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FRANCE: Update – Airport strikes confirmed

Air traffic controllers have announced they will strike tomorrow (April 25) after a breakdown of negotiations, according to *France 24*.

At Paris Orly Airport, 75% of flights could be cancelled and 65% at Paris-Charles de Gaulle. Other airports across the country will also be badly affected.

Major delays are expected, and some flights over French airspace could also be affected. The main union has also issued notice for potential strikes from May 9-11.

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UNITED KINGDOM: More train strikes

Train drivers at 16 train companies across the UK will strike from May 7-9 due to the long-running dispute over pay and working conditions, reports *BBC*.

On May 7, drivers from c2c, Greater Anglia, Great Northern, Thameslink, Southeastern, Southern, Gatwick Express, South Western Railway main line, and Island Line will strike.

Drivers from Avanti West Coast, Chiltern Railways, CrossCountry, East Midlands Railway, Great Western Railway, and West Midlands Trains will strike on May 8.

On May 9, drivers from LNER, Northern Trains, and TransPennine Express will strike. An overtime ban will also take place from May 6-11.

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ITALY: Transport workers strike

Public transport workers in Italy will strike nationwide on April 26 to demand increased salaries and improved safety measures, reports *Crisis 24*.

In Rome and Lazio, the strike will take place from 08h30-12h30, and will affect local rail, trolleybus, and bus networks.

In Bologna and Ferrara the strike will last from 11h30-15h30 and will disrupt bus and coach services. The Marconi Express service from Bologna to Bologna Airport will also be affected.

Bus, metro, tram, and trolleybus services in Milan will be affected from 08h45-12h45.

In Naples, the funicular service could face cancellations from 10h50-15h20. The metro system will be affected between 10h20 and 15h50, with local rail, tram, bus, and trolleybus services affected from 11h00-15h00.

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NEW ZEALAND: Weather warnings

Weather warnings have been issued for severe conditions across southern and central South Island this week, according to *Crisis 24*.

From today (April 24), orange warnings for heavy rain have been issued for the Westland District. Orange warnings for strong wind are in place for Canterbury High Country.

A yellow watch for heavy rain has been issued for Fiordland. A yellow watch for strong wind is in place for parts of Fiordland, Southland, Clutha, Queenstown Lakes, Central Otago, and Dunedin.

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THAILAND: Heatwave conditions

A heatwave is expected across northern Thailand today (April 24), according to *Thaiger*.

Temperatures are expected to reach 44C, breaking records previously held by Mae Hong Son province in 2016 and Tak province last year.

An alert has been issued for those in affected areas to take precautions against the heat and to avoid prolonged outdoor activities. It is expected to be hot to very hot across most of the country.

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NETHERLANDS: Overnight tourists limited

Amsterdam is limiting the number of travellers allowed to stay overnight in the city to combat overtourism, according to *USA Today*.

Overnight tourists will be limited to 20 million for the year. Last year, there were around 20 665 000 visitors in hotels alone, excluding holiday rentals, bed and breakfasts, and cruise nights.

The construction of new hotels has also been banned.

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INDONESIA: Mount Bromo to close

Mount Bromo will close from April 25-26 for clean-up operations to take place following a busy holiday period during Eid al-Fitr, reports *Temo.co*.

The active volcano situated in East Java is a popular tourist destination that is busy during holidays. This causes large amount of litter across the attraction.

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TURKEY: Maiden's Tower to close

One of Istanbul's most popular tourist attractions, Maiden's Tower will close to visitors from April 24-30 for control inspections to take place, reports *Turkiye Newspaper*.

The site is on a small island and requires regular maintenance to preserve its historic significance and visitor safety. It will reopen to the public on May 1.

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ICELAND: Cruise passenger limit

Isafjordur in the Westfjords region has introduced a daily cruise passenger limit, according to *Birmingham Live*.

The town will limit the number of visitors to 5 000 per day. The tradition of blowing the horn when arriving or leaving the port has also been banned.

Isafjordur is the third-largest cruise ship port in the country and expects to see over 255 000 visitors this year.
