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U.S. Launches Strikes on Southern Iran as Peace Talks Show Limited Progress

The U.S. launched what it described as “self-defense strikes” in southern Iran against missile launch sites and vessels allegedly threatening shipping near the Strait of Hormuz, saying the operation was aimed at protecting American forces and regional maritime security. The strikes likely targeted an area near Bandar Abbas, a southern port city and home of an Iranian naval base that sits on the Strait of Hormuz. Iran has warned that it will retaliate.

Meanwhile, the U.S.-Iran negotiations to end the three-month conflict remain active but unresolved, with both Washington and Tehran publicly lowering expectations for an immediate breakthrough. U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio said the U.S. still prefers diplomacy but warned Washington would pursue “another way” if talks fail, while President Donald Trump stated that negotiators had been instructed “not to rush” into a final agreement. Trump also confirmed that the U.S. naval blockade connected to the Strait of Hormuz would remain in place until any deal is formally reached. Iranian officials acknowledged ongoing negotiations and some progress, but stressed that core disputes over sanctions relief, nuclear restrictions, and regional security arrangements remain unresolved. Reports also suggest that President Trump is encouraging more Arab nations to join the Abraham Accords to normalize relations with Israel as part of a peace deal.

The proposed U.S.-Iran framework reportedly under discussion would reopen the Strait of Hormuz about 30 days after an agreement is signed, with Iran clearing naval mines and allowing unrestricted commercial shipping during an extended 60-day ceasefire period in which broader negotiations would continue. Tehran has resisted U.S. pressure to transfer its highly enriched uranium abroad, while insisting that any future arrangement must preserve Iran's rights and include guarantees tied to regional security and economic relief. Qatar has emerged as one of the key mediators attempting to secure a breakthrough. Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi and other senior negotiators traveled to Doha for meetings with Qatar's prime minister as diplomatic efforts intensified.

Bolivia Unrest Escalates Amid Expanded Protests, Security Response

Anti-government unrest in Bolivia continues to intensify, increasing the risk of localized violence, transportation disruptions, and supply shortages nationwide as authorities seek to restore key transport routes and contain the protests. On May 23, authorities launched a broad police and military operation aimed at clearing roadblocks and reopening major corridors linking La Paz and Oruro, with efforts focused on restoring supplies to affected areas, including El Alto. During operations near Copata, the convoy of Public Works Minister Mauricio Zamora was reportedly attacked with stones and dynamite, though Zamora was later confirmed as safe.

As of May 26, authorities reported 62 roadblocks across five of Bolivia's nine departments, up from 54 the previous day, with La Paz remaining the most heavily affected area as disruptions continue to impact key transport corridors and raise concerns over the movement of food, fuel, medicine, and other essential supplies. The continued closures have stranded hundreds of vehicles and disrupted the movement of food, fuel, and medical supplies, increasing pressure on already affected urban areas.

In addition to demonstrating around broad economic grievances, including fuel shortages, inflation pressures, wage demands, and concerns over living conditions, protesters are calling for the resignation of President Rodrigo Paz have continued. Adding to the pressure on Paz, former President Evo Morales has called for new elections within 90 days. Further protests, roadblocks, and operational disruptions remain likely in the coming weeks.

Active Storm Pattern to Bring Flood and Thunderstorm Risk to Texas Through Midweek

Rounds of torrential downpours and thunderstorm complexes will track across Texas and into Louisiana through Wednesday, bringing a daily risk of flash flooding. On Tuesday, severe thunderstorms are also expected to develop over southwestern Texas and impact areas

between Fort Stockton and San Antonio Tuesday afternoon through Tuesday night. The primary hazards will be large hail, heavy rain, and severe winds, while an isolated tornado or two cannot be ruled out. The Storm Prediction Center (SPC) placed the region under a level 2 of 5 risk of severe storms for the day.

As storms develop, they will produce very high rainfall rates that will increase the flash flood risk. Western and Central Texas will be most at risk on Tuesday before the pattern shifts east on Wednesday, pulling heavy rainfall into eastern Texas and western Louisiana. Storms are likely to bring heavy rainfall to areas including Dallas, Austin, Houston, and Corpus Christi on Wednesday. Rainfall accumulations of 1-3 inches are possible each day across the area, with locally higher totals possible. Areas that observe repeating storms will be at the highest risk of flash flooding.

Climate and Natural Hazards

- **Increasing Typhoon Risk for Japan:** Tropical Disturbance (Invest) 99W, located well east of the Philippines, has a moderate chance of strengthening into a named storm over the next 24 hours. AlertMedia meteorologists are confident the system will eventually strengthen into a named storm during the middle to end of the week as it reaches a more favorable environment for intensification. Medium-range data supports continued strengthening into a Category One or Two typhoon, possibly stronger, between May 29-31 as it tracks northwest towards the southern Japanese Islands. Direct impacts are becoming increasingly likely across Okinawa and Kagoshima between 1-3 June, though forecast uncertainty remains high. All interests in southern Japan and northern Taiwan should monitor the storm's progress.
- **Western Europe Hit by Record May Heatwave:** Exceptional late-May heat continues to impact the United Kingdom, France, Spain, and surrounding countries. On Monday, the U.K. broke its all-time May temperature record, with Kew Gardens reaching 34.8°C, about 2°C above the previous all-time May record. The heat has also raised public safety concerns after deaths and medical emergencies were reported during amateur sporting events in France, including a runner in Paris and a reported heat-stroke death in Lyon. Officials are urging heightened caution for outdoor activity, especially during strenuous events. AlertMedia meteorologists indicate a large dome of high pressure will support well above normal temperatures and drier than average weather across much of western Europe through at least May 29.
- **Atlantic Hurricane Season Begins Monday:** The Gulf, Caribbean, and Atlantic hurricane season officially begins June 1. While seasonal storm counts are expected to be below-average, the tropical risk is non-zero. Early-season attention is focused on deep moisture and unsettled weather over the western Caribbean and eastern Gulf, though the potential for a

fully organized system appears limited. The more likely impact this week is above-normal rainfall across the Southeast U.S., especially Florida, with isolated flash flooding possible, but generally beneficial rainfall for areas recovering from drought and wildfire activity.

- **China Reports More Flood Deaths:** Heavy rain in Chongqing's Yongchuan District killed at least nine people and left 11 others missing after extreme rainfall struck over the weekend. The storm triggered flash flooding and geological disasters across multiple areas, with rescue and response operations still underway. Nearly 1,400 residents have been evacuated. China activated its lowest national flood-control emergency response level for Hubei and Chongqing, while keeping the same response active for Hunan, due to heavy rainfall and flood/geological-disaster risk. Within the last week, over 20 flood deaths had already been reported within central and southern China.

Worldwide

- **U.S. Pressure Campaign on Cuba Intensifies Amid Military Posturing and Raul Castro Indictment:** The U.S. has intensified pressure on Cuba through a combination of legal action, military deployments, and economic measures, signaling a broader escalation in tensions. Acting Attorney-General Todd Blanche announced that the U.S. was indicting former Cuban Leader Raúl Castro over the 1997 downing of two civilian aircraft, while Washington has expanded fuel restrictions that continue to worsen Cuba's energy crisis. Meanwhile, the recent deployment of the USS Nimitz carrier strike group to the Caribbean has increased attention on potential contingency planning, although analysts note the current military footprint remains significantly smaller than the buildup that preceded action in Venezuela. Additionally, experts assess that Cuba's aging military capabilities would likely have limited impact against U.S. conventional power, though migration pressures and regional instability remain key concerns.
- **Deadly Attack at San Diego Mosque Highlights Continuing Threat of Extremist-Inspired Violence:** The FBI is investigating the May 18 shooting that killed three people at the Islamic Center of San Diego (ICSD), the largest mosque in San Diego County, as a hate crime. The two shooters reportedly met online, and materials attributed to the two contained "extremist ideology" that reflects a pattern of violence inspired by other attacks shared online. A manifesto attributed to the two suspects named the perpetrator of the 2019 Christchurch mosque shootings, who killed 51 people, as their "biggest inspiration." While the San Diego shooting is the first ideologically motivated fatal attack on a mosque in the U.S. in decades, law enforcement has thwarted several attempts in recent years.
- **Champions League Final Prompts Expanded Security Measures Across Europe:** The UEFA Champions League men's football final between Paris Saint-Germain and Arsenal F.C. will kick

off at Budapest's Puskás Aréna this Saturday, May 30. Tens of thousands of fans will travel into Hungary's capital city, with the number of flights at Budapest's airport are expected to double between May 29- 31. Temporary traffic restrictions will be in effect, with most disruptions concentrated around the stadium. Heroes' Square (Hősök tere) will host the free Champions Festival between May 28-31, with fan meeting points planned on gameday for Arsenal fans at Varosliget and PSG at MTK Sportspark. Police in Paris deployed tear gas and detained over one hundred people earlier this month after PSG advanced to the Champions League final. Incidents of hooliganism, including violent behavior between opposing fans and vandalism, are possible in Budapest and in the teams' home cities of London and Paris. According to PSG, French authorities will deploy a large security operation in Paris and its suburbs to prevent unrest and a repeat of last year, where two people were killed amid celebrations. Hooliganism isn't the only threat facing sporting events: extreme heat contributed to at least one death at a sports competition in France over the weekend, and is threatening to disrupt World Cup matches next month.

- **CHP Leadership Dissolved as Türkiye Moves to Weaken Opposition Party:** Opposition Republican People's Party (CHP) suffered another setback last week, as the government invoked the legal principle of "absolute nullity" to invalidate the election of party leader Özgür Özel and strip him and his executive apparatus of their legitimacy. The court decision calls for Özel to be replaced by his predecessor, Kemal Kılıçdaroğlu, angering a large number of party supporters. Protests were reported over the weekend, with authorities storming the Istanbul headquarters of the CHP on Sunday and moving to aggressively disperse a planned rally by Özel in Izmir on Tuesday, May 26. Özel's removal now sets up a period of significant uncertainty within the CHP, as those allied with Özel have dismissed rumors that they will seek to establish a separate party, diluting the influence of any one bloc within the organization. As Özel calls for another party leadership vote, President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan is reportedly mulling moving forward elections scheduled for 2028, a move that appears increasingly likely as his primary opposition is weakened.
- **Russia Threatens "Systematic Strikes" on Kyiv as Concerns Grow of Widening War:** Russia is advising foreign nationals and diplomats to leave Kyiv as it warns of plans to launch "systematic strikes" on the Ukrainian capital, targeting "decision-making centers and command posts." The threats come as both sides have staged large-scale aerial assaults on the other, with the latest volley coming over the weekend and Russia's use of its Oreshnik intermediate-range ballistic missile. Ukraine has dismissed Russia's warning as an empty threat, pointing out that Kyiv has faced aerial assaults on a near- daily basis since the start of the war. Ukraine has also shown an increased willingness and capability to target sites inside Russia, including Moscow. Analysts have noted that Russia's heightened rhetoric may be a reflection of frustrations with its war effort, which may in turn prompt Moscow to take riskier

and more aggressive action against Ukraine. There is some concern that such actions may include the Baltic states, after Russia accused Latvia of plans to allow Ukraine to launch drones from its territory. European leaders are also showing signs of worry that Belarus may take a more active role in the conflict, after it held joint nuclear drills with Russia and Zelenskyy warned that it could be used as a launchpad to open a new front.

Cyber and Regulatory

- **CISA Credential Exposure Raises Security Concerns:** The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) accidentally stored sensitive credentials, including AWS GovCloud keys, administrator passwords, and internal access tokens, through publicly accessible GitHub repositories, raising concerns about operational security within the agency. Security researchers report that the exposure is one of the most severe credential leaks involving a federal cyber security entity in recent years due to the potential access the credentials could have provided to sensitive infrastructure. Although CISA reportedly revoked the exposed keys after being notified of the posting, the repository was allegedly available on GitHub for approximately six months. Hackers routinely scan GitHub and other developer platforms for leaks, and it remains unclear whether malicious actors accessed or exploited the exposed information before the credentials were revoked.
- **Connected Vehicles Expand Automotive Cyber Risks:** Connected vehicles are generating large amounts of data, creating operational advantages for automakers while also expanding cyber risks for consumers and manufacturers. Modern vehicles collect location data, driving behavior, biometric information, entertainment activity, and vehicle diagnostics, enabling automobile companies to improve various systems and in-car services like navigation and predictive maintenance. However, cybersecurity experts warn that the same connected systems present attractive targets for attackers seeking access to personal data or vehicle control systems. Vulnerabilities have been demonstrated in telematics platforms, mobile vehicle apps, and wireless communication systems that could enable remote tracking, data theft, or unauthorized vehicle access. Regulators in both the U.S. and Europe are increasingly warning consumers about automotive data privacy practices as concerns grow over how automakers secure driver information.
- **Major U.S. Telecom Firms Launch Private Cyber Intelligence-Sharing Group:** U.S. telecommunications companies have launched an information sharing group to combat AI-powered cyberattacks. The Communications Cybersecurity Information Sharing and Analysis Center, or C2 ISAC, founded by companies such as AT&T, T-Mobile, and Verizon, would allow the firms to share private, sensitive information regarding newly discovered vulnerabilities or threat actor behavior. The initiative reflects growing concern that existing government-linked

coordination channels are too restrictive for rapidly evolving cyber threats. The launch follows the China-linked Salt Typhoon espionage campaign, which compromised major telecom networks and exposed weaknesses in communications infrastructure. Unlike the existing Communications ISAC housed within CISA, C2 ISAC will operate as a private-sector organization to encourage faster and more candid intelligence sharing. The C2 ISAC's long-term effectiveness will likely depend on larger industry preparation and continued coordination with federal cybersecurity agencies despite growing public-private tensions.

- **Suspected Iranian Hackers Breach U.S. Gas Station Monitoring Systems:** U.S. officials suspect Iran-linked hackers are behind breaches involving automatic tank gauges (ATG) systems at gas stations across several U.S. states. The systems were reportedly exposed to the internet without password protection, raising concerns about vulnerabilities in critical infrastructure. The incidents come amid broader Iranian cyber activity targeting aviation, gas, and oil companies through espionage campaigns. Officials say the attackers manipulated fuel display readings, though no physical damage or shortages have been reported. Researchers have warned that such operations could allow Iran to gather intelligence on energy operations and transportation networks during heightened regional tensions. Attribution remains unconfirmed, but experts warn that internet-exposed operational technology systems, including AGT, remain highly vulnerable to tampering. The situation could escalate if threat actors gain access to operational technology networks, or if the regional conflict further intensifies.
- **Hackers Breached NYC Healthcare Systems for Nearly Three Months:** NYC Health + Hospitals disclosed a cyberattack that exposed sensitive data belonging to approximately 1.8 million patients and employees after hackers accessed its systems between November 2025 and February 2026. The incident raises concerns that stolen medical, financial, and biometric data could increase the risks of identity theft, fraud, and targeted phishing attacks for years to come. Compromised information included medical records, social security numbers, insurance and banking details, government IDs, geolocation data, and fingerprints. Investigators believe the intrusion originated through a third-party vendor, though officials have not confirmed whether ransomware or extortion was involved. Healthcare organizations are frequent targets in cyberattacks due to the value of patient data. The scope of the exposed biometric data and any future misuse remain unclear as investigations continue.

Infrastructure and Supply Chain

- **Damaged Chemical Tank in California Poses Environmental Risks, Disruptions to Aerospace Supply Chains:** An overheated tank containing 6,000–7,000 gallons of highly

flammable methyl methacrylate at GKN Aerospace's Garden Grove, California plant forced roughly 50,000 residents to evacuate. While the catastrophic explosion risk has passed, fire and spill dangers remain. Environmental monitoring of air, sewers, and storm drains will continue for months, though officials confirmed no leaks or contamination occurred. The incident highlights aerospace supply chain vulnerabilities — GKN produces cockpit windows and canopies for major military and commercial aircraft, and experts warn that concentrated, strained supplier networks leave little room for disruption. The plant's reopening timeline remains unknown, raising concerns about downstream manufacturing impacts.

- **More Economies Under Pressure as Global Oil Reserves Dwindle:** The Middle East conflict has caused global oil reserves to decline at a record pace, exhausting the world's emergency energy reserves and reducing governments' ability to stabilize fuel markets if negotiations to reopen the Strait of Hormuz extend much longer. In India, petrol and diesel prices were raised four times in 10 days, collectively up by ₹7.5 per liter since May 15. In Sri Lanka, domestic fuel prices have surged 40%, prompting fuel rationing, the declaration of public holidays, and interest rate hikes. Comoros, Kenya, and other African nations have also reported protests and shortages. Additionally, rising diesel prices have forced fishing fleets in the U.S., South Korea, Indonesia, Thailand, and parts of Europe to keep boats docked, threatening food supply chains and fishing incomes globally.
- **Johannesburg Faces Electricity Throttling Due to Unpaid Debts:** Johannesburg, South Africa's largest city and major economic hub, risks having its electricity supply curtailed due to unpaid debts of over \$300 million owed to state utility Eskom. The threat comes as Eskom marks nearly a year of uninterrupted power production after repeated breakdowns and load-shedding. Eskom's turnaround comes as the country seeks to raise electricity demand and attract energy-intensive AI and cloud-computing investments, prompting public pushback. U.S.-based digital infrastructure company Equinix has faced opposition over plans to build large data centers in Cape Town, where activists and residents fear the facilities could strain water and electricity resources in a city that nearly saw its reservoirs run dry during a 2018 drought.
- **U.S. Green Card Policy Change Causes Confusion:** The Trump administration announced that most foreigners seeking green cards must return to their home countries to apply, rather than adjusting their status while inside the U.S. The policy, issued by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, limits in-country approvals to "extraordinary circumstances." The change could affect hundreds of thousands of people, including foreign workers, students, and spouses of U.S. citizens. Immigration lawyers warn it will cause family separations and strain already overburdened consulates. In 2024, over 820,000 green cards were approved for people already in the country — a pathway used by the majority of green card recipients

for decades. The policy change has already caused significant confusion, especially as it pertains to citizens of countries subject to existing travel bans and entry restrictions.

- **China Overhauls Hukou System in Major Labor Law Shakeup:** China has announced a major reform allowing migrant and gig workers to enroll in social insurance programs where they work, regardless of their official hukou (hometown registration). The State Council policy aims to dismantle longstanding barriers that denied migrant workers access to healthcare and other public services outside their registered hometowns. With China's migrant population exceeding 357 million, the reform also addresses the growing gig economy — including delivery drivers and ride-hailing workers. The move supports broader goals of urbanization, reducing the rural-urban divide, and building a unified national market by enabling freer movement of labor across regions. It could also boost domestic consumption, although it remains to be seen the extent to which the country's largest cities adopt new programs following the change in policy.
- **Indonesia Moves to Tighten Export Rules for Array of Vital Commodities:** Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto is tightening state control over the country's major commodity exports, including coal, palm oil, and nickel, requiring state-owned enterprises to handle all such trade. Prabowo cited an estimated \$908 billion in losses from under-invoicing and tax evasion by private exporters. As the world's largest exporter of thermal coal and palm oil, and holder of the largest nickel reserves, Indonesia wields significant global commodity influence. The policy rollout begins in June, with full state management expected by September. Analysts say it could boost revenues and strengthen Indonesia's bargaining power but warn that corruption risks remain a concern. Further details are expected in the coming weeks.

Health

- **Ebola Continues to Spread With Few Signs of Containment:** The Ebola outbreak continues to worsen in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Uganda, with the CDC reporting confirmed transmission across Ituri, Nord-Kivu, and Sud-Kivu provinces and additional linked cases in Kampala. Health officials warn that containment efforts are being severely hindered by insecurity, misinformation, and repeated attacks on treatment centers and healthcare workers in eastern Congo. Several Ebola treatment facilities have reportedly been burned by angry residents, forcing suspected patients to flee and disrupting surveillance and isolation efforts. Aid organizations and Red Cross volunteers have also faced threats and physical attacks amid growing distrust of health authorities and burial restrictions. Internationally, several countries have introduced screening procedures and restrictions on travelers from central Africa.

- **U.S. Implements Ebola-Related Travel Restrictions Ahead of World Cup:** With the start of the World Cup only weeks away and the Houston area set to host several matches in addition to the team from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the U.S. has temporarily barred entry for non-U.S. citizens who visited the DRC, Uganda, and South Sudan within the past 21 days. U.S. citizens who have spent time in those countries are being redirected to enter via airports in Houston, Atlanta, and Washington D.C. for medical screening. The DRC team has canceled pre-tournament events in Kinshasa and U.S. officials have said that the team will be required to isolate for 21 days before entering the country. Hospitals in Houston have already begun tracking travel history at intake as part of their screening processes. Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo has said that the Houston area is prepared for risks posed by the virus and that risk from Ebola currently remains low.
- **International Hantavirus Cases Slowly Rise as Quarantine in the U.S. Continues:** A second Spanish passenger from the cruise ship MV Hondius has tested positive for hantavirus and been transferred to a high-level isolation unit in Madrid. Health authorities say the case was detected within existing containment systems and poses no elevated risk to the general public. The additional case in Spain came after a crew member of the MV Hondius cruise ship tested positive for hantavirus in the Netherlands. Eighteen American passengers from the cruise are in quarantine at the National Quarantine Center in Omaha, Nebraska as state and federal officials await guidance from the CDC as to when they can be released. World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus reported that “more than 600 contacts continue to be followed in 30 countries”.
- **Mexico Plans to Double Beef Exports to U.S. As Screwworm Takes Toll:** Mexico's meat industry aims to double beef exports to the U.S. in 2027 to compensate for losses caused by a screwworm outbreak that has kept the U.S. border closed to Mexican livestock for about a year. The closure has cost Mexico's livestock sector roughly \$1.8 billion, forcing ranchers to process cattle domestically rather than export them live. Beef exports grew 10.6% in 2025 to \$2.3 billion and rose 23% in early 2026. Mexico has recorded over 25,000 screwworm cases since late 2024 and is combating the spread through sterile fly dispersal and a new production facility expected to open by June. While screwworm has caused havoc for the Mexican beef industry, so far efforts to prevent it from spreading into the United States appear to be succeeding.
- **States Sue the Trump Administration Over Federal Student Loan Caps:** A coalition of 24 states and Washington D.C. has sued the Trump administration over a rule restricting federal student loan access for graduate students in many healthcare fields. The One Big Beautiful Bill Act capped graduate borrowing at \$20,500 annually, with exceptions for "professional" degrees allowing up to \$50,000/year—but the administration's narrow definition excludes nursing, physical therapy, and nurse anesthesia. Critics, including the American Nurses

Association, warn this will worsen healthcare shortages, particularly in rural areas. Education Secretary Linda McMahon argues the caps will pressure colleges to lower tuition, though opponents say the rule unlawfully exceeds congressional intent. Demonstrations and Industrial Action

Demonstrations and Industrial Action

- **Mexico Faces Wave of Protests and Strikes Ahead of 2026 World Cup:** In the weeks leading up to the 2026 FIFA World Cup opener, Mexico is expected to see a series of coordinated protests across host cities. On May 31, a broad national march will converge on Mexico City's Zócalo at 9 am, bringing together searching mothers, farmers, transport workers, retirees, students, and civil groups to protest violence, impunity, disappearances, and alleged government ties to organized crime. On June 1, the CNTE teachers' union plans to launch a national strike, involving a major march from the Ángel de la Independencia to the Zócalo and an open-ended encampment demanding wage increases and pension reforms. On June 5, farmers plan road blockades in Mexico City, Guadalajara, and Monterrey over crop prices and rural insecurity. Authorities continue to monitor the situation as negotiations remain ongoing.
- **Italy Prepares for General Strike on Friday:** Travelers in Italy should expect significant transportation disruptions this Friday due to a nationwide general strike for public and private sectors. Approximately one thousand flights could be canceled due to the strike, which CUB, SGB, SI Cobas, USI-CIT, ADL, and the USB unions are calling for in support of Palestine and against war. Train workers will begin their 24-hour work stoppage at 9 pm on Thursday. Public transportation services are expected to see disruptions, including major cities like Milan and Rome. Union officials say the strike is being held to protest against war and militarization. In addition to transportation, the strike is expected to affect schools, healthcare, and firefighters. Two million people took to the streets on October 3, 2025, in response to Israel's interception of the Global Sumud Flotilla. Reports of Israelis torturing and sexually assaulting detained flotilla activists this month are likely to heighten turnout.
- **Statewide Immigration Rights Demonstrations Across Texas:** Disruptions are possible across multiple locations in Texas on Saturday, May 30, due to a coordinated statewide day of action organized by the Party for Socialism and Liberation (PSL) and allied groups. The demonstrations oppose Governor Greg Abbott's immigration-related policies, including proposed measures affecting funding for cities with pro-immigrant policies. Gatherings are scheduled in the early afternoon in Austin at the Texas State Capitol, Dallas at Van Buren and W Jefferson, Houston at the CoreCivic ICE facility, and at city halls in San Antonio and Waco. Localized traffic congestion, increased pedestrian presence, and potential temporary road

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closures may occur near demonstration sites as activity develops throughout the day across these urban areas.

- **Opposition to Asylum Seeker Centers Driving Demonstrations Across Netherlands:** Dutch Politician Geert Wilders with the Party for Freedom (PVV) plans to attend a protest march in Uithoorn this Thursday, which is expected to result in traffic disruptions and road closures. Demonstrations located near proposed or current sites housing asylum seekers are likely to draw the most disruptions, with an investigation by RTL Nieuws reporting 175 arrests for anti-asylum violence in the past two years. Loosdrecht has experienced weeks of unrest and ongoing daily demonstrations, including an incident where a shelter was set on fire. Large crowds attended a rally featuring Wilders in Den Bosch last week focused against a plan to establish an accommodation center for asylum seekers in the area; the building was damaged in an explosion earlier this month.
- **European Climate Activists Plan Civil Disobedience Actions in Italy, Germany, U.K.:** The German climate activist group Ende Gelände is organizing a large-scale mass action in the Ruhr area between Thursday and Saturday this week. Activists with the movement have established a climate camp at Lippepark in Hamm and, while public details of the mass action are limited, impacts are most likely to occur on Saturday in the area surrounding Hamm. In September 2025, Ende Gelände temporarily occupied a gas drilling rig in Reichling. In Italy, climate activists with Extinction Rebellion Italy (XR Italia) are organizing a week of protest actions in Rome under the slogan "PrimaVera Democrazia," with a 24-hour sit-in planned in Piazza dell'Esquilino near the Santa Maria Maggiore Basilica on Saturday. In the United Kingdom, the Boycott Bloody Insurance campaign, whose activists disrupted Aviva's annual general meeting in York earlier this month, are calling for a month of actions in June. While most actions are expected to have limited impacts, protests and pickets could lead to temporary disruptions near insurance offices and police intervention.

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Upcoming Events

- **June 15-17:** G7 Summit (Évian-les-Bains, France)
- **May 26:** Independence Day (Georgia)
- **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)
- **May 31:** Independence Day (South Africa)
- **June 1:** General Elections (Ethiopia)
- **June 1-30:** Pride Month (Global)
- **June 5:** Naksa Day (Israel, Gaza, and the West Bank)
- **June 7:** Parliamentary Election (Armenia)
- **June 7:** Presidential Election Runoff (Peru)
- **June 7:** Parliamentary Election (Kosovo)
- **June 11-July 19:** FIFA World Cup (Canada, Mexico, United States)
- **June 12:** Democracy Day (Nigeria)
- **June 14:** International Children's Day (Global)
- **June 14:** Flag Day (United States)
- **June 14:** President Donald Trump's Birthday (United States)
- **June 15-17:** G7 Summit (Évian-les-Bains, France)
- **June 16:** Muharram (Global) Date may vary based on location
- **June 19:** Juneteenth (United States)
- **June 19:** Dragon Boat Festival (China)

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