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U.S. Rejects Iran's Counteroffer to Ending the Conflict as China May Take on Larger Diplomatic Role During Upcoming Visit by Trump

U.S. President Donald Trump rejected Tehran's response to Washington's proposal for ending the conflict, calling it "TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE" and saying that the current ceasefire was on "massive life support." Iran's offer reportedly included compensation for war damages, recognition of Iran's sovereignty over the Strait of Hormuz, an end to the U.S. naval blockade, lifting of sanctions, and an end to the war on all fronts, including Lebanon, where Israel is involved in a conflict with Hezbollah. Trump's response comes as gas prices continue to climb at home, prompting him to float a suspension of the federal gas tax. Fighting has also intensified in Lebanon, despite an active ceasefire agreement.

The latest diplomatic setback comes ahead of Trump's scheduled arrival in Beijing on Wednesday for a two-day visit and meeting with Chinese Premier Xi Jinping. The meeting comes after the U.S. sanctioned three China-based companies (among 10 other individuals and companies), claiming they enabled Iran's military operations. Beijing and Moscow have also vetoed a U.S.-backed resolution in the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) demanding that Iran halt attacks and demine the Strait of Hormuz.

Both Trump and Xi have several pressing matters on their agendas, including the Iran conflict and the larger impacts it's had on global markets. The visit also comes a week after Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi visited Beijing. The meeting between Trump and Xi could present an opportunity for diplomatic progress and the eventual reopening of the strait.

Nakba Day to Overlap With Major Demonstrations in Israel, U.K.

Friday, May 15, marks Nakba Day, the commemoration among Palestinians of the establishment of the state of Israel and the subsequent dislocation of many Palestinians. The day has traditionally been marked by demonstrations by pro-Palestinian groups both in the Middle East and beyond. Such actions have grown in size and scope since Hamas' attack on southern Israel in 2023 and the resultant Israeli operations in Gaza. This year, Nakba Day and associated demonstrations will coincide with at least two other major events, one in Israel and the other in the U.K.

Within Israel and the West Bank, Nakba Day will overlap with Jerusalem Day, which begins Thursday. An Israeli national holiday marking the "reunification" of East and West Jerusalem following the Six-Day War of 1967, Jerusalem Day is traditionally celebrated with a Flag March through the Old City. Despite the significant security presence deployed to safeguard the march, clashes regularly occur. Tensions are likely to be especially high this year due to the shaky ceasefires in place in Gaza, Lebanon, and Iran and due to the fact that the official holiday falls on a Friday, which is also Nakba Day. Several Knesset members and ministers have demanded that Jews be allowed to enter the Temple Mount on that day, despite the site typically being off limits to the Jewish community on Fridays, as it is when thousands of Muslim worshippers gather at Al-Aqsa Mosque. If an attempt to enter the Al-Aqsa compound is made, it will likely trigger further violence, both in Jerusalem and potentially among other communities in the region that gather to commemorate Nakba Day.

In the U.K., activist Tommy Robinson is planning a "Unite the Kingdom, Unite the West" rally that is scheduled to proceed through London on Saturday, the same day that the Stop the War Coalition is planning its Nakba Day march. Complicating matters further, the marches also coincide with the FA Cup Final at Wembley. Last year's Unite the Kingdom gathering saw more than 100,000 attendees and clashes with police. Ahead of Saturday, some public figures have called for the Nakba Day march to be banned, pointing to the recent string of attacks on the Jewish community in the capital and claiming that such demonstrations "incubate" antisemitism. As of this writing the march is set to proceed, albeit along an adjusted route to avoid overlapping with Robinson's rally. The strain on police resources due to the confluence of major events and demonstrations increases the risk of disorder, as well as the restrictions that will likely be put in place to ensure public safety.

Severe Storms Causing Disruptions Across Western South Africa

A potent low-pressure (storm) system is expected to track into western South Africa through Tuesday. Current model guidance indicates the pattern will be a high-impact system with significant flooding and wind disruptions likely. South African officials have issued orange (level 2 on a 3-tier scale) warnings across the Western Cape.

An initial round of storms already affected the region Sunday, with damage to roofs in Westridge, flooding in Island Informal Settlement and Nyanga hostels, and numerous road closures in the City of Cape Town. Looking ahead, the highest forecast rainfall totals are east of Cape Town, including

Stellenbosch, Paarl, Worcester, and Ceres, where terrain enhancement may result in rainfall totals of 150–300 mm (6–12 in), with localized higher amounts approaching 400 mm (15 in).

Coastal and elevated areas, including Cape Town, may experience frequent wind gusts of 100–130 km/h (60–80 mph), with damaging winds of 80–115 km/h (50–70 mph) extending inland. Winds of this magnitude may down trees, damage structures, disrupt travel, and create hazardous conditions for high-profile vehicles, especially along major routes such as the N1.

Climate and Natural Hazards

- **U.S. Week-Ahead Temperature Outlook:** Western heat will peak Monday and Tuesday, with forecast daily record highs of 109°F in Phoenix, 103°F in Las Vegas, 102°F in Fresno, 95°F in Boise, and 94°F in Salt Lake City. From Wednesday through Sunday, the core of anomalous warmth will gradually shift eastward across the Rockies and into the central and eastern U.S., while extreme values in the West ease somewhat. Overall, above-normal temperatures are likely to persist nationally into mid- to late month. Weekly fire weather concerns are moderate, with primary emphasis on the northern Plains today and tomorrow.
- **Georgia Wildfire Conditions Improving:** Wildfire conditions across Georgia are showing meaningful improvement following recent rainfall, lighter statewide fire activity, and continued containment gains on two major South Georgia fires. The Georgia Forestry Commission reported no new wildfires statewide on May 8 and May 9, marking the first zero-fire days since December. Containment has also improved substantially on the state’s largest ongoing incidents, including the Highway 82 and Pineland Road Fires.
- **Central Italy and Northern Balkans Facing Wind and Flood Threats:** A slow-moving storm system tracking from Italy into the northern Balkans will bring a period of unsettled weather through tomorrow, with Yellow and Orange Level Warnings in place. Strong winds will spread across central Italy, while rounds of heavy rain develop over Croatia, Slovenia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina. As the system lingers, repeated rainfall may increase flooding concerns and lead to localized disruptions across the region.
- **El Niño Forecasts Trend Stronger:** What was already expected to be one of the strongest El Niño events in the past 50 years is now showing signs of further intensification in leading long-range seasonal forecast guidance. ECMWF model guidance suggests equatorial Pacific sea-surface temperature anomalies could peak around 3.0°C to 3.5°C above normal by fall 2026. Even if the ECMWF forecast verified near the ensemble midpoint, the 2026–27 El Niño would likely rank among the strongest events on record. Verification of the upper-end ensemble members would raise the possibility of a potentially unprecedented event in the modern instrumental record, with significant implications for global weather patterns through the second half of 2026 and early 2027. Although long-range forecasts remain probabilistic, the increasing risk of a historically strong El Niño is drawing heightened attention from insurance underwriters.
- **Scientists Warn of New Orleans’ Long-Term Flood Risk:** In the Nature Sustainability perspective “Climate-driven depopulation and adaptation realities in America’s coastal ground

zero," scientists argue that coastal Louisiana is already entering a long-term retreat due to rising seas, wetland loss, and worsening storm impacts. Drawing on evidence from past sea levels and Indigenous migration patterns, the researchers warn that much of the coast may eventually become unlivable, with the shoreline moving far inland. They argue Louisiana should plan gradual relocation, protect key wetlands where possible, and support inland communities before displacement becomes more chaotic.

- **Central Texas Flood Committee Findings, Calls for Reform:** Following the central Texas floods of July 2025, Texas emergency chief Nim Kidd told lawmakers Kerr County's delayed response exposed unreachable officials, poor coordination, and weak training standards. The county's emergency management coordinator could not be reached until approximately three hours after the onset of major flood reports.
- **Glacier Retreat Increasing Landslide and Tsunami Risk in Alaska:** There is a growing risk of landslide-triggered tsunamis in Alaska's fjords as glaciers continue to retreat. A 2025 event produced a massive wave in a cruise-ship corridor, underscoring near-miss dangers. As tourism increases and terrain becomes less stable, similar events may become more likely, raising concerns for coastal communities, vessels, and infrastructure.

Worldwide

- **U.S. Escalates Pressure Campaign Against Cuba Amid Surge in Surveillance Flights:** The United States has increased its focus on Cuba through expanded sanctions, stronger political messaging, and a rise in military surveillance activity near the island. Since February 2026, U.S. Navy and Air Force aircraft, including P-8A Poseidon patrol planes, RC-135V Rivet Joint reconnaissance aircraft, and MQ-4C Triton drones, have carried out at least 25 missions near Havana and Santiago de Cuba, reflecting increased intelligence collection efforts. Meanwhile, President Donald Trump and Secretary of State Marco Rubio have described Cuba as a national security concern, while new sanctions target Cuban officials, foreign financial institutions, and sectors tied to the Cuban government. Trump has also referenced possible future action toward Cuba. Cuban officials have criticized the measures and recent U.S. rhetoric, while reaffirming their openness to dialogue and their opposition to external pressure.
- **Eurovision Kicks Off in Vienna Amid Country, Artist Boycott:** Heightened security measures, travel disruptions, and demonstration activity can be expected in Austria's capital this week during the Eurovision Song Contest 2026. The annual competition will take place at the Wiener Stadthalle arena, with semi-finals on Tuesday and Thursday and the final on Saturday. According to the European Broadcasting Union, 95,000 tickets have been sold to fans from 75 countries and territories worldwide. Participants from 35 countries will compete in the contest, the fewest since entry was expanded in 2004, with several countries withdrawing in protest over Israel's actions in Gaza, including Iceland, Ireland, the Netherlands, Slovenia, and Spain. More than 1,000 artists have urged a boycott of Eurovision as part of the "No Music for Genocide" initiative, and thousands of people are expected to attend pro-Palestine demonstrations in Vienna. The largest protest is planned during the final performances on Saturday.

- **Trump Administration Escalates Pressure on Mexico and Colombia with 2026 Drug Control Strategy:** The Trump administration has intensified pressure on Mexico and Colombia through its 2026 National Drug Control Strategy, demanding stronger crackdowns on cartels, trafficking networks, and precursor chemical flows. The policy prioritizes intelligence-sharing, sanctions, extraditions, and expanded joint counterdrug operations with regional partners. In Mexico, this comes amid political turmoil after Sinaloa Governor Rubén Rocha Moya temporarily stepped aside following a U.S. indictment alleging cartel ties, igniting debate over extradition rules for elected officials. In Colombia, the moves come just before presidential elections, where security, drug trafficking, and relations with Washington are set to dominate the agenda. Separately, the White House released a new counterterrorism strategy that frames cartel activity as a core hemispheric threat, signaling a broader U.S. effort to treat organized crime as a national security priority.
- **Rising Political Violence Sparks Increase in Demand for Active Shooter Insurance:** Rising attacks on U.S. politicians and corporate leaders are driving rapid growth in demand for active-shooter insurance, once a niche product. High-profile incidents, including an attempted attack on Donald Trump and killings of executives, have heightened corporate concern, expanding interest across nearly all sectors. The market has doubled since 2020 to roughly \$100 million in annual premiums. Policies cover legal liability, crisis response, victim compensation, and security services, addressing gaps left by terrorism insurance. Increased politically motivated and lone-wolf violence has prompted companies, governments, and political groups to reassess risk, strengthen security, and in many cases purchase specialized coverage.
- **South Africa Sees Wave of Anti-Immigration Demonstrations:** An ongoing anti-immigration campaign by activist group March and March, supporters of radio personality Ngizwe Mchunu, and other organizations has increased security concerns among immigrant communities across South Africa. Demonstration activity in Johannesburg saw hundreds of participants and businesses close after warnings by local unions and foreign diplomatic missions. Mchunu has also organized “clean up” marches targeting foreign-owned shops, resulting in clashes and reported assaults on foreign nationals. Violence and security concerns surrounding this demonstration activity have driven foreign governments, including Kenya, Malawi, Lesotho, and Zimbabwe, to warn their citizens of “possible attacks” and driven some countries to offer to repatriate their citizens amid concerns that attacks could escalate further.

Cyber and Regulatory

- **White House Weighing Vetting Future AI Models:** The White House is reportedly considering a system to review advanced AI models before public release, signaling a possible shift toward greater federal oversight. The move comes amid growing concerns that frontier AI systems could rapidly expand cybersecurity and national security risks. The effort would mirror aspects of the U.K.’s AI safety review process. Microsoft, Google, and xAI have agreed to provide the U.S. government with early access to advanced AI models for national security testing through the Commerce Department’s Center for AI Standards and Innovation (CAISI). The effort follows recent

scrutiny of Anthropic's Mythos model, which reportedly demonstrated highly advanced vulnerability discovery and hacking capabilities, prompting the company to withhold its release to the public. CAISI said it has already constructed more than 40 evaluations of advanced AI systems, including unreleased models. However, the scope and pace of U.S. oversight efforts could shift depending on future AI capabilities, industry cooperation, or evolving political views on AI regulation.

- **Denmark Pauses New Power Connection Agreements Amid Debate Over Data Center Projects:** Denmark's grid operator has paused new power connection agreements after a surge in electricity demand driven largely by proposed data center projects. The decision highlights growing pressure on energy infrastructure as AI and "electrification" expand across Europe. Around 60 gigawatts (GW) of projects are awaiting grid access in Denmark, compared with the country's peak electricity demand of roughly 7 GW, with data centers accounting for approximately 14 GW of requests. Denmark joins the larger international debate, alongside several U.S. states, Ireland, and the Netherlands, in considering or implementing data center restrictions due to strain on electricity grids. Prolonged restrictions could delay investment, reshape where AI infrastructure is developed, and influence future energy access policies across the Nordics and the wider European region.
- **Voice Phishing Predicted to Cost Businesses \$40 Billion by 2027:** Researchers have linked hacking groups BlackFile and ShinyHunters to a recent wave of vishing attacks targeting retail and hospitality organizations. Vishing has emerged as one of the fastest-growing cyber threats, with some reports estimating incidents increased by 442% in 2024 and projecting global business losses of \$40 billion by 2027. Attackers are increasingly exploiting human trust, while AI has accelerated the threat landscape by providing attackers with low-cost voice cloning and automated calling to amplify impersonation campaigns. Common tactics include impersonating IT support personnel, directing victims to fraudulent login portals, and bypassing multi-factor authentication (MFA) to access single-sign on (SSO) to steal employee credentials. Businesses remain the primary targets, particularly high-risk roles such as IT helpdesks, financial personnel, and executives with access to sensitive systems and information.
- **Cyber Insurance Emerges as Core Risk Strategy:** Organizations are increasingly treating cyber insurance as a central pillar of enterprise risk management as ransomware, phishing, and AI-enabled attacks continue to escalate in frequency and cost. Rather than focusing on prevention, many security experts are adopting a strategy that assumes breaches are inevitable and emphasizes financial recovery and business continuity. The global cyber insurance market is projected to grow significantly as companies seek protection from operational disruption, regulatory penalties, and reputational damage. At the same time, cyber insurers are tightening underwriting standards by requiring stronger security controls like multifactor authentication, endpoint detection, enhanced employee training, and formal incident response planning. Experts warn that companies could over-prioritize meeting insurance requirements instead of reducing their underlying cyber risks.

- **Canvas Cyberattack Disrupts U.S. Schools:** On Thursday, a large-scale cyberattack targeting the Canvas learning management system disrupted online learning operations for thousands of schools and universities across the United States during final exam season. The attack, attributed to the ransomware and extortion group ShinyHunters, reportedly affected 9,000 institutions and exposed data tied to millions of students, faculty, and staff. Compromised information allegedly included names, email addresses, student ID numbers, and private communications, though financial data and passwords were reportedly not accessed. The incident forced multiple universities to delay final exams and suspend coursework while investigations and recovery efforts continued. Analysts warn that centralized education technology platforms have become increasingly attractive targets because they store massive amounts of sensitive personal and institutional data in a single system.

Infrastructure and Supply Chain

- **Singapore, New Zealand Sign Supply Chain Resilience Pact:** Singapore and New Zealand signed an agreement last week that aims to ensure the free movement of essential goods such as food, fuel, medical supplies, and critical industrial materials, even during periods of disruption. Under the arrangement, the first of its kind, both countries committed to eschewing export restrictions on essential supplies in times of supply chain stress, strengthening economic resilience and mutual trust. The agreement comes amid rising global supply chain pressures and an energy crisis triggered by ongoing conflict in the Middle East, which has disrupted shipping routes and increased oil price volatility. The bilateral agreement could be replicated regionally to secure supply channels in times of crisis.
- **China's Anti-Corruption Efforts Expand to Include Private Sector:** China's anti-corruption drive is reportedly expanding into the private sector after the Supreme Court issued the "Interpretation on Several Issues Concerning the Application of Law in Handling Criminal Cases of Corruption and Bribery (II)," which came into force on May 1. The move reflects Beijing's broader push to tighten oversight and reinforce "clean governance," with regulators scrutinizing business leaders and firms for governance lapses, financial irregularities, and influence networks. However, experts warn that the widening scope and stronger penalties could trigger policy paralysis, as managers become cautious in routine administrative and investment decisions for fear of investigation. There are also concerns it could be selectively enforced or misused in corporate disputes. While aimed at improving accountability, the shift raises questions about its impact on business confidence and operational efficiency.
- **Amazon's New Logistics Offering Could Upend Freight Industry:** Amazon's plan to begin offering expanded logistics services signals its emergence as a major competitor to FedEx, UPS, and other freight firms. Analysts described Amazon's move as a potential turning point for the freight industry, as the company opens its vast delivery network to businesses beyond its marketplace sellers. With growing scale, technology, and infrastructure, Amazon threatens carriers' high-margin sectors such as healthcare logistics. While some analysts believe the market

reaction may be exaggerated, the announcement heightened concerns about disruption across parcel delivery, freight brokerage, and supply chain services.

- **Trade With Vietnam Under Threat as U.S. Places Vietnam on IP Watch List:** The U.S. Trade Representative designated Vietnam a “Priority Foreign Country” in its annual Special 301 Report, citing serious concerns over intellectual property protection and enforcement. The designation, the first of its kind in 13 years, could lead to a Section 301 trade investigation within 30 days. USTR argued Vietnam failed to address longstanding IP issues, while Vietnam defended its record, highlighting regulatory improvements and international cooperation. China, India, Russia, and others remained on the Priority Watch List, while the European Union was added to the Watch List over pharmaceutical and digital copyright concerns. Argentina and Mexico were downgraded after improving IP enforcement efforts.
- **U.S.-China Leaders Set to Meet This Week After Six Months of No Face-to-Face Talks:** U.S. President Donald Trump will arrive in Beijing on Wednesday for a two-day meeting with Chinese Premier Xi Jinping at a time when U.S.-Iran negotiations have hit a wall and maritime trade through the Strait of Hormuz remains stalled. In addition to the Middle East conflict, the agenda is likely to focus heavily on broader strategic and economic issues, including the rare earths agreement, which U.S. officials say remains in effect but may need renewal to secure critical supply chains for industries such as electric vehicles, defense, and electronics. The talks are also expected to cover long-standing issues, including nuclear weapons and Taiwan. Markets will be watching the talks closely, considering that outcomes could ease tensions or deepen uncertainty in global trade and supply chains.

Health

- **Most MV Hondius Passengers Disembark as Two More Hantavirus Cases Confirmed:** Most of the roughly 150 passengers who were on board the cruise ship at the center of the ongoing hantavirus outbreak are in the process of returning to their home countries after the MV Hondius docked yesterday at Tenerife in the Canary Islands. Two more passengers tested positive for the deadly virus—a French woman and an American—with a second American showing symptoms of the virus flown to Atlanta for further testing and observation. Most of the others evacuated to the United States are quarantining at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. While health officials continue to emphasize that the risk to the broader public is low, the overall lack of involvement of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has led other experts to question the state of the country’s public health infrastructure, especially ahead of the World Cup, when a lack of coordination with the World Health Organization could be especially detrimental. This outbreak has also been accompanied by a surge in misinformation, a trend that is likely being exacerbated by an overall decline in trust in public health officials following the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **HHS Announces Plan to Reduce the ‘Overuse’ of Psychiatric Medications:** U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., during a Make America Health Again (MAHA) summit on mental health, outlined the department’s strategy for reducing the

'overprescribing' of psychiatric medication. The plan would evaluate the risks of psychiatric medications and shift focus to more holistic treatments like therapy, diet, and exercise. Kennedy asserts that antidepressants are specifically linked to mass shootings and risks to pregnancies, while the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) considers them to be generally safe. It is unclear whether this plan will impact the administration's efforts to boost pharmaceutical production in the U.S.

- **Pennsylvania Sues AI Chatbot for Pretending to be a Medical Professional:** The state of Pennsylvania is suing Character AI for violating the Medical Practice Act after the company's AI chatbot allegedly claimed to be a licensed medical professional. This lawsuit stems from a chatbot named "Emilie" posing as a "licensed psychiatrist" that provided a state investigator with a false license number and medical advice. The case, in combination with a recent study finding that AI chatbots provided "problematic" and misleading medical advice approximately half of the time, could form the basis for future litigation. Meanwhile, a lawsuit filed Sunday in Florida against OpenAI highlights how determining liability in incidents involving AI has become increasingly complex.
- **Pharmaceutical Companies Under Threat as Germany Proposes Raft of Healthcare Reforms:** Planned healthcare reforms in Germany are increasing pressure on major pharmaceutical companies already facing global pricing challenges. The government aims to reduce soaring healthcare costs and address a projected €40 billion shortfall in public health insurance funds by 2030. Proposed measures include tighter drug pricing controls, expanded reimbursement freezes, and higher mandatory discounts for drugmakers. Industry groups warn the reforms could hurt profitability, reduce investment incentives, and weaken Germany's attractiveness for pharmaceutical innovation and manufacturing. At the same time, policymakers argue cost containment is necessary to stabilize the healthcare system. The debate reflects growing tension between controlling healthcare spending and maintaining Europe's competitiveness in life sciences and drug development.
- **Other Stories the Global Intelligence Team is Monitoring:** Over 100 people fell ill with norovirus aboard a cruise ship, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The ship left Port Everglades in Fort Lauderdale, FL, on April 28 and is expected to arrive in Florida today. Texas issued an alert to its citizens after a case of New World Screwworm was confirmed in Coahuila, Mexico, around 119 miles from the Texas border. In San Francisco, testing revealed that nearly 1 in 5 students at Archbishop Riordan High School were diagnosed with either latent or active tuberculosis during an outbreak that began in November, although the latest round of testing conducted in March showed a strong reduction in transmission.

Demonstrations and Industrial Action

- **Argentina Braces for Disruptions Due to Federal University Marches:** Disruptions are expected across Argentina on Tuesday during nationwide "Federal University March" demonstrations organized by university unions and academic institutions, including the National Interuniversity Council and the National Federation of University Teachers. Protesters are

demanding increased university funding, higher salaries, and expanded student scholarships. The main demonstration in Buenos Aires will culminate at Plaza de Mayo around 5 pm. Additional marches are planned in Córdoba, La Plata, Mar del Plata, Mendoza, and Rosario. Traffic disruptions, delays, and heightened security presence are likely near university campuses and demonstration routes.

- **Canada-Wide Slow Roll Protests Planned Across Provinces:** On Saturday, Canadians may experience traffic disruptions on major motorways during coordinated “Canada Wide Slow Roll” protests. The demonstrations, organized by the group Stand United Canada, target policies linked to Prime Minister Mark Carney and government spending. Convoys are planned in multiple provinces including British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia. Participants plan to travel toward provincial or U.S. border crossings, including Windsor-Detroit routes in Ontario. Authorities warn of likely traffic congestion, slowdowns, and delays near highways, border crossings, and urban departure points throughout the day. Confrontations with bystanders and non-demonstrating drivers are possible; in late January, a group of Stand United Canada protesters clashed with counterdemonstrators in Kingston.
- **London Faces Another Round of Tube Strikes This Month:** Londoners will face transportation disruptions next week during a strike on the London Underground (Tube) network. Tube drivers intend to strike over two 24-hour periods on Tuesday and Thursday beginning at noon, with disruptions likely to continue through the afternoons and evenings on Wednesday and Friday. A previous strike by transit workers in April resulted in significant disruptions, completely halting one line. While the Elizabeth line, DLR, London Overground, and tram services will be running normally on strike days, those services are likely to see increased traffic and congestion. The union representing Tube drivers, RMT, is pushing back against the implementation of a compressed four-day workweek.
- **Public Sector to Strike in Greece on Wednesday:** ADEDY, the Confederation of Greek Civil Servants’ Trade Unions, is calling for a 24-hour nationwide strike on Wednesday, with significant disruptions to public services expected. Workers in public transport and education sectors are likely to conduct work stoppages on Wednesday, though specifics have yet to be finalized. Economic concerns are at the center of the confederation’s demands, which include calling for the restoration of 13th and 14th salaries, salary increases, and the strengthening of labor rights. Striking workers and supporters will gather for a rally at Athens’ Klafthmonos Square at 10:30 am, with additional rallies likely to be held in urban areas across the country.
- **Heightened Risk of Public Unrest Amid Challenges to Political Opposition in Chad, Somalia:** A court in Chad sentenced eight opposition leaders to eight years in prison on Friday after a Supreme Court ruling dissolved the GCAP (Political Actors Consultation Group) coalition movement last month. Chadian officials arrested the GCAP leaders in April on charges related to disturbing public order after the movement called for a peaceful nationwide march. The Wakit Tama political coalition had called for a national march for Saturday to protest the arrests; it is unclear whether the march will go ahead. In Somalia, police shot and killed one person while

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dispersing an opposition-led demonstration in Mogadishu on Sunday. Somalia is in a politically sensitive moment, with President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud's mandate expiring this Friday and elections scheduled for June. Sunday's fatality highlights the risk of further unrest and confrontations between security forces and protesters in the coming weeks.

Upcoming Events

- May 12: Parliamentary Elections (Bahamas)
- May 12: National Strike (Belgium)
- May 12–16: Eurovision (Vienna, Austria)
- May 14–15: Jerusalem Day (Israel)
- May 14–15: U.S. President Trump Visits China (Beijing, China)
- May 15: Nakba Day (Palestinian Territories)
- 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)
- June 7: Parliamentary Election (Armenia)
- June 11–July 19: FIFA World Cup (Canada, Mexico, United States)
- June 15–17: G7 Summit (Évian-les-Bains, France)