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Nationwide Demonstrations Planned After Immigration-Linked Protests Trigger Unrest and Federal Response in Los Angeles

[Immigration-related unrest](#) escalated in California following several consecutive days of demonstrations and the deployment of National Guard personnel to Los Angeles. The decision to deploy the National Guard, initiated [unilaterally](#) by U.S. President Donald Trump, has triggered sharp opposition from California officials, including Governor Gavin Newsom. Tensions remain high in urban areas across the state, especially in Los Angeles and San Francisco, where significant protests have occurred in response to recent immigration enforcement actions and perceived federal overreach. Demonstrations have been called for several other cities across the United States in response.

While the [protests](#) in the Los Angeles area began peacefully, some became violent, involving confrontations between police and demonstrators, vandalism, arson, and reports of looting. In response, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) [issued](#) a citywide tactical alert and [declared](#) an unlawful assembly on June 8. Officers also [deployed](#) tear gas and pepper spray to disperse crowds. Further protests are expected in the coming days. Rapid response demonstrations are likely to occur in areas where federal authorities are conducting immigration enforcement actions, particularly in sanctuary jurisdictions. There have also been numerous calls for demonstrations for the week of June 9 in response to the events in Los Angeles, with migrant advocacy groups, union leaders, and other civil society organizations planning actions.

Demonstration activity is expected to reach a high point on Saturday, June 14, when over 1,000

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demonstrations are planned as part of “[No Kings Day](#).” The demonstrations are being organized in response to plans by President Trump to hold a military parade in Washington, DC. Tens of thousands are expected to participate in demonstrations across the country, with multiple actions planned in Washington on Saturday. For additional information on immigration-related demonstrations, read [AlertMedia’s Situation Report](#).

U.S. Implements Travel Restrictions for 19 Countries

On June 4, U.S. President Donald Trump signed a [proclamation](#) reinstating and expanding travel [restrictions](#) on citizens from 19 countries, [citing](#) national security concerns. The policy, effective as of today, marks a significant escalation in the Trump administration’s immigration policy and border control strategy.

The directive imposes full entry bans on travelers from 12 countries: Afghanistan, Chad, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Haiti, Iran, Libya, Myanmar (Burma), the Republic of Congo, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen. Partial entry restrictions apply to citizens from Burundi, Cuba, Laos, Sierra Leone, Togo, Turkmenistan, and Venezuela. According to administration officials, the listed countries were selected based on a combination of factors, including high visa [overstay](#) rates, internal instability, limited cooperation on deportations and security matters, and adversarial diplomatic relations with the United States.

The policy includes exemptions for lawful permanent residents, current visa holders, and individuals in select categories, including athletes participating in major international sporting events and those whose entry supports U.S. national interests. The administration has indicated that the list of restricted countries may be revised based on global threat assessments or if countries demonstrate progress in complying with U.S. [vetting](#) standards. For more information on U.S. entry restrictions, read [AlertMedia’s Situation Report](#).

Damaging Winds Hit Texas, Portions of 14 States Under Level 2 Severe Risk Monday

Following Sunday’s [Level 4 of 5 severe storm risk](#) for damaging winds, over 185 [severe weather reports](#) were documented across Texas. Severe wind gusts (66) and wind damage (28) reports dominated, including multiple observations of 60-68mph wind gusts near Dallas-Fort Worth Airport and surrounding areas of the northern metro. As of late Monday morning, approximately 60,000 customers are still without power in Texas. This is down from a peak of more than 150,000 affected customers.

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The [Storm Prediction Center](#) has issued a large Level 2 of 5 risk for severe thunderstorms for Monday. Most of the eastern half of the United States is included in the risk area, including Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, the Carolinas, Tennessee, eastern Kentucky, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and portions of surrounding states. While the severe weather threat is not as high as Sunday, damaging winds, flash flooding, isolated large hail, and a few tornadoes will be possible during the afternoon and evening. Further west, a slow-moving disturbance over Texas will trigger rounds of heavy downpours throughout the week, leading to an elevated flash flood threat. The [Weather Prediction Center](#) has issued various Level 2 of 4 excessive rainfall risk areas. Isolated instances of flash flooding in low-lying or flood-prone areas are possible.

Climate and Natural Hazards

- **Multiple Tropical Systems in the Eastern Pacific:** The [National Hurricane Center](#) began issuing advisories for Hurricane Barbara and Tropical Storm Cosme, south of Mexico, on Sunday. While [Cosme](#) is no threat to land, [Barbara](#), the larger storm, lies closer to the coast. Hurricane Barbara is expected to produce scattered thunderstorms and dangerous coastal hazards across Jalisco, Colima, and Michoacán into Tuesday morning. Landfall is not expected, and the system will likely dissipate on Wednesday as it moves further out to sea over cooler waters and interacts with Tropical Storm Cosme. Additionally, a [third disturbance](#) carries a medium potential for development. The AlertMedia meteorology team expects this potential to increase to high between Friday and Sunday, with the system likely forming closer to the southern coast of Mexico. This marks the beginning of a more active period, particularly in terms of excessive rainfall, flooding, and landslide threats, especially from Guerrero and Chiapas (MEX) eastward into much of Central America.
- **Monitoring the South China Sea for Tropical Development:** It is becoming increasingly likely that a named tropical storm will develop over the South China Sea between June 10-12. The [US Joint Typhoon Warning Center](#) is already monitoring the broad low-pressure area dubbed Invest 92W, west of Luzon, Philippines. As the system consolidates and strengthens, forecast model data shows a strong signal for a northward track into the area of Hainan, Guangdong, and Hong Kong. Confidence remains relatively low in terms of intensity and exact track, but a landfall as a tropical storm or lower-end typhoon appears likely between June 12-14 at this time. Residents should closely monitor this disturbance as the threat of flooding, rainfall, damaging winds, and coastal hazards may prompt authorities to issue evacuation orders in vulnerable areas.
- **Southern South Korea, Japan Facing Severe Heavy Rain and Flood Threat:** Multiple waves of intense rainfall will continue over southern and central regions through at least Sunday, June 15.

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Kyushu may face the brunt of heavy rain and landslide risk, with an additional eight to 12 inches (200-300mm) of rain, locally higher, likely. Due to [flooding](#), approximately 130,000 residents have already been affected by Level 4 evacuation orders in Kagoshima and Miyazaki prefectures.

- **Record CO2 Concentrations Observed:** On June 5th, the Mauna Loa Observatory recorded a new [all-time high](#) in atmospheric carbon dioxide levels, reaching 430.5 parts per million (ppm). While a continued rise in CO₂ concentrations was anticipated, this year's increase marks the second-largest annual jump in the observatory's 67-year record. Located on Hawaii's Big Island, far from major sources of pollution, the Mauna Loa Observatory provides a reliable benchmark for global atmospheric conditions. These record-breaking concentrations—and the accelerating pace of their increase—highlight the growing threat of greenhouse gas emissions driving global warming and altering climate and weather patterns worldwide.

Worldwide

- **Russia Launches Drone Strike in Retaliation for Attacks on Air Bases:** Ukrainian military officials report that Russia [launched](#) its largest drone attack overnight on Monday. Hundreds of drones are targeting several sites in Ukraine, including a military airfield in Dubno, 40 miles away from the Polish border. The overnight strike occurred hours before the two countries began a [prisoner-of-war exchange](#). On Saturday, two large-scale attacks on Kharkiv [killed](#) at least five people, injured 26 others, and damaged dozens of residential buildings. Meanwhile, Ukraine's neighbors are upping defense measures in response to military threats from Russia. Estonian lawmakers voted to [withdraw](#) from the Ottawa Convention that bans the use of anti-personnel landmines, following in the footsteps of Latvia and Lithuania. Finland and Poland also [plan](#) to exit the landmines treaty.
- **U.S. Cities Prepare to Host 2025 FIFA Club World Cup:** Heightened security, large crowds, and other disruptions can be expected near 12 stadiums across the United States from June 14 to July 13 due to the 2025 [FIFA Club World Cup](#). The event will likely draw large crowds, with matches scheduled at venues in cities such as Atlanta, Miami, Los Angeles, and Seattle. Enhanced [security measures](#) are being implemented to address key risks such as crowd control challenges, terrorism threats, and emergency response. A full schedule of the tournament is available [here](#). Additional information is available in [AlertMedia's Situation Report](#).
- **Tensions Appear to Ease Along Thailand-Cambodia Border:** While Thailand and Cambodia increased security along a disputed section of their border following a military clash on May 28 that left one Cambodian soldier dead, tensions appear to be [easing](#). Thailand had reportedly shut down two of its border crossings for tourists, but since then, military leaders for both Thailand and

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Cambodia have said that forces have withdrawn from their positions and returned to “appropriate areas.” The Thai Foreign Ministry announced that the country is committed to holding bilateral talks with Cambodia on June 14 to resolve the dispute, while the Cambodian prime minister had earlier announced that he will file a complaint with the International Court of Justice over the border dispute.

- **Colombian Presidential Candidate Shot:** A Colombian senator, who is currently a presidential candidate, was critically wounded in an assassination attempt during a campaign event in Bogota on [Saturday](#). After undergoing surgery, he is still in serious condition. A 15-year-old suspect was arrested following the shooting and was found in possession of a 9mm handgun. Authorities wounded the suspect while in pursuit after the shooting, which also injured two additional [people](#). Officials are calling this an attack against democracy and are offering a reward for the capture of all those who are responsible for this attack.
- **Attacks at Gaza Aid Distribution Sites Continue:** At least four Palestinians were [killed](#) while traveling to an aid distribution center in Gaza on Sunday. This is the latest attack near aid distribution points that have been set up by the Israel and United States-backed Gaza Humanitarian Foundation. Israel is also [backing](#) armed groups in Palestine to try and counter Hamas from the inside, although claims have been made by the U.N. and aid organizations that Israel has allowed them to loot their aid supplies. A yacht carrying a “[symbolic](#)” amount of aid to Gaza was boarded and seized after defying an Israeli naval blockade. Twelve people, including prominent activist Greta Thunberg, were detained and are expected to return to their respective home countries.

Cyber and Regulatory

- **Meta and Yandex Under Scrutiny for Android Data Tracking:** Research from Radboud University and IMDEA Networks [indicates](#) that Meta and Yandex have been collecting Android users’ browser data without explicit consent. The companies are said to have utilized scripts in apps like Instagram, Facebook, and Yandex Maps to track activity, including in incognito mode. Yandex has reportedly engaged in the practice since 2017, while Meta appears to have been doing so for around eight months. The practice bypassed Android security measures, prompting Google to note a violation of its privacy principles. Meanwhile, Meta is reviewing the issue and has paused the feature, while Yandex asserts compliance with data standards, denying sensitive data collection.
- **H.R. 1 AI Regulation Provision:** The "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" (H.R. 1), passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on May 22, includes a sweeping provision that would prohibit states and local governments from regulating artificial intelligence (AI) for 10 years. This moratorium is one of the

most significant federal preemption efforts in technology policy to date, allowing federal law to [override](#) any state or local AI-specific regulations during this period. Proponents, including House Speaker Mike Johnson and the Chamber of Commerce, [argue](#) the moratorium is necessary to prevent a “confusing patchwork” of state regulations that could stifle innovation and have national security implications. Critics warn the moratorium is too broad and could [leave](#) consumers unprotected from harmful AI for a decade unless Congress passes federal safeguards.

- **Trump Administration Advances Data Centralization With Palantir:** The Trump Administration has expanded Palantir’s work across the federal government in recent months, receiving over \$113 million in federal spending since Trump took office. This includes additional funding for the Department of Homeland Security and the Pentagon, according to the [New York Times](#), citing public records. The consolidation of sensitive personal data into a single, easily searchable system has sparked significant [concerns](#) among privacy advocates, [lawmakers](#), and civil liberties organizations. Palantir has [denied](#) unlawful surveillance and challenged the New York Times report’s accuracy.
- **Cybersecurity Agencies Release Updated Advisory About Play Ransomware Group:** The U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), FBI, and the Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC) [released](#) an updated advisory to include the Play ransomware group’s observed activities and indicators of compromise (IOC). The Play ransomware group, also known as Playcrypt, began operations targeting critical infrastructure and commercial operations in 2022 and was one of the most active ransomware groups that same year. According to the report, Playcrypt recompiles its ransomware binary for each attack to hinder anti-malware and virus detection programs. Officials are advising entities to apply mitigations that [align](#) with CISA and NIST’s Cross-Sector Cybersecurity Performance Goals.
- **Brazil Tests National Program for Monetizing Personal Data:** Brazil has [launched](#) a pilot program called dWallet, allowing citizens to manage, own, and monetize their digital data. Developed by Dataprev and DrumWave, it lets users [store](#) personal data in a “data savings account” and earn payments when companies purchase access. The initial rollout targets payroll loan applicants, with the option to opt out. The program aims to shift data value from platforms to users, offering a new model for digital ownership. In contrast, similar efforts in the U.S. have stalled.

Infrastructure and Supply Chain

- **China Issues Export Licenses to U.S. Automakers for Rare Earths as Manufacturers Warn of Threat to Supply Chains:** Last week, Beijing [issued](#) six-month export licenses to suppliers of the U.S.’ top three automakers—General Motors, Ford, and Stellantis—offering temporary relief after

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China had instated [export controls](#) on rare earths in April. The move followed production halts, including at Ford's Chicago plant, due to shortages of critical materials. After U.S. President Donald Trump's call with Chinese President Xi Jinping last Thursday, the two agreed to hold further [discussions](#) in London today. Meanwhile, U.S. automakers are [contemplating](#) shifting parts of their manufacturing to China to circumvent Beijing's export controls, as industry leaders continue to warn the Trump administration that a potential shutdown of vehicle production is imminent. Elsewhere, China's export curbs on rare earths have [impacted](#) the global supply chain at large, with companies worldwide reporting production disruptions and countries like India [planning](#) to boost their domestic supply of rare earths.

- **Global Supply Chain Shifts Amid Tariffs:** Mexico is [experiencing](#) a boom in nearshoring investments, with foreign direct investment (FDI) reaching a record \$21.4 billion in Q1 2025, primarily driven by U.S. companies who are seeking to move their operations from China amid escalating U.S. tariffs. Simultaneously, the Dominican Republic is [emerging](#) as a strategic hub for U.S. companies. The country boasts over 92 free zones (FZs) that allow companies to operate nearly tax-free. Meanwhile, airfreight profits continue to [plummet](#) due to recent U.S. regulations and the administration's end to the de minimis exemption for imports from China and Hong Kong. The regulations have created an excess in cargo capacity, prompting shippers to cancel routes or reroute services, leading to higher costs for companies.
- **Nuclear Facility Poses Risk to Miami's Drinking Water:** The Turkey Point Nuclear Generating Station, owned by NextEra Energy Inc.'s Florida Power & Light and located near Miami, poses a [potential threat](#) to the region's drinking water supply due to its aging infrastructure and the impacts of climate change. The plant's cooling canal system has been linked to saltwater intrusion into drinking water sources due to the hypersaline plume that has leaked out from the plant into the Biscayne Aquifer, a primary source of drinking water for Miami-Dade County. Despite these concerns, Florida Power & Light has received approval to extend the plant's operating license until 2053, raising questions about the long-term safety of the region's water resources.
- **EU, U.K. Sign Bilateral Agreement to Boost Mobility, Trade, Defense:** On May 19, the EU and the U.K. signed a comprehensive post-Brexit [agreement](#) aimed at resetting bilateral relations. The deal includes reducing border checks on U.K. agricultural exports, extending EU fishing access to U.K. waters until 2038, establishing a formal defense pact, advancing efforts to link carbon markets, and granting U.K.-based defense firms access to the EU's €150 billion SAFE fund, which provides loans for defense-related projects. U.K. officials have advocated for the [expedited](#) implementation of EU e-gate access for British travelers following the agreement, aiming to

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support smoother cross-border travel and facilitate more seamless movement between the U.K. and EU after Brexit-related disruptions.

- **EU Votes to Curb China Access to Medical Device Procurement:** The EU has voted to [restrict](#) Chinese medical device manufacturers from participating in public procurement contracts exceeding €5 million for five years, citing discriminatory practices. The decision, which follows an investigation conducted by the European Commission, found 87% of Chinese tenders for medical devices contained [discriminatory](#) provisions against foreign suppliers. The move aims to [enforce](#) reciprocity and address market distortions linked to China's "Made in China" strategy, which prioritizes domestic production and promotes greater reliance on locally manufactured medical devices, contributing to €5.2 billion in Chinese medical device exports to the EU in 2024. China condemned the measures over concerns that the move will damage bilateral economic ties already under pressure from tariffs and anti-dumping actions imposed by the EU on Chinese exports.

Health

- **Indonesia Implements Copayment Requirement for Policyholders in 2026:** Indonesia will [require](#) health insurers to establish medical advisory boards and implement a copayment scheme by next year. Indonesia's Financial Services Authority (OJK) [cited](#) concerns about overtreatment and the sustainability of the health insurance as reasons for the regulations. The regulations were also in response to an increase in insurance claims. Starting in 2026, policyholders will pay at least 10% of the total claim. Maximum payments for outpatient care (300,000 rupiah or \$18.39) and for inpatient care (3 million rupiah or \$184) will be in place. Foreign insurance companies, including Allianz and Prudential, are major players in Indonesia's health insurance market. The new regulations are a major shift from Indonesia's previous approach of [universal healthcare coverage](#).
- **U.S. Health Officials Monitoring Proteins, Produce, Medical Products Over Contamination Risks:** The FDA and CDC are [investigating](#) a multi-state *Salmonella* outbreak linked to eggs from the August Egg Company based in Hilmar, CA. The company [recalled](#) 1.7 million eggs sold to retailers in seven states, with 79 cases of sickness and 21 hospitalizations reported as of Friday. Another protein, ground beef distributed to Whole Foods Markets nationwide, is under a [public health alert](#) for possible *E. Coli* contamination. Meanwhile, a tomato recall by Williams Farms Repack, LLC, for *Salmonella* elevated to the FDA's highest risk designation. In other recall news, Church & Dwight Co., Inc. is voluntarily [recalling](#) its Zicam and Orajel products due to concerns over microbial contamination. No serious illnesses have been reported due to the affected swabs.

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- **Emergency Abortion Guidelines Revoked by Trump Administration:** The Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [rescinded](#) guidance requiring hospitals to provide emergency abortions in certain situations. The original guidance, issued by the Biden administration in 2022 following the overturning of Roe v. Wade, aimed to ensure abortion access in medical emergencies. The change in guidance comes after federal investigators [found](#) that a hospital in Round Rock, Texas, violated the law by discharging a patient who later lost part of her reproductive system from pregnancy complications. CMS officials said the change is intended to clarify legal responsibilities for healthcare providers. Some health experts argue the rollback may lead to further denial of emergency care.
- **Bolivian Health Authorities Issue Warning for Measles Outbreak in Santa Cruz:** Local officials in the Santa Cruz municipality are [bolstering](#) the local healthcare system by preparing more beds for measles cases. Regional health authorities [declared](#) a “red health alert” for the region of Santa Cruz after the third positive case this year was confirmed. Monitoring efforts are ongoing, and eight suspected cases are under surveillance. Bolivia’s Ministry of Health is conducting [contact tracing](#) after a person with measles participated in a mass event in the city. Measles is a highly contagious, airborne disease with no specific treatment. According to the [World Health Organization](#) (WHO), vaccination is the most effective way to prevent measles.
- **NB.1.8.1 COVID-19 Variant Behind Rise in Cases:** Authorities in India are responding to an increase in COVID cases this year, with more than 6,000 active cases reported. According to India’s [Ministry of Health and Family Welfare](#), the states of Gujarat, Delhi, Karnataka, and West Bengal have seen recent increases in cases. The main variant behind the new cases, NB.1.8.1, has also been detected in 13 cases in England, according to the [U.K. Health Security Agency](#). Global case numbers through May 18 are available through the World Health Organization’s [COVID-19 dashboard](#).

Demonstrations and Industrial Action

- **Anti-Tourism Demonstrations Expected in Europe:** Another round of anti-tourism demonstrations is likely across much of southern Europe over the coming weekend. On Saturday, a large crowd is [expected](#) to gather outside the Hotel Baobab Suites in Tenerife’s Costa Adeje on the Canary Islands. The following day, the Southern Europe Network Against Touristification is [calling](#) for demonstrations in popular tourist areas in Italy, Portugal, and Spain to protest the effects of overtourism. [Past protests](#) in the Canary Islands against overtourism drew tens of thousands of participants.
- **Activists Plan to March From Cairo to Gaza:** Several pro-Palestine groups are amplifying calls to take part in a “March to Gaza.” Demonstrators plan to meet in Cairo on June 12 before

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marching to Gaza. They plan to reach the Rafah terminal on June 15, where they hope to negotiate with Egyptian authorities to allow them to enter the territory. They are also likely to hold a rally at the site. In addition to the march itself, various other pro-Palestinian groups will likely hold local demonstrations in support of the march. The march is the latest high-profile attempt to enter the territory, following an effort by several activists, including Greta Thunberg, to [sail](#) an aid ship into Gaza despite a naval blockade by Israel.

- **DHL Express Workers Strike as Negotiations With Canada Post Workers Continue:** Canada Post and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) [exchanged](#) arbitration proposals as they returned to the negotiating table a day after the CUPW filed a complaint against Canada Post. An ongoing overtime ban by Canada Post workers has led several shippers to [shift](#) some volume to FedEx, UPS, and others. That option just became more difficult, however, after 2,100 truck drivers with DHL Express Canada [announced](#) that they were going on strike after the company locked them out following failed contract negotiations.
- **Demonstration Planned Against Paris Air Show:** Heightened security, large crowds, and demonstration activity are expected in northern Paris during the Paris Air Show, scheduled to take place from June 16- 22 at the Le Bourget Exhibition Centre. Around 300,000 aerospace industry experts are expected to attend the event. A coalition of anti-war groups calling themselves Guerre a la Guerre has called for actions during days when the show is open to the general public, from June 20-22, although demonstrations may take place outside those dates as well. Details on their planned actions were not immediately available.
- **Demonstrations Planned Over Impeachment of Philippines Vice President:** Demonstrations took place today and are expected to continue through Wednesday over the ongoing impeachment trial of Philippines Vice President Sara Duterte. Various social, civic, and political groups, including Tindig Pilipinas and BAYAN, have [called](#) for the demonstrations to demand that Duterte's impeachment trial go forward despite [motions to dismiss](#) the case. Tomorrow, demonstrators plan to gather at 5 pm at the gates of the Senate building for a "People's Vigil." On Wednesday, when the trial is set to begin, demonstrators will march from the Manila Film Centre to the Senate beginning at 1 pm. Senate Majority Leader Francis Tolentino is [proposing](#) an expedited trial process that will conclude by June 30.

Upcoming Events

- June 4-9: Hajj (Mecca, Saudi Arabia)
- June 6-9: Eid al-Adha (Global)
- June 8-9: Abrogative Referendums (Italy)
- June 11: Presentation of Articles of Impeachment of Vice President Sara Duterte (Philippines)

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- June 12: Independence Day (Philippines)
- June 14 - July 13: FIFA Club World Cup (United States)
- June 15-17: G7 Summit (Kananaskis, Canada)
- June 19: Juneteenth (United States)
- June 24-26: NATO Summit (The Hague, Netherlands)
- July 3: Independence Day (Belarus)
- July 4: Independence Day (United States)
- July 6-7: BRICS Summit (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)
- July 14: Bastille Day (France)
- July 22: Legislative Elections (Japan)