 people on board (2016) - Commemorations likely.

Russia: Eurasian Economic Union summit – Security stepped up in Moscow.

26 December

Algeria: 30th anniversary of the hijacking of an Air France Airbus plane in Algiers – Commemorative ceremonies possible.

China: 131st anniversary of the birth of Mao Zedong - Commemorations likely.

26 December

English-speaking World: Boxing Day – Disruption likely on the occasion of the public holiday in several countries.

Indonesia: 20th anniversary of the tsunami off the coast of Sumatra that left around 170,000 people dead (2004) - Commemorations should be expected.

28 December

Afghanistan: anniversary of Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan (1979).

Pakistan: 17th anniversary of the assassination of former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto – Commemorations likely.

29 December

Croatia: first round of the presidential election – Increased security and rallies possible, notably in major cities.

Georgia: new president to be sworn-in – Official ceremonies and increased security expected.

Mongolia: Independence Day - Celebrations likely in Ulaanbaatar.

Chad: legislative, provincial and local elections – Security stepped up. Demonstrations and tension should not be ruled out.

31 December

Panama: anniversary of the retrocession of the Panama Canal by the US (1999).

Somalia: end of the mandate of the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) – Local tension possible.

Sweden: petrol and diesel cars banned in the centre of Stockholm – Changes to traffic and disruption possible.

Timor Leste: Memorial Day – Commemorations should be expected.

Ukraine: end of the gas transit contract with Russia.

United Kingdom: 4th anniversary of the United Kingdom leaving the European single market (Brexit) – Demonstrations against Brexit possible, notably in London and Scotland.

World: security reinforcements and disruption should be expected in numerous countries on the occasion of New Year's Eve celebrations. Attacks in sensitive countries should not be ruled out.

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