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## U.S. tries to woo India away from Russia with display of F-35s, bombers

BENGALURU, Feb 17 - The United States brought its most advanced fighter jet, the F-35, to India for the first time this week alongside F-16s, Super Hornets and B-1B bombers as Washington looks to woo New Delhi away from its traditional military supplier, Russia.

India, desperate to modernise its largely Soviet-era fighter jet fleet to boost its air power, is concerned about Russian supply delays due to the Ukraine war and faces pressure from the West to distance itself from Moscow.

The American delegation to the week-long Aero India show in Bengaluru, which ends on Friday, is the biggest in the 27-year history of the show and underlines the growing strategic relationship between the United States and India.

In contrast, Russia, India's largest weapons supplier since the Soviet Union days, had a nominal presence. Its state-owned weapons exporter Rosoboronexport had a joint stall with United Aircraft and Almaz-Antey, displaying miniature models of aircraft, trucks, radars and tanks.

At previous editions of the show, Rosoboronexport had a more central position for its stall, although Russia has not brought a fighter jet to Bengaluru for a decade after India began considering more European and U.S. fighter jets.

Boeing (BA.N) F/A-18 Super Hornets have already entered the race to supply fighter jets for the Indian Navy's second aircraft carrier and Lockheed Martin's (LMT.N) F-21, an upgraded F-16 designed for India unveiled at Aero India in 2019, are also being offered to the air force.

A \$20 billion air force proposal to buy 114 multi-role fighter aircraft has been pending for five years, brought into sharp focus by tensions with China and Pakistan.

The F-35 is not being considered by India "as of now", according to an Indian Air Force (IAF) source, but the display of two F-35s at Aero India for the first time was a sign of New Delhi's growing strategic importance to Washington.

It was "not a sales pitch" but rather a signal to the importance of the bilateral defence relationship in the Indo-Pacific region, said Angad Singh, an independent defence analyst.

"Even if weapons sales aren't the cornerstone of the relationship, there is a cooperation and collaboration at the military level between India and the U.S.," he added.

The United States is selective about which countries it allows to buy the F-35. When asked if it would be offered to India, Rear Admiral Michael L. Baker, defence attache at the U.S. embassy in India, said New Delhi was in the "very early stages" of considering whether it wanted the plane.

An IAF spokesperson did not respond to a request for comment on its interest in F-35s.



Ahead of the show, Russian state news agencies reported that Moscow had supplied New Delhi with around \$13 billion of arms in the past five years and had placed orders for \$10 billion.

The United States has approved arms sales worth more than \$6 billion to India in the last six years, including transport aircraft,

Apache, Chinook and MH-60 helicopters, missiles, air defence systems, naval guns and P-8I Poseidon surveillance aircraft.

India also wants to manufacture more defence equipment at home in collaboration with global giants, first to meet its own needs and eventually to export sophisticated weapons platforms.

## Three Islamists, two others killed in storming of Karachi police station

KARACHI, Pakistan, Feb 17 (Reuters) - Islamists stormed a police station in the southern Pakistani city of Karachi on Friday, killing two people in a hail of gunfire and a series of loud explosions before they themselves were killed, officials said.

Security forces retook the building after several hours and killed three militants, a government spokesman said. Police commandoes and a bomb disposal squad entered the building and a security sweep was under way.

Two people had been killed and 11 wounded in the militants' attack, a government spokesman said.

A huge explosion was heard inside the station after a series of blasts when it was first attacked.

The Pakistani Taliban, or Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), took responsibility for the attack in a message sent by their spokesman to journalists.

The station houses offices of the city's most senior police. Deputy Inspector General Irfan Baloch told Reuters there could have been up to 30 police at the station at the time of the attack. Myanmar parallel government asks U.S. for more sanctions, funding for anti-junta forces Without naming BBC, India cites evidence of media firm's unpaid tax Former bodyguard arrested over shooting of Afghan female ex-MP Thai PM to dissolve parliament before term ends next month The Islamist TTP, separate from the Taliban ruling neighbouring

Afghanistan, has recently increased attacks on police in the northwest of Pakistan as part of its campaign against the government in Islamabad.

Overseas cricket players are competing in the Pakistan Super League, and Karachi is one of the host cities. There is a game scheduled for Saturday. The police station is located along the route to the stadium and the players' hotel is a few kilometres away. Top teams shunned Pakistan for years after six policemen and two civilians were killed in a 2009 attack on a bus carrying the Sri Lankan cricket team in Lahore. Police sealed off traffic on the main thoroughfare through Karachi and heavy contingents of security forces, including paramilitary soldiers, had arrived at the scene.



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# WEA LEE'S GLOBAL NOTES

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## Our Dear Friend Commissioner Cagle Is Now Our Attorney

We had a Beijing duck dinner with Commissioner Cagle after he lost the election. We tried to comfort him by saying that, "To win or lose is still not unusual."

I personally knew Commissioner Cagle not more than one year ago because of the redistricting of the County. His district changed to include the International District. For a Republican, that made it more difficult for him in this part of county and in last November's election he lost the seat.

Just last August, Cagle approved the building of an Asian style pavilion in our district. It is still expected to be completed within a year. Unfortunately, he will not be the person who will cut the ribbon when the structure is opened.

Cagle is a Republican. He served as a Judge for 22 years and as a Harris County Commissioner for 8 years. He has so many Chinese Asian friends, including his assistant who was a female Chinese American lawyer.

In our meeting Cagle said that he is still very concerned about our community and told me he is going to continue to support us.

We decided to hire him as our attorney. He readily accepted our offer. I joked with him that from now on, we will need his protection.

Cagle told me that even though he lost the election, he is now making more money and has more time with his family.



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## Editor's Choice



Protesters dressed in mock prison outfits attend a demonstration against French government's pension reform plan in Paris as part of the fifth day of national strike and protests in France. The slogans read "Free me from work" and "prisoner of work". REUTERS/Benoit Tessier



Turkish serviceman walks along a street with two women in the aftermath of a deadly earthquake in Antakya, Turkey. REUTERS/Maxim Shemetov



Musicians perform during a concert in Pyongyang, North Korea in this photo released by North Korea's Korean Central News Agency. KCNA via REUTERS



People dance during the opening ceremony of the traditional Opera Ball in Vienna, Austria. REUTERS/Nina Riggio



Indian Air Force (IAF) Suryakiran aerobatic team performs during the Aero India 2023 air show at Yelahanka air base in Bengaluru, India, February 13. REUTERS/Samuel Rajkumar



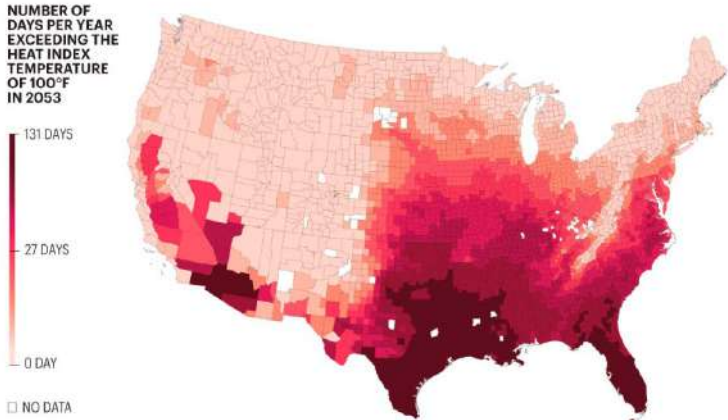
Contestants take part in the Mini Queen Carnival 2023 pageant during pre-carnival celebrations, in La Guaira, Venezuela. REUTERS/Leonardo Fernandez Viloria



**“We Need To Be Prepared For The Inevitable, That A Quarter Of The Country Will Soon Fall Inside The Extreme Heat Belt With Temperatures Exceeding 125 Degrees Fahrenheit And The Results Will Be Dire.”**

**Study: ‘Extreme Heat Belt’ Will Soon Impact Over 100 Million Americans**

**AMERICA’S “EXTREME HEAT BELT”**



Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

**Key Points**

A heat model released Monday by researchers from the non-profit group First Street Foundation estimates heat risks at the property level across the U.S. Researchers found the local hottest seven days of any particular area are expected to become the hottest 18 days over the next 30 years.

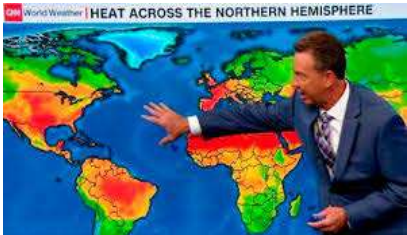
By 2053, 1,023 counties could experience heat index temperatures above 125 degrees.

As record-high temperatures recently swept across several parts of the U.S. this summer, new data on heat risks forecast an “extreme heat belt” will emerge in large parts of the country by 2053.

The heat model released Monday by researchers from the nonprofit group First Street Foundation estimates heat risks at the property level across the U.S. and how the intensity of hot days will change over the next three decades. The model identified the seven hottest days for any property this year and used that metric to determine how many of those days would occur in 30 years.

Researchers found the local hottest seven days of any particular area are expected to become the hottest 18 days over the next 30 years. Miami-Dade County may experience the most dramatic shift in temperature, where the region’s seven hottest days, which include heat index temperatures at 103 Fahrenheit degrees, could increase to 34 days a year at that temperature by 2053.

The states expected to see the largest increase in dangerous temperatures are Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri and Florida.



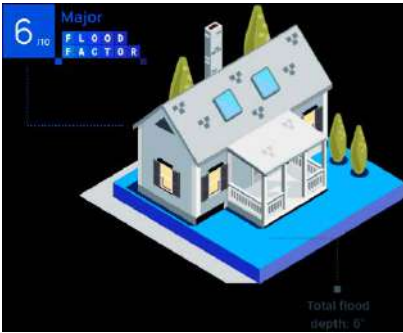
According to the model, an “extreme heat belt” will encompass an area stretching from Texas and Louisiana to Illinois, Indiana and even parts of Wisconsin. By 2053, 1,023 counties could experience heat index temperatures above 125 degrees, an area home to more than 107 million that covers a quarter of U.S. land area. The model also estimates that just next year, 50 counties are expected to see temperatures beyond that figure.

“Increasing temperatures are broadly discussed as averages, but the focus should be on the extension of the extreme tail events expected in a given year,” Matthew Eby, founder and CEO of First Street Foundation, said in a statement. (see below.)

“We need to be prepared for the inevitable, that a quarter of the country will soon fall inside the Extreme Heat Belt with temperatures exceeding 125 degrees Fahrenheit and the results will be dire,” Eby said.

Along with the report, the nonprofit has made an online tool available for users to search U.S. addresses and see their estimated heat risk. (<https://riskfactor.com/>)

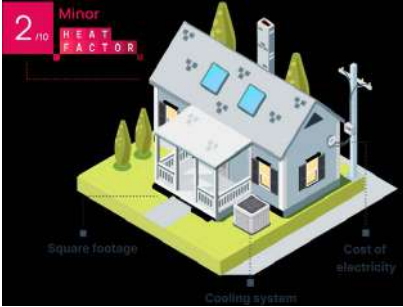
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**Risk Factors Across The United States**  
As featured in the New York Times  
“For too long, we have let people live in communities, and even attracted them to join a community, while keeping them in a state of

ignorance about the risk that they’re under.” Source: “Here is the first-ever map showing wildfire risk to American homes.” National Association of Realtors®  
“Flood Factor enables our members to become the source of the resource. It increases transparency. It’s really about giving them accurate information so they can make a great decision. It builds trust and confidence with clients. It’s a valuable tool to access information.”



**From the Wall Street Journal**  
“The model from the nonprofit First Street Foundation represents the first attempt to make property-level wildfire-risk scores freely available.”

Source: “Tens of millions of U.S. properties face wildfire risk, new study says.”

**Risk Factor**  
Risk Factor is a free tool created by the nonprofit First Street Foundation to make it easy to understand risks from a changing environment. The online tool available for users to search U.S. addresses and see their estimated heat risk. (Go here: <https://riskfactor.com/>)

**Statement From The First Street Foundation**  
First Street Foundation Finds an emerging “Extreme Heat Belt” will Impact Over 107 Million Americans by 2053

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Brooklyn (NY) — (August 15, 2022) - First Street Foundation today released their peer-reviewed extreme heat model along with the implications highlighted in The Sixth National Risk Assessment: Hazardous Heat. The report identifies the impact of increasing temperatures at a property level, and how the frequency, duration, and intensity of extremely hot days will change over the next 30 years from a changing climate. The Foundation’s analysis combines high-resolution measurements of land surface temperatures, canopy cover, impervious surfaces, land cover, and proximity to water to calculate the current heat exposure, and then adjusts for future forecasted emissions scenarios. This allows for the determination of the number of days any property would be expected to experience dangerous levels of heat. The model highlights the local impacts of climate change by identifying the seven hottest days expected for any property this year, and using that metric to calculate how many of those days would be experienced in 30 years.

**2053 AT LEAST ONE 125 DEGREE DAY**



The most severe shift in local temperatures is found in Miami-Dade County where the 7 hottest days, currently at 103°F, will increase to 34 days at that same temperature by 2053. Across the country, on average, the local hottest 7 days are expected to become the hottest 18 days by 2053. In the case of extreme heat, the model finds 50 counties, home to 8.1 million residents, that are expected to experience temperatures above 125°F in 2023, the highest level of the National Weather Services’ heat index. By 2053, 1,023 counties are expected to exceed this temperature, an area that is home to 107.6 million Americans and covers a quarter of the US land area. This emerging area, concentrated in a geographic region the Foundation calls the “Extreme Heat Belt,” stretches from the Northern Texas and Louisiana borders to Illinois, Indiana, and even into Wisconsin.

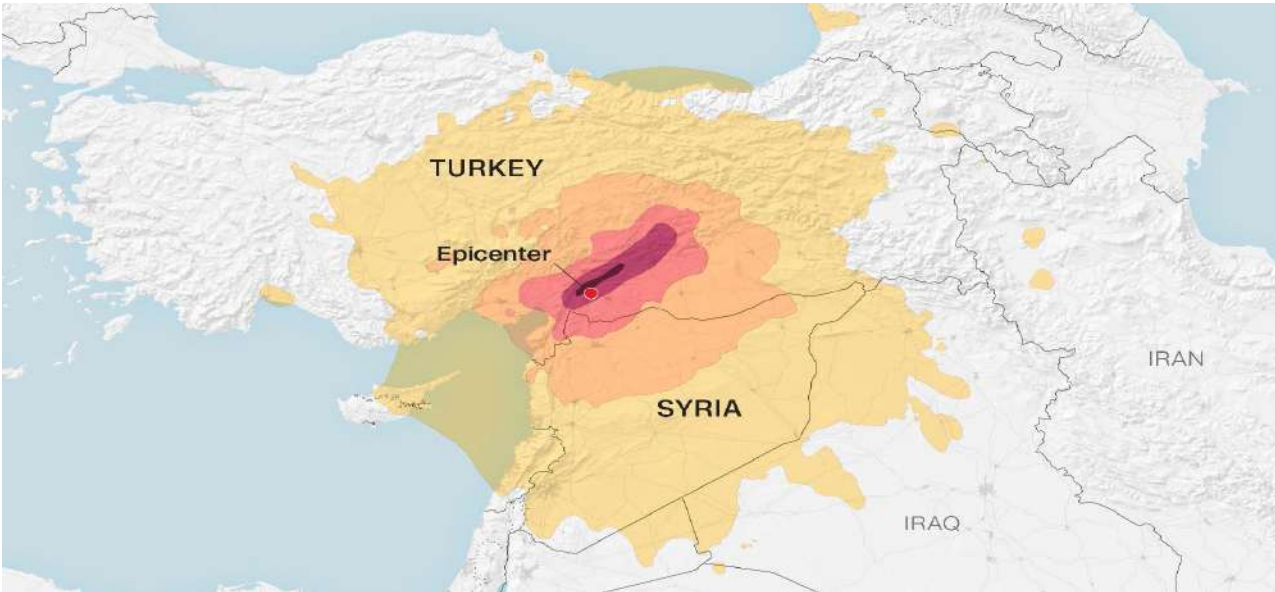


“Increasing temperatures are broadly discussed as averages, but the focus should be on the extension of the extreme tail events expected in a given year,” said Matthew Eby, founder and CEO of First Street Foundation. “We need to be prepared for the inevitable, that a quarter of the country will soon fall inside the Extreme Heat Belt with temperatures exceeding 125°F and the results will be dire.” The peer-reviewed First Street Foundation Extreme Heat Model will now be incorporated with Risk Factor for every property in the contiguous United States. Visitors to Risk Factor will find their Heat Factor alongside their Flood Factor and Fire Factor and can learn the specific risks to their property, today and up to 30 years into the future. ### First Street Foundation First Street Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) research and technology group working to define America’s growing climate risk. (Courtesya<https://thehill.com/>)

**Photo Essay**

**The Deady, Devastating, Staggering And Tragic Earthquake Catastrophe That Ravaged Turkey And Syria**

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor



Turkey And Syria Showing The Epicenter Of The Earthquakes.



Emergency team members search for people in a destroyed building in Adana, Turkey on Monday. Photo/Khalil Hamra/AP.

A powerful 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck southeastern Turkey and northern Syria early Monday. Over 30,000 people have died, according to the Associated Press. Rescue workers are still searching for people who are trapped in collapsed buildings. The area has also felt at least 55 major aftershocks, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.



Rescue workers and volunteers search for survivors in the rubble of a collapsed building, in Sanliurfa, Turkey on Monday, after a 7.8-magnitude earthquake struck the country’s south-east. Photo/Remi Banet/AFP via Getty Images.



Aleppo’s ancient citadel is damaged following a deadly earthquake that shook Syria and Turkey. Photo/AFP via Getty Images.



Search teams and residents look for victims and survivors in the rubble of collapsed buildings, following an earthquake in the town of Sarmada in the countryside of the northwestern Syrian Idlib province. Photo/Muhammad Haj Kadour/AFP via Getty Images.



People evacuate their homes following a deadly earthquake that shook Syria at dawn in Aleppo’s Salaheddine district. Photo/AFP via Getty Images.



Syrian rescue teams look for survivors under the rubble after a 7.8 magnitude earthquake in the government-controlled central Syrian city of Hama on Monday. The earthquake hit Turkey and Syria killing thousands of people as they slept, leveling buildings and sending tremors that were felt as far away as the island of Cyprus, Egypt and Iraq. Photo/Louai Beshara/AFP via Getty Images.



This aerial view shows residents searching for victims and survivors amidst the rubble of collapsed buildings following an earthquake in the village of Besnia near the town of Harim, in Syria’s rebel-held northwestern Idlib province on the border with Turkey, on Monday. Photo/Omar Haj Kadour/AFP via Getty Images.



Rescue workers and medical teams try to reach trapped residents in a collapsed building following an earthquake in Diyarbakir, southeastern Turkey, early Monday. A powerful earthquake has caused significant damage in southeast Turkey and Syria and many casualties have been reported. Photo/Mahmut Bozarslan/AP.



A man covers his face as people search for survivors through the rubble in Diyarbakir, Turkey, after a 7.8-magnitude earthquake struck the country’s south-east. Photo/Ilyas Akengin/AFP via Getty Images.



People search for survivors in Diyarbakir, Turkey, on Monday, after a 7.8-magnitude earthquake struck the country’s southeast. Photo/Ilyas Akengin/AFP via Getty Images.



Residents retrieve a child from the rubble of a collapsed building following an earthquake in the town of Jandaris, Syria. Photo/Rami al Sayed/AFP via Getty Images.



Residents stand in front of a collapsed building following an earthquake in the town of Jandaris, Syria. Photo/Rami al Sayed/AFP via Getty Images.

Following an earthquake in the town of Jandaris, Syria. Photo/Rami al Sayed/AFP via Getty Images.



Syrian civilians and members of the White Helmets conduct search and rescue operations in the rubble of a collapsed building. Photo/Anas Alkharbouthi/picture alliance via Getty Images



A member of the Syrian civil defense, known as the White Helmets, carries a child rescued from the rubble following an earthquake in the town of Zardana in the countryside of the northwestern Syrian Idlib province, early on Monday. Photo/Abdulaziz Ketaz/AFP via Getty Images.



An earthquake survivor reacts as rescuers look for victims and other survivors in Hatay, Turkey, on Tuesday. A 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Turkey and Syria on Monday. Photo/Bulent Kilic/AFP via Getty Images.



Rescuers and civilians look for survivors under the rubble of collapsed buildings in Kahramanmaraş, Turkey, close to the quake’s epicenter, on Tuesday. Photo/Adem Altan/AFP via Getty Images.



Smoke billows from the Iskenderun Port as rescue workers search the site of a collapsed building in Iskenderun, Turkey on Tuesday. The quakes caused widespread destruction in southern Turkey and northern Syria and were felt in nearby countries. Photo/Burak Kara/Getty Images