

# Semi-Weekly MLP Data Update

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## Introduction

We have data and forecasts for one new country: Algeria. We have updated data and forecasts for Armenia, Paraguay, Benin, DR Congo, Ghana, Tanzania, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Angola, Mauritania. We are forecasting significant events for Angola, Ghana, and Tanzania.

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.

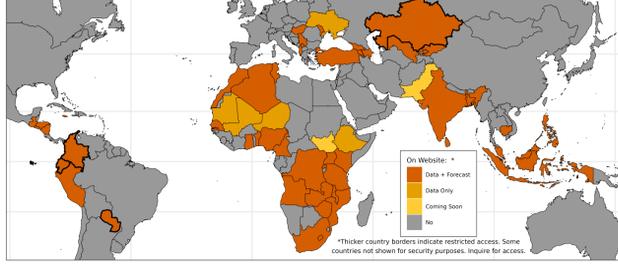
We encourage you to visit the MLP website to explore all of our data, forecasts, and recent pipeline updates.

MLP Website: [here](#)

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Dashboards and Pipeline Updates: [here](#)

Current country coverage



## New Country: Algeria

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

- Legal Changes in April: Parliament ratified the organic law on information, which was criticized by civil society and international groups, and approved legislation limiting the right to protest.
- Defamation in May: Algeria's former Minister of Culture filed a civil defamation suit against the leader of Algeria's Workers' Party, who was ordered to pay a fine and damages.

## Forecasts

Our models are not predicting any major events over the next seven months. See the CSEWS dashboard for a list of events that we can forecast accurately in this country.

## Mauritania

For Mauritania, our data includes coverage through the end of June 2023. Since the data was last updated through March, we saw increases in reporting on:

- Election Activity and Election Irregularities in May: Mauritanian held parliamentary elections. Six parties demanded a cancellation of results in certain areas due to alleged fraud.

## Forecasts

Due to the low volume of articles from local sources, we do not publish forecasts for Mauritania

## Armenia

For Armenia, our data includes coverage through the end of June 2023. Since the data was last updated through March, we saw increases in reporting on:

- Corruption in April: The Anti-Corruption Committee arrested a business leader and the deputy commander of the military unit of the Ministry of Defense on separate corruption charges.

## Forecasts

Our models are not predicting any major events over the next seven months. See the CSEWS dashboard for a list of events that we can forecast accurately in this country.

## Angola

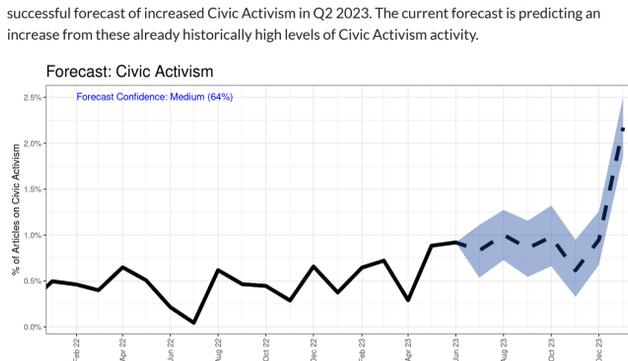
For Angola, our data includes coverage through the end of June 2023. Since the data was last updated through March, we saw increases in reporting on:

- Corruption in May: A court ordered Frank's International, a Dutch company, to pay the U.S. Treasury \$7.9 million for participating in bribes in Angola.
- Civic Activism in May/June: A campaign called "Protect Protest" was launched to support the ability of civilians to peacefully protest. An Angolan NGO presented a civic education program on local elections.

## Forecasting

In our last report, our shock models predicted a shock to Non-Lethal Violence in Q3 2023. Our updated models are no longer predicting this shock.

Our standard models are predicting a spike in Civic Activism in Q1 2024. Interestingly, this follows a successful forecast of increased Civic Activism in Q2 2023. The current forecast is predicting an increase from these already historically high levels of Civic Activism activity.



## Benin

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

- Corruption in May: A pioneer of the anti-corruption movement in Benin died due to injuries sustained in a car accident.
- Natural Disasters in May: At least 2 soldiers were killed and 8 injured in the explosion of an ammunition hold.

## Forecasts

Our models are not predicting any major events over the next seven months. See the CSEWS dashboard for a list of events that we can forecast accurately in this country.

## DR Congo

For DR Congo, our data includes coverage through the end of June 2023. Since the data was last updated through March, we saw increases in reporting on:

- Arrests in May: Three police officers were arrested for the mistreatment of a minor during an opposition march in Kinshasa.
- Legal Actions in May: A Member of Parliament was tried before the Military High Court. Another Member of Parliament was tried for the incitement of ethnic violence.
- Protests in May: On May 20, there was a march in Kinshasa organized by the opposition party that resulted in violence from both police and civilians.
- State of Emergency in May: The National Assembly authorized an extension of the state of emergency in North Kivu.
- Natural Disasters in May: Hundreds of citizens died and thousands of buildings were damaged in floods that occurred across the country.

## Forecasts

Our models are not predicting any major events over the next seven months. See the CSEWS dashboard for a list of events that we can forecast accurately in this country.

## Ghana

For DR Congo, our data includes coverage through the end of June 2023. Since the data was last updated through March, we saw increases in reporting on:

- Civic Activism in April: The National Democratic Congress (NDC) petitioned the Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice to investigate public officers mentioned in a report on illegal mining. Ghana's two main parties both petitioned the Ghana Police Service to arrest several political commentators over concerns that their statements about the 2024 elections could incite violence.
- Election Activity in May: Candidates from both the NPP and NDC continued to vie for support in the 2024 parliamentary and presidential elections. On May 13th the NDC held its parliamentary and presidential primary elections. The area of Kumawu held an MP election to replace their previous representative who passed away.
- Election Irregularity in May: There were allegations of election rigging and vote buying in the NDC primary election. There were also allegations of vote buying in the Kumawu by-elections.

## Forecasts

In our last report, our standard models predicted a spike in Civic Activism in Q3 2023. Our updated models are still predicting this spike in Civic Activism in Q3 2023. However, the accuracy of these updated models have fallen below our reporting threshold.

Our shock models are predicting a shock to Non-Lethal Violence in Q4 2023.



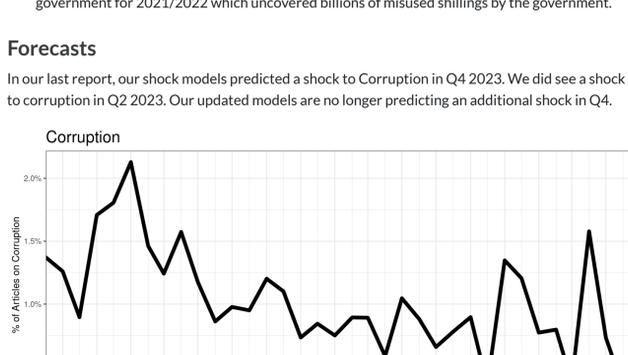
## Tanzania

For Tanzania, our data includes coverage through the end of June 2023. Since the data was last updated through March, we saw increases in reporting on:

- Legal Changes in April: The Stakeholders of the Right to Information planned to meet with Parliament to discuss changes made to the Information Services Law.
- Corruption in April: The Controller and Audit General released an audit of the Tanzanian government for 2021/2022 which uncovered billions of misused shillings by the government.

## Forecasts

In our last report, our shock models predicted a shock to Corruption in Q4 2023. We did see a shock to corruption in Q2 2023. Our updated models are no longer predicting an additional shock in Q4.



## Uganda

For Uganda, our data includes coverage through the end of June 2023. Since the data was last updated through March, we saw increases in reporting on:

- Arrests and Corruption in April: Politicians were detained, questioned, and tried over the diversion of metal sheets that were meant for the citizens of the Karamoja region.
- Lethal and non-lethal violence in June: Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) rebels attacked a secondary school, killing more than 40 students.

## Forecasts

Our models are not predicting any major events over the next seven months. See the CSEWS dashboard for a list of events that we can forecast accurately in this country.

## Zimbabwe

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

- Defamation Legislation in June: The Supreme Court of Zimbabwe dismissed an appeal filed by an opposition legislator being sued for defaming executives at an international investment firm.
- Legal Changes in June: The Senate passed the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, which seeks to punish residents who campaign for international sanctions Zimbabwe.
- Election Activity in May/June: The Zanu PF party had to rerun primary elections after the original results in many regions were contested due to violence. New form of voter registration was used to help ensure a peaceful and non-corrupt Presidential election, which was set for August 23rd. The Nominations Court finalized the nominations for the elections being held in August.

## Forecasts

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## Paraguay

Paraguay's results are password protected. Please [email](#) for access.