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Earlier this year, disorder in Northern Ireland reached a scale not seen in years, with a wave of protests and violent riots. These actions were a manifestation of loyalist anger at the border created in the Irish Sea, a result of the Brexit deal. The demonstrations also articulated increasing loyalist dissatisfaction with the Stormont Assembly and the Police Service of Northern Ireland.

Commentators warned that Northern Ireland is facing a “long hot summer of loyalist protest parades” against the Northern Ireland Brexit protocol, which introduced checks on goods entering the region from Great Britain. There have been dozens of unlawful parades against the Irish Sea border across the region in the past few months.

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