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Series of Atmospheric Rivers to Impact Northern California, Winter Storm Likely for the Northeast

A [flood watch](#) is in effect through Tuesday night for much of northern California, including San Jose, San Francisco, Oakland, and Sacramento. The mountains and foothills have received several inches of rain over the last 72 hours, making the region more susceptible to flooding. Localized flooding is possible, especially in poor drainage and urban areas. This is a relatively warm storm system, thus snow levels and [winter storm warnings](#) are restricted to elevations mainly above 5,500 feet. [Heavy snow](#) could result in dangerous travel conditions and intermittent closures near Donner Pass at I-80. A faster-moving system will impact the region again between Thursday afternoon and early Friday. This storm will be colder and could result in snow levels falling to valley floors. Isolated flooding and gusty winds are expected for the Bay Area.

On the other side of the country, a cold air mass over the northern U.S. and a weak developing low-pressure system over the Midwest will set the stage for potentially disruptive winter weather between Iowa and Maine later this week. As the storm strengthens Wednesday afternoon, sleet is expected to fall along the northern edge of the precipitation shield from Iowa through Virginia. A quick burst of wintry precipitation, including sleet and freezing rain, is possible for cities such as Chicago, Detroit, and Cleveland late Wednesday into Thursday morning before warmer air moves in and rain takes over.

The most substantial winter weather is expected across the northeastern U.S., where most of Pennsylvania and the Southern Tier of New York will experience a mix of sleet and freezing rain on Thursday. Confidence remains low for I-95 cities such as Washington D.C., Philadelphia, and New York

City as temperatures may remain too warm for impactful wintery precipitation. As the storm shifts into New England later Thursday, heavy snow may fall across portions of Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine. Confidence in exact snow and ice totals remains low at this time as small fluctuations in temperature can have a huge impact on final amounts.

U.S. Announces Tariffs on Canada and China, to Pause Levies on Mexico

On Saturday, the White House [announced](#) 25% tariffs on all goods entering the United States from Mexico, 25% on almost all goods from Canada (energy and oil exports will be subject to a lower tariff rate of 10%), and 10% on Chinese products. The U.S. will also be [ending](#) the “de minimis exemption” for low-value Chinese imports, closing a loophole used by retailers like Shein and Temu. The measures are set to go into effect at 12:01 am ET on Tuesday; however, earlier this morning, Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum [said](#) that U.S. tariffs on her country would be paused for at least a month after reaching a deal with the U.S. that would see an additional 10,000 members of the Mexican National Guard deployed to prevent drug trafficking.

As of this writing, a similar deal has not yet been reached with Canada, which has announced that it would be imposing its own 25% tariffs on a [range of U.S.-manufactured goods](#). Canadian officials have [indicated](#) that the products selected for tariffs were chosen at least in part to impact Republican-controlled U.S. states disproportionately. Ontario also said they would [cancel](#) a contract with the Elon Musk-controlled Starlink. China has [not outlined](#) any specific retaliatory measures, although they did say they intended to bring a case before the World Trade Organization.

The effects of tariffs are likely to be wide-ranging, although some industries are more exposed than others. This is particularly true of the [auto industry](#), which often sees vehicle components cross borders between the U.S. and Canada or Mexico several times before final assembly. Analysts with Wolfe Research [estimate](#) that the final cost of a new car, already close to all-time highs, may increase a further \$3,000 due to the new duties. Food and agricultural products form another [vulnerable sector](#) of the economy, although Mexico’s one-month reprieve may avoid the most dramatic price increase for U.S. consumers. U.S. farmers, however, are seeing many of their products [targeted](#) by Canada’s retaliatory tariffs. They may also face higher fertilizer costs since Canada is a major source of fertilizer imports.

As the U.S. continues conversations with Canada and Mexico, U.S. President Donald Trump said new tariffs on the [European Union](#) will “definitely happen,” while the United Kingdom could see levies as well.

Super Bowl Festivities Kick Off in New Orleans as Authorities Ramp Up Security

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Travelers are converging on New Orleans for Super Bowl LIX, with road closures and area restrictions already in place ahead of Sunday's match between the Kansas City Chiefs and Philadelphia Eagles at the Caesars Superdome. Over 125,000 people are [expected](#) to travel for the game. Security will be particularly heightened following a deadly [car-ramming attack](#) earlier this year in the host city.

A number of other major events will take place surrounding the Super Bowl, highlighted by the [first-ever Super Bowl Host Committee Parade](#) on Saturday in the French Quarter and the NFL Honors ceremony on [Thursday](#) at the Saenger Theater. Other larger events [include](#) Opening Night, the Super Bowl Experience Festival, and the Louisiana Cultural Festival. Several [watch parties](#) will also be held in Philadelphia and Kansas City.

The AlertMedia team has not surfaced any credible, specific threats against the Super Bowl, nor have we observed concrete calls for demonstration activity; however, the event's high-profile nature makes it an attractive target for threat actors and activists seeking attention for their causes. In addition, there is potential for unrest among fan groups following the game's end, both in New Orleans and the teams' home cities of Kansas City and Philadelphia.

A more in-depth look at Super Bowl LIX 2025, including details related to planned security measures, transport restrictions, and other important considerations, can be found in [AlertMedia's Situation Report](#).

Climate and Natural Hazards

- **Historic Rainfall Forces Evacuations in Northern Queensland:** Intense rainfall within a slow-moving monsoon trough has led to historic rainfall between Cairns and Mackay dating back to last week. Widespread locations have [observed](#) more than 250mm (10in) over the last 72 hours, though according to local media, localized areas just north of Townsville received [more than 600mm \(23.6in\) of rain](#) in just 19 hours. At least one fatality has been reported, and [thousands have been forced to evacuate](#). Life-threatening flash flooding and additional emergency warnings are expected to continue, especially near Townsville, as above-average rainfall is forecast throughout the week.
- **Greek Authorities Monitoring Seismic Swarm, Advise Caution:** On Sunday, Greece's [Minister of Climate Crisis and Civil Protection](#) determined that a current "seismic swarm" consisting of more than 200 earthquakes is due to submarine faults and is not related to volcanic activity. Monday afternoon, Greek authorities sent an [emergency alert](#) advising residents to remain vigilant following prolonged seismic activity in the broader region surrounding the islands of Ios,

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Amorgos, Thira, and Anafi. The message came shortly after [officials](#) prohibited access to Sand, Armenia, and Old Port on the island of Thira due to the risk of landslides. It is unclear whether seismic activity will slowly deescalate or if a larger earthquake may occur, but at least some elevated activity is likely to continue for weeks. Schools in Santorini, Amorgos, Paros, Antiparos, and Naxos were [closed Monday](#). Additional precautionary recommendations from authorities include avoiding large gatherings inside buildings and approaching abandoned buildings.

- **Argentina Grapples With Wildfires:** Multiple wildfires have been reported across Río Negro and Chubut Provinces in recent days amid above-average temperatures and strong winds. The most significant blaze is near El Bolsón. At least [120 homes have been destroyed](#), and more than 3,000 hectares have burned. One fatality has been reported, and over [1,000 people have been evacuated](#). The fire remains out of control.
- **Tropics Becoming Increasingly Active in Southern Hemisphere:** The [U.S. Joint Typhoon Warning Center](#) is currently tracking four tropical cyclones across the Southern Indian and Southern Pacific Oceans. [Tropical Cyclone 15P](#) is currently impacting New Caledonia and Vanuatu as a tropical storm equivalent. Heavy rain and gusty winds are expected through Tuesday before another disturbance approaches. [Tropical Cyclone Fadia](#) is making landfall along Madagascar's eastern coast, bringing a heightened risk of heavy rain and flooding across the country's northern regions through midweek. By the weekend, significant wind and rainfall impacts could also threaten Mozambique.
- **Other Severe Weather Events:** For a daily look at significant weather events around the world, read AlertMedia's [Daily Severe Weather Report](#).

Worldwide

- **M23 Marching on Another Congolese Provincial Capital:** Having consolidated control of Goma, M23 rebels are now [moving south](#) to Bukavu, the capital of the Congolese province of South Kivu, although their advance appears to have been [stalled](#) by the Congolese army, supported by Burundi. The prospect of another major population center and trading hub switching hands would spell further difficulties for the disbursement of humanitarian aid in the war-torn region and raise the possibility of conflict enveloping more of the region. Elsewhere in the DRC, mass protests calling for the government to do more to safeguard the eastern part of the country led to rioting and attacks on embassies in [Kinshasa](#), with further demonstrations expected tomorrow. Since last Sunday, over 700 people have been [killed](#) in the fighting. M23 has [vowed](#) to take its campaign all the way to Kinshasa, though the capital is over 1,000 miles away.
- **U.S. Officials Warn of Increasing Gun Battles, IEDs in and Around Reynosa:** The U.S. Embassy and Consulates in Mexico issued a security alert warning of "increasingly frequent gun battles"

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occurring in the area around Reynosa, as well as the deployment of improvised explosive devices (IEDs) along dirt and secondary roads in Reynosa, Rio Bravo, Valle Hermosa, and San Fernando. Embassy officials have responded to the threat by barring U.S. government employees from traveling in and around Reynosa and Rio Bravo outside daylight hours and to avoid dirt roads throughout Tamaulipas. The alert comes as various splinter groups of the Gulf Cartel [engage](#) in blockades and shootouts, affecting roadways around Reynosa, including along the Matamoros-Reynosa highway.

- **Antisemitic Attacks Increase in Australia:** Sydney and Melbourne have seen a wave of [antisemitic](#) incidents, consisting primarily of arson attacks and vandalism, dating back to Hamas' surprise attack on Israel on October 7, 2023. Among the most recent incidents was an [arson attack](#) on a childcare center near a synagogue in Sydney that caused extensive damage but no injuries. In another instance, several cars were discovered on the outskirts of Sydney, filled with explosives and accompanied by an antisemitic note. Police have established Operation Strike Force Pearl to investigate the incidents, which Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has suggested may be centrally organized, with people being paid to commit crimes. So far, 11 people have been charged in connection with the attacks.
- **Colombia Declares State of Internal Commotion Amid Fighting Between Rival Groups:** Fighting between the National Liberation Army (ELN) and a dissident group of the disbanded Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) has continued in Colombia's Catatumbo region, causing Colombian President Gustavo Petro to declare a [state of internal unrest](#) in the area for the first time since 2008. Colombia has launched a military operation in coordination with [Venezuela](#) to quell the unrest, which has thus far displaced more than 50,000 people and killed at least 80, although the latter number is likely an [underestimate](#). To provide relief to the primarily agricultural workforce that the fighting has displaced, the Colombian government has [enacted](#) three decrees aimed at providing financial assistance to farmers.
- **Germany Protests Targeting CDU/CSU:** Tens of thousands of people have [demonstrated](#) against the CDU party in recent days over its cooperation with the Alternative for Germany (AfD) party to [pass a non-binding resolution](#) on migration in parliament. Multiple civil society, environmental, and other organizations have [organized](#) demonstrations against the Christian Democrats Union (CDU) party conference in Berlin today. The Zusammen gegen Rechts initiative and the group Fridays for Future's main entrance earlier today, with demonstration activity by various groups expected to continue through the evening.

Cyber and Regulatory

- **DeepSeek AI Release Makes Waves, Prompts Security Concerns:** The Artificial Intelligence (AI) community was in a frenzy last week after China-based DeepSeek released a powerful new reasoning model, R1. The launch pushed DeepSeek to the [top of the app store charts](#) and led to a significant [tech stock selloff](#). It also prompted calls for caution when using the app due to identified [data exposures](#) and general privacy concerns, as the company [sends user data](#) to its home base in China. Italy has [blocked](#) the app, Taiwan [barred](#) its government departments from using it, and in the U.S., similar [directives](#) were reportedly issued for Navy and NASA personnel, Texas [government-issued devices](#), and [congressional offices](#).
- **Pakistan's Electronic Crimes Act Amendments Cause Backlash, Protests:** The Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists (PFUJ) held nationwide protests last week and is [threatening more](#) demonstrations in the coming days in response to recently approved amendments to the [Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act](#) (PECA) that [reportedly](#) broaden the definition of online content that authorities can block and introduce new penalties like fines and jail time for spreading false information. The new measures, ostensibly aimed at tamping down the spread of fake news online, have been denounced by the PFUJ and others who [say](#) they will curtail freedom of speech in the country. The developments are the latest in what [activists say](#) is a concerted effort by the government to assert control of the country's online environment.
- **FDA Warns of Vulnerabilities in Healthcare Patient Monitors:** Last week, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an [advisory](#) warning healthcare providers and patients about cybersecurity flaws in Contec CMS8000 and Epsimed MN-120 patient monitors, which [display](#) patient vitals. The vulnerabilities—activated when devices are connected to the Internet—include unauthorized remote control, a hidden software backdoor, and the potential to exfiltrate patient data, including personally identifiable information (PII). Although no incidents have been reported, experts urge IT staff at healthcare facilities to take action. Notably, the FDA advises using only the local monitoring features of affected devices.
- **EU Plans to Simplify Regulations:** The European Commission is preparing measures to [simplify](#) its thicket of regulations and reduce burdens on businesses as they seek to better compete with the U.S. and China. The effort aligns with the newly unveiled [Competitiveness Compass](#), which is part of a push to increase the global competitiveness of EU firms. EU policymakers plan to work closely with member states, while commissioners will report annually on their progress in streamlining regulations. Businesses, including SMEs, will provide input on compliance challenges. The initiative aims to foster innovation, growth, and a more resilient EU by making rules clearer and more efficient.

- **New York Blood Center Suffers Ransomware Attack:** The New York Blood Center, a major nonprofit blood supplier, suffered a ransomware attack on Sunday, January 26, disrupting operations and forcing cancellations of appointments and blood drives. The attack comes amid a [blood shortage](#), with the NYBC saying that they have only a one-to-two-day supply of type O blood. While the organization is still accepting donations, wait times are longer. There is currently no timeline for [restoring](#) systems to their full functionality. A similar recent ransomware [attack](#) on Maryland's Frederick Health Medical Group forced IT shutdowns, delays, and at least one facility closure.

Infrastructure and Supply Chain

- **Deadly Plane Crash in Washington Puts American Aviation Safety in Spotlight:** Last week's collision between a passenger jet and an Army helicopter near Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) marked the country's [deadliest air accident](#) since November 2001. Investigations into the incident are ongoing, and though a preliminary National Transportation Safety Board report is [expected](#) within a month, a full accounting may not arrive for a year or more. Nevertheless, the crash has shined a spotlight on the nation's aviation industry, particularly personnel issues at air traffic control towers, as staffing was [reportedly](#) "not normal" at the DCA tower at the time of the collision. In the days following the event, national media [highlighted](#) that most U.S. airport terminal towers lack enough controllers to meet industry standards, and hiring targets for fully certified controllers are not being met.
- **Mexican Authorities Reinforce Security in Acapulco After Transport Worker Slayings:** Officials have [increased security efforts](#) in Acapulco following armed attacks that resulted in the [deaths](#) of delivery workers from Coca-Cola FEMSA, Grupo Modelo, and Sigma Alimentos. The fatal shootings, which occurred on the same day at three points across the port city, led the companies, as well as several entities involved in food and beverage distribution in the area, to briefly [suspend](#) their operations there. While multinational organizations have [resumed](#) working, fears of further attacks are [reportedly](#) lingering, as is [unrest](#) among drivers.
- **European Officials Investigating After Another Undersea Cable Damaged:** Swedish officials [boarded](#) a Maltese-flagged, Bulgarian-owned cargo ship last week on suspicion that it was involved in the [latest incident](#) of undersea cable damage in the Baltic. Limited details have been released on the investigation into the vessel, named Vezhen, but it appears to be the sole target of authorities' inquiry, as a separate cargo ship with an all-Russian crew that was [detained](#) by Norwegian officials has now been [released](#) after officials found no link. The incident is the latest in a string of similar events in recent months and comes despite the launching of a NATO mission aimed at enhancing critical infrastructure security in the Baltic.

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- **Potential Deals Would See Major Investment in South African Rail:** South African coal and iron-ore exporters are [reportedly](#) close to agreements with state-owned logistics company Transnet that would see them invest billions of rand to help repair rail infrastructure in exchange for rights to operate private trains on key export routes. The potential deals, expected to be finalized next month, would see a much-needed cash infusion into the country's ailing rail network. Highlighting its precarious state, between April 2023 and March 2024, authorities [reported](#) 7,420 security incidents on railways, including 687 collisions and 278 derailments during movement of rolling stock, 697 fires and explosions, and 71 events involving "spillage/leakage, explosion or loss of dangerous goods."
- **Prices Continue to Rise for Certain Household Staples:** Avocado prices in the U.S. are [up 14%](#) compared to a year ago and are looking likely to rise further. Drought in Mexico, America's primary supplier of the fruit, impacted this year's harvests, and analysts believe the Trump administration's threats of tariffs may exacerbate costs. Drought has also played a significant factor in the surging price of coffee, which hit record highs last week. Weather conditions have [reportedly](#) improved in Brazil, the world's biggest producer, but the upcoming harvest there is still expected to be smaller than the last one. Meanwhile, egg prices are [expected to continue rising](#) amid an ongoing bird flu outbreak that has already put significant pressure on prices.

Health

- **Kansas Faces Large Tuberculosis Outbreak, Officials Advise Low Risk:** The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) [advises](#) that there is a very low risk to the public amid a year-long outbreak of tuberculosis (TB) in the Kansas City metropolitan area. Since 2024, there have been 67 confirmed cases of active TB (a type of TB that can spread to others, not an indicator of current illnesses), 79 latent infections, and two associated deaths, with the majority of cases reported in Wyandotte County. Numbers are trending downward since a [spike](#) in the summer. Medical professionals say it is [unlikely](#) that Kansas City Chiefs fans traveling to New Orleans for Sunday's Super Bowl will spread TB as it is not as contagious as other respiratory illnesses.
- **Uganda Addressing SVD Outbreak, Suspected Ebola Cases Identified in DRC:** Ugandan health officials [confirmed](#) an outbreak of Sudan virus disease (SVD) after a nurse employed by a hospital in Kampala [died](#) from the virus last week. No other cases of SVD, which is part of the Ebola family, have been confirmed. Health officials are conducting contact tracing, with several of the deceased patient's contacts [reporting](#) illnesses. The last Ebola outbreak in Uganda was in 2022 and was also [caused](#) by SVD. There are no approved treatments or vaccines for SVD, unlike for the more common Zaire Ebola virus. The WHO and its partners are [facilitating](#) access to a

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candidate vaccine and treatments. In the neighboring Democratic Republic of the Congo, officials are [reporting](#) twelve suspected cases of Ebola in the western Equateur province.

- **Information on LGBTQ+ Health, Certain Vaccines Removed from U.S. Federal Websites:** The Trump administration [directed](#) agencies to end “programs that use taxpayer money to promote gender ideology” by last Friday, leading to the removal of information on federal public health agencies’ websites. References to LGBTQ+ health, including information on HIV testing and supporting LGBTQ+ youth health, have been removed from federal websites, according to reporting from the [Washington Post](#). Data from the CDC’s Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System, a nationwide survey that provides insights into potential health risks and trends among adolescents across the U.S. and includes information on gender and sexual identities, is [no longer available](#). Recommendations to treat sexually transmitted infections and vaccinate adults were [offline](#) on Friday.
- **U.S. Health Officials Warn of Bird Flu Spread, U.K. Reports H5N1 Human Case :** The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) confirmed [more H5N1 detections](#) in commercial poultry operations and backyard flocks in several states, including tens of thousands of birds affected in Arizona, California, and Ohio. Rose Acres Farms, [reportedly](#) the nation’s second-largest egg producer, reported bird flu at its Indiana facility last week. Health officials in Massachusetts [warn](#) that the bird flu is now [“widespread,”](#) while in California, a duck farm in Merced County [became](#) the site of the first U.S. case of H5N9 in poultry. Reporting from the New York Times [notes](#) that experts are concerned that the outbreak could quickly escalate, and a lack of information has scientists and stakeholders concerned. The Trump administration’s pause on public health communications means the CDC’s [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report](#), which has been published without interruption since 1952, has not been released since January 16. Outside the U.S., U.K. health officials [reported](#) a positive human bird flu case from a patient
- **Outbreak of Guillain-Barré Syndrome in Pune:** Health officials in India’s Maharashtra state have [confirmed](#) 127 cases of Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS), with more than 20 patients on ventilator support. GBS is a rare condition in which a person’s immune system attacks the peripheral nerves, causing nerve damage and sometimes leading to paralysis. Five deaths are [suspected](#) to be connected to the GBS outbreak. Most of the reported cases are from Pune and surrounding areas. Investigations into the source of the outbreak are [ongoing](#), with some experts suspecting water or food contamination. Health officials in Pune [issued guidelines](#) to prevent the spread of GBS, advising residents to drink safe water, avoid eating undercooked or raw food, and wash hands with soap and water.

Demonstrations and Industrial Action

- **Pro-Palestine Demonstrations to Continue This Week:** Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is expected to meet with U.S. President Donald Trump tomorrow at the White House, an event that will draw pro-Palestine groups to Lafayette Square at 6 pm. A similar demonstration in the U.S. capital against a previous visit by Netanyahu [brought](#) in thousands of participants and featured clashes with police and arrests. Large-scale pro-Palestine demonstrations will also be held in other cities around the world this week, including in Montreal on Thursday at 3:30 pm at Concordia University and in Paris on Saturday at 2 pm at Place de la République.
- **PTI Party to Hold Rally in Lahore on Sunday:** On Sunday, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party [plans](#) to hold a large rally in Lahore at Greater Iqbal Park. Organizers requested permission from authorities to host the rally and indicated that they would hold nationwide protests if permission was not granted. Meanwhile, authorities [requested](#) that the PTI “reconsider its planned protest” and indicated that they would intervene if the party proceeds with its plans, suggesting that clashes at the event are possible if it moves forward. Similar demonstrations have [prompted](#) lockdowns, partial mobile and internet suspensions, and [clashes with police](#).
- **Mass Demonstrations Continue in Serbia Despite Resignation of Prime Minister:** Despite the [resignation](#) of Serbian Prime Minister Milos Vucevic, mass demonstrations against the government continued through the weekend. The largest was in Novi Sad, where demonstrators, led by university students, [blocked roadways and bridges](#) for multiple hours. Tens of thousands of demonstrators converged on the city after marching from other parts of the country, including Belgrade. Daily demonstration activity is expected to continue in the coming weeks, with artists, farmers, teachers, and others [joining](#) the student-led gatherings. This week, teachers are organizing a demonstration outside the [Ministry of Education in Belgrade](#) at noon on Wednesday. The Bar Association in Serbia, which represents approximately 12,500 lawyers, [voted](#) to go on strike for 30 days in solidarity with students.
- **Demonstrations Continue Against Certain Trump Administration Policies:** Over the weekend, activist groups held demonstrations across the U.S. against certain policies of the new Trump administration, particularly those related to immigration. Rallies occurred in over 20 cities, including [Atlanta](#), Chicago, New York, San Francisco, and [Phoenix](#). Additional related demonstrations are expected this week, highlighted by a [planned action](#) outside the Treasury Department in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday. Furthermore, there has been chatter on social media regarding a campaign that involves demonstrations on Wednesday at state capitals nationwide.

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- **Other Demonstrations We're Watching:** On Tuesday in Nigeria, [nationwide demonstrations](#) will kick off beginning at 7 am against a planned 50% increase in a telecommunications tariff. In Spain, trade unions [plan](#) to hold demonstrations next Monday beginning at 11 am to oppose a "draft reform of the Framework Statute promoted by the Ministry of Health." Transport groups in Peru's Lima and Callao regions [will hold](#) a strike and demonstrations from midnight to noon on Wednesday to demand that the government implement "concrete measures" to fight a "wave of crime affecting the sector."

Upcoming Events

- January 13-February 26: Maha Kumbh Mela (Prayagraj, India)
- January 30-February 4: Golden Week (China)
- February 3: Constitution Day (Mexico)
- February 4: Next Hearing for President Yoon Suk-yeol (Seoul, South Korea)
- February 5: Kashmir Day (Pakistan)
- February 5: Assembly Election (Delhi, India)
- February 6: Waitangi Day (New Zealand)
- February 8: Military Foundation Day (North Korea)
- February 9: General Election (Ecuador)
- February 9: General Election (Liechtenstein)
- February 9: Parliamentary Election (Kosovo)
- February 9: Super Bowl LIX (New Orleans, United States)
- February 11: National Foundation Day (Japan)
- February 12: Lantern Festival (China, Taiwan)
- February 14-16: Munich Security Conference (Munich, Germany)