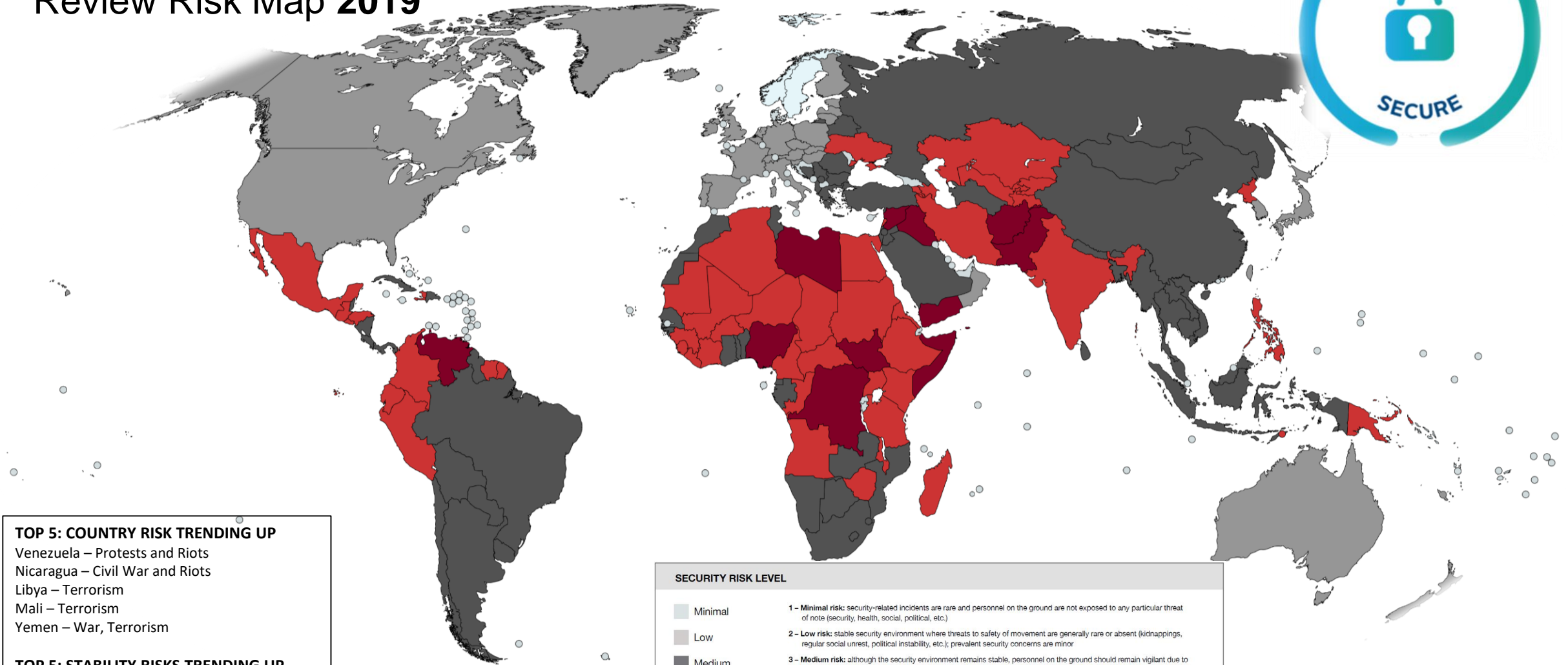


# Secure's Global Year In Review Risk Map 2019



## TOP 5: COUNTRY RISK TRENDING UP

- Venezuela – Protests and Riots
- Nicaragua – Civil War and Riots
- Libya – Terrorism
- Mali – Terrorism
- Yemen – War, Terrorism

## TOP 5: STABILITY RISKS TRENDING UP

- Global Data – Data exposure and restrictions.
- Weather – Wildfires, floods, extreme storms.
- Refugee Crisis – Global humanitarian crisis.
- Economy – Global economic slowdown.
- Inequality – The rise of unequal pay and strife.

### SECURITY RISK LEVEL

- Minimal
- Low
- Medium
- High
- Critical

- 1 – **Minimal risk:** security-related incidents are rare and personnel on the ground are not exposed to any particular threat of note (security, health, social, political, etc.)
- 2 – **Low risk:** stable security environment where threats to safety of movement are generally rare or absent (kidnappings, regular social unrest, political instability, etc.); prevalent security concerns are minor
- 3 – **Medium risk:** although the security environment remains stable, personnel on the ground should remain vigilant due to notable security concerns in some areas (high crime rates, significant environmental risk, etc.)
- 4 – **High risk:** personnel on the ground should maintain a high level of vigilance due to the presence of considerable and multiple risk factors (high levels of insecurity, significant health concerns, social and/or political instability, etc.)
- 5 – **Critical risk:** some areas of the country may be out of government control or experiencing violent conflict; professional security advice and support should be sought prior to travel

#### About Secure's Risk Map:

Secure's 2019 Risk Map ratings are a compilation of several sources including International SOS, WorldAware, and GardaWorld and should be used for information purposes only.

# A Global Year In Review



**Mexico**

On July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018, AeroMexico 2431 was involved in an accident just after departing General Guadalupe Victoria International Airport (DGO) in Durango, Mexico. Of the 103 passengers onboard, all survived the crash. This incident was a great example of how Flight Centre's Crisis Communications Plan aided clients in assessing the situation.

Mexico also saw a contentious election in 2018 with Lopez Obrador assuming power for a 5 year term. Eyes will be on Mexico in 2019 as the country continues to enact economic and social reforms which could have wide-reaching affects on the region.

**France**

France's year was marred by a number of protests related to rising fuel prices and high cost of living burdens. The Gilets Jaunes riots overtook the Champs Elysees on December 1<sup>st</sup> with over 100 cars torched and the Arc de Triomphe vandalized. The death toll has risen to 10 civilians with over 2000 reported injured.

France also saw a mass shooting in the European capital of Strasbourg on December 11<sup>th</sup> resulting in 5 deaths and 11 injuries. In 2019, France will continue to experience social strife and outside extremist threats with travelers urged to remain vigilant and monitor alerts affecting their itineraries.

**Venezuela**

Currently experiencing continuous political, economic, and social strife, Venezuela will continue to see an increase in violent crime and instability in 2019. In addition to a spike in violence, Venezuela has also seen a rise in inflation with the IMF predicting a 1.37 million percent inflation surge through the end of the year.

Travelers are highly encouraged to avoid Venezuela at all costs as countries around the world monitor its efforts to enact meaningful reform in an often turbulent political environment. Terrorism and kidnappings remain very high with no end in sight for the South American oil-rich country in 2019.

**Egypt**

Quarter one of 2018 saw a 30 percent jump in tourism to Egypt according to Egypt's Tourism Minister. However, Egypt's successful year was marred by a bombing of a tourist bus near Giza with initial reports indicating 4 dead and 11 wounded. Egypt also saw an attempted bombing of a US Embassy that misfired.

2019 has the potential to be a truly great year for Egypt with tourism continuing to rise and new attractions and headlines such as the discovery of a new Valley of the King's tomb driving a resurgence in Egypt's popularity.

**India**

In 2018, following the devastating floods affecting Kochi in Kerala, Cochin International Airport, India's 4<sup>th</sup> largest airport, was shut down for 15 days. The Kerala floods resulted in over 483 dead and 14 missing.

In 2019, India looks to remain an economic power in the region with GDP expected to continue to grow. Heading into the new year, factors influencing India's direction include a general election in 2019, global economic forces, and a potential rise in social inequality.

**South Africa**

In 2018, South Africa saw a number of environmental and political events such as the Cape Town Water Shortage Crisis and the swearing in of Cyril Ramaphosa as their new President.

South Africa also saw high levels of unemployment, creeping growth, and political distrust as the country contemplates land reforms and renewed elections in 2019. Though the country as a whole has remained a beacon for travelers and businesses a-like, regions throughout the world will be monitoring South Africa in 2019 as the country continues to shape its future.

**Indonesia**

In 2018, Indonesia was hit by a number of travel related events including 2 tsunamis and a fatal aviation accident involving Lion Air 610 which plunged into the Java Sea shortly after departing from Jakarta. Of the 189 passengers and crew onboard, none survived.

In 2019, Indonesia is expected to experience more volcanic and earthquake related events near its frequently active Ring of Fire region and a heightened focus on airline and passenger safety as the region continues to welcome more tourists and business travelers alike.

**Australia**

On November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Melbourne was rocked by a terror related incident involving a male attacker who deliberately set his car on fire and stabbed three people, one fatally in Melbourne.

2018 was also Australia's third hottest year on record with some estimates indicating a \$5.8 billion dollar cost relating to Australia's 2018 drought conditions. Floods in Sydney and bush fires in Queensland proved challenging to emergency services with most pointing to more climate related reforms in 2019.