

1 Oct 30-31, Italy: U.S. President **Joe Biden** and his French counterpart **Emmanuel Macron** meet privately at the G20 summit to try to smooth relations after France was cut out of a lucrative deal to supply nuclear submarines to Australia. Canberra has made a new pact with the U.S. and UK – **AUKUS** – instead

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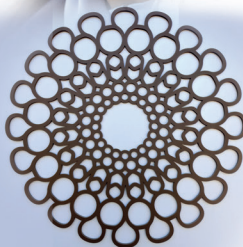
2 Oct 10, Iraq: War-scarred Iraq holds parliamentary elections in which **Moqtada al-Sadr**, the former U.S. foe and now one of Iraq's most influential political figures, is a likely frontrunner

3 Oct 1, Myanmar: Deposed civilian leader **Aung San Suu Kyi** is set to go on trial for corruption. Suu Kyi has been under house arrest since a military coup in February sparked a mass uprising and a brutal crackdown on dissent

4 Oct 1, United Arab Emirates: **Expo 2020 Dubai**, the first world fair in the Middle East, opens its doors to exhibitors from 200 countries after being delayed for a year by the pandemic



8 Oct 5, U.S.: Apple co-founder **Steve Jobs** died 10 years ago, aged 56. CEO **Tim Cook** recently tweeted: "Especially in a year where so much kept us apart, technology brought us together in so many ways," calling this a testament to Jobs' legacy



5 Oct 1, U.S.: The Biden administration wants to double the number of refugees admitted to the U.S. to 125,000 in the fiscal year starting Oct 1. The decision comes as tens of thousands of Afghan refugees evacuated from Kabul are at U.S. military bases awaiting resettlement

6 Oct 5, Russia: Crew for the movie "The Challenge" are due to blast off to the International Space Station as Russia overtakes the U.S. in a new space race to shoot the first movie in orbit. Last year NASA and Hollywood superstar **Tom Cruise** announced plans for a similar venture aboard the ISS

7 Oct 1, Japan: The last of Japan's double-decker bullet trains head into retirement. The **E4** series once boasted the world's greatest capacity of any high-speed rail service, but its 240km/h two-tier carriages have been outstripped by newer designs which can achieve up to 320km/h

