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THE SSF MONTHLY REPORT ON HIGH-RISK COUNTRIES

Summary of alerts – Countries to monitor –  
Calendar

# Focal points in February

- Bangladesh** **Uptick in crime**, particularly violent offences, reported in Dhaka. "**Operation Devil Hunt**" launched 8 February to **tackle crime** resulted in thousands of arrests. **Escalation in political tension** and **clashes**, especially between rival student factions.
- Chile** **State of emergency** declared and a **curfew** imposed in the night of 25 to 26 February due to an **unprecedented power outage** caused by a technical fault. A **state of emergency** was also declared in the regions of **Nuble** and **Maule** due to **forest fires**.
- Germany** **Car-ramming attack** during a trade union demonstration in **Munich**, in which **2 people were killed** and 36 others were injured. The **AfD** achieved a **historic breakthrough** in the 23 February **legislative elections**, won by the **CDU** conservative party.
- Greece** **State of emergency** declared in **Santorini** until 3 March and on the island of **Amorgos** until 11 March due to the increase and intense nature of the seismic activity. **National mass protests** staged in demand of justice in the **Tempi train crash** 28 February 2023, giving rise to clashes in Athens.
- Türkiye** Abdullah Öcalan, the imprisoned leader of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), called for the **dissolution of the separatist group and the end of the armed struggle** 27 February.

## In February:

📉 Decline

Bangladesh  
Bosnia-Herzegovina  
Congo (DRC)  
Germany

📈 Improvement

Guinea-Bissau  
Nicaragua  
Sudan  
South Sudan  
Senegal

## Countries to monitor in March

### World

**28 February to 29 March:** holy month of Ramadan for Muslims. Increased risk of a surge in tension and attacks, notably in the Israel-Palestine area.

**8 March:** International Women's Day - Strikes and demonstrations should be expected.

**20-21 March:** Persian New Year (Nowruz) notably in Iran.

### Italy

**7-8 March:** national general strike, particularly in the airline industry - Associated demonstrations should be expected.

### Namibia

**21 March:** new president to be sworn-in - Risk of opposition demonstrations.

### South Korea

**24 March:** hearing in the criminal trial against the deposed head of state, Yoon Seok Yeol, for insurrection - Pro and anti Yoon demonstrations should be expected in Seoul.

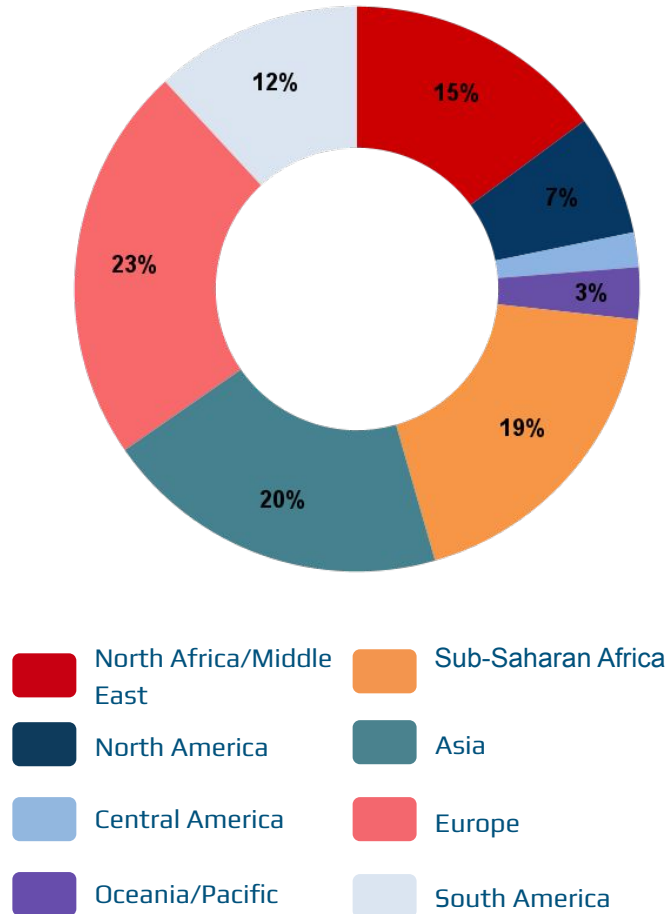
# Summary of Alerts

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+63 classified critical or urgent

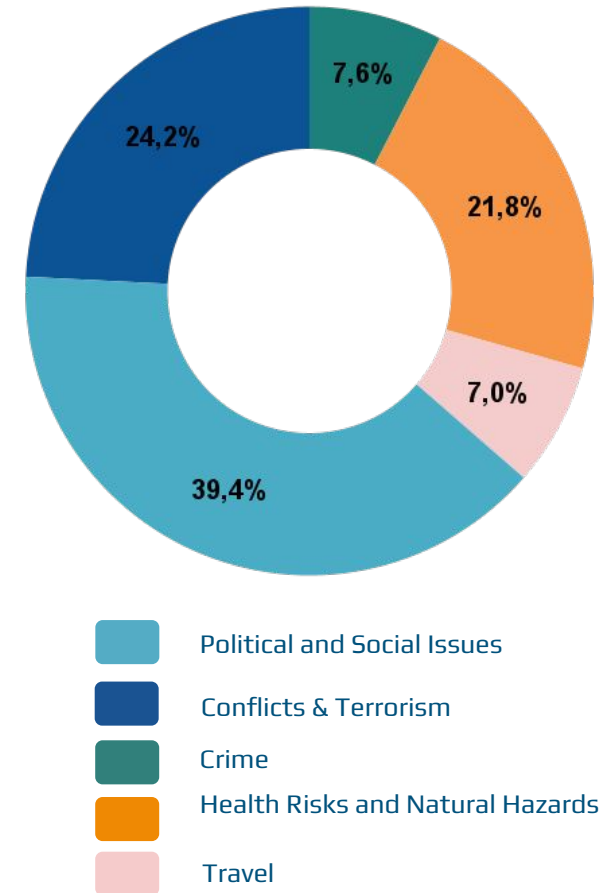
In February 2025, SSF issued a total of **914 safety-security alerts** concerning all kinds of risks in order to inform its customers of the latest events likely to have an impact on their interests and the safety or security of their employees throughout the world. The alerts covered **146 countries**.

**63** of the alerts were classified as **either critical or urgent**, which specifically activate our 24-hour Security Operations Centre (SOC).

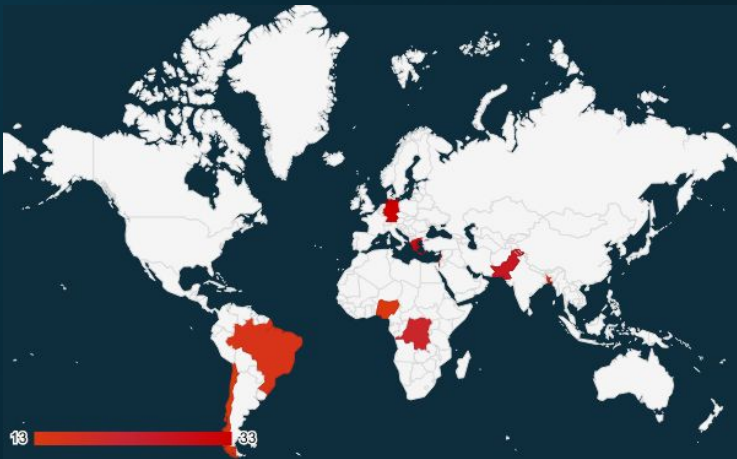
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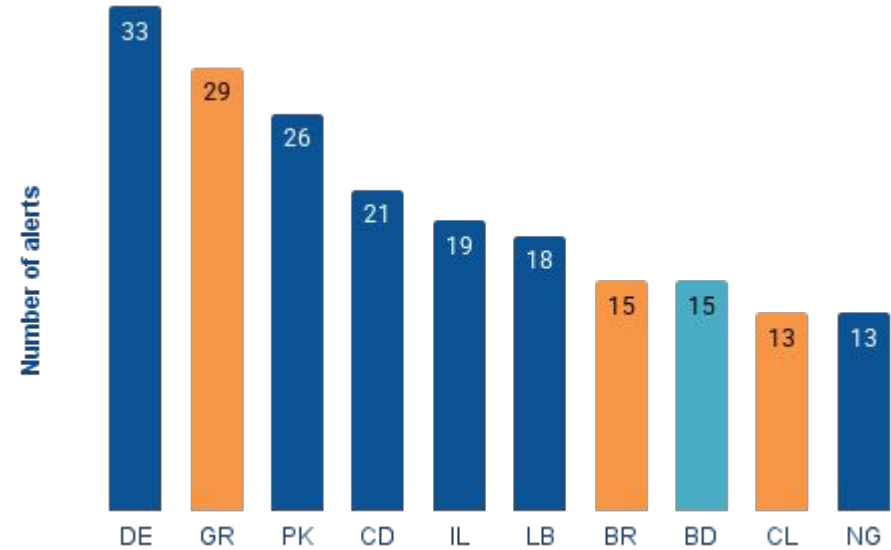
# 10 countries to monitor



Germany, Greece, Pakistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Israel and the Palestinian Territories, Lebanon, Brazil, Bangladesh, Chile and Nigeria are the countries that accounted for the highest number of alerts sent by SSF in February 2025.

In total, these 10 countries generated **202 safety-security alerts**, representing **22%** 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 February 2025 and main risk factor according to country



## Bangladesh

**Dhaka:** uptick in crime reported, particularly violent offences. Robberies have doubled since January 2024 according to official figures. **"Operation Devil Hunt" to curb crime** launched from 8 February (thousands of arrests made) in order to restore law and order following a **wave of student demonstrations** that resulted in the ransacking of buildings linked to former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The operation is aimed at criminal **"gangs"** with connections to the former regime, accused by the authorities of being responsible for the increase in crime meant to "destabilise" the country – **Ongoing tension and clashes between rival student factions**, notably in **Khulna** with 150 people injured in clashes between youths from the BNP and the SAD movement (18 February). **National rallies by the BNP** (12-25 February) in demand of better living conditions and against insecurity. Creation of the National Citizen Party (Jatiya Nagarik Party) 28 February, which emerged from the student movement that led to the fall of the Awami League regime in the summer of 2024, ahead of elections scheduled by early 2026 at the latest.

## Brazil

**Recife Metropolitan Area:** at least **6 dead** in **flooding and landslides** (5-6 February). Red level **heatwave** warning issued in the southeast and northeast of the country (12-21 February). **Disruption** caused by **heavy rain and violent winds** in several states (2-3, 22-27 February) – **São Paulo:** at least **2 dead** and disruption after a **small aircraft crashed** in Avenida Marquês de São Vicente (7 February) – Outskirts of **Rio de Janeiro:** **shooting** near the Curral Falso transport terminal in **Santa Cruz**, at least 7 people injured (4 February). Security operations and **armed clashes** reported in **Vila Kennedy** (one dead 11 February) and **Cidade Alta** (12 February) – **Bahia State:** at least **one dead** when the **roof** of the São Francisco

de Assis Church **collapsed**, in the centre of Salvador (5 February) – **Demonstrations** by workers nationwide (16 February), and civil servants in Brasilia (20 February) – Increase in opportunistic crime, security reinforcements and disruption should be expected on the occasion of the **Rio Carnival** (from 28 February).

## Chile

**State of emergency** and **curfew** declared in the night of 25 to 26 February due to an **unprecedented massive power cut** cause by a **technical fault**, affecting more than 90% of the population and resulting in significant disruption, including the evacuation of public transport, before the power was restored.– **State of emergency** declared in the regions of **Nuble** and **Maule**, **curfew** and **evacuations** imposed in several towns in the **Araucanía Region** due to **forest fires** (5-14 February) – **Santiago:** disruption caused by building **fires** in **San Joaquin** (2 February) and **Franklin** (12 February) – National **demonstrations** following the death of an indigenous rights activist (8 February) – **Earthquakes** measuring 5.1 west-south-west of Ovalle (2 February) and 5.0 west-north-west of Carahue (16 February).

## Congo (Democratic Republic)

**South Kivu:** **volatile** security situation and **capture of the city of Bukavu by the M23** (16 February), after the group took control of **Kavumu Airport** (14 February) and the towns of Ihusi and Kalehe (12 February). **Explosions** on Independence Square in Bukavu during a **rally** held by the **M23/Congo River Alliance** (AFC) left at least **12 dead** (27 February). Ongoing **clashes** with the FARDC (5, 11 February) despite the **ceasefire** declared unilaterally by the M23 from **4 February in the east of the DRC** for humanitarian reasons.

Night-time curfew in **Uvira** due to insecurity (7 February) – **North Kivu:** at least **3 dead** in an attack by the M23 on humanitarian workers in Rutshuru Territory (6 February). Shots fired at the MSF base in Masisi Centre leaving one employee seriously injured (20 February). **Demonstrations** in Goma and Beni following the killing of a popular artist (13 February). **Rally** called by the **AFC** (6 February) – **Congolese airspace closed to Rwandan aircraft** because of the armed conflict (13 February); brief closure of the Burundian border in Gatumba (13 February) – **Ituri Province:** **CODECO** militia attack in Djugu Territory, leaving at least 51 dead (10 February) – **Kinshasa:** 3 dead in a **Mobondo** militia attack in Maluku (5-6 February). Shots fired during **clashes** between demonstrators and the police in the Bon-Marché area (24 February).

## Germany

**36 people injured and 2 dead** in a **car-ramming attack** during a trade union demonstration in **Munich** 13 February. Religious and Islamist motives raised, but no connection found with a terrorist organisation. **Knife attack** at the Holocaust Memorial in Berlin 21 February. **Attack plot** targeting an asylum seeker shelter **thwarted** in Senftenberg 13 February. Targeted **shooting** outside the Bielefeld District Court 26 February – **Collision** between a, **ICE train** and a **lorry** at a level crossing south of Hamburg (1 February), one dead and more than 20 people injured, temporary closure of the Hamburg-Harburg/Buchholz road – **Historic breakthrough by the AfD** (20.5%) in the 23 February **legislative elections** and **victory** for the **CDU** conservatives. **Demonstrations** against the far-right and political rallies nationwide (15-16 February) – **Strikes and blockades:** public transport crippled in several cities and flights affected in the airports of Munich (27-28 February), Cologne-Bonn and Düsseldorf (23-25 February).

## Greece

**Increased seismic activity** in the **Cyclades** and in the marine area of **Anydros**, between **Santorini and Amorgos** from 1 February: multiple earthquakes recorded measuring 4.9 to 5.2, resulting in the departure of thousands of residents of Santorini. **State of emergency declared in Santorini** until 3 March (6 February) and on the island of **Amorgos** until 11 March (12 February) due to the intense nature of the seismic activity – **Nationwide: mass protests** in demand of justice in relation to the **Tempi train disaster** 28 February 2023, including **demonstrations** (22 & 28 February ) and a **general strike** (28 February), during which **clashes** were reported in **Athens**. Demonstration by civil servants (4 February), teachers' strike (7-8 February), strike and demonstrations by construction workers (12-13 February), healthcare workers and journalists (18 February) and taxi drivers (19 February) – **Shooting** outside the bus station in **Thessaloniki**, one dead (25 February) – **Flooding** in **Cephalonia** (since 13 Cephalonia).

## Israel/Palestine

**Tel Aviv District: suspected terrorist attack** following the explosion of 3 bombs on empty buses in Bat Yam, 2 other devices neutralised (20 February). Criminal shooting in Bnei Brak, one person injured (21 February). Fire at the Ramat Aviv shopping centre (6 February) – **Haifa District: suspected terrorist attack** (car-ramming and knife) near Pardes Hanna, 8 people injured (27 February) – **West Bank:** ongoing IDF operation in the north, Israeli drone strikes in Jenin and Qabatiya leaving at least 5 dead (1 February) , in Rafah leaving 3 dead (16 February), 2 Palestinians killed in the region of Al Faraa (19 February). 2 Israeli soldiers and several Palestinians killed in intense exchange of fired, in addition to a shooting near an Israeli checkpoint in **Tayasir**, leaving 7 injured, the perpetrators of both incidents neutralised (4 February)

– **Cross-border violence between Syria, Lebanon and Israel** (6 February), specifically Israeli strikes in Deir Ali (8 February) and at the border between Lebanon and Syria (9, 20-21 February) – **Central District:** 2 dead when a car bomb exploded in Taybeh and one person killed in a shooting in Lod (18 February) – **Gaza Strip:** ongoing Israeli strikes (26 February), and exchange of Israeli hostages and Palestinian prisoners between Hamas and Israel (1, 8, 15, 27 February) – **Nationwide:** funeral procession (26-27 February) and anti-government demonstrations (15 to 19 February).

## Lebanon

Ongoing **Israeli strikes** in **Lebanon**, despite the **ceasefire** between **Israel** and **Hezbollah**, notably in the **Bekaa Valley and Hermel region**, targeting Hezbollah positions in Hermel and Aainata (27 February), Janta and Qasr (25-26 February), as well as in the Bekaa Valley. At least 7 casualties reported since 15 February. The strikes also hit several towns in **Southern Lebanon and Nabatieh** – **Cross-border tension:** clashes between armed groups and artillery fire from Syria at the north of Lebanon (6-9 February), ongoing Israeli strikes targeting suspected Hezbollah positions at the border. Attack on a UNIFIL convoy (15 February) – **Funeral of the former leader of Hezbollah, Hassan Nasrallah**, in **Beirut** (23 February), including **special security reinforcements** and traffic restrictions – **Closure of Iranian airspace to Lebanese aircraft** (14 February), in response to the ban on Iranian flights landing in Beirut, resulting in demonstrations and air traffic disruption.

## Nigeria

**Several attacks in the Northern Region:** military air strike in **Zakka** (Katsina), killing 6 civilians 15 February.

**Boko Haram attack** on a military base in Bita (Borno) 11 February, killing 3 soldiers. 4 dead and several people kidnapped following an **armed assault** on the Majagada community (Kaduna) 5 February. Night-time curfew in force in **Gombe** since 6 February due to growing insecurity – Student **demonstrations** in Lokoja (Kogi) since 19 February following the death of 5 students; Abuja-Lagos motorway under threat from blockade, university closed – **Local elections** in **Osun** 22 February wrestling in traffic restrictions – **17 dead** and 16 people injured in a **fire** at a Koranic school in Kauran Namoda (Zamfara) 4 February. **30 dead** in a **collision** involving two **buses** on the Ore–Lagos motorway (Ondo) 2 February.

## Pakistan

**Balochistan:** 18 paramilitaries of the (FC) killed in an **ambush** carried out by the **Baloch Liberation Army** (BLA) 1 February. 7 Punjabis killed by the BLA in Barkhan (18 February). **11 miners killed** by explosives planted on a road (14 February) – **Khyber Pakhtunkhwa: violent fighting** between the army and armed groups, leaving 4 soldiers and 21 terrorists dead (15 and 21 February). Ongoing action by **Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan** (TTP) and the regional wing of the **Islamic State** group (IS), specifically a TTP attack on the dam at Bahadur Khel, killing 3 police officers (6 February). 2 dead in an **explosion** in a mosque in Akora Khattak (27 February). **Attacks** on a vaccination convoy in Peshawar (one dead 3 February) and on a humanitarian convoy in Khurram (one dead 17 February) – **Ongoing border tension:** 4 Pakistani soldiers killed in a skirmish with the Indian army (Jammu and Kashmir, 12 February); closure of the Torkham border crossing (Afghanistan, 22 February). – **National anti-government demonstrations** against the results of the 2024 legislative elections (8 February) and for the release of former Prime Minister Imran Khan (25 February).

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# Events to look out for in March

## March

**World:** renewed demonstrations in support of the Palestinian people should be expected in capitals and major cities. Disruption likely.

## 28 February to 8 March

**Brazil:** Rio Carnival, samba school parades at the Sambadrome – Large crowds and disruption should be expected, along with an uptick in petty crime.

## 28 February to 29 March

**World:** holy month of Ramadan for Muslims – Increased risk of tension and attacks, notably in the Israel-Palestine area, despite the ceasefire.

## 2 to 9 March

**Belgium:** demonstrations by the Congolese diaspora in Brussels – Disruption should be expected.

## 1 to 31 March

**Bosnia–Herzegovina:** traders set to demonstrate in Sarajevo – Disruption should be expected.

## 1 March

**Afghanistan:** anniversary of the destruction of statues of Buddha by the Taliban in Bamiyan (2001). Commemorations possible.

**Armenia:** anniversary of the crackdown on the 2008 riots – Demonstrations possible.

**Australia:** Mardi Gras LGBT parade, as well as an anti-immigration demonstration in Sydney – Security reinforcements and disruption should be expected.

**Bosnia–Herzegovina:** Independence Day – Celebrations should be expected.

**Croatia:** demonstration against poverty in Zagreb – Disruption should be expected.

**Denmark:** civil society demonstration against government policy in Copenhagen – Disruption should be expected.

**Germany:** march by the Russian opposition in Berlin – Security reinforcements and disruption should be expected.

**Georgia:** second round of the presidential election in the Abkhazia separatist region – Security reinforcements and disruption should be expected.

**Marshall Islands:** Nuclear Victims Remembrance Day.

**Israel/Palestine:** end of the first phase of the 42-day ceasefire in Gaza.

**Italy:** bus and tram strike in Sicily – Disruption should be expected.

**Namibia:** public holiday and funeral of the country's first president, Sam Nujoma – Security reinforcements and disruption should be expected.

**Paraguay:** Heroes' Day commemorations, notably in Asunción, on the public holiday – Disruption should be expected.

**Romania:** AUR nationalist party (far-right) demonstration in Bucharest – Security reinforcements should be expected.

**South Korea:** Independence Movement Day (Samiljeol) – Demonstrations to be expected in Seoul.

**Spain:** demonstration in demand of the resignation of the president of the Spanish region of Valencia – Disruption should be expected in Valencia.

**Syria:** transition government to be announced, in accordance with the fixed deadline.

**Türkiye:** doctors set to strike in Ankara – Disruption should be expected, particularly affecting access to healthcare.

**United Kingdom:** “Russia against Putin” march scheduled in London organised by a group in memory of Alexei Navalny, as well as rival demonstrations in Nuneaton (Stand Up To Racism & Britain First) – Disruption should be expected.

**Uruguay:** left-wing candidate, Yamandu Orsi, set to enter the presidential office – Security reinforcements should be expected.

## 2 March

**Burkina Faso:** anniversary of the fatal attacks by the GSIM in Ouagadougou, notably targeting French interests (2018) – High threat of jihadist attacks across the country.

**Ethiopia:** commemoration of the Battle of Adwa (1896) - Security reinforcements and disruption should be expected.

**Honduras:** anniversary of the assassination of Berta Cáceres, a Honduran environmental activist (2016) – Civil society demonstrations possible.

**Moldova:** Transnistria War Remembrance Day (1991 - 1992) - Commemorations to be expected.

**Myanmar:** anniversary of the military coup by General Ne Win (1962) - Anti-junta demonstrations possible and risk of an escalation in violence.

**Zimbabwe:** anniversary of the declaration of the Republic of Rhodesia.

## 3 to 7 March

**United States:** Third Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in New York – Rallies should be expected, disruption possible.

## 3 March

**Bulgaria:** Liberation Day (1878) – Ceremonies likely across the country, notably in Sofia.

## 4 to 5 March

**China:** "Two Sessions" Chinese Communist Party, specifically the National People's Congress and Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), including a speech by the prime minister – Security reinforcements should be expected in Beijing.

## 4 March

**Republic of the Congo:** anniversary of the fatal explosion at a munitions depot in Brazzaville (2012) – Commemorations likely.

**Egypt:** Arab League Summit for Palestine in Cairo – Security reinforcements should be expected, rallies possible.

**Spain:** national trade union demonstrations, led by the, *Central Sindical Independiente y de Funcionarios* (CSIF) – Disruption should be expected.

**Italy:** hearing in Rome for the conditional release of the former captain of the Costa Concordia – Demonstrations possible.

**Peru:** attempted coup trial against former Peruvian President Pedro Castillo set to open in Lima – Risk of demonstrations among his supporters.

**United Kingdom:** farmers set to stage "Pancake Day Rally" in London – Traffic restrictions and disruption should be expected.

**Tunisia:** demonstration in demand of the release of political prisoners as opponents go on trial in Tunis for plotting against state security – Security reinforcements and disruption should be expected.



## 5 March

**United States:** President Donald Trump to give a State of the Union address before Congress – Demonstrations and security reinforcements should be expected.

**Greece:** national demonstrations led by trade unions and associations in remembrance of the Tempa train disaster - Mass disruption should be expected across the country, risk of unrest, especially in Athens.

**Indonesia:** trade union demonstrations in Jakarta and Semarang – Security reinforcements and disruption should be expected, clashes should not be ruled out.

**Italy:** march to be staged by farmers with their tractors in Rome – Disruption should be expected.

**Russia:** anniversary of the death of Joseph Stalin – Commemorations likely, especially in Moscow.

**Slovenia:** demonstrations in Ljubljana against the city mayor and outside the Serbian Embassy – Security reinforcements and disruption should be expected.

**Venezuela:** anniversary of the death of former President Hugo Chávez (2013) – Demonstrations and commemorations possible.

## 6 March

**Ghana:** Independence Day (1957) – Celebrations likely.

**Panama:** demonstration in front of the National Assembly in Panama City in protest against a social security reform – Security reinforcements and disruption should be expected.

## 7 to 8 March

**Italy:** 24-hour national general strike starting at 21:00 local time 7 March, led by several trade unions affecting all transport (trains, planes, public transport) and schools – Travel disruption and demonstrations should be expected.

**Serbia:** strikes and demonstrations led by students in Belgrade and Novi Sad - Security reinforcements and disruption should be expected.

## 7 March

**United States:** national rallies against the Trump Administration and in defence of science, notably in Washington DC.

**France:** "feminist and radical night march" in Paris on the occasion of International Women's Day – Authorities could decide to ban the event, risk of unrest.

## 8 March

**Australia:** Western Australia state elections – Disruption possible.

**Hungary:** demonstration led by the Chamber of Doctors and the Union of Hungarian Doctors in Budapest – Disruption should be expected.

**Malaysia:** anniversary of the disappearance of flight MH370 (2014) – Families of the victims could decide to gather.

**Poland:** commemoration of the anniversary of the student uprising and anti-Semitic purge in Warsaw (1968).

**Russia:** 20th anniversary of the death of Chechen separatist leader, Aslan Maskhadov, killed by the Russian Special Forces – Commemorations possible.

**World:** International Women's Day – Demonstrations and strikes likely in many countries.

## 9 to 16 March

**France:** Paris-Nice cycle race – Security reinforcements and disruption should be expected.

## 9 March

**Honduras:** primary elections ahead of the general elections scheduled in November 2025 – Security reinforcements and disruption should be expected, political rallies, including a risk of unrest, should be ruled out.

## 10 to 14 March

**United States:** CERAWEEK energy conference in Houston – Demonstrations possible, security could be stepped up at a local level.

## 10 and 17 March

**China:** anniversaires de l'exil forcé du Dalaï Lama en 1959 et des émeutes de March 2008 au Tibet – Actions de commémoration possibles.

## 10 March

**Argentina:** 20th anniversary of the arrest of former Nazi colonel Paul Schaefer, founder of the Colonia Dignidad in Chile – Demonstrations possible.

**Benin:** trial in Cotonou of Steve Amoussou, alias "Brother Hounvi", a cyberactivist arrested in August for criticising the government – Demonstrations should not be ruled out.

**India:** religious gathering in New Delhi – Security reinforcements should be expected, risk of clashes.

**Japan:** 80th anniversary of the bombing of Tokyo by the US forces, which claimed between 80,000 and 100,000 lives – Commemorations should be expected.

**Switzerland:** "Morgestraich" lantern parade for the start of the Basel Carnival – Disruption should be expected.

## 11 March

**Argentina:** eight healthcare professionals on trial for alleged negligence that led to the death of Diego Maradona in Buenos Aires – Demonstrations possible.

**Australia:** National Day of Action Against Nuclear Power – Anti-nuclear rallies and demonstrations should be expected.

**Denmark:** legislative elections in Nuuk, Greenland.

**Japan:** anniversary of the tsunami and the Fukushima disaster (2011) – Commemorations likely, anti-nuclear demonstrations possible.

**Lesotho:** Moshoeshoe Day, commemorating the death of the founder of Lesotho (1870).

**Lithuania:** Independence Day (1990– Ceremonies likely, specifically in Vilnius.

**Spain:** anniversary of the 2004 Madrid bombings – Commemorations likely.

**Türkiye:** rallies likely, especially in Istanbul, on the anniversary of the death of Berkin Elvan, a symbol of police brutality (2014) – Incidents possible.

## 12 to 13 March

**Japan:** 12th Annual World Ocean Summit in Tokyo – Security reinforcements should be expected, environmental demonstrations possible.

## 12 to 27 March

**Portugal:** national partial strike by pilots – Flight disruption should be expected.

## 12 March

**Austria:** anniversary of the Austrian Anschluss by Germany led by Adolf Hitler (1938).

**Belgium:** public transport strike – Disruption should be expected.

**India:** anniversary of the 1993 Mumbai attacks - Sectarian violence possible, including a high threat of terrorist attack in Mumbai.

**Japan:** press conference with the families of the victims of the sarin Tokyo subway attack - Commemorations should be expected.

**Mauritius:** celebrations for Independence Day, obtained from the UK in 1968 – Disruption likely.

**Serbia:** anniversary of the assassination of Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic (2003) – Demonstration possible in Belgrade.

**South Africa:** Finance Minister Enoch Godongwana to give a speech on the budget in Cape Town.

**United States:** new customs tariff on aluminum and steel set to come into force.

## 14 March

**Australia:** a former Australian soldier to appear in court in Sydney on war crimes charges - Demonstrations possible.

**Bangladesh, India:** Hindu festival of Holi – Disruption and security reinforcements likely, notably in New Delhi and Dhaka.

**Lebanon:** anniversary of the first invasion of Southern Lebanon by Israel (Operation Litani, 1978) – Risk of anti-Israel demonstrations against a backdrop of the war in Gaza and cross-border clashes at the southern border with Israel.

**Vietnam:** anniversary of the naval battle with China over the control of the Spratly Islands in which 80 people were killed (1988) – Demonstrations likely.

## 15 March

**Hungary:** Memorial Day of the 1848 Revolution – Celebrations likely, notably in Budapest.

**New Zealand:** 6th anniversary of the Christchurch mosque terrorist attack (2019) – Commemorations likely.

**Syria:** anniversary of the start of the protest movement against the regime of Bashar al-Assad (2011).

**World:** International Day To Combat Islamophobia - Demonstrations likely.

## 16 March

**Brazil:** former Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro has called for national demonstrations against the government of Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva – Security reinforcements and disruption should be expected.

**Latvia:** Remembrance Day of the Latvian Legionnaires – Commemorations likely in Riga, rallies possible in opposition.

## 17 and 18 March

**Argentina:** 48-hour national university strike – Disruption should be expected.

## 17 to 21 March

**United States:** Game Developers Conference (GDC) in San Francisco.

## 17 March

**Ireland:** St. Patrick's Day – Celebrations should be expected.

**Kyrgyzstan:** anniversary of the Aksy uprising (2002) – Commemorations and demonstrations possible.

## 18 March

**Algeria:** anniversary of the signing of the Evian Accords recognising Algerian independence – Commemorations likely in view of the severe deterioration in relations between Paris and Algiers.

**Italy:** national rail strike – Train disruption should be expected.

**Taiwan:** anniversary of the “Sunflower Movement” (2014) – Student demonstration possible.

**Tunisia :** anniversary of the attack on the Bardo National Museum (2015) – Remembrance ceremony possible in Tunis.

## 19 March

**Libya:** anniversary of the intervention by the international coalition against the regime of Colonel Muammar Gaddafi (2011) - Demonstrations possible amid ongoing poor political situation.

**Russia, Ukraine:** 11th anniversary of the annexation of Crimea by Russia - Demonstrations and commemorations should be expected in both countries.

## 20–21

## March

**Shiite World:** Persian New Year (Nowruz) notably in **Iran, Afghanistan**, Kurdish regions of Iraq, **Türkiye** and **Syria**, as well as in **Central Asia** – Travel disruption and security reinforcements should be expected, threat of anti-Shiite attacks should not be ruled out.

## 20 March

**Iraq:** anniversary of the 2003 invasion that led to the fall of Saddam Hussein – Demonstrations and commemorative events to be expected, notably in Baghdad.

## 20 March

**Japan :** anniversary of the sarin gas attack on the Tokyo subway in 1995 (13 dead and 6,300 injured).

**Tunisia :** Independence Day (1956) – Celebrations likely and high risk of anti-government demonstrations.

## 21 March

**Mexico:** birthday of former President Benito Juárez (1806) – Commemorations likely, notably in Oaxaca State on the occasion of the public holiday.

**Namibia:** Independence Day celebrations (1990) and President-elect Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah (NNN) to be sworn-in following the November 2024 elections – Ceremonies should be expected, notably in Windhoek. Risk of opposition demonstrations after the election process was condemned for being "marred" by irregularities.

**South Africa:** National Human Rights Day – Commemorations should be expected.

**World:** first World Glacier Day.

**World:** International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination – Rallies likely among civil society.

## 22 March

**Belgium:** anniversary of the 2016 jihadist attacks on the international airport and metro in Brussels (32 dead) - Tributes to the victims likely.

**Ethiopia:** 50th anniversary of the abolition of the monarchy in Ethiopia - Commemorations should be expected.

**France:** demonstrations against racism, fascism and the government led by the *France Insoumise* (FI) political party - Security reinforcements and disruption should be expected.

**India:** general strike (“bandh”) in Karnataka State in condemnation of the assault of a bus driver in Belagavi - Related demonstrations should be expected, along with disruption.

**United Kingdom:** anniversary of the 2017 terrorist attack in the vicinity of the London Parliament, claimed by the Islamic State (IS) – Commemorations likely.

**World:** World Water Day – Environmental demonstrations likely.

## 23 March

**Pakistan:** celebrations for “Republic Day” or “Pakistan Day” – Security reinforcements and disruption should be expected, risk of PTI opposition demonstrations. .

**Portugal:** early regional elections in Madeira to elect the Legislative Assembly of the autonomous region.

**Syria, Iraq:** 6th anniversary of the declaration made by the Arab-Kurdish forces of the end of the Islamic State (IS) “caliphate” following the capture of the Baghuz stronghold, backed by the US – Commemorations should not be ruled out.

**Türkiye:** primary elections of the CHP opposition party to choose its candidate in the next presidential election.

## 24 March

**Argentina:** Day of Remembrance for Truth and Justice commemorating the victims of the coup and dictatorship (1976-1983) – Demonstrations likely, notably in Buenos Aires.

**Kyrgyzstan:** anniversary of the Tulip Revolution (2005) - Demonstrations possible in Bishkek.

**Serbia:** 26th anniversary of the launch of the NATO bombing campaign on Serb targets, including Belgrade - Commemorations likely, anti-NATO demonstrations should not be ruled out.

**South Korea:** second hearing in the criminal trial against deposed head of state, Yoon Seok Yeol, for insurrection – Pro and anti Yoon demonstrations should be expected in Seoul.

**United States:** anniversary of the demonstrations in support of gun control (2018) – Rallies likely across the country.

## 25 March

**Belarus:** Freedom Day commemorating the creation of the Belarusian People's Republic (1918) – Unofficial public holiday, security reinforcements should be expected.

**Greece:** Independence Day (1821) - Demonstrations and military parades, security reinforcements should be expected.

**Saudi Arabia:** 50th anniversary of the assassination of King Faisal of Saudi Arabia – Commemorations should be expected.

**World:** International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade - Demonstrations likely.

## 26 March

**Algeria:** anniversary of the abduction of French monks from Tibhirine (1996).

**Bangladesh:** Independence Day (1971) – Celebrations likely, risk of demonstrations given poor political situation.

**Bolivia:** start of the trial against two former Spanish Catholic priests accused of covering up cases of pedophilia in Bolivia – Rallies possible.

**Italy:** preliminary hearing against Italian Tourism Minister Daniela Santanche, in connection with suspected fraud during the Covid pandemic – Demonstrations possible.

**Myanmar:** Armed Forces Day – Demonstrations should be expected.

## 28 March

**South Africa:** hearing in the corruption trial against former South African Defence Minister Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula.

## 29 March

**Chile:** Day of the Young Combatant – Rallies and security reinforcements possible.

**Gabon:** launch of the campaign for the 12 April presidential election – Political rallies should be expected in the run up to the ballot.

**Indonesia:** “Day of Silence” (Nyepi) in Bali on the occasion of the Hindu New Year – Activities suspended, closure of Denpasar Airport should be expected.

**Philippines:** anniversary of the creation of the New People's Army (NPA) – High threat of attacks.

**Russia:** anniversary of the 2010 twin bombings on the Moscow metro (40 dead) – Commemorations possible.

## 30 March

**Peru:** start of operations at the new Jorge Chávez International Airport in Lima (LIM).

## 31 March to 1 April

**United Kingdom:** government Border Security Summit to tackle criminal networks behind migrant trafficking – Demonstrations possible in London.

## 31 March to 7 April

**France:** trial of an individual who carried out a bomb attack in Lyon in May 2019, on behalf of the Islamic State, leaving a dozen people injured.

## 31 March

**Venezuela:** start of the trial against human rights activist, Rocío San Miguel.

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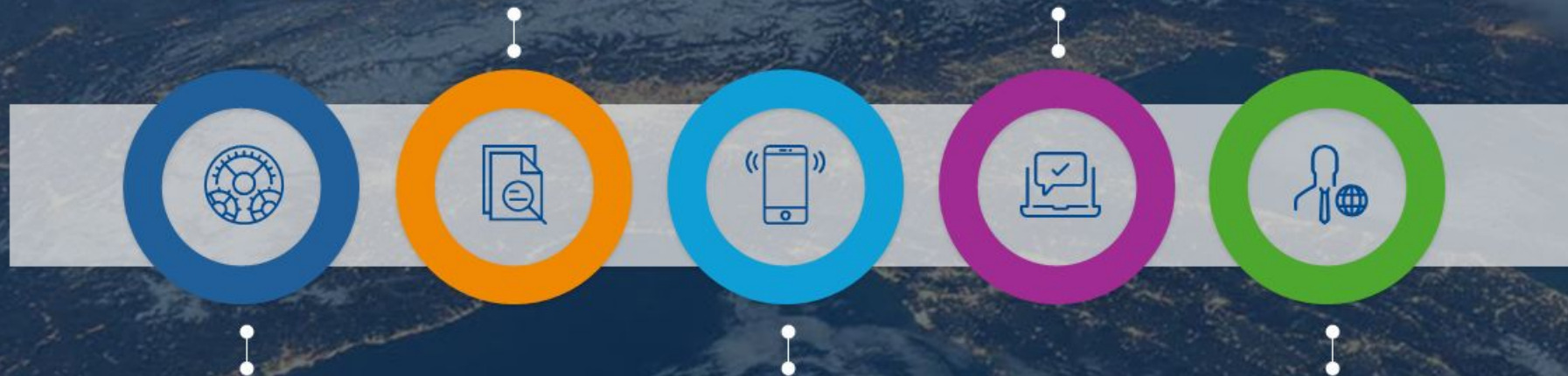
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