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Arctic Blast Drives Extreme Temperature Across the Central U.S., Winter Storm Taking Shape

[Arctic air](#) will expand southwards across most of the Central United States through Friday, potentially leading to record-low temperatures and wind chills. The [National Weather Service](#) has issued Widespread [Cold Temperature Alerts](#) from Montana and North Dakota through South Texas. Locations as far south as Central Texas and as far east as Middle Tennessee will see temperatures fall to 30-40 degrees F below normal. Localized spots across the Central and Northern Plains could reach 50 degrees F below normal. Wind chills will become extremely dangerous and potentially life-threatening, especially across the northern Plains, where the lowest wind chill values are forecast to reach 50 to 60 degrees below zero through Thursday morning.

A winter storm ([radar](#)) strengthening across the Central U.S. is forecast to deliver over eight inches of snow to southeastern Kansas and southern Missouri through Tuesday night. [Major impacts](#) are expected as high snowfall rates will lead to dangerous travel conditions across multiple cities, including Wichita (KS) and Springfield (MO). The winter storm is expected to track east through Thursday morning, producing snow across flood-stricken Kentucky and Tennessee, as well as North Carolina and Virginia. Outside of the Central U.S., moderate to major impacts may be confined to southeastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina Wednesday afternoon into Thursday morning. Snowfall totals [above six inches](#) are expected for several cities, including Norfolk (VA) and Elizabeth City (NC). The National Weather Service has issued widespread [Winter Storm Warnings/Watches/Advisories](#) across the anticipated storm track.

Kentucky Under Winter Storm Warnings After Flood Kills 14

Much of Kentucky is under a [winter storm warning](#), even as many communities are still recovering from [devastating storms and flooding](#) over the weekend that have resulted in at least [14 deaths](#) so far. Snow totals will range between [two to six inches](#) Tuesday afternoon through Tuesday night. The reported flooding fatalities have been in Hart, Nelson, Clay, Pike, Washington, Hardin, and Floyd counties, located in the central and eastern parts of the state. At least a dozen [emergency shelters](#) are open, and approximately 175 members of the National Guard are engaged in operations. Over 350 highway closures were still in effect as of late Monday.

U.S., Russia Hold Peace Talks in Riyadh Without Ukraine

U.S. and Russian officials met in Saudi Arabia earlier today to [discuss](#) an end to the war in Ukraine, the first such talks since Russia invaded its western neighbor in 2022. The talks were notably held without either Ukrainian or European officials present, leading Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to [assert](#) that Kyiv would not agree to any agreement negotiated without its involvement. The talks led to broad agreement between Russia and the U.S. on a [few key points](#), including the re-establishment of each country's respective missions in Washington and Moscow and the appointment of a high-level team to negotiate an end to the conflict that is "acceptable to all the parties engaged."

Among Russia's demands to end the conflict was the [disavowal](#) of a promise NATO made in 2008 that would allow Ukraine to join the alliance and for [no NATO troops](#) to be stationed in Ukraine. Ahead of the talks, Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth appeared aligned on these issues, [saying](#) that Ukraine should not receive NATO membership, that no U.S. troops would be deployed to the country as part of a security guarantee, and that Ukraine's goal of recovering all territory lost since 2014 an "unrealistic objective." Ahead of the Riyadh summit, European leaders [met in Paris](#) to attempt to form a consensus on Europe's position, including the possibility of deploying troops to Ukraine as part of possible security guarantees. Some, such as the U.K., have [signaled openness](#) to deploying soldiers but [stress](#) that a "U.S. backstop" would still be required.

Meanwhile, fighting between Ukraine and Russia continues. [A senior Russian official claimed](#) that Ukrainian drones attacked the Kropotkinskaya pumping station of the Caspian Pipeline Consortium (CPC), which transports about 1% of global crude supply. The strike, confirmed by Ukraine's security service, has forced reduced flow rates but has not halted oil transportation. Russia warned that the attack could disrupt global markets and harm U.S. companies with stakes in the pipeline, including Chevron and ExxonMobil .

Climate and Natural Hazards

- **Temperatures Forecast to Rebound Across the Central and Western U.S.:** The [Climate Prediction Center](#) has highlighted the area from the Northern Plains westward as likely to observe above-average temperatures to close out February. Above-average temperatures will settle in beginning Sunday, potentially leading to highs in the 50s F across the Dakotas after experiencing wind chills of -40F this week. Temperatures in the upper 80s F are expected in Phoenix and Palm Springs (CA) until the end of the month. Across the East, temperatures will normalize between February 23-26, with diverging model solutions and less forecast confidence afterward.
- **Experts Believe Earthquake Activity Declining in Greece:** Despite a new 5.1 magnitude earthquake that was recorded on Monday, experts have observed a relative decline in seismic activity near Santorini and the surrounding islands over the last week. While the outlook remains [uncertain](#), seismologists believe earthquake activity may continue for weeks, if not months. The situation remains complex, with experts calling the sequence "[unprecedented](#)."
- **Cold Wave Bound for Middle East:** An intense intrusion of well-below-normal temperatures is expected to impact Türkiye, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, the West Bank, Gaza, Israel, Jordan, northern Saudi Arabia, and surrounding areas between February 19-23. Along the Mediterranean coast, relatively warmer sea temperatures will help moderate conditions, though overnight lows will still dip into the 40s F (5-10C). Further inland, temperatures are likely to fall near 25F (-4C). While not as extreme as the impending Arctic air outbreak over North America, these temperatures rank in the lowest 10% of what is typical for mid-February in the region.
- **Western Japan Expected to Receive Sea-Effect Snow Into Next Week:** A prolonged sea-effect snow event across large portions of Western Japan is forecast to impact the region through at least next Monday. Widespread snowfall totals are expected to range between one and three feet across western Honshu, though locally higher snowfall totals approaching four feet are possible. Historic sea-effect snow earlier this month led to significant travel disruption, school closures, and [a dozen deaths](#).
- **Other Severe Weather Events:** For a daily look at significant weather events around the world, read AlertMedia's [Daily Severe Weather Report](#).

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Worldwide

- **Ceasefire Deals in Doubt as Israeli Troops Stay in Lebanon, Gaza Talks on Hold:** Israel [announced](#) its military would remain in southern Lebanon past the deadline in its extended ceasefire agreement with Hezbollah. Lebanon had urged negotiators to push for a full withdrawal last week, though talks of restarting fighting have so far remained off the table. Meanwhile, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he is "[committed](#)" to the Trump administration's proposal for Gaza, which [includes](#) the mass displacement of its residents and the "redevelopment" of the territory. The plan has been denounced by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and others in the international community, and Egypt is [reportedly](#) working on a separate option to rebuild Gaza without having to remove residents. The [second round](#) of ceasefire talks between Hamas and Israel, meant to start on February 4, have [not yet begun](#). The first phase is set to [expire](#) March 1.
- **ELN Calls Armed Strike in Colombia's Chocó Department Amid Renewed Conflict:** The U.S. Embassy in Bogotá issued a [security alert](#) on Monday advising citizens to consider leaving Chocó Department as soon as possible due to the "unstable security situation" in the region. The advisory followed a 72-hour, department-wide "armed strike" call by the National Liberation Army (ELN) and comes amid the backdrop of [intensifying fighting](#) between the ELN and the FARC-EMC elsewhere in the north of the country, renewed [military operations](#) against armed groups, and a [government shake-up](#). According to the U.S. Embassy, the ELN has threatened to detain, imprison, or shoot citizens who go outdoors in Chocó Department during the strike period, which ends Friday at midnight, and public transport and other public activities are expected to be shut down.
- **Clarity Emerging Around FTO Designations for Mexican Cartels:** [Reporting](#) from the New York Times suggests that the Trump administration plans to designate eight Latin American criminal networks, including six Mexican drug cartels, as foreign terrorist organizations. The move aims to combat drug trafficking and migrant smuggling in the region but has been met with resistance from Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum, who [cautioned](#) that U.S. gun manufacturers could face legal consequences and be considered accomplices if criminal groups were officially labeled as such. Mexico's struggle to suppress cartel activity has continued into 2025, with the state of Tabasco establishing itself as particularly problematic this year after seeing [decade-high violence](#) in 2024. In recent days, Sheinbaum has sought to reinforce security in the state with additional troops.
- **Austrian Fatal Stabbing Latest in Series of Lone-Actor Attacks in Western Europe:** Austrian officials say the suspect in a [fatal stabbing](#) in Villach had an "Islamic terror motive." The stabbing

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left five people injured and killed a 14-year-old boy. The incident came days after a 24-year-old man who came to Germany from Afghanistan as an asylum-seeker [drove](#) a car into a crowd in Munich, injuring over 30 people. Two people have since died from their wounds. The two events are the latest in a string of high - profile attacks involving immigrants that have influenced political rhetoric in both countries, particularly in Germany, where federal elections are planned for Sunday. In Austria, Herbert Kickl, leader of the Freedom Party of Austria, which recently [failed](#) to form a coalition government, responded to the stabbing by calling for tougher migration measures.

- **South Korea's Constitutional Court to Hold Likely Final Impeachment Hearing Thursday:** The Constitution Court will hold its 10th [hearing](#) in the impeachment trial of South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol on Thursday, likely setting the stage for a decision on whether to uphold his impeachment. Over the course of the trial, demonstration activity both in support of and against Yoon's impeachment has continued, often drawing [participation](#) in the tens of thousands, especially in Seoul. Such protest activity is expected to continue over the coming weeks, particularly as Yoon's first preparatory hearing in his [criminal trial](#) is set to begin on Wednesday.
- **U.S. Hits Record Low in Corruption Perception Index, Watchdog Warns of Climate Implications:** Transparency International (TI), an anti-corruption watchdog organization, [released](#) its annual Corruption Perception Index (CPI) last week, which measures how corrupt each country's public sector is perceived to be. The U.S. tied with the Bahamas, dropping four points on a 100-point scale and now ranking number 28 among 180 countries. A drop in public confidence in courts is [behind](#) the drop in ranking, with a Gallup poll [finding](#) that Americans' confidence in the judicial system dropped to a record low of 35% in 2024. TI [notes](#) that the latest data [shows](#) many of the countries most involved in global climate action have low and/or declining CPI scores, which is "obstructing effective climate action by hindering the adoption of ambitious policies."

Cyber and Regulatory

- **Phishing Schemes Uncovered Involving Microsoft, Gmail Accounts:** Microsoft has [detected](#) an active phishing campaign by the threat actor Storm-2372, a group potentially linked to Russian interests. This [campaign](#) targets Microsoft 365 accounts across multiple sectors, including government, non- governmental organizations (NGOs), IT services, defense, telecommunications, healthcare, and energy. The attackers exploit legitimate authentication processes by initiating communications via WhatsApp, Signal, and Microsoft Teams, tricking users into granting

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unauthorized access. In related news, a separate [phishing scheme](#) has been observed where attackers circumvent two-factor authentication (2FA) on platforms such as Gmail and Outlook by mimicking 2FA prompts to intercept user credentials.

- **Microsoft Patches Several Vulnerabilities in Windows Systems:** Microsoft has [released security updates](#) addressing 55 vulnerabilities in Windows systems, including several high-risk flaws. One, CVE- 2025-21376, is a wormable flaw in the Windows Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) service, which could allow remote code execution (RCE) through a buffer overflow. Security researchers warn that it could spread between vulnerable LDAP servers if exploited. Another flaw, CVE-2025-21391, affects Windows Storage, allowing attackers to delete critical system files, potentially causing major outages. Additionally, CVE-2025-21418, a WinSock vulnerability, could grant SYSTEM privileges to attackers.
- **Federal Communications Commission Launches Probe Into Comcast's Diversity Initiatives:** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has [launched an investigation](#) into Comcast Corporation's diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) programs to assess whether they comply with civil rights laws and FCC regulations. FCC Chairman Brendan Carr, citing concerns that Comcast and its subsidiary NBCUniversal may be engaging in discriminatory practices under the guise of DEI, has framed the probe as part of a broader effort to ensure equal employment practices. Comcast has responded by reaffirming its commitment to integrity and non-discriminatory policies, pledging full cooperation with the inquiry. The FCC's move reflects a [growing regulatory focus](#) on corporate DEI programs.
- **U.K. to Restrict Citizenship for Refugees Who Enter Illegally:** The U.K. Home Office has [issued](#) new guidance tightening citizenship eligibility for refugees who arrive through illegal and dangerous routes, such as small boat crossings or hiding in vehicles. Under the policy, these individuals will normally be refused citizenship, regardless of how long they have lived in the U.K. The change could affect approximately 71,000 refugees, according to the Refugee Council, an organization that works with refugees and asylum seekers. Critics argue the move violates international law and hinders integration, while supporters claim it strengthens border security. Meanwhile, the government is advancing a new border security bill, which includes treating people smugglers like terrorists.
- **SEC Requests Pause in Binance Case, Launches Task Force:** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has [requested](#) a 60-day pause in its [lawsuit](#) against Binance, citing ongoing efforts to develop a clearer regulatory framework for cryptocurrencies. The request, made in a joint court filing with Binance, signals a potential shift in how the SEC approaches crypto oversight

under acting Chairman Mark Uyeda. Uyeda recently launched an SEC [cryptocurrency task force](#), which aims to establish more precise guidelines for crypto firms and provide a structured pathway for compliance. While the SEC has not abandoned enforcement actions, the move suggests a willingness to work with the industry rather than focusing on lawsuits to set regulatory precedents.

Infrastructure and Supply Chain

- **SEC Pausing Defense of Climate Disclosure Rule:** Acting Chair of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Mark Uyeda has instructed staff to [pause](#) their defense of the previous administration's climate disclosure rule. Under the rule, companies would be required to disclose their greenhouse gas emissions, although it has faced opposition and legal challenges from its inception. While the national rule faces resistance, a similar [regulation](#) in California, which also requires an assessment of emissions by companies' supply chains and customers, remains in effect. New York State is considering a bill that would apply to companies with over \$1 billion in revenue. Internationally, Howard Lutnick, U.S. President Donald Trump's pick for commerce secretary, has said that he is [exploring](#) "trade tools" to target ESG rules in the European Union.
- **Trump Announces "Reciprocal" Tariffs, Promises More Industry-Specific Duties:** U.S. President Donald Trump has [instructed](#) advisors to draw up a series of "reciprocal" tariffs on America's trading partners that take into account the levies countries charge on products from the U.S., as well as subsidies they give their industries, their exchange rates, and taxes they charge on products, such as the European Union's VAT. Trump's pick to head the Commerce Department, Howard Lutnick, said that an [assessment](#) could be ready for the president as soon as April 1. In addition, Trump has teased the announcement of new [oil and gas tariffs](#) on February 18 and recently said that new tariffs on [automobiles](#) were coming on April 2. Meanwhile, the European Commission has promised to [retaliate](#) for Trump's previously announced tariffs on steel. India, the country likely to be [most adversely impacted](#) by reciprocal tariffs, has taken a [more conciliatory tone](#) as it plans future trade talks with the U.S.
- **Cargo Theft Hits Record Levels in U.S., Canada:** A new [report](#) from analytics and technology provider Verisk CargoNet found that reported incidents of cargo theft in the U.S. and Canada increased 27% in 2024 to 3,625. The estimated average value per theft also rose from \$187,895 to \$202,364. Increases were most pronounced in California (33%) and Texas (39%), with Dallas

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County alone reporting a 78% rise. Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties saw spikes of 50% and 47%, respectively. Popular targets for theft included raw and finished copper products, consumer electronics, cryptocurrency mining hardware, produce like avocados and nuts, and personal care products.

- **Thousands of U.S. Federal Employees Let Go:** As part of [ongoing efforts](#) to reduce the workforce of the federal government, more than 10,000 employees were let go towards the end of last week. The cuts have so far [reportedly](#) impacted employees at the Departments of Education, Energy, Homeland Security, the Interior, and Veterans Affairs, as well as the Environmental Protection Agency, General Services Administration, Office of Personnel Management, Small Business Administration, and [Federal Aviation Administration](#). The Internal Revenue Service could see thousands of layoffs this week as well. In addition, the Trump administration has [introduced](#) a "10-for-1" deregulation initiative, requiring that 10 existing rules, regulations, or guidance documents be repealed before any new ones can be promulgated, with some exceptions. The administration is also [introducing](#) a "four-for-one hiring ratio," instructing agencies to hire no more than one employee for every four that depart.
- **Round up of Food-Related News:** In the latest report from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, inflation had [increased](#) to 3% for the 12 months ending in January, driven in part by the continued rise in [egg prices](#), which are up 55% from a year before. However, eggs aren't the only grocery staple pushing up food prices. A continued [cocoa shortage](#) will likely lead to elevated prices throughout 2025, while both [Japan](#) and the [Philippines](#) tapped emergency rice reserves to combat rising prices. And for farmers in the U.S., the drawdown of operations at the U.S. Agency for International Development has meant a hit to their business. American farmers [supplied](#) around 40% of the food that USAID sent abroad.

Health

- **PAHO Issues Alerts for Rising Yellow Fever Infections, Risk of Dengue Outbreaks:** This month, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) issued advisories about an increase in [yellow fever](#) cases in Latin America and a higher risk of [dengue outbreaks](#) in the region. Yellow fever infections have been on the rise since late 2024, and while cases during the year were primarily concentrated in the Amazon region, PAHO states that the disease is spreading to areas outside this zone, including to the state of São Paulo, Brazil, and the department of Tolima, Colombia. As officials urge increased surveillance for yellow fever, they are doing the same for dengue due to

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the growing circulation of a serotype (DENV-3) [associated](#) with severe cases of the disease. DENV-3 has been identified in Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Mexico, and Peru.

- **African Officials Say Uganda Ebola Outbreak Is Stabilizing:** In a press briefing last week, officials from the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) [stated](#) that an Ebola outbreak in Uganda is now under control. Five new cases were reported in the latest Africa CDC [update](#), bringing the total confirmed infections to nine, but authorities are confident that the situation is stabilizing as they've reportedly found no evidence of transmission outside a single chain. As of this writing, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [maintains](#) its Level 2 Health Notice for travelers to Uganda due to the outbreak.
- **Three U.S. States Report New Human Bird Flu Cases:** Last week saw three new human cases of bird flu in [Nevada](#), [Ohio](#), and [Wyoming](#). The Nevada and Ohio cases occurred in adult farm workers, while the individual in Wyoming was likely exposed through contact with an infected poultry flock at their home. That patient was hospitalized, as was the individual in [Ohio](#). The [case count](#) in the U.S. now stands around 70, though recent research [suggests](#) this number may be an undercount. Despite the new infections, the CDC continues to maintain that the overall health risk is [low](#).
- **Measles Outbreak Grows in West Texas:** A measles outbreak in and around Gaines County, western Texas, continues to grow, with 48 cases now [confirmed](#), though this number is [likely an undercount](#). At least 13 have been hospitalized. Most of the infections have occurred in children between 0-17 years, and the Texas Department of State Health Services (TXDSHS) says all were either unvaccinated or their vaccination status is unknown. The quick jump in cases has prompted concern over further spread in the area. Already, it appears that the outbreak may have crossed state lines into New Mexico, where three cases were [reported](#) last week. Officials in both states are advising that the best way to prevent getting sick is to be immunized with a vaccine against measles.
- **Other Health Stories the Global Intelligence Team Is Watching:** Flu impacts continue to be severe across the U.S., with activity hitting [levels not seen in 15 years](#) and remaining "higher than or similar to the highest it has been all season," according to the [latest update](#) from the CDC. In other notable U.S. health news, New York last week [reported](#) its first case of clade 1b mpox. The infection followed a separate clade 1 case [identified](#) in neighboring New Hampshire earlier this month. Both cases involved travel to Africa and officials say the risk to the public is low. Outside the U.S., the United Arab Emirates became the latest non-African country to report a clade 1b

mplex case. In Africa, the strain continues to spread, with Uganda [registering](#) a notable uptick in cases over the past six weeks.

Demonstrations and Industrial Action

- **Large Demonstrations Against Corruption Planned in Slovakia:** For a Decent Slovakia and Peace in Ukraine are organizing [nationwide demonstrations](#) in Slovakia on Friday, February 21, over government corruption and to call for justice for investigative journalist Ján Kuciak and his partner, Martiny Kušnírové, who were killed in 2018. A primary gathering is planned at Námestie Slobody in Bratislava beginning at 5 pm, and additional actions are expected in other cities throughout the country. Kuciak and Kušnírové's deaths sparked widespread demonstrations against the government and [led](#) to the resignation of then-Prime Minister Robert Fico in 2018. Fico has since been reelected to the top post and is again facing [widespread protests](#) and [calls to resign](#) over closer policy alignments with Russia.
- **Demonstrations to Continue in Germany Through National Elections:** Protest activity in Germany is expected to persist and intensify leading up to the federal elections on February 23. Over the past several weeks, large-scale demonstrations have taken place nationwide, including a Munich rally opposing the Alternative for Germany (AfD) party, which attracted an estimated 200,000 people. The large crowds reflect concern over the party's rise and [deepening political polarization](#). On Saturday, notable actions are planned in Erfurt at Hauptbahnhof at 2:30 pm, in Freiburg at Platz der Alten Synagoge at 2 pm, in Hamburg on Willy-Brandt-Straße/Domstraße at 12 pm, and in Mannheim at Alter Meßplatz at 2 pm. Post-election, if the AfD secures significant gains, additional protests are likely. For more on Germany's federal elections, read AlertMedia's [situation report](#).
- **PMK Announces Statewide Protest in Tamil Nadu:** The Pattali Makkal Katchi (PMK) political party has [called](#) for protests throughout the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu to push for the government to conduct a caste-based survey. PMK leader Dr Anbumani Ramadoss has said that he intends to invite other political parties and social organizations to take part in the rallies. The main demonstration will take place at Valluvar Kottam in Chennai.
- **Demonstrators Plan Action Against CPAC:** Demonstration activity is expected around the 2025 Conservative Political Action Conference, scheduled Wednesday to Saturday at Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in Oxon Hill, MD. Posters are circulating on social media calling for protests at the event, with some instructing people to "camp out" around the venue. The calls

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come after weeks of protests against the policies of the me administration of President Donald Trump, including nationwide rallies on Presidents' Day. Near daily demonstrations are expected over the coming weeks in locations throughout the country, with the next coordinated day of action an "economic boycott" on February 28, during which participants pledge not to engage in any economic activity.

- **Industrial Action Round-Up:** Workers across several countries are planning strikes over the coming days. In **Italy**, a nationwide [rail strike](#) is planned for Saturday and Sunday, while in **Greece's** Attica region (including Athens), [taxi drivers](#) will walk off the job. **France's** [ports and docks](#) will see a 48-hour strike on February 26 and 27 by the National Federation of Ports and Docks (CGT). In **India**, the Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU) announced plans to [escalate](#) an ongoing strike at Samsung's Sriperumbudur plant in Chennai, with demonstrations planned at several other industrial hubs across Tamil Nadu. Across the Atlantic, **Toronto's** largest union [voted](#) in favor of a strike, with walkouts possible in the coming weeks. Unionized **University of California** workers plan to strike across [all 10 UC campuses and five medical centers](#) from February 26-28. And in **Peru**, [heavy-duty transporters](#) are planning to strike tomorrow, beginning at 5 pm, and additional actions are expected in other cities throughout the country. Kuciak and Kušnírové's deaths sparked widespread demonstrations against the government and [led](#) to the resignation of then-Prime Minister Robert Fico in 2018. Fico has since been reelected to the top post and is again facing [widespread protests](#) and [calls to resign](#) over closer policy alignments with Russia.
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Upcoming Events

- January 13-February 26: Maha Kumbh Mela (Prayagraj, India)
- February 18: General Election (Bermuda)
- February 19-22: Conservative Political Action Conference (Washington DC, United States)
- February 20-21: G20 Foreign Ministers Meeting (Johannesburg, South Africa)
- February 22: Founding Day (Saudi Arabia)
- February 23: Federal Elections (Germany)
- February 23: Emperor’s Birthday (Japan)
- February 24: Anniversary of Russia-Ukraine War (Ukraine)
- February 25-26: General Election (Anguilla)
- February 28-March 29: Ramadan (Global) *dates approximate*

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- March 1: First Phase of Gaza Ceasefire Deal Expires (Israel, Gaza)
- March 1: Independence Movement Day (South Korea)
- March 2: Parliamentary Elections (Tajikistan)
- March 4: Carnival/Shrove Tuesday (Global)
- March 4: General Election (Micronesia)
- March 4: Start of “Two Sessions” Meetings (China)
- March 5: Ash Wednesday (Global)
- March 6: Independence Day (Ghana)
- March 8: International Women’s Day (Global)
- March 11: General Election (Greenland)
- March 12: Legislative Elections (Belize)
- March 21: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (Global)
- March 21: General Elections (Curaçao)
- March 26: Independence Day (Bangladesh)
- March 28: Parliamentary Elections (Tajikistan)
- March 29: Day of the Young Combatant (Chile)