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Major Europe Wildfires Remain Out of Control

Major wildfires across [France](#) and [Spain](#) remain only partially contained, with extreme heat threatening to reverse recent progress. Across the affected areas, reported figures indicate approximately 413,000 people either evacuated or confined. In southwestern France, authorities say the Gironde fire is stabilized but not fully secured after burning about 42,000 hectares, destroying 240 homes and prompting roughly 220,000 cumulative evacuations. Eighty-four firefighters have been injured. To the south, A separate fire in Landes forced approximately 23,000 evacuations, although phased returns have begun for around 8,000 Biscarrosse residents. Broad reentry in Gironde remains suspended, and transportation routes south of Bordeaux are disrupted. [Bordeaux](#) city leaders are closely monitoring the situation, though there is no immediate expectation that the city will require evacuation. High temperatures near 40°C on Tuesday could trigger renewed fire activity.

In central Spain, around 90,000 people remain evacuated or confined across 47 municipalities in Madrid, Ávila, and Toledo provinces, where the Sierra Oeste fire is still uncontrolled and advancing. The major fire complex west of Madrid remains at least 24 miles (38 kilometers) from the city at the time of this publication, keeping the immediate risk of direct fire intrusion into central Madrid low. However, hotter temperatures and stronger afternoon winds through the end of the week could hinder containment, support new ignitions, and worsen smoke impacts.

In eastern Spain, notably the Castellón area, the [Vall d'Uixó fire](#) has expanded to approximately 7,200 hectares with a 67-kilometer perimeter, leaving about 16,000 people evacuated and 64,000 confined. Near Valencia, a separate wildfire in Manises [killed one person](#) and injured five on Saturday, underscoring the severity of Spain's broader wildfire emergency.

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Authorities view Monday and Tuesday as critical containment windows before hotter, less favorable conditions arrive Wednesday. Limited returns and transportation services are resuming in some areas, but flare-ups could quickly reverse recovery efforts.

Halt in Fighting Between U.S. and Iran Holds Through Weekend as Proxy Attacks on Regional Targets Continue

On Friday, the U.S. reportedly [paused plans](#) to launch a “massive attack” on Iran, leading to multiple days of no new reported strikes between Iran and the U.S. following nearly two weeks of tit-for-tat actions. The Trump administration claimed that the pause was to allow “[some space](#)” for diplomacy. Iranian officials have said that they plan to honor the ceasefire for as long as the U.S. does. The decision to postpone the threatened escalation followed a U.S. cabinet meeting in which key advisors reportedly [warned](#) that expanding operations would further deplete key munitions stockpiles.

While the main aggressors in the conflict upheld the pause in fighting through the weekend, proxy groups continued their strikes, highlighting the ongoing threat across the region despite the lull in large-scale operations. The renewed attacks on Saudi targets by Yemen’s Houthi rebels, which are seen as part of a [broader effort](#) to force Saudi concessions in Yemen, are particularly concerning given that Houthi fighters may intensify their attacks on vessels in the Red Sea, threatening further disruptions to global maritime trade. Shipping through the Bab el-Mandeb Strait has already started to flag from already reduced levels in response to [Houthi attacks on Saudi oil tankers](#) and [facilities](#) in recent days, including drones targeting the Kingdom’s east-west oil transport infrastructure. In a further expansion of the conflict, Saudi Arabia’s Ministry of Defense also [said](#) that it intercepted drones from pro-Iran groups in Iraq.

Outside of the Gulf, Ukraine also [sank an Iranian vessel](#) said to be transporting arms to and from Russia. The attack prompted a [warning](#) from Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, who has also [threatened](#) Bulgaria for hosting U.S. military aircraft. While Bulgaria’s Defense Minister downplayed the threat, saying that the risk of a missile strike from Iran remains limited—he did admit that “anything is possible” —fears of attacks by Iran-linked groups are possible, similar to those that have taken place in London in recent months and that the government has linked to a [proxy group](#)

India’s CJP Warns of Fresh Demonstrations as Government Fails to Deliver Key Concessions

On Saturday, following several days of nationwide protests and negotiations, India’s Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) formally [called off](#) its agitation after the central government accepted its three principal demands. The CJP had organized the protest to demand the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, the establishment of a High-Level Commission on Examination Reforms, and the creation of fast-track courts to prosecute examination paper leak cases. They have also demanded that the government withdraw all First Information Reports (FIRs) filed against demonstrators over the course of the CJP’s campaign.

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detainees and withdrawal of all cases, warning that it will resume nationwide protests if these commitments are not honored within 24 hours.

Although the government secured a temporary de-escalation by acting on some of the CJP's core demands, including the replacement of the education minister and plans for both a [commission](#) on exam reforms and dedicated [fast-track courts](#) for examination paper leak cases, the underlying drivers of the protest movement remain largely unresolved. The failure to guarantee the safety of peaceful demonstrators, the lack of compensation for families of students who committed suicide following the paper leaks, and continued arrests and legal persecution of demonstrators threaten to undermine confidence in the government's commitment to meaningful reform.

Climate and Natural Hazards

- **Pacific Northwest U.S. Wildfire Outbreak:** There are [51 uncontained large fires](#) burning across Oregon and Washington. The Northwest Area is at Preparedness Level 5, with active incidents covering about 1.56 million acres. More than 15,000 personnel are assigned. Several fires continue to produce extreme behavior, including wind-driven runs, crowning, torching, and long-range spotting. The greatest fire and smoke impacts are concentrated across the interior of Washington and Oregon, mainly east of the Cascades. As a result, larger population centers such as Portland and Seattle are not experiencing the most severe air-quality conditions. Poor air quality is also expected across the northern Rockies, including parts of Idaho and Montana, where conditions may become unhealthy to very unhealthy.
- **Hurricane Fausto to Miss Hawaii:** [Hurricane Fausto](#) is forecast to weaken to a tropical storm as it passes north of Hawaii from Tuesday through Thursday. The main impacts will be rough and dangerous surf, hazardous offshore waters, possible ferry and shipping disruptions, and localized coastal flooding during high tide. Conditions should improve later in the week as Fausto weakens and moves away.
- **Long-Range West Pacific Typhoon Threat:** The U.S. Joint Typhoon Warning expects [Tropical Storm Dolphin \(12W\)](#) to rapidly intensify into a super typhoon as it passes north of Wake Island over the next five days. There is no major landfall threat over the next week, but long-range guidance signals the potential for this system to threaten portions of Japan or Korea between August 5-8. AlertMedia will issue additional information via our platform as confidence increases.
- **Great Lakes and Ohio Valley at Risk of Severe Storms:** [An enhanced risk of severe thunderstorms](#) is in place across the Midwest and Lake Michigan region through tonight. Storms may produce damaging wind gusts and large hail, with the greatest concern from eastern Wisconsin and western Michigan southeast-ward into Illinois, Indiana, and western Ohio. A few tornadoes are also possible, though damaging winds are the primary threat if organized storm clusters develop.
- **Tropical Disturbance, Dangerous Flood Threat Forecast for Central and East India:** A weak [tropical disturbance](#) located over the northwest Bay of Bengal will track westward across India this week, leading to rounds of torrential downpours across Odisha, Chhattisgarh, East Madhya

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Pradesh, the Vidarbha region, and surrounding areas. Rainfall totals will generally range from 4-8 inches, with locally higher amounts possible in the Nagpur area. Locally life-threatening flood and landslide incidents will be possible. [Maximum Level Warnings](#) are in effect.

- **Heavy Rain to Target Northeast U.S.:** A low pressure (storm) system will sink across the Northeast U.S. on Tuesday, leading to rounds of downpours and scattered thunderstorms through at least Wednesday night and possibly into Thursday. The Weather Prediction Center has issued a Level 2 of 4 Risk of Excessive Rainfall for Philadelphia, New York City, Albany, and Hartford on [Tuesday](#), and for New York City, Albany, Hartford, Providence, Worcester, Boston, and Portland for [Wednesday](#). Travel disruptions and transportation delays are expected as some roads could become impassable.

Worldwide

- **Attack on Berlin Pride Parade Sparks Security Concerns:** A van [drove](#) into a crowd near Berlin's Christopher Street Day celebration on Saturday, killing one woman and injuring 29 others. The suspected attacker, a 21-year-old German citizen with extremist ties previously known to police, was killed during a police operation the following day. Investigators are treating the incident as a likely Islamist terror attack targeting the LGBTQ+ community, although the motive remains under investigation. The attack comes a week after the country [raised its terror threat level](#) from "abstract" to "high" over the risk of terrorist attacks. Alternative für Deutschland (AfD) and other anti-migrant parties have [used the incident to](#) criticize the government's policies as they appear [poised](#) for strong showings in state elections in September. Following the incident, Amsterdam will [increase](#) security ahead of WorldPride, scheduled for July 31-August 1.
- **Nicaragua Will No Longer Hold Elections:** Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega [announced](#) that the country will stop holding elections, saying the move is necessary to prevent opposition parties from taking power. Critics say the declaration formalizes Nicaragua's transformation into a family dictatorship. Elections had been expected in 2027, although opposition participation was already heavily restricted. The government has jailed political opponents, stripped hundreds of their citizenship, closed thousands of civil-society organizations and media outlets, and violently suppressed 2018 protests against the Ortega regime, killing over 350 people. The move could trigger new sanctions or trade restrictions on the country, with Nicaragua's [coffee industry](#) in particular a potential target. The U.S. currently buys 35% of the coffee Nicaragua exports, suggesting that penalties on Nicaraguan coffee could [drive up consumer prices](#).
- **Third Parties Impacted by Russia-Ukraine Conflict Pushing Back Increasingly Aggressively:** The widening collateral damage to countries along Russia's border with Europe and attacks targeting third-country vessels aligned with parties to the conflict are leading to increasingly assertive diplomatic pushback from impacted governments. Iran [threatened to retaliate](#) against Ukraine after an attack in the Caspian Sea on one of its commercial vessels, which had been accused of transporting military cargo to and from Russia. Romania, meanwhile, [summoned](#) Russia's ambassador after "[repeated violations](#)" of its airspace. Romania shot

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down a [Russian drone](#) for the first time on Friday, and two additional drone incursions were reported over the weekend. Another NATO and EU member, Poland, [warns](#) that Russia may use captured Ukrainian drones to carry out false flag attacks in the region.

- **Renewed Houthi Pressure Targets Saudi Oil Exports:** Yemen's Houthi rebels announced a blockade of Saudi ports on July 20, [attacking](#) several tankers in the days since. Houthi strikes have intensified following the announcement of the blockade, with Aramco's Jizan refinery impacted by a July 25 attack and further drone [strikes](#) on the East-West Petrolino pipeline on [July 27](#) threatening the corridor carrying nearly all Saudi crude to Red Sea export terminals. While the Houthis more aggressive recent posture coincides with Iran's ongoing regional confrontation with the U.S., it also is reflective of current Saudi-Yemeni dynamics. The Houthis are [attempting](#) to take advantage of Saudi Arabia's current, apparently weakened position as they seek to gain greater concessions from Riyadh in their own negotiations, which have dragged on since agreeing to a ceasefire in 2023.
- **If Implemented, U.S.-Saudi Nuclear Deal Could Alter the Global Proliferation Landscape:** The proposed U.S.-Saudi civil nuclear agreement marks a significant shift in Washington's approach to nuclear proliferation. If pursued, the deal could undermine the "gold standard" established by the UAE's 2009 nuclear agreement with the U.S., which barred domestic uranium enrichment and reprocessing. The proposed [agreement](#) would expand U.S. nuclear technology exports to Saudi Arabia while reportedly allowing Riyadh greater flexibility over uranium enrichment, raising concerns that other regional powers may seek similar concessions, feeding nuclear competition across the region. Global implications and concerns aside, the status of the deal appears to be in limbo following President Trump's [assertion](#) that it was contingent on Riyadh normalizing relations with Israel, which would be politically difficult for Saudi Arabia. It also must be approved by the U.S. Congress. Regardless of whether it is approved, the agreement could encourage other nuclear powers—such as China and Russia—to offer comparable partnerships to allies, further [weakening](#) international safeguards around proliferation.

Cyber and Regulatory

- **AI Security Incident Fuels Push for Stronger Oversight: An unprecedented AI security [incident is](#)** reinforcing calls for stronger oversight of frontier AI systems after OpenAI disclosed that two of its advanced models escaped a controlled evaluation environment and compromised Hugging Face's infrastructure while testing cyber capabilities. OpenAI and Hugging Face [characterized](#) the event as a significant learning opportunity and announced plans to strengthen safeguards and collaborate more closely on AI security research. The incident has also accelerated policy discussions in Washington, D.C., where lawmakers [introduced](#) the bipartisan AI Kill Switch Act, which would authorize the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to order the shutdown or throttling of AI systems during severe "loss of control" scenarios and require enhanced safety reporting and independent security audits.

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- **Chinese AI Faces Export Curbs Amid U.S. Competition:** China and the U.S. are weighing new measures that could [limit](#) the cross-border use of AI technologies as [competition](#) in the sector [increases](#). The proposals could impact how companies access, develop, and deploy Chinese AI models and advanced chips. The U.S. is reviewing possible [restrictions](#) on Chinese AI models over intellectual property and national security concerns. Chinese AI models are already used by many U.S. companies, as they are often lower-cost alternatives. Beijing is also considering export controls on advanced AI models, training data, and strategic technology acquisitions. Separate proposals would restrict Chinese chip designers from manufacturing advanced chips at foreign semiconductor manufacturing companies and limit downloads of openly available Chinese AI models outside the country. The proposals remain under review, and either government could revisit or delay them during upcoming U.S.-China AI discussions ahead of Chinese President Xi Jinping's [visit](#) to the U.S. in September.
- **Iranian Attacks Pose Growing Threat to Tech Ecosystem:** A reported [Iranian missile strike](#) targeting an Amazon Web Services (AWS) data center in Bahrain marks a significant expansion of the threat to regional critical infrastructure amid the ongoing conflict, although the extent of the damage and the attack itself have not been independently verified. Iranian state media claimed that the strike was carried out in retaliation for alleged U.S. attacks on an Iranian nuclear facility, emphasizing how commercial cloud infrastructure is increasingly treated as critical infrastructure with strategic value. The incident comes amid reports that Iran is [integrating](#) AI into its asymmetric warfare strategy to enhance cyber operations, intelligence collection, influence campaigns, and critical infrastructure targeting. Tehran is reportedly leveraging AI to improve phishing, vulnerability research, and information operations to combine cyber capabilities with conventional military actions.
- **Microsoft Confirms Attackers Exploit Multiple SharePoint Vulnerabilities:** Microsoft has confirmed the [active exploitation](#) of multiple critical vulnerabilities affecting on-premises SharePoint servers. The exploited vulnerabilities include zero-day CVE-2026-58644 and [CVE-2026-50522](#), prompting CISA to [include them](#) in its Known Exploited Vulnerabilities (KEV) catalogue. The campaign has not been attributed to a specific threat actor or ransomware group but poses significant risk as attackers can achieve remote code execution and potentially compromise organizations at scale, echoing the widespread [ToolShell attacks](#) in 2025. The vulnerabilities affect supported SharePoint Server Subscription Edition 2019, and 2016 deployments, with CVSS scores of up to 9.8 reflecting the "Critical" tier of severity. Patching alone may not eliminate attacker persistence, and organizations are advised to rotate machine keys and reset credentials after verifying systems are free of compromise.
- **France Becomes First EU Country to Ban Social Media for Children:** France has approved a law [banning](#) social media for children under 15. If enacted, it would make France the first European Union country to adopt a nationwide age restriction for social media accounts. French President Emmanuel Macron is aiming for the law to take effect before the new school year begins in September. The law would also ban mobile phone use in high schools, with exemptions for educational resources such as online encyclo-pedias. The move [follows](#)

Australia, which introduced a similar ban for those under 16, while Denmark, Greece, Spain, and the U.K. are also considering similar measures. France's Constitutional Council could delay or change the law, and enforcement will depend on how platforms verify users' ages.

Infrastructure and Supply Chain

- **U.S. Imposes More Resilient Tariffs on Dozens of Trade Partners: The Trump administration** [introduced](#) fresh 10–12.5% tariffs on imports from 60 trading partners covering almost 99% of U.S. foreign trade. The latest restrictions fall under Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974, instead of relying on emergency powers like the previous tariffs that were struck down by the Supreme Court in February. By rooting the tariffs in allegations of forced labor and unfair trade practices, the administration aims to make them more [resilient](#) against legal challenges, although lawsuits challenging the move have already been filed. President Trump is also [escalating](#) trade tensions with the European Union after Brussels fined Google for antitrust violations, threatening a new Section 301 investigation and additional tariffs while accusing the EU of unfairly targeting major U.S. technology firms. Separately, Trump [imposed](#) new 50% tariffs on a broad range of Canadian goods, citing Canadian policies on the automobile, dairy, and alcohol industries, prompting Prime Minister Mark Carney to accuse Washington of violating the CUSMA trade agreement.
- **Federal Government to Decide Colorado River Water Distribution as States Fail to Reach Consensus: The Colorado River, the** [primary water](#) source for roughly 40 million people across seven Western states, is facing a critical decision point. Lake Mead and Lake Powell, two of the river's most significant reservoirs, have fallen to their lowest combined levels, with Lake Powell precariously close to losing the ability to generate hydropower. Years of [failed negotiations](#) between the seven basin states have failed to produce an agreement on how to manage supply cuts once current guidelines expire at the end of 2026. Lower Basin states (California, Arizona, Nevada) have cut usage by nearly 20% since 2015 and have already [agreed](#) to cut usage further, while Upper Basin states (Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico) have increased consumption over the same period and say further cuts aren't feasible. With no consensus reached, the Trump administration is now expected to [impose](#) its own rules within the coming week, which risk triggering interstate lawsuits and potentially a Supreme Court battle over control of the river's future.
- **U.K. May Lack the Water Supply Needed for AI Data Center Expansion: Water U.K., the trade body for Britain's water companies, has** [warned](#) Parliament that the government's plan to triple U.K. data center capacity by 2030 is "fatally flawed" because official water forecasts "explicitly exclude" data centers, while AI policy documents making "not a single mention of water." Data center water usage in England, currently about 6.6 million liters daily, could nearly triple to 19.8 million liters under the expansion plan. Over three-quarters of planned sites are located in water-stressed areas of southern and eastern England, where millions currently face household usage restrictions. The warning follows a May 2026 House of Lords report projecting a 5-billion-liter-a-day shortfall in England's water supply by 2055, with Water U.K. cautioning

further data center growth in strained areas "may be impossible" without urgent infrastructure reform.

- **Chinese Helium Ban Threatens European Supply:** A temporary export [ban](#) on all helium imposed by Chinese authorities on July 10 cuts off a critical re-export channel Europe has relied on since banning direct Russian helium imports in 2024. Beijing had been [importing](#) Russian helium and reselling portions onward to European buyers. The move, which makes no exemptions and has no expiry date, compounds a supply shock already triggered by the disabling of Qatar's Ras Laffan [facility](#) amid the ongoing conflict in Iran, cutting roughly 30% of global helium output and doubling spot prices since the beginning of that war. Because helium has no substitute, European semiconductor fabricators face rising costs and complex logistical challenges impacting wafer cooling and plasma etching, while MRI scanners could be [taken offline](#) if reserves aren't replenished in time.
- **ECOWAS Endorsement Advances Nigeria-Morocco Gas Pipeline, Though Significant Obstacles Remain:** The leaders of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) [signed an](#) intergovernmental agreement to back the African Atlantic Gas Pipeline, creating a regional legal framework while falling short of a construction commitment. The project, first [proposed](#) a decade ago, would see a \$25 billion, 6,900-km pipeline carry up to 30 billion cubic meters (bcm) of gas annually through 13 coastal states, with up to half potentially supplied to Morocco and Europe. Feasibility and front-end engineering studies are complete, but Morocco and Mauritania have yet to join the initiative, and significant financial and regulatory hurdles remain. With no funding secured and in the absence of firm gas supply commitments to potential markets, further delays remain likely.

Health

- **Ebola Death Toll Crosses 1,400 as Vaccine Trials Begin:** The Democratic Republic of the Congo's Ebola outbreak has [reached](#) 3,200 confirmed cases and 1,405 deaths, making it one of the fastest-growing outbreaks ever recorded. Most infections remain concentrated in Ituri province, although the virus has spread to five provinces. Oxford University has begun testing an [experimental vaccine](#) for the Bundi-bugyo strain, while other vaccine candidates and two potential treatments are also being accelerated. Further exacerbating the difficulties of containing the spread, more healthcare workers are going on [strike](#), with some saying that they have not received pay since the outbreak began over a month ago and others criticizing the lack of adequate personal protective equipment. Meanwhile, Uganda, which has reported no new cases in over a month, is [asking](#) the U.S. to lift Ebola-related travel restrictions on the country.
- **FDA Investigates New Cyclosporiasis Outbreak Amid Muddled Messaging:** The number of cyclosporiasis cases across the U.S. continues to climb as officials identify new outbreaks and messaging on possible sources remains unclear. On July 22, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) reported [a new outbreak](#) of 72 cyclosporiasis cases, although they did not identify a likely source at this time. This new outbreak comes as North Carolina health officials investigate over 560 cases potentially linked to [parsley, cilantro, and lettuce](#). Meanwhile, the

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has only confirmed [4,173 cases](#), far below the numbers that state agencies are reporting. Additionally, questions remain following the FDA's false positive test for cyclospora in Taylor Farms iceberg lettuce from central Mexico. Despite the false positive, the FDA is [continuing](#) to investigate Taylor Farms in the initial five-state outbreak, potentially causing confusion for consumers as to what foods and products to avoid.

- **U.S. Measles Cases Hit 35-Year High:** The United States has [recorded](#) over 2,300 measles cases in 2026, already surpassing the 2,289 cases reported in all of 2025 and marking the highest annual total since 1991. Large outbreaks in South Carolina, Utah and Arizona are driving the increase, though experts believe many infections remain [undiagnosed or unreported](#). Falling childhood vaccination rates—now below the roughly 95% level needed to prevent sustained transmission—have created vulnerable communities. Public-health officials warn that continued spread could cost the United States its measles-elimination status, achieved in 2000. Experts emphasize that the crisis is preventable through improved MMR vaccination coverage and faster outbreak response.
- **Trump Threatens 100% Tariff on Generic Drugs: U.S. President Donald Trump said generic drugmakers must [shift production](#)** to the United States or face a 100% import tariff beginning in August 2028, rising to 200% in 2029. The proposal aims to reshore pharmaceutical manufacturing but could disrupt global supply chains, raise prices, reduce competition, and worsen shortages of low-cost medicines that account for over 90% of U.S. prescriptions. India, the largest supplier of generics to the U.S., would be particularly affected. Industry groups and analysts questioned whether the tariffs will take effect, noting that U.S. factories require major investment and years to build. Negotiated exemptions or broader trade deals may ultimately soften the policy.
- **U.S. Defense Secretary Announces Testosterone Screening as Judge Orders Explanation: U.S. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth announced [testosterone testing](#)** for military personnel aged 30-years-old and above. Following testing, personnel with low levels would reportedly be provided with voluntary [hormone replacement therapy](#). The implementation and specifications of the screening have already come under scrutiny. On July 24, D.C. district Judge Ana Reyes [ordered](#) Hegseth to address the inconsistencies with this hormone screening and therapy and the executive orders removing transgender military personnel and banning transgender individuals from enlisting. Judge Reyes is currently handling one of the lawsuits challenging the executive orders and stated the Pentagon must answer as to the inconsistencies among other questions regarding the screening on August 7 during the next hearing for the case.

Demonstrations and Industrial Action

- **Opposing Demonstrations Planned in Germany's Mecklenburg-Vorpommern State Ahead of September Elections:** Heightened security measures and large crowds can be expected in the capital of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern state, Schwerin, this Saturday during a rally by the Alternative for Germany (AfD)'s youth wing, Generation Deutschland, as well as counter

demonstrations. Last November, large crowds [gathered](#) in Giessen to protest the new youth group's launch. Its predecessor, AfD's Young Alternative for Germany, had been [disbanded](#) at the start of 2025 after the country's domestic intelligence agency classified the group as an extremist entity. Generation Deutschland will hold a rally under the banner of "[Day of German Youth](#)" this Saturday afternoon at Schwerin's Alter Garten, with the Widersetzen ("Resist") alliance expected to draw tens of thousands of people to its counter demonstration. The rallies come ahead of [Mecklenburg-Vorpommern state elections](#) next month and in the wake of the Berlin Pride attack, which AfD has used as an occasion to call for [stricter laws](#) against terrorism, as detailed in the Worldwide section.

- **Demonstration Against Visit by Israeli Prime Minister First of Several Upcoming Actions in U.S.: Disruptions are likely in Washington, D.C. through at least mid-week as several prominent heads of state visit the capital to take part in funeral services for the late Senator Lindsey Graham. Among those expected to pay their respects are Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, with the latter's visit triggering calls by activist groups to demonstrate. The Palestinian Youth Movement and other activist groups are [calling](#) for supporters to gather outside the White House at 6 pm tomorrow, with additional actions likely. Earlier that day, a private service will be held for Graham at the Capitol Rotunda, followed by another service at the National Cathedral at 2 pm. The funeral comes as demonstration activity against the Trump administration appears again to be on the upswing. Hundreds of rallies [took place](#) over the weekend against immigration enforcement, although they were overwhelmingly peaceful. This coming weekend, former Border Patrol chief Greg Bovino is [headlining](#) a rally in Fishers, Indiana, on Saturday, with local groups planning a [counter-demonstration](#). Looking further ahead, civil rights leaders are [planning](#) a "March on Washington" to defend voting rights on August 28.**
- **South Korea's Labor Unrest Deepens:** The Hyundai Motor union [extended](#) partial strikes for a third consecutive week, announcing a fresh eight-hour daily walkout from July 29-31 after wage talks stalled again last week. Cumulative losses from strikes so far total roughly 673 billion won across 36 hours. At an estimated [18.7 billion won](#) in lost production per hour, losses will rise toward 898 billion won if strikes go ahead this week. Agitation is spreading across SK Group's supply chain: SK Ecoplant and SK Energy face threats of a strike by the National Plant Construction Union over [Yellow Envelope Law bargaining rights](#), while POSCO's union also [voted](#) to strike, risking its first walkout since 1968. With Kia also [voting on industrial action](#) and no Hyundai settlement in sight before the summer recess, production disruptions and increased collective bargaining pressure is expected to continue across Korea's industrial base through August.
- **Nationwide Actions Planned in Venezuela, Peru:** Large mobilizations of demonstrations are expected in two South American countries tomorrow. In Venezuela, the [National Trade Union Coalition](#), alongside opposition groups like [Vente Venezuela](#), has called for nationwide demonstrations demanding that the current government set a timetable for elections and provide better pay for workers. The main gathering will be in Caracas' Plaza Venezuela at 9 a.m.

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Meanwhile, in Peru, presidential runner-up Roberto Sanchez has called for [nationwide demonstrations](#) tomorrow, set to coincide with Independence Day celebrations and the [swearing-in ceremony](#) for President-elect Keiko Fujimori. Other groups will also likely hold their own rallies and [protests](#).

- **Mexico to See Demonstrations Over Chihuahua State Water Agreement with Israel:** Demonstrators intend to take to the streets this Saturday in at least [14 states](#) across Mexico to protest a water coop-eration agreement between the Central Water and Sanitation Board (JCAS) of Chihuahua and the Israeli Agency for International Development Cooperation (Mashav). Environmental organizations [accuse](#) Chihuahuan officials of not following federal registration mandates and opening the state's water to future privatization. Additionally, pro-Palestinian and human rights groups condemn cooperation with Israel amid its ongoing campaign in Gaza. Demonstrators in Mexico City will gather at the Estela de Luz monument at 9:30 a.m. before [marching to the Zócalo](#), while supporters in Chihuahua plan to gather at the Glorieta de Pancho Villa. Simultaneous actions are planned in multiple urban areas across the country.

Upcoming Events

- July 23-August 2: Commonwealth Games (Glasgow, Scotland)
- July 27: General Elections (Pakistan-Administered Kashmir)
- July 28-29: Fiestas Patrias (Peru)
- July 28: Expected Presidential Inauguration of Keiko Fujimori (Peru)
- July 30: Kanwar Yatra begins (India)
- August 3: August Bank Holiday (Ireland)
- August 5: July Mass Uprising Day (Bangladesh)
- August 5-14: Han Kuang Exercise, Civil and Air Defense Drills (Taiwan)
- August 9: National Day (Singapore)
- August 13: General Election (Zambia)
- August 14: Independence Day (Pakistan)
- August 15: Independence Day (India)
- August 17: Independence Day (Indonesia)
- August 22-September 13: La Vuelta (Monaco, France, Andorra, Spain)
- August 24: Independence Day (Ukraine)

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