

1 Mar 29, UK: Britain is due to make history as the first full European Union member to quit the bloc, but turmoil in Parliament over the terms of Brexit threatens every part of the timetable

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2 Mar 1, U.S.: Tariffs on \$200bn worth of Chinese imports will rise from 10% to 25% if the world's two largest economies do not settle their trade dispute. **President Trump** has softened his tone, saying he may postpone the deadline to complete negotiations

3 Mar 24, Thailand: The military claims the long-delayed election, the first under a new constitution, will restore stability after years of political turmoil. Critics say the changes boost military power

5 Mar 21, Iran: Tehran plans to deploy warships, including its newly-launched destroyer the **Sahand**, to the Atlantic in a bid to increase its naval operating range closer to U.S. waters

7 Mar 25, U.S.: NASA has invited private companies to submit bids for building a lunar probe by this date. The agency wants to land humans on the moon again by 2028

8 Mar 9, U.S.: Barbie turns 60. Later this year a new live action film starring **Margot Robbie** aims to give the often-criticised Barbie more of an "edge", for greater appeal to the #MeToo generation

4 Mar 31, Ukraine: Former prime minister **Yulia Tymoshenko** is one of the frontrunners for the presidency. The winner will be expected to maintain Ukraine's growth trend while squeezed between competing Western and Russian political interests

6 Mar 2, France: **Concorde** first flew over Toulouse 50 years ago. The service ended in 2003 but some firms are developing new projects, determined to revive the glory days of supersonic flight