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## Top Stories

### **Multiple Higher-End Weather Hazards Across North America Over the Next 48 Hours**

A highly active weather pattern is unfolding across North America, bringing multiple high-impact hazards through the middle of the week. Flood-producing rainfall and extreme mountain snowfall in California, critical fire weather conditions across the Central and Southern High Plains, and a significant winter storm affecting the Canadian Prairies and the northern United States are all key threats. Together, these hazards could lead to dangerous and in some areas life-threatening conditions.

Southern California experienced heavy rain today that led to areas of flash flooding and travel disruptions. Another disturbance is expected to dip southward across the state through Wednesday, bringing periods of mountain snow and lowland/coastal rain. Storm-total rainfall amounts are forecast to range from 2-4 inches, locally higher, mainly within foothills and mountain-adjacent areas, especially north of Los Angeles toward Santa Maria. [Flood Watches](#) are in effect due to the potential for flash flooding, mudslides, and debris flows. Flood risks are especially high in recent wildfire burn scar areas, where soils are unable to absorb heavy rainfall. [Evacuation Warnings](#) remain in effect for the Palisades, Hurst, Sunset, and other burn scar areas in Los Angeles County.

Tuesday afternoon and evening, [extremely critical fire weather conditions](#) are forecast across the Central and Southern High Plains. Extreme critical conditions will center over northeast Colorado, west

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Nebraska, and northwest Kansas, where conditions will peak due to sustained winds of 25-35 mph and gusts of 50-60 mph, locally 70+ in wind-favored areas. Any fires that ignite in this region could spread erratically and trigger evacuation orders on short notice. Farther south, [critical fire weather conditions](#) are expected across west Texas, parts of New Mexico, and Oklahoma, from Tuesday through Friday. Red Flag Warnings are in effect for the entire region.

To the north, a strengthening [winter storm](#) is expected to impact northern Montana, Alberta, and Saskatchewan, with snow and high winds by late Tuesday before overspreading [North Dakota](#), [Minnesota](#), and southern Manitoba through Wednesday. Blowing and drifting snow may lead to blizzard conditions at times, reducing visibility and hampering travel conditions.

## **Cuba Faces Growing Energy Crisis as U.S. Cuts Off Oil Supplies**

Ongoing U.S. efforts to prevent oil shipments to Cuba is causing a [historic energy crisis](#) on the island, leading countries with significant travel to the country, such as Canada and Russia, to evacuate citizens. Worsening daily [blackouts](#) are paralyzing daily life even in capital Havana, forcing the [suspension](#) of important cultural and [economic](#) activities. Additional challenges, including [record-low temperatures](#), are compounding the impact and raising the risk to human life and food security. The current [threat](#) of additional U.S. tariffs on goods from countries that sell oil to Cuba will likely remain in place until the secures significant Cuban concessions and reforms or the current government collapses. The Trump administration is believed to be seeking allies within Cuba who could help install a new government in the event of regime change during 2026.

Despite these challenges, aid shipments similar to the [humanitarian support](#) delivered on February 13 by the Mexican Navy could help the regime manage domestic pressure stemming from shortages of essential goods during the energy crisis. Russia's [dismissive response](#) to the threat of further tariffs suggests that it may also provide [some relief](#). China has also [offered](#) to "do what it can," although Beijing has declined to outline specific measures.

## **Bangladesh Election Sees Large Mandate for Bangladesh Nationalist Party**

The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and its allies secured a [decisive victory](#) in Bangladesh's first election since an August 2024 revolution toppled the Awami League (AL) government of Sheikh Hasina Wazed. A BNP-led alliance won 212 of the 299 legislative seats contested during the vote, with an opposition coalition led by the once-banned Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) Islamist party winning the remaining 77. The National Citizen Party (NCP), the main political force to emerge from the student movement that toppled the AL government and which aligned itself with the JI-led opposition coalition, won only six of the 30 seats it contested.

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While the electoral process remained largely peaceful, [local media reports](#) indicated that at least 14 separate incidents across the country left around 72 people injured during polling. [Reports of isolated violent incidents](#) continue to emerge as parties and competing factions vie for control in the wake of the vote. The JI has [called](#) for a recount in 30 constituencies, alleging vote-rigging and other interference. Faced with the likely consequences of continued political uncertainty, the BNP can be expected to seek opportunities to avoid further unrest through dealmaking where possible, which could see opposition parties gain political influence.

## Climate and Natural Hazards

- **Multiple Departments in France Observing Major River Flooding:** [Maximum-level river flood warnings](#) remain in effect for parts of France as [major river flooding](#) continues, particularly in the Gironde and Lot-et-Garonne departments. While water levels along some sections of the Garonne River have begun to slowly recede, authorities have extended [Level 3 of 3 Warnings](#) through at least Tuesday. Significant flooding continues on the Garonne and lower Isle River, with additional moderate to major flooding expected near the Garonne-Dordogne confluence around Libourne, especially during high tide. A [second flood event](#) is expected midweek, as rivers will respond rapidly to any additional rainfall on Wednesday and Thursday due to highly saturated soils, likely prompting additional [evacuations](#).
- **Major Winter Storm Developing over Eastern Europe:** A strengthening [winter storm](#) is expected to impact large portions of eastern Europe from Tuesday through Thursday, bringing heavy snowfall, gusty winds, and dangerous travel conditions. The heaviest snow is forecast across eastern Romania and Moldova, where snowfall totals may exceed 30-40 cm (12-16 in), with rates locally reaching 5 cm per hour. Farther north, central Ukraine could see 15-30 cm (6-12 in) of snow, while parts of western Russia, including areas south of Moscow, may receive 20-30 cm (8-12 in). Blowing snow and occasional mixed precipitation will further reduce visibility. Weather warnings are likely to be issued as the storm evolves.
- **El Niño May Return This Summer, With Impacts for the U.S.:** Recent [climate data](#) indicates the La Niña pattern is weakening, and ENSO Neutral will take hold over the next several months. There is a 50-60% chance that neutral conditions develop into El Niño by the late summer. The El Niño pattern is a strong driver for above average temperatures across the U.S. Meanwhile, recent [long range guidance](#) is favoring below average precipitation across the southern U.S. for the next three months, likely further exacerbating the ongoing drought conditions.
- **Drought and Fire Risk in the Southern U.S.:** The [U.S. Drought Monitor](#)'s latest map reveals much of the U.S. has been plunging further into significant drought conditions. Notably, the state of Florida is now at least 85% covered by severe or higher drought conditions, creating a worrying situation before the transition into warmer months. Despite recent storm activity across the southern U.S., there has been a notable uptick in [forest fires across Florida](#) over the

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last two weeks. The risk for significant wildfires across the southern U.S. will continue to increase over the next several months as warmer weather worsens the ongoing drought.

## Worldwide

- **Iran Sees U.S. Talks as Constructive, Third Round Being Planned:** Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi [announced](#) that the country saw a “clearer path ahead” for negotiations with the U.S. on the country’s nuclear program following [talks earlier today](#) in Geneva, claiming that a third round of negotiations would be held on a to-be-determined future date after both sides have the opportunity to draft terms for a deal. Despite the progress toward negotiations, however, both Tehran and Washington continue to escalate militarily. Ahead of the talks and amid ongoing [“around-the-clock flight operations”](#) by the USS Abraham Lincoln, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard (IRGC) announced the [temporary, partial closure](#) of the Strait of Hormuz to conduct live-fire naval exercises. [Threats](#) from either Trump or Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei could lead to further escalations, including more disruptive closures of the Strait—a vital energy chokepoint—or other moves that impact exporters’ ability to move oil out of the region.
- **Scale of Economic Impact of Operation Metro Surge on Minneapolis Coming Into Focus:** According to Border Czar Tom Homan, [at least 1,000](#) of the roughly 3,000 federal agents deployed to support the federal immigration enforcement operation in Minneapolis have been withdrawn, with hundreds more [expected](#) to depart in the coming days. However, the local community [remains skeptical](#) of the plan to wind down Operation Metro Surge and demonstration activity continues to attract robust turnout. A recent [report](#) from the city of Minneapolis estimates that small businesses and restaurants in the city lost [as much as \\$81 million](#) in sales as a result of the operation, with the total economic impact exceeding \$203 million.
- **Munich Security Conference Highlights Strains in Transatlantic Ties:** European leaders used the Munich Security Conference to [pledge](#) greater defense self-reliance, reflecting concerns over U.S. security commitments and potentially reshaping NATO’s internal balance. France and Germany, in addition to talks around increased [defense spending](#), began talks on extending France’s nuclear umbrella to European partners. British Prime Minister Keir Starmer [argued](#) for greater defense spending to counter Russia, though officials in the U.K. expressed skepticism that the country could meet a defense spending goal of 3% of GDP within the next five years. Questions over the financing of the U.K.’s [defence investment plan](#) remain unresolved. Iran’s exiled Crown Prince Reza Pahlavi also spoke in Munich, urging [regime change](#) and [U.S. military intervention](#), though European governments appear unlikely to pursue direct intervention, instead favoring diplomatic and economic pressure.
- **More Suspected Rail Sabotage Reported in Italy Ahead of Olympic Closing Ceremony:** Italian train services were temporarily [delayed](#) on Saturday due to suspected railway sabotage on

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multiple lines linked to Rome. The incident comes after Italy announced enhanced security measures on railway networks and is the latest suspected sabotage attack during the Winter Games. On the activism front, the Olimpiadi No Grazie Verona movement is organizing a major march from Verona's Porta Palio to Piazza Arsenale in the afternoon on Sunday, February 22 to protest the [Olympic Closing Ceremony](#), which will take place that evening at the Verona Arena.

- **Takaichi Receives Supermajority in Japanese Parliament:** Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi's Liberal Democratic Party [secured](#) secured a historic supermajority in the snap February 8 general election. Takaichi [advances](#) a platform focused on fiscal stimulus, military expansion, constitutional reinterpretation and strategic industrial investment. Strategically characterized by a firmly pro-United States stance and hawkish posture toward China, her mandate is likely to deepen defense integration with Washington and reinforce deterrence around Taiwan and the South China Sea. Multi-lateral engagements will likely intensify increasing chances of bloc-like polarization in Asia, complicating the strategic balancing strategies of other nations in the region.

## Cyber and Regulatory

- **NASA Developing New Blockchain-Based Air Traffic Control, Communications System:** Researchers with NASA's Air Traffic Management and Safety project are [testing](#) blockchain-based systems for protecting sensitive air traffic communications and data from being interfered with mid-flight. Warning that evolving cyber-threats could leave critical navigation information exposed to manipulation or surveillance, the agency says the new system would allow regulators to replace complex multi-layered security systems with a single-point approach. The blockchain relies on the decentralized storage of data and rigorous record-keeping to track access or tampering. If implemented, the new approach could help protect aircraft from threats such as [GPS spoofing attacks](#), which occur when malicious actors feed false position and speed data to aircraft navigation systems.
- **German Authorities Warn of Social Engineering Threats to 'High-Ranking Individuals':** A new security [advisory](#) issued by Germany's Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution (BfV) and Federal Office for Information Security (BSI) [warns](#) that state-backed attackers "are targeting journalists, politicians, diplomats, military personnel, and other high-ranking individuals" via messaging platforms, including Signal and WhatsApp. The warning claims that these attackers predominantly rely on social engineering by distributing false QR codes or posing as technical support to convince victims to reveal credentials and validate multi-factor authentication. By gaining access to their victims' accounts, the hackers are then able to send and receive messages posing as the victim, read any past messages or contact information stored in the account, and in some cases even perform functions outside the app, such as sending texts.
- **Cars Likely to Become Less Efficient With Repeal of U.S. Emissions Ruling:** The rollback of the "endangerment finding" underpinning U.S. greenhouse gas regulations since the Obama

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administration will leave the country **without** “emission standards of any meaning.” The move, **touted** by the Trump administration as the “single largest deregulatory act in U.S. history,” is **expected** to impact fuel efficiency standards for U.S. automobiles and make them less competitive globally, where electric vehicles are **gaining market share**. It also makes the U.S. an outlier among industrialized countries for its lack of consumer and environmental protections from the negative impacts of chemicals found in tailpipe emissions. According to the Environmental Defense Fund, which **plans to challenge** the rollback in court, the change could see U.S. greenhouse gas emissions increase by 10% over the next 30 years.

- **OMB Rescinds Biden-Era Secure Software Mandate:** The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has **rescinded** a secure software requirement instituted by the administration of former U.S. President Joe Biden, reversing a notice that required federal agencies to obtain an affirmation from software vendors demonstrating adherence to secure development practices aligned with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) standards. The new OMB memo **calls** the previous directives “unproven and burdensome,” and shifts to a risk-based approach, leaving individual agencies responsible for assessing software and hardware security based on their specific mission needs. Critics of the new OMB memo warn that the rollback could weaken both assurance standards and consistent software supply chain security across the federal government.
- **U.S. Border Patrol Signs Clearview AI Deal for Tactical Surveillance:** U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) has **signed** a one-year, \$225,000 contract with Clearview AI to give its intelligence and targeting units access to the company’s facial recognition platform, which compares uploaded photos against a database of over 60 billion images scraped from the internet. The **AI system** will reportedly be used for “tactical targeting” and “strategic counter-network analysis” in immigration and security operations, adding biometric searches into daily analytical workflows rather than specific isolated cases. Critics argue that this expands CBP’s surveillance capabilities without sufficient oversight, transparency, or privacy protections, especially since it is unclear whether U.S. citizens’ images could be searched or how long the data is retained by CBP.

## Infrastructure and Supply Chain

- **AI Buildout Leads to Chip Shortages, Increased Pressure on Electronics Sector:** The increase in demand for memory chips generated by the ongoing AI buildout has led to **shortages** of chips for other mass-market electronics, especially midrange and lower-end cellphones and personal computers. China’s top chipmaker, Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corp (SMIC) said the chip industry is in “**crisis mode**” as electronics makers work to secure memory and power chips. The result has been what one analyst **called** a “parabolic” increase in prices. With AI companies ramping up their data center construction plans and **friction** between key chip manufacturer Taiwan and the U.S. over trade policy, there are concerns that prices will only continue to rise.

- **Philippines Nickel Ore Shipments to Indonesia Set to Jump as Jakarta Cuts Production:** Nickel ore shipments from the Philippines to Indonesia could **double** to 30 million tons this year after Jakarta imposed production curbs to support prices, according to a major Philippines nickel ore producer. Exports to Indonesia totaled about 15 million tons in 2025 and have surged since 2024 as Indonesian refineries sought alternative supply. Philippine producers may redirect shipments from China, though output growth is constrained by aging mines and slow project approvals. Industry executives said reduced Indonesian output creates opportunities if demand remains strong. Despite being the second-largest producer, the Philippines continues to rely mainly on raw ore exports rather than developing a downstream processing industry.
- **Trump Threatens to Block New U.S.-Canada Bridge:** U.S. President Donald Trump has **demande**d the U.S. share ownership and authority over the Gordie Howe International Bridge, which spans Detroit and Windsor, Canada, and is threatening to block its opening unless Canada provides compensation and equal control. The bridge, funded by Canada, is set to open pending final approvals, and it is unclear what authority Trump has to keep it from opening. Trump called Canadian land ownership on both sides “unacceptable” and wants the U.S. to receive toll revenues, in addition to other concessions. U.S. and Canadian officials, including Michigan lawmakers, warned that delaying the bridge would harm jobs, supply chains, and regional economic interests, leading a U.S. representative to sponsor a bill to **prevent** any “federal interference” in its operation.
- **EU Manufacturers Raise Alarm Over Attempt to Weaken Carbon Border Tax:** European heavy industry is mobilizing to **defend** the European Union’s new carbon border tax — the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) — against a European Commission plan to weaken it by granting discretionary powers to suspend parts of the tariff regime. Manufacturers from sectors such as steel, cement, and fertilizers warn that a **proposed clause** that could exempt some goods from the tax could destabilize investment plans and undermine decarbonization efforts by reducing regulatory certainty. CBAM, recently launched to level the carbon cost playing field for imports, is designed to protect EU producers from competition with higher-emission foreign goods.
- **Group of Farming Leaders Warn of “Collapse” of U.S. Agriculture:** A bipartisan group of 27 former U.S. Agriculture Department officials and farm industry leaders **warned** Congress that current economic conditions and Trump administration policies could trigger a “widespread collapse of American agriculture.” In a **letter** to congressional agriculture committee leaders, the signatories cited rising farm bankruptcies and falling profits, blaming higher input costs, disrupted domestic and overseas markets, labor shortages, and cuts to agricultural research and staffing. They urged lawmakers to relax tariffs on agriculture, expand export markets, pass a new farm bill, and restore research funding. Former National Corn Growers Association CEO Jon Doggett called for more open policy discussions to stabilize the farm economy.

## Health

- **White House Plans to Cut \$600 Million in Public Health Funding to Certain States:** The White House plans to [rescind](#) about \$600 million in CDC public health grants awarded to four Democratic-led states, with California projected to lose the largest share. The funding supports disease surveillance, workforce development, HIV and STI prevention, data modernization, and community-specific programs. Federal officials said the terminations reflect new agency priorities; critics argue the cuts are politically motivated and jeopardize public health infrastructure. California and other states are suing to block the rescissions, asserting they are unlawful and will weaken outbreak response and essential services. State leaders warn of layoffs and diminished capacity to manage health threats.
- **PAHO Issues Alert for Chikungunya:** The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) has issued an [epidemiological alert](#) after a sustained increase in chikungunya cases in the Americas and the resumption of local transmission in regions without recent virus circulation. From January to December 2025, 18 countries and one territory reported 313,132 chikungunya cases, including 113,926 confirmed and 170 deaths. Notable activity occurred in central-western and southeastern Brazil, southern Bolivia, and the Guiana Shield. Early 2026 data from Brazil show continued probable cases. Chikungunya is transmitted by Aedes mosquitoes, causing fever, rash, and severe joint pain; complications and chronic symptoms are possible. PAHO emphasizes strengthened surveillance and response.
- **U.S. Won't Review First-Ever mRNA Flu Vaccine:** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has opted not to review Moderna's first-of-its-kind mRNA flu vaccine, saying that it [lacked](#) an "adequate and well-controlled study." Moderna [reportedly](#) worked with the company to design their study; however, the FDA said that the company did not follow FDA guidance and compare their shot against a higher-dose flu shot for those 65 and older. The rejection follows an announcement by Vinay Prasad, the nation's top vaccine regulator, that he would be establishing a more stringent approach to federal vaccine approvals, a move that [generated](#) pushback from past FDA heads. It also comes amid a [broader shift](#) away from mRNA technology. Moderna, which says that the introduction of mRNA technology will allow for more effective flu vaccines, as well as combination flu/COVID-19 boosters, is [pushing ahead](#) with plans to distribute the vaccine in other countries.
- **France Opens Investigation Into Baby Formula Contamination as Recalls Spread to Over 60 Countries:** France has [opened](#) an investigation into five baby formula manufacturers—Nestle, Lactalis, Danone, Babybio, and La Marque en moins—for possible criminal wrongdoing for distributing products that may have been contaminated with the toxin cereulide. Nestle and Danone have already issued recalls for around 60 countries as dozens of infants have been affected by suspected food poisoning. Investigators believe that a third-party supplier of

arachidonic acid (ARA) oil is behind the outbreak. While the identity of the supplier has not been confirmed, Agence France-Presse has **identified** China-based Cabio Biotech as the likely source. The situation has **prompted** calls for greater oversight of the baby formula sector, which has experienced several high-profile recalls over recent years due to contamination issues and is vulnerable to shortages due to its concentrated nature. Nestle and several other manufacturers have said that they are **increasing** production at several facilities to make up for any potential shortfalls.

- **U.S. Opens First Screwworm Fly Dispersal Facility in Decades as Push to Contain the Parasite Gains Traction:** The U.S. **opened** its first facility in decades to disperse sterile male New World screwworm flies as part of efforts to prevent the parasitic insect from crossing the Mexican border and threatening the U.S. cattle industry. The Edinburg, Texas, site will release millions of sterile flies bred in Mexico or Panama to mate with wild females, producing nonviable eggs and reducing populations. A new \$750 million breeding plant nearby is under construction but is not expected to be finished until late 2027. The USDA is also investing \$21 million to convert a Mexican fruit-fly facility for screwworm production. Officials are attempting to **create** a “buffer zone” as they work to build the capacity needed to eliminate screwworm in Mexico, where cases have been **reported** in the northern state of Tamaulipas, which borders Texas. Mexican officials have reported progress in treating cases there, with only three active cases remaining.

## Demonstrations and Industrial Action

- **Argentina Braces for Nationwide General Strike and Buenos Aires Mobilization Over Milei Labor Reform:** Heightened security and nationwide disruptions are expected on Wednesday due to a 24-hour **general strike** called by the General Confederation of Labor (CGT) to **protest** President Javier Milei’s labor reform bill. A major mobilization is planned in Buenos Aires beginning around 12 pm, with demonstrators expected to gather near Avenida de Mayo and Bernardo de Irigoyen, close to the National Congress. Additional protests and work stoppages are anticipated across major cities. Participation by transport and public-sector unions, including the State Workers' Association and CTA Autónoma, increases the likelihood of significant disruptions to air, rail, port, and commuter services nationwide, along with possible localized unrest near government buildings.
- **Anti-Government Demonstration in Albania’s Capital Sees Injuries, Next Rally on Friday:** Albanian opposition leader Sali Berisha is **calling** on supporters to reconvene in Tirana this Friday, February 20, for a mass rally demanding the resignation of Prime Minister Edi Rama. Thousands of people **protested** Rama last Tuesday, with police deploying water cannons and tear gas against demonstrators throwing rocks and Molotov cocktails. Albanian authorities **deployed**

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more than 1,300 officers ahead of last week's demonstration, and similar attendance—and instances of **violence**—are likely this Friday. Meanwhile, the opposition Lëvizja Shqipëria Bëhet (Albania Becomes) party, another player in the anti-government movement, has set its sights on a major demonstration outside the Prime Minister's office on Sunday, March 1. Demonstration activity is likely to continue in the coming months as the opposition movement calls for political change.

- **California and New York Nurses Hold Strike Actions Amid Contract Disputes:** More than 2,000 registered nurses represented by the California Nurses Association will **strike** in Los Angeles beginning Wednesday, February 19. About 1,800 nurses at Keck Hospital of USC and USC Norris Cancer Center will hold a seven-day strike, while 800 nurses at Centinela Hospital Medical Center will strike for one day. Nurses cite disputes over health care coverage changes, chronic short staffing, patient safety concerns, and stalled contract negotiations. Rallies will take place at USC Keck and USC Norris Cancer Center at 8:30 am, and at Centinela Hospital Medical Center at 1 pm on Thursday, February 19. Meanwhile in New York, more than 4,200 nurses at New York–Presbyterian remain on **strike** after rejecting a tentative contract agreement, even as nurses at Mount Sinai Hospital and Montefiore Medical Center **returned** to work after reaching a tentative agreement.
- **U.S.-India Trade Deal Sparks Protests by Indian Farmers:** Farmers took part in last Thursday's All-India General Strike, with thousands of agricultural producers taking to the streets to protest the interim **U.S.-India trade framework** announced earlier this month. In response to **concerns** that increased market access for U.S. agricultural and food products could adversely impact domestic producers, India's trade and agricultural ministers **stressed** that **safeguards** are in place. Demonstration activity is likely to continue in the coming weeks, driven by both opposition political parties and farmers' unions. Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM), a major labor coalition representing over forty farmers' unions, **called** the deal "anti-farmer" and is organizing meetings before the second part of the Indian Parliament's Budget Session resumes in early March. U.S. and Indian officials **expect** to finalize the deal by the end of March. •
- **Philippines Prepares for Third Trillion Peso March Early Next Week:** The Philippine National Police (PNP) **plans** to deploy more than 11,000 officers to provide security during the Trillion Peso March and related activities. Authorities expect a turnout of around 50,000 participants, with events **planned** on February 22 and 25 at EDSA Shrine and People Power Monument. The first Trillion Peso March took place in September 2025 to protest corruption in **flood control projects**, followed by a second iteration two months later. The timing of the march coincides with the 40th anniversary of the 1986 EDSA People Power Revolution, a series of demonstrations in Metro Manila that ended the 20-year rule of Ferdinand Marcos.

## Upcoming Events

- February 6 – March 15: Milano Cortina Olympic and Paralympic Games (Italy)
- February 7 – March 8: Men's T20 Cricket World Cup (India, Sri Lanka)
- February 13-18: Carnival (Brazil)
- February 17: Chinese New Year (Global)
- February 17: Tét (Vietnam)
- February 17: Mardi Gras (Global)
- February 17 – March 19: Ramadan (Global) *Dates approximate and vary by location*
- February 18 – April 2: Lent (Global)
- February 21-22: Africa Union Summit (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)
- February 24: Fourth Anniversary of Russian Invasion of Ukraine (Global)
- March 2-3: Purim (Global)
- March 4: Holi (Global)
- March 5: General Election (Nepal)
- March 8: General Election (Colombia)
- March 8: International Women's Day (Global)
- March 15: General Election (Vietnam)