

# Risk Intelligence Center

## Monthly Threat Forecast: September 2023

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## Overview

The aim of the Risk Intelligence Center (RIC) Monthly Threat Forecast is to raise awareness of threats, flashpoints, and the potential risks they pose to organizations.

Items included in this Threat Forecast have been chosen to provide **accessible intelligence** and to promote **situational awareness**.

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Intelligence Cut Off Date (ICOD):

1330hrs, 23 August 2023.

### INCIDENT THREAT LEVELS

5 – EXTREME	Very high / extreme threat of disruption. Review and respond if required.
4 – HIGH	High / major threat of disruption. Consider taking appropriate action.
3 – MODERATE	Moderate threat of disruption. Maintain awareness, consider precautions.
2 – LOW	Low / limited threat of disruption. Be advised.
1 – VERY LOW	Very low / insignificant threat of disruption. For awareness.

## Threat Forecast

Date	Day	Event	Country	Location	Type	Threat level	Details
1	Fri	Presidential elections	Singapore	Nationwide	Politics	2 – LOW	Elections to vote for the next president of Singapore.
		ASLEF train strike	United Kingdom	Nationwide	Unrest	3 – MODERATE	ALSEF train drivers will continue to partake in industrial action in an ongoing dispute over pay.
		US Open 2023	United States of America	New York	Public event	2 – LOW	Continuation of the US Open, which is the final Grand Slam tennis tournament of the year. It will run from 28 August-10 September.
		Independence Day	Uzbekistan	Nationwide	Public event	2 – LOW	The 32nd anniversary marking independence from the Soviet Union in 1991.
2	Sat	ASLEF train drivers overtime ban	United Kingdom	Nationwide	Unrest	2 – LOW	Train drivers represented by ASLEF will hold a one-day ban on overtime in the long-running dispute over pay.
4	Mon	Labour Day	Canada	Nationwide	Public Event	2 – LOW	Public holiday celebrating worker's rights across North America.
6	Wed	Krishna Janmashtami	Global	Global	Religious obs.	1 – VERY LOW	Hindu festival celebrating the birth of the Hindu God Krishna. Ceremonies and prayers will be held across India and Hindu communities around the globe.
		Arbaeen	Iraq	Karbala	Religious obs.	2 – LOW	National holiday observed on the 40th day after the Day of Ashura.
7	Thu	International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies	Global	Global	Other	2 – LOW	A UN international day held since 2020 to observe the importance of clean air around the globe.
		Anniversary of Brazil's Independence	Brazil	Nationwide	Other	3 – MODERATE	The 201st anniversary of Brazil's Independence.
		Europride 2023 Parade	Malta	Valletta	Public event	3 – MODERATE	European festival celebrating the rights of LGBTQIA+ people from 7-17 September.
8	Fri	Anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's death	Global	Global	Other	1 – VERY LOW	The 1st anniversary of Her Royal Highness (HRH) Queen Elizabeth II's death.
		Rugby World Cup	France	Nationwide	Public event	2 – LOW	Sporting tournament to take place between 8 September - 28 October.

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9	Sat	G20 Heads of State and Government Summit	India	New Delhi	Politics	2 – LOW	A meeting for leading countries and the EU is to be held in New Delhi, India from 9-10 September. The summit will be a culmination of all the G20 processes and meetings held throughout the year among ministers, senior officials, and civil societies.
		National Day	North Korea	Nationwide	Public event	3 – MODERATE	The 74th anniversary of the creation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK). Performances, exhibitions, and military parades are often witnessed during the event.
10	Sun	Regional elections	Russia	Nationwide	Politics	3 – MODERATE	Regional elections taking place including across annexed territories.
		Eastern Economic Forum	Russia	Vladivostok	Other	3 – MODERATE	An annual international forum to encourage foreign investment in the Russian Far East. The forum takes place amid the ongoing war in Ukraine and Russia's diplomatic pivot towards China and North Korea.
		Suicide prevention day	United Kingdom	Salford	Public event	2 – LOW	Start Inspiring Minds to hold a Vigil & Procession of Remembrance for lives that have been lost to suicide and in support of those left behind, starting at 1900hrs 130~ yellow flags will be marched through Salford centre, starting at the Salford Museum Art Gallery.
11	Mon	Anniversary of 9/11 terror attacks	Global	Global	Terrorism	3 – MODERATE	The 22nd anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, which were a series of coordinated terrorist attacks by the Islamic extremist terrorist group al-Qaeda against the US. The attacks resulted in 2,977 fatalities, over 25,000 injuries, and caused \$10~ billion in infrastructure and property damage.
12	Tue	UN General Assembly	United States of America	New York	Public event	2 – LOW	The 78th session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA 78) will take place from 12-30 September, with the first high-level General Debate taking place on 25 September.
		US Congress reopens following summer recess	United States of America	Washington, DC	Politics	1 – VERY LOW	US lawmakers return on duty following the summer recession.
13	Wed	Anniversary of Insulate Britain's launch action	United Kingdom	Nationwide	Unrest	3 – MODERATE	The 2nd anniversary of Insulate Britain's first action, where activists began a series of roadblocks at five junctions on the M25.
15	Fri	Rosh Hashanah	Global	Global	Religious obs.	1 – VERY LOW	Jewish religious holiday which will take place between 15-17 September.
		Independence Day	El Salvador	Nationwide	Public event	2 – LOW	202nd anniversary marking the gaining of independence from Spain in 1821, celebrated as a national holiday.
		Independence Day	Guatemala	Nationwide	Public event	2 – LOW	202nd anniversary marking the gaining of independence from Spain in 1821, celebrated as a national holiday.
		Independence Day	Honduras	Nationwide	Public event	2 – LOW	202nd anniversary marking the gaining of independence from Spain in 1821, celebrated as a national holiday.

		Independence Day	Nicaragua	Nationwide	Public event	2 – LOW	202nd anniversary marking the gaining of independence from Spain in 1821, celebrated as a national holiday.
16	Sat	Oktoberfest	Germany	Munich	Public event	2 – LOW	The start of the annual Oktoberfest in Munich, Germany. It is the world's largest beer festival running from 16 September - 3 October.
		Anniversary of Mahsa Amini's Death	Iran	Nationwide	Unrest	3 – MODERATE	The 1st anniversary of the death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini under Iran's morality police, which inspired global protests.
		Independence Day	Mexico	Nationwide	Public event	3 – MODERATE	213th anniversary marking independence from Spain in 1810, celebrated as a national holiday.
17	Sun	Climate Ambition Summit	United States of America	New York City	Politics	3 – MODERATE	A summit organized by the UN Secretary-General and to be in attendance by world leaders to collaborate on ideas to combat climate change at a faster pace.
22	Fri	World Car Free Day	Global	Global	Other	3 – MODERATE	Living Streets, an anti-car activist network, has organized a day to oppose the widespread use of cars in urban areas around the globe, encouraging supporters to boycott cars and redecorate streets to be built around people.
23	Sat	World Wide Rally for Freedom 13.0	Global	Global	Unrest	2 – LOW	A global collaboration of anti-vaxx and anti-government activist groups protesting in major cities across the globe.
24	Sun	Yom Kippur	Global	Global	Religious obs.	1 – VERY LOW	Jewish holiday which will take place between 24-25 September.
26	Tue	International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons	Global	Global	Other	3 – MODERATE	A UN Day of Action calling for the total elimination of nuclear weapons. Potential for demonstrations targeting nuclear facilities (including aerospace and defense, and energy organizations).
27	Wed	Memorial Day	Azerbaijan	Nationwide	Public Event	2 – LOW	A national observance established under a December 2020 presidential decree to honor Azerbaijanis who died in the country's second conflict with Armenia over the Nagorno-Karabakh region during the autumn of that year.
28	Thu	Chuseok	South Korea	Nationwide	Public event	2 – LOW	Mid-autumn harvest festival and a 3-day holiday celebrating Korean ancestral traditions.
30	Sat	End of fiscal year	United States of America	Nationwide	Politics	2 – LOW	The US fiscal year concludes as well as the deadline for an agreement for the 2024 US Federal Government budget.