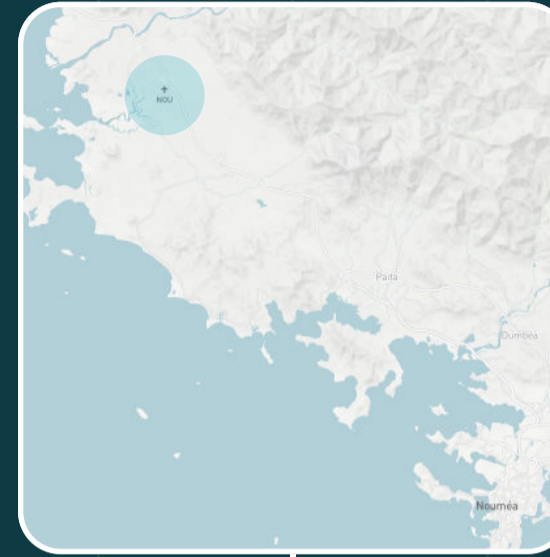


Crisis Timeline

2024 • February • April • May

# Unrest in New Caledonia



21 February

Pro-independence protesters clash with police in Noumea during a protest over a planned constitutional amendment by French authorities to New Caledonia's electoral roll for local elections

15 April

**Advisory Published**

Riskline publishes an advisory in anticipation of future unrest regarding the constitutional amendment bill in the French Parliament

14 May

Aircalin cancels flights at La Tontouta International, other airports

15 May

French National Assembly adopts constitutional amendment bill

15 May

Authorities declare territory-wide State of Emergency over unrest

28 May

Officials to lift state of emergency across New Caledonia on 28 May

13 April

France's National Assembly to vote on constitutional amendment bill on 13 May

14 May

Curfew imposed in Greater Noumea amid rallies

14 May

Officials ban public gatherings in Greater Noumea.

15 May

Casualties reported in Nouméa amid riots

21 May

Australian and New Zealand governments to send flights to evacuate nationals

Event summary

## Unrest in New Caledonia

On 14 May, clashes between police and rioters broke out amid separate rallies in Nouméa over the French National Assembly's vote on a constitutional amendment to allow French citizens who have been residing in New Caledonia for at least ten uninterrupted years to cast their votes at local elections in the territory. This change would boost support for anti-independence parties and shift the balance of power in local institutions.

At least five people were killed in and around Nouméa and one person was killed in Kaala-Gomen, North province, amid riots. Hundreds of people were injured, including around 100 police officers and gendarmes, and 230 people were arrested in and around Nouméa since 14 May.

French President Emmanuel Macron declared a territory-wide state of emergency banning public gatherings through 27 May. A daily 18:00-06:00 local time curfew was also imposed across New Caledonia until 06:00 local time on 27 May.