

WORLD AGENDA

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1 Dec 16, Germany: Chancellor **Olaf Scholz** to hold a confidence vote in parliament which would pave the way for snap elections in February, following the collapse of his fractious three-way coalition



2 Dec 2, U.S.: California Governor **Gavin Newsom** (above), a fierce critic of President-elect **Donald Trump**, will convene a special session of the legislature to safeguard the state's progressive policies ahead of the new presidency

4 Dec 20, France: A verdict is expected in the mass rape trial that has shocked the nation. **Dominique Pelicot** has admitted drugging his ex-wife **Gisèle** (right), raping her and inviting dozens of men to also abuse her. He will be sentenced alongside any other defendants found guilty



3 Dec 8, Romania: Far-right, pro-Russia candidate **Calin Georgescu** (right) and centre-right **Elena Lasconi** (left) are expected to face each other in a presidential run-off vote. A victory for Georgescu could throw the country's staunchly pro-Ukraine stance into doubt



5 Dec 9, Netherlands: Controls on borders are set to be imposed as part of a wider crackdown on migration proposed by the right-wing coalition led by the anti-Muslim **PVV** party of **Geert Wilders**

6 Dec 8, France: Paris' **Notre-Dame Cathedral** reopens its doors after a five-year restoration that followed a devastating fire in 2019



7 Dec 4, India: The **Proba-3**, a **European Space Agency (ESA)** mission is scheduled to launch on board a PSLV-XL rocket from the country's spaceport in Sriharikota. It will create an artificial solar eclipse in space to study the sun

8 Dec 25, U.S.: **Robert Eggers'** remake of **Nosferatu**, the classic vampire made famous in **F.W. Murnau's** 1922 film, is released. A cast including **Bill Skarsgård**, **Lily-Rose Depp** and **Nicholas Hoult** promises to blend artful horror with a modern twist

