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Assessment of Potential High-Risk Dates for Terror Attacks (September 2025 Onward) This assessment identifies upcoming dates that could pose elevated risks for terror attacks in the US, based on historical patterns, current threat intelligence, and the factors mentioned (e.g., large gatherings, cyber vulnerabilities, natural disasters like earthquakes, anti-American rhetoric from extremist groups, ongoing government purges and arrests, national holidays, attacks on religious sites, civil unrest, National Guard deployments, ICE operations, and bomb threats). Risks are evaluated probabilistically, drawing from recent DHS advisories on lone-wolf actors, ISIS-inspired threats, and heightened tensions from international conflicts like Iran.

No date is guaranteed to see an incident, but these align with vulnerabilities where extremists could exploit crowds, symbolism, or chaos. I focused on dates from September 3, 2025, through early 2026, prioritizing those with overlapping factors (e.g., a holiday coinciding with a major event or amid arrests).

Earthquakes are unpredictable but could amplify risks in prone areas (e.g., California, Alaska) if they occur, potentially straining response resources. Cyber attacks might target infrastructure during high-visibility periods.

Recent trends include vehicle-ramming incidents (e.g., New Orleans Jan 2025), bomb threats at schools and public venues, and elevated threats to houses of worship.

Key Risk Categories and Context

- **Large Gatherings**: Sports, concerts, and festivals draw crowds, making them soft targets for low-tech attacks (e.g., vehicles, bombs).
- **National Holidays**: Symbolic for extremists; often involve parades or travel spikes.
- **Political/Government Events**: Ongoing "housecleaning" (e.g., politician arrests, depositions) and ICE operations (with National Guard in 19 states since Aug 2025) could provoke riots or retaliatory attacks from domestic or foreign actors.
- **Religious/Extremist Triggers**: Calls for "death to America" from Muslim extremists (e.g., ISIS affiliates) may intensify around anniversaries or Christian holidays, amid reports of church burnings/graffiti.
- **Unrest Indicators**: Recent riots, curfews (e.g., linked to ICE raids in LA), and bomb threats signal probing by threats.
- **Other**: Cyber attacks from pro-Iran groups; earthquakes could create opportunistic chaos; USNG deployments (e.g., for immigration crackdowns) might escalate tensions.

High-Risk Dates Table Dates are listed chronologically, with risk level (Low-Medium-High based on overlap of factors), key events/factors, and rationale. Focus is on US-centric risks.

| Date | Risk Level | Key Events/Factors | Rationale | |-----|-----|-----|-----|

| |September 11, 2025 | High | 9/11 Anniversary; Memorial events in NYC, DC, PA; Global Summit on Terrorism & Political Violence in NYC. | Symbolic date for jihadist attacks; DHS notes heightened lone-wolf risks from Iran conflict and ISIS calls. Recent X posts warn of school bomb threats around this date; could coincide with church attacks or cyber disruptions. X discussions predict unrest.

| | September 12-14, 2025 | Medium | Flower City Comic Con (Rochester, NY); Ongoing NFL games (e.g., Thursday Night Football). | Large indoor gatherings vulnerable to bomb threats; aligns with recent school threats and extremist probing. National Guard deployments in NY for ICE ops could spark riots.

| | October 13, 2025 | Medium-High | Columbus Day (federal holiday); Parades in major cities (e.g., NYC, Chicago). | Holiday crowds; potential for protests/riots amid "government housecleaning" arrests of politicians. Church graffiti attacks reported rising; could tie to anti-American rhetoric.

| | October 24-30, 2025 (approx.) | Medium | MLB World Series (various US cities, depending on teams). | Massive stadium crowds; sports events historically targeted (e.g., Boston Marathon). Cyber attacks on ticketing/infrastructure possible during high-viewership.

| | November 11, 2025 | High | Veterans Day; Parades and ceremonies nationwide (e.g., DC, NYC). | Symbolic for military-targeted attacks; overlaps with X predictions of military arrests and curfews in Oct-Nov. Recent threats to public spaces; potential for riots if politician arrests escalate.

| | November 27-30, 2025 | High | Thanksgiving holiday; Travel peaks (airports, malls); Black Friday shopping crowds. | High travel volumes create chaos; bomb threats at malls/airports common. Church services vulnerable; cyber attacks on power grids during cold weather. ICE operations in high-immigration areas (e.g., TX, CA) with Guard support could trigger unrest. X warns of attacks Nov-Feb window.

| | December 2-3, 2025 | Medium | Plant Based World Conference and Expo (NYC, Javits Center). | Large convention; food/security themes could attract eco-extremists or tie to broader threats. Amid holiday season start.

| | December 25, 2025 | High | Christmas Day; Church services, family gatherings, malls open. | Prime for church burnings/attacks amid extremist calls; recent FB-ISAO elevated threats to houses of worship. Symbolic for jihadists; cyber disruptions to holiday infrastructure.

| | December 31, 2025 - January 1, 2026 | High | New Year's Eve celebrations (e.g., Times Square ball drop, Las Vegas strip). | Massive crowds; history of attacks (e.g., New Orleans Jan 2025 vehicle ramming). Potential for bomb threats, riots if arrests continue. Cyber attacks on celebrations.

| | January 20, 2026 (if relevant) | Medium | Potential political events (e.g., if mid-term related or anniversary of Jan 6, 2021). | Symbolic for domestic extremism; could see unrest from "housecleaning" depositions.

| | February 8, 2026 (approx.) | Medium-High | Super Bowl (location TBD, e.g., Levi's Stadium, CA). | Largest US sporting event; high-profile target for terror/cyber. Earthquakes in CA add risk if seismic activity spikes.

| ##### Additional Considerations

- **Ongoing/Variable Risks**: ICE raids with National Guard (ongoing since Jun 2025 in states like CA, TX, FL) may lead to spontaneous riots/curfews, especially in urban areas like LA. Watch weekends with NFL games or concerts. Earthquakes: No predictions, but 2025 has seen typical activity (e.g., M6+ in AK, CA); a major one (e.g., Cascadia zone) could be exploited.

- **Mitigation**: DHS emphasizes vigilance for lone actors; report suspicious activity. Threats from Muslim extremists remain elevated but not resurgent overall. Political arrests could peak Sep-Oct, per X speculation.

- **Sources**: This draws from DHS assessments, recent attacks, and event calendars; risks are informed estimates, not forecasts.