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THE SSF MONTHLY REPORT ON HIGH-RISK COUNTRIES

Summary of alerts – Countries to monitor –  
Calendar

# Focal points in December

- Australia** Anti-Semitic attack attributed to Islamic State supporters on Bondi Beach in Sydney (14 December), targeting a Hanukkah gathering (16 dead, including one attacker, and 42 people injured).
- Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)** Peace agreement in Washington between Rwanda and the DRC (4 December) derailed by ongoing fighting in the east. AFC/M23 capture the strategic city of Uvira (South Kivu, 10 December), heightening the risk of the conflict spreading across the region; Further fighting despite the group's unilateral announcement of withdrawal (18 December) and the establishment of a parallel administration.
- Benin** Failed coup attempt (no significant violence) in the run-up to the strategic elections of 2026: gunfire and explosions reported in Cotonou, initiated by a group of soldiers, quickly neutralised by the armed forces and their regional allies.
- Bangladesh** Riots and escalating socio-political violence following the murder of a leading figure in the 2024 student uprising (18 December onwards). Renewed violence amid anti-Indian sentiment (lynching of a Hindu worker accused of blasphemy 18 December): buses set on fire, media outlets destroyed, Christian sites targeted by homemade bombs.
- Venezuela** Tensions between Washington and Caracas have risen sharply since mid-December 2025. Explosions were reported in Caracas in the night of 2 to 3 January and the US president confirmed a large-scale military operation that led to the capture and exfiltration of President Nicolas Maduro and his wife, as well as airspace restrictions. The Venezuelan government condemned the violation of its sovereignty and declared a state of external unrest. According to estimates, at least 55 people were killed. The situation remains highly volatile.
- Côte d'Ivoire / Guinea** For Côte d'Ivoire the end of a strategic election year was marked by legislative and presidential elections held without incident and won by the ruling party, while for Guinea it signalled a return to constitutional order after four years of military rule, amid continuing political tension.

## December Spotlight

### Decline

Australia  
Bangladesh  
Honduras  
DRC  
Taiwan  
Venezuela  
Yemen

### Improvement

Guinea  
Côte d'Ivoire

## Countries to monitor in January

- Venezuela** 10 January: first anniversary of Nicolas Maduro's inauguration for a third term – Demonstrations should not be ruled out in light of the current geopolitical climate
- Benin** 11 January: legislative and municipal elections
- Myanmar** 11 and 25 January: final phases of the legislative elections.
- Uganda** 15 January: presidential and legislative elections.
- Guinea** 17 January: inauguration of President Mamadi Doumbouya in Conakry
- Morocco** Until 18 January: Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) – Large crowds and increased security expected.
- Honduras** 27 January: inauguration of President Nasry Asfura in Tegucigalpa.

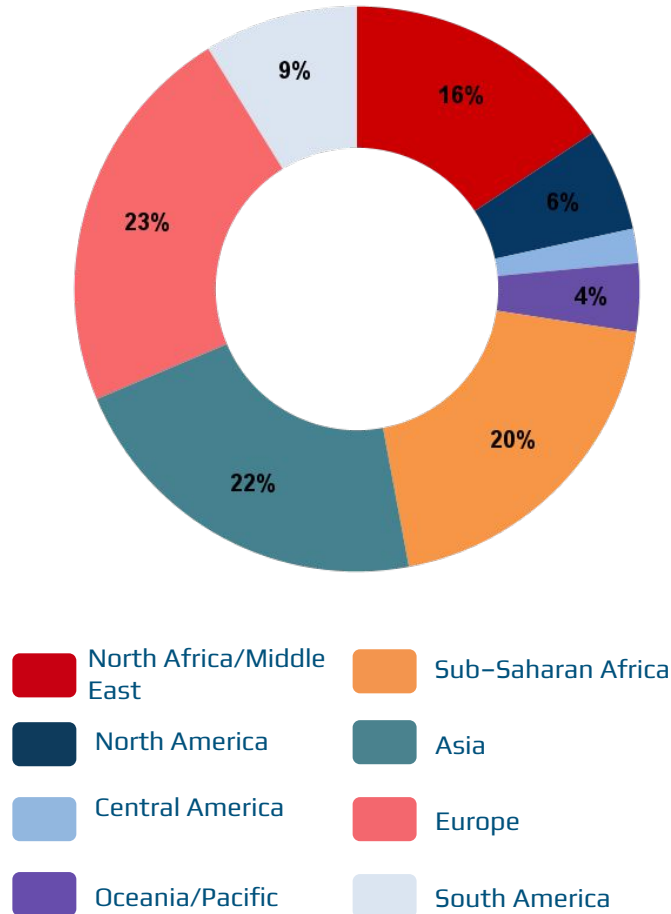
# Summary of Alerts

+ 927 alerts  
+ 53 classified critical or urgent

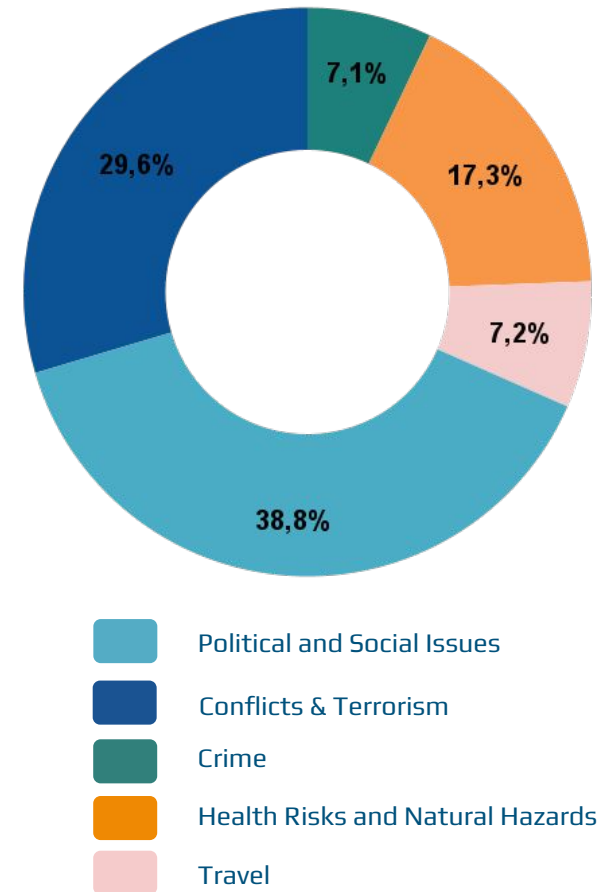
In December 2025, SSF issued a total of **927 safety–security alerts** concerning all kinds of risks in order to inform its customers of the latest events likely to have an impact on their interests and the safety or security of their employees throughout the world. The alerts covered **144 countries**.

**53** of the alerts were **classified as either critical or urgent**, which activate our **24–hour Security Operations Centre (SOC)**, specifically concerning **Benin** (attempted military coup 7 December), **Japan** (offshore earthquakes with tsunami warnings on the northeast coast 8 & 12 December) and **Australia** (Bondi Beach terrorist attack in Sydney 14 December).

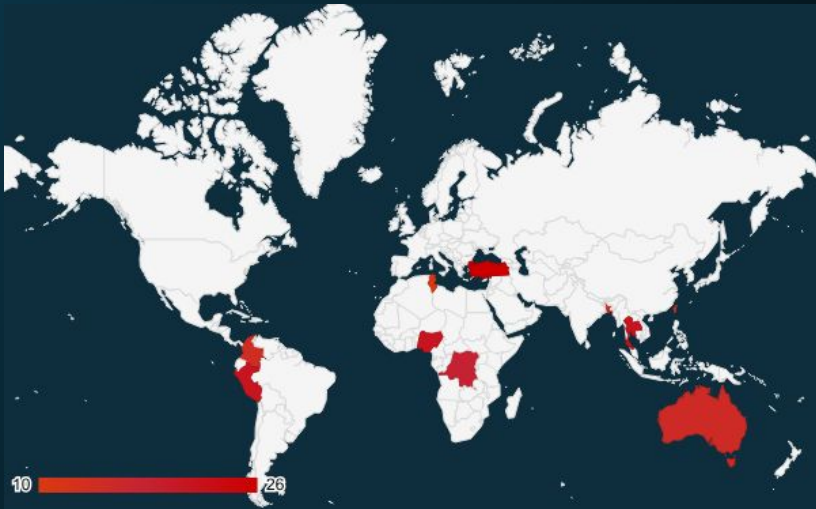
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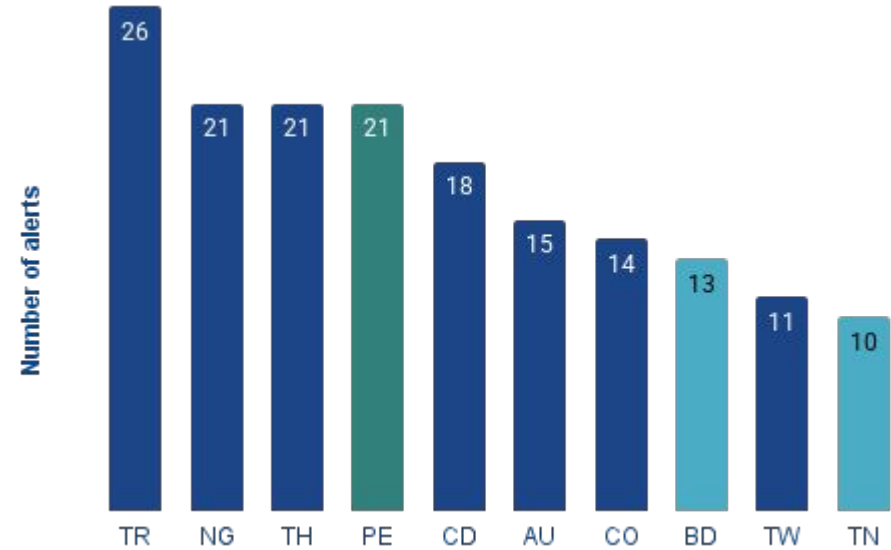
# 10 countries to monitor



The countries that accounted for the highest number of alerts sent by SSF in December 2025 are **Türkiye, Nigeria, Thailand, Peru, the DRC, Australia, Colombia, Bangladesh, Taiwan and Tunisie.**

In total, these 10 countries generated **170 safety–security alerts**, representing **18%** of all 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, Yemen, Somalia, Sudan and Ukraine) have been deliberately excluded from the list.



Number of alerts issued in December 2025 and main risk factor according to country





## Australia

**Anti-Semitic attack on Bondi Beach in Sydney** (14 December): shooting by two individuals linked to Islamic State (IS) targeting a Hanukkah gathering (16 dead, including one attacker, and 42 people injured); national security measures stepped up - **7 individuals arrested in Sydney** following intelligence reports of preparations for a "violent act", unrelated to the Bondi attack (18 ) - **National pro-Palestinian demonstrations** (7 December) and demonstrations **against anti-Semitism** in Sydney and Melbourne (15, 21 December) - **Bushfires resulting in evacuations and disruption** in Dolphin Sands and Glenlusk (Tasmania, 4 December) and in Western Australia, namely Perth (11, 30 December), the Mid West region (15), Swan and Mundaring (21 December) - Alert between Broome and Cape Leveque (Western Australia) due to **Tropical Cyclone Hayley** (29–31 December).



## Bangladesh

**Riots and escalating socio-political violence** following the murder of a leading figure in the 2024 student uprising (**18 December onwards**). **Renewed violence amid anti-Indian sentiment** (lynching of a Hindu worker accused of blasphemy 18 December): buses set on fire, media offices destroyed, Christian places of worship and schools targeted by homemade bombs - **Death of former Prime Minister Khaledia Zia** 30 December; 3 days of national mourning declared at the end of the year. **Tarique Rahane, BNP leader** and favourite to lead the next government, **returns to the country** 25 December after 17 years in exile ahead of the 12 February legislative elections (large-scale demonstrations in Dhaka).



## Colombia

30-day **national state of economic emergency** declared to address the 2026 deficit, temporary taxes announced (22 December). **Lockdown and military exercises** in areas under the control of the National Liberation Army (ELN, 14-17 December), amid regional tension, ahead of a unilateral ceasefire announced for the holiday period (24-3 January). French diplomatic authorities warn of a **spike in attacks in Bogota, Cali and Medellin** (16 December) - **Bogota**: at least one dead in a shooting in Usaquén, one suspect arrested (2 December) - **Cali**: at least two police officers killed by a bomb explosion attributed to the ELN (16 December), escalation of violence reported, and 4 people injured in a grenade attack (26 December) - **Cauca**: two police officers killed in armed attack on a police station, Buenos Aires (16 December) - **Cesar**: at least 4 soldiers killed in an

attack attributed to the ELN targeting a military installation, Aguachica (18 December) - **Huila**: armed attack on a police station, Tesalia (5–6 December) - **Antioquia**: school bus falls into a ravine on the Remedios–Zaragoza road, leaving at least 17 dead (14 December) - **Crossing restrictions at the border with Ecuador** via Rumichaca (24 December) - **Ernesto Cortissoz International Airport (Barranquilla)**: cargo plane makes emergency landing; operations temporarily suspended and delays (12 December).



## Democratic Republic of the Congo

**DRC Conflict – M23/AFC: peace agreement signed in Washington** between DRC and Rwanda quickly derailed (4 December): **ongoing fighting in South Kivu**, notably in Kamanyola, 20 Burundian soldiers killed (1-7 December) and Uvira, **taken control of by the M23** (10 December), resulting in closure of Burundian border; unilateral withdrawal announced by M23 (15 December) but fighting still ongoing; 1,500 civilians reportedly killed on Kamanyola-Uvira road in December and 500,000 displaced according to authorities - **Tanganyika Province**: 6 dead in **bandit attack** in Kalemie (5 December) and attempted escape from the central prison (12 December); security increased due to M23 advance (16 December) - **Kinshasa: demonstrations, notably against Rwanda, sporadic clashes** (7, 13, 15, 19 December); **individual killed** in Kimwenza neighbourhood followed by a rally and clashes (18 December); **floods and heavy rain** (23 December).



## Nigeria

**Renewed jihadist attacks in the northeast** in Hong (Adamawa), 14 dead (30 December) and Borno State: mosque hit by suicide bombing in Maiduguri, 7 dead (24 December); military position targeted by suicide bombing in Firgi, 5 dead (14 December); 20 farmers kidnapped in Konduga area (5 December) - **Ongoing armed violence and kidnappings in the centre and northwest**, in the states of Plateau: mining site attacked in Barkin Ladi, 12 dead (16 December) and in Zak, 28 people kidnapped (21 December); Kogi: church attacked in Ayetoro Kiri, 1 dead and 20 worshippers abducted (14 December); Zamfara: 2 improvised explosive devices detonated on the Magam-Dansadau road, 9 dead (27 December); near Abuja: 2 Catholic priests attacked in Mararaba (30 December) - **US strikes in Sokoto State** targeting IS positions (25 December) - Mass national **power cuts** (29 December) - **National protests** by pensioners (8 December), youths (10 December), trade unions (17 December), and **ECOWAS summit in Abuja** (14 December).



## Peru

**State of emergency extended** and new measures in **several regions** (4, 20, 21, 22, 27 December), including Lima/Callao until 20 January, Ayacucho/Cusco/Junín until 19 February; other areas of Amazonas, Cajamarca, La Libertad, Loreto, Madre de Dios, Piura, Puno, Ucayali, Tacna of different durations. **Demonstrations and strikes by trade unions** and transport workers (3, 16-18, 22 December) - **Lima and Callao**: shots fired at vehicle of April 2026 presidential election candidate, no one injured (2 December). Explosion in a sports complex in San Juan de Miraflores, 4 injured (19 December). Journalist murdered in Guadalupe (6 December). At least 3 dead in attack on a gold mine in Vijus (31 December) - **Ancash**: **earthquake measuring 6.0** strikes west of Puerto Santa, leaving at least 25 people injured and damage to infrastructure (27-28 December) - **Cusco**: **head-on collision between 2 trains** on Machu Picchu-Ollantaytambo line, resulting in at least 1 fatality and 30 people injured (30 December) - **Tacna**: disruption due to a fire at the Altiplano Fair (25 December) - Crossing restrictions at the border with **Ecuador** via Huaquillas (24 December).



## Taiwan

**Regional tension**: Justice Mission 2025 Chinese military exercises (29-30 December): live fire zones encroaching Taiwanese territorial waters (unprecedented since 2022). **Taipei says it is preparing for the possibility of a Chinese invasion of the island by 2027** - **Taipei**: indiscriminate attack on the metro between Taipei Main Station and Zhongshan (smoke bombs, incendiary devices, knives) 19 December: 3 dead (terrorism ruled out), first such attack since 2014 - **Yilan**: earthquake measuring 6.7 strikes at sea (27 December), disruption to local rail traffic.



## Thailand/Cambodia



**Thailand–Cambodia border: renewed and heightened cross-border armed conflict** since 7 December, with fighting on the ground, air strikes, artillery, drones and rockets along multiple provinces (Surin, Sisaket, Buriram, Sa Kaeo, Ubon Ratchathani, Trat). Overall figures: at least **47 dead and around one million displaced in 3 weeks**; civilian infrastructure damaged, mass evacuations, border post closures and restrictions, martial law and local curfews on the Thai side (8–26 December). **Fragile ceasefire signed 27 December**, including ongoing incidents and accusations of violations .



## Thailand

National Assembly **dissolved** by prime minister 12 December paving the way for early legislative elections in February. **Thailand-Myanmar border (Tak Province, Mae Sot)**: most land crossings (1 December) closed due to cross-border clashes between Myanmar factions (artillery exchanges and drone strikes reported on the Thai side).



## Tunisia

**Social unrest and tension: series of demonstrations in Tunis**, including a trade union march in tribute to Farhat Hached (4 December); anti-government demonstration (13 December); rally calling for the release of community activists (15 December); demonstration by teachers (25 December); rally in support of political prisoners (29 December). **Pro-Palestinian protests in Sousse** (20 and 30 December) - **Kairouan: roadblocks and clashes between demonstrators and security forces** in the wake of the death of a young man in a police chase (night of 13 to 14 December) - Storm and heavy rain warning in Nabeul Governorate (20 December). **State of emergency extended until 30 January 2026** by presidential decree (29 December): special measures and increased security maintained throughout the country.



## Türkiye

**Counter-terrorism operations targeting the Islamic State group** through a series of raids in **15 provinces**, with numerous suspects arrested on suspicion of planning attacks during the end-of-year period (25-31 December); at least 3 police officers and 6 suspected IS members killed in clashes in Yalova (29 December). Disruption caused by snowfall, high winds and freezing rain, with more than 130 flights cancelled (28-31 December) - **Black Sea**: reported attack on a Russian-flagged cargo ship off the coast of Sinop, crew unharmed (2 December) - **Ankara**: 8 dead, including 2 French nationals, when a Falcon 50 business jet carrying the Libyan chief of staff crashed shortly after take-off from Ankara (23 December). Political and student demonstrations (19, 27, 29 December), by the Alevi community (2 December) - **Istanbul**: aircraft skidded off the runway at Sabiha Gökçen Airport, no injuries, delays reported (7 December). Planned power cuts in several districts (8, 10 December). Multiple demonstrations (14, 19, 21, 27-28 December), rallies by the Republican People's Party (CHP, 3, 10 December).

A satellite view of Earth from space, showing the Americas on the left and the rest of the world on the right. The image is dark and atmospheric, with a blue and white color palette. The text is overlaid in the center-right area.

# JANUARY EVENTS

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REGIONAL CALENDAR

# Africa



## 1 January

**Cameroon:** Independence Day (1960) – Security reinforcements likely and separatist attacks possible in English-speaking regions.

## 2 January

**DRC:** civil society demonstration in Goma

## 3 January

**Burkina Faso:** Revolution Day (1966) – Rallies and security reinforcements likely.

## 5 January

**Gabon:** start of an indefinite strike in the railway industry – Rail disruption should be expected, demonstrations should not be ruled out.

## 7 January

**Sudan:** Coptic Christmas – Ceremonies likely in Coptic places of worship, security reinforcements likely in reaction to an increased threat of attacks.

## 11 January

**Benin:** legislative and municipal elections – Increased security and disruption should be expected, risk of demonstrations.

**Mali:** anniversary of the launch of Operation Serval by France in the centre of Mali – Anti-French demonstrations should not be ruled out, especially in Bamako

**Namibia:** anniversary of the massacre of the Herero ethnic group by the Germans (1904).

## 12 January

**Tanzania:** commemoration of the Zanzibar Revolution (1964).

## 15 January

**Burkina Faso:** anniversary of the terrorist attack on restaurants and a hotel in Ouagadougou (2016), claimed by AQIM (30 dead, including several foreign nationals) – Commemorations possible in the capital.

**Kenya:** anniversary of the attack on a Nairobi hotel resort by Somalia's Shebab terrorist group in 2019 (22 dead) – Commemorations possible.

**Uganda:** presidential election – Security stepped up and high risk of incidents.

## 17 January

**Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC):** anniversary of the assassination of Patrice Lumumba (1961) – Remembrance ceremonies should be expected, notably in Kinshasa.

**Guinea:** inauguration of President Doumbouya at General Lansana Conte Stadium in Conakry – Increased security and localised disruption should be expected.

## 20 January

**Central African Republic:** Constitutional Council to announce the final results of 28 December presidential election.

**Guinea-Bissau:** anniversary of the 1973 assassination of Amilcar Cabral, founder of the African Party for the Independence of Guinea-Bissau and Cabo Verde (PAIGC) – Commemorations likely.

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### 22 January

**Guinea:** anniversary of the start of violence in 2007.

### 24 January

**Côte d'Ivoire:** 23rd anniversary of inter-Ivorian peace agreements signed in Marcoussis (France, 2003), aimed at ending the crisis in the country (2002).

### 26 January

**Somalia:** anniversary of the ousting of the head of state, Mohamed Siad Barre (1991).

### 29 January

**Uganda:** 40th anniversary of Yoweri Museveni's election as president of the country.



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# The Americas



## 1 January

**United States:** Zohran Mamdani takes office as Mayor of New York.

**Haiti :** 222nd anniversary of independence (1804) – Celebrations likely.

**Mexico:** 32nd anniversary of the Zapatista uprising in Chiapas – Commemorations possible in Chiapas State.

## 3 January

**Chile:** commemoration of the death of Matias Catrileo Queza (2008) – Demonstrations possible among the Mapuche community in Santiago and Temuco.

## 4 January

**Mexico:** demonstrations by journalists in large cities – Increased security and disruption to be expected.

## 5 January

**Ecuador:** Electoral Council set to announced the results of referendum on foreign military bases and the new constitution.

## 6 January

**United States:** 5th anniversary of the storming of the US Capitol by supporters of President Donald Trump (2021) – Demonstrations possible among supporters of the president, including potential tension, increased security likely in Washington D.C.

## 8 January

**Brazil:** commemorations marking the 3rd anniversary of the attempted coup – Increased security and tension expected.

## 10 January

**Bahamas:** Majority Rule Day – Rallies should be expected.

**Canada:** “Canada First” rally in Toronto – Increased security and tension expected.

**Venezuela:** first anniversary of Nicolas Maduro's inauguration for a third term in office – Demonstrations should not be ruled out in view of the current political situation.

## 12 January

**Haiti:** 16th anniversary of the earthquake in which 200,000 people were killed (2010) – Commemorations possible.

## 14 January

**United States:** suspect in the Washington attack on two National Guard soldiers to appear in court.

## 16 January

**El Salvador:** anniversary of the signing of the Chapultepec Peace Accords (1992) that ended the Civil War – Commemorations possible.

## 23 January

**United States:** end of the deadline given by Trump for TikTok to find a non-Chinese owner.

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### 27 January

**Honduras:** inauguration of President Nasry Asfura in Tegucigalpa, following the general elections of 30 November 2025.

### 28 to 29 January

**Panama:** Forum of the Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean (CAF) with the participation of Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva.

### 28 January

**Cuba:** annual torch-lit march in Havana in commemoration of the birth of national hero, José Martí – Disruption and large crowds likely.

**United States:** 40th anniversary of the explosion of the Challenger space shuttle – Commemorations should be expected.

### 29 to 31 January

**Canada:** Conservative Party national convention in Calgary.

### 29 January

**Canada:** anniversary of the Quebec City mosque shooting (2017) – Commemorations possible.



# Asia - Pacific



## 1 January

**Japan:** Japanese Emperor Naruhito to address the nation as part of his annual New Year's greetings.

**North Korea:** New Year's address by leader Kim Jong Un.

## 2 January

**Kazakhstan:** 4th anniversary of the anti-government uprising and bloody crackdown (at least 200 dead) - Security reinforcements likely in anticipation of potential opposition demonstrations, notably in Almaty.

## 3 January to 15 February

**India:** Kumbh Mela Hindu Festival – Rallies should be expected.

## 4 January

**India:** demonstrations in Uttarakhand – Increased security and disruption should be expected.

**Myanmar:** Independence Day (1948) – Security reinforcements likely, anti-junta rallies and incidents possible as the civil war continues.

**Thailand:** anniversary of the start of the Muslim separatist rebellion in the southern provinces of Yala, Pattani and Narathiwat (2004) – Increased threat of attacks.

## 5 to 7 January

**China:** visit by South Korean President Lee Jae Myung – Increased security and disruption should be expected.

## 5 January

**India:** demonstrations as part of the campaign for the 15 January elections in Maharashtra.

**Pakistan:** farmers to demonstrate in Punjab, particularly in Lahore – Increased security to be expected.

## 7 January

**Cambodia:** Victory Day – Commemorations likely.

## 8 January

**North Korea:** birthday of leader Kim Jong-Un – Celebrations expected.

## 9 January

**Philippines:** annual Black Nazarene procession in Manila – Disruption and large crowds expected.

## 11 January

**China:** 6th anniversary of the announcement of the first death from atypical pneumonia, later named Covid-19.

**Myanmar:** second of three phase in the legislative elections.

## 14 to 17 January

**India:** Pongal harvest festival – Celebrations and disruption likely.

## 16 January

**Sri Lanka:** anniversary of the death of one of the leaders of the LTTE, Sathasivam Krishnakumar (alias Kittu) (1993).

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### 17 January

**Japan:** 31st anniversary of the earthquake in which more than 6,000 people were killed – Commemorations should be expected.

### 19 January

**India :** 60th anniversary of Indira Gandhi becoming prime minister.

### 19 to 25 January

**Vietnam:** 14th National Congress of the Communist Party of Vietnam

### 21 January

**India:** anniversary of the Gaw Kadal massacre (1990) – Separatists could call for a compulsory general strike in the state of Jammu and Kashmir.

**South Korea:** sentencing of former South Korean Prime Minister Han Duck-soo for offences related to martial law – Increased security and tension to be expected.

### 22 January

**Philippines:** anniversary of the Mendiola massacre of farmers (1987) – Demonstrations possible.

### 23 January

**Philippines:** "First Philippine Republic Day"

### 25 January

**Myanmar:** last phase of the legislative elections.

### 26 January

**Australia:** Australia Day, also known as Invasion Day – Demonstrations likely among the Aboriginal community in major cities.

**India:** Republic Day – Celebrations and disruption likely, notably in New Delhi, anti-government demonstrations should not be ruled out.

### 28 January

**South Korea:** sentencing of former South Korean first lady Kim Keon Hee charged with corruption.

### 30 and 31 January

**Vietnam:** anniversary of the Tet Offensive (1968) – Commemorations likely.

### 31 January

**Sri Lanka:** 30th anniversary of the deadly suicide bombing of the Central Bank in Colombo.



# Europe



## 31 December to 1 January

**Portugal:** national strike by airport employees.

## 1 January

**Cyprus:** country takes over the rotating presidency of the EU Council.

**Czech Republic & Slovakia:** anniversary of the breakup of Czechoslovakia (1993) – Commemorations possible.

**Ukraine:** birthday of Stepan Bandera (1909), one of the founders of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA) – Nationalist demonstrations possible in several towns, despite ongoing war with Russia.

**Vatican City:** Pope Francis to celebrate World Peace Day at St. Peter's Basilica.

## 3 January

**United Kingdom:** anti-immigration demonstration in Leeds – Increased security and tension should not be ruled out.

## 4 January

**Albania:** opposition demonstration in Tirana – Increased security and disruption should be expected.

## 5 to 15 January

**France:** 10-day strike by doctors, including a mass demonstration in Paris on the 10th.

## 5 January

**Bulgaria:** demonstration in Varna – Increased security and tension should be expected.

**Czech Republic:** anniversary of the start of the Prague Spring (1968) – Commemorations likely.

**France:** verdict in the trial of 10 people accused of cyberbullying Brigitte Macron.

**France:** rally in support of Gaza in Paris – Increased security and tension should not be ruled out.

**France:** national protest movement by farmers, including the blockade of the Pont de Normandie – Security stepped up, tension should not be ruled out.

**United Kingdom:** RMT demonstration in London – Traffic disruption possible.

## 6 January

**Russia:** President Vladimir Putin to attend Orthodox Christmas Mass.

## 7 January

**France:** 11th anniversary of the terrorist attack targeting the Charlie Hebdo newspaper (2015) – Security reinforcements and commemorations likely.

## 8 January

**Austria:** anti-American demonstration in front of the Venezuelan Embassy in Vienna.

**France:** 30th anniversary of the death of former French President François Mitterrand.

**France:** rally for the right to housing in Toulouse.

**Greece:** demonstration in Athens – Increased security and disruption to be expected.

**Portugal:** demonstration against the amnesty law in Brazil – Increased security and disruption should be expected.

**Spain:** pro-Palestinian demonstration planned during the Euroleague basketball match at the Movistar Arena in Madrid – Security stepped up, risk of demonstrations and tension.

### 8 and 9 January

**France** : 11th anniversary of the Paris terrorist attacks in the Montrouge area and on a kosher supermarket (2015) – Commemorations likely.

**United Kingdom**: strike action by workers at the Stagecoach bus company in London – Traffic disruption should be expected, demonstrations not to be ruled out.

### 9 January

**Bosnia-Herzegovina and Serbia**: anniversary of the creation of the Republika Srpska as an entity of Bosnia and Herzegovina (1992) – Nationalist demonstrations possible both in Serbia, as well as in Republika Srpska.

**France** : 13th anniversary of the killing of three female Kurdish militants in Paris (2013) – Commemorations and demonstrations should be expected.

**Italy**: aviation industry strike – Air traffic disruption should be expected, related demonstrations should not be ruled out.

**Italy**: New Year's press conference by the Italian prime minister.

**Poland**: farmers to demonstrate against the EU-South America free trade agreement in Warsaw – Increased security measures and disruption expected, risk of tension.

### 10 January

**Hungary**: congress of the Fidesz party of nationalist Prime Minister Viktor Orban.

**United Kingdom**: 80th anniversary of the first United Nations General Assembly in London.

### 11 January

**United Kingdom**: anti-immigration demonstration at The Bell Hotel in Epping – Increased security and disruption expected, risk of tensions. Clashes should not be ruled out.

### 12 and 13 January

**Italy**: teachers on strike – Related demonstrations should not be ruled out.

### 12 January

**United Kingdom**: Russian captain charged with manslaughter after collision in the North Sea to stand trial.

### 13 to 16 January

**France**: trial of Mahdiah Esfandiari for glorifying terrorism, with Tehran demanding her return to Iran in exchange for the release of Cécile Kohler and Jacques Paris.

### 13 January to 12 February

**France**: appeal trial of Marine Le Pen and 11 others in the case of the European parliamentary assistants employed by the National Front.

### 13 January

**France**: national rail strike – Traffic disruption expected, demonstrations possible.

**Italy**: national taxi strike – Traffic disruption should be expected, demonstrations should not be ruled out. .

**Lithuania**: anniversary of deadly attack by Soviet troops (1991) – Risk of demonstrations.

**Portugal**: trade union demonstration against labour law reform – Disruption expected.

### 14 January

**Italy**: six soldiers to stand trial for the migrant boat disaster off the coast of Cutro 26 February 2023, in which 94 migrants died.

**United Kingdom**: the World Economic Forum to present a report on risks for 2026.

### 15 to 16 January

**Greece**: trial resumes for 24 aid workers, including Syrian woman, Sarah Mardini, on charges of human trafficking.

### 15 January

**Croatia**: meeting of the trilateral group responsible for coordinating European capabilities in the field of drones and counter-drones.

## 16 January

**Czech Republic:** anniversary of the self-immolation of student Jan Palach in Prague in protest against the Soviet occupation of Czechoslovakia (1969).

**Germany:** Afghan national, Farhad Noori, to stand trial for the vehicle-ramming attack that injured 30 people 13 February 2025.

**Serbia:** potential opposition demonstration in Belgrade on the anniversary of the assassination of Oliver Ivanović (2018) – Security reinforcements should be expected and unrest should not be ruled out.

## 17 January

**France:** 51st anniversary of the Veil Law authorising abortion – Rallies and demonstrations in support of women and against abortion should be expected in major cities.

## 18 January

**Portugal:** first round of the presidential election.

## 19 to 23 January

**Switzerland:** annual World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos – Security reinforcements likely.

## 20 January

**United Kingdom:** British government to decide on the controversial plan for a new Chinese embassy in the country – Risk of protests and tension.

## 21 January

**Russia:** 102nd anniversary of the death of Lenin – Commemorations likely.

## 22 January

**Austria:** trial of a former agent accused of spying for Russia.

**France, Germany:** anniversary of the signing of the Elysée Treaty.

**Hungary:** verdict in the case of Maja T., a German anti-fascist activist on trial for attempted assault – Demonstrations should not be ruled out.

**Ukraine:** Unity Day – Ceremonies likely in Kyiv despite ongoing war with Russia.

## 26 January to 27 February

**France:** appeal trial in Paris of 4 people involved in the murder of teacher Samuel Paty – Risk of protests.

## 26 January

**Slovakia:** start of the new trial of the alleged mastermind behind the murder of Slovak journalist Jan Kuciak.

## 27 January

**France:** 30th anniversary of the last underground nuclear test in the Pacific.

**Poland:** 81st anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz by the Red Army – Commemorations expected.

## 28 January

**United Kingdom:** court of appearance of the suspect charged in relation to the knife attack on train in Cambridgeshire 1 November 2025.

## 30 January

**Germany:** anniversary of the appointment of Adolf Hitler as the German chancellor (1933).

**United Kingdom:** anniversary of Bloody Sunday (1972) – Commemorations and gatherings likely in Northern Ireland, tension possible.

## 31 January

**Russia:** anniversary of the capitulation in Stalingrad of the German 6th Army of Fredrich von Paulus (1943) – Commemorations likely amid the war in Ukraine.

# Middle East - North Africa



## 21 December 2025 to 18 January

**Morocco:** Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) 2025.

### 1 January

**Türkiye:** anniversary of Islamic State terrorist attack on an Istanbul nightclub that left 39 people dead (2017) - Commemorations and security reinforcements likely on the fringes of New Year celebrations.

**Türkiye:** pro-Palestinian demonstration on Galata Bridge in Istanbul – Increased security and disruption expected, risk of tension.

### 3 to 17 January

**Saudi Arabia:** Dakar Rally – Security reinforcements and disruption should be expected.

### 3 January

**Middle East:** 6th anniversary of the death of Iranian general, Qasem Soleimani (2020) – Remembrance ceremonies and anti-US demonstrations likely, notably in Iran, Iraq and Pakistan.

### 7 January

**Egypt:** Coptic Christmas – Ceremonies likely in Coptic places of worship, security reinforcements likely in reaction to an increased threat of attacks.

**Tunisia:** hearing in the trial against journalists Mourad Zeghidi and Borhen Bssais.

### 8 January

**Iran:** 6th anniversary of Ukraine International Airlines flight 752 (2020) shot down by in error near the capital (176 dead).

### 10 January

**Oman:** anniversary of the death of Sultan Qaboos bin Said (2020) – Commemorations possible, notably in Muscat.

**Tunisia:** anti-government demonstrations – Increased security and tension should be expected.

**Türkiye:** demonstration staged by women on Tandoğan Square in Ankara.

### 11 January

**Morocco:** anniversary of the Proclamation of Independence (1944) – Commemorations likely.

### 12 January

**Algeria:** Berber New Year (Yennayer).

**Türkiye:** anniversary of the suicide bombing on Sultanahmet Square in Istanbul (2016), attributed to the Islamic State group (12 dead) – Remembrance rallies possible.

### 13 January

**Türkiye:** criminal hearing in connection with alleged corruption during the 2023 presidential election of the opposition CHP party.

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### 14 January

**Morocco:** Berber New Year (Yennayer) – Security reinforcements and disruption likely.

**Tunisia:** anniversary of the end of the regime of President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali (2011) – Demonstrations possible amid a poor political and socio-economic situation.

### 16 January

**Algeria:** anniversary of the start of the bloody hostage situation carried out by an Islamist commando at the In Amenas gas plant (2013) .

**Iran:** anniversary of the exile of the Shah of Iran (1979).

### 17 January

**Iraq:** anniversary of the start of the coalition air offensive on Iraq (1991).

### 20 January

**Palestinian Territories:** 30th anniversary of Yasser Arafat's election as president of the Palestinian Authority – Commemorations to be expected.

### 21 January

**Tunisia:** national strike action led by the UGTT – Disruption expected, demonstrations not to be ruled out.

### 22 January

**Türkiye, Syria, Iran, Iraq:** anniversary of the short-lived Kurdish Republic of Mahabad (January to December 1946).

### 25 January

**Egypt:** anniversary of the revolution and demonstrations against former President Hosni Mubarak (2011).

### 27 January

**Yemen:** anniversary of the start of the Yemeni Revolution (2011) – Rallies should be expected, notably in Sana'a.



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