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## Top Stories

### **Winter Storm to Bring Widespread Disruptions Across the Northeast U.S.**

#### **Tomorrow**

As of midday today, **winter weather advisories** stretch from parts of Oklahoma and Kansas eastward through the Ohio Valley. From this afternoon into tonight, the region will face hazards ranging from light icing across southern portions of the precipitation zone to 2–3 inches of snow, locally up to 4 inches, across central and northern areas. Widespread minor to locally moderate travel impacts is forecast.

Late tonight into tomorrow morning, the same large storm system will intensify as it reaches the Mid-Atlantic coast. **Freezing rain and icing** will become a significant concern in the higher elevations of West Virginia and Virginia, while **widespread snow** spreads across the interior of the Northeast. Ice accretion of one-tenth to one-quarter of an inch is possible in locations such as Blacksburg, Staunton, and Harrisonburg (VA) and Beckley (WV). Dangerous road conditions and isolated power outages are possible. For now, cities along the I-95 corridor, including Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York City, and Boston, are expected to remain south of the rain–snow line. These areas will still experience some travel disruptions tomorrow, but mainly from cold, nuisance-level rain rather than impactful snowfall.

Farther inland across northeast Pennsylvania, central New York, northwest Connecticut, western and central Massachusetts, and much of southern and interior Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine,

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widespread snowfall of 4–8 inches is expected, with localized amounts of 10–12 inches. Snowfall rates may exceed one inch per hour at times, leading to widespread moderate and locally severe travel impacts. **Winter Storm Watches** are already in effect, with upgrades likely by late tonight. Conditions will begin improving gradually from south to north between late tomorrow afternoon and Wednesday morning.

## Bissau-Guinean Coup Questioned by Regional Observers

Guinea-Bissau General Horta Inta-A Na Man was **sworn in** as Transitional President on Thursday, following a brief and apparently bloodless **coup** the day before. Former President Umaro Sissoco Embalo was reportedly briefly detained before **fleeing**, first to neighboring Senegal before apparently **traveling on** to the Republic of the Congo. On Saturday, the General **installed** 28 officials in a one-year **interim administration**, including **allies** of the former president.

Embalo and Horta Inta-A's historically close relationship, the appointment of the former president's allies to the transitional government, the president's release after a brief detention, and other factors are raising suspicions among **regional leaders** and **observers** that the coup was "staged" to prevent the release of presidential election results. As part of seizing power, the military said that they were **suspending the electoral process**, insisting that they acted to prevent a plot to destabilize the country.

While no casualties were reported during the coup, a **brief curfew** disrupted local travel and business activity. Public activity was also reportedly muted following the takeover, and authorities have banned demonstrations and strikes ahead of an **expected visit** by a delegation of leaders from member states of the Economic Community of West African States. What remains to be seen is how the **suspension** of Guinea-Bissau from the African Union and other consequences levied by the international community will impact regional security, trade relations, and travel. Guinea-Bissau's habitual political instability has also helped solidify its reputation as a **key node in drug trafficking routes**, although it is unclear at this stage if the drug cartels operating in the country had any role in the coup, nor how the military's takeover might impact their operations.

## Trump Threatens Land Operations on Venezuela, Says Airspace Should Be 'Considered Closed'

U.S. President Donald Trump said that the airspace above and around Venezuela should be **considered** "closed in its entirety" as tensions between Washington, D.C. and Caracas continue to rise. Despite

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Trump's announcement, U.S. officials **said** that they were unaware of any plans to enforce a no-fly zone at this time. Trump's warning has seen airlines **largely avoid** Venezuelan airspace and cancel routes to the country.

In addition to Trump's threats to close Venezuelan airspace, he has also made **statements** that the U.S. would soon begin military operations on land against the Cartel de los Soles. While the Maduro regime **reportedly** views the threats from the White House as a bluff, there remains a distinct possibility that the U.S. will conduct limited strikes within Venezuela, especially if Maduro **refuses to resign**. The likeliest targets, at least initially, are those associated with drug trafficking operations in rural areas, although the U.S. may opt to focus its firepower on the military, oil industry, or other locations critical to the survival of the Venezuelan government. Trump plans to hold a **meeting** at the White House this evening to discuss next steps on Venezuela.

If the U.S. opts for more extensive strikes directly targeting the Maduro regime, it could cause disruptions to the global oil market, especially diesel. An extended conflict of the sort that the Venezuelan military is reportedly **preparing for** could also **impact the wider region**, potentially threatening not only Colombia's energy infrastructure, but also ammonia and fertilizer supply chains centered on Trinidad and Tobago's Point Lisas complex.

## Climate and Natural Hazards

- **Floods Across Asia Kill Over 1,300:** Several concurrent **major flood disasters** are ongoing across the Asia-Pacific region. Indonesia's national disaster management agency confirms that **over 600 lives have been lost** in Sumatra following a **rare tropical storm** that formed over the Malacca Strait, resulting in prolific rain and flooding. The storm has since dissipated, but a large number of people remain missing. In Sri Lanka, the death toll in the wake of **Tropical Cyclone Ditwah** has risen to at least **366**, with hundreds still missing. In Thailand, monsoonal rainfall has caused at least **140 deaths**. The death toll in all regions is expected to increase as crews conduct rescue operations.
- **Cyclone Remnants Near Chennai:** Cyclone Ditwah, the same system responsible for hundreds of fatalities in Sri Lanka, has significantly weakened but continues to be monitored by the **India Meteorological Department (IMD)** as a deep depression. The system has produced persistent heavy rainfall over **Chennai** in southern India since Sunday night. As of this writing, the **IMD** has maintained Red Rainfall Warnings for portions of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, while Orange

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Alerts are in place across Andhra Pradesh. Regionally, alerts were expected to be downgraded to Yellow by Tuesday; however, the risk of at least localized flooding is likely to persist through mid-week. Forecast models indicate that Ditwah's remnant circulation will remain nearly stationary along the coast through at least Wednesday or Thursday. Through the end of the week, scattered rainfall totals of 3–7 inches (75-175 mm) are possible from Chennai north to Vijayawada. Localized rainfall warning upgrades by the IMD are possible. School schedules, business operations, and local transit services may face intermittent disruptions.

- **Vietnam Still Facing Flood Hazards:** After already being hit by multiple flood disasters in recent months, Vietnam is now monitoring **Tropical Storm Kota**, a weakening named storm located off its east coast. Fortunately, due to increasing wind shear and dry air, Koto is likely to weaken below named storm status before making landfall. However, remnant moisture, along with a northeast monsoon surge, will produce scattered heavy rain across flood-ravaged areas, including Da Nang, between late Tuesday and Sunday. Scattered rain totals between 3-5 inches, locally 7 inches or more, could produce localized flash flooding, worsening river flooding, and landslides.
- **Elevated Flood Threat in Greece:** Consecutive storm systems are expected to impact Greece between Wednesday and Sunday, resulting in prolonged periods of excess rain and increased flood risk. Rainfall totals are expected to peak over Macedonia and Thessaly, with locally 150-200 mm possible. Scattered instances of flash flooding and landslides are possible during this active weather stretch.
- **2025 Atlantic Hurricane Season Officially Ends:** November 30 marked the final day of the 2025 Atlantic Hurricane Season. The season ended with 13 named storms, including five hurricanes, four of which became major hurricanes. While the total number of named storms was near average, 2025 produced three Category Five hurricanes, the second most on record. Out of the 13 named storms, only Tropical Storm Chantal made landfall in the continental United States, resulting in several casualties in the Carolinas. It was also the first season in a decade without a **single hurricane striking the U.S.** The most devastating storm of the season was Hurricane Melissa, which killed over 100 people across the Caribbean, with the highest casualty counts in Jamaica and Haiti.

## Worldwide

- **Colombian President, Intelligence, and Military Officials Grapple with High-Profile Scandal:** Colombian President Gustavo Petro is **grappling with a scandal** that may further strain his relations with the U.S. and erode his credibility in dealing with the myriad armed groups

operating within the country. Colombia's military and intelligence agency are investigating allegations that two senior security officials shared classified intelligence, including troop movement and arms shipment information, with the leader of former FARC rebels. The data exchange **reportedly** helped coordinate illicit deals with a weapons broker linked to illegal mining and drug trafficking. Both accused officials deny wrongdoing, while Petro denounced the report as politically motivated. The revelations have amplified the pressure on Petro's government, already under fire for the perceived **failure** of its "Total Peace" policy and worsening ties with Washington. The U.S. **reportedly** stated that it is aware of the allegations and is urging Petro's administration to "thoroughly investigate these allegations and take appropriate action."

- **Shifting Political Dynamics in South, West Asia:** Persistent tensions between Pakistan and neighbors India and Afghanistan are leading Kabul and New Delhi to grow closer as their ties with Islamabad continue to cool. **New agreements** facilitating trade, bolstering healthcare supply chains, and incentivizing foreign investment are expected to benefit Afghanistan **in particular**, alleviating some of the economic pressure generated by Pakistan's closure of the border following **recent clashes**. India's **growing relationship** with Iran, meanwhile, could further isolate Pakistan, while also raising concerns among international observers. This comes as U.S. ties with Pakistan grow **increasingly warm** and India seeks to **maintain its relationship** with Russia, even in the face of U.S. resistance, suggesting that a broader realignment may impact trade and security across the region in the long term.
- **Honduran Presidential Race Early Results Show Tight Margin Between Asfura and Nasralla:** Preliminary results from Honduras' presidential **election** show Nasry Asfura of the National Party with 40% and Salvador Nasralla of the Liberal Party with 39.78% after about half of the votes have been counted. Rixi Moncada of the governing LIBRE party stands at around 19%. All major candidates have urged their supporters to wait for the final count. U.S. President Donald Trump's public **support** for Asfura and his promise to **pardon** former president Juan Orlando Hernández generated accusations that the U.S. was seeking to influence the contest. Observers **noted** the possibility of disputes over the final results, especially as major parties traded accusations of plotting "electoral coups" in the run-up. The vote has thus far appeared to proceed smoothly, although any allegations or perceptions of tampering with the vote could result in unrest.
- **French Unions Plan Nationwide General Strike Against 2026 Draft Budget:** Workers in France will take to the streets this Tuesday to protest austerity measures in the government's proposed budget for 2026. Disruptions to education, public service, and transportation can be expected due to strikes called for by the CGT, FSU, and Solidaires unions; however, impacts are likely to be less severe than those experienced during the **inter-union-led mobilizations earlier this fall**, especially after the government **walked back** pension reforms. The labor-focused mobilization is

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coming amid major geopolitical challenges for French leaders, with France **announcing** a voluntary youth military service as the risk of Russia's hybrid warfare tactics against European countries grows.

- **German Christmas Markets Face Growing Security Costs This Holiday Season:** Magdeburg's Christmas market **opened** last Thursday amid the specter of last year's car-ramming attack that **killed** six people and injured more than 300. Heightened security measures are in place in Magdeburg and other cities across the country, with smaller municipalities warning that **rising security costs** may become prohibitive without state support. Investigations into the 2024 Magdeburg attack found that the attacker exploited a gap in security bollards that was intended for use by emergency vehicles. Bollards, typically large concrete blocks, have been standard practice at markets since the **2016 truck attack** on Berlin's Breitscheidplatz Christmas market.

## Cyber and Regulatory

- **Server Overlap Suggests Russia and North Korea Collaborating on Cyberattacks:** Researchers recently **identified** shared infrastructure and overlapping tactics between Russia-linked Gamaredon and North Korea's Lazarus Group, indicating a potential coordination between the two state-associated cyber actors. Gamaredon has primarily targeted Ukrainian government networks since 2022, focusing on rapid espionage operations, while Lazarus is involved in activities including intelligence gathering, financially-motivated cybercrimes, and cryptocurrency theft. Both groups appeared to use the same command-and-control infrastructure, an uncommon pattern among advanced persistent threat actors. If confirmed, this would represent the **first documented** instance of Russian-North Korean cyber collaboration and highlights the need for enhanced infrastructure correlation analysis and broader **cross-sector** intelligence sharing efforts.
- **New Social Media Tools Reveal Extent of Foreign Influence on U.S. Online Political Discourse:** Foreign influence networks are increasingly engaging in U.S. political conversations on social media, especially X, with **new** platform transparency tools revealing both the scale and complexity of this activity. This activity impacts how users interpret political content and assess the authenticity of the accounts they engage with. X's new location labels show several large pro- and anti-Trump accounts operating from **various** countries, **including** Bangladesh, India, Iran, Kenya, Nigeria, and Russia. Platform monetization, reduced moderation capacity, and the ease of location masking may contribute to the growth of these accounts. VPN use, travel, or shifts in platform policies can affect the accuracy of X's location data, and account operators can quickly adjust tactics to obscure their origins, influencing future transparency.

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- **South Korean Online Retail Giant Suffers Months-Long Breach:** Beginning potentially as early as June 24, South Korea's most widely used e-commerce platform, Coupang, suffered a **cyberattack** that allowed hackers to access nearly 34 million users' account information. The company's latest quarterly report claimed fewer than 25 million active users, suggesting that data from idle accounts was likely exposed as well, potentially impacting people who have not purchased anything via Coupang for an extended period. Minister of Science and ICT Bae Kyung-hoon warned that the government will launch an investigation into any potential wrongdoing on Coupang's part, suggesting a swift regulatory response and the potential for future changes to South Korean **data handling laws** as a result.
- **New Indian Labor Code Could Increase Investment, Rile Workers:** India **implemented** an overhaul of its patchwork of labor laws that officials claim will **streamline** the country's labor laws, making it easier to hire and fire employees while seeking to formalize much of the country's vast informal sector, establish social security for gig workers, and establish a minimum wage floor, among **other things**. The revamp could increase investor interest in the country at a time when manufacturing is central to the country's strong, continued **economic growth**. Several unions have already **called** for demonstrations against the reforms, claiming that they are "anti-worker" and erode labor rights. Experts **claim** that India's ambitions to position itself as a manufacturing alternative to China have been stifled by the country's "archaic labor laws," which could undermine the government's efforts to achieve high middle-income economy status by the country's centennial in 2047.
- **Indian Government to Mandate Security Software for Devices Sold on Domestic Market:** Amid surging cybercrime, concerns about the theft of devices, and other challenges, Indian officials are reportedly **requiring** the installation of the government-controlled "**Sanchar Saathi**" security application on cellphones sold domestically. The order, which will impact popular brands including Apple, Oppo, Samsung, Vivo, and Xiaomi, could bring these manufacturers into conflict with the Modi administration over the effort to force potentially invasive software onto users' devices without their consent. With the further expansion of India's tech manufacturing ecosystem **pivotal** to achieving the government's lofty **economic growth** goals, the Modi administration will be forced to balance its interest in the perceived advantages of installing the program with the potential consequences of discouraging further investment or innovation by these firms.

## Infrastructure and Supply Chain

- **Hong Kong Apartment Fire Tied to Substandard Materials:** Authorities in Hong Kong have **detained** more than a dozen suspects and Chinese officials are launching a nationwide safety **inspection drive** after a **fire** that broke out last Wednesday in a residential high-rise complex killed at least 151 people and destroyed the homes of thousands of others. The complex had reportedly been **undergoing renovation** for over a year, with contractors accused of using flammable **scaffolding** and **netting**, likely exacerbating the severity of the incident. Meanwhile, Chinese authorities are **warning** against any attempt to “exploit the fire” following the widespread support shown for the victims over the past week.
- **Mexican Water Law Reforms Prompt Farmer Protests:** Mexico’s **proposed** National Water Law sparked nationwide demonstrations by farmers over language restricting the transfer or inheritance of water rights, threatening farmers’ ability to maintain wells, sell land, or pass operations to their children. Water access is fundamental to Mexico’s agricultural output, and backlash over the issue has already led to economic disruptions. Farmers believe the law would **allow** the government to cancel well permits, effectively criminalizing long-standing practices, and warn that the reforms would “strangle” rural production at a time of high diesel costs and low crop prices. Pending amendments to the bill and rising political tensions mean nationwide protests could **reignite** with little warning.
- **Tighter Controls on British Exports to EU Could Disrupt Supply Chains in 2026:** New EU border enforcement procedures to be enforced from January 1, 2026, will require imports from the U.K. to be accompanied by an “**Entry Summary Declaration (ENS)**” submitted at least one hour in advance of the shipment’s arrival to avoid processing delays. The new rules will also lead to certain key terms, such as insufficiently vague descriptors, triggering automatic rejections of ENS filings, suggesting that even minor paperwork oversights could disrupt European supply chains reliant on British exports. With **more than half** of all U.K. exports destined for the EU, confusion surrounding the new system—especially in the days immediately following its implementation—could cause errors, delays, and other challenges for both British exporters and their European customers.
- **Polish Authorities Consider Drone-Based Infrastructure Security Amid Perceived Russian Escalation:** After Polish officials **attributed** a November 16 rail explosion impacting a Polish train to the Ukrainian border region to Russian sabotage, authorities in Warsaw are now said to be considering a drone-based defense system for railways and other critical infrastructure. The plan would see at least two types of drones employed to detect and potentially respond to explosives planted in sensitive locations. Positioning the perceived railway attack as a paradigm shift in what

is seen as a broader Russian **campaign to destabilize** the EU, the calls for greater capabilities to respond echo similar sentiments shared by officials in Italy, Latvia, and those representing the bloc as a whole, such as Vice President of the European Commission Kaja Kallas.

- **Airbus Recall Grounds Jets, Triggering Global Delays:** Airbus issued an urgent **recall** to implement software and hardware fixes to roughly 6,000 A320-family aircraft after discovering that intense solar radiation can corrupt critical flight-control data. Disruptions were reportedly minimal, with **most repairs completed** by December 1 after airlines began temporarily grounding impacted aircraft to complete the mandatory **updates** on November 28. The issue **surfaced** after an October JetBlue flight experienced an abrupt altitude drop linked to corrupted ELAC flight-control data. Most aircraft needed software updates, while about 900 older planes required hardware replacements. EASA **issued** an Emergency Worthiness Directive, and major carriers including Air New Zealand, American, Delta, EasyJet, and Wizz Air reported near-term disruptions during the recall. Despite most repairs being completed, the **discovery of further issues** during the recall process could impact aircraft downtime.

## Health

- **White House Seeks to Revive, Broaden “Public Charge” Policy:** People seeking visas to enter the U.S. may be **denied entry** due to their age or any **health conditions** they may have, according to recent guidance from the State Department, broadening the range of common and chronic illnesses that could see an individual’s visa application rejected. Shortly after news broke of the State Department’s new guidelines, **Politico reported** that the White House was proposing to give immigration officers greater discretion in denying permanent residency to those that they believe could become a “public charge” and use Medicaid, food assistance programs, and other social services. **Immigration** and **public health advocates** have said that the policy could prevent lawfully-present immigrants and U.S. citizens from accessing healthcare, ultimately making it more difficult to control infectious disease outbreaks. The policy change could also result in reduced revenue for healthcare providers, grocers that participate in SNAP, and landlords in federally-funded housing programs.
- **U.S. FDA Plans to Push for More Stringent Vaccine Approval Process:** In an internal email obtained by the **Washington Post**, the top vaccine regulator at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration outlined a plan for new, more stringent requirements for vaccine approvals after claiming that “at least 10 children have died after and because of receiving COVID-19 vaccination.” The steps outlined, which include compelling vaccine companies to conduct larger studies,

requiring more data to establish vaccine safety and value, rethinking the annual flu shot approval process, and examining whether multiple vaccines should be administered at once, are all likely to significantly slow the vaccine approval process and limit the development of new vaccines.

However, many outside experts also note that the email does not lay out exactly how the changes will be enacted, making a full accounting of the possible implications difficult.

- **Changes to Student Loan Borrowing Rules Could Restrict Number of Advanced Practice Nurses:** A Trump administration **plan** to redefine what constitutes a professional degree and introduce new borrowing caps on student in graduate programs will limit the amount of aid available for those looking to enter several fields, including nursing. Under the “One Big Beautiful Act,” the U.S. Department of Education is now capping the amount that students in graduate programs can borrow (undergraduate degrees are unaffected), with higher limits for those earning “professional degrees.” However, the list of **professional degrees** does not include nursing, which the **American Nurses Association** has warned will adversely impact the supply of advanced practice nurses, such as nurse practitioners. The public will have a chance to provide input before the caps go into effect in July 2026.
- **Norovirus Cases Rising Across U.S.:** Recent **data** from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) suggest that norovirus cases are rising across the country. Nearly 14% of tests have come back positive, more than double the amount seen three months ago. Additional reporting from **WastewaterSCAN**, a program run through Stanford University in partnership with Emory University, shows that cases have been rising since mid-October, with cases particularly **elevated** in the Midwest. This year’s outbreak has already caused at least one school to **close** for a day after dozens of students reported feeling ill. The number of cases could increase further; last year’s test positivity rate **peaked** at 25%.
- **Spain’s Pork Industry Rattled After Reports of African Swine Fever in Wild Boar:** Several countries are halting imports of pork from Spain as Madrid races to contain an outbreak of African swine fever. As of yesterday, Spanish media was **reporting** 14 suspected or confirmed cases of the virus in wild boar in the Catalonia region, which is central to Spain’s lucrative (and EU-leading) pork trade. According to Agriculture Minister Luis Planas, since news of the outbreak first broke, a third of the country’s 400 **export certificates** to some 104 countries have been blocked. The U.K. and Mexico have **suspended** the import of all pork products from Spain, while Madrid has **halted** all exports of pork to China temporarily. The disease is not a threat to humans, but is often fatal in pigs.

## Demonstrations and Industrial Action

- **Heightened Security Ahead of ICE “Swamp Sweep” in New Orleans; Demonstration Activity Planned:** Around 250 federal agents will be deployed for immigration enforcement activities in New Orleans and nearby areas as ICE is set to start its **“Swamp Sweep”** operations today. The **operation** will likely lead to an increased police presence and possible demonstration activity in areas with a large immigrant population. Demonstrations have already been called in response to the operations. There will be a rally and march at Lafayette Square in New Orleans this evening at 6 pm, along with an action at a city council meeting on Thursday as local groups push for protections and policy measures for immigrants.
- **“Tiger March” Called in Mexico City in Support of Government:** Disruptions are expected in central Mexico City, especially around the Angel of Independence and along Paseo de la Reforma to the Zócalo, on Friday due to a large demonstration to support President Claudia Sheinbaum and the **“Fourth Transformation,”** a movement associated with Sheinbaum’s party-mate and predecessor, former President Andrés Manuel López Obrador. Youth groups reportedly plan to organize a **“Marcha del Tigre”** starting at 9 am at the Angel of Independence as they seek to demonstrate youth support, celebrate the 7th anniversary of the 4T, and defend national sovereignty. Police presence and possible counter-protests are likely near the march route. The march is a response to last month’s **“Generation Z”** demonstration against the Sheinbaum administration, which caused **significant** disruptions. Additional Generation Z-related demonstrations are **planned** for December 14.
- **Tanzania Independence Day Cancelled After Election-Day Unrest, More Demonstrations Looming:** Disruptions are likely in the coming week in Tanzania due to nationwide calls for anti-government demonstrations in response to disputed elections on October 29. Opposition groups are organizing large gatherings for December 9, with activity possibly starting as early as December 5, according to the U.S. Embassy Dar es Salaam. Unrest following the election led to significant violence, damage to infrastructure, and a five-day internet blackout. Opposition leaders claim that hundreds were killed, and an international coalition has submitted a case to the International Criminal Court accusing the government of crimes against humanity. The government has cancelled Independence Day celebrations and set up its own commission of inquiry.

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- **Controversial Chinese “Mega Embassy” in London Nears Approval, Sparks Demonstrations:** Chinese embassy workers in the U.K.’s capital are hoping to move into a new building—the 20,000-square-meter site of the former Royal Mint—despite concerns over espionage and security risks to residents and political opponents of Beijing. British Prime Minister Keir Starmer is expected to formally approve the embassy plans by next week after seven years of delay. Human rights groups opposed to the new embassy will gather Saturday afternoon at Piccadilly Circus before marching to Downing St and the Home Office. Next Wednesday, December 10, a related rally is planned at the former Royal Mint site, coinciding with Human Rights Day. The U.K.’s domestic intelligence agency issued an alert to Parliamentarians last month over Chinese spying in Westminster, though both MI5 and MI6 condone the embassy plan.
- **Flight Disruptions Expected in Portugal Next Week Due to General Strike:** Portuguese unions are calling for a general strike over proposed labor reforms next Thursday, December 11. Flight cancellations and delays are expected, as airline cabin crew members have already announced their intent to strike. The Civil Aviation Pilots’ Union (SPAC) will decide this week whether pilots will join them. Outside of the aviation industry, the strike will result in disruptions to education, healthcare, public services, and transportation networks. Portugal is already facing maritime transportation disruptions due to an ongoing port strike, with port communities and industry stakeholders urging the government to intervene as they warn that direct losses “already exceed five million euros.”

## Upcoming Events

- December 1: Legislative Elections (St Lucia)
- December 2: General Strike (France)
- December 7: Legislative Council Elections (Hong Kong)
- December 8: Feast of Immaculate Conception (Global)
- December 10: Human Rights Day (Global)
- December 11: General Strike (Portugal)
- December 13: Anniversary of Japanese Capture of Nanjing (China)
- December 14: Presidential Runoff Election (Chile)
- December 14-22: Hannukah (Global)
- December 18: International Migrants Day (Global)
- December 24: Christmas Eve (Global)
- December 25: Christmas (Global)
- December 26: Boxing Day (Global)
- December 27: Legislative Elections (Ivory Coast)
- December 28: First Phase of General Elections (Myanmar)
- December 31: New Year’s Eve (Global)
- January 1: New Year’s Day (Global)