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Week of March 29–4, 2026

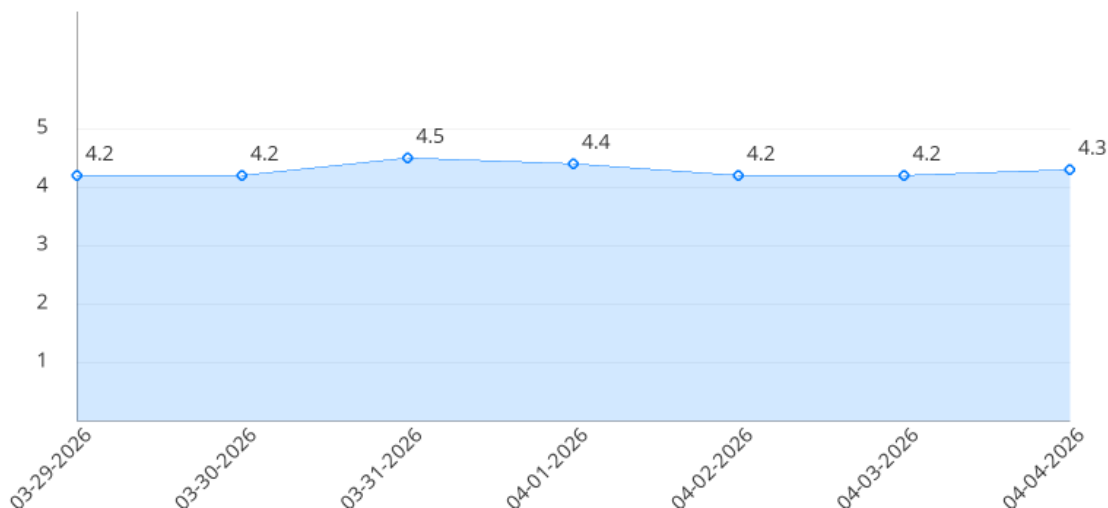
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Nuclear War

Score Trend (Week of March 29–4, 2026)



This week, the global nuclear threat level has been elevated due to a combination of heightened tensions in the Middle East, particularly involving Israel and Iran, and the potential for Iran to withdraw from the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). These developments are compounded by the expansion of nuclear arsenals and the weakening of arms control treaties, which further exacerbate the risk of nuclear conflict. Additionally, warnings from Russia about nuclear conflict and advancements in nuclear capabilities have contributed to the increased threat level. The situation underscores the urgent need for diplomatic efforts to de-escalate tensions and reinforce international arms control frameworks.



Nuclear War

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Facilitate urgent diplomatic negotiations between Iran and other key stakeholders to prevent Iran's withdrawal from the NPT and de-escalate regional tensions.
- **[UN]** Convene an emergency Security Council session to address the escalating nuclear threat in the Middle East and explore measures to strengthen arms control treaties.
- **[NGO]** Launch public awareness campaigns to educate about the risks of nuclear proliferation and the importance of arms control agreements.
- **[Industry]** Invest in and develop advanced technologies for monitoring and verification to support global non-proliferation efforts.
- **[Diplomatic]** Enhance crisis communication channels between nuclear-armed states to prevent misunderstandings and accidental escalations.



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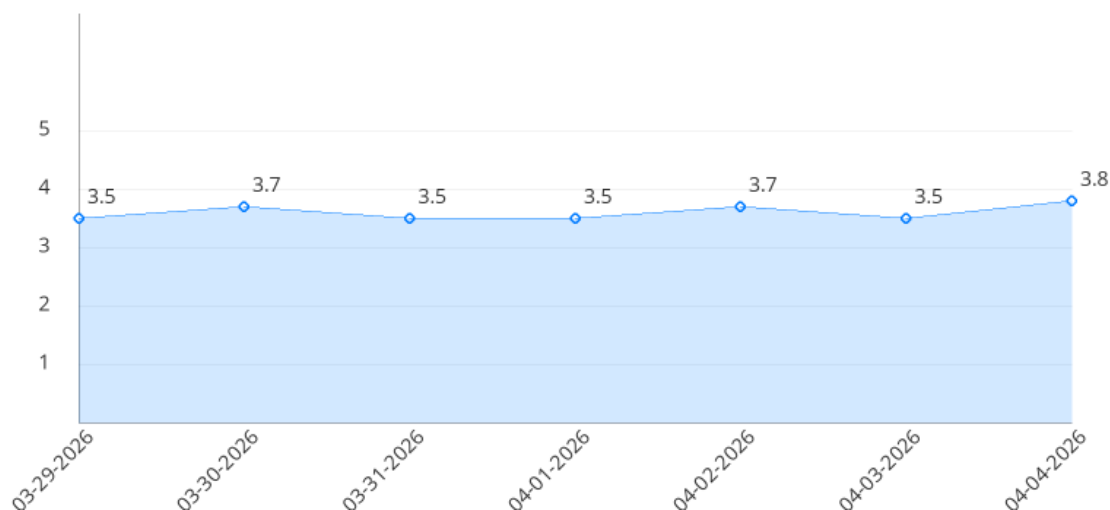
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Artificial Intelligence

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This week, the AI risk level remained moderate, with persistent concerns about alignment, safety, and the concentration of power in AI development. Despite significant advancements in AI safety measures and strategic partnerships, issues surrounding transparency, potential misuse, and equitable access continue to be highlighted. The integration of AI across various sectors has increased, raising concerns about the ethical implications and the need for robust governance frameworks. Legal and strategic developments have underscored the importance of maintaining transparency and accountability in AI acquisitions and partnerships. Overall, while progress in AI safety is notable, the potential for misuse and the concentration of power remain key areas of concern.



Artificial Intelligence

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Implement stricter regulations and oversight on AI acquisitions to prevent monopolistic practices and ensure ethical use.
- **[Industry]** Prioritize transparency and collaboration with other AI organizations to address potential monopolistic tendencies and enhance safety standards.
- **[NGO]** Advocate for public awareness and education on AI risks and benefits to foster informed societal engagement and ethical considerations.
- **[Academia]** Conduct interdisciplinary research on AI alignment and safety to address potential long-term existential risks and inform policy development.
- **[International Bodies]** Facilitate global cooperation on AI governance to address cross-border risks and ensure equitable benefits from AI advancements.



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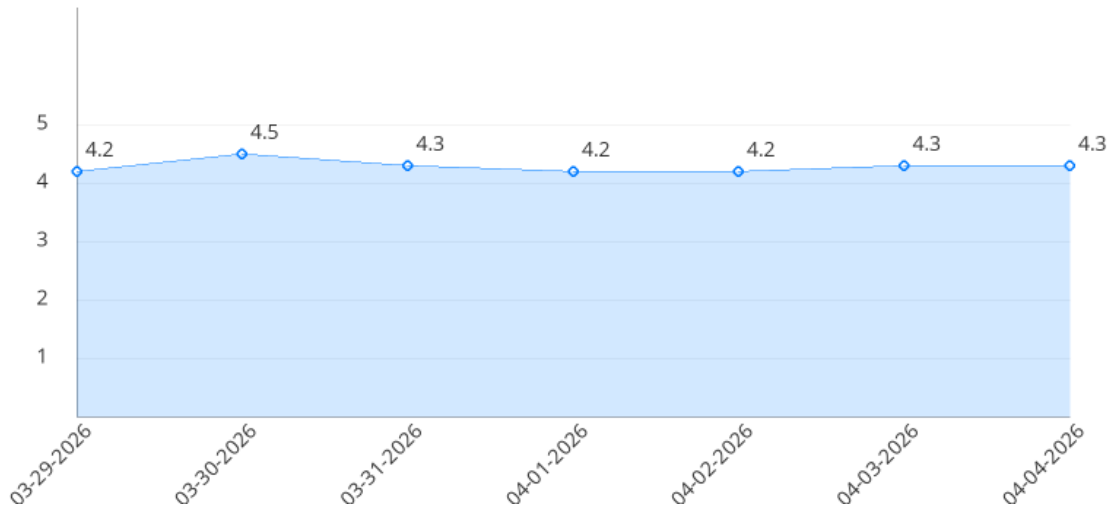
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Climate Change



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This week, the climate risk remains high due to a combination of record-low Arctic sea ice, extreme weather events, and systemic policy failures. The ongoing El Niño phenomenon is exacerbating these conditions, leading to increased environmental degradation and ecosystem disruptions. Despite the severity of these impacts, policy measures to address climate change remain insufficient, further contributing to the high risk level. The situation underscores the urgent need for effective climate policies and global cooperation to mitigate these threats and enhance resilience against future climate-related challenges.



Climate Change

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Implement and enforce stricter climate policies to reduce emissions and accelerate the transition to renewable energy sources.
- **[NGO]** Increase public awareness campaigns on the impacts of climate change, focusing on sustainable practices and the importance of biodiversity conservation.
- **[Industry]** Invest in sustainable technologies and practices to reduce carbon footprints and enhance resilience to climate impacts.
- **[Research Institutions]** Conduct interdisciplinary studies to better understand and mitigate the impacts of climate change on ecosystems and human health.
- **[International Organizations]** Facilitate global cooperation on climate finance to support vulnerable regions and promote equitable resource distribution.



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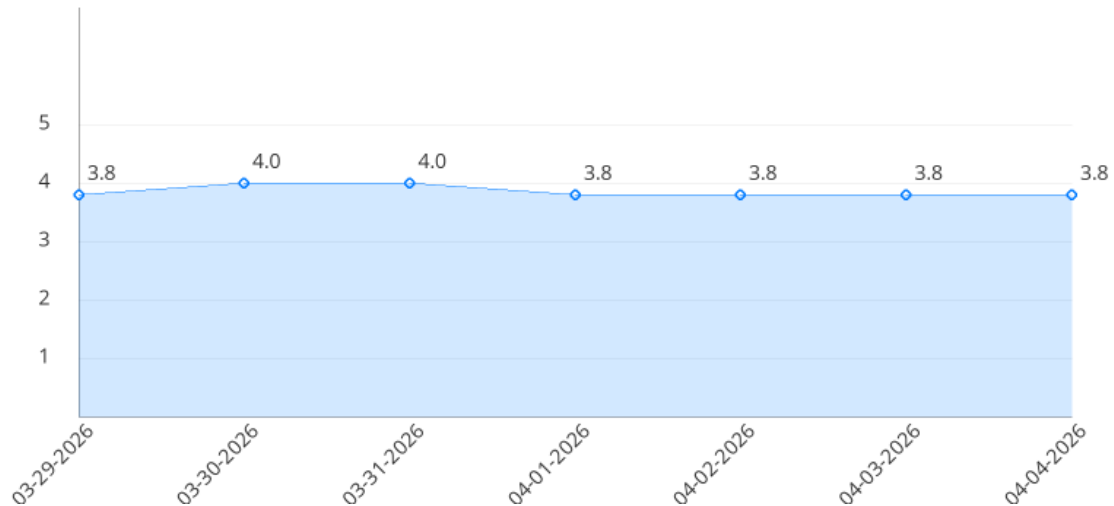
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Pandemics



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This week, the pandemic risk fluctuated between moderate and high due to the emergence of a new COVID variant with immune escape potential, ongoing high flu activity, and multiple avian flu outbreaks affecting both human and animal populations. Despite some effective vaccine strategies, the risk level remains elevated due to misinformation, vaccine hesitancy, and low antiviral use among high-risk populations. Significant pediatric flu mortality and the potential for zoonotic transmission from avian flu are additional concerns. Overall, the situation underscores the need for enhanced surveillance, public education, and coordinated global responses to mitigate these risks.



Pandemics

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Increase funding for genomic surveillance to track and respond to emerging COVID variants and avian flu outbreaks.
- **[Healthcare]** Intensify flu vaccination campaigns, especially targeting vulnerable populations like children and high-risk groups.
- **[NGO]** Enhance public education campaigns to combat misinformation and promote vaccine confidence, particularly regarding the safety and efficacy of vaccines.
- **[Industry]** Accelerate research on universal vaccines and treatments for respiratory viruses to improve future pandemic preparedness.
- **[International Organizations]** Coordinate a global response to avian flu outbreaks to prevent zoonotic transmission and protect food supply chains.



Pandemics

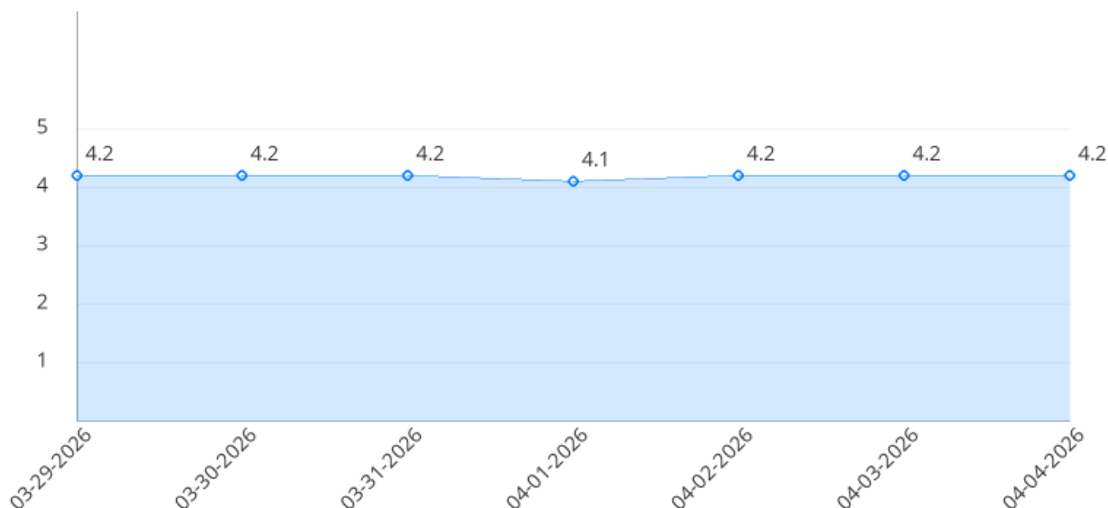
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Information Integrity

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This week, the global threat level from misinformation and disinformation remains high, consistently scoring 4.2, with a slight dip to 4.1 on April 1st. The pervasive spread of false claims, particularly in political, health, and social domains, is exacerbated by the increasing sophistication of AI-generated content, such as deepfakes. Digital platforms continue to be exploited for scams and the dissemination of fake news, impacting elections, consumer protection, and public health. The persistent high threat level underscores the urgent need for enhanced detection tools, stricter regulations, and public education to combat misinformation effectively.



Information Integrity

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Implement stricter regulations and penalties for the creation and dissemination of misinformation, particularly in critical areas like health and elections.
- **[Industry]** Enhance AI detection tools and algorithms to better identify and flag AI-generated misinformation and deepfakes in real-time.
- **[NGO]** Launch public awareness campaigns to educate individuals on identifying and resisting misinformation, focusing on critical thinking and digital literacy.
- **[Education]** Integrate media literacy programs into curricula to equip future generations with skills to discern credible information.
- **[International Organizations]** Collaborate globally to create a unified front against misinformation, sharing best practices and resources to counteract false narratives.



Information Integrity

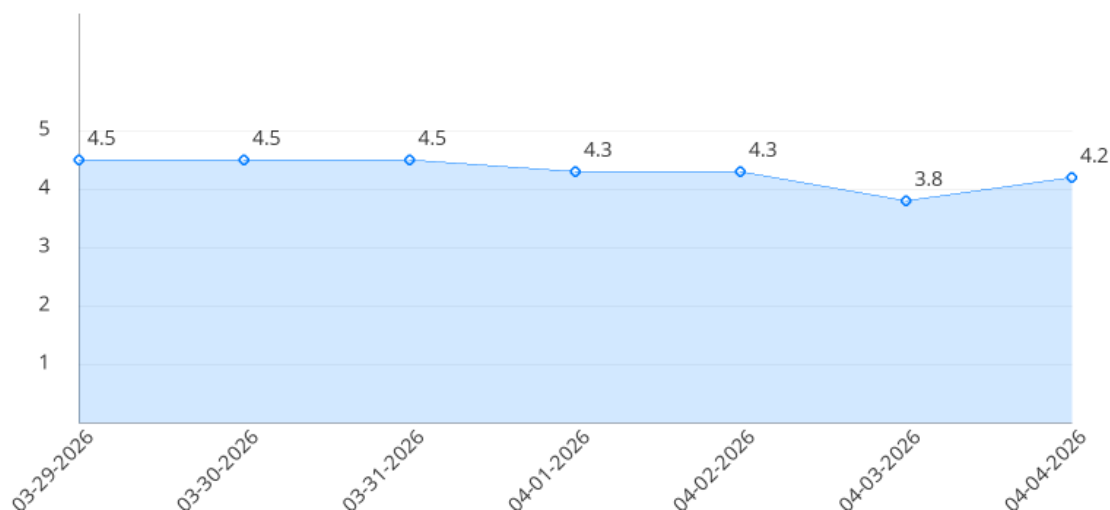
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Unknown / Black Swan

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This week has seen a continued escalation in tensions between Iran and Gulf states, with Iranian strikes and retaliatory actions posing significant risks to regional stability and global economic security. The situation is characterized by a high potential for broader conflict, which could lead to cascading global impacts, particularly in the energy markets. The risk score has slightly decreased over the week, indicating a potential stabilization, but the threat remains significant. The possibility of Iranian retaliatory actions against perceived existential threats from the US adds another layer of complexity to the geopolitical landscape. This ongoing conflict represents a potential Black Swan event, with unpredictable outcomes that could affect global markets and political dynamics.



Unknown / Black Swan

Recommended Risk Reduction Actions

- **[Government]** Convene an emergency diplomatic summit involving key stakeholders from the Middle East and global powers to mediate and de-escalate tensions.
- **[Industry]** Develop and implement contingency plans to ensure the stability of global oil supply chains in the event of further disruptions.
- **[NGO]** Increase readiness for humanitarian aid deployment to support affected regions and mitigate civilian impacts of the conflict.
- **[Media]** Provide accurate and balanced reporting to counter misinformation and prevent panic that could exacerbate the situation.
- **[International Organizations]** Enhance monitoring of military movements and communications in the region to provide early warnings and facilitate preventive diplomacy.



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This week, existential risks across various domains have shown notable trends and emerging concerns. In the nuclear domain, the risk has increased due to escalating tensions in the Middle East and potential treaty withdrawals, highlighting the need for renewed diplomatic efforts. The AI sector maintains a moderate risk level, with ongoing concerns about alignment, safety, and power concentration, despite advancements in safety measures. Climate change risks remain high, driven by extreme weather and insufficient policy responses, emphasizing the urgency for effective global cooperation. Pandemic risks fluctuate between moderate and high, influenced by new COVID variants and avian flu outbreaks, underscoring the importance of surveillance and public education. Information integrity threats persist at a high level due to the spread of misinformation and sophisticated AI-generated content, necessitating improved detection and regulatory measures. Lastly, geopolitical tensions in the Middle East present a potential Black Swan event, with implications for regional stability and global economic security, though a slight decrease in risk suggests potential stabilization.



Closing Notes

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