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Subject: New fines

Since 25 September 2025, Madagascar has been experiencing significant civil unrest, initially sparked by widespread electricity and water shortages in the capital and other major cities. The situation has since escalated into nationwide protests, prompting the government to impose a night-time curfew to restore order.

According to our local colleague, ISPS Level One security remains in effect at all ports across Madagascar, ensuring a minimum level of port security and operational continuity.

The unrest is largely concentrated in the capital region, Antananarivo, where tensions intensified following reports that elements of the military, including members of the CAPSAT (unit of the armed forces which controls important aspects of the army, including personnel management, administrative support, logistics and technical service) who decided to stand behind the Gen-Z-led demonstrations.

This lead to the president Andry Rajoelina fleeing on Sunday last as army joined Gen-Z protesters whereas opposition Members of Madagascar's National Assembly wanted to begin impeachment proceedings against the President who on the hand has not resigned whereas he decided on 14/10 to dissolve the National Assembly to prevent a vote for impeachment proceedings.

According to media reports, around 22 fatalities have been recorded among demonstrators, with more than 100 people injured. Since the onset of the crisis, intermittent power and water supply disruptions were also reported.

As of today, port activities continue under close monitoring and while no direct impact on maritime operations has been so far officially reported, the situation remains fluid.

Continued vigilance is recommended regarding vessel movements, crew changes and inland logistics until further stabilization is confirmed.

Best regards