PR25 - Twelve countries from three continents square-off this weekend

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- Tunisia (TUN)
- Guatemala (GUA)
- Trinidad and Tobago (TRI)
- Kuwait (KUW)
- Indonesia (INA)

GROUP B
- Kenya (KEN)
- Morocco (MAR)
- Jamaica (JAM)
- Uruguay (URU)
- Philippines (PHI)
- Singapore (SIN)

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