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#### **Atmospheric River to Bring Widespread Flood Threat to U.S. Pacific Northwest**

A powerful and prolonged **atmospheric river** will produce widespread heavy rainfall across western Washington and western Oregon today through Thursday, leading to a considerable flood and strong wind threat. The National Weather Service has placed the entire region, including Seattle, Tacoma, Olympia, Portland, Salem, and Eugene, under a **Flood Watch**. Overall, rainfall accumulations are expected to reach over 10-12 inches in the higher terrain, leading to a significant risk of flooding and landslides. Rivers and streams will be highly vulnerable to flooding during this period, with several expected to reach **moderate to major flood stages** and overflow their banks, particularly in Washington. Locations at lower elevations, including the I-5 corridor, will also be at risk for disruptive flooding.

Portland is forecast to receive accumulations of 3-4 inches, and Seattle could observe rainfall totals of 2-3 inches, more than enough to cause ponding on roadways and slow travel. Widespread travel delays are likely during peak commuting times due to street flooding and poor driving conditions. In addition to the rain threat, the atmospheric river will produce gusts up to 40 mph, which could lead to isolated to scattered power outages and additional business disruptions.

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## U.S. Administration Pursues Immigration Pause, Escalates Interior Deportation Operations

Since the shooting of two National Guard soldiers in Washington, D.C. in late November, the U.S. federal government has further increased its efforts to curtail immigration. Last week, U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem **announced** that travel bans will be applied to more than 30 countries, though the administration did not specify which countries will be added to the existing list of **19 countries** already under full or partial travel bans. A **list** put together by the State Department in June of potential countries may provide some indication of what locations may be added. Additionally, the State Department halted visas for Afghans and the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services has paused all asylum decisions and all pending immigration applications from the 19 countries currently facing restrictions.

Outside of the travel bans, an internal State Department memo sent out last week reportedly directs officials to reject H-1B visa applicants who were involved in the “censorship or attempted censorship of protected expression in the U.S.”, according to **Reuters**. The enhanced vetting of H-1B visas, which are crucial for the tech and financial services industries, comes after the U.S. administration **instated** a \$100,000 fee for new applicants in September.

Domestically, immigration enforcement actions escalated in New Orleans over the last week. The operation has forced many businesses to preemptively **shut down** and workers to **stay home**. The Department of Homeland Security aims to arrest at least 5,000 people as part of the New Orleans operation, although officials have **expressed doubt** that the operation will be able to reach that number, especially if it remains limited to violent offenders. ICE raids have also **begun** in Minneapolis following **recent statements** made by Trump targeting Minnesota’s Somali community.

## Cambodia-Thailand Ceasefire Broken Amid Fresh Airstrikes, Clashes

Following weeks of escalating tensions, military conflict between Cambodia and Thailand **resumed** today with clashes and Thai airstrikes. The flare-up followed purported Cambodian artillery fire targeting Thai soldiers the vicinity of the “**Anupong**” military base in Thailand’s Ubon Ratchathani province (an accusation Cambodia **denies**), before spreading across the border region.

Nearly 400,000 Thai residents have been **evacuated** from the Buri Ram, Si Sa Ket, Surin, and Ubon Ratchathani **provinces**, with other parts of both Thailand and Cambodia likely to face evacuation orders

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if clashes continue. The more confrontational tone adopted by Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul in comparison to his predecessor, the recently ousted Paetongtarn Shinawatra, along with the prospect of Thai elections in early 2026, suggests that the complete **collapse of the peace deal** and a resumption of open conflict appears increasingly likely.

An end to the ceasefire agreement could presage a significant widening of the conflict. The **rapid escalation** between the first **clash in May** and a late-July ceasefire saw nearly 50 people killed on either side of the border and thousands displaced, a trend that is likely to worsen unless the ceasefire is restored. The failure of the ceasefire would also have important impacts for regional and global trade, with **Thailand in particular** playing an important role in many global manufacturing supply chains.

## Climate and Natural Hazards

- **7.6M Earthquake Near Japan Triggers Tsunami Warnings:** A **7.6 magnitude earthquake** struck about 73 km east-northeast of Misawa, Japan at 11:15 pm local time on Monday. Officials quickly issued evacuation orders for about 100,000 people in coastal areas of Aomori, Fukushima, Hokkaido, Iwate, and Miyagi prefectures due to the **tsunami risk**. **Multiple small tsunami waves** have been recorded along Japan's northeastern and Hokkaido coasts, with observed heights ranging from 20 to 70 cm. At the time of this writing, **Tsunami Warnings** were still in effect, with higher waves possible.
- **Storm Bram to Impact Ireland, U.K.:** A strengthening storm system, named 'Bram' by **Met Éireann**, will track northeast from Monday afternoon through Wednesday morning over Ireland, Northern Ireland, Wales, western England, and Scotland. Bram will produce scattered heavy rain and winds up to 60-70 mph in western Ireland and northern Scotland, likely leading to transportation disruptions and at least scattered power outages. Both **Met Éireann** and the **U.K. Met Office** have issued Yellow Level 1 to Orange Level 2 Warnings for Rain and Wind.
- **Several Inches of Snow Expected in Virginia, U.S.:** A quick-hitting winter storm is forecast to impact most of Virginia into Monday night. Roanoke and Richmond are expected to receive approximately 4 inches of snow, with locally higher totals of 6-8 inches possible along the higher ridges of the Appalachians. Most of the region is under **Winter Storm Warnings and Advisories** as difficult to dangerous travel conditions are expected throughout the day. Power outages will also be possible due to the heavy snow.
- **Tracking the Next Arctic Air Outbreaks for the U.S.:** The stagnant weather pattern currently situated over the United States will allow multiple arctic air masses to overspread the northern

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U.S. over the next two weeks. Between December 13 and 17, the Northeast will be most at risk for **well below-normal temperatures**. Current forecast model data suggests the most impressive influx of cold air may occur over Montana, the Dakotas, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa from December 12-14. Low temperatures could plummet to -20 to -30°F, which could lead to frostbite in minutes.

- **Active Weather Pattern Poses Flood Risk for the Middle East:** A slow-moving storm system (**satellite imagery**) will continue to produce repeated rounds of heavy rain across northern and eastern Iraq and western Iran. Storm-total rainfall amounts could reach 150-200 mm (6-8 inches), leading to rising rivers, dangerous flash flooding, isolated landslides, transportation disruptions, and power outages. In addition, coastal areas along the eastern Mediterranean from Gaza through Syria may also receive scattered heavy rain and isolated thunderstorms through the week.
- **Australia Wildfires Destroy Dozens of Homes:** Wildfires in New South Wales and Tasmania have **destroyed** around 40 homes and left one firefighter dead. In Bulahdelah, a fire affected 3,500 hectares and burned four homes, while a fire in Dolphin Sands impacted 19 homes. At least 13 fires in **New South Wales** are still not under control as the region faces continued above average temperatures and **high fire danger**. The **Australian and New Zealand Council for fire and emergency services** has highlighted portions of Victoria, Western Australia, and interior New South Wales as at an increased risk of fire for the 2025-26 summer.

## Worldwide

- **Election Standoff Deepens in Honduras Amid System Failures, Allegations of Manipulation:** Honduras' election remains unresolved as **delays** and **technical failures** have fueled competing fraud claims. Partial **tallies** place National Party candidate Nasry Asfura slightly ahead with about 40.19%, followed closely by Liberal Party contender Salvador Nasralla at 39.49%, while Libre's Rixi Moncada trails at 19.30%. Libre, the current ruling party, has **demanded** the **annulment** of the vote, alleging an "electoral coup" and interference by U.S. President Donald Trump, who endorsed Asfura and threatened to cut off aid if he lost the vote. Tensions grew further after Trump unexpectedly **pardoned** former Honduran president Juan Orlando Hernández of the National Party, convicted in the U.S. on drug-trafficking charges. With around 14% of tally sheets still under review, the National Electoral Council (CNE) has **urged** patience as the country seeks to avoid a repeat of the **deadly protests** that accompanied the 2017 election.
- **Law Enforcement in Northern Ireland on Alert After Republican Group Threatens Politicians Over Immigration:** The Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) is **investigating**

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threats made to elected representatives in Newry, Mourne, and Down by a group referring to itself as the "New Republican Movement." Last week, a video **circulated on social media** showing three masked and armed men in front of an Irish flag describing the politicians as "legitimate targets" and stating that they are "frustrated with mass immigration" and will take "immediate action against anyone who threatens our ways of life and the safety of our women and children." The video **suggests an escalation** in the movement against immigration, which led to riots in **Ballymena, County Antrim** this summer and, more recently, **arrests** over the alleged distribution of offensive weapons at a rally to "protect the rights of women and children" in Belfast.

- **China and India Push Back on European Carbon Border Tax:** India and China, typically viewed as competitors in contests over **territory, investment**, and other interests, are **united** in opposition to new EU greenhouse gas emission taxes set to enter into force on January 1. Leaders from both Beijing and Delhi claim that decarbonization to the extent required is increasingly difficult due to the sectors both countries are active in and their continued heavy reliance on fossil fuels (especially coal), with India warning that "unilateral, climate-related trade measures risk becoming instruments of protectionism." The pushback from the **industrial powerhouses**, which together account for a third of the global population, could force European decision makers to either reconsider the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) or face trade consequences.
- **As Israel Looks to Second Phase of Hamas Ceasefire, Attacks Elsewhere Continue:** While Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu claims that Israel and Hamas are expected to enter the **second phase of their ceasefire deal** soon, tensions are rising on other regional fronts. Israel **continues** to target sites in Lebanon, accusing Hezbollah of attempting to rearm. Israel has also stepped up operations in Syria, with Syrian state media **saying** that a recent Israeli raid on the village of Beit Jinn killed at least 13 people. The raid comes as Syria seeks **stronger U.S. ties**, potentially positioning Washington at odds with the Israeli government, which remains skeptical of Syrian President Ahmed al-Sharaa. Despite Hamas' purported willingness to negotiate on **key sticking points** that could derail the second phase of the ceasefire, the continued military action across the region suggests that conflict will persist in the near-term, regardless of any ceasefire deal.
- **Thwarted Benin Coup Raises Questions About Regional Stability:** A failed December 7 **coup attempt** in Benin saw **clashes and explosions** in the country's largest city, Cotonou, leading to dozens of arrests and disrupting transportation (including air travel). While "loyalist troops" are said to have **thwarted** the attempted putsch and a **standby force** was quickly deployed by the Economic Community of West African States, the incident is raising questions about rising

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political instability across the region. Junta governments in Burkina Faso, Gabon, Mali, and Niger, and other countries have struggled to exert control in the face of rising insecurity, with extremist groups often seeking to take advantage of weak post-coup administration to expand their influence. Following the recent coup in **Guinea-Bissau**, observers are now growing increasingly concerned that the destabilizing trend could spread deeper into West Africa.

## Cyber and Regulatory

- **Worldwide Pressure Mounts on Encrypted Platforms:** Russia is moving toward a full **ban** on WhatsApp after restricting calls and accusing the platform of refusing law-enforcement access, while the EU is preparing an **antitrust** probe into Meta's AI integration in WhatsApp. The move signals the tightening global pressure on the app's security model and operation freedom. WhatsApp remains the most widely used messaging app across the globe, and simultaneous regulatory crackdowns could disrupt communications at scale. Russia has already limited WhatsApp and **banned** calls on Telegram, promoting a state-run alternative (MAX). Moscow has also restricted Apple's FaceTime on similar grounds. The EU's Meta probe reflects rising scrutiny of Meta's competitive behavior and AI use.
- **India Withdraws Mandatory Government Cyber App Requirement for Smartphone Makers:** India's Ministry of Telecommunications **rescinded** an order for all smartphone manufacturers to install the state-owned Sanchar Saathi cybersecurity application in all devices in a form that could not be deleted or altered after facing pushback stemming from data privacy and user consent concerns. Telecom minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia has since declared the app download voluntary for users in India. The Sanchar Saath cybersecurity app, which has had 14 million downloads since its release in January 2025, gives users the opportunity to identify and shut down unauthorized mobile connections and track stolen or lost phones.
- **National Emergency Alerts Disrupted by Crisis24 Breach:** Crisis24, a risk management and mass communication software vendor, has decommissioned the OnSolve CodeRED emergency alert system after an organized cybercriminal group attacked the platform, according to a **statement** from the company. Crisis24 said that they believe the attackers removed data from the OnSolve CodeRED platform, damaging it in the process. Dozens of agencies **reportedly** lost access to alerting capabilities for roughly two weeks, prompting some jurisdictions to **cut ties** with the vendor. Others have **instructed** users to change reused credentials. The INC ransomware group claimed responsibility for the attack, **rejecting** a reported \$100,000 ransom offer. Unconfirmed data origins, ongoing forensic analysis, or instability during the rapid transition could shift the scope and impact of the incident.

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- **EU Reaches Deal on Anti-Corruption Framework:** The EU **reached** a provisional deal on its first bloc-wide anti-corruption law, replacing a patchwork of rules by member states and creating shared offense **definitions** and minimum penalties, although countries retain broad flexibility in implementation. The law makes key offenses such as bribery, misappropriation, and obstruction of justice criminal across the EU, with prison terms of at least 3-5 years. It requires countries to adopt prevention measures, assess high-risk sectors, and protect people who report corruption. Companies can face fines of at least 3%-5% of global turnover or €24 or €40 million (roughly \$28 to \$45 million). The move also brings the bloc in line with UNCAC standards, which require countries to criminalize core corruption offenses and strengthen prevention efforts. Final approval is still pending, and national political resistance could affect the implementation.
- **Same-Sex Marriage Recognition Affects EU-Poland Ties:** The European Court of Justice (ECJ) **ruled** that all EU member states must **recognize** same-sex marriages lawfully performed elsewhere, while Poland's Supreme Court **declared** the EU has no authority over its judicial system, deepening a legal standoff that could affect EU cohesion and citizens' freedom-of-movement rights. Nearly half of EU countries still do not allow same-sex marriage, making mandatory cross-border recognition a significant shift. Poland's dispute stems from "neo judges" appointed under contested reforms that EU institutions consider politically influenced. Public distrust in Poland's courts has **risen** to 57%, complicating government efforts to reverse past judicial changes. Outcomes may shift depending on political negotiations in Poland, enforcement actions by the EU, or new court rulings on judicial legitimacy.

## Infrastructure and Supply Chain

- **Grid Buildout Drives Surging Copper Prices, Threatens Broader U.S. Inflation:** Prices for copper hit **record highs** in October 2025 as demand continues to surge for the strategic resource, which plays a pivotal role in everything from electronics to residential construction and large-scale infrastructure projects. At a time when many existing mines are winding down and new sites remain years away from production, the need for copper-based grid infrastructure that can support the energy appetite of data centers and the tech industry is not being met by a subsequent increase in near-term output. Due to copper's important role in various non-energy and non-tech-related products, the rising price pressure stemming from the supply mismatch **could threaten** wider economic impacts amid an ongoing U.S. "affordability crisis."
- **U.S. Trucker Shortage Could Worsen If Thousands of Schools Lose Certification:** Over-the-road freight carriers in the U.S. already face **persistent** challenges in attracting a sufficient pool of trained drivers, due in part to **government efforts** to enforce **new standards** in the sector.

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However, the difficulty could become even more acute if the Department of Transportation (DOT) follows through on **threats** to revoke the certification of almost 3,000 truck driving schools if they do not become compliant with various training requirements in the next 30 days. Around 4,500 additional schools received warnings that they could face similar action, meaning that nearly half of the country's 16,000 programs could be impacted. Driving schools that lose their certification would likely lose students, forcing many to close and creating significant long-term consequences for the industry.

- **Increasingly Severe Rainy Seasons Threaten Asia's Infrastructure:** The **combined impact** of the monsoon season and a series of powerful tropical storms in recent weeks has left more than 1,600 people dead across South and Southeast Asia, in addition to displacing hundreds of thousands of others. Experts **warn** that the **repeated battering** by increasingly severe weather across the region poses a growing threat to infrastructure. One analysis expects water and sanitation systems alone to need \$250 billion in repairs or updates per year, on average, for the next 15 years. Energy systems are also at risk, with power companies across the region spending over \$6 billion per year on repairs and maintenance following extreme weather events, a figure that could rise to nearly \$8.5 billion per year by 2050.
- **Drying Climate, Lackluster Infrastructure Progress Threatening Europe's Fresh Water:** A **new study** of over two decades' worth of data by environmental scientists and investigative journalists revealed that "total water storage has sharply declined across southern and central Europe," with even groundwater—historically a more resilient source—threatened by the trend. The experts note that the current pace of construction or repair of mitigation infrastructure such as reservoirs is not on track to address these challenges. Hydrologists caution that Europe's failure to prepare for the drying climate facing the continent could lead to "severe consequences" in some countries as early as next summer absent adequate rainfall to replenish natural sources in the interim.
- **Ukrainian Strikes on Black Sea Vessels Impacting Insurance Rates to Russia:** Amid a surge in **Ukrainian attacks** targeting Russian-flagged vessels, ships calling at Russian ports in the Black Sea are seeing their **insurance rates** more than triple. Those calling at Ukrainian ports are seeing reportedly seeing similar increases as underwriters anticipate **Russian retaliation**. The increase is likely to put further upward pressure on goods shipped to or through the region at a time when various embargoes and sanctions have already made sourcing difficult. Ukraine's security services have taken credit for at least two attacks targeting Russia's "shadow fleet"—ships used to transport crude oil in violation of international sanctions. The focus on Russian vessels marks an **expansion** in Ukraine's campaign against Russian oil infrastructure, with attacks **possible** far outside the Black Sea region.

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## Health

- **U.S. Advisory Panel Rolls Back Recommendation That All Newborns Receive Hep B Vaccine:** The CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) **recommended** rolling back the recommendation that all newborns receive the hepatitis B vaccine at birth, a marked departure from previous practice that many in the public health community **warn** will leave affected infants unprotected against the serious liver infection. Instead, ACIP voted to recommend that only infants whose mothers test positive for the virus or whose status is unknown be immunized at birth, and that those who are negative consult with their doctors. Additionally, ACIP voted to recommend testing children's antibody levels after hepatitis B shot, which is usually administered in three doses, to determine if additional shots are necessary. The new guidance must still be approved by the CDC's acting director. Insurers are still **expected** to cover the shot.
- **Trump Orders Overhaul of U.S. Vaccine Schedule:** U.S. President Donald Trump signed a **presidential memorandum** ordering health officials to review all childhood vaccination recommendations and align them "with best practices from peer, developed countries" in a move that many public health professionals worry will lead to a **further rollback** in vaccine uptake. In his order, Trump stated that many countries recommend fewer shots as part of their vaccine schedules; however, critics of the move point out that other high-income countries have **different local conditions**, such as smaller populations and greater overall access to healthcare, influencing their public health practices.
- **San Francisco Files Lawsuit Against Ultra-Processed Food Manufacturers:** The city of San Francisco has **filed** a first-of-its-kind lawsuit against several major food manufacturers, accusing them of violating California's unfair competition law and public nuisance statute. The city is seeking a civil penalty to offset health care costs. The suit brings San Francisco into alignment with Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F Kennedy Jr, who has made limiting access to ultra-processed foods (UPFs) a key part of his agenda. San Francisco's suit also builds on a bipartisan **California law passed in October** that phases out some UPFs from school meals in the state. It also was the first state law to **legally define UPFs**, potentially establishing a template for further state or federal legislation.
- **Departures From FDA Fuel Concerns Over Drug Approval Process:** Several high-level departures at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have **raised concerns** that companies will soon start seeing extensive delays in the review and approval of new drugs and treatments. The latest person to leave the agency is Richard Pazdur, who only a few weeks ago had become

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the fourth person to direct the FDA's drug center this year. Pazdur's departure was followed by the **removal** of Theresa Michele as director of the Office of Nonprescription Drugs. Industry groups are **warning** that missed deadlines and canceled meetings are starting to accumulate, believing that political concerns are driving decision-making regarding which drugs are being reviewed.

- **Outbreaks the Global Intelligence Team is Monitoring:** **Namibia** is dealing with **concurrent outbreaks** of Crimean-Congo Haemorrhagic Fever (CCHF), measles, Mpox, cholera, and polio as it prepares for malaria transmission season. Elsewhere in Africa, **Senegal** is reporting a decreasing number of cases of Rift Valley Fever, although the outbreak remains ongoing and has spread to major urban areas, including Dakar. The CDC issued a **Health Advisory** for Marburg virus disease in **Ethiopia** as the number of **confirmed cases** of the deadly disease reached 13 across the Sidama and South Ethiopia regions. Lastly, **France's** Ministry of Health **confirmed** two cases of MERS-CoV in travelers returning from the Arabian Peninsula, although no secondary transmission chains have been identified within the country at this stage.

## Demonstrations and Industrial Action

- **Demonstrations Against Bulgarian Government Continue Despite Withdrawal of Budget:** Tens of thousands of people will gather in Sofia's Largo area this Wednesday for a second mass demonstration against the government in as many weeks. The We Continue the Change - Democratic Bulgaria (PP-DB) political coalition is calling on people disgruntled with the country's corruption and economic issues to gather at Independence Square at 6 pm to **demand the resignation** of politicians Boyko Borisov and Delyan Peevski. Despite politicians **withdrawing** the controversial 2026 budget plan last week, demonstrations are expected to continue in the coming days, with opposition parties calling for snap elections and a **prominent youth presence** at the protests calling for political change. On Tuesday, Peevski's Movement for Rights and Freedoms - New Beginning (DPS-NN) political coalition is **organizing** counterdemonstrations "in defense of stability" in regional centers across the country.
- **Hong Kong Bans Two Overseas Pro-Democracy Groups After Deadly Blaze:** The recent deadly **fire** in Tai Po's Wang Fuk Court that killed at least 159 people has triggered a crackdown by China on any possible sources of dissent. On December 2, Hong Kong **banned** two foreign-based pro-democracy organizations, the Hong Kong Parliament and Hong Kong Democratic Independence Union, under Article 23 of the city's national security **law**. Members and donors now face up to 14

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years in prison and HK\$1 million fines. Meanwhile, **residents** of the unaffected Wang Chi House returned briefly to retrieve belongings, with some expressing preference to remain in the block pending government decisions on its future.

- **Farmers Across Europe Plan Protests:** Police in Greece are responding to farmer demonstrations over delayed agricultural subsidies with force, **deploying** tear gas in several instances as thousands of farmers **block roads** across the country. Demonstration activity is expected to continue this week. To the north, Polish farmers are gearing up to march to Warsaw next Sunday, while British farmers are fuming over a **vote on inheritance tax**. Looking ahead to next week, 10 thousand farmers are expected to protest in Brussels on December 18 over the **European Union's agricultural policy**. Meanwhile, in France, a rift between livestock farmers and authorities over policies to prevent the spread of lumpy skin disease (LSD) has led to **disruptive demonstrations** in recent weeks.
- **Education and Transportation Disruptions Expected Across Italy This Week:** Italy's CGIL union, the country's largest with approximately 5 million members, is **organizing** a 21-hour general strike against Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni's 2026 budget. Two separate strikes by Rome's local public transport workers and ferry workers will also take place this week beginning tomorrow. Friday's general strike is expected to **begin at midnight**, with local public transport and long-distance and regional rail services likely to see reduced timetables or cancelations. While flights and airport operations are not directly impacted by the strike, transport routes that service airports and ports will likely see disruptions.
- **Mexico, Argentina to See Fresh Demonstrations in Coming Week:** New **nationwide** Generation Z demonstrations are set for December 14 in Mexico. This follows the November 15 protest in Mexico City, which **saw** demonstrators clash with police over demands for housing, jobs, and security. Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum has publicly **expressed doubts** over the movement's origins, alleging the possible involvement of opposition parties (PRI/PAN) and international funding. Meanwhile, disruption are expected across Argentina tomorrow as the State Workers' Association holds a 24-hour nationwide **strike** with accompanying demonstrations against labor reforms proposed by President Javier Milei. Rallies in Buenos Aires and other cities will likely trigger heightened security.

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## Upcoming Events

- December 8: Feast of Immaculate Conception (Global)
- December 9: Independence Day (Tanzania)
- 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)