

Introduction

We have data and forecasts for three new countries: Kazakhstan, Moldova, Peru. We have updated data and forecasts for Cameroon, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Senegal, Zimbabwe, Colombia, Ecuador, Honduras, Paraguay, and Uzbekistan. We are forecasting major events for Cameroon, Kenya, Rwanda, Senegal, and Colombia. We are applying weighting for Zimbabwe and Paraguay.

Note: Since our last forecasts for these countries, we have made improvements to our measures of several events. Our new measures remove articles that report on events that are not directly relevant to civic space. For example, articles reporting on arrests that involve regular criminal activity are no longer included in the *Arrests* measure. For this reason, the forecasts made in past months are not directly comparable to the updated data. The affected categories are: *Arrests*, *Cooperation*, *Corruption*, *Defamation Cases*, *Legal Actions*, *Legal Changes*, *Purges*, *Raids*, *Political threats*, *Lethal violence*, and *Non-lethal violence*. For more information, see the *Recent Pipeline Updates* on [our web page](#).

In these memos, we describe any major events that were detected in our data since the last update. We hope that this information can be useful for monitoring conditions across countries. We also review any notable forecasts made during the last data update and highlight any notable events we are forecasting over the next seven months. Importantly, we only highlight predictions of large events from models with high accuracy scores.

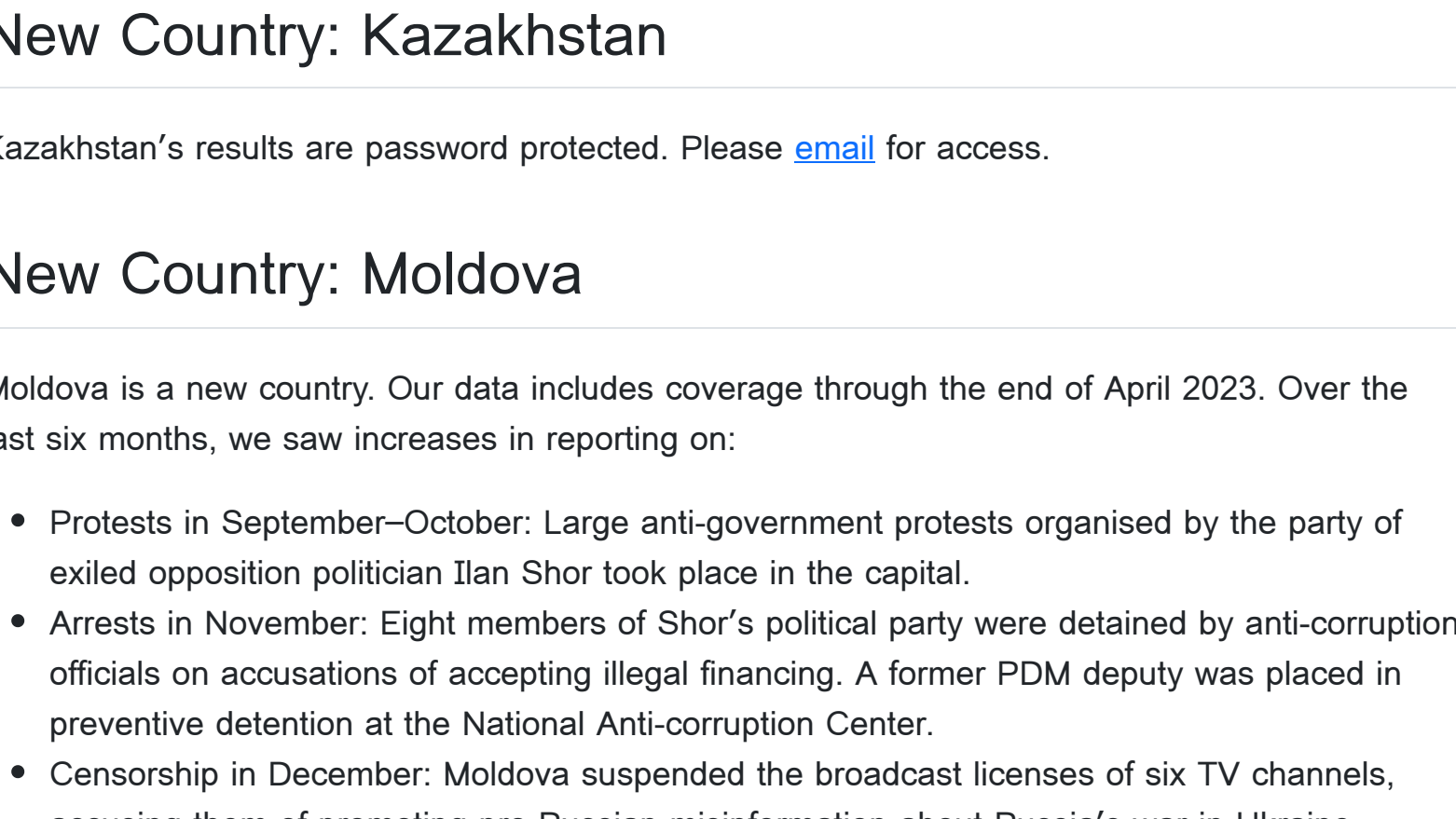
We encourage you to visit the MLP website to explore all of our data, forecasts, and recent pipeline updates.

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Current country coverage



New Country: Kazakhstan

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New Country: Moldova

Moldova is a new country. Our data includes coverage through the end of April 2023. Over the last six months, we saw increases in reporting on:

- Protests in September–October: Large anti-government protests organised by the party of exiled opposition politician Ileana Șor took place in the capital.
- Arrests in November: Eight members of Șor's political party were detained by anti-corruption officials on accusations of accepting illegal financing. A former PDM deputy was placed in preventive detention at the National Anti-corruption Center.
- Censorship in December: Moldova suspended the broadcast licenses of six TV channels, accusing them of promoting pro-Russian misinformation about Russia's war in Ukraine.
- Irregular Transition in February: Ukrainian and Moldovan officials publicized alleged Russian plans to orchestrate an overthrow of the Moldovan government.
- Purge/Replace in February: Moldova's Prime Minister resigned from office.
- Legal Changes in March: A new Customs Code was adopted. Romanian received official language status.

Forecasts

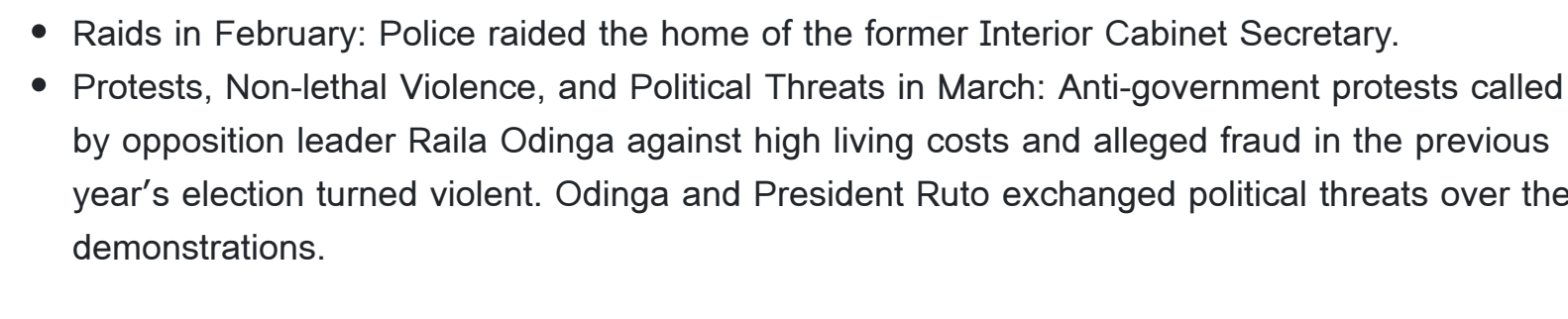
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New Country: Peru

Peru is a new country. Our data includes coverage through the end of April 2023. Over the last six months, we saw increases in reporting on:

- Arrests, State of Emergency, and Irregular Transition in December: Peru's president attempted to dissolve parliament, which was followed by his arrest and a national state of emergency.
- Protests, Raids, and Lethal and Non-lethal Violence in January: Mass protests spread across the country, including deadly clashes with police. Peruvian National Police (PNP) with tanks entered Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos (UNMSM) to evict protesters.
- Election Irregularities in February: Congress rejected proposals to advance the timing of elections after the ouster of the president.
- Legal Actions in March–April: Multiple members of congress were accused of criminal activity in the 'Los Niños' case. A former congressman was convicted in the murder of a journalist.
- Troop Mobilization in April: The Peruvian Army and Air Force were deployed to monitor multiple border areas to intercept migrants.

Forecasts



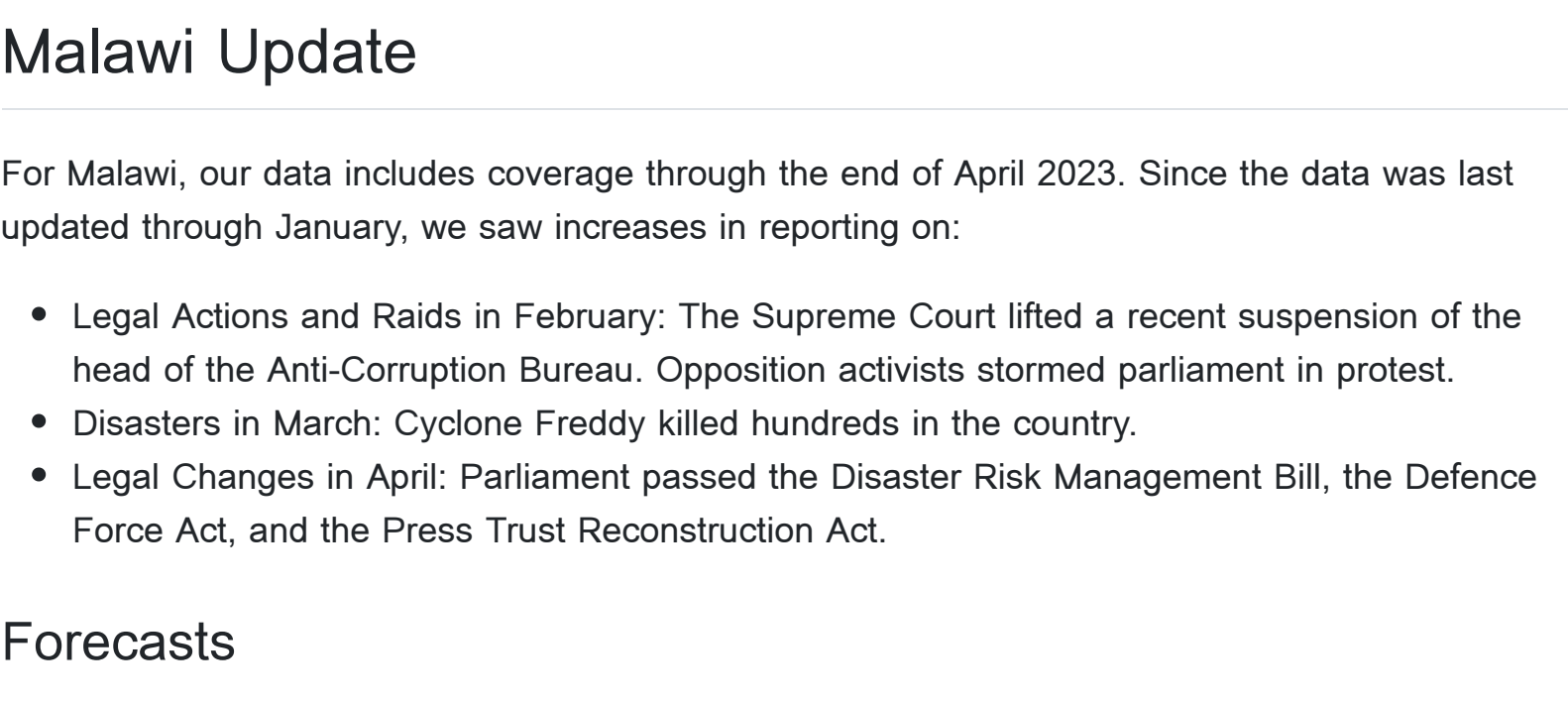
Kenya Update

For Kenya, our data includes coverage through the end of April 2023. Since the data was last updated through January, we saw increases in reporting on:

- Raids in February: Police raided the home of the former Interior Cabinet Secretary.
- Protests, Non-lethal Violence, and Political Threats in March: Anti-government protests called by opposition leader Raila Odinga against high living costs and alleged fraud in the previous year's election turned violent. Odinga and President Ruto exchanged political threats over the demonstrations.

Forecasts

We are predicting elevated levels of reporting on Corruption in Q2 and Q4 2023. This is largely consistent with our forecast from February, which predicted elevated Corruption in Q2 and Q3 2023.



Malawi Update

For Malawi, our data includes coverage through the end of April 2023. Since the data was last updated through January, we saw increases in reporting on:

- Legal Actions and Raids in February: The Supreme Court lifted a recent suspension of the head of the Anti-Corruption Bureau. Opposition activists stormed parliament in protest.
- Disasters in March: Cyclone Freddy killed hundreds in the country.
- Legal Changes in April: Parliament passed the Disaster Risk Management Bill, the Defence Force Act, and the Press Trust Reconstruction Act.

Forecasts

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Rwanda Update

For Rwanda, our data includes coverage through the end of April 2023. Since the data was last updated through October, we saw increases in reporting on:

- Political Cooperation in November: Diplomatic talks between Rwanda and DRC took place.
- Legal Changes in April: Major tax reforms were implemented and parliament considered constitutional changes to the timing of elections.

Forecasts

Our standard models are not predicting any major events over the next seven months. Our shock models are predicting a spike in Purge/Replace in Q3 and Q4 2023. See the CSEWS dashboard for a list of events that we can forecast accurately in this country.

Senegal Update

For Senegal, our data includes coverage through the end of April 2023. Since the data was last updated through September, we saw increases in reporting on:

- Arrests in November: A prominent journalist was arrested on accusations of releasing classified information.
- Non-Lethal Violence and Legal Actions in December: Two Members of Parliament were charged with assaulting a female colleague.
- Corruption in December: The wife of a prominent lawyer was charged with corruption carrying the potential of a five-year prison sentence.
- Defamation Cases in March–April: An opposition leader was found guilty of defaming the Tourism Minister, whom he accused of embezzlement.

Forecasts

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Zimbabwe Update

For Zimbabwe, our data includes coverage through the end of April 2023. Since the data was last updated through November, we saw increases in reporting on:

- Non-Lethal Violence in February: Violent partisan attacks occurred ahead of elections scheduled for July.
- Legal Changes in February: Parliament introduced the Police Amendment Bill and the Private Voluntary Organisations (PVO) Amendment Bill.
- Legal Actions and Corruption in February–March: Former Cabinet Minister Ignatius Chombo was acquitted of charges of misappropriating funds. Multiple public officials faced graft charges, including the Clerk of Parliament.
- Election Irregularities in April: The opposition Citizens Coalition for Change (CCC) reported harassment ahead of the elections scheduled for July.
- Arrests in April: Opposition leader Jacob Ngarivhume was sentenced to three years in jail for inciting violence with Twitter messages encouraging participation in illegal demonstration in July 2020.

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Uzbekistan Update

For Uzbekistan, our data includes coverage through the end of April 2023. Since the data was last updated through October, we saw increases in reporting on:

- Purge/Replace in December: Several government ministers were dismissed, including the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- Arrests in February: Six Turkmenistan officials were arrested following an accident at the largest gas field in Turkmenistan that interrupted gas supplies to Uzbekistan. Police detained a prominent blogger on accusations of extortion and fraud.
- Defamation Cases in April: The leader of a separatist movement was put on trial for several charges, including insulting the President.
- Election Activity in April: A referendum was held on revising the constitution and allowing the President to seek a third term.

Forecasts

In December, our models predicted a small increase in Arrest activity in Q3 2023. Instead, we saw a small increase in Arrests two months in Q2.



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Colombia Update

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Ecuador Update

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Honduras Update

For Honduras, our data includes coverage through the end of April 2023. Since the data was last updated through January, we saw increases in reporting on:

- Protests in March: There was a series of unrelated protests, including teachers protesting an increase in the retirement age and a strike in the attorney general's office.
- Purge/Replace in April: The director of a major public hospital was fired, the Minister of Development resigned, and there was reporting on a potential cabinet shake-up.

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Paraguay Update

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