



**Forecasted dry conditions across most of Maroodi jeex, Saaxil, Togdheer, Sool, and Sanaag are expected to deepen the ongoing drought, with light to moderate rains in some areas in Borama, Zeylac, Berbera, and Lughaya in Awdal region likely to lead to initial recovery of water stress**

### Weather Review for the Week Between 13 and 19 August

During the past week (13 –19 August), light to moderate rains were observed in some parts of Awdal and Maroodi jeex region. Dry conditions generally persisted in Saaxil, Sool and Sanaag regions.

While moderate rains were recorded at Hargeisa (92.0 mm) and Wajaale (54.5.0) in Maroodijeex region and Baki (54.5 mm) in Awdal region. Light rains of below 50 mm were observed at: Dilla (32.0 mm), Boon (31.5.0 mm), Qolujeed (20.0 mm), Hariirad (14.5.0 mm), Ruqi (11.0 mm), Zeylac (5.0 mm), Lughaya (4.0 mm) and Amoud (4.0 mm) in Awdal region and Malowle (45.0 mm), Gumburaha (28.0 mm), Geed-deeble (27.0 mm), Balligubadle (25.0 mm), Alleybadey (22.5.0 mm) , Gabiley (18.0 mm) , Sallaxley (16.0 mm), Caada (14.5.0 mm), Taysa (10.0 mm) and Aburiin (2.0 mm) in Maroodi jeex region and Burco (41.0 mm) in Togdheer region.

### Rainfall Forecast (19 - 25 August 2025)

According to NOAA-NCEP GFS, dry conditions are likely to prevail over most parts of Saaxil, Togdheer, Sool and Sanaag regions of Somaliland during the upcoming week. Light rainfall of up to 30.0 mm is likely over some areas in Awdal regions.

The spatial distribution of the forecast rainfall (Map 1) is as follows:

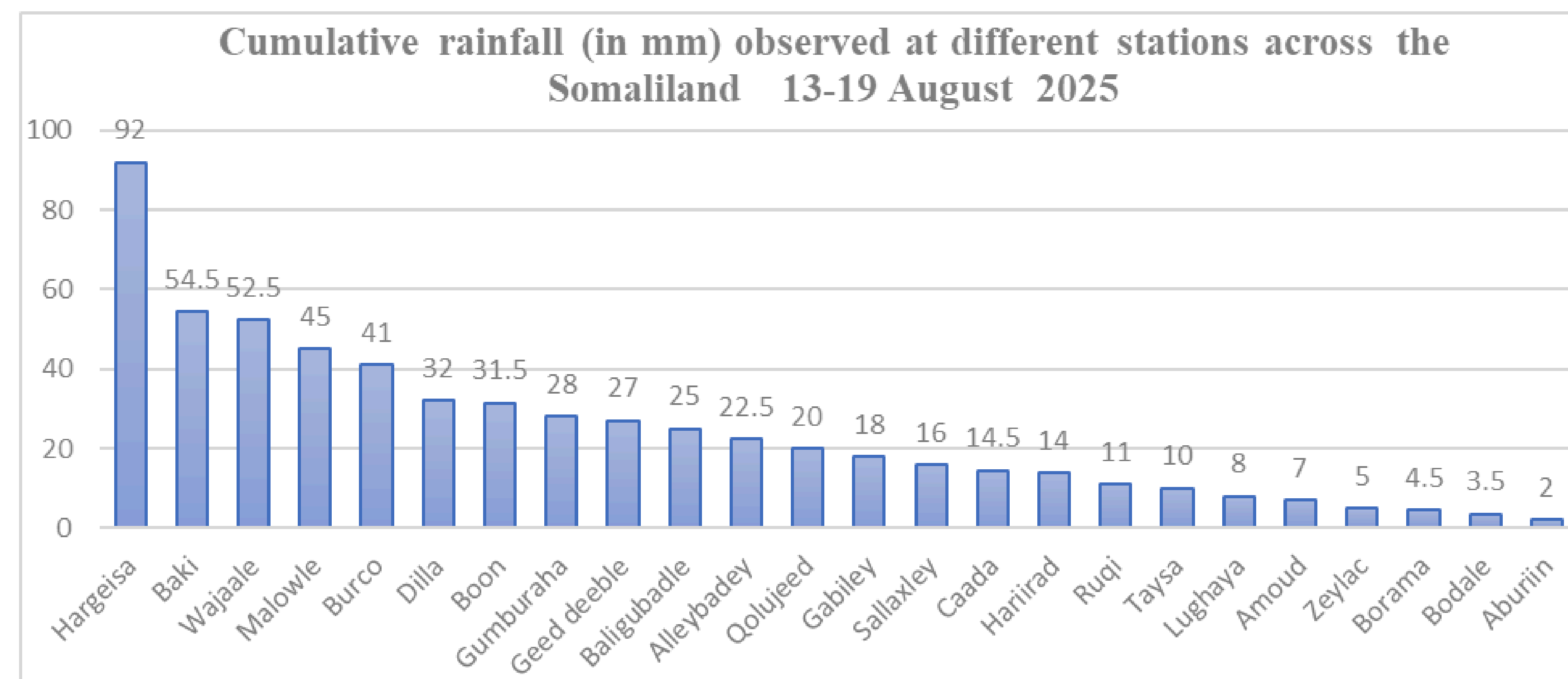


Figure 1: Cumulative rainfall (in mm) observed at different stations across the Somaliland from 13 to 19 August 2025

**Light rainfall of less than 30.0 mm** is likely over most central parts of Baki, western parts Zeylac, over Borama, and northern Lughaya districts in Awdal region. Few northern parts of Gabiley district in Maroodi jeex region, north eastern parts of Bebera district in Saaxil region and Central Lughaya and northwestern pastures in Zeylac districts in the Awdal the region is likely to accumulate less than 10.0 mm by the end of the forecast week.

**Dry conditions** are expected to prevail over the rest of the areas in Somaliland, particularly over Gabiley and Hargeisa districts in Maroodi jeex region; Sheikh district and over most parts of Berbera district in Saaxil region; Buuhoodle, Burco and central and southern parts of Owdweyne district in Togdheer region; Taleex, Laas Caanood, Xudun, and Caynabo districts in Sool region; Ceel Afweyn, Ceerigaabo and Laasqoray districts in Sanaag region.

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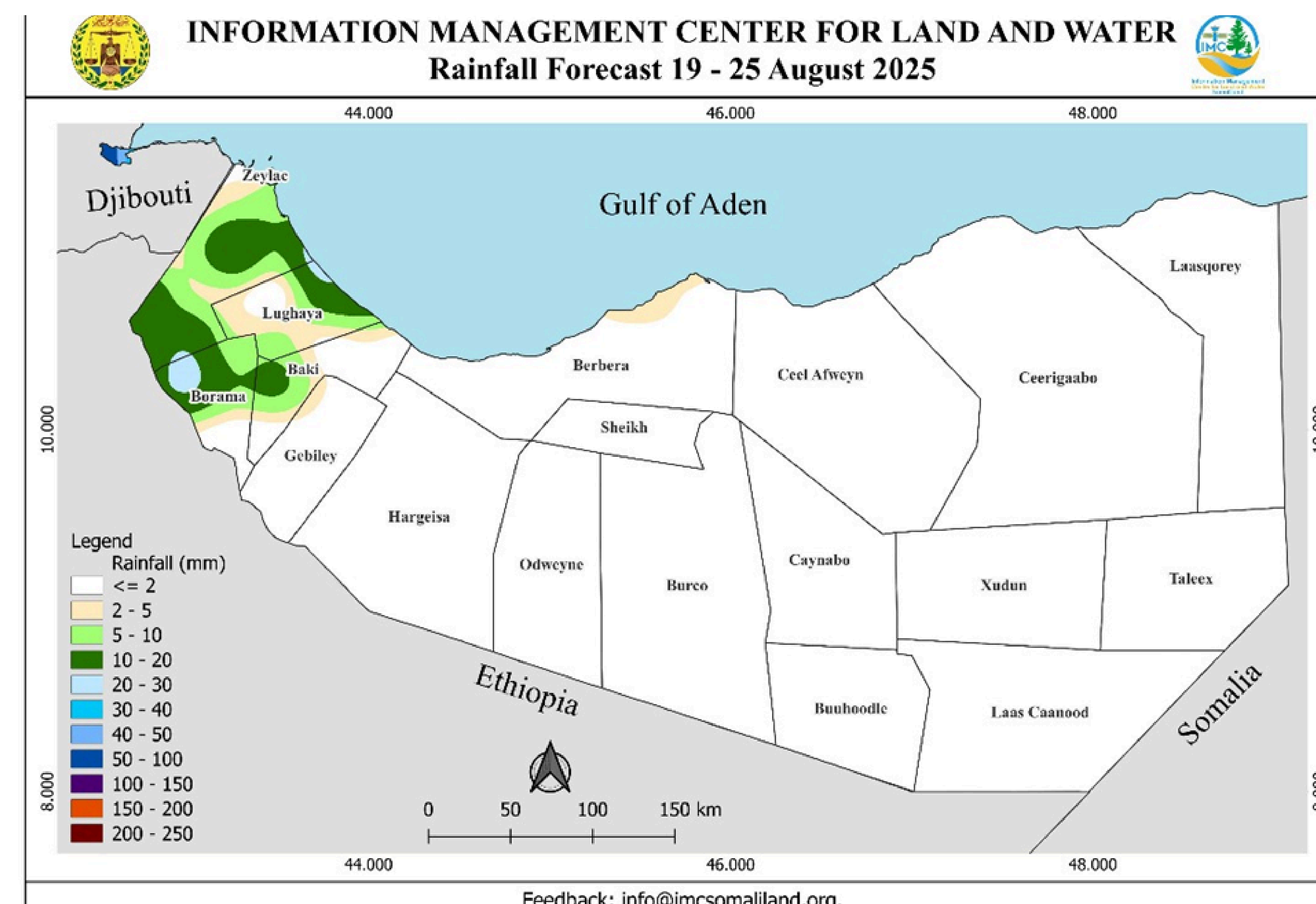


### Impacts Associated with Weekly Weather Forecast

- The recent and forecast light rains in parts of Awdal may provide limited recharge to shallow wells and berkads, supporting short-term recovery from water stress and early vegetation regeneration.
- Drought conditions are expected to persist across much of Togdheer, Sool, Sanaag, and Saaxil, prolonging water shortages and forcing households to travel longer distances in search of water.
- Livestock in these drought-affected regions face fodder scarcity, raising risks of malnutrition and mortality. Distressed sales of weak animals could push livestock prices down, negatively affecting household incomes.
- For rainfed farming and pastoral households, food insecurity is likely to intensify due to poor rainfall performance. Migration pressures may increase as families move toward areas with better water resources.
- The limited recharge of shallow sources also raises the risk of waterborne diseases, particularly if households rely on unsafe water.

### Recommended Actions

- Water Trucking: Prioritize delivery to coastal and eastern areas, especially Sool and Sanaag.
- Livestock Feed Distribution: Focus on rural households in Togdheer, Saaxil, Sool, and Sanaag.
- Data Sharing: Strengthen inter-agency coordination among MOLRD, MOWRD, MOECC, MOAD, IMC, NADFOR, FAO, and NGOs to monitor drought conditions.
- Disease Vigilance: Monitor for potential outbreaks of waterborne and livestock diseases (e.g., Rift Valley fever, foot rot).
- Safe Water Storage: Promote safe handling and storage of collected rainwater to avoid contamination.
- Hygiene Promotion: Scale up community awareness campaigns on preventing waterborne diseases such as cholera and diarrhea.



Map 1: Rainfall forecast over Somaliland for the week from 19 to 26 August 2025

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