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Summary of alerts Countries to monitor Calendar



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Focal points in May	Countries to monitor in June	
Armenia Georgia Colombia Tunisia Sudan Myanmar	2 June	Mexico : general elections, including the presidential ballot won by Claudia Sheinbaum.
Gabon	4 June onwards	India: general election results expected.
	28 June	Iran : early presidential election.

		election.		
M A Y	France	Rioting in New Caledonia in reaction to the vote on a constitutional reform changing the electorate: roadblocks, fires, looting, clashes with police, at least 7 dead. Security stepped up, airports closed.		
	Brazil	At least 169 dead and more than 600,000 people displaced in widespread flooding in the state of Rio Grande do Sul. Considerable material damage : roads, bridges and homes etc. destroyed.		
	Germany	Knife attack in Mannheim 31 May, in which a police officer was killed and 5 people were injured during an "anti-islam" rally on Marktplatz. Counter-terrorism investigation opened.		
	Papua New Guinea	Landslide in Enga Province 24 May following heavy rain , at least 2,000 people buried according to the authorities. Major destruction of roads and homes.		
	Georgia	Growing protest movement against a bill passed in parliament on "foreign agents" . Thousands of demonstrators in the streets of Tbilisi. Clashes and arrests reported on the fringes of the rallies.		
	Iceland	1 June : presidential election - Security reinforcements should be expected.		
J U N E	India	4 June onwards : general election results expected - Security reinforcements and unrest should not be ruled out.		
	European Union	9 June : European elections - Security reinforcements should be expected.		
	Thailand	9, 19 and 26 June : senatorial elections - Security reinforcements should be expected.		

28 June: early presidential election following the death of former President

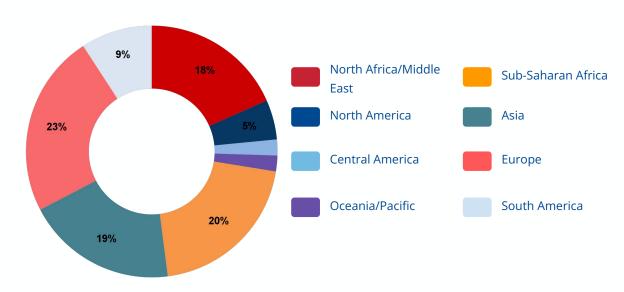
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Iran

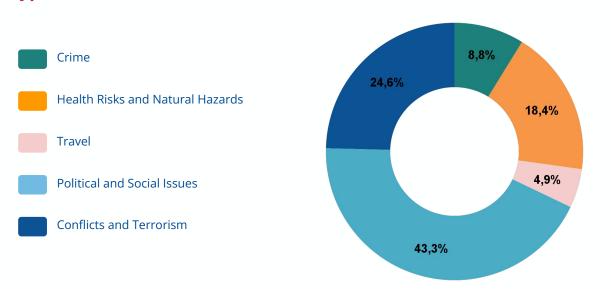
Summary of Alerts May 2024

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 **May 2024**, SSF issued a total of **904 safety-security alerts**, concerning all kinds of risks in **134 countries**.

Geographic Distribution

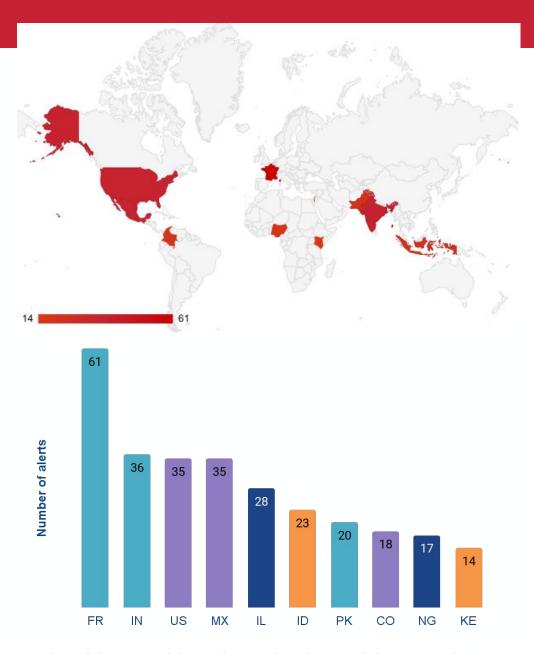


Type of Risk



10 countries to monitor

The following **10 countries** account for **287 safety-security alerts** representing **32%** 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

Crime Political and Social Issues Conflicts and Terrorism Natural Hazards

Colombia

French Foreign Ministry warns of an uptick in crime nationwide (14 May). Escalation of attacks by FARC dissidents, leaving more than 10 dead (20 & 30 May), along with internal armed struggles (8 dead, 26 May). ELN announces move to resume kidnappings for ransom 7 May. FARC declares local-level curfew 7 May - Bogota: clashes between police and demonstrators, roadblocks near universities (1, 9, 15 May), on the Pan-American Highway 15 May and on Avenida El Dorado to the international airport 18 May. Taxi strike and demonstrations (14 May) and on International Workers' Day (1 May), anti-abortion marches (4 May). 26 people injured in an explosion at a fireworks factory 22 May - At least 4 people killed when a bridge collapsed between Barranquilla and Soledad 31 May.

United States

South, Hawaii, East: series of weather warnings (4, 16 & 21 May), notably for tornadoes that left at least 21 people dead in Texas (7 dead in Houston 16 May), Oklahoma and Arkansas (25 & 26 May), several dead in Greenfield (Massachusetts) 21 May. Delays caused by the bad weather at the airports of Houston 5 May, Denver 6 May, Charlotte Douglas 15 May, Boston-Logan 20 May - One dead and several people injured in knife attacks in Seattle (WA), Braintree (MA) and Plymouth (MA) (11 & 25 May). 6 dead in new shootings in Minneapolis (30 May), 2 dead in Chester (PA) 22 May, one dead in Fort Wayne (IN), Brownsville (TX), Las Vegas, Virginia Beach (4, 11, 19 & 25 May) - Police intervention at the University of California and clashes during a pro-Palestinian demonstration (2 & 11 May) - People injured in an explosion in Youngstown (OH) 28 May - China addresses warning to a US ship near the Paracel Islands 10 May.

France

Security considerably stepped up in New Caledonia, state of emergency declared 15 May (lifted 28 May), curfew declared 14 May following violent blockades, rioting and clashes between the police and pro-independence demonstrators protesting against the planned reform of the constitution, in which at least 7 people died (14-22 May). Evacuation efforts launched from 21 May, despite closure of La Tontouta Airport – 3 prison guards killed in a car-ramming attack at the motorway toll in Incarville (Eure Department) 14 May. 3 dead in shootings in Sevran (Seine-Saint-Denis Department, 3, 4 & 5 May), 2 police officers injured in Paris (9 May). At least 3 people injured in a knife attack in Lyon 26 May - Clashes between pro-Palestinian demonstrators and police in Paris (2 May, La Sorbonne University evacuated 7, 27 & 31 May) - Ongoing strikes and demonstrations, notably in the airline industry (8-12, 21, 25-26 May), rail industry (29 May), by waste collectors (14-16 May), teachers (14 May), pharmacists (30 May), fire-fighters (16 May) and in support of Palestine (3, 11, 18-19 & 27 May).

India

Ongoing legislative elections (until 1 June), marked by the organisation of political rallies (18, 22 & 28 May), clashes between rival supporters (21 May) and the closure of the border with Nepal (5-7, 17-20 May) – Increase in bomb hoaxes targeting schools, hospitals and airports, resulting in closures and disruption (5, 14 & 28 May) – Clashes between security forces and Maoist rebels in Chhattisgarh State (10 & 25 May) – Cyclonic Storm Remal swept across the states of West Bengal and Mizoram, leaving tens of people dead (26-28 May) - Ongoing demonstrations by farmers in the states of Punjab, Haryana and Tamil Nadu (23, 24 & 28 May).

Indonesia

Flash-flooding caused by torrential rain and **cold lava flows** from Mount Merapi claim at least **57 lives and leave 22 people missing** in **West Sumatra Province** 11 May. Tens of houses destroyed and more than 3,300 people evacuated - At least **15 dead** and dozens of houses, roads and bridges destroyed in landslides and flooding in **South Sulawesi Province** - **Series of eruptions** at **Mount Ibu** on the island of Halmahera 11 May. **Alert raised to the highest level** and residents evacuated from 7 km around the volcano 16 May.

Israel/Palestine

Ongoing bombing raids on the Gaza Strip, including an escalation and fighting on the ground in Rafah and the surrounding area since the offensive launched by the IDF 6 May - Israeli territory targeted by rockets fired by Hamas and its allies from the Gaza Strip (5, 10 & 26 May) – Ongoing daily clashes between Hezbollah and the IDF at the border between Israel and Lebanon leaving several dead on both sides - West Bank: several trucks carrying humanitarian aid set on fire and vandalised by Israeli civilians in the Hebron area (17 & 19 May), persistent violence and arrests of Palestinians - Near-daily demonstrations in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem in demand of Netanyahu's resignation and the release of hostages, including persistent arrests and violence between the police and demonstrators - Negotiations at a standstill since the failure to reach a ceasefire agreement in Cairo 9 May.

Kenya

Tropical Cyclone Hidaya hits 4 and 5 May and Cyclone Laly 21 May, bringing violent winds and heavy rain to the coastal regions of Mtwara and Lindi. More than 230 people dead since March because of the bad weather - Strike action by doctors at public hospitals ends 8 May after nearly a 2-month walkout - Illegal gold mine collapses in Hillo, Marsabit County, leaving 5 dead (24 May) - Kenya Airways announces it will resume flights to Kinshasa 6 May after the airline's employees are released - Renewed cases of cholera with 44 sufferers recorded in Tana River County as of 8 May.

Mexico

More assassinations targeting municipal candidates and campaign team members (Chiapas, Morelos) - Series of demonstrations by farmers blocking several roads in demand of better prices for their crops from 1 May (Tamaulipas, Sinaloa) – Increase in demonstrations by teachers nationwide (15, 16, 21 & 24 May) – 9 bodies discovered in Fresnillo (Zacatecas, 7 May) – Shootings in Huitzilac (8 dead, 11 May) and Cuernavaca (1 dead, 17 May) – 10 bodies found (20 May) and 5 dead in a shooting in Acapulco (Guerrero, 23 May) - Stage collapses during a political rally in San Pedro Garza leaving 9 dead and 63 people injured (Nuevo Leon, 22 May) – Demonstrations against insecurity in Mexico City (9 & 10 May) – Intense heatwave with temperatures soaring above 45°C in 19 of the 32 states, leaving 61 dead.

Nigeria

Ongoing **attacks** by **armed individuals** on **civilians** in the states of Kebbi (7 dead, 6 May), Kogi (9 kidnapped 10 May), Zamfara (1 dead, 105 kidnapped, 10 May), Federal Capital Territory (20 kidnapped, 19 May), Plateau (40 dead, 20 May), Niger (8 dead, 150 kidnapped, 24 May), Katsina (11 dead, 25 May), Borno (28 dead, 26 May) and targeting the **security forces** in the states of Borno (1 dead, 21 May) and Abia (5 soldiers and 6 civilians dead, 30 May) – **Curfew declared in Naka** (Benue State) amid inter-communal violence (15 May) - **Demonstration against rising prices** of electricity nationwide (12 May) – **Pipeline explodes** in Yenagoa (Bayelsa State, 14 May) - **Renewed cases of measles**, notably in the local government areas of Gombi and Mubi North.

Pakistan

Clashes on the fringes of a series of demonstrations against the high cost of living from 11 May in the state of Azad Kashmir, at least 4 dead and around one hundred people injured - Baluchistan: clashes between demonstrators and the security forces at the Chaman border crossing between Pakistan and Afghanistan. Bomb explodes in the path of a vehicle carrying the president of the local press club in Khuzdar (3 dead, 3 May). Ongoing roadblocks on motorways by truck drivers in protest against the introduction of safety measures on the highways - US diplomatic authorities warn of a terrorist threat in the port of Karachi 7 May - Renewed national demonstrations by farmers to demand that the government compensate falling wheat prices (10 and 16 May) - Another demonstration by the Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) opposition party across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in demand of the release of its leader, Imran Khan (26 May).

Important events in the month to come

Iceland

1 June: presidential election - Ongoing security reinforcements should be expected.

Mexico

2 June: presidential and legislative elections - Security reinforcements should be expected, including after the ballots, ongoing violence related to the election campaign.

India

4 June onwards: legislative election results expected - Security reinforcements and unrest should not be ruled out.

Israel

5 June: Jerusalem Day- Security reinforcements and rallies should be expected.

United Kingdom

6 to 8 June: junior doctors on strike in Northern Ireland - Disruption affecting healthcare services should be expected.

European Union

9 June: European elections - Security reinforcements should be expected.

Thailand

9, 19 and 26 June: senatorial elections - Security reinforcements should be expected.

Saudi Arabia

14 to 19 June (TBC): Hajj pilgrimage - Disruption should be expected, especially at airports.

Iran

28 June: early presidential election following the death of former President Ebrahim Raisi - Security reinforcements should be expected.

EVENTS TO LOOK OUT FOR IN JUNE 2024

Until 2 June

Singapore: security reinforcements should be expected on the occasion of the Shangri-La Dialogue, the Asia security summit.

1 to 30 June

World: Pride Month - Demonstrations and disruption should be expected.

1 June

Angola: civil society demonstration in Lubango - Unrest should not be ruled out.

Austria: meeting of ministers from the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies (OPEC+) in Vienna - Security reinforcements should be expected.

Belgium: environmental demonstration in Brussels - Security reinforcements should be expected.

El Salvador: President Nayib Bukele to be sworn-in for a second term - Security reinforcements should be expected.

Hungary: demonstration by activists from the CÖF-CÖKA foundation in Budapest in protest against the European Union's military support of Ukraine – Security reinforcements should be expected.

Iceland: presidential election - Security reinforcements should be expected.

India: seventh and final phase of the legislative elections - Localised disruption should not be ruled out.

Kenya: Madaraka Day celebrating Kenya's internal self-rule gained from the United Kingdom (1963) - Celebrations likely.

Portugal: environmental demonstration scheduled in Lisbon - Security reinforcements should be expected.

Spain: environmental demonstration scheduled in Madrid - Security reinforcements should be expected.

Switzerland: activists from "The Geneva Project" set to staged a demonstration for the end of the World Health Assembly in Geneva - Security reinforcements should be expected.

United Kingdom: far-right and anti-fascist demonstrations scheduled in London - Security reinforcements should be expected, unrest should not be ruled out.

2 to 3 June

Italy: national strike by rail workers and a demonstration in Rome - Security reinforcements and train disruption should be expected.

2 June

Italy: Republic Day (1946).

Mexico: presidential and legislative elections - Security reinforcements should be expected. **Pakistan**: Palestine solidarity demonstration in Karachi - Unrest should not be ruled out.

Serbia: organisation of renewed municipal elections following fraud allegations - Disruption should be expected.

Türkiye: activists set to demonstrate in Istanbul and Izmir - Security reinforcements and unrest possible.

3 June

Australia: trade union demonstration near the parliament of New South Wales in Sydney - Security reinforcements should be expected.

Belgium: national transport strike (air, public transport) - Travel disruption should be expected.

France-Spain: disruption at the border between France and Spain caused by blockades set up by farmers - Localised disruption should be expected.

Iran: anniversary of the death of Ayatollah Khomeini (1989).

Montenegro: Independence Day (2006) -

Norway: border police on strike at the airports of Oslo and Bergen - Air traffic disruption to be expected.

Sudan: anniversary of the sit-in staged during the people's revolution (2019) - Demonstrations amid current conflict should not be ruled out.

Uganda: Martyrs' Day celebrations marking the massacre of 45 Christian converts by King Mwanga between November 1885 and January 1887 – Security reinforcements and disruption likely, notably in Kampala.

4 to 5 June

Argentina: university professors set to stage national strike - Rallies in major cities and localised disruption to be expected.

4 to 28 June

France: dock workers set to strike, with particularly extensive disruption expected 7, 13, 21 & 25 June - Disruption to port services portuaires and related-rallies possibles.

4 June

Argentina: national rail strike - Travel disruption should be expected.

China, Hong Kong, Taiwan: anniversary of the crackdown on the Tiananmen Square protests (1989) – Rallies likely, notably in Macau, Taipei & Hong Kong – Clashes possible.

India: general election results expected - Security reinforcements should not be ruled out.

Poland: rallies organised by Donald Tusk in Warsaw in commemoration of the first partly free elections in 1989 - Security reinforcements and localised disruption should be expected.

Sweden: health sector strike scheduled in several regions (Stockholm, Västra Götaland, Skane) - Disruption to healthcare services and rallies staged by those on strike possible.

5 and 6 June

Italy: national taxi strike - Travel disruption should be expected.

5 to 7 June

Malaysia: disruption affecting the supply of water scheduled in some parts of Kuala Lumpur and Selangor - Disruption should be expected.

5 to 8 June

Russia: St. Petersburg International Economic Forum.

5 June

Bangladesh: fourth phase of the local elections - Security reinforcements, rallies and violent incidents possible.

Spain: Extraordinary General Assembly organised by the CNT, STEM and the CGT trade unions in Madrid - Security reinforcements should be expected.

United Kingdom: Palestine solidarity demonstration in Glasgow, Scotland - Security reinforcements should be expected.

India: anniversary of the army operation at the Golden Temple in Amritsar (1984) – Sikh rallies to be expected across the whole of Punjab State, violence possible between Sikh communities and radical Hindu movements.

Israel: Jerusalem Day.

Muslim World: Naksa Day, marking the anniversary of the start of the Six Day War in 1967 between Israel and Arab countries – Demonstrations likely.

World: World Environment Day – Rallies to be expected.

United Kingdom: British commemorations on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the D-Day Normandy landings.

6 au 8 June

United Kingdom: junior doctors on strike in Northern Ireland - Disruption affecting healthcare services should be expected.

6 June

Bulgaria: demonstration in the healthcare sector in Sofia - Disruption to healthcare services to be expected.

France: commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the Allied Normandy landings (1944) in the presence of various heads of state - Considerable security reinforcements should be expected.

Germany: Ramstein 1-v-1 exercise by the organised and executed by United States Air Forces Europe and Air Forces Africa.

India: Sikh group calls for a strike in Amritsar in commemoration of Operation Bluestar - Sikh rallies should be expected, along with potential violence.

Indonesia: rally staged by the Labour Party and the Indonesian Trade Union Confederation in Jakarta - Security reinforcements and unrest possible.

Lebanon: anniversary of Israel's launch of Operation Peace for Galilee (1982).

Pakistan: trade union demonstration in Islamabad - Unrest should not be ruled out.

South Korea: Memorial Day. - Commemorations to be expected.

Spain: chemical industry and refinery workers set to demonstrate in Barcelona - Localised disruption should be expected.

Uganda: presidential State of the Nation Address - Security reinforcements should be expected.

United Nations: General Assembly elections for the new non-permanent members of the UN Security Council.

7 June

Iran: anniversary of the terrorist attacks on parliament and the mausoleum of imam Khomeini in Tehran, claimed by the Islamic State group (17 dead, 2017).

Iraq/Jordan: anniversary of the death of Jordan man, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, formerly the leader of Al-Qaeda in Iraq (2006).

Mali: anti-government rally against power cuts and the cost of living - Unrest and violence should not be ruled out

North Macedonia: national strike staged by postal workers.

8 June

Chile: march for Palestine - Travel disruption should be expected.

Germany: rallies against the AFD ahead of the European elections in several cities (Berlin, Dresden, Frankfurt, Munich, Leipzig) - Security reinforcements and unrest possible.

Ghana: demonstration against the cost of electricity in Accra - Unrest possible.

Hungary: anti-Orban rally scheduled in Budapest - Security reinforcements and disruption possible.

United States: Pakistani diaspora set to demonstrate in New York - Localised disruption should be expected.

World: World Oceans Day – Rallies to be expected in several countries.

9, 16 and 26 June

Thailand: senatorial elections - Security reinforcements should be expected.

9 June

Myanmar: anniversary of the end of the ceasefire between the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) and the Myanmar military (2011) - Renewed attacks possible.

Bulgaria: early legislative elections - Security reinforcements should be expected.

Europe: European elections.

Jordan: anniversary of the accession to the throne of King Abdullah II (1999) - Security

reinforcements to be expected.

World: anniversary of the offensive by the Islamic State group (IS) in Iraq (2014).

10 and 11 June

Russia: meeting of BRICS foreign ministers.

10 June

Iraq: regional elections in Iraqi Kurdistan - Security reinforcements should be expected.

Kosovo: anniversary of the withdrawal of the Serb forces from Kosovo (1999) – Demonstrations possible amid a surge in tension between Serbs and Kosovars in the north of the country.

Kyrgyzstan: anniversary of inter-ethnic violence of 2010 between Kyrgyz and Uzbek nationals in Osh and Jalal-Abad – Demonstrations possible.

Malawi: strike in the healthcare sector - Disruption to healthcare services should be expected.

Mexico: anniversary of the "El Halconazo" massacre (1971) – Rallies should not be ruled out. **Vanuatu**: demonstration in support of the Kanak people in Port Vila - Security reinforcements should be expected.

12 to 23 June

Russia: BRICS Games - Security reinforcements should be expected.

12 June

World: World Day Against Child Labour

Nigeria: Democracy Day – Celebrations and security reinforcements to be expected in cities.

Philippines: Independence Day celebrations (1898) – Security reinforcements likely.

Russie: Russia Day (1990).

13 June

Iran: anniversary of the Iranian Green Movement, sprung from the protests against the re-election of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad (2009).

14 to 19 June

Saudi Arabia: disruption to be expected, especially at airports, on the occasion of the Hajj pilgrimage set to take place from 26 June to 1 July (TBC).

14 June to 14 July

Germany: UEFA European Football Championship - Security reinforcements and localised disruption should be expected.

14 June

Rwanda: publication of the definitive list of candidates in the presidential and legislative elections.

15 and 16 June

Türkiye: 54th anniversary of worker riots led by the far-left in Istanbul (1970) – Demonstrations possible.

15 June

France: activists set to demonstrate in Lyon - Localised disruption possible.

Israel/Palestine: anniversary of Hamas taking control of the Gaza Strip (2007) – Palestinian celebrations to be expected around this date.

Spain: teachers set to stage rallies in Madrid - Localised disruption possible.

Thailand: anniversary of the founding of the Sultanate of Patani (1457) – Risk of attacks in the south.

16 June

South Africa: National Youth Day commemorating the Soweto Uprising (1976) – Demonstrations and security reinforcements likely, notably in Johannesburg.

Bangladesh: anniversary of the attack on the Bangladesh Awami League (AL), in which 20 people were killed (2001) – Demonstrations possible by the AL.

Spain: anti-monarchy demonstration in Madrid - Security reinforcements and disruption should not be ruled out.

17 June

Iceland: Independence Day celebrations (1944).

18 and 19 June

Peru: anniversary of the prison riots instigated by the Shining Path in 1986.

20 June

World: World Refugee Day - Demonstrations likely.

21 June

France: 42nd edition of the Fête de la Musique – Events and disruption likely.

23 June

Rwanda: 30th anniversary of the start of Operation Turquoise launched by France under the mandate of the United Nations during the Rwandan genocide (1994) - Commemorations likely.

24 June

Morocco: 2nd anniversary of the Nador/Melilla tragedy, in which 23 migrants lost their lives – Commemorations possible.

28 June

Iran: presidential election scheduled following the death of former President Ebrahim Raisi – Security reinforcements should be expected.

Ireland: anniversary of the start of the Irish Civil War.

29 June

Algeria: anniversary of the assassination of Algerian head of state, Mohamed Boudiaf - Commemorations likely.

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