

2025: Global unrest and economic tension dominates



Jan: Trump second inauguration

May: Pope Leo XIV elected

Sep: Gen Z protests in Nepal



Mar: Protests in Turkey



Jul: Malnutrition in Gaza



Aug: Europe wildfires



Oct: Israel-Hamas ceasefire



Mar: Myanmar earthquake



Nov: Hong Kong inferno



Dec: Sri Lanka's cyclone

JAN 7 The most destructive wildfires in Los Angeles history claim 30 lives and devastate large residential areas

15 Yoon Suk Yeol becomes the first sitting South Korean president to be arrested after a standoff over an insurrection investigation



20 Donald Trump is inaugurated as the 47th President of the United States, becoming the second president to serve non-consecutive terms

29 An American Airlines jet and a U.S. Army helicopter collide over Washington D.C., killing all 67 people on board

FEB 4 Worst mass shooting in Sweden's history as a gunman kills 10 people at an adult education centre



28 Trump clashes with Ukraine's president **Volodymyr Zelenskyy** at the White House, telling him to make a deal with Russia

MAR 19 Protests erupt across Turkey after the arrest of the mayor of Istanbul, **Ekrem Imamoglu**, on charges of corruption and terrorism

21 South Korea's worst wildfires kill at least 32 people and destroy historic temples

28 A 7.7-magnitude earthquake in Myanmar kills over 5,000 people, while nearly 100 more die when an under-construction skyscraper collapses in Bangkok

31 France's Marine Le Pen is barred from office for five years after being found guilty of embezzling EU funds

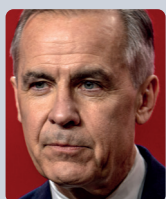


APR 2 President Trump announces 10% baseline tariff on all imports to U.S., calling it **Liberation Day**



28 A widespread blackout in Spain, Portugal and France plunges millions into darkness

28 Mark Carney – who replaced **Justin Trudeau** as prime minister in March – secures a fourth consecutive mandate for the Liberal party in general elections



MAY 6 Conservative leader **Friedrich Merz** is elected Germany's Chancellor, vowing to revive Europe's largest economy

8 Cardinal Robert Prevost becomes the first U.S.-born pontiff taking the name **Pope Leo XIV** after the death of his predecessor **Francis**

JUN 2 Ukraine's **Operation Spider's Web** captures global attention after 117 attack drones target airfields deep within Russian territory

12 An **Air India** flight crashes after take-off from Ahmedabad, killing 241 people on board and 19 on the ground



22 U.S. **B-2** bombers strike Iran's nuclear facilities, joining Israel's campaign against the Islamic Republic in a 12-day war

JUL 4 Flash floods ravage a swath of central Texas, killing at least 135 people

9 Riding the AI frenzy, chipmaker **Nvidia** becomes the world's first \$4tn company, briefly hitting \$5tn months later



23 Over 100 aid agencies warn of "mass starvation" in Gaza, accusing Israel of blocking food supplies

AUG 7 Sweeping new Trump tariffs take effect on more than 90 countries pushing U.S. duties to their highest rate in a century

27 Internet melts down as **Taylor Swift** announces engagement to sports star **Travis Kelce**



28 Wildfires hit Spain, Portugal, Romania, France, and other European countries, affecting a record one million hectares

SEP 9 A deadly uprising topples the government in Nepal and similar **Gen Z protests** flare up in Indonesia, Madagascar, Morocco and Peru

10 NATO jets shoot down Russian drones over Poland – the first time shots are fired by NATO since the start of the war in Ukraine



10 Divisive conservative activist **Charlie Kirk** is fatally shot while speaking at Utah University

12 Brazil's former president **Jair Bolsonaro** is sentenced to 27 years in prison for plotting a military coup



OCT 9 Israel and Hamas agree to the first phase of President Trump's Gaza plan, a step toward ending the two-year war

20 A brazen robbery at the **Louvre** museum in Paris sees thieves make off with several French crown jewels



21 Staunch **Sanae Takaichi** makes history to become Japan's first female prime minister



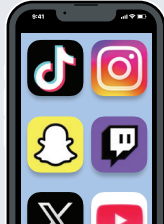
NOV 4 **Zohran Mamdani**, 34, becomes New York City's first Muslim mayor and the youngest in over a century to lead the largest city in the U.S.



26 A massive fire in Hong Kong engulfs seven tower blocks, killing at least 151 people in one of the worst disasters in the city's history

28 Sri Lanka's worst cyclone this century kills at least 638, while catastrophic flooding claims hundreds more across Indonesia, Vietnam and Thailand

DEC 10 Australia passes a law requiring social media platforms to ban users under 16



14 Australia's worst mass shooting in 30 years, in which a father and son – followers of Islamic State group – kill 15 people at a Jewish celebration at Sydney's **Bondi Beach**

18 After a tense summit EU leaders agree to a \$105 billion loan to Ukraine over the next two years, after failing to agree on using frozen Russian assets