

WORLD AGENDA

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1 Jan 2, U.S.: Boeing is to suspend production of its 737 MAX jet, its biggest assembly-line halt in more than 20 years, as fallout from two fatal crashes drags into 2020. The stoppage is likely to affect suppliers and the wider economy



3 Jan 22, Taiwan: **Tsai Ing-wen**, who takes a hard line against China, is bidding for a second term as president. Her support for the protests in Hong Kong and Beijing's overt efforts to thwart her bid have boosted her standing in pre-election polls



8 Jan 25, China: The **Year of the Rat**, the first of 12 animals on the Chinese zodiac, begins. People born under the Rat sign are said to be quick-witted and resourceful

2 Jan 31, UK: Prime Minister **Boris Johnson's** clear election majority handed him the mandate he needs to ratify his Brexit deal and take Britain out of the European Union on this date



4 Jan 14, Guatemala: **Alejandro Giammattei** (right) is sworn in as president. He pledged to grow the economy and reduce unemployment so that Guatemalans are not forced to attempt to migrate to the U.S.



5 Jan 15, U.S.: Talks between the foreign ministers of Ethiopia and Egypt in Washington DC aim to agree on how Nile River water will be shared once the **Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam** is functional

6 Jan 27, Poland: Soviet troops liberated **Auschwitz** concentration camp in Nazi-occupied Poland in 1945, and world leaders are expected to attend 75th anniversary commemorations both here and in Israel



7 Jan 22, U.S.: **Patrick Stewart** reprises his **Star Trek** role of **Jean-Luc Picard** in a new CBS series. **Star Trek: Picard** chronicles the next chapter of the retired Starfleet admiral's life