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Post-Maduro Plan for Venezuela Remains Unclear as U.S. Shifts Focus to Western Hemisphere

Following a January 3 U.S. operation to capture and extradite Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro and his wife Cilia Flores to face narco-terrorism charges, Maduro appeared in New York Federal Court today, [pleading](#) not guilty. Maduro's lawyer said he will not request bail "for the moment," though it could be considered later. Details of the two-hour raid remain scarce. However, it appears that normal activity has largely [resumed](#) in Caracas at the time of publication, although power in some parts of the capital remains out.

Venezuelan Vice President Delcy Rodríguez has been [sworn](#) in as interim leader, with U.S. President Donald Trump initially praising her willingness to cooperate with Secretary of State Marco Rubio. Rodríguez initially [called](#) the operation a "kidnapping" and [reaffirmed](#) Maduro's legitimacy, although later [issued a statement](#) saying that she had "invited the U.S. government to work together on an agenda of cooperation." Trump warned that Rodríguez could face consequences "probably bigger than Maduro" if she fails to comply.

Maduro's capture is also raising alarm in other countries, including Colombia, Mexico, and Nicaragua, that they could soon face similar interventions. The operation has also inspired a series of demonstrations both celebrating and denouncing the incident around the world, a trend that is expected

to continue in the coming days, with upticks in demonstration activity likely to be driven by future geopolitical developments. For more information, see our [situation report](#).

Resumption of Red Sea Shipping Faces New Obstacles in Horn of Africa Region

Amid [signs](#) that shipping via the Red Sea may be on a path to normalizing in 2026, fresh conflict and complications in the region may see further disruptions to the vital sea route. Saudi forces [reportedly](#) regained control of Yemen's Port of Mukalla and much of Hadramout Province from the United Arab Emirates-backed Southern Transitional Council (STC), which hopes to establish an independent state. The Saudi attacks came after the STC seized key portions of Hadramout and Al-Mahrah governorates in December. The surprise offensive exposed tensions between Saudi Arabia and the UAE as they continue their efforts to oust the Iran-backed Houthis. Continued tensions between the two Gulf powers could allow the Houthis to strengthen their position.

Meanwhile, other international players are looking to expand their influence in the region, potentially further complicating supply chains. In addition to [Russia](#), which has been offered a naval base on the Red Sea by the Sudanese military, Israel became the first United Nations member state to [officially recognize](#) the breakaway region of Somaliland. Israel's declaration [prompted speculation](#) that Israel may be looking to resettle Palestinians in Somaliland, a move that would further enflame tensions in the region and could prompt further action from the Houthis, who are situated just across the Gulf of Aden. Even if Israel does not attempt to resettle Palestinians in Somaliland, tensions are already on the rise as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu [backs protests](#) in Iran, continues to strike [Lebanon](#) and [Gaza](#), and [suspends authorizations](#) for several aid groups to operate in Gaza, all of which could lead the Houthis to resume attacks on shipping.

Two Potentially Significant Storm Systems Under Monitoring Across Europe

A highly unsettled pattern is developing across Europe as a deep southward dip in the jet stream reinforces below-average temperatures and establishes a sharp frontal boundary from the central Mediterranean through the Balkans into Ukraine. This large-scale setup will support two potentially impactful storm systems. The first event will impact southern and eastern Europe through midweek. A second, more uncertain system may impact western and central Europe beginning Thursday.

Storm System One will impact southeast Europe from Monday night through Thursday. Multiple low-pressure waves will track from central Italy across the Adriatic into the southern Balkans. South of the boundary, strong thunderstorms and excessive rainfall are likely across Montenegro, Albania, and [northwest Greece](#), with widespread totals of three to six inches and localized amounts exceeding eight inches. Red-level rainfall warnings are already in effect. Flash flooding and landslides, some potentially life-threatening, are likely through Thursday night.

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Farther north, prolonged subfreezing conditions will support heavy snowfall. Cities including Sarajevo, Belgrade, Zagreb, and Budapest may see six to 12 inches of snow, with higher totals in mountainous areas. Western Romania and parts of west-central Ukraine will also be affected. The most impactful period is expected Wednesday night into Thursday when heavy snow and gusty winds may produce localized blizzard conditions near Lviv and Kyiv. Farther east, precipitation is expected to fall mainly as rain across eastern Ukraine.

Storm System Two remains less certain but may affect western and central Europe Thursday into Friday. A potentially strong low-pressure system could bring increasing wind, rain, and snow impacts to northern and central France, then eastward into Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, and Germany. Thursday impacts across southern England and Wales remain highly dependent on the storm track. Additional weather alerts are likely as forecast confidence improves midweek.

Climate and Natural Hazards

- **Southern Australia Heat and Wildfire Risk:** A [significant heatwave](#) will affect South Australia, Victoria, New South Wales, and the Australian Capital Territory from Tuesday to Saturday, intensifying mid-to-late week. Western South Australia will be affected first on Tuesday, with heat spreading across SA, Victoria, NSW, and the ACT by Wednesday. The most severe conditions are expected from Thursday to Saturday, with extreme heat in the ACT, southeastern NSW, and eastern Victoria. Melbourne may reach around 41°C on Wednesday, while Sydney is forecast to climb into the mid-30s by Thursday and Friday, peaking near 40°C on Saturday. Bushfire danger will increase during this period, particularly across eastern SA, Victoria, and NSW, as strong winds, high temperatures, and low humidity combine ahead of a cooler weather system.
- **Australian Cyclone Formation:** A [tropical low \(12U\)](#) is expected to develop in the northern Coral Sea this week as monsoon conditions strengthen. It is likely to move slowly at first, then track west or southwest toward the far north Queensland coast late in the week. The system is expected to gradually strengthen into a tropical cyclone by Friday or Saturday, bringing the potential for strong winds over large areas, especially if it moves closer to the coast. By Sunday, the cyclone is expected to weaken over far northern parts of the state. Coastal residents in north Queensland should closely monitor updates.

Worldwide

- **Sinaloa Infighting Fuels CJNG Expansion as U.S. and Mexico Intensify Intelligence Efforts:** As the Sinaloa Cartel experiences internal fragmentation, the Jalisco New Generation Cartel (CJNG) is [seizing](#) opportunities to expand its influence across Mexico. The fall of key Sinaloa leaders has created power vacuums that the CJNG has exploited with strategic precision. Meanwhile, the ongoing war within the Sinaloa Cartel is taking a [significant](#) toll on Los Chapitos.

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State actions, alongside efforts targeting factions aligned with Ismael “El Mayo” Zambada, have led to high-profile arrests and targeted killings, weakening rival forces. Analysts note that this infighting is **contributing** to a marked increase in homicides in Sinaloa. At the same time, the United States and Mexico **appear** to be quietly intensifying cooperative efforts, including enhanced intelligence sharing to counter emerging threats such as cartel-operated drones along the northern border.

- **Colombia Losing Battle Against Drug Traffickers:** As attacks on Venezuelan drug boats increase, neighboring Colombia, which plays a major role in the drug trade, is losing the battle against armed groups trafficking cocaine. Throughout his presidency Colombian President Gustavo Petro has been attempting to implement his flagship **“Total Peace” plan** to combat drug trafficking, an ambitious and transformative approach in rhetoric that has resulted in mixed measurable outcomes as cocaine production continues to **reach** all-time highs. Analysts argue that there is little that can be done to combat drug trafficking in the country as long as global demand persists. Meanwhile, drug-producing armed groups are boosting their technological capabilities used to defend their illicit activities. The Colombian military recently **flagged** drone attacks as being a primary threat to public safety in Colombia, which left nearly 100 military and police units dead and hundreds other wounded in 2025.
- **Demonstrations in Iran Enter Ninth Day Amid New Concerns Over U.S. Intervention:** Demonstrations are continuing in Iran, spreading to 220 locations in 26 of Iran’s 31 provinces, according to **international media** citing human rights groups. At least 20 people have been killed and close to 1,000 arrested. The protests, originally sparked by the sudden depreciation of the country’s currency, have since grown to include wider grievances against the regime, with reports that some demonstrators are calling for the overthrow of the government. Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who conducted a brief war against Iran in June, has **backed** the protesters. U.S. President Donald Trump said that he would **intervene** if Iran resorted to deadly force, a threat that appears to have greater credibility following the U.S. operation in Venezuela over the weekend.
- **U.S. May Look to Conduct Future Attacks in Nigeria After Targeting Militant Groups:** On Christmas, the U.S., acting in coordination with Nigerian officials, **struck** what it said were ISIS targets in Sokoto State in northwestern Nigeria. The strikes came after U.S. President Donald Trump threatened to intervene if the Nigerian state did not make greater efforts to protect Christians; however, locals interviewed by the **Financial Times** said that the strikes appeared to cause little damage, no casualties, and were conducted in an almost exclusively Muslim area that had not experienced militant attacks in about two years. Further killings and abductions were **reported** over the weekend in Niger State, suggesting that the U.S. may conduct future operations in the region. Such interventions could lead to increased anti-American sentiment and demonstration activity.
- **Thailand-Cambodia Ceasefire Holds But Faces New Tests:** A **second ceasefire** between Cambodia and Thailand that was agreed to on Saturday, December 27, appears to be holding,

bringing a pause to weeks of fighting that killed more than 100 people. While China, which took a [leading role](#) in this latest round of mediation, has expressed optimism and said that the ceasefire agreement is “gradually” being implemented, the truce remains fragile. Cambodia has [accused](#) Thailand of seizing territory during the second round of clashes, while Thailand has [claimed](#) that Cambodia committed war crimes. Meanwhile, a new [scam center](#) was reportedly discovered in Cambodia. Amid the heightened nationalist sentiment engendered by the conflict, Thailand is also slated to hold a [snap general election](#) on February 8.

Cyber and Regulatory

- **U.S. Justice Department Investigating Companies for Use of DEI in Hiring:** The U.S. Justice Department is [investigating](#) the diversity, equity, and inclusion policies of major companies, claiming that diversity considerations by companies holding federal contracts when hiring amounts to fraud against the federal government. The investigations are taking place under the False Claims Act, typically used to prosecute contractors accused of charging the government for services never rendered. Google and Verizon are among the companies that the Justice Department has demanded documentation from, although sources familiar with the investigations say that other companies spanning a range of industries are also facing scrutiny. While it is unclear how this novel application of the False Claims Act will fare in court, if they prove successful, defendants could be forced to pay three times the amount of damages the government suffered.
- **DHS Moves to Reform H1-B Visa Lottery:** The U.S. Department of Homeland Security [announced](#) plans to replace the H-1B visa lottery with a weighted selection system that prioritizes higher-paid, higher-skilled applicants. H1-B visas have traditionally been [allocated](#) through a lottery, subject to an annual cap of 65,000 visas plus 20,000 reserved for applicants with a U.S. master’s degree or higher. The new system, scheduled to take effect on February 27, 2026, coincides with other immigration policy changes, including expanded social media [screening](#) and a \$100,000 per visa fee. Officials cite concerns over wage practices under the lottery system, while some [employers](#) note the program’s role in supporting innovation and filling specialized roles. The shift may raise hiring costs and affect global competition for skilled workers, though court rulings or future policy changes could delay or alter implementation.
- **Russia-Linked Cyberattacks Target Denmark Elections, Infrastructure:** Denmark reported Russian-linked cyber activity [disrupted](#) critical services ahead of its November 2025 local and regional elections, underscoring concerns about foreign interference and infrastructure vulnerability. Danish intelligence attributed a 2024 [cyberattack](#) on a water utility, causing burst pipes and temporary outages, to a pro-Russian group. Separately, denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks overloaded government websites prior to the November 18 elections were attributed to another Russia-linked group. Authorities described the incidents as part of a broader [hybrid warfare](#) campaign intended to destabilize countries supporting Ukraine. Since September 2025,

unidentified drones have also **repeatedly** entered Danish airspace near airports and sensitive locations, prompting heightened security measures and NATO support during major summits. Although responsibility for the drone incidents is unconfirmed, evolving geopolitical tensions or cyber developments could alter threat levels and security responses.

- **AI-Powered Transcription Tools Raise Biometric Collection Concerns:** A lawsuit filed in Illinois **alleges** that Fireflies.AI Corp, a California-based provider of AI-powered meeting transcription software, unlawfully collected and stored biometric voice data from participants in virtual meetings without proper notice or consent, potentially violating the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act (BIPA). The complaint claims the company's software records, analyzes, and stores "voiceprints" of meeting participants, including individuals without Fireflies accounts who neither agreed to the company's terms nor provided written consent for biometric data collection. The lawsuit further alleges that Fireflies.AI failed to disclose its biometric data retention and destruction policies, as required by BIPA, raising concerns that retained voiceprints could be misused and increase the risk of identity fraud or unauthorized access. Similar allegations have been **raised** against Otter.ai, underscoring growing legal risks for AI-powered meeting transcription tools.
- **Cannabis Rescheduling Could Force Shift in U.S. Workplace Drug Policies:** The Trump administration's executive order directing the federal government to reschedule cannabis is expected to create "wider marijuana access" for **the workforce**, and could even see its use while working. The decision to order the Drug Administration Agency (DEA) to move cannabis from Schedule I (the most restrictive category) to Schedule III (which includes prescription medications) would recognize legitimate medical uses for the drug and its derivative products, and suggests that cannabis has a "low abuse or addiction potential" compared to other drugs regulated under Schedule I, which includes heroin and LSD. Observers note that workplace policies on the drug may have to shift from "blanket prohibition" to an impairment-based approach, "similar to how employers already manage prescription antidepressants, sleep aids, or anxiety medications."

Infrastructure and Supply Chain

- **Finland Investigates Undersea Cable Damage as Possible Sabotage:** Last week, Finnish police **detained** a cargo vessel, the Fitburg, that is suspected of damaging a telecommunications cable between Finland and Estonia under the Gulf of Finland. Finnish authorities deployed security personnel to the area last Wednesday after telecoms service provider Elisa **detected** a cable break. Finnish police have since **arrested** two crew members and imposed a travel ban on two others and customs officials are **investigating** structural steel found in the cargo that originated in Russia and falls under EU sanctions. Finnish authorities **suspect** the vessel of aggravated disruption of telecommunications and aggravated sabotage as the vessel allegedly **dragged** its anchor for several miles before the cable damage occurred. The NATO military alliance has boosted its presence in the Baltic Sea region since the start of the war in Ukraine, and Kremlin

officials have previously denied involvement in incidents of damage to undersea cables. **Mexico's Rail Megaprojects Under Scrutiny After Deadly Interoceanic Train Derailment:** On December 28, 2025, a passenger train **derailed** on the Interoceanic Corridor in Oaxaca, killing 13 people and injuring 98. Authorities have not yet identified the cause. In response, Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum **pledged** a "comprehensive reparation" for victims and their families and ordered a full investigation. The incident has intensified scrutiny of safety and oversight in Mexico's rail megaprojects. The Interoceanic Corridor, managed by the military and promoted as a driver of regional development and a potential alternative to the Panama Canal, has previously experienced accidents. Opposition party PRI is calling for independent audits, while officials maintain that safety protocols were followed and emphasize coordinated rescue efforts. Similar concerns have arisen with the Maya Train in the Yucatán, which has faced environmental damage, workplace fatalities, and corruption allegations.

- **China Revises Trade Law Amid Trade Tensions:** China has **approved** revisions to its Foreign Trade Law to strengthen its ability to respond to trade conflicts and has warned it will **retaliate** against planned U.S. semiconductor tariffs, signaling a firmer trade posture. China has warned that legal and tariff trade actions raise risks for global technology supply chains and cross-border trade. The revised Foreign Trade Law, which is effective on March 1, 2026, expands Beijing's legal tools for countermeasures and export controls, and is intended to reduce reliance on the U.S. while aligning with **CPTPP** standards. Beijing has warned that the tariffs would disrupt global semiconductor supply chains and harm industry development, urging the U.S. to resolve trade disputes through dialogue. The U.S. has already imposed 50% tariffs on Chinese semiconductors and plans additional increases in June 2027, following an investigation citing economic risks. The trajectory could shift if bilateral trade talks resume or if tariff plans change.
- **U.S. Freezes Federal Childcare Funding Nationwide Amid Fraud Investigations in Minnesota:** The Trump administration is **freezing** federal funds for childcare to all states following claims of fraud at facilities in Minnesota. Under the freeze, states will have to provide more verification and administrative data about the programs receiving funding. Minnesota centers suspected of fraud face even more stringent verification requirements alongside calls for an **audit**. The administration has threatened similar investigations targeting other states, such as California and New York, and programs, including those for unemployment and SNAP food aid. The ultimate impact of these investigations on daycare providers is unclear at this point, although there are **concerns** that the freeze could lead to closures and leave low-income families unable to afford care.
- **Multiple African Countries Announce Reciprocal Restrictions on U.S. Travelers:** Since U.S. President Donald Trump **extended** his travel bans to include an additional 19 countries (plus Palestine), several nations have responded with reciprocal restrictions on U.S. citizens. Mali and Burkina Faso separately **issued statements** saying that any restrictions applied to their citizens attempting to travel to the U.S. would be reciprocated. The two West African nations join **Niger** and Chad, which had **stopped issuing visas** to U.S. citizens in June 2025. The reciprocal bans will

likely impact efforts to expand business and security ties in the region, which accounts for [around half the world's terrorism-related deaths](#), and allow countries like Russia and China to expand their influence. Other countries may also look to implement their own restrictions.

Health

- **U.S. Expected to Push for Revised Vaccine Schedule:** U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is [likely](#) to push the country to adopt Denmark's childhood vaccine schedule, which recommends significantly fewer shots than the U.S.'s, at some point in the coming year. The administration had planned to announce the change in December 2025, but [pulled back](#) at the last minute due to legal and political concerns. A substantial change in the recommended vaccines for Americans could open up vaccine manufacturers to legal action under some interpretations of a 1986 law that shields manufacturers from liability for vaccine-derived injuries. Apart from the legal concerns, public health experts have [cautioned](#) that the Danish model has been adapted to fit local conditions and that it should not be assumed that it can easily be transposed on the entire U.S. Meanwhile, the U.S. government is also [rolling back](#) state reporting requirements for childhood vaccination levels.
- **U.S. Medicare Begins Pilot Program for AI-Powered Pre-Treatment Reviews:** Medicare [began](#) AI-powered pre-treatment reviews at the beginning of this year for select outpatient procedures, marking a significant expansion of prior authorization requirements in the program, which historically has had few such hurdles. The pilot applies to 17 treatments in six states, requiring physicians to obtain extra approval before Medicare will pay for services such as skin substitutes and knee arthroscopy. Doctors and medical associations have [expressed concerns](#) about the new approach, saying that in other areas where such reviews have been implemented, they've caused administrative burdens and delays in care. As of shortly before the change in policy was set to go into effect, there was also little clarity on key details, like how to submit a prior authorization request.
- **WHO Warns That Growing Rates of Lung Disease Will Impact Southeast Asia's Economic Growth:** The World Health Organization (WHO) has [warned](#) that rising lung disease in Southeast Asia poses a threat to the region's economic growth, as air pollution and smoking drive up chronic respiratory conditions. Many cities in the region rank among the most polluted globally, contributing to increased illness and reduced workforce productivity, both from ill workers dropping out of the labor pool and from family members forced to stay home to provide care. A study cited by the WHO estimated that deaths linked to air pollution could cost the region nearly \$600 billion by 2050. Despite these risks, some governments have prioritized short-term growth over air-quality reforms, possibly due to fears that mandates for companies to lower emissions will eat into corporate profits.

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- **U.S. Experiencing Surge in Flu Activity:** The United States is experiencing a sharp increase in influenza cases, according to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#). By December 20, an estimated 7.5 million people had been infected and 81,000 hospitalized, with 32 states reporting high or very high activity and no signs that spread is slowing. Health experts are urging people—especially children and older adults—to get vaccinated despite concerns about vaccine effectiveness against a new subclade K variant, which is driving the rise in cases. Despite the spike in cases, the variant [doesn't appear](#) to be any more contagious or dangerous than past flu variants; there's just less immunity to it. Delays in care and healthcare strain are potential challenges as infections cluster.
- **U.S. Saw High Levels of Whooping Cough, Measles Cases in 2025:** The U.S. saw elevated numbers of vaccine-preventable illnesses in 2025, particularly of measles and pertussis, also known as whooping cough. Officials [logged](#) nearly 28,000 cases of pertussis over the past year, well above typical levels, even if it is down from 2024's peak of 35,493. Meanwhile, the country saw the highest number of measles cases since 1992 as the total [ticked over](#) 2,000 to end the year. As cases continue to spread, the country's [elimination status](#) for the highly-contagious disease is in jeopardy, and the U.S. may soon join Canada as the only two countries in the Western Hemisphere to have lost their measles-free certification.

Demonstrations and Industrial Action

- **Spain's Largest Cities Face Further Unrest Over Venezuela, Gaza This Week:** Following the U.S. operation in Venezuela, demonstrations either celebrating former President Maduro's removal or denouncing the move continue to surface, often with little warning. This is especially likely in cities with large Venezuelan diaspora populations, such as Madrid and Barcelona, where [thousands demonstrated](#) against the operation over the weekend. Barcelona could also see further unrest tied to a home basketball game against Maccabi Tel Aviv on January 6, which is expected to face multiple demonstrations due to the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza. Meanwhile, a Maccabi Tel Aviv soccer match against Real Madrid scheduled for January 8 will be played under [tight security](#) due to demonstrations planned in the vicinity of the Movistar Arena protesting the game.
- **India to See Disruptions Due to Nationwide Campaign Against MGNREGA, Marches to Delhi:** In India, the Congress party is [launching](#) a nationwide campaign, (the MGNREGA Bachao Sangram) from January 10 to February 25 to demand the restoration of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) to its original form. Opposition parties have protested changes to the act since mid-December, with some gatherings last month [resulting](#) in clashes and arrests. Meanwhile, the Indian Youth Congress will kick off its [Aravalli](#)

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[Satyagraha Yatra protest march](#) this week in Gujarat with plans to reach Delhi by January 20.

Another march will kick off from Hathras to the BJP headquarters in Delhi this Saturday, coinciding with the anniversary of the [consecration](#) of the Ayodhya temple.

- **Farmer Demonstrations Continue Across Europe:** Farmers in Greece intend to escalate their mobilization over delayed payments with a [48-hour blockade](#) of customs offices and roads, including strategic transit points at Malgara, Tempa, Bralos, and the Rio-Antirrio (Charilaos Trikoupi) Bridge, starting on Thursday, January 8. Traffic is expected to be significantly disrupted, with Bulgarian authorities [warning](#) of delays for both passenger and freight vehicles at border crossings. In France, agricultural groups are calling for a "[massive restart of mobilizations](#)" this month and are [organizing](#) a tractor convoy into Paris this Thursday. Demonstrations are expected to continue despite the government announcing it will [tighten](#) food import checks. Germany, Ireland, Italy, and Poland will also see farmer demonstrations this week against the Mercosur trade agreement, which the European Union hopes to sign "[soon](#)."
- **Healthcare Service Disruptions in France, Upcoming Resident Doctor Strike in Scotland:** France's *médecins libéraux*—self-employed medical professionals—kicked off a ten-day strike today, with disruptions to healthcare services expected through late next week. Doctors' unions are calling for nationwide demonstrations and an escalation to the strike this Saturday, with the president of the Federation of Private Hospitals (FHP) [estimating](#) that "80% of the operating rooms will be shut down" between January 10-14. Portugal's National Federation of Doctors (FNAM) [expressed](#) solidarity with the striking French doctors, and Portuguese medical professionals are likely to join the CGTP-IN-organized demonstrations in Lisbon next Tuesday, January 13 following their participation in the December 11 general strike. In Scotland, resident doctors are [preparing](#) for a 96-hour walkout over pay that is set to begin next Tuesday, January 17.
- **Capitols in Canada, United States to See Rallies this Week:** On the five-year anniversary of the attack on the U.S. Capitol, Enrique Tarrio, former leader of the Proud Boys, and others involved in the January 6 riots intend to [march](#) from the White House to the Capitol building. According to Tarrio, the march will honor Ashli Babbitt, who was shot and killed by a U.S. Capitol Police officer during the attack. While Tarrio has called for those who have "any intention of causing trouble" to refrain from attending, spontaneous opposing gatherings, scuffles, or police intervention cannot be ruled out. This Saturday, a group under the name Stand United Canada is calling for a "mass-immigration protest" at Ottawa's Parliament Hill at 1 pm. A related demonstration in Toronto, organized by the [Canada First movement](#), will take place the same day at Nathan Philips Square. The Toronto rally has garnered significant engagement on social media, and counterdemonstrators may gather in the area.

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Upcoming Events

- January 6: Epiphany (Global)
- January 7: Orthodox Christmas (Global)
- January 9: Feast of the Black Nazarene (Manila, Philippines)
- January 11: Second Phase of General Elections (Myanmar)
- January 11: Parliamentary Elections (Benin)
- January 15: General Elections (Uganda)
- January 18: Presidential Election (Portugal)
- January 19: Martin Luther King Jr Day (United States)
- January 19-23: World Economic Forum Annual Meeting (Davos, Switzerland)
- January 25: Third Phase of General Elections (Myanmar)
- January 26: Australia Day (Australia)
- February 8: Super Bowl LX (Santa Clara, United States)
- February 17: Chinese New Year begins (Global)
- February 17: Tét (Vietnam)