

Stories that made headlines around the world in 2017



January: China smog



April: Cassini's Grand Finale



May: Macron victorious



July: North Korea missiles



August: Rohingya crisis erupts



September: Caribbean devastation



September: Mexico quakes



October: Catalonia in crisis



October: Xi power



November: Syria battles

JAN 3 China issues its first-ever nationwide red alert for smog



20 Donald Trump is inaugurated as U.S. President, but arguably larger crowds show up for the next day's **Women's March on Washington**

FEB 6 Queen Elizabeth II's reign passes 65 years. In November she and Prince Philip celebrate 70 years of marriage

26 There are red faces at the **Oscars** as the wrong film is announced as Best Picture

MAR 15 President Trump's "travel ban", affecting people from six mainly Muslim countries, is temporarily blocked in some U.S. courts

26 Carrie Lam is elected Chief Executive of Hong Kong, its first female leader

29 The United Kingdom invokes **Article 50** of the Lisbon Treaty on European Union, beginning the formal process of **Brexit**



APR 16 A referendum in Turkey gives sweeping new powers to President **Recep Tayyip Erdogan**

30 NASA's **Cassini** spacecraft begins a series of dives between Saturn's rings before plunging into the planet's atmosphere

MAY 7 Emmanuel Macron, 39, becomes France's youngest leader since Napoleon

19 Hassan Rouhani is re-elected President of Iran by a huge margin

22 The deadliest of four terror attacks in Britain in three months kills 22 people at a pop concert in Manchester

JUN 1 President Trump confirms he will withdraw the U.S. from the Paris Agreement on climate change



14 A deadly fire engulfs **Grenfell Tower**, an apartment block in west London, killing 71 people

19 Forest fires in Portugal claim at least 64 lives

JUL 4 North Korea tests its first long-range ICBM. Further tests of increasingly powerful missiles, capable of striking the U.S. mainland, spark an ongoing nuclear crisis



9 Iraqi forces recapture Mosul, three years after Islamic State militants seized the city



AUG 14 As Saudi Arabia and Iran wage a proxy war in Yemen, the WHO warns cholera cases now top 500,000

25 Hurricane Harvey causes catastrophic flooding in Houston and much of eastern Texas

25 A crackdown on **Rohingya** militants in Myanmar leads to an exodus of over a million refugees to Bangladesh

SEP 6/18 Hurricanes **Irma** and **Maria** cause widespread destruction across the northern Caribbean

7/19 Two earthquakes hit Mexico just 12 days apart, claiming over 470 lives



24 Chancellor **Angela Merkel** wins a fourth term in Germany's federal election despite gains by the far-right AfD party



OCT 1 A gunman kills 58 concertgoers in Las Vegas in the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history

1/27 Catalonia's controversial referendum on independence leads the Spanish government to strip the region of its autonomy and impose direct rule

5 Allegations against Hollywood producer **Harvey Weinstein** launch a slew of sexual misconduct scandals

25 China's Communist Party elevates **Xi Jinping** by enshrining his name and ideology in its constitution

NOV 3 Government forces recapture Deir ez-Zor, the last major Islamic State stronghold in Syria, soon after U.S.-backed militias regain the de facto IS capital of Raqqa



4 Saudi Arabia's **Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman** consolidates power with a major crackdown on corruption. Over 40 princes and ministers are arrested



11 The **Louvre Abu Dhabi** opens, the first museum of its kind in the Arab world

15 **Salvator Mundi**, a painting attributed to **Leonardo da Vinci**, sells at auction for a world record \$450.3 million

15 An Argentine submarine goes missing with 44 crew on board. International search and rescue efforts fail to find it



21 **Robert Mugabe** resigns as president of Zimbabwe after a military coup, ending 37 years of autocratic rule

DEC 4 Former Yemeni President **Ali Abdullah Saleh** is killed by Houthi forces, his former allies



6 Donald Trump overturns decades of official U.S. policy by recognising Jerusalem as the capital of Israel