

# 2024

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2024 (MMXXIV) is the current year, and is a leap year starting on Monday of the Gregorian calendar, the 2024th year of the Common Era (CE) and Anno Domini (AD) designations, the 24th year of the 3rd millennium and the 21st century, and the 5th year of the 2020s decade.

So far, this year has seen the <u>continuation of major</u> armed conflicts, including the <u>Russian invasion of Ukraine</u>, the <u>Myanmar civil war</u>, the <u>Sudanese civil</u> war, and the Islamist insurgency in the Sahel.

The ongoing Israel—Hamas war has led to spillover into numerous countries, most notably Lebanon, who Israel invaded in October. This followed an intensification of the ongoing conflict between Israel and Hezbollah. In the preceding month, Israel ramped up its offensive against Hezbollah, including an attack using explosives-laden communication devices, and carrying out a bombing of Hezbollah's headquarters which resulted in the killing of Secretary-General of Hezbollah, Hassan Nasrallah. The year also saw a rise in activity by the Houthi movement which has contributed to a crisis in the Red Sea that has impacted global shipping. The ongoing conflict has sparked widespread protests against the war. [2][3][4]

Approximately 80 countries, representing around four billion people, are expected to conduct national elections throughout the course of the year, [5][6][7][8] including eight out of ten of the world's most populous countries (Bangladesh, Brazil, Pakistan, Russia, India, Mexico, Indonesia, and the United

Millennium: 3rd millennium

Centuries: 20th century · 21st century ·

22nd century

Decades: 2000s · 2010s · 2020s · 2030s ·

2040s

Years: 2021 · 2022 · 2023 · 2024 · 2025

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#### 2024 in various calendars

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Gregorian calendar	2024 MMXXIV
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Armenian calendar	1473 ԹՎ ՈՆጓԳ
Assyrian calendar	6774
Bahá'í calendar	180–181
Balinese saka calendar	1945–1946
Bengali calendar	1431
Berber calendar	2974
British Regnal year	2 <u>Cha. 3</u> – 3 <u>Cha. 3</u>
Buddhist calendar	2568
Burmese calendar	1386
Byzantine calendar	7532–7533
Chinese calendar	癸卯年 (Water <u>Rabbit</u> ) 4721 or 4514 — to — 甲辰年 (Wood Dragon)
	4722 or 4515

1740-1741

2016-2017

Coptic calendar

Ethiopian calendar

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### **Events**

### **January**

- January 1
  - Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran and the United Arab Emirates become BRICS members. [11]
  - The Republic of Artsakh is formally dissolved as Nagorno-Karabakh unifies with Azerbaijan. [12]
  - A 7.5 Mww earthquake strikes the western coast of Japan (Noto Peninsula), killing at least 376 people and injuring 1,327 others. A further five are killed the next day when a Coast Guard aircraft carrying humanitarian aid collides with a Japan Airlines passenger jet, destroying both aircraft. All 379 people aboard the passenger jet are evacuated safely.
  - Ethiopia announces an agreement with Somaliland to use the port of Berbera.
     Ethiopia also says that it will eventually recognize Somaliland's independence, becoming the first country to do so. [16]
- January 2 2023 Marshallese general election: The Legislature of the Marshall Islands elects Hilda Heine as President for a second nonconsecutive term during its first session following the general election. [17]
- <u>January 3 2024 Kerman bombings</u>: An Islamic State double bombing kills 94 people during a memorial event commemorating the <u>assassination of Qasem Soleimani</u> in <u>Kerman</u>, Iran. [18] The bombing was carried out using two <u>briefcase bombs</u> placed at the entrance that were detonated remotely. [19]
- January 7 2024 Bangladeshi general election: The <u>Awami League</u>, led by incumbent <u>Sheikh Hasina</u>, wins a fourth consecutive term amid protests by opposition parties and a large drop in voter turnout. [20][21]
- January 8 2024 conflict in Ecuador: Ecuadorian President Daniel Noboa declares a state of emergency following the escape of Los Choneros drug cartel leader <u>José Adolfo Macías</u>
   <u>Villamar</u> from prison. The <u>military</u> was deployed onto the streets and into prisons, while setting a national nighttime curfew. [22]
- <u>January 11</u> <u>Riots</u> break out throughout <u>Papua New Guinea</u> after an alleged rounding error causes pay cuts in police officers and soldiers. [23]
- January 12 Operation Prosperity Guardian: A U.S.-led coalition launches air strikes at Houthi
  militant locations in Yemen, marking a retaliation to the Houthis' attacks on ships in the Red
  Sea.<sup>[24]</sup>

Hebrew calendar	5784–5785
Hindu calendars	
- <u>Vikram Samvat</u>	2080–2081
- Shaka Samvat	1945–1946
- Kali Yuga	5124–5125
Holocene calendar	12024
Igbo calendar	1024–1025
Iranian calendar	1402–1403
Islamic calendar	1445–1446
Japanese calendar	
	(令和6年)
Javanese calendar	1957–1958
Juche calendar	113
Julian calendar	Gregorian minus 13 days
Korean calendar	4357
Minguo calendar	<u>ROC</u> 113 民國113年
Nanakshahi calendar	556
Thai solar calendar	2567
Tibetan calendar	阴水兔年 (female Water- <u>Rabbit</u> ) 2150 or 1769 or 997 — to — 阳木龙年 (male Wood- <u>Dragon</u> ) 2151 or 1770 or 998
Unix time	1704067200 – 1735689599

- January 13 2024 Taiwanese presidential election: <u>Lai Ching-te</u> of the ruling <u>Democratic</u> Progressive Party wins with 40% of the vote. [25]
- January 14
  - Margrethe II formally <u>abdicates</u> as <u>Queen of Denmark</u> on the 52nd anniversary of her accession, with her eldest son Frederik succeeding her as King Frederik X. [26]
  - 2024 Comorian presidential election: Amid an opposition boycott, incumbent president Azali Assoumani wins re-election with 62.9% of the vote and only 16.3% voter turnout. [27][28]
- <u>January 15</u> Following a brief <u>political crisis</u> in the aftermath of the <u>2023 elections</u>, <u>Bernardo</u> Arévalo is inaugurated as the 52nd President of Guatemala. [29][30]
- <u>January 16</u> Iran carries out a series of missile and drone strikes within <u>Pakistan</u>'s <u>Balochistan</u> province, claiming that it had targeted the Iranian Baloch militant group <u>Jaish ul-Adl. [31]</u>
- January 18 Pakistan conducts retaliatory airstrikes on Iran's <u>Sistan and Baluchestan</u> province. [32]
- <u>January 19</u> Japan becomes the fifth country to achieve a soft landing on the <u>Moon</u>, with its SLIM mission. [33][34]
- <u>January 24 2024 Korochansky Ilyushin Il-76 crash</u>: A Russian Ilyushin Il-76 military transport plane carrying (according to Russia) 65 Ukrainian prisoners of war, six crew members and three guards crashes in Russia's <u>Korochansky District</u>, near the <u>Ukrainian border</u>, killing everyone on board. [35]
- January 26
  - Israel-Hamas war: The UN's International Court of Justice rules that Israel must take all measures to prevent genocidal acts in Gaza, but stops short of ordering an immediate halt to operations.
  - 2024 Tuvaluan general election: Kausea Natano, the incumbent Prime Minister of Tuvalu, loses reelection to Parliament. [37] A month later, Feleti Teo was elected prime minister. [38]
- January 31 Sultan of Johor <u>Ibrahim Iskandar</u> ascends the throne as the 17th <u>Yang di-Pertuan</u>
   Agong of Malaysia. [39]

## **February**

- <u>February 2</u> The US launches <u>airstrikes</u> on 85 targets in Iraq and Syria in response to a deadly <u>drone attack</u> on a US military base. [40]
- February 4
  - President of Namibia Hage Geingob dies at the age of 82, and is succeeded by his vice-president Nangolo Mbumba. [41][42]
  - 2024 Salvadoran general election: Incumbent President Nayib Bukele wins the election with over 80% of the vote, becoming the first president to be reelected in El Salvador since 1944. [43][44]



<u>Sebastián Piñera</u> died in <u>a</u> helicopter crash on February 6.

- <u>February 6</u> Former <u>President of Chile</u> <u>Sebastián Piñera</u> <u>dies in a helicopter crash</u> at the age of 74. [45]
- <u>February 7 2024 Azerbaijani presidential election</u>: Amid an opposition boycott, President Ilham Aliyev is reelected to a fifth term. [46]
- February 8 2024 Pakistani general election: Independent politicians, most of whom are members of the banned political party Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, win a plurality of seats in the National Assembly. [47]

- <u>February 11 2024 Finnish presidential election</u>: In the closest presidential election in Finnish history, <u>Alexander Stubb</u> is elected president in the second round. [48]
- February 14 2024 Indonesian general election: Prabowo Subianto wins the presidential election, and the Democratic Party of Struggle wins the most votes in the legislative election. [49]
- <u>February 22</u> American company <u>Intuitive Machines' Nova-C lander</u> becomes the first commercial vehicle to land on the Moon. [50]
- <u>February 28</u> <u>2024 Haitian jailbreak</u>: A state of emergency is declared by the Haitian government after gangs storm two prisons and demand the resignation of <u>Prime Minister Ariel Henry.</u> [51]
- February 29 Israel–Hamas war: Soldiers of the Israel Defense Forces open fire on a crowd of civilians in Gaza City, killing more than a hundred people, as the Palestinian casualties of the war exceed 30,000. [52]

#### March

- March 7 As the final <u>Nordic country</u> to join the alliance, <u>Sweden</u> officially joins <u>NATO</u>, becoming its 32nd member after Finland a year earlier. [53][54]
- March 10 2024 Portuguese legislative election: The Democratic Alliance wins a plurality of seats and forms a minority government amid losses by the incumbent Socialist Party and major gains by the right-wing Chega party. [55][56]
- March 11 Haitian acting <u>Prime Minister Ariel Henry</u> announces his pending resignation from both offices amid an ongoing crisis marked by gang warfare in the country.
- March 13 The Artificial Intelligence Act, the world's first comprehensive legal and regulatory framework for artificial intelligence, is passed by the European Union. [58]
- <u>March 14</u> The <u>United Nations</u> estimates that at least 56% of Palestinian civilians killed in the <u>Israel–Hamas war</u> were women and children. [59]
- March 15–17 2024 Russian presidential election: Incumbent Vladimir Putin is reelected for a fifth term. [60]



<u>Vladimir Putin</u> was reelected in the <u>2024 Russian presidential election</u>, held from March 15 to 17.

- March 22 Islamic State-affiliated gunmen attack concertgoers at Crocus City Hall in Krasnogorsk, Russia, killing at least 145 people and injuring 551. [61]
- March 24 2024 Senegalese presidential election: Bassirou Diomaye Faye is elected president after his party and its former candidate Ousmane Sonko were disqualified. [62]
- <u>March 25</u> The <u>UN Security Council</u> passes <u>a resolution</u> calling for an "immediate ceasefire" in Gaza and demanding the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages. [63]
- <u>March 26</u> A <u>container ship</u> collides with the <u>Francis Scott Key Bridge</u> in <u>Baltimore</u>, Maryland, United States, causing a total collapse of the bridge and the deaths of six people. [64]
- March 31
  - Bulgaria and Romania become members of the Schengen Area through sea and air routes. [65]

■ <u>2024 Turkish local elections</u>: <u>CHP</u> wins 37.8% of the vote, marking its first victory in a popular vote since 1977 and the first nationwide defeat for the AKP. [66]

### **April**

- April 1 Israel attacks the Iranian embassy in Damascus, killing 16 people. [67]
- April 3 A powerful earthquake with a magnitude of 7.4 strikes off the eastern coast of <u>Taiwan</u>, with small tsunamis reaching heights of 20–30 cm (8–12 in) hitting <u>Okinawa</u> Prefecture, Japan. [68]
- April 4 The 2024 Kuwaiti general election is held. [69]
- April 5 Ecuadorian police raid the Mexican embassy in Quito in order to arrest former vice-president Jorge Glas, who had been granted political asylum by Mexico. This action violates the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, and Mexico and Nicaragua break off diplomatic relations with Ecuador.



Sixteen people were killed in an Israeli attack in Damascus on April

- April 6 Peter Pellegrini is elected President of Slovakia in the second round of the 2024
   Slovak presidential election. [71]
- April 8 A total solar eclipse is visible across North America.
- <u>April 9</u> After <u>Leo Varadkar</u> resigned, <u>Fine Gael</u> leader <u>Simon Harris</u> becomes Ireland's youngest <u>Taoiseach</u> after a <u>Dáil</u> vote of 88–69 and being appointed by <u>President Michael D.</u> Higgins. [73]
- April 10 2024 South Korean legislative election: The Democratic Party and Democratic Alliance wins 176 seats, while the People Power and People Future, to which President Yoon Suk Yeol belongs, wins only 108 seats.
- April 13 Iran launches retaliatory strikes against Israel after an Israeli airstrike on the Iranian consulate in Damascus earlier in the month. [75]
- April 16 2024 Persian Gulf floods: At least 32 people are killed when heavy rainfall strikes the Middle East, causing flash flooding. This caused many disruptions for Emirates airline at Dubai International Airport. [76]
- April 17
  - 2024 Solomon Islands general election: Incumbent Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare's OUR Party wins a plurality of seats.
  - 2024 Croatian parliamentary election: Incumbent Prime Minister Andrej Plenković's <u>Croatian Democratic Union</u> coalition wins a plurality of seats. [78]
- April 19 Israel conducts <u>airstrikes against Iran</u>, in response to Iran's missile and drone attack on Israel earlier on April 13.<sup>[79]</sup>
- April 25 Following the resignation of Haiti's acting Prime Minister Ariel Henry, a <u>Transitional</u> Presidential Council takes power as the new head of state of Haiti. [80]
- April 29
  - <u>Floods</u> in the Brazilian state of <u>Rio Grande do Sul</u> cause dozens of deaths and leave thousands homeless. [81]
  - 50 people are killed, and 84 reported missing, when a <u>railway embankment fails</u> near <u>Mai Mahiu</u>, <u>Kenya</u>, adding to the devastation caused by <u>wider floods in Kenya and Tanzania</u> which have caused the deaths of 488 people and the displacement of 503,000. [82]

#### May

- May 5 José Raúl Mulino is elected president in the 2024
   Panamanian general election. [84]
- May 6 2024 Chadian presidential election: Mahamat <u>Déby</u> wins election to a full term as president, succeeding his father Idriss Déby. [85]
- May 7–11 The Eurovision Song Contest 2024 is held in Malmö, Sweden. [86] Swiss contestant Nemo wins with the song "The Code". [87]
- May 8 In North Macedonian elections, the right-wing party VMRO-DPMNE wins in a landslide in the parliamentary elections, while its presidential candidate Gordana Siljanovska-Davkova is elected as the first female president of the country in the second round of the presidential election. [88][89]

#### May 10

- The United Nations General Assembly passes a resolution to grant the State of Palestine the right to be seated among member states in alphabetical order. This will go into effect at the next session of the UN General Assembly on 10 September 2024. [90]
- A series of solar storms and intense solar flares impact the Earth, rated G5 by NOAA, creating aurorae at more southerly and northerly latitudes than usual. This was the first G5 storm since 2003. [91]

### May 15

- Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of Singapore since 2004, is succeeded by former Deputy Prime Minister Lawrence Wong as prime minister, ahead of the next general election to be held by 2025.
- Prime Minister of Slovakia Robert Fico is shot and hospitalized while meeting with supporters at an event in Handlová. [93]

### May 19

- 2024 Dominican Republic general election: Incumbent Luis Abinader is reelected for a second term as president. [94]
- Iranian President <u>Ebrahim Raisi</u> and Iranian Foreign Minister <u>Hossein Amir-Abdollahian</u> are killed, along with seven other passengers and crew, in a helicopter crash near the Azerbaijan–Iran border. [95]
- A coup d'état attempt in the <u>Democratic Republic of the Congo</u> reportedly led by <u>Christian Malanga</u> leads to unrest in <u>Kinshasa</u>. Government soldiers quickly intervene, arresting the coup leaders and reportedly restoring calm. [97][98]
- May 20 The chief prosecutor of the <u>International Criminal Court</u> seeks arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister <u>Benjamin Netanyahu</u> and <u>Hamas</u> leader in Gaza <u>Yahya Sinwar</u> over alleged war crimes.



<u>José Raúl Mulino</u> won the <u>2024</u> <u>Panamanian general election</u> on May 5.



<u>Luis Abinader</u> won the <u>2024</u> <u>Dominican Republic general</u> election on May 19.

- The <u>UN</u>'s highest court, the <u>ICJ</u>, rules that Israel must halt <u>its military offensive</u> in <u>Rafah</u>, southern Gaza. [100]
- A major landslide in Papua New Guinea kills 160–2,000+ people, with many more buried. [101][102]
- May 26 2024 Lithuanian presidential election: Incumbent president Gitanas Nausėda wins a landslide victory for a second term in office. [103]
- May 29
  - 2024 South African general election: The ANC party fails to win a majority of the vote for the first time in South Africa's democratic history. [104][105]
  - The 2024 Malagasy parliamentary election is held. [106]
- May 30 Former United States President Donald Trump is found guilty on 34 counts in his hush money trial, the first time any American president has been found guilty of a crime. [107][108]

#### June

- June 1
  - The 2024 Indian general election, which began on April 19, concludes. [109] In the Lok Sabha, the BJP party loses its outright majority, but its electoral alliance, the National Democratic Alliance, retains its majority. [110]
  - The 2024 Icelandic presidential election is held, with Halla Tómasdóttir elected president of Iceland. [111]
- <u>June 1–29</u> The <u>2024 ICC Men's T20 World Cup</u> is cohosted by the <u>West Indies</u> and the <u>United States</u>, and is won by <u>India</u>.[112]
- June 2 The 2024 Mexican general election is held, with Claudia Sheinbaum elected as the first female president of Mexico. [113]
- June 5 Starliner Crewed Flight Test launches atop an Atlas V rocket to the ISS. [114][115]
- June 6–9 The 2024 European Parliament election is held.

  The EPP, of incumbent Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, retains its status as the largest group in parliament amid notable gains by far-right political groups. [116][117]



<u>Julian Assange</u> was freed from prison on June 24.

- June 9
  - 2024 San Marino general election: The Democracy and Freedom alliance, headed by the PDCS, wins a plurality in the Grand and General Council. [118]
  - 2024 Belgian federal election: The New Flemish Alliance remains the largest party in the Chamber of Representatives while Open Vld, the party of outgoing Prime Minister Alexander De Croo, loses seats. [119]
  - June 2024 Bulgarian parliamentary election: Boyko Borisov's coalition GERB—SDS wins a plurality of seats but fails to form a stable government. [120]
- <u>June 10 A plane crash</u> near <u>Chikangawa</u>, Malawi, kills nine people, including Vice President of Malawi Saulos Chilima. [121]
- <u>June 12</u> The United Nations' first inquiry into the <u>October 7 attacks</u> and resulting conflict finds that both Israel and Hamas committed <u>war crimes</u>. [122][123]
- June 14 July 14 UEFA Euro 2024 is held in Germany, and is won by Spain. [124]

- <u>June 20 July 14 The 2024 Copa América</u> is held in the <u>United States</u>, and <u>is won</u> by Argentina. [125]
- June 23
  - On the <u>Grand Duke's Official Birthday</u>, <u>Henri, Grand Duke of Luxembourg</u> announces that his son and heir <u>Guillaume</u> will assume royal duties beginning in October, in preparation for Henri's eventual abdication. [126]
  - <u>2024 Hajj disaster</u>: More than 1,300 people are reported to have died due to extreme heat during the annual <u>Hajj</u> pilgrimage in <u>Mecca</u>, <u>Saudi Arabia</u>. [127]
  - 2024 Dagestan attacks: Two coordinated attacks occur in the cities of Makhachkala and Derbent in the Republic of Dagestan in southern Russia, injuring 46 and killing 28 people. [128]
- June 24 WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange leaves the United Kingdom after being freed from prison in a plea deal with the United States. He returns to his native Australia two days later [129]
- <u>June 26</u> A failed <u>coup d'état attempt</u> in <u>La Paz</u>, <u>Bolivia</u> is led by the former General Commander Juan José Zúñiga. [130]
- June 28 2024 Mongolian parliamentary election: The Mongolian People's Party wins a reduced majority of seats in the State Great Khural amid gains by the Democratic Party. [131]
- June 29
  - 2024 Mauritanian presidential election: Incumbent president Mohamed Ould Ghazouani wins re-election to a second term. [132]
  - 2024 Borno State bombings: 30 people are killed and 100 are injured when three separate bomb blasts occur in the town of Gwoza in Borno State, Nigeria. [133]

### July

- July 4 2024 United Kingdom general election: Sir Keir Starmer leads the Labour Party to a landslide victory, returning the party to government for the first time in 14 years. Incumbent Conservative Prime Minister Rishi Sunak resigns the next day, with Starmer taking office afterwards. [134]
- July 5 2024 Iranian presidential election: Masoud Pezeshkian is elected president of Iran. [135]
- July 7 2024 French legislative election: The left-wing New Popular Front wins the most seats in the National Assembly, upsetting a first-round victory by the far-right National Rally, but fails to achieve a majority. [136]
- <u>July 9–11</u> The <u>33rd NATO summit</u> is held in Washington, D.C. [137]
- July 13 While campaigning for the 2024 United States presidential election, former President Donald Trump is shot in the right ear in an assassination attempt at a rally he held near Butler, Pennsylvania. [138]
- July 15 2024 Rwandan general election: Incumbent Paul Kagame is reelected for a fourth term. [139]
- July 19 Global IT outages impact a variety of businesses and organisations across the world. [140]
- July 21 Incumbent United States President Joe Biden ends his candidacy in the 2024 United



<u>Donald Trump</u>'s ear was injured in <u>a</u> <u>failed assassination attempt</u> on July 13.

- States presidential election. [141]
- <u>July 22 Landslides</u> kill 257 people and bury two villages in <u>Geze Gofa</u>, <u>Gofa Zuria</u>, Ethiopia. [142]
- <u>July 23 China brokers a unity agreement between rival Palestinian factions Fatah</u> and <u>Hamas</u> to form a single government. [143]
- <u>July 26</u> <u>August 11</u> The <u>2024 Summer Olympics</u> are held in <u>Paris</u>, <u>France</u>. [144] The controversial <u>opening ceremony</u> and the boxing match of <u>Luca Hámori</u> and <u>Imane Khelif</u> spark international debate. [147][148]
- <u>July 28 2024 Venezuelan presidential election</u>: Incumbent President <u>Nicolás Maduro</u> declares victory against opposition candidate <u>Edmundo González Urrutia</u> amid alleged irregularities, causing numerous South American states to refuse to acknowledge the results or suspend diplomatic relations with the Maduro government and <u>sparking nationwide</u> protests. [149]
- July 30
  - At least 334 people are killed, over 200 injured and 281 missing following <u>landslides</u> in Wayanad district, Kerala, India. [150][151]
  - Israel carries out <u>an airstrike</u> in the <u>Dahieh</u> suburb of <u>Beirut</u>, killing <u>Hezbollah</u> commander <u>Fuad Shukr</u>, who it accused of ordering the <u>Majdal Shams attack</u>.[152][153]
  - 2024 United Kingdom riots: Far-right riots break out throughout the United Kingdom in response to a mass stabbing in Southport, England. [154][155]
- July 31
  - <u>Ismail Haniyeh</u>, the political leader of <u>Hamas</u>, <u>is assassinated</u> at his residence in <u>Tehran.<sup>[156]</sup></u>
  - Moussa Dadis Camara, the former military ruler of <u>Guinea</u>, is found guilty of <u>crimes against</u> <u>humanity</u> in <u>the massacres that occurred in 2009</u> and is sentenced to twenty years in prison by a Guinean court. [157]

### **August**

- August 1 2024 American–Russian prisoner exchange:
   Twenty-six individuals are released from Ankara Esenboğa
   Airport in the largest prisoner exchange between the United
   States and Russia since the Cold War. [158]
- August 5 Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina announces her resignation and flees to <u>India</u> following nationwide protests. [159]
- August 6 Yahya Sinwar, Hamas' leader in the Gaza Strip, is appointed as the chairman of Hamas' political bureau. [160]
- August 7 The Move Forward Party is dissolved and Pita Limjaroenrat, alongside other senior politicians from the party, are banned from politics by the Constitutional Court of Thailand. [161]



Sheikh Hasina, the Prime Minister of Bangladesh, resigned and fled to India on August 5 following the Student–People's uprising.

- August 8 Nobel laureate <u>Muhammad Yunus</u> takes oath as <u>Chief Adviser</u> of an <u>interim</u> government formed after Sheikh Hasina's resignation in Bangladesh. [162]
- <u>August 9 Voepass Flight 2283</u>: A <u>Voepass Linhas Aéreas ATR 72</u> crashes near <u>Vinhedo</u>, <u>São</u> Paulo, Brazil, killing all 62 people on board. [163]
- <u>August 11</u> President <u>Volodymyr Zelenskyy</u> announces that the Ukrainian military is conducting a cross-border offensive inside Russia's western Kursk Oblast. Russia says that

76,000 people have been evacuated from the region. [164]

- August 14
  - The World Health Organization (WHO) declares mpox a public health emergency of international concern for the second time in two years, following the spread of the virus in African countries. [165]
  - The Constitutional Court of Thailand dismisses the Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin for illegally appointing a minister to his cabinet who had a prison sentence. Paetongtarn Shinawatra succeeds him as Prime Minister of Thailand.
- <u>August 17</u> <u>Indonesia</u>'s 79th <u>Independence Day</u> celebration is held in <u>Nusantara</u>. The celebration is supposed to inaugurate Nusantara as the new <u>capital of Indonesia</u>, but this does not occur due to delays.
- August 23 In Solingen, Germany, a Syrian immigrant stabs three people to death, which leads to the intensification of the debate on migration in Germany. [169]
- August 24 In Barsalogho, Burkina Faso, 600 civilians are victims of a massacre by Islamists associated with Al-Qaeda. [170]
- August 25 The Israel Defense Forces begin a series of preemptive strikes against targets in the south of Lebanon. [171]
- August 28 September 8 The 2024 Summer Paralympics are held in Paris, France. [172]
- August 31 A helicopter crashed in Kamchatka Krai, Russia, killing all 22 occupants onboard. [173]

### September

- September 2 The Brazilian Supreme Court upholds a decision to block the social media platform X (also known as Twitter) over what the Brazilian government determined to be rampant disinformation and Elon Musk's failure to name a legal representative to the country. [174]
- September 7 2024 Algerian presidential election: Incumbent <u>Abdelmadjid Tebboune</u> is re-elected for a second term. [175]
- <u>September 12</u> The first commercial <u>spacewalk</u> is conducted by entrepreneur <u>Jared Isaacman</u> as part of the <u>Polaris Dawn</u> mission, which also includes the highest altitude orbit by a human crew since the <u>Apollo</u> program. [176]



<u>Hurricane Helene</u> made landfall in the United States on September 26.

- <u>September 17–18</u> Thirty-two people are killed and more than 3,200 are injured after <u>pagers</u> and <u>walkie-talkies</u> used by <u>Hezbollah</u> militants and medics explode in two massive cyberattacks. Israel is the presumed perpetrator. [177]
- <u>September 20</u> Israel <u>assassinates</u> Hezbollah leader <u>Ibrahim Aqil</u> and ten other senior leaders in <u>Beirut</u> following an intensification of fighting between Israel and Hezbollah in the wake of the pager explosions that occurred earlier in the week. [178]
- September 21 2024 Sri Lankan presidential election: Anura Kumara Dissanayake is elected President of Sri Lanka, with a second round of vote counting held for the first time in Sri Lanka's history. [179]
- <u>September 23</u> The deadliest day of the <u>Hezbollah–Israel conflict</u> since 2006 occurs, with 569 people killed and 1,835 wounded by Israeli airstrikes in Lebanon. [180]
- <u>September 26</u> <u>Hurricane Helene</u>, the deadliest Atlantic hurricane since <u>Hurricane Maria</u> in 2017, makes landfall in <u>Florida</u> as a category four hurricane. It has a death toll of 236 and leaves more than 685 missing. [181]

- <u>September 27</u> The <u>Israeli Air Force bombs</u> the central headquarters of <u>Hezbollah</u> in Beirut, killing several people, including <u>Hezbollah</u> leader <u>Hassan Nasrallah</u>. [182][183]
- September 29 2024 Austrian legislative election: Far-right Freedom Party secures a historical victory, but does not reach a majority in the National Council. The results are deemed the first far-right win since World War II. [184][185]
- <u>September 30</u> The UK becomes the first <u>G7</u> country to phase <u>out</u> <u>coal power</u> for electric generation, after 142 years of using the energy source. [186][187]

#### **October**

#### October 1

- The Israel Defense Forces invade southern Lebanon, expanding its conflict against Hezbollah. [188]
- The Japanese parliament elects Shigeru Ishiba as the new prime minister of Japan, with members from the Liberal Democratic Party forming the majority. [189][190] Following his appointment, he reveals his cabinet and calls for a snap election on October 27, securing a national mandate. [191]
- Iran attacks Israel with ballistic missiles as a response to Israel's offensive against Hezbollah in Lebanon.
- October 3–20 The 2024 ICC Women's T20 World Cup is held in the United Arab Emirates, and is won by New Zealand. [193]

#### October 6

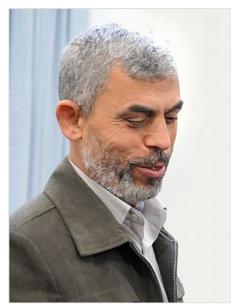
- The 2024 Kazakh nuclear power referendum is held. [194]
- 2024 Tunisian presidential election: Incumbent Kais Saied is reelected for a second term. [195]

#### October 9

- 2024 Mozambican general election: <u>Daniel Chapo</u> is elected <u>president</u> while the ruling <u>FRELIMO</u> party retains a majority. [196]
- The Internet Archive suffers a breach of 31 million user passwords, followed shortly by distributed denial-of-service attacks rendering the site unusable for weeks. [197] The attackers stole users' email addresses and bcrypt-hashed passwords. [198]
- October 12 The long-period comet <u>C/2023 A3</u> (Tsuchinshan–ATLAS), described as the "comet of the century", makes its closest approach to Earth. [199]

#### October 13

- The first round of the 2024 Lithuanian parliamentary election is held. [200]
- SpaceX achieves the first successful return and capture
   of a Super Heavy booster from <u>Starship</u>, the biggest and most powerful rocket ever to
   flv [201][202]



Yahya Sinwar, leader of Hamas, was killed on October 16.



<u>Duma Boko</u> won the <u>2024 Botswana</u> general election on October 30.

- October 14 The <u>Europa Clipper</u> spacecraft is launched to investigate <u>Europa</u>, an icy moon of Jupiter. [203]
- October 16 Yahya Sinwar, leader of Hamas, is killed in a gunfight with Israeli forces in Rafah. [204]
- October 20 The 2024 Moldovan European Union membership referendum is held and narrowly approved. [205]
- October 21 The National Assembly of Vietnam elects <u>Lương Cường</u> as the new president of <u>Vietnam</u>. He replaced <u>Tô Lâm</u>, who was formally appointed as the general secretary of the Communist Party. [206]
- October 26 The 2024 Georgian parliamentary election is held. [207]
- October 27
  - 2024 Japanese general election: The governing <u>LDP</u> loses its parliamentary majority for the first time since 2009, but still wins the most seats. The <u>CDP</u> wins its best result in party history. [208]
  - The October 2024 Bulgarian parliamentary election is held. [209]
  - The second round of the 2024 Lithuanian parliamentary election is held. [210]
- October 30
  - 2024 Botswana general election: The ruling <u>BDP</u> party is voted out of power, ending 58 years of uninterrupted governance. [211] <u>Duma Boko</u> of the <u>UDC</u> party is elected <u>President</u> of Botswana. [212]
  - <u>2024 Spanish floods</u>: Spain experiences its worst flooding in half a century, with over 200 killed and many more missing, as a year's worth of rain falls in eight hours. [213][214]

#### November

- November 3 2024 Moldovan presidential election: Incumbent Maia Sandu is reelected for a second term. [215]
- November 5
  - The <u>2024 United States presidential election</u> is held, with <u>Donald Trump</u> winning a second (non-consecutive) term. [216]
  - The 2024 Palauan general election is held. [217]

# Predicted and scheduled events

- November 10 2024 Mauritian general election.
- November 13 2024 Somaliland presidential election.
- November 14 2024 Sri Lankan parliamentary election.
- November 16 2024 Gabonese constitutional referendum.
- November 24
  - 2024 Romanian presidential election.
  - The second round of the <u>2024 Uruguayan general election</u> will be held, due to no candidate receiving a majority of the vote. [218]
- November 27 2024 Namibian general election.
- November 29 2024 Irish general election.
- November 30 2024 Icelandic parliamentary election
- December 1 2024 Romanian parliamentary election.

- December 7 2024 Ghanaian general election.
- December 24 The 2025 Jubilee will begin on this date.

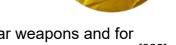
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■ December – 2024 Croatian presidential election.

### **Deaths**

### **Nobel Prizes**

- <u>Chemistry</u> <u>David Baker</u>, for computational and protein design, and <u>Demis</u> Hassabis and John M. Jumper, for protein structure prediction. [219]
- Economics Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson and James A. Robinson, for studies of how institutions are formed and affect prosperity. [220]
- <u>Literature</u> <u>Han Kang</u>, for her intense poetic prose that confronts historical traumas and exposes the fragility of human life. [221]



- Peace Nihon Hidankyo, for its efforts to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons and for demonstrating through witness testimony that nuclear weapons must never be used again.
- Physics John J. Hopfield and Geoffrey E. Hinton, for their foundational discoveries and inventions that enable machine learning with artificial neural networks. [223]
- <u>Physiology or Medicine</u> <u>Victor Ambros</u> and <u>Gary Ruvkun</u>, for their discovery of <u>microRNA</u> and its role in post-transcriptional gene regulation.

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