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### **Significant Severe Weather Threat Continues Over Central U.S.**

As of midday Monday, [Kansas City](#) began to dry out following a morning of severe storms that caused widespread flooding and water rescues early Monday. Going into this afternoon and evening, the [Storm Prediction Center](#) has placed much of eastern Missouri and lower Illinois, including the St. Louis metro, under a high-end Level 4 of 5 risk of severe storms. Within this zone, a few long-track tornadoes, scattered damaging winds, and large destructive hail are likely. A lower but still significant Level 2 and Level 3 of 5 risk covers surrounding states.

Current guidance indicates storms will continue across the Lower Mississippi and Tennessee River Valleys on Tuesday. The SPC has introduced a [Level 2 of 5 severe storm risk](#) between northeastern Texas and Kentucky. Large hail and strong winds will likely be the main threat across the area, but there is some forecast uncertainty regarding potential supercell development that could bring some tornado activity to the area.

### **Workers Worldwide to Mark May Day With Demonstrations, Strike Actions**

Disruptions are expected in population centers across the globe on Friday, May 1, due to demonstrations commemorating May Day, also known as International Workers' Day or Labor Day in many countries, which is traditionally observed as a celebration of workers' rights. Among the countries where nationwide demonstrations are expected are France, Germany, Italy, Spain, the Philippines, Indonesia, South Korea, South Africa, Brazil, and Colombia.

In the U.S., groups opposed to the policies of President Donald Trump also plan demonstrate in hundreds of cities on Friday and during the May Day holiday weekend. Organizers are also incorporating calls for supporters to skip work, school, and abstain from retail spending into their own calls to action, raising the likelihood of disruptions nationwide. Past demonstrations organized by some of the organizations involved, including the 50501 Movement and Indivisible, have attracted tens of thousands of participants. Organizers **expect** some **3,500 affiliated actions** across the U.S. on May 1. The AlertMedia team has enabled a visual layer in the dashboard displaying where demonstrations are planned for May Day in the U.S. this weekend.

While most demonstrations are expected to remain peaceful, gatherings in previous years have led to clashes, arrests, injuries, and property damage. Further information on anticipated actions both the U.S. and around the world are available in our Situation Report for May Day.

## **Attack on White House Correspondents' Dinner Highlights Questionable Security Effort**

On Saturday, a gunman **opened fire at the White House Correspondents' Dinner**, the **first to be attended by U.S. President Donald Trump** after he skipped the occasion throughout his first term and into his second. Security personnel apprehended 31-year-old **Cole Tomas Allen**, who had cited various **grievances** with Trump administration policies in **messages to family** sent shortly before the attack.

While just one Secret Service officer was **injured during the attack**, experts have been critical of the protection effort, citing **lax screening** and a failure to **classify the event properly** as potential factors in the incident. More broadly, the attack raises questions about public safety readiness and executive protection at upcoming major events such as celebrations associated with America 250 (the United States Semiquincentennial) and other **high-profile occasions**.

It also highlights concerns over rising trends of political violence targeting both public officials and corporate leaders, with this being the third violent assault near Trump in less than two years. Experts in political violence **warn** that a "dangerous escalation" in such attacks occurred during 2025, with further incidents such as the killings of U.S. citizens during immigration enforcement operations in Minneapolis expected to contribute to further radicalization through 2026.

## **Iran Offers Hormuz Deal as Trump Faces Pressure Over Peace Process Failures**

The future of the peace process between Iran and the U.S. remains unclear after a series of false starts and **canceled plans** for further talks in recent days. However, **Iran is now offering** to reopen the Strait of Hormuz in exchange for an end to the U.S. blockade of the country's seaports and the postponement of further nuclear talks to a later stage. U.S. President Trump must now decide whether to diverge from

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previously firm positions on Iran's nuclear program and other issues in the interest of resolving perhaps the most significant consequence of the conflict to-date.

Sticking points in negotiations surrounding Iran's ballistic missiles, nuclear program, and other issues have prevented progress toward a diplomatic solution during earlier talks, but the refocusing of the broader conflict on the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz could see the Trump administration walk back its demands in other areas if it leads to the reopening of the strait. The global energy crisis caused by the waterway's closure has brought significant pressure on the Trump administration to resolve the conflict.

Trump's failure to secure a deal has also inspired [derision](#) from fellow world leaders and has come amid broader [friction](#) with various allies due to their non-participation the U.S. operation. As the Trump administration struggles with consistent messaging on its goals in the Iran conflict, Iran's latest offer could provide the president with the opportunity to resolve several challenges impacting perceptions of his performance ahead of what are expected to be hotly contested midterm elections.

## Climate and Natural Hazards

- **Critical Fire Weather Across New Mexico, West Texas:** Critical fire weather conditions have been highlighted across New Mexico and western Texas for [today](#) and [tomorrow](#). Dry, windy conditions are supportive of rapid fire spread. The [Hummingbird Fire](#), located in western New Mexico, remains out of control, with 0% containment and over 2,600 acres burned so far.
- **Georgia Wildfires Remain Uncontained:** The [Highway 82 and Pineland Road Fires](#), which both began well over a week ago, continue to cause disruption across southeast Georgia. The Highway 82 Fire in Brantley County has burned over 22,600 acres and is only 6% contained at the time of this writing. The fire has prompted widespread evacuation orders and destroyed some homes in the area. The nearby Pineland Road Fire has burned over 32,000 acres in Echols and Clinch Counties. Numerous evacuation orders and road closures have been enacted. Combined, the two fires have destroyed around [120 homes](#), and authorities have declared a [State of Emergency](#) for 91 counties in Southern Georgia.
- **Severe Heavy Rain for Northern India and Bangladesh:** Central and northern [Bangladesh](#), along with [northeastern Indian states](#) Assam, Meghalaya, and Tripura, are entering a period of persistent severe weather. Repeated rounds of heavy rainfall are expected throughout the week into early May, increasing the risk of flooding and landslides with each passing day as storms impact the same areas. Forecast models indicate widespread totals of 200–300 mm (8–12 inches), with locally higher amounts possible. Given the region's complex terrain, dangerous, potentially life-threatening flooding and landslides are possible. Severe storms have already [killed at least 14 in Bangladesh](#).
- **South Africa Threatened by Heavy Rain, Flood Threat:** Northwest Province, eastern Northern Cape, and the western Free State of South Africa are expected to see the heaviest impacts as an

active weather pattern develops midweek. Conditions will ramp up starting Wednesday and peak Thursday into Friday, bringing the potential for excessive rainfall and significant flash flooding. Forecast guidance suggests widespread totals of 75–125 mm (3–5 inches), with locally higher amounts possible in the hardest-hit areas. Rainfall of this magnitude could lead to severe flooding, though some uncertainty remains regarding the exact placement of the heaviest bands.

## Worldwide

- **U.S. Could Punish Allies for Lack of Support on Iran:** Leaked internal U.S. defense communications [suggest](#) that the Trump administration may be [seeking to punish](#) allied NATO member states for failing to support the U.S. effort in Iran. NATO allies' support (or lack thereof) has proven a pain point for the Trump administration, causing [friction](#) between the U.S. and peers in the organization. The rising pressure from the Trump administration has served both to unite European member states behind common interests amid the conflict, and to test the alliance more broadly. While Trump's lack of follow-through on earlier threats to allies has reassured some international observers and likely emboldens the [response](#) from targeted member states, the Trump administration could still inflict [significant lasting harm](#) on member states' interests and NATO unity.
- **Gunman Kills Tourist in Teotihuacán Attack Likely Linked to Extremist Content:** A gunman [carried](#) out a deadly shooting at Mexico's Pyramid of the Moon in Teotihuacán on April 20, killing a Canadian woman and wounding 13 foreign tourists before taking his own life. The attacker, a 27-year-old from Mexico City, was reportedly [influenced](#) by [extremist](#) online content and had expressed admiration for Nazism and the Columbine High School massacre, marking the latest in a potential emerging trend that includes a shooting at a school in [Michoacan](#) and a stabbing at an UNAM-affiliated high school in 2025. Authorities have since [increased security](#) at tourist sites nationwide. The attack underscores a troubling convergence of online radicalization, copycat mass violence, and the growing risk posed by ideologically motivated lone actors targeting soft, [high-visibility locations](#).
- **U.S. Civil Society Organizations Prepare for Indictments After Justice Department Accuses SPLC of Fraud:** The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) will fight a [federal indictment](#) on fraud charges that accuse the organization of using millions of dollars in donated funds "to secretly pay leaders of the Ku Klux Klan and other hate groups for inside information." The case prompted statements of support from several other civil rights groups, many of which have been [preparing for similar legal challenges](#). One former Biden administration official stated that while the Trump administration likely seeks to impede the work of these organizations by forcing them to refocus on their legal defenses, their advance preparation for such challenges could enable them to continue regular operations.
- **Ecuador to Set Night Curfew Amid Crime Crackdown and Civil Liberty Concerns:** Ecuador will impose a [nighttime curfew](#) from May 3-18 across nine provinces, including Quito and

Guayaquil, restricting movement from 11 pm to 5 am. The measure is part of President Daniel Noboa's **broader crackdown** on organized crime and drug trafficking. However, critics argue that these security policies coincide with increasing pressure on media outlets, judicial institutions, and opposition groups, raising **concerns** about democratic erosion. Meanwhile, Noboa maintains that his "**New Ecuador**" agenda is restoring **stability** and attracting investment. While international investors remain supportive, civil society organizations warn that expanding state power could undermine civil liberties and weaken the country's democratic institutions if left unchecked.

- **Coordinated Attacks by Separatists, Islamists Militants Kills Mali Defense Minister:** **Large-scale, coordinated attacks** by jihadist group JNIM and Tuareg separatists in Mali has highlighted the state's weakening control and the increased risk of fragmentation. The unprecedented cooperation between these groups has enabled them to seize territory while targeting military bases and leadership figures such as Defense Minister Sadio Camara, who was killed near his home. The violence highlights the junta's fragile grip on power despite support from Russian-backed forces, whose effectiveness is **increasingly questioned**. Analysts warn the convergence of separatist and jihadist agendas could accelerate territorial division, deepen instability, and potentially push Mali toward de facto partition if the government fails to reassert control.

## Cyber and Regulatory

- **Insurers Moving to Limit Exposure to AI-Related Cyber Losses, Regulatory Fines:** Insurers including QBE and Beazley are **introducing sublimits** on cyber insurance payouts linked to AI-related risks, particularly "LLMjacking," where attackers hack into large language models being used by businesses to avoid usage costs. These caps may restrict payouts, raising concerns among brokers and legal experts that coverage for emerging AI threats could narrow over time. While insurers argue the changes clarify and adapt coverage rather than reduce it, the rapid evolution of AI risks—such as hallucinations and increased attack surfaces—is driving reassessment. Some insurers are considering excluding AI risks entirely or offering standalone AI-specific coverage in the future.
- **U.S. Alleges China Exploiting AI Technology:** The White House **alleges** China-linked entities are conducting large-scale extraction of U.S. AI capabilities and engaging in "**industrial scale theft**" of U.S. AI intellectual property, raising concerns about threats to U.S. competitiveness and potential national security risks. The administration plans to coordinate more closely with AI firms to detect, deter, and potentially penalize such activity. Officials describe "**distillation**" campaigns using coordinate probing of AI systems to replicate proprietary functionality, with companies like Anthropic and OpenAI raising similar concerns. Some policymakers warned copied models may lack safeguards, increasing risks of misuse in cyber or biological threats. Lawmakers are advancing measures that could blacklist offending entities and restrict access to U.S. technology, while China denies any wrongdoing.

- **Crypto Scams Target Ships in Disrupted Strait of Hormuz:** Scammers posing as Iranian authorities are **demanding** cryptocurrency for ships for “safe passage” through the Strait of Hormuz, exploiting confusion amid ongoing conflict and raising concerns for stranded vessels. Hundreds of ships and about 20,000 seafarers remain stranded as U.S. and Iranian blockades disrupt a route that once carried roughly 20% of global oil and LNG. MARISKS, a maritime risk management firm, warns the messages, which request Bitcoin or Tether after document submission, are fraudulent and not linked to Iran. Recent incidents, including Iranian forces firing on vessels attempting transit, have heightened uncertainty and highlighted vulnerabilities to fraud in the high-stakes chokepoint, making shipowners more susceptible to scams.
- **China Threatens EU Over Draft Cybersecurity Rules Governing Critical Infrastructure:** Tensions between China and the European Union (EU) are **escalating** over EU cybersecurity regulations that could restrict or exclude Chinese technology providers from critical infrastructure. China has formally warned that if Chinese firms are designated as “high-risk suppliers” or barred from the EU market, it may initiate retaliatory investigations and impose reciprocal measures against European companies. The draft EU framework would allow broad exclusion of Chinese vendors from sectors including telecommunications and other high-tech industries, intensifying concerns in China over market access and perceived discrimination. The dispute highlights growing geopolitical friction around technology security, with international firms increasingly caught between competing regulatory regimes and the risk of retaliatory economic and cyber measures.
- **Anthropic Investigating After Unauthorized Users Accessed New “Mythos” AI Model:** Anthropic is **investigating** a security lapse involving unauthorized access to its restricted “Mythos” AI model. Reportedly, a small group of external users accessed the model through a third-party vendor environment, potentially **leveraging** contractor credentials or exposed infrastructure to bypass controls. Although no malicious use has been confirmed, the incident confirms that vulnerabilities exist in the handling of highly sensitive AI capabilities. Mythos has demonstrated the ability to autonomously identify software vulnerabilities and execute complex, multi-step cyberattack simulations. The breach is prompting increased scrutiny of access controls, especially as attackers **used** Claude and ChatGPT to breach both federal and state government agencies and steal the personal records of millions of citizens in February 2026.

## Infrastructure and Supply Chain

- **Eni Makes Major Offshore Gas Discovery in Indonesia:** Italian energy major Eni has **announced** a significant offshore discovery at the Geliga-1 well in Indonesia’s Kutei Basin, estimated at around 5 trillion cubic feet of gas and 300 million barrels of condensate. The site offers the potential of fast-tracked development using nearby infrastructure, with production targeted to begin in 2028. **Reports** suggest that despite being the sixth largest LNG supplier, Indonesia is facing falling gas reserves and rising demand. The discovery comes amid a global

energy crisis triggered by the Middle East conflict, as well as the onset of peak demand season. The discovery could strengthen Indonesia's domestic energy supply and reduce reliance on imported fuels, particularly through condensate replacing oil product imports. While not an immediate fix, it could gradually contribute to regional energy security and a rebalance of fuel trade in South Asia.

- **U.S.-India Trade Deal on Hold Amid U.S. Supreme Court Ruling, Iran Conflict:** An interim India-U.S. trade deal has been [delayed](#) following a ruling by the Supreme Court of the United States that struck down several of U.S. President Donald Trump's tariffs. Following the ruling, the U.S. began a [Section 301 \(Trade Act 1974\)](#) investigation into India's practices. Experts warn that India risks facing higher tariffs than those tentatively agreed in February if it does not finalize a deal with the U.S. before the probe concludes. However, Delhi remains cautious, partly due to its strong reliance on discounted Russian crude, which is more economically advantageous than U.S. oil imports given incompatible refinery infrastructure, and longer delivery times.
- **Chinese Authorities Launch Protectionist Measures Amid Geopolitical Uncertainty:** Beijing is tightening trade regulations in an attempt to shield Chinese logistics and supply chains from the impacts of global turmoil. The U.S. intervention meant to prevent Chinese interests from [controlling strategic ports](#) on the Panama Canal and the global energy crisis touched off by the conflict between the U.S., Israel, and Iran are among the international incidents [inspiring measures](#) to shore up Chinese access to critical manufacturing inputs, often at the expense of export markets. In cases where trade partners rely heavily on China for their supply of those inputs, the impact can be [especially severe](#), causing panic buying, shortages, and surging prices. [Some of these measures](#) explicitly target companies and individuals found to "threaten the country's access to vital resources and the free flow of goods," signaling significant potential consequences for noncompliance.
- **Mexico, U.S. Trade Officials Prepare for Review of Regional Trade Agreement:** Mexican and U.S. trade officials announced that the two countries' first bilateral negotiations on the future of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) will take place [on May 25](#). The two countries are at odds over issues ranging from manufacturing investment to workers' rights, and with U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Geer warning some of Mexico's most important industries that the talks are [unlikely to end tariffs](#) targeting their exports, significant disagreements could slow or derail progress. Despite Geer's warning, Mexican negotiators are expected to [press for concessions](#) on "automotive rules of origin and steel tariffs," among other issues. •
- **Iran Faces Further Economic Pain in Strait of Hormuz Waiting Game:** With Iran's regime and military facing a potential existential threat, the country's remaining leaders are reportedly [attempting to wait out](#) the Trump administration, which faces significant domestic and international pushback over the conflict and the energy crisis it has caused. Far-reaching damage to Iran's economy, infrastructure, and military, as well as the repeated targeting of regime figures for assassination, have done little to encourage Iran to capitulate, suggesting that future escalations may fail to force the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz. While observers note that the

country's ruling class is [prepared to uphold](#) the de facto closure of the strait to maintain international pressure on the Trump administration, the general population has suffered significant consequences, including shortages of [medical supplies](#) and other critical necessities.

## Health

- **Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Expands Anti-Fraud Efforts:** Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator Mehmet Oz announced a plan to request [revalidation](#) strategies for Medicaid providers from all 50 states. The examination of Medicaid in "[high-risk](#)" areas is part of an ongoing anti-fraud campaign by the Trump administration. This latest action is a change from the CMS' efforts in [March 2026](#), where the CMS issued inquiries to Minnesota, California, Maine, and New York into potential fraud in Medicaid. It is unclear if these nationwide audits will have similar consequences as the earlier inquiries, which included the disallowance, deferral, and even withholding of Medicaid funds.
- **Utah Records Over 600 Measles Cases as South Carolina Declares Outbreak Over :** Measles cases in [Utah](#) rose to 607, with cases [stemming](#) from an outbreak that began in the state's southwest corner in June 2025. Most cases have been in children, and a majority of hospitalized patients are unvaccinated. Utah is only the most recent epicenter of measles in the U.S., following outbreaks in Florida, Texas, Arizona, and several other states. South Carolina, which had recorded nearly 1,000 cases, the most since the U.S. eliminated measles in 2000, officially [declared its outbreak over](#) on Sunday after no new cases were reported for 42 days.
- **Rollback of Flu Vaccine Requirement Likely to Impact Readiness, Operational Effectiveness:** U.S. Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth [announced](#) on social media last week that the military will no longer require troops to receive an annual flu vaccine, citing religious freedom and medical autonomy. Health experts [warn](#) that the policy change could negatively affect military readiness and health outcomes, particularly in close-quarter environments where respiratory illnesses spread easily. Experts emphasize that routine vaccination has historically reduced outbreaks, hospitalizations, and lost duty time among troops. A retired military medical officer referenced a [prior vaccine rollback](#) for adenovirus, which resulted in over 1,000 soldiers needing to be hospitalized annually before the policy was reinstated. Overall, experts expect the change to produce incremental but cumulative impacts on force health and operational effectiveness.
- **Hospitals Particularly Vulnerable to New Tactics by Cyber Actors: A [joint cybersecurity advisory](#)** issued by the U.S. and international cybersecurity agencies, including the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), FBI, and National Security Agency (NSA), warns that Chinese state-aligned cyber actors are increasingly using large-scale "covert networks" of compromised devices to conduct malicious activity. These networks—often made up of vulnerable routers and Internet of Things devices—allow attackers to hide their origins, evade detection, and

operate at scale. Health care systems are considered critical infrastructure and are often targeted by China-affiliated malware campaigns such as Volt Typhoon and Flax Typhoon. According to a [note from the American Hospital Association \(AHA\)](#), often, the compromised devices are “end-of-life” technologies that no longer receive security updates and that are commonly found in hospital settings. The FBI’s latest [Internet Crime Report](#) found that health care was the top sector targeted for cyber threats in 2025, followed by financial services.

- **Other Stories the Global Intelligence Team is Monitoring:** The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is [warning](#) about the spread of extensively drug-resistant Shigellosis. The disease, which is easily transmissible, has no FDA-approved oral treatment, prompting the CDC to label it a “public health threat” and emphasizing the need for early detection and reporting. Meanwhile, officials are also noting the alarming spread of [rotavirus](#) in the U.S., with authorities blaming vaccine hesitancy for the uptick. One city managing the fallout of the rise in rotavirus is [San Francisco](#), which is also contending with high rates of norovirus, human metapneumovirus (HMPV), influenza A and B, and RSV. Finally, The Washington Post reported that the CDC is [blocking](#) the publication of a report showing the COVID-19 vaccines reduced emergency department visits and hospitalizations, raising further questions over whether the agency’s leadership is interfering with its scientific mandate.

## Demonstrations and Industrial Action

- **Anti-War Activism to Prompt Heightened Turnout on May Day:** In conjunction with May Day commemorations, activist groups associated with the pro-Palestine movement are calling for actions condemning war. The ongoing conflicts in Gaza, Lebanon, and Iran are likely to lead to greater participation in public May Day actions than usual in some locations, especially in Europe and North America. The Geneva chapter of the BDS movement is calling for a demonstration at [Geneva’s](#) Place Lise-Girardin on Friday afternoon, while [Madrid](#), [Paris](#), and [Valencia](#) will see major pro-Palestine contingents at May Day demonstrations. In the U.S., demonstrators opposed to war will march from [Manhattan’s](#) Union Square to Washington Square Park at 2 pm. Many of the actions planned in the U.S. also call for an end to Immigration and Customs Enforcement operations.
- **Anti-Immigrant Demonstrations Lead to Clashes in South Africa:** Disruptions are likely in Johannesburg and Pretoria this week due to a series of demonstrations against immigration. The March and March group has called for a march in Pretoria tomorrow from Burgers Park to Union Buildings beginning at 8 am. On Wednesday, supporters are expected to gather at Johannesburg’s Mary Fitzgerald Square at 8 am. Protesters, mobilized by the March and March movement and Ngizwe Mchunu of the group Amabhinca Nation, [targeted immigrants](#) in Durban last week, resulting in [attacks on businesses](#) believed to be owned by foreign nationals. Specific details

beyond the actions in Pretoria and Johannesburg remain scarce, although previous actions by Mchunu suggest additional protest activities may occur spontaneously or with little warning.

- **Bezos-Backed Met Gala Faces Boycott Campaign and Potential Protests in NYC:** Activists are mounting a [boycott](#) campaign and [possible](#) demonstrations ahead of the 2026 Met Gala, scheduled for May 4 at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in Manhattan. The effort targets Jeff Bezos and Lauren Sánchez Bezos over their prominent role in hosting the high-profile event. The U.K.-based activist group [Everyone Hates Elon](#) has led a guerrilla “wheatpasting” campaign across the city since mid-April, spreading “Boycott the Bezos Met Gala” messaging on streets and transit spaces. While no large, permitted rallies have been announced, organizers have hinted surprise actions on the night itself, when media attention peaks. Hundreds of people [took to the streets](#) in Venice against the Bezos’ wedding last summer and previous Met Galas have [drawn](#) smaller protests, raising the likelihood of disruptions this year.
- **Venezuelan Workers Call for March to Miraflores Over Wages and Labor Demands:** Venezuelan workers and union groups have [called](#) for a [large march](#) to Miraflores Palace in Caracas on Thursday. The march, which comes one day ahead of International Workers’ Day, is being organized to demand salary increases, better working conditions, and broader social and political changes, particularly for teachers, retirees, and pensioners. Organizers have encouraged participants to bring symbolic items such as pots and pans as part of the protest. The mobilization follows earlier marches in April that faced police restrictions and dispersal near government buildings; however, union leaders say continued street action is necessary due to persistently low wages and lack of concrete economic improvements.
- **West Bengal Elections See Clashes, Extended Police Deployment:** India’s Central Armed Police Forces will [remain deployed](#) across West Bengal for at least one week after voting in the state’s assembly elections end on Wednesday to mitigate associated security risks. Violent clashes broke out at the Jagatdal Police Station near Kolkata between supporters of the Trinamool Congress (TMC) and the Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) over the weekend. The confrontation reportedly involved stone-pelting, crude bombs, and gunfire, leaving several people injured, including police personnel. The next phase of polling in West Bengal includes several key constituencies in North 24 Parganas and Kolkata-adjacent urban and industrial belts such as Barrackpore and Barasat. Sporadic instances of violence are possible through early May, with results expected to be released on May 4.

## Upcoming Events

- April 29: State Assembly Elections for W Bengal (India)
- April 26 – May 6: Golden Week (Japan)
- May 1: Provisional Date to Apply EU-Mercosur Trade Agreement (Global)
- May 1: International Workers' Day/May Day (Global)
- May 2: Kentucky Derby (Louisville, United States)
- May 4: Met Gala (New York City, United States)
- May 5: Cinco de Mayo (Mexico)
- May 8-9: 48th ASEAN Leaders' Summit (Cebu, Philippines)
- May 9: Victory Day (Russia)
- May 12: Parliamentary Elections (Bahamas)
- May 14: Jerusalem Day (Israel)
- May 14-15: U.S. President Trump Visits China (Beijing, China)
- May 15: Nakba Day (Palestinian Territories)
- May 12-16: Eurovision (Vienna, Austria)
- May 17: Parliamentary Elections (Cape Verde)
- May 18: Victoria Day (Canada)
- May 21-23: Shavuot (Global)
- May 24: Parliamentary Elections (Cyprus)
- May 24-30: Hajj (Saudi Arabia) *Dates may vary*
- May 24: National Assembly Elections (Guinea)
- May 25: Memorial Day (United States)
- May 26-31: Eid al-Adha (Global) *Date may vary based on location*
- May 30: UEFA Champions League Final (Budapest, Hungary)
- May 31: Presidential Election (Colombia)
- June 1: General Elections (Ethiopia)
- June 1-30: Pride Month (Global)