







## **AMERICAS**

**Fastern United States: Expect residual disruption over the coming days following the passage of Hurricane Helene.** The storm system made landfall over Florida's Big Bend region on 26 September as a Category 4 Hurricane, before weakening and drifting north across Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee states. The weather system caused notable flooding and damage to infrastructure, killing at least 91 people in weather-related incidents. As of 30 September, over 1.5 million people remain without power across the affected states. Over 30,000 people also remain without power in Ohio state. Follow all official directives amid recovery efforts in affected states.

**Peru: Follow all official directives after officials declared a state of emergency (SoE) in parts of the Callao region and Lima Province due to an uptick in criminal violence.** On 26 September, Prime Minister Gustavo Adrianzen announced the SoE in response to a public transportation strike demanding increased security measures over concerns of increasing violence. The SoE will remain in place until at least 26 November and will encompass the <u>Ancon, Ate, Carabayllo, Comas, Independencia, Los Olivos, Lurigancho-Chosica, Puente Piedra, San Juan de Lurigancho, and <u>San Martin de Porres</u>, districts (Lima province), as well as the <u>Ventanilla</u> district (Callao region). The most recent SoE follows a trend that has been the frequent policy of President Dina Boluarte in addressing rising crime regionally.</u>





## **EMEA**

Israel: Hezbollah's response to 'Operation Northern Arrows' likely to remain muted over the coming days as the militant group attempts to recover and reorganize. On 23 September, the Israeli Air Forces (IAF) launched a wave of air strikes targeting the Hezbollah command and control structure and weapons depots throughout southern and eastern Lebanon. The most notable airstrike assassinated Hezbollah Secretary General, Hassan Nasrallah, on 27 September, along with several other commanders at the operational headquarters in Dahieh, Beirut. This followed the communications device attack on 17-18 September, which degraded Hezbollah by killing at least 39 Hezbollah operatives, hospitalizing thousands of others, and neutralizing the militant group's central communications system.

Hezbollah's response to Israel's intensified aerial bombardment and assassination of Hezbollah's top leadership echelon has consisted of firing several hundred rockets into southern Israel and a limited number of explosive-laden drone and ballistic missile attacks targeting areas in and around Haifa and Tel Aviv. This, in turn, has only led to some minor injuries from shrapnel due to Hezbollah's inability to overwhelm Israel's air defense systems. The inability to carry out an impactful attack against Israel by overwhelming its air defense systems suggests that Hezbollah is facing internal disarray after its top operational leadership was neutralized and its primary communications lines severed, likely preventing the militant group from conducting coordinated large-scale attacks.

France: Expect disruption during strikes and related demonstrations by multiple unions on 30 September-1 October. The SUD-Rail union and General Confederation of Labor (CGT) have announced intentions to strike from 19:00 (local





time) on 30 September until 08:00 on 2 October. This is expected to have an impact on both regional and intercity services. The CGT and other unions will gather in the capital Paris from 14.00 at <u>Place Denfert-Rochereau</u> and march towards <u>Place de la Bastille</u> to demand a termination of the pension reforms and an increase in wages. Plan journeys accounting for the disruption of rail services.

Nigeria: Monitor the increasing turmoil in the northern states amid nationwide anti-government protests slated to take place on 1 October. Anti-government protestors announced plans to rally nationwide amid considerable socio-political turmoil, fueled by persistent discontent with the perceived government's mismanagement of the economy. Protests, termed 'Fearless in October' and '#EndBadGovernance,' are a continuation of protests over societal discontent with the elimination of a longstanding fuel subsidy, the devaluation of the NGN currency, and increasing inflation of over 33%. Despite the elevation of the minimum wage, popular discontent persists, particularly in the northern states, where poverty and insecurity are more severe.

The government's reaction to earlier protests in August 2024, particularly in the north, was characterized by severe repression, with security forces using live ammunition, leading to fatalities. The precedent from civil unrest in August suggests that protests slated to take place on 1 October are liable to have a large turnout, become unruly, and devolve into clashes with security forces. Extensive participation can be expected in northern areas where prior protests in August were the most intense. If tensions are not alleviated in advance, looting, vandalism, and the arrest of protestors are likely. Confirmed protests are expected to take place from 07:00 (local time) in Yobe, Borno, Rivers, Lagos, and Kwara states.





## **APAC**

Taiwan: Exercise caution over the coming days during the passage of Typhoon Krathon. The medium-strength typhoon is currently located over the Philippines

Sea and is expected to intensify before making landfall near Kaohsiung during the late-night hours of 1 October. The Central Weather Administration (CWA) has issued typhoon warnings for Pingtung and Taitung counties, indicating that a typhoon is expected to impact in the next 18 hours. Officials have issued extremely heavy rain advisories for Hualien and Taitung counties. Land transportation disruptions have been reported across the island, including the suspension of train services and the closure of roads and portions of highways, such as Provincial Highway 9. Anticipate short-notice regional flight disruptions and cancelations during the passage of the weather system.

Nepal: Postpone non-essential travel over the coming days amid flooding and landslides in <u>Bagmati</u> Province. Since 26 September, flooding and landslides have been reported throughout much of the country due to heavy rainfall, including the Bagmati, <u>Koshi</u>, and <u>Madhesh</u> provinces. This has resulted in the death of at least 192 people, with several dozen individuals reported missing. Highways leading to and from <u>Kathmandu</u> (Bagmati Province) have been flooded or damaged, as has critical energy infrastructure, causing transportation disruptions and power outages throughout the country. Multiple bridges leading to the border with China were destroyed. The country's Department of Hydrology and Meteorology (DHM) has forecast additional further heavy rain over the short term.