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Typhoon Saudel Threatens Taiwan–Southeast China Corridor Late This Week

[Typhoon Saudel](#) is emerging as the most consequential forward-looking natural-hazard threat of the week. The storm is forecast to enter the East China Sea on Wednesday and approach the Chinese Zhejiang–Fujian coast Thursday into Friday. The most likely scenario is for Saudel to first scrape northern Taiwan, including the Taipei metropolitan area, bringing widespread moderate impacts with pockets of locally high severity. The storm is then forecast to continue toward the southern Zhejiang–Fujian coast, with landfall late Thursday night or Friday morning at typhoon or strong typhoon intensity. A less likely but still credible alternate scenario would take Saudel farther south, producing a direct landfall in eastern Taiwan before the system crosses the Taiwan Strait and makes a second landfall in Fujian. [Taiwan's Central Weather Administration](#) currently favors a track passing just north of the island before reaching eastern China, broadly supporting the northern-Taiwan scrape scenario. The threat is amplified by an [ongoing](#) rainfall emergency across southern and eastern Taiwan that is unrelated to Saudel. Parts of [Kaohsiung](#) received more than [500 mm](#) (20 inches) in 24 hours over the weekend. City officials said five-day totals could reach 1,000–1,300 mm (39–51 inches). Offices and schools are [closed](#) Monday across Kaohsiung, Tainan and several surrounding counties. At least 2,615 people had already been evacuated in Kaohsiung by Sunday. Even without a direct strike on Taiwan, Saudel is likely to prolong a period of exceptionally disruptive weather with localized rainfall totals of 250–400 mm (10–16 inches) and isolated amounts above 600 mm (24 inches) in Taiwan. Persistent strong winds are also [expected](#) over the East China Sea, Taiwan Strait, and adjacent coasts. The most important uncertainty this week is therefore not

whether Saudel will produce significant impacts, but where its core wind and rainfall corridor ultimately sets up across Taiwan and southeastern China.

Hawk Wildfire Keeps Reno Under Evacuation, Pressures Infrastructure

The Hawk Fire remains a major operational emergency across northwest Reno after rapidly spreading into populated portions of Washoe County over the weekend. The fire has burned over 15,000 acres and is 0% contained, with approximately [90,000 residents inside GET-SET or GO-NOW evacuation zones](#). Roughly 400 personnel and 10 aerial resources were assigned to the incident. Highway 395 is [closed](#) in both directions across portions of northern Reno, along with numerous local road closures. Firefighters are focused on protecting residential areas between Cold Springs and Somerset. The fire is also disrupting regional utility infrastructure. [NV Energy](#) reported approximately 10,000 customers without electricity because of emergency de-energization. [Gas service is shut off](#) to roughly 250 additional customers. Weather will provide only a limited window for suppression, as a warm, dry, and breezy pattern is forecast to produce elevated to critical fire-weather conditions after midweek. Smoke will also continue to affect portions of the Reno metropolitan area. All residents, especially vulnerable groups such as those with respiratory illnesses, should take necessary precautions to protect themselves from harmful wildfire smoke.

U.S. Plots 'Economic D-Day' Against Iran

Amid a broader shift in U.S. strategy toward raising economic pressure on Iran, the Treasury Department is [expected](#) to [expand secondary sanctions](#) targeting the country with a package of new trade restrictions. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent [described](#) the pressure campaign as “the single greatest financial offensive ever marshalled against an adversary,” warning that “any nation that serves as a financial artery of a withering regime should expect to share in its isolation.” In response, Iran [threatened](#) to [fine or confiscate 46 vessels](#) accused of violating its policies on the Strait of Hormuz, vowed [retaliation](#) against any country that cooperates with the new sanctions, and placed a [\\$10 million bounty](#) on Barron Trump, the son of the U.S. president and a student at New York University's Washington, D.C. campus. The threat of further restrictions on trade with the country drove the rial to a [record low](#) on Monday. Financial markets in countries that still trade with Iran, such as [India](#), have also been impacted by the uncertainty. While Iran has endured consistent sanctions pressure from the U.S. for decades, the country's [remaining trading partners](#) (including several important U.S. trade partners in the region) will face new risks associated with maintaining those relationships. While this could deter countries such as Pakistan and Türkiye from exposing their own economies by continuing to trade with Iran, [others—particularly China—](#) could push back against the new restrictions, forcing Washington to choose between enforcement and its own trade interests. Against this backdrop, attacks on shipping in the Strait of Hormuz continue. While President Trump previously threatened to retaliate for every attack targeting a commercial vessel, this has not materialized, with US [messaging shifting](#) to treat the [ongoing](#) strikes as minimally disruptive. Despite the threat, however, daily traffic through the waterway is [ticking back upward](#), with 16 vessels crossing on Friday and 13 others on Saturday, [mostly along the Omani side](#).

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Vessels have reportedly found greater success in safely navigating the waterway by [“going dark”](#) or turning off their transponders, a tactic that (while effective) carries its own risks, with the [declining situational awareness](#) that results potentially increasing response times in the event of an environmental disaster or other adverse incident.

Climate and Natural Hazards

- **Narra Prolongs Major Flooding in Vietnam and Southern China:** Flooding and landslides from [Tropical Storm Narra](#) remain significant across northern Vietnam and China’s Guangxi region. About [54,000 people have been relocated](#) in China. [One person has died](#) and more than 4,300 households have been displaced in Vietnam. Parts of Lạng Sơn and Cao Bằng received over 300 mm (12 inches) of rain in 24 hours and nearly 55,000 Vietnamese households [lost power](#). Several rivers are at or above the highest warning level, with flooding forecast to remain elevated through at least Tuesday. China has activated a [national Level IV disaster-relief response](#) for Guangxi, while Narra continues to meander over the Gulf of Tonkin. Narra is [expected](#) to turn back toward the Guangxi–Leizhou Peninsula coast, extending the heavy rain threat across southern China through Wednesday.
- **Flores Earthquake Toll Reaches 100 in Indonesia:** The death toll from the [magnitude 7.7 East Nusa Tenggara earthquake](#) has risen to 100, according to Indonesia’s disaster agency chief, with more than 1,600 people injured, over 73,000 homes damaged and roughly 180,000 people evacuated. Relief operations entered a 10th day Monday, with authorities using helicopters, trucks and motorcycles to reach [affected](#) communities across the island region. [BNPB](#) continues to move large quantities of aid into the disaster zone and is simultaneously validating housing damage ahead of temporary-housing and recovery decisions. Thousands of aftershocks have followed the August 15 earthquake, which is now Indonesia’s deadliest since 2022.
- **Historic Danube Drought Continues to Strain Romania’s Nuclear Power:** Extremely low Danube River levels remain a [significant energy and infrastructure issue](#) in Romania. Flow entering the country at Baziaș is around 1,300 m³/s, with only a gradual [increase](#) toward 1,550 m³/s [expected](#) by August 29, still far below the normal August flow of 3,900 m³/s. The low water previously forced both reactors at the Cernavodă nuclear plant into safe shutdown, removing facilities that normally provide roughly 20% of Romania’s dispatchable electricity. The government describes current Danube flow as the lowest in recent history and has approved emergency dredging, construction of a diversion structure toward Cernavodă’s cooling-water intake, [increased](#) releases from Olt River reservoirs, and deployment of high- capacity pumps.

Worldwide

- **U.S. Accuses Over 40 Countries of Helping China Evade Tariffs, Plans to Crack Down:** After Washington accused [dozens of countries](#) of helping China evade as much as [\\$26 billion in tariffs](#) annually, the White House announced [plans to extend its crackdown](#) on purported transshipment practices around the world. The third countries in question—including key U.S. trade partners such as Canada, Japan, and Mexico—are accused of collectively importing

hundreds of billions of dollars of Chinese goods that would ordinarily face steep tariffs if shipped directly to the U.S. Local partners then perform [“minimal processing, relabeling, and repackaging”](#) to allow their re-export to the U.S. at a lower tax rate. The Trump administration’s proposal includes rigorous and proactive customs practices that could lead to heightened scrutiny of inbound shipments from listed countries and may [eventually provide for](#) “immediate interdiction, penalty tariffs, sanctions, and potential loss of market access” for more serious offenders.

- **Canada and U.S. On Track for 50% Bilateral Tariffs Despite Free Trade Agreement:** Last-ditch efforts to salvage trade talks between the U.S. and Canada have failed, with U.S. tariffs of 50% on most non-critical [Canadian imports](#) (including USMCA-compliant ones) [now in effect](#). In announcing the suspension of talks, Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney said that Ottawa would implement its own [“dollar for dollar”](#) retaliatory tariffs on U.S. goods. Enforcement is set to begin [September 8](#). The move is [expected](#) to have a significant impact on consumer prices in both countries. The U.S. tariffs mark the [first application](#) of section 338 of the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act of 1930, which provides for tariffs of up to 50% without prior investigation if U.S. businesses face discrimination. Since the tit-for-tat tariffs were announced, Trump [threatened](#) to raise tariffs on imports of [steel](#), cars, trucks, and auto parts from Canada to 50% beginning January 1, 2027. Canada’s role in the U.S.-Mexico-Canada free trade agreement and the growth of highly interconnected supply chains across North America since NAFTA was first signed means that fallout from the dispute will likely impact trade at the continental level and could discourage further [investment in cross-border supply chains](#).
- **NATO States Surveyed on Support for Washington as Trump Administration Plans Defense Cuts:** Bloomberg [reports](#) that a document distributed from Washington to NATO member states requests information on their “support for the president’s approach” to foreign policy issues, their treatment of the U.S. military (including any limitations on its actions within their territory), and their defense spending with U.S. firms. The survey comes at a time when the Trump administration is said to be considering where to reduce its military footprint following the announcement of plans to [adjust the U.S. defense posture in Europe](#) earlier this year. Observers are concerned that any attempt to force allies into alignment with Trump administration objectives under the threat of losing military support could raise further questions about the cohesion of the broader NATO alliance.
- **U.S. Cancels Joint Drills With South Korea Over Political Tensions, Wartime Constraints:** Amid cooling diplomatic ties, the United States and South Korea have [halved the duration](#) of the Ulchi Freedom Shield exercises and the U.S. Marine Corps [canceled](#) another drill scheduled for September, raising concerns about deterrence of North Korea and Washington’s reliability as a security partner in the region. The significant changes followed President Trump’s orders for the U.S. military to [“substantially reduce”](#) its participation in joint exercises with South Korea with [no advance notice](#), due to Trump’s dissatisfaction with a perceived lack of support from Seoul on Iran, [economic policy](#), and other U.S. interests. The Marine Corps, meanwhile, cited constraints on [“force availability”](#) due to the war in Iran. The move also comes amid U.S. [outreach to North Korean leader Kim Jong Un](#). The sudden pivot has [alarmed](#) others in the region with U.S. security

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partnerships in place, who fear that conflicts with the Trump administration could result in defense gaps.

- **Rising Drone Use by Latin American Criminal Groups Threatens Colombia in Particular:** Security forces across Latin America are believed to be [unprepared](#) for the [rising use of drones](#) to conduct attacks across the region. Worsening matters, battlefield lessons learned [during](#) the war in Ukraine are reportedly being [transferred](#) to criminal organizations by members volunteering to serve in the war with Russia. Colombia in particular has seen a [notable increase](#) in both the number of drone incidents over the last three years and the sophistication of those attacks. In addition to military sites, these strikes have targeted “hospitals, schools, police stations, electricity grids, and homes,” injuring hundreds of civilians and raising the risk of serious harm or [other disruptions](#) to local business operations. With Colombia’s new president, Abelardo de la Espriella, [expected](#) to take a [more aggressive approach](#) to the country’s security situation than his predecessor, the country will likely see a [corresponding increase](#) in retaliatory attacks, with greater consequences for civilian interests.
- **Cambodia's Ruling Elite Leverages Scam Crackdown to Consolidate Power:** Cambodia is using a crackdown on scam centers [consolidate political control](#). Real estate seized in the campaign has been converted into state property, prisons, and military infrastructure. A tripling of the prison population and new censorship laws targeting activists and journalists indicate that the Hun family is tightening its control over Cambodian society. In addition to Phnom Penh’s efforts, Thai troops still occupy former scam ones across [four](#) border provinces eight months after a ceasefire between the southeast Asian neighbors, lending credibility to warnings of a third round of fighting. Cambodia is an important supply chain node for both manufacturing, particularly garments, and transshipment across East Asia via Sihanoukville port. Renewed conflict or continued instability along the Thai border would risk disrupting cross-border trade routes and manufacturing continuity, warranting close monitoring from businesses sourcing from or transiting through the country.

Cyber and Regulatory

- **TwinLoot Hides Malicious Operations Inside Microsoft Cloud:** Cybersecurity researchers have [identified](#) TwinLoot, a previously undocumented Python malware framework that conducts its command- and-control activity through legitimate Microsoft cloud services, making malicious traffic difficult to distinguish from normal enterprise activity. Discovered by cybersecurity company Ontinue while [investigating](#) a July campaign, TwinLoot uses SharePoint Online and Microsoft Graph for tasking, Microsoft Teams TURN servers for interactive communications, and the victim’s own Edge browser to disguise network traffic. The malware can display convincing fake Windows lock screens to steal credentials, execute commands, and create a reverse proxy for movement inside compromised networks. TwinLoot was also observed using a previously unseen technique that forges a Windows mandatory- profile hive without administrator access, allowing the malware to survive logins while avoiding many standard detection methods.

- **Meta Faces Trillion-Dollar Child Privacy Trial:** Twenty-nine U.S. states have taken Meta to trial, alleging Facebook and Instagram violated children's privacy laws and [deliberately used addictive features](#) despite known harms to young users. A multi-state victory could force nationwide redesigns of core social media features and expose Meta to [\\$1.2 trillion](#) in damages. The states seek removal of features such as algorithm-dominated feeds, infinite autoplay, beauty filters, infinite scroll, like counts, and Stories, alongside parental verification and notification limits. The case comes as France's top court [blocked](#) a social media ban for under 15s, ruling it restricted free expression and lacked age verification safeguards. Meta's internal research linked Instagram-driven social comparison to loneliness, negative mood, and poor body image. Meta and YouTube were both found negligent in a separate youth addiction trial in March, while lawsuits against YouTube and Snap remain pending. Meta denies wrongdoing, though appeals or settlement could delay reforms, and competitors may respond preemptively to the adverse verdict.
- **China-Linked SilkParasite Deploys RATs for Espionage Across Central Asia:** A newly [identified](#) cyber espionage operation [dubbed SilkParasite](#) has been observed targeting government bodies in Central Asia. [China-linked](#) operators deploy remote access Trojans (RATs) from seven malware families to maintain long-term control. The campaign has targeted agencies in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan, as well as possibly Georgia. Emails carry password protected files disguised as official documents from government ministries. Opening the files can install surveillance software that lets attackers issue commands and add new capabilities. The campaign uses seven surveillance tools, reportedly including five that had never been documented. Some code contains placeholder encryption keys and testing features, suggesting developers used AI assistance. The malware also checks for Kaspersky antivirus before running.
- **Iran-Linked Intrusion Causes Four-Day U.K. Generator Shutdown:** Iran-linked [hackers](#) reportedly forced a small U.K. power generator offline for [four](#) days in July 2026. The attack prompted government warnings to power companies and a review of energy sector cyber defenses. The unnamed site was a small-scale generator, with officials saying the incident never [threatened](#) the wider grid or an essential service. The facility provides short-term electricity when additional power is needed. The director of the National Cyber Security Center, which handles critical infrastructure attacks, said that the agency manages about four cyber incidents each week. He attributed most attacks to hostile states, including China, Iran, and Russia. The attackers' identities and access methods remain publicly unconfirmed. Further disclosures could clarify Iran's involvement or reveal access to other parts of Britain's energy network.
- **Latvia Vehicle Agency Breach Exposes Data of 1.2 Million People:** A major [cyberattack](#) against Latvia's Road Traffic Safety Directorate (CSDD) exposed data belonging to 1.2 million people and roughly 200,000 organizations, representing a significant portion of the country's population. Attackers accessed payment records dating back to 2008 containing personal identification or company registration numbers, names, addresses, vehicle license plates, payment amounts, and transaction dates. Passwords and banking credentials were not included. Attackers reportedly exploited a vulnerability in an internet-facing CSDD system and found that several mandatory

cybersecurity requirements had not been followed. The incident prompted a criminal investigation and government review, while Lativa's president called the breach a [national](#) security threat. CSDD's management board and supervisory council resigned amid scrutiny over the agency's security practices and delayed incident reporting.

Infrastructure and Supply Chain

- **Population Growth in Big U.S. Cities Slows, Reversing Post-Pandemic Gains:** Population growth in the 92 largest U.S. cities [slowed](#) in 2024–25, with aggregate population growth falling from 1.13% in 2023–24 to 0.31%. Thirty-two cities lost population in 2024–25, compared with only eight the previous year, while 86 cities experienced slower growth, shifted from growth to decline, or recorded larger population losses. The reversal was driven primarily by a decline in [international](#) immigration, alongside renewed domestic migration away from some urban centers. Primary cities generally experienced sharper slowdowns than their suburbs. At the same time, the trend is not uniform. Charlotte and Fort Worth each gained roughly 20,000 residents, while New York lost more than 12,000, and San Francisco recorded a modest population gain despite lower immigration, largely because domestic out-migration declined amid its economic and AI-sector recovery.
- **Robot Orders in North America Increase in 2026:** North American companies [ordered](#) \$1.2 billion worth of robots in H1 2026, up 6.6% year-on-year, reflecting accelerating automation across manufacturing sectors. Non-automotive customers [accounted](#) for 56% of Q2 orders, offsetting a 25% decline in orders from automotive producers and confirming that robotics demand is becoming less dependent on the automotive sector. Demand was particularly strong in semiconductors and electronics (+35%), pharmaceuticals (+32%), automotive components (+24%), food and consumer goods (+17%), and plastics and rubber (+6%). Collaborative robots (cobots) accounted for more than 15% of orders, with especially high adoption in pharmaceuticals (44%) and semiconductors/electronics (37%), indicating that manufacturers are increasingly using flexible automation to address labor constraints and improve production efficiency across a wider range of industries.
- **Shanghai Congestion Signals Extended Holiday-Season Freight Risk:** Twin typhoons have pushed Shanghai port delays to 10 days [during](#) the critical pre-Christmas shipping window, with ripple effects likely to persist through Q4. Back-to-back storms, Bavi in July and the more powerful Dolphin in early August, left Yangshan and Waigaoqiao terminals facing some of the worst congestion in a decade, with over [2.4 million](#) TEU of capacity stranded and several carriers omitting Shanghai calls entirely. Yard density remains elevated at 75-90% of capacity. Full schedule normalization is [expected](#) to take several more weeks, even as berth wait times gradually ease. With the disruption compounding pre-existing congestion from Typhoon Bavi just weeks earlier, there is an elevated risk of missed holiday-season deliveries for electronics, apparel, and toy shipments, alongside sustained upward pressure on trans-Pacific freight rates into Q4.

Health

- **U.S. Foodborne Illnesses and Recalls Spread to Granola, Blueberries, and More:** Over the past few weeks, the U.S. officials have recalled or issued alerts for several more foods due to potential contamination, including [granola](#), popsicle fruit bars, blueberries, and [alfalfa sprouts](#). [Outshine fruit bars](#) have been recalled due to possible glass contamination, while alfalfa sprouts have been linked to 55 cases of Salmonella and E. coli across 15 states. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has [increased](#) a recall of frozen blueberries and mixed berries sold at [Publix](#) grocery stores to its highest risk level for possible E. coli contamination. Similarly, a recall of Midwest Poultry Services eggs was [upgraded](#) for possible Salmonella contamination. Health experts have attributed the increase in recalls and spread of foodborne illnesses to [federal funding cuts](#) and delays in [legislation](#).
- **U.K. Health Security Agency Warns of Salmonella Outbreak:** The United Kingdom is contending with its own [outbreak](#) of foodborne illnesses. The U.K. Health Security Agency (UKHSA) declared a [national](#) outbreak of salmonella food poisoning likely tied to imported eggs after one person died and hundreds became ill. The Food Standards Agency (FSA) has advised that children under five, women who are pregnant, people over the age of 65, and those with health conditions should avoid runny eggs, as well as products that may contain uncooked eggs, such as mayonnaise. While the U.K. has the highest number salmonella cases in Europe, [other nations have also reported cases](#). The most adversely [affected](#) is the Netherlands, which has tallied 106. ECDC officials say that they expect further cases until proper control measures are put in place.
- **COVID-19 Cases Surge in Summer Ahead of Fall Respiratory Illness Season:** The [test positivity rate](#) of COVID-19 has surpassed the rates from March ahead of the traditional fall respiratory illness season. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) assesses that cases are “likely [growing](#) in 47 states.” The CDC has also not [not issued](#) updated recommendations for COVID-19 vaccines amid [ongoing](#) litigation. With COVID-19 spreading going into the school year and the peak of respiratory illness season still ahead, [messaging](#) on availability of updated flu, RSV, or COVID-19 vaccines remains muddled. Despite the lack of governmental guidance, healthcare centers are [stocking](#) vaccines for the fall flu, RSV, and COVID-19 season, with major medical organizations [recommending](#) the shots.
- **Increase in Number of Kindergarteners Exempted From Some Vaccines Raises Concern of Future Outbreaks:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found an [increase](#) in the number of kindergarten students who were exempted from at least one vaccine coming into the 2025-2026 school year, likely contributing to the increase in vaccine-preventable illnesses observed over the past year. The number of exemptions climbed from 3.6% to 4.2%. The measles, mumps, and rubella combination shot—which the Trump administration has said should be [administered](#) in separate shots, against the recommendations of most public health professionals—has seen a noteworthy dip to 92.4%, below the 95% needed for [herd immunity](#). Further dips in vaccine coverage, at times [contradictory messaging](#) from the White House, and

the start of the school year have healthcare professionals [worried](#) that further [outbreaks](#) are on the horizon.

- **Record Number of Aid Workers Attacked in 2025:** A new [assessment](#) from the United Nations found that a record number of aid workers were attacked in 2025, with much of the [increase](#) attributable to weaponized drones. Of the nearly 1,000 attacked, 350 were killed, down slightly from the 387 observed in 2024. The deadliest location for aid workers was Gaza, followed by Sudan. The attacks, which come alongside an overall pullback in humanitarian funding, is adversely impacting access to healthcare in high- risk areas, likely contributing to difficulties in detecting and containing disease [outbreaks](#), such as Ebola in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Demonstrations and Industrial Action

- **Anti-Immigration Demonstrations Return to Australian Cities Sunday:** Heightened security and large crowds can be [expected](#) in major cities across Australia on Sunday, August 30, [during](#) opposing demonstrations over immigration. The campaign group "March for Australia" is calling for demonstrations in support of "free speech" and an end to what they say is [ongoing](#) mass immigration to Australia, with actions planned in Brisbane (Roma Street Parkland), Melbourne (Flinders Street station), and Sydney (Belmore Park) at noon. The anti-immigration group was behind gatherings in previous years that saw [clashes](#), arrests, and [injuries](#). A coalition of human rights and civil society groups are organizing counter demonstrations at the same locations and times. The campaign follows recent youth-led school walkouts that saw [thousands of students](#) protest the One Nation political party, which is [broadly anti-immigration](#). Clashes among anti-immigration activists, counter-[demonstrators](#), law enforcement, and bystanders are possible.
- **Kenya Continues to See Healthcare Disruptions Due to Strike:** The Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH) in Nairobi is urging patients to seek non-emergency care at other healthcare facilities amid an [ongoing strike by health workers](#). Over 20 counties are [affected](#) by the strikes, and nurses have vowed to continue striking despite [court orders](#) to return to work. The Kenya National Union of Nurses and Midwives (KNUNM) intends to [march](#) in Nairobi on Tuesday, August 25, from Green Park to Delta Plaza to reiterate their demands outside the Council of Governors office. The nationwide strike [began](#) in mid- July to demand the implementation of the [return-to-work](#) formula of 2017, among other concerns, including working conditions and labor rights.
- **U.S. Government Surveillance Campaign on Minnesotan Groups Sparks Outrage Amid Continuing ICE Operations:** Minnesotan unions and community groups that were targeted by a ["mass spying campaign"](#) by the U.S. government have [called on Minnesota corporations](#) to condemn the federal surveillance operation, which civil rights groups see as a crackdown on dissent and the criminalizing of lawful protest activity. Documents [released](#) earlier this month show that the Department of Homeland Security obtained progressive groups' financial records, monitored group chats, and sent undercover agents to community meetings, including at a church that had a [court order](#) banning agents from the property. The news of the spying

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campaign comes amid a [legal battle](#) over the [extradition](#) of an ICE agent to Minnesota, as well as [reports](#) of the [detention of a 5-year-old boy](#) at the Dilley compound in Texas.

- **Mexico to See Demonstrations Over Disappearances, Euthanasia:** Five family-led and human rights groups are [organizing a march](#) in Mexico City on August 30 to mark the Inter[national](#) Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances. Participants will gather at the Ángel de la Independencia at 9 a.m. before marching to the Zócalo. Related actions are being planned in Ciudad Juárez on August 29 and in Hermosillo and Aguascalientes on August 30. The mobilizations come as Mexico's registry exceeds 135,000 missing people and families dispute a [government assessment](#) that indicates more than 40,000 may still be alive. Thousands participated in last year's nationwide observance, and police [confronted demonstrators](#) outside a World Cup match earlier this summer. Mexico City will also see a march on August 28 advocating for [proposed legislation](#) that would legalize euthanasia for people under certain conditions.
- **Other Stories We're Watching:** In Argentina, where thousands of people have taken to the streets this month against [private property legislation](#) and [high household debt](#), mobilizations against the administration are [expected](#) to continue through September. Labor unions are organizing demonstrations [coinciding](#) with Industry Day next Wednesday, September 2. In Ireland, Dublin may see disruptions on the O'Connell Bridge next Monday, August 31, [during](#) a demonstration over the cost of living. Some users on social media had called for a second round of fuel protests in Ireland beginning next week, but those are unlikely to go ahead after the government announced it will [delay planned increases to fuel excise duties](#). In Basel, Switzerland, pro-Palestine activist groups are organizing a mass demonstration for Saturday on the anniversary of the First Zionist Congress in 1897 to call for the end of Zionism. Finally, this Friday, August 28, civil rights leader Reverend Al Sharpton will lead a [march to defend voting rights](#) on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., with thousands of people expected to attend.

Upcoming Events

- August 22-September 13: La Vuelta (Monaco, France, Andorra, Spain)
- August 24: Independence Day (Ukraine)
- August 25: Mawlid al-Nabi (Global)
- August 31-September 1: G20 Finance Ministers' Meeting (Asheville, United States)
- August 30-31: Notting Hill Carnival (London, England)
- August 31: Independence Day (Malaysia)
- September 2: National Day (Vietnam)
- September 6: State Election (Sachsen-Anhalt, Germany)
- September 7: Independence Day (Brazil)
- September 7: Labor Day (United States, Canada)
- September 8: Opening of United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) (New York City, United States)
- September 9-10: GOP Midterm Convention (Dallas, United States)
- September 11: 9/11 Anniversary (United States)
- September 11-13: Rosh Hashana (Global)
- September 12-13: BRICS Summit (New Delhi, India)
- September 13: Parliamentary Elections (Sweden)
- September 14: Ganesh Chaturthi (India)
- September 16: Independence Day (Mexico)
- September 18-20: State Duma Elections (Russia)
- September 20-21: Yom Kippur (Global)
- September 22-29: UN General Assembly High-Level Week (New York City, United States)
- September 23: Parliamentary Elections (Morocco)
- September 25: Mid-Autumn Festival (China)
- September 25-October 2: Sukkot (Global)
- October 2: Gandhi Jayanti (India)