

Stories that made headlines around the world in 2018



Mar: Russian spy poisoning



Jun: U.S.-China trade war



Jun: U.S.-North Korea summit



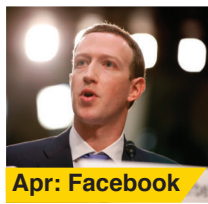
Jul: Thai cave rescue



Aug: Genoa bridge collapse



Mar: Gun control



Apr: Facebook



May: Royal wedding



Sep: Sulawesi earthquake



Oct: Migrant caravan



Dec: France protests



Nov: California wildfires

JAN 9 Iran arrests over 3,700 demonstrators after days of protests that claim at least 21 lives

20 Turkey launches a military offensive against U.S.-backed Kurdish forces in Syria's Afrin region

FEB 6 SpaceX launches its Falcon Heavy rocket on its maiden flight, carrying **Elon Musk's** Tesla Roadster as a dummy payload

9 Delegates from North and South Korea march under a united flag at the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang

14 **Cyril Ramaphosa** (left) becomes president of South Africa after **Jacob Zuma** resigns amid corruption claims

MAR 4 Former Russian spy **Sergei Skripal** and his daughter **Yulia** are poisoned by a nerve agent in Salisbury, England. Moscow denies involvement but many countries expel Russian diplomats in response



19 **Sudan**, the world's last male northern white rhinoceros, dies in Kenya

24 Mass protests across the U.S. call for tighter gun control after a school shooting in Florida kills 17

APR 10 **Mark Zuckerberg** testifies before Congress over Facebook's massive data privacy scandal

14 The U.S., Britain and France strike multiple government targets in Syria following a chemical weapons attack by Assad forces



18 **Miguel Diaz-Canel** (left) succeeds **Raul Castro** as President of Cuba, ending almost 60 years of Castro rule



27 Korean leaders **Kim Jong-un** and **Moon Jae-in** hold a historic summit aimed at formally ending the Korean War

MAY 8 U.S. President **Donald Trump** quits the nuclear agreement with Iran and reimposes economic sanctions

10 Malaysia's former leader **Mahathir Mohamad**, 93, becomes the world's oldest head of government after a shock election victory

19 Britain's **Prince Harry** and U.S. former actress **Meghan Markle** marry at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle

JUN 3 Guatemala's Volcán de Fuego volcano erupts without warning, killing at least 190 people

12 North Korean leader Kim Jong-un and U.S. President Donald Trump hold a historic summit in Singapore

15 President Trump's trade war heats up with tariffs on China, after hits on steel and aluminium imports from U.S. allies in Europe and North America



24 A decades-old ban on women driving in Saudi Arabia is lifted

JUL 10 A cave rescue in Thailand successfully extracts 12 boys and their soccer coach, trapped for 17 days after heavy rains flooded narrow passages



23 Extreme summer heat causes wildfires in Greece that claim 99 lives. A heatwave in Japan also causes multiple casualties

25 Former cricketer **Imran Khan** becomes prime minister of Pakistan after an election marred by violence

AUG 2 Apple becomes the first public company valued at \$1 trillion



8 Australia's most populous state, New South Wales, is declared entirely in drought after one of the driest winters on record

14 A 200m section of a motorway bridge collapses in Genoa, Italy, killing 43 people

22 The exodus of Venezuelans continues as an economic and humanitarian crisis worsens

SEP 3 Fire ravages Brazil's 200-year-old National Museum in Rio de Janeiro

28 A major earthquake in Sulawesi, Indonesia, kills over 2,200 people

OCT 2 Saudi journalist **Jamal Khashoggi**, a prominent critic of Saudi Arabia's crown prince, is murdered inside the country's consulate in Istanbul

12 An ever-growing migrant caravan sets out from Honduras with hopes of reaching the U.S.

15 As famine looms, the UN calls for a halt on Saudi-led airstrikes on Yemen

15 Right-winger **Jair Bolsonaro** is elected president of Brazil, pledging to clean up politics and crack down on crime



NOV 6 Democrats win control of the House of Representatives but the Republicans extend their Senate majority in the U.S. midterm elections

8 California's deadliest wildfire kills at least 88 people and destroys the town of Paradise

16 An Argentinian submarine lost a year ago with 44 crew, is found in the South Atlantic



25 Russian forces seize three Ukrainian naval ships in the disputed Kerch Strait

26 NASA's InSight probe lands on Mars to study the deep interior of the Red Planet

DEC 1 "Yellow vest" protests against high living costs spark violent unrest in Paris

1 Left-winger **Andrés Manuel López Obrador** is sworn in as president of Mexico after a landslide election victory



10 UK prime minister **Theresa May** postpones a crucial Brexit vote ahead of a near certain defeat in parliament