

# WORLD AGENDA

## FEBRUARY 2026

**1 Feb 24, U.S.:** President *Trump* delivers the State of the Union address in a speech expected to set the GOP message ahead of this year's midterm elections, which will decide control of Congress

**2 Feb 24, Ukraine:** As the war between Russia and Ukraine reaches its fourth anniversary, Moscow targets critical power infrastructure affecting thousands of civilians

**3 Feb 8, Japan:** Prime Minister *Sanae Takaichi* (right) holds a snap general election to seek support for increased spending, tax cuts and a new security strategy

**4 Feb 6, U.S.:** NASA is set to launch *Artemis II* – the first crewed mission to the Moon since 1972 – no earlier than this date

**5 Feb 5, U.S./Russia:** *New START*, the last remaining nuclear arms control treaty between the U.S. and Russia, expires with no replacement in sight

**6 Feb 6, Italy:** *Winter Olympics*, co-hosted by two cities, Milan and Cortina, begin. Ski mountaineering (climbing, then descending on skis) makes its debut at the Games

**8 Feb 13, Global:** *Emily Brontë's* classic gothic romance *Wuthering Heights*, starring *Margot Robbie* and *Jacob Elordi*, releases in cinemas worldwide

**7 Feb 8-12, Asia:** Thailand holds parliamentary elections amid political deadlock and tensions with Cambodia, while Bangladesh heads to the polls for the first time since the 2024 uprising that ousted longtime Prime Minister *Sheikh Hasina*

