

# WORLD AGENDA

JANUARY 2024



**1 Jan 15, U.S.:** The Republican presidential nomination contest begins. Despite his many legal challenges former President **Donald Trump** is favoured to win the Iowa caucuses and the New Hampshire primary a week later

**2 Jan 13, Taiwan:** More than 23 million voters go to the polls. A win for **Lai Ching-te's** ruling, independence-leaning DPP would further obstruct China's goal of bringing Taiwan under Beijing's control



**3 Jan 1, China:** Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the UAE join the **BRICS** group of emerging economies, but Argentina declined the invitation after the election of President **Javier Milei**

**4 Jan 28, Finland:** Voters choose a new president as relations with Moscow hit a new low following Helsinki's decision to grant the U.S. military unrestricted access to bases close to the Finnish-Russian border



**6 Jan 22, India:** Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurates the long-awaited Ram temple in Ayodhya – on the site of the Babri mosque that was razed in 1992, triggering riots that claimed 2,000 lives

**8 Jan 1, U.S.:** The earliest version of **Mickey Mouse**, seen in **Steamboat Willie** in 1928, enters the public domain, but Disney retains the rights to all later versions

**5 Jan 7, Bangladesh:** The ruling Awami League is set to clinch a fourth consecutive election victory, extending the rule of the country's longest serving prime minister, **Sheikh Hasina**

**7 Jan 27, U.S.:** The world's largest cruise ship, the **Icon of the Seas**, makes its maiden voyage, sailing from Miami to the Caribbean

