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Calendar



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Focal points in July

- Bangladesh
Venezuela
Lebanon
Iran
Sudan
- + New Caledonia (France)

Countries to monitor in August

- 11 August** **France:** Olympic Games Closing Ceremony.
- 14 August** **Kiribati:** parliamentary and presidential elections.
- 19 August** **Afghanistan:** Independence Day.
- 28 August** **France:** Paralympic Games Opening Ceremony.

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- Bangladesh** **Violent student demonstrations** from 1 July in demand of a **reform** of the quota-based **recruitment system** for government jobs. **Security stepped up** (curfew, internet shut down etc.), **at least 205 dead** in clashes between demonstrators and police.
- Caribbean** **Hurricane Beryl** (28 June to 12 July) **swept across the Caribbean, Mexico and the US**. Destruction caused by the storm in the Caribbean. **Hurricane Beryl was the earliest Category 5 storm ever to form**. 90% of **Saint Vincent and the Grenadines** destroyed.
- Venezuela** **President Nicolas Maduro re-elected** for a third term in office with **51.2% of the vote** 28 July. **Results contested by the opposition and a number of countries**, condemning **fraud**. **Strong crackdown on demonstrations across the country**, notably with the use of live rounds, **at least 12 dead**.
- World** **Global Microsoft outage** affecting a large number of companies and establishments (banks, stock markets, hospitals, transport and telecommunications networks, the media). Severe **disruption in airports worldwide**.
- United States** **Shooting** targets former President **Donald Trump** during a **campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania 13 July**.
- Middle East** **Rocket attack attributed to Lebanon's Hezbollah** on the town of **Majdal Shams**, in the Golan Heights 27 July, **12 dead**. **Israeli retaliation** in the form of strikes on southern Lebanon 28 and 29 July, as well as on south Beirut 30 July. **Hamas political leader, Ismail Haniyeh, assassinated** in **Tehran** in a **suspected Israeli strike**. Heightened tension.

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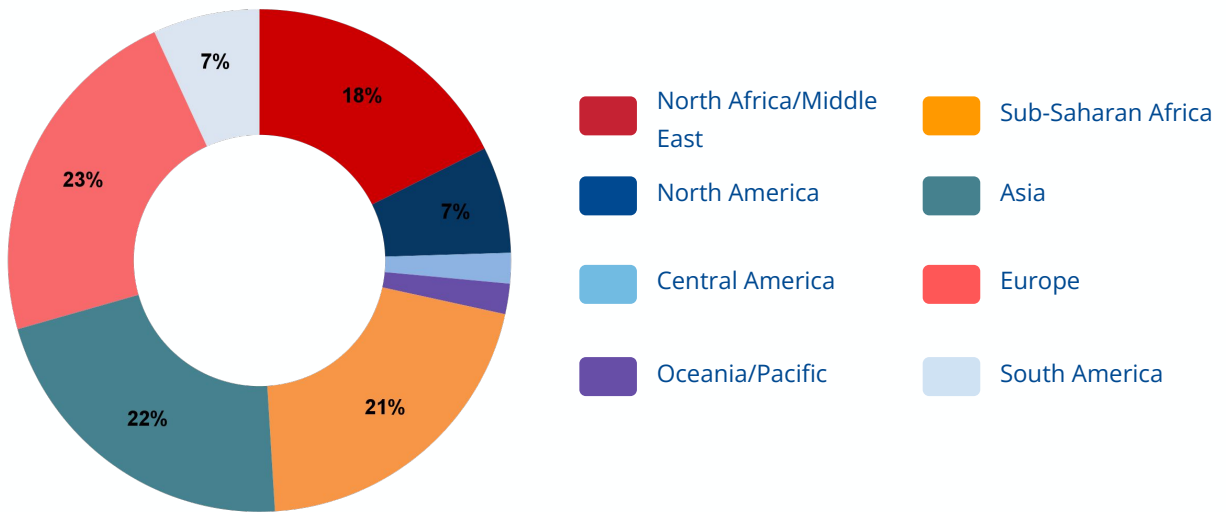
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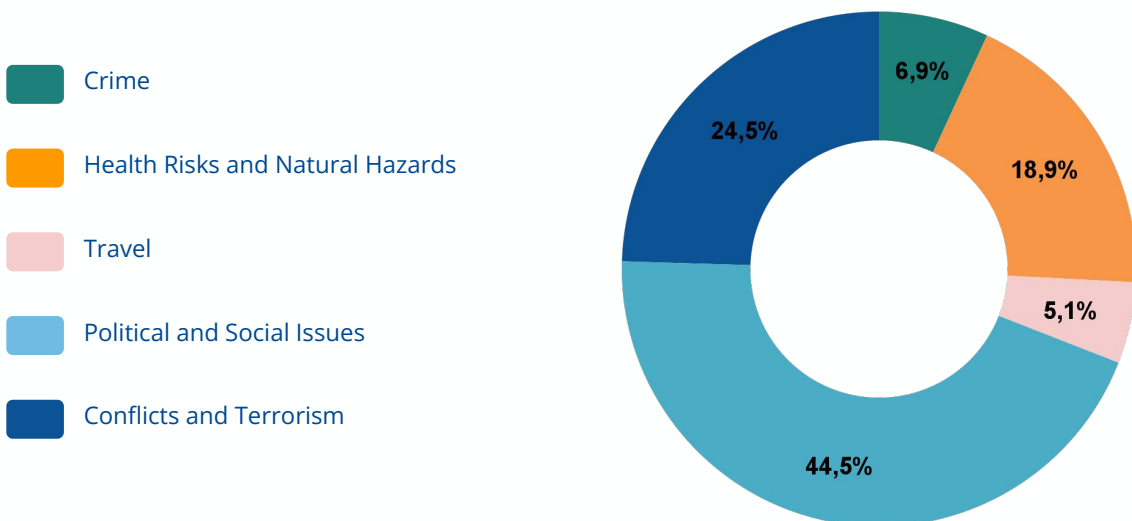
July 2024

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 **July 2024**, SSF issued a total of **890 safety-security alerts**, concerning all kinds of risks in **132 countries**.

Geographic Distribution

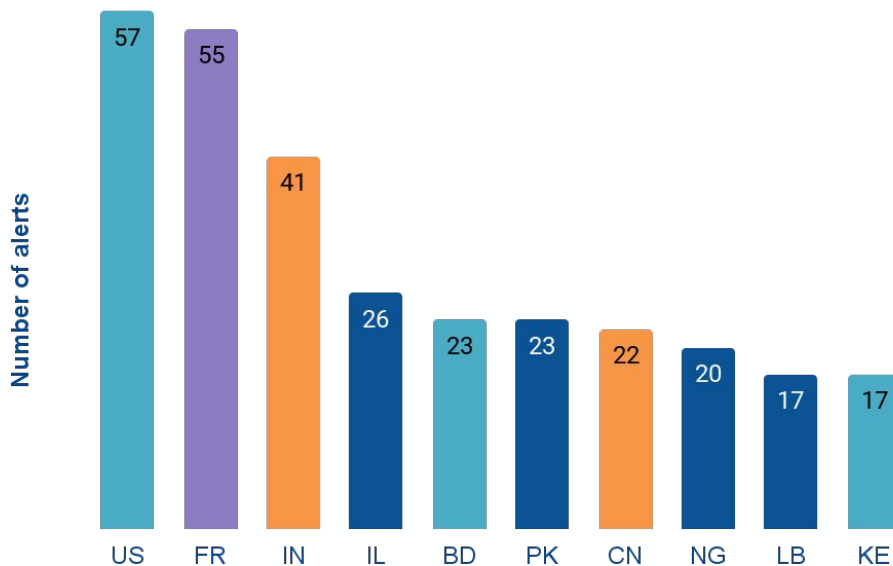
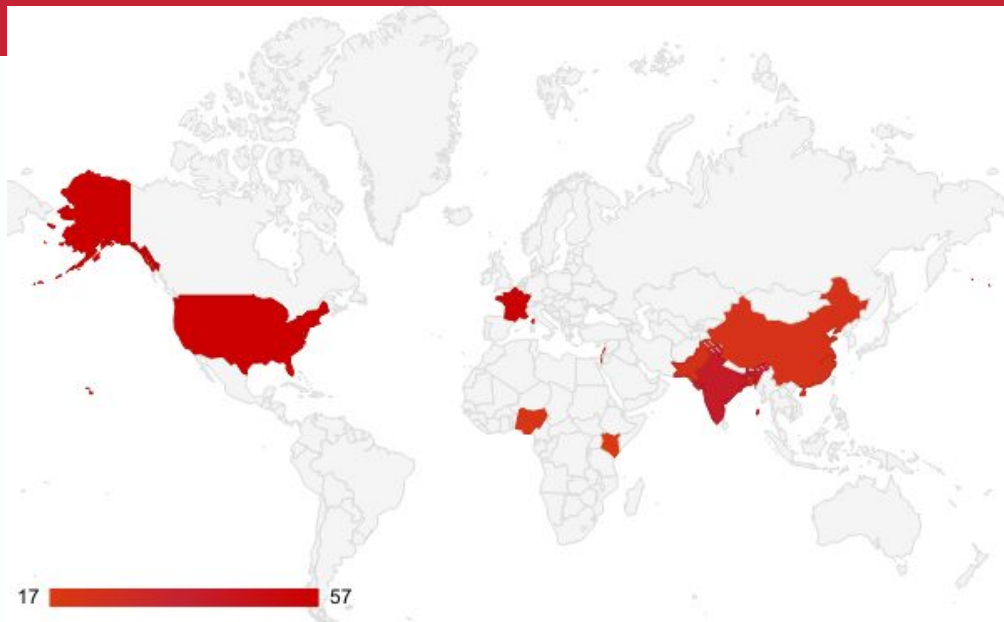


Type of Risk



10 countries to monitor

The following **10 countries** account for **301 safety-security alerts** representing **33%** 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



August 2024

Important events in the month to come

Nigeria

1 August onwards: anti-government demonstrations led by young people - Security reinforcements and incidents should not be ruled out.

Mauritania

1 August: President Mohamed Ghazouani to be sworn-in for a second term in office.

Bolivia

1 August onwards: national indefinite transport strike in protest against fuel shortage - Travel disruption should be expected.

Lebanon

4 August: anniversary of the explosion in the Port of Beirut (2020) - Mass anti-government demonstrations should be expected, amid a poor situation with regards to both politics and security.

Kazakhstan

9 August: summit of Central Asia leaders in Astana - Security reinforcements should be expected.

France

11 August: Paris 2024 Olympic Games Closing Ceremony at the Stade de France (Saint-Denis Department) - Security reinforcements and disruption should be expected.

28 August: Paralympic Games Opening Ceremony between Place de la Concorde and Avenue des Champs-Élysées in Paris - Security reinforcements and disruption should be expected.

World

12 August: International Youth Day - Risk of demonstrations.

Kiribati

14 August: first round of the parliamentary and presidential elections - Security reinforcements should be expected.

Thailand

14 August: Constitutional Court set to rule on a petition for the dismissal of the prime minister - Demonstrations possible.

Afghanistan

19 August: Independence Day (1919) - Security reinforcements should be expected in Kabul, including a risk of attacks.

EVENTS TO LOOK OUT FOR IN AUGUST 2024

Until 11 August

France: Paris 2024 Olympic Games – Major security reinforcements in host cities.

Until at least 10 August

Nigeria: anti-government demonstrations led by young people on social media - Security reinforcements should be expected, including a risk of tension and unrest.

Until 3 August

India: Naxalite Martyrs' Week – Rallies and violent incidents possible in states under Naxalite influence.

1 to 3 August

Iran/Qatar/Israel: rallies likely on the occasion of the funeral of Hamas political leader, Ismail Haniyeh, killed in a suspected Israeli strike in Tehran 31 July - Three days of mourning declared in Iran with security reinforcements and ceremonies in Tehran 1 August, followed by Doha, Qatar 2 August. Demonstrations scheduled in Tel Aviv, Israel 1 and 3 August, while other rallies and heightened tension should be expected region-wide.

1 to 7 August

United States: Democratic Party to hold a virtual vote to select their nominees for presidential and vice president.

1 August

Argentina: anniversary of the disappearance of activist Santiago Maldonado (2017) – Remembrance ceremonies likely.

Benin: Independence Day (1960) – Military parade and ceremonies likely.

Bolivia: national indefinite transport strike in protest against fuel shortage - Disruption should be expected.

Canada: Emancipation Day, marking the 1834 introduction of the law abolishing slavery in the British Empire.

Guinea: demonstration against the cost of living in Conakry - Risk of unrest.

India: demonstration by the Democratic Youth Federation of India (DYFI, part of the Communist Party of India) in protest against the Union Budget 2024-25, in front of the Raj Bhavan in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala State; demonstrations by the Congress Party in Rajasthan State in protest against water and electricity shortages - Security reinforcements and disruption should be expected.

Lebanon: Armed Forces Day.

Mauritania: President Ghazouani to be sworn-in for a second term in office in Nouakchott.

Myanmar: junta's state of emergency extended for 6 months upon expiry; promised elections following the 1 February 2021 coup postponed.

Poland: 80th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising against Nazi occupation - Commemorations should be expected.

Syria: controversial elections organisation to be held in Qamishli by the administration of the semi-autonomous Kurdish region in northeast Syria (date TBC) – Demonstrations and tension should not be ruled out.

World: environmental rallies should be expected on the occasion of Earth Overshoot Day, marking when humanity has consumed a year's worth of resources.

2 to 26 August

United Kingdom: Edinburgh Festival Fringe

2 August

Chile: civil society demonstration in favour of the right to self-defence and gun control in Santiago (La Moneda Palace) - Localised security reinforcements should be expected.

Democratic Republic of the Congo: national commemoration of the Congolese genocide (GenoCost) with a rally scheduled in Kinshasa - Security reinforcements and similar rallies should be expected across the country.

2 August

Ivory Coast: demonstration staged by activists affiliated with the Association of Malians of ECOWAS outside the Malian Embassy in Abidjan - Security reinforcements and tension between demonstrators and the security forces should not be ruled out.

Kuwait: anniversary of the start of the occupation of Kuwait by the Iraqi troops (1990).

Maldives: Independence Day celebrations likely - Security reinforcements, disruption and traffic restrictions for the official parade should be expected.

North Macedonia: Republic Day – Nationalist rallies should not be ruled out.

Russia: Airborne Forces Day –Rallies and disruption to be expected, especially in Moscow.

3 August

Equatorial Guinea: anniversary of the 1979 coup and Armed Forces Day.

France: national demonstrations calling for a ceasefire in Gaza (Paris, Amiens, Avignon, Lyon, Marseille, Metz, Toulouse...) and in support of New Caledonia in Mulhouse - Security reinforcements should be expected.

Germany: environmental and political demonstrations (far-right groups and counter-demonstrations) in Berlin – Security reinforcements and disruption should be expected.

India: trade union workers set to demonstrate in Bangalore (Karnataka State) in protest against increased working hours - Large turnout expected, security reinforcements and disruption should be expected.

Niger: Independence Day (1960).

United Kingdom: National March for Palestine in London, calling for a ceasefire in Gaza – Security reinforcements and disruption should be expected.

4 August

Croatia/Serbia: anniversary of Operation Storm, launched by the Croatian forces against Serb separatists in 1995 – Commemorations possible.

Lebanon: anniversary of the explosion in the Port of Beirut - Mass anti-government demonstrations to be expected, amid a poor political and security situation.

United Kingdom: Pakistani community set to stage a demonstration in London in demand of the release of Imran Khan – Security reinforcements and localised disruption should be expected.

5 August

Barbados: Grand Kadooment Day, celebrating the end of the annual harvest - Festivities and parades should be expected, especially in Bridgetown.

Burkina Faso: anniversary of the independence of Upper Voltaire, today Burkina Faso - Security reinforcements should be expected.

Cambodia: inauguration of the Funan Techo Canal in Prek Takeo – Security reinforcements and disruption should be expected.

6, 9, 15 August

Japan: anniversary of the dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the surrender of Japan during the Second World War (1945), Nagasaki Peace Memorial Ceremony 9 August – Pacifist demonstrations possible especially in the vicinity of the US Embassy and nationwide.

6 and 7 August

Denmark: trial of the man accused of assaulting of Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen in Copenhagen – Demonstrations possible.

6 August

Bolivia: Independence Day, obtained in 1825 (Fatherland Day) – Anti-government demonstrations possible in view of socio-political tension.

Jamaica: Independence Day (1962) – Celebrations likely.

Tunisia: announcement of the preliminary list of candidates set stand in the 6 October presidential elections – Political demonstrations possible in response.

7 to 18 August

Philippines: annual Kadayawan Festival in Davao – Disruption should be expected.

7 August

Bolivia: anniversary of the creation of the armed forces (1825).

Georgia: anniversary of the start of the conflict with Russia over the control of South Ossetia (2008) - Ceremonies likely in Tbilisi.

Ivory Coast: Independence Day (1960) – Security reinforcements to be expected.

Kenya/Tanzania: anniversary of the anti-American attacks on the US embassies in Nairobi and Dar es-Salaam (1998) – Commemorations likely.

Thailand: Constitutional Court set to rule on the dissolution of the main opposition party - Demonstrations should be expected, tension should not be ruled out.

8 August

Myanmar: anniversary of the 1988 student uprising – Demonstrations possible.

United States: 50th anniversary of Richard Nixon's resignation following the Watergate scandal.

9 August

Brazil: International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples.

Kazakhstan: summit of Central Asia leaders in Astana – Security reinforcements should be expected.

Singapore: National Day.

United States: anniversary of the death of African-American man Michael Brown at the time of his arrest (2014) – Demonstrations likely across the country, particularly in St. Louis.

World: International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples.

10 August

Ecuador: National Day, celebrating the country's declaration of independence (1809) – Celebrations likely.

11-12 August

Thailand: anniversary of the series of explosions that targeted popular tourist destinations, namely Hua Hin and Phuket (2016).

11 August

France: Olympic Games Closing Ceremony at the Stade de France – Security reinforcements and disruption should be expected.

Chad: Independence Day (1960) – Celebrations and security reinforcements to be expected.

India: anniversary of the death of separatist leader, Sheikh Abdul Aziz (2008) – Violence possible in the state of Jammu and Kashmir.

12 August

China: anniversary of the Tianjin disaster (2015).

World: International Youth Day – Demonstrations possible.

Zimbabwe: Heroes' Day.

13 August

Burkina Faso: anniversary of the bombing of the Istanbul restaurant in Ouagadougou (2017) – Commemorations likely.

Central African Republic: Independence Day (1960) – Security reinforcements to be expected.

Cuba: birthday of Fidel Castro (1926-2016) – Tributes to be expected.

Uganda: verdict in the trial of LRA commander, Thomas Kwoyelo, accused of war crimes, in Gulu – Demonstrations should be expected.

Zimbabwe: Defence Forces Day -Ceremonies should be expected.

14 and 19 August

Kiribati: legislative elections prior to a presidential ballot, the date of which is still to be confirmed – Security reinforcements should be expected.

14 August

Cameroon/Nigeria: anniversary of the retrocession of the Bakassi Peninsula to Cameroon (2008) – Risk of attacks by Nigerian rebels.

Egypt: anniversary of the violent crackdown on sit-ins staged on al-Adawiya Square and al-Nahda Square in Cairo (2013) - Demonstrations possible.

14 August

Italy: anniversary of the collapse of the Ponte Morandi (2018) – Commemorations likely in Genoa.

Pakistan: Independence Day (1947) – Security reinforcements, notably in Islamabad and risk of attacks.

Thailand: Constitutional Court set to rule on a petition for the dismissal of the prime minister – Demonstrations possible.

Türkiye: anniversary of the creation of the ruling party (AKP, 2001) – Celebrations to be expected.

UK (Northern Ireland): anniversary of the deployment of British troops Ulster (1969) – Rallies possible.

15 to 17 August

Portugal: potential strike by Easy Jet cabin crew led by Portugal's National Union of Civil Aviation Flight Personnel - Disruption possible.

15 August

Afghanistan: third anniversary of the capture of Kabul and the Taliban's return to power.

Bangladesh: anniversary of the death of the founding father of Bangladesh, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman (1975).

Congo: Independence Day (1960).

France: 80th anniversary of the Provence landings – Commemorations should be expected.

India: Independence Day (1947) – Security reinforcements and risk of attacks.

Japan/ South Korea/ China: anniversary of Japan's surrender in 1945 – Anti-Japanese demonstrations likely.

Kenya: hearing in Nairobi of the suspect who confessed to killing 42 women after their bodies were found in a dump (date TBC) – Demonstrations in response should be expected.

Liechtenstein: National Day.

Türkiye: anniversary of the start of the Kurdish insurgency (1984) – Demonstrations and violence likely.

16 August

South Africa: 12th anniversary of the Marikana massacre – Commemorations likely.

Cyprus: Independence Day.

17 August

Germany: anniversary of the death of Rudolf Hess (1894-1987) – Risk of demonstrations among neo-Nazi groups around the date.

Bangladesh: anniversary of the 2005 wave of Islamist terrorist attacks.

Gabon: Independence Day (1960).

Indonesia: Independence Day (1945) ceremony to be held in the future capital, Nusantara – Security reinforcements and disruption should be expected.

Spain: 7th anniversary of the Catalonia terrorist attacks (2017) – Commemorations expected.

Thailand: anniversary of the 2015 Bangkok bombing.

19 August

Afghanistan: Independence Day (1919) – Security reinforcements to be expected in Kabul, including a risk of attacks.

Myanmar: anniversary of the start of the 2007 demonstrations.

20 August

Japan: Tokyo International Conference of African Development in Yokohama – Security reinforcements and disruption should be expected.

Morocco: anniversary of the Revolution of the King and the People.

Russia: fourth anniversary of the imprisonment of opponent Alexei Navalny, who died in February 2024 – Demonstrations among his supporters should be expected.

Türkiye: anniversary of a terrorist attack on a wedding in Gaziantep (2016) – Commemorations possible.

21 August

Czech Republic: anniversary of the crackdown on the “Prague Spring” (1968).

Morocco: Youth Day and the birthday of King Mohammed VI.

Philippines: anniversary of the assassination of opponent, Benigno “Ninoy” Aquino (1983) – Demonstrations in Manila should not be ruled out.

World: International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism – Commemorations likely.

22 August

Germany: 32nd anniversary of xenophobic rioting in Rostock (1992).

23 August

World: International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition.

24 August

Ukraine: Independence Day – Ceremonies likely in major cities, amid war with Russia.

25 August

Italy: anniversary of the powerful earthquake that struck the Alta Valle del Tronto (2016), leaving more than 300 people dead – Commemorations to be expected.

North Korea: Day of Songun.

26 August

Namibia: Heroes' Day – Celebrations in Windhoek should not be ruled out.

Pakistan: anniversary of the death of Baloch tribal chief, Nawab Akbar Bugti (2006) – Commemorations, even attacks, possible.

Papua New Guinea: Repentance Day – Disruption and ceremonies to be expected on the occasion of the public holiday.

27 August

Gabon: anniversary of the 2016 presidential election contested by the opposition – Demonstrations should not be ruled out.

Moldova: Independence Day (1991) – Celebrations and security reinforcements likely.

From 28 August to 11 September

France: Paris 2024 Paralympic Games – Major security reinforcements in host cities.

29 August

Colombia: anniversary of the peace agreement between the government and the FARC guerrilla (2016).

United States: anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, which claimed more than 1,800 lives in the south of the country - Ceremonies to be expected.

30 August

Russia: Republic Day – Ceremonies likely in major cities.

31 August

Kyrgyzstan: Independence Day (1991).

Trinidad and Tobago: Independence Day (1962) – Festivities should be expected.

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