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#### Two Storms in the Atlantic Pose a Risk to Bermuda, Minimal Threat to the U.S.

After officially becoming a tropical storm on Sunday, <u>Imelda</u> continues to batter the northern Bahamas with heavy rain, gusty winds, and rough seas as it begins its eastward trajectory this afternoon. <u>Tropical Storm Warnings</u> remain in effect for the northwestern Bahamas, and localized <u>evacuations</u> have been ordered for portions of Grand Bahama and Abaco. Several <u>airports</u> closed due to the storm, though most are expected to reopen today as Imelda exits the region. The greatest threat from Imelda in the Bahamas is flash flooding. An additional four to eight inches of rainfall is possible over Grand Bahama and Great Abaco through tonight.

After considerable forecast uncertainty late last week and the possibility of landfall in the Carolinas, the risk for direct impacts in the Southeastern U.S. has vanished. Imelda's relatively large size will lead to a minor flood threat along the coast from Florida to North Carolina through Tuesday, though the main impacts will likely be rough and dangerous seas. Eyes now turn to Bermuda as Imelda is currently forecast to threaten the island as a hurricane by late Wednesday.

While residents in Bermuda should closely monitor the progress of Imelda, Tropical Storm Warnings are already in effect due to <u>Hurricane Humberto</u>. As of Monday, Humberto remains a powerful Major Hurricane after peaking as a Category 5 Hurricane over the weekend. Humberto is not expected to make

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landfall in Bermuda, but instead will track generally northwards through Tuesday, west of Bermuda, before tracking east-northeast, north of the island. The hurricane will gradually weaken but will produce dangerous rip currents, gusty winds, and scattered heavy rain as it makes its closest approach to Bermuda Tuesday into early Wednesday. Authorities on the island are preparing for tropical storm conditions, with government agencies advising residents and businesses to **complete precautions** ahead of deteriorating weather.

# Airspace Violations Grow Increasingly Disruptive to Travel in Northern and Eastern Europe

Drone incursions and other airspace violations attributed to Russian aircraft have taken place in several NATO countries in recent weeks, leading some members to advocate for a more forceful response. The increasingly direct involvement of **NATO third-countries** and **support of the United States** further raises the risk that a military miscalculation might spiral into a much broader conflict.

The most disruptive consequence thus far has been the <u>closure of airports</u> and <u>airspace</u> across European states near Russia, sometimes for extended periods. In some cases, more extensive responses have included <u>border closures</u> and <u>troop deployments</u>. In <u>isolated incidents</u>, falling drones, debris, or munitions have threatened local safety and damaged infrastructure, leading to localized disruptions while officials organize an emergency response.

Whether the incursions are deliberate or not, intelligence experts <u>agree</u> that the rising frequency of similar incidents suggests that Russia has grown increasingly willing to provoke NATO member states. In addition to concerns about potential future airspace violations, other threats ascribed to pro-Russian actors, such as <u>bombings</u>, <u>cyberattacks</u>, or <u>radar jamming</u>, continue to complicate daily life across Europe.

For additional information on airspace violations in Europe, read AlertMedia's **Situation Report**.

#### **Cambodia and Thailand Inch Back Toward Conflict**

Recent developments in the ongoing conflict over the border between Cambodia and Thailand could see the two countries return to open conflict following skirmishes <u>earlier this year</u>. While the two sides had reached a <u>détente</u> in late July, simmering tensions—such as those that led Thai and Cambodian soldiers to <u>breach</u> their ceasefire for the first time on September 27—and recent political changes are likely to inspire further clashes.

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Thai officials ultimately <u>removed</u> Prime Minister Paetongtarn Shinawatra from office for perceived ethics breaches after she "[compromised] the country's national interests" by "[appearing] to criticize her own army's actions in the border clashes." Her replacement, Anutin Charnvirakul, has since <u>vowed</u> to "employ both military and diplomatic measures to protect Thailand's sovereignty and safeguard the interests of the Thai people." The new Prime Minister has also called for a <u>referendum</u> on the long-running border dispute, which could see unilateral action taken on the issue that leads to conflicting territorial claims or a return to wider conflict.

The conflict continues to dominate the <u>public discourse</u>. <u>Ongoing</u> calls on social media for ethnic violence, product boycotts, and other potential threats are impacting migrant workers, businesses, travelers, and others on both sides of the border. The public furor has been accompanied by a wave of demonstrations in both countries targeting either <u>the local government</u> or <u>the neighboring</u> one, raising the likelihood that bystanders might also be impacted with little warning.

#### Climate and Natural Hazards

- Typhoon Bualoi Strikes North Vietnam: Typhoon Bualoi made landfall near Kỳ Anh, Vietnam, Sunday night, leading to extensive damage to homes and infrastructure across several northern and central provinces. As of Monday, 13 people have been killed, 13 remain missing, and another 46 have been injured, according to national media citing government officials. Ninh Bình has been the most affected province so far. Even though Bualoi is weakening over land and quickly becoming difficult to track, its remnants will pose significant flooding and landslide risks across northern Vietnam and northern Laos into Tuesday. Additional rainfall totals up to 200mm (eight inches) are expected in spots, which could lead to deadly flooding. Weather conditions are expected to gradually improve by Wednesday, though river levels may remain high for several days.
- Dangerous Rainfall Threat in Eastern Spain: Ex-Hurricane Gabrielle is producing slow-moving heavy rain and thunderstorms over eastern Spain as of Monday, prompting officials to issue maximum <u>Level 3 Heavy Rain Warnings</u> for Valencia. Locally dangerous rainfall rates will be capable of quickly overwhelming low-lying areas, small streams, and rivers, and could lead to potentially life-threatening flash flooding. <u>School cancellations and flight delays</u> have already been reported in Valencia, while severe flooding on Sunday night led to damage in <u>Zaragoza</u>.
- Monitoring the Philippines for Another Tropical System: A new area of disturbed weather is
  developing east of the Philippines and could strengthen into a tropical storm later this week,
  raising concern for the already hard-hit northern islands. The <u>U.S. Joint Typhoon Warning</u>

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<u>Center</u> is beginning to monitor this area, dubbed 'Invest 93W.' Even though a low-level center has not formed yet, there is a consistent signal from forecast models that northern and central Luzon will be at risk. Current forecast model guidance suggests the system will produce heavy rain, tropical storm-force winds, and dangerous seas as soon as Friday. With communities <u>still</u> <u>recovering</u> from the recent typhoon, residents are urged to stay alert and prepare for the possibility of another tropical impact.

#### Worldwide

- U.S. Offers Argentina Economic Support Amid Stiff Soy Competition and Falling Exports:

  The White House is <u>poised</u> to provide Argentina's <u>troubled economy</u> with a \$20 billion financial backstop, a move that has drawn criticism from a growing number of <u>U.S. officials</u> who say that the "<u>bailout</u>" comes at a time when Argentine farmers are capturing a growing share of the Chinese soybean market at the expense of American growers. The move has also drawn <u>scrutiny in Argentina</u>, where President Javier Milei's political opposition accuses him of indebting the country to the U.S. Chinese soybean buyers' shift in preference toward South American suppliers had already caused U.S. exports to <u>plummet</u> this year. Additionally, Buenos Aires issued a <u>temporary reprieve</u> on its 26% tax on soybean exports in a <u>bid</u> to shore up foreign currency reserves, further pricing out farmers in the U.S. The Trump administration has said that it intends to "help" farmers, potentially in the form of large subsidies.
- European Union to Implement New Border System in October: The EU plans to launch a new border system on October 12 that will digitally record the movement of non-EU travelers, including U.K. citizens, across the Schengen Area. The new Entry/Exit System (EES) will replace manual passport stamping. First-time users must scan their passports and provide biometric data, such as fingerprints and photos, at kiosks or with border officers. The EES system will be phased in at Dover, Eurotunnel, and Eurostar's terminals before full rollout by April 2026. Although the system aims to improve security and make travel easier, authorities expect initial delays due to processing times. The system will eventually connect with the European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS), also anticipated in 2026, which will tighten pretravel requirements.
- France's Inter-Union Plans Another Nationwide Strike This Thursday: Widespread
  disruptions to education, transportation, and public services can be expected this Thursday as
  France sees its third major mobilization against the government and proposed austerity
  measures. Thursday's demonstrations may result in increased rail disruptions, with all four SNCF
  unions putting their weight behind calls to "mobilize massively." Primary and secondary school

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closures are likely across the country, and unions representing healthcare workers are hoping to **boost** participation rates. Demonstrations are likely to be well-attended with a heightened police presence expected near government buildings, public squares, and transportation hubs. Among the **unions' demands** are returning the retirement age to 62, swapping austerity measures for higher taxes on wealthy individuals, and increased funding for public services. For more details on the mobilizations, see AlertMedia's **Situation Report**.

- Moldova's Pro-EU Party Maintains Parliamentary Majority, Czech and Georgian Elections Planned for This Weekend: Moldovans voted yesterday in favor of further alignment with the European Union, with the pro-EU ruling party winning a parliamentary majority despite interference from Russia. Attention now turns to Czechia and Georgia this weekend. In Czechia, former prime minister Andrej Babis's opposition ANO party maintains a slight lead over the ruling SPOLU alliance ahead of parliamentary elections on Friday and Saturday. In Georgia, opposition parties plan to boycott Saturday's municipal elections. Instead, activists are organizing a major rally against the government on election day. A recent election-related rally saw clashes, and demonstrations in Georgia have been marked by a heavy-handed security response. Despite heightened political tensions, Georgia's Prime Minister assured business leaders that this weekend's vote will "pass peacefully."
- Escalating Unrest in Madagascar Over Utility Shortages: Violent protests continue across Madagascar's capital, Antananarivo, and several other cities amid <a href="widespread">widespread</a> frustration over chronic water and power outages that have left more than two-thirds of the population without reliable access. What began as peaceful demonstrations on September 25 quickly <a href="escalated">escalated</a> into clashes with security forces. At <a href="least">least</a> five people have been killed. The unrest has also seen looting and arson targeting shops, banks, and lawmakers' homes. Authorities have imposed dusk-to-dawn <a href="current">current</a> in Antananarivo, Antsirabe, Antsiranana, Mahajanga, Toamasina, and Toliara. Public transit remains severely disrupted, with taxis halting service and roadblocks blocking major routes. Ivato International Airport (TNR) remains operational, but has experienced flight cancellations. The unrest is expected to persist throughout the coming week.

#### Cyber and Regulatory

U.K. Plans Rollout of Digital ID Scheme: The U.K. government will <u>introduce</u> a mandatory digital ID system, called <u>BritCard</u>, for anyone seeking employment in the country. The ruling Labour Party introduced the plan with the hope of curbing illegal migration, limiting <u>unauthorized</u> work, and strengthening border security. The app-based identification would be <u>stored</u> on mobile phones and include a person's name, date of birth, photo, and residency





status. Supporters say it will reduce abuse of National Insurance numbers and curb the informal economy, while critics have warned of privacy risks, government overreach, and the potential impact of data <u>breaches</u>. More than a million people have signed a petition against the plan, which has also inspired demonstrations.

- Ransomware Attacks Targeting Suppliers Increasingly Frequently: Hackers are increasingly exploiting supply chain vulnerabilities to infiltrate corporate networks, posing a serious threat to businesses using third-party suppliers worldwide. Threat actors conduct ransomware campaigns targeting these suppliers. Successful breaches allow the hackers access to numerous entities linked to that supplier, significantly increasing their reach and the number of companies they can extract ransoms from. Attacks doubled in 2024, with threat actors targeting a range of suppliers, including those that provide Al suppor t, software, and customer service. The trend has led a growing number of governments to introduce legislation and regulations requiring companies to more proactively manage their supply chain risks.
- U.S. Secret Service Dismantles Major Threat During UNGA: Last week, U.S. Secret Service agents in New York dismantled a clandestine telecommunications network of unprecedented scale that authorities say posed a serious threat to national security during the 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). The operation uncovered more than 300 SIM servers and 100,000 SIM cards within 35 miles of the UN headquarters. The equipment was allegedly capable of causing a range of disruptions, including disabling cell towers, flooding networks with millions of messages per minute, and jamming emergency response lines. Authorities say the scheme was well-funded and sophisticated, and possibly backed by nation-state actors, though no direct links have been confirmed. A top Secret Service agent suspected that the device system could be replicated in other cities.
- Chinese Hackers Escalate Global Espionage Campaigns: Chinese state-linked hackers are
  employing increasingly sophisticated mechanisms in cyber-campaigns targeting victims around
  the world. One suspected China-nexus group, known as UNC5221, has been <u>using</u> a backdoor
  called BRICKSTORM to break into U.S. law firms, cloud service providers, and tech companies.
  The breaches are designed to remain undetected for over a year while stealing valuable data,
  including credentials and software vulnerabilities. At the same time, a separate espionage group
  dubbed RedNovember has been <u>targeting</u> government and private sector systems worldwide
  since 2024, with its most recent victims including U.S. defense contractors and a European engine
  manufacturer.
- ACMA Investigates Optus Over Triple-0 Failures: The Australian Media and Communications
  Authority (ACMA) has launched an <u>investigation</u> into last week's 13-hour outage at Optus,
  Australia's second- largest telecommunications and internet service provider. The outage,

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believed to be caused by <a href="https://www.numer.com/human.error">human error</a> during network maintenance, prevented more than 600 triple-0 emergency calls across South Australia, Western Australia, and the Northern Territory, and has been linked to multiple deaths. In 2023, ACMA <a href="mailto:fined">fined</a> Optus over \$12 million after a similar outage left more than 2,100 customers unable to reach triple-0 and revealed the company had failed to conduct more than 300 welfare checks. The ACMA is <a href="mailto:developing">developing</a> new industry standards to strengthen emergency call resilience and communications following past failures, while its latest investigation into Optus could result in further penalties.

#### Infrastructure and Supply Chain

- Freight Theft an Increasingly Important Revenue Source for Sinaloa Cartel Amid Rising U.S. Border Enforcement: Mexico's Sinaloa Cartel is reportedly involved in a growing number of train robberies amid heightened enforcement efforts impacting the group's longer-standing revenue streams, such as narcotics and human trafficking across the U.S. border. Cargo train thefts increased 40% in 2024 compared to the previous year, similar to trends in truck freight thefts. The growing focus on cargo theft has cost the American economy an estimated \$35 billion per year, with thefts of truck freight averaging over \$200,000 in losses per incident. U.S. authorities' growing attention to border matters under the Trump administration makes cross-border crime increasingly risky for cartels, leading to the growing focus on domestic crimes.
- Mexican Customs Upgrades Could Increase Revenue, Combat Crime: An upgrade to Mexico's customs systems planned as part of a broader set of reforms proposed by President Claudia Sheinbaum last week could increase dues collection and help combat the abuse of the country's trade ports by smugglers and tax evaders. The government expects to net over \$190 million in additional revenue collection during 2026 as a result of the improvements, which also include "artificial intelligence, biometric devices and non-intrusive inspection technology, as well as risk management systems" for customs purposes. Officials hope the streamlined, safer customs systems will increase Mexico's appeal to foreign traders, but experts warn that the investment will not end criminal activity at Mexican ports.
- End of Ecuadorian Diesel Subsidy Expected to Worsen Fuel Theft: The Ecuadorian government's decision to end a diesel subsidy is expected to worsen already-rising fuel theft in the country. The change in policy, which will see pump prices rise from US\$1.80 to \$2.80 per gallon, is being pitched as a key means of undercutting the smuggling of cheaper fuel to neighboring countries like Colombia for illicit purposes. However, it will also increase the incentive for criminals to steal fuel to power enterprises such as narcotics production and smuggling. Authorities discovered over a thousand illegal taps used to siphon fuel from Ecuador's

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pipelines in the first nine months of 2025, a significant increase over preceding years' figures, which had already been trending upward. The decision to end the subsidy has also inspired increasingly widespread <u>violent unrest</u> in the country, leading to a growing <u>security response</u>.

- End of Sanctions Waiver for Iranian Port Could Impact India's Trade Aspirations: Iran's
   Chabahar Port, the country's only port on the Indian Ocean, has benefited from a \$500 million
   Indian investment meant to increase India's access to trading partners to its west without
   relying on overland transport through Pakistan. However, the <u>revocation</u> of a sanctions waiver
   granted by the first Trump administration in 2018 will likely undermine those plans. Despite the
   threat, <u>observers expect</u> that Indian authorities will press forward with the project, though the
   waiver revocation is expected to complicate further investment, as well as India's plans for
   expanding trade with Central Asia. Expectations that India might press forward with the project in
   spite of the sanctions threat demonstrate the impact <u>steep U.S. tariffs</u> have had on U.S.-India
   relations.
- DRC to Replace Cobalt Export Ban with Quota System, Halving Recent Output: The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), the world's top cobalt producer, will end its sevenmenth export ban on October 16, shifting to a quota system designed to manage supply and stabilize prices. Under the new framework, imposed to stem a steep price slump, exports will be capped at 18,125 tons for the rest of 2025 and 96,600 tons annually through 2027, less than half of recent output. Analysts say the move could impact global markets, leading to supply shortages and rising prices. The Congolese government also hopes to boost cobalt processing in-country, rather than shipping raw ore abroad, especially to China, for processing.

#### Health

• Announces Tariffs on Pharmaceuticals, With Several Exceptions: In a move that may impact the availability and price of some specialty drugs, U.S. President Donald Trump announced that his administration would impose tariffs of 100% on imports of branded or patented pharmaceuticals unless the manufacturer is building a plant in the country. Under the plan, generic drugs, which form the majority of imports, would be exempt. Also spared the full impact are the European Union and Japan, which have negotiated separate trade agreements with the U.S. and would see their rates capped at 15%. Companies in the U.K., however, would be subject to the full 100% tariff, as their trade agreement does not include provisions for pharmaceuticals. The various carve-outs in the policy will spare many of the largest manufacturers the full brunt of the policy.

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- Trump Administration Lays Groundwork for Tariffs on Medical Devices: The Trump administration is also setting the stage for tariffs on medical devices, industrial machinery, and robotics. The Department of Commerce has begun a probe under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act into imports of such goods and has 270 days from the start of its probe on September 2 to determine whether they are critical to national security. Items under investigation include face masks, syringes, infusion pumps, pacemakers, insulin pumps, coronary stents, heart valves, hearing aids, and prosthetics, among others. While tariffs under Section 232 take longer to implement, they also tend to stay in place longer, even carrying over from one administration to the next.
- Increased H-1B Visa Fee Likely to Worsen Healthcare Staffing Woes: The Trump administration's recently announced decision to increase the fee associated with the H-1B visa to \$100,000 risks exacerbating a pre-existing shortage of healthcare professionals, especially in family medicine. The H-1B visa is commonly used to recruit foreign-trained doctors and international medical graduates to work in the U.S., especially in underserved rural areas and family medicine, where such workers make up 20% of the labor force. The U.S. was already facing a potential shortage of between 13,500 and 86,000 doctors by 2036. Among the regions that could benefit from the change in U.S. policy is Europe, which is also facing a potential shortfall of nearly one million healthcare workers by 2030 and is increasingly relying on foreign-trained workers to keep healthcare systems afloat.
- Shortages of Critical Medicines Persist Across EU: Shortages of medicine, already a pre-existing problem across the European Union (EU), reached record levels in 2023 and 2024, according to a new report by the European Court of Auditors (ECA). The issue has persisted into 2025. As of March, the European Medicines Agency reported that hospitals were experiencing shortages of 34 medicines, including 16 that are on the European Commission's list of essential medicines. Among the factors contributing to the shortages are a lack of effective compliance tools, inconsistent and outdated data, fragile supply chains, regulatory hurdles to shifting supplies between member states, and an overreliance on manufacturers in Asia for several key medicines. A bloc-wide plan to stockpile critical medicines unveiled in July has also led to shortages as members look to fill their own stores.
- Other Stories the Global Intelligence Team Is Monitoring: Following the detection of cesium 137 in shrimp imported into the U.S. from Indonesia, officials have now detected the same radioactive isotope in cloves from PT Natural Java Spice, leading regulators to block the import of all spices from the manufacturer. The ultimate source of the contamination is unclear. U.S.

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regulators are also on high alert after Mexico confirmed a case of <u>New World screwworm</u> in a cow in Sabinas Hidalgo, Nuevo Leon, just 70 miles from the U.S. border. The city lies near the highway leading from Monterrey to Laredo, a key route for trade and shipping. U.S. ports remain closed to imports of cattle, bison, and horses from Mexico. Finally, <u>Utah</u> joins <u>several states in</u> <u>the Upper Midwest</u> that have seen a recent resurgence of bird flu.

#### Demonstrations and Industrial Action

- Moroccan 'Gen-Z' Demonstrations Continue Into Monday: Disruptions are likely across Morocco this evening following calls for further demonstrations under the "Gen-Z" banner. Similar demonstrations this weekend drew hundreds of participants in at least 11 different cities, leading to clashes with authorities. The country's youth movement is denouncing perceived corruption and the misappropriation of funding for sporting events at a time when further investment in healthcare and education is required. Organizers called for supporters to demonstrate at 6 pm in Casablanca, Marrakesh, Rabat, Tangier, and at least six other cities, announcing specific demonstration sites just two hours in advance in order to "avoid police repression." Further demonstrations are likely as Morocco prepares to host the Africa Cup of Nations in December and the 2030 FIFA World Cup.
- Worldwide Demonstrations Planned Around Middle East Conflict Anniversary:

  Demonstrations and gatherings are anticipated in multiple cities worldwide on or around October 7 to mark the anniversary of the Israel-Gaza conflict. In the Americas and Europe, most major demonstrations are planned for Saturday, October 4. Major actions are scheduled in New York City at Washington Square Park at 2 pm, in Washington, D.C. outside the U.S. Capitol at 2 pm, in Chicago near the intersection of Michigan Ave and Wacker Dr at 2 pm, in Los Angeles at the Israeli Consulate on Wilshire Blvd at 1 pm, and in Atlanta at Atlantic Station at 6 pm. In Europe, notable demonstrations are planned in London, England, at Parliament Square at 1 pm, in Dublin, Ireland at the Garden of Remembrance at 1 pm, and in Rome, Italy at the Porta San Paolo at 2:30 pm.
- Immigration-Related Demonstrations Planned Across British Isles: Several demonstrations condemning various immigration policies are likely to garner large crowds and a heightened police presence in Belfast, Dublin, and London this week. In London, a group known as the Pink Ladies, which has been involved in demonstrations against the housing of asylum seekers, intends to gather in Westminster for a "Pink Protest" on Wednesday at 10 am. In August, the Metropolitan

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Police <u>arrested</u> six people at a Pink Lady-organized demonstration outside a Canary Wharf hotel. In Ireland, Dublin will see a march from Connolly Train Station to the General Post Office (GPO) on Saturday at 2 pm. In Northern Ireland, demonstrators calling for "sensible immigration policies" intend to gather at Belfast City Hall on Saturday at 1 pm.

- Greek Unions Call for General Strike on Wednesday Over Labor Bill: Widespread education, healthcare, retail, and transportation disruptions can be expected on Wednesday, October 1, during a nationwide general strike. The General Confederation of Greek Workers (GSEE) and the Civil Servants' Confederation (ADEDY) are calling on workers across the country to strike for 24 hours against a proposed law that would extend the workday up to 13 hours. Air traffic controllers with ADEDY are expected to participate in the strike, suggesting that flight cancellations and delays are likely. Public transportation is also expected to see disruptions in Athens and Thessaloniki, and the Panhellenic Seamen's Federation (PNO) has called for a 24-hour strike impacting maritime transport. Several demonstrations are planned in Athens in conjunction with the strike. •
- AIMPLB Calls for "Bharat Bandh" Against Waqf Act: The All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) has called for a nationwide Bharat Bandh on Friday, October 3, under its "Waqf Bachao, Dastoor Bachao" campaign to protest the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025. Muslims are urged to close shops, offices, and businesses, with the exception of emergency services, from 8 am to 2 pm. This action has the potential to disrupt commerce and daily life in Muslim-majority areas, potentially impacting both Muslim-owned businesses and supportive employees. While public transport may face pressure, road blockades are not expected. Violence linked to the movement peaked in April 2025, but has since subsided. Demonstrations and counterdemonstrations, including from groups like the Vishwa Hindu Parishad, are likely.

#### **Upcoming Events**

- September 19-October 6: Airport Workers' Strike (South Korea)
- September 22-October 5: Transport Maintenance Workers' Strike (Montreal, QC)
- September 22-30: UN General Assembly High-Level Week (New York City, NY)
- September 22-October 2: Navratri (Global)
- September 28-October 2: Durga Puja (Global)

- October 1: Nationwide Strike (Greece)
- October 1-2: Yom Kippur (Global)
- October 1-8: Golden Week (China)
- October 2: Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti (India)
- October 2: Dussehra (India)
- October 2: Nationwide Strike (France)
- October 3: National Foundation Day (South Korea)

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