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Top Stories

Major Winter Storm Expected to Sweep from the Southern and Eastern U.S.

Confidence continues to increase that a large, **high-impact winter storm** will affect a broad portion of the southern and eastern United States from Friday through Monday, January 23–26. The system is expected to develop over the Southern Plains late Friday before expanding eastward through the weekend. Its slow movement and large footprint will allow for multiple rounds of winter precipitation, followed by prolonged subfreezing temperatures that are likely to delay recovery well into next week across many affected areas.

The earliest and most significant impacts are expected across Texas, Oklahoma, and southern Kansas. High confidence exists that a combination of freezing rain, sleet, and snow will overspread much of northern and central Texas beginning late Friday night. Freezing rain is expected to be the dominant precipitation type across a broad corridor extending from Midland and San Angelo eastward through Abilene, Weatherford, the Dallas–Fort Worth Metroplex, Tyler, Lufkin, and Texarkana. Within this zone, widespread ice accumulations of 0.10 to 0.25 inches are likely, sufficient to create hazardous travel conditions, especially bridges and overpasses, and cause isolated power outages. Confidence is increasing that localized areas, including parts of North Texas and the Dallas–Fort Worth area, could see ice accumulations exceeding 0.40 inches, potentially approaching one-half inch, which would significantly increase the risk of power outages and major travel disruptions.

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Farther north, Oklahoma and southern Kansas are expected to see a more snow-dominated event. Cities including Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Lawton, and Stillwater may receive 4 to 8 inches of snow, with locally higher totals possible. Snowfall rates and limited snow-removal capacity could result in dangerous to near-impossible travel on major interstates, with secondary roads potentially remaining impassable for multiple days. Wind chills are forecast to fall below zero in some areas, further complicating response and recovery efforts.

As the storm shifts eastward, the highest-impact icing threat expands into the Lower Mississippi Valley and Southeast. Central and southern Arkansas, including Little Rock, and northern Louisiana cities such as Shreveport and Monroe may experience significant ice accumulations, with localized totals near or exceeding 0.50 inches, posing a serious risk of widespread power outages and infrastructure damage. Farther east, freezing rain may affect Jackson, Birmingham, Huntsville, Atlanta, Charlotte, and Raleigh, where even moderate ice accretion could cause major transportation and utility disruptions. By late Sunday into early next week, attention may shift toward a developing snow threat across parts of the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast U.S., while prolonged subfreezing temperatures across much of the South could slow recovery and extend impacts well beyond the end of precipitation.

Small Businesses, Hospitals Especially Exposed as Unrest Continues Across Minneapolis

Following a weekend of further demonstration activity across Minneapolis, both a nationwide “Stop ICE Terror” call to action for January 20 and a “**Day of Truth and Freedom**” local strike planned for January 23 could lead to further unrest in the city. The continued unrest has proven **increasingly disruptive** to local business activity, with small businesses and hotels bearing the brunt so far. Threats by President Trump to invoke the Insurrection Act and deploy up to **1,500 soldiers**, alongside other stories regarding the purported **mistreatment of detainees** (including U.S. citizens) are likely to drive significant participation in the nation-wide event on Tuesday and the Minneapolis strike and march on Friday.

Amid the ongoing enforcement drive, demonstrators have targeted businesses perceived to be assisting federal immigration enforcement efforts. Hotels in the Minneapolis area and believed to be accommodating enforcement officers have reportedly **closed** due to safety concerns. Meanwhile, the strike call and march on January 23, which has the **support** of local unions, community leaders, and faith groups, is expected to significantly disrupt economic activity, education, and other essential services in Minneapolis. Additional details on upcoming demonstration activity in Minnesota is included in the “Demonstrations and Industrial Action” section below.

The most significant economic impacts of the ongoing unrest have been absorbed by **small- and medium-sized businesses**, with larger organizations apparently reticent to make public statements on

the situation. While better able to weather the financial consequences of the ongoing immigration enforcement drive and resultant unrest, many of these businesses have still faced operational impacts, especially if their workforce is targeted by immigration agents or they themselves are targeted by demonstrators.

Italy Prepares to Host 2026 Winter Olympic Games

Transportation disruptions and heightened security can be expected across northern Italy as an anticipated two million travelers arrive in the region for the 2026 Milano Cortina Olympic Winter Games, taking place between February 6-22. Following the Olympic Games, the 2026 Paralympic Games will take place between March 6-15. Italy faces a heightened threat environment, and northern Italy is likely to face logistical challenges, especially due to the strain the event will put on its public transportation system. Italian security officials intend to **deploy** approximately 11,000 police and military personnel, including members of the Guardia di Finanza.

The Olympic Winter Games will be spread over an area of more than 22,000 square km, or approximately 8,500 square miles, making it one of the most **geographically widespread** Winter Games in history. Competitions and ceremonies will take place in the Lombardy, Trentino-South Tyrol, and Veneto regions of northern Italy. The venues are organized into four city "clusters" - the Milano Cluster, the Cortina Cluster, the Valtellina Cluster, and the Val di Fiemme Cluster. In addition to the four clusters, the city of Verona will host the Closing Ceremony of the Olympic Games and the Opening Ceremony of the Paralympic Games.

Refer to AlertMedia's Situation Report on the 2026 Winter Olympic Games for more information.

Climate and Natural Hazards

- **At Least 20 Fatalities Amid Chile Wildfire Outbreak:** Dozens of wildfires have been reported across the **Araucanía, Biobío, and Ñuble** regions of Chile since Saturday. The most significant damage so far has been reported in the Biobío region, specifically in the communes of Concepción, Penco, and Tomé, where **19 people have been killed** and over 500 homes have been **destroyed**. One death has also been reported in the Ñuble region. Additional evacuations were issued on Monday, with a continuation of elevated fire weather conditions expected through the week.
- **Southern Europe Faces Flooding Risk:** Through Thursday, a slow-moving storm system will continue to bring widespread heavy rainfall to southern Italy, northern coastal Tunisia, and parts of Greece and western Türkiye. Some locations, especially near Catania (Italy) and Athens (Greece), could receive more than 50-100 mm (2-4 inches) of rain. Localized flash flooding, potentially significant, is possible. At the time of publication, **Red Warnings** were in effect for portions of southern Italy.

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- **Hundreds Killed in Southern Africa Floods: More than 200 people have died** after weeks of torrential rain and severe flooding across Mozambique, South Africa, and Zimbabwe, with rivers still dangerously high and more rainfall expected. Widespread destruction to homes, roads, crops, and critical infrastructure has been reported.
- **Prolonged Sea Effect Snow in Japan:** There is a strong signal for prolonged, widespread **sea effect snow** across prone areas on the Sea of Japan side of the country through the weekend and into next week. Blizzard conditions at times will cause significant travel disruptions from Aomori through Shimane. Snowfall totals are forecast to peak between Niigata and Tottori, with up to 2-4 feet of snow possible. Transportation delays and cancellations, business and school closures, and isolated to scattered power outages all appear likely.

Worldwide

- **Iran Demonstrations Appear to Subside:** Demonstrations in Iran appear to have subsided for the time being without a major military intervention by the United States and the regime still intact. While there is no official death toll, an Iranian official told **Reuters** that authorities had verified at least 5,000 fatalities. An internet blackout **remains in place** across the country, making further assessment of the situation difficult. Activists warn that the government is liable to sentence many of the tens of thousands **arrested** during the protests to death. An earlier alleged plan to execute activists had prompted US President Donald Trump to threaten intervention, although in recent days he has appeared to soften his stance. However, with an **aircraft carrier group en route** to the Arabian Sea, the US may soon be in a better position to launch strikes should such an order be issued.
- **Japanese Snap Election to be Held on February 8:** Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi intends to **dissolve parliament** on Friday in preparation for a snap election to be held on February 8. While Sanae's **popularity** could boost both her Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and its Japan Innovation Party (Nippon Ishin) coalition partner, the move could also threaten the long-ruling LDP's grip on power. A series of missteps (ranging from out-of-touch commentary by party members to the LDP's continued failure to address Japan's stagnant economy) has chipped away at the party's base for years, leaving its coalition with Nippon Ishin with a **thin majority**. If Sanae's **popularity** does not translate into votes on February 8, the LDP could find itself in the opposition for the first time since 2012.
- **Continued U.S. Pursuit of Greenland Territory Pushes Away European Partners:** U.S. President Donald Trump's sustained and increasingly assertive insistence that total control of Greenland is essential to national security is driving European allies to reconsider their relationships with the U.S. **Danish preparations** for joint defense exercises are already underway in Greenland, with European leaders' united in **stating** that U.S. efforts to coerce Denmark into handing over the territory using tariffs would only lead to further economic pain for both sides. The EU is currently **weighing** whether to use its "Anti-Coercion Instrument" (ACI),

although the measure, which would restrict U.S. suppliers' access to the EU market, among other things, has never been used before. Regardless of whether the ACI is used, work on implementing a long-awaited **EU-U.S. trade deal** appears to be suspended, likely indefinitely.

- **Guatemala Declares State of Siege After Prison Uprisings and Deadly Gang Attacks:** Guatemala's security situation deteriorated rapidly after **coordinated** riots by suspected **Barrio 18** inmates at three men's prisons led to 46 guards and staff being taken hostage, reportedly to demand greater privileges for jailed leaders. Security forces quickly restored control, freed all hostages, and recaptured senior gang figure Aldo Duppie, known as "El Lobo." Retaliatory attacks followed across Guatemala City and nearby areas, with suspected gang members **killing** at least nine police officers and wounding around 10 others, revising earlier casualty figures upward. President Bernardo Arévalo responded by declaring a 30-day nationwide **state of siege**, expanding police and military powers and temporarily limiting certain civil liberties. Barrio 18's coordinated attacks and its likely ties to **broader** transnational criminal networks underscore the group's continued strong presence in Guatemala.

Cyber and Regulatory

- **DOJ Scales Back White-Collar Crime, Launches Fraud Division:** The Trump administration announced a new DOJ division to combat **widespread** fraud while rolling back on traditional white-collar crime enforcement, shaping federal legal risk by shifting who is investigated, which cases advance, and how businesses, public officials, and states are regulated. The department is **deprioritizing** complex cases such as foreign bribery, public corruption, and some financial fraud, reallocating resources to immigration and violent crime. Enforcement data shows sharp declines in Foreign Corrupt Practices Act cases and Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) actions against public companies, alongside pardons that erase convictions and restitution obligations for high-profile defendants. The new fraud division will focus on alleged misuse of federal funds, as the administration freezes billions in aid to several states over fraud claims.
- **AI-Driven Disinformation Shapes Venezuela U.S. Intervention Narratives:** Following the capture of Venezuelan president Nicolás Maduro, AI-generated content quickly filled the **information vacuum**, reviving conspiracy theories and shaping public perception before verified facts were available. Fake images, videos, and recycled conflict footage spread widely online within hours, exploiting the lack of early details released from the Trump administration regarding the U.S. intervention. The surge underscores how disinformation can quickly influence global and domestic narratives during major crises. Meanwhile, the operation in Venezuela also led some social media influencers and activists to revive claims that Venezuela was involved in efforts to rig U.S. voting machines during the 2020 election, despite years of court rulings and settlements disproving them.
- **India Proposes Expanded Smartphone Security Oversight:** India is **considering** sweeping new smart-phone security rules that could require manufacturers to share source code and pre-notify

the **government** of software updates. If enacted, the move would significantly expand state oversight of mobile technology and carry global implications for data security and intellectual property. The proposal outlines 83 security standards aimed at reducing fraud and data breaches in India's roughly 750 million-device smartphone market. Major firms including Apple, Google, Samsung, and Xiaomi oppose the measures, arguing that source code access lacks global precedent and risks exposing proprietary systems. India has previously imposed tech regulations, including strict security camera testing and a now **revoked** mandate for a state cyber safety app. Ongoing consultations could reduce or delay the rules, as India follows a common-law system and any final requirements could set legal precedent enabling broader future government data demands under certain circumstances.

- **Oracle E-Business Suite Hack Continues to Fuel Ongoing Ransom Demands:** The ransom demands tied to the Oracle E-Business Suite **breach** continue to surface months after the initial intrusion in the summer of 2025, as attackers associated with the CIOp extortion campaign are continuing to pressure victims to pay to prevent the release of stolen data. The CIOp threat actors **infiltrated** Oracle's E-Business Suite with a mass **exploitation** of a critical zero-day vulnerability (CVE-2025-61882) and stole multiple terabytes of sensitive corporate data before security patches were applied. Despite the emergency security patches, hundreds of organizations, including Harvard, Envoy Air, Mazda, and Cox Enterprises, continue to report receiving extortion emails demanding multimillion-dollar ransom payments in exchange for not leaking the stolen data. The CIOp attackers are proving difficult to track by using compromised third-party email accounts sourced from underground forums to bypass spam filters and add legitimacy to the emails.
- **Nigeria's Digital Economy Bill to Establish Broad AI Regulation and Oversight:** Nigeria is preparing to **pass** a comprehensive legal framework for artificial intelligence (AI) in the National Digital Economy and E-Governance Bill, which would place the country at the forefront of AI governance in Africa. The bill, slated to pass in March 2026, carries significant implications for AI, giving regulators like the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) broad authority to oversee data use, algorithms, and digital platforms, and impose risk-based oversight on AI systems such as those in finance, public administration, automated decision making, and surveillance. The bill would **require** AI developers to conduct annual impact assessments, obtain formal licensing and registration, and be governed by ethical standards centered on fairness, transparency, and accountability. Non-compliance could lead to fines or enforcement actions, with regulators gaining the power to demand information, issue directives, or restrict unsafe systems.

Infrastructure and Supply Chain

- **Key U.S. Trade Partners Threatened by New Tariffs on Countries Trading With Iran:** Countries around the world could face significant U.S. tariff increases if the Trump administration follows through on threats to increase pressure on countries continuing to trade with Iran. Last

Monday, Trump **threatened tariffs** of 25% (in addition to existing tariffs) on buyers of Iranian oil and other exports, to become effective “immediately,” in response to weeks of increasingly violent unrest in the country that has **left thousands dead**. The list of countries that would be impacted by such a move includes key sources of manufactured goods like China and India; Iran’s other major trade partners, such as the United Arab Emirates; and long-time allies in Asia, Europe, and Latin America. However, the threatened tariffs have yet to be implemented or listed in the Federal Register, leaving their full scope unclear.

- **U.S. Freezing All Migrant Visa Processing for Nationals of 75 Countries From Tomorrow:** Aspiring migrants from dozens of countries around the world, including several important U.S. military and trade partners, will see **progress halted** on the processing of their visas beginning tomorrow. The **list of 75 countries** includes important sources of imports to the U.S., such as Brazil and Guatemala; security partners, including Egypt and Thailand; and world powers like Russia. The effort is likely to further impact migration patterns in the U.S. amid a broader **rethinking of immigration policy** that is likely to hold lasting impacts for the country’s demographics. The visa processing halt **does not apply** to nonimmigrant visas such as tourist, student, and work visas, although countries named in earlier travel bans may also still be subject to restrictions on these visas as well.
- **Chinese Limits on Rare Earth Exports to Japan Could Restrict Tech Manufacturing:** Chinese exporters have begun **limiting shipments** of certain rare earth metals to Japan, after Beijing announced **restrictions** on exports seen as potentially serving a strategic purpose, including “dual-use” technologies with potential military applications. The move stems from a **widening spat** between the two countries over **various issues**, and China’s considerable control of a significant portion of the rare earth metals trade could disrupt the manufacture of some of Japan’s most important exports, such as technological devices, value-added manufacturing inputs, and even the re-export of mineral resources. A **similar move** in 2010 lasted for two months and resulted in significant impacts to the Japanese economy.
- **China’s Energy Infrastructure Reshapes Global AI Race:** China is **gaining** a strategic edge in the AI and advanced manufacturing race by securing abundant, reliable electricity, at a time when energy capacity is becoming an increasingly decisive factor in tech competitiveness and Western power grids face **mounting** strain. As AI data centers drive surging power demand, countries unable to supply affordable, stable electricity risk falling behind. Western energy markets have experienced repeated outages and high energy costs, exposing grid fragility and limiting their ability to support the power-intensive AI infrastructure. After suffering regional blackouts between 2020 and 2022, China has largely stabilized its energy output and continues to expand capacity. Ongoing investments include new grids, power plants, and a proposed \$137 billion hydropower project in Tibet.
- **Thailand Suspends Construction Projects Following Fatal Crane Collapse:** Last week, a construction crane **collapsed** onto a moving passenger train in northeastern Thailand, killing **at least** 32 people and injuring dozens more. The incident triggered nationwide construction

shutdowns and intensified scrutiny of safety failures on major infrastructure projects. Italian-Thai Development, the main **contractor**, has been the subject of repeated safety controversies, including a 2025 Bangkok building collapse that killed nearly 100 people. The rail project is part of China's Belt and Road regional infrastructure investment initiative and intends to connect Thailand to Laos and China by 2030. Ongoing investigations and extended rail or expressway closures could impact regional supply chains, tourism, and commuter flows, especially along key Bangkok routes.

Health

- **Measles Cases Nearly Double in South Carolina:** Measles cases nearly doubled in South Carolina over the past week, bringing the **latest tally** to 558 since October and no signs of the virus slowing its spread. The outbreak in South Carolina is also **spreading** across the country, with cases in North Carolina, Ohio, and Washington State all linked to travelers from the state. Public health officials are concerned that conditions are ripe for substantial further spread of the disease. Within South Carolina, some schools have a **vaccination coverage rate** of as low as 20%, far below the 95% needed to achieve herd immunity. Additionally, a recent report published in **Nature Health** found that the US had an overall vaccination rate of 64%, with areas of low coverage concentrated in West Texas, southern New Mexico, northern Arizona, parts of Mississippi, and the rural Southeast.
- **NYC Nurses Remain on Strike:** A nurses' strike at three of New York City's major hospital systems has **stretched** into its ninth day, with no sign as to when it might end. No bargaining sessions are scheduled between the New York State Nurses Association and the impacted hospital systems, with hospital leaders **saying** that the nurses' demands are dangerous and reckless. Nurses are calling for increased pay and staffing, fully funded benefits, and improved workplace safety measures after a man was **shot and killed** by police over threats to staff members earlier in January. In addition to striking, the nurses have picketed at hospital locations and outside the homes of executives. They've been joined on the picket line by high profile politicians, including New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani and Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders.
- **Concerns Grow Over U.S. FDA Fast-Track Drug Review Process:** A program by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to expedite the review of drugs and biologics that are "aligned with U.S. national health priorities" is facing **increasing scrutiny** due to legal and safety concerns with the process. Under the program, the FDA aims to review treatments within 1-2 months instead of the typical 10-12; however, critics warn that such a timeline is unrealistic given recent staffing cuts at the agency and could lead to a **substandard review process**, potentially opening manufacturers to legal liability. There are also concerns that the process for obtaining a voucher includes political

appointees, possibly opening the agency up to accusations for favoritism. Officials have **delayed** the review of at least two drugs in the program due to safety and efficacy concerns.

- **Several Legal Cases Over Abortion Access in U.S. Slated for 2026:** Since the U.S. Supreme Court's 2022 *Dobbs* decision ended the federal constitutional right to abortion, medication abortion has surged and now makes up over 60% of U.S. abortions. That increase has **sparked** multiple legal and regulatory fights, with six states filing lawsuits to curb access — challenging FDA approval, mail delivery, and telehealth prescribing — while medical providers and some other states press to expand or defend access and defend providers from interstate court challenges. Courts are also weighing challenges to FDA dispensing rules and new generics.
- **U.S. Health Package Makes Progress, but ACA Subsidies Extension Unlikely:** U.S. Congressional negotiators are trying to **advance** a new health care package after a major deal was dropped from an earlier government spending bill, but efforts to include extended Affordable Care Act (ACA or Obama-care) subsidies are faltering. While extended ACA subsidies do not appear to be on the table, other elements under discussion include reforming pharmacy benefit manager practices and adding unique identifiers for off-campus hospital outpatient departments, a move designed to prevent outpatient departments from billing payers at higher amounts associated with full-service hospitals. If the deal moves forward, it's also expected to include certain Medicare telehealth flexibilities and community health center funding, both set to expire January 30.

Demonstrations and Industrial Action

- **Immigration Continues to Fuel Protest Activity in U.K.; France Bans Britons Over Anti-Migrant Actions:** France **banned** 10 British activists for various actions conducted on French soil last year, including alleged "aggravated assault" on migrants. The activists are associated with a group called Raise the Colours, which has been involved in recurring anti-immigration protests outside hotels across the United Kingdom. Opposition to immigration continues to be a motivating force for many demonstration organizers across the U.K., with the Britain First party planning a "March for Remigration" in Manchester next month. One of Britain's most prominent activists, Tommy Robinson, announced another "United the Kingdom" rally in London on May 16. Previous Robinson events have turned unruly, with Metropolitan Police **arresting** more than 20 people at a September rally that saw over 110,000 attendees and several thousand counterdemonstrators.
- **Australia to See Demonstrations Next Monday Related to Australia Day:** Large crowds and localized traffic disruptions are likely in major cities across Australia on Monday, January 26 during "Invasion Day" rallies, which are held annually to protest Australia's national day. Invasion Day rallies this year will coincide with anti-immigration gatherings organized by the group March for Australia, though different gathering locations when actions are being held in the same city should

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lower the likelihood of clashes between groups. Notable Invasion Day demonstrations are planned in Brisbane (Queens Gardens), Melbourne (Parliament House), and Sydney (Hyde Park). There is some concern in Sydney that police will **extend** a ban on assemblies that was issued in response to the Bondi Beach shooting, which would prohibit groups from gathering.

- **Tunisia’s Largest Labor Organization Staging Nationwide Strike Tomorrow:** The Tunisian General Labour Union (UGTT), the country’s largest labor umbrella organization, has called for a nationwide strike tomorrow (a date of **historical significance**) in response to perceived repression at the hands of President Kais Saied. However, divisions within the organization—which, in December, drove leader Nourredine Taboubi to **resign**—could impact participation, with the group’s leadership calling weeks in advance for dialogue to ensure that an **effective organizing effort** could be mustered for the action. Nonetheless, the group still counts around a million members (approximately 8% of the national population), and with the call to action announced weeks in advance, significant disruptions can be expected to impact regular business activity and critical services alike. Observers, meanwhile, remain concerned for the **future of the organization**, especially if the strike fails to have the intended impact.
- **Controversial South African Politician Faces 15 Years’ Imprisonment; Sentencing Could Provoke Unrest:** Julius Malema, the founder and head of the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) political party, is due in court on Friday to face a **pre-sentencing hearing** after being convicted in October 2025 of illegally discharging a firearm during a political event. The serious charges could see Malema imprisoned for up to 15 years, a significant blow to the party, which answers to Malema and has a history of staging disruptive demonstrations and rallies that attract significant turnout. The EFF began publicizing the hearing (which is to be held at the East London Magistrate’s Court beginning at 9 am) weeks in advance, suggesting that a large crowd will likely gather in the vicinity of the court and could disrupt vehicular traffic in East London’s Central Business District.
- **Action Planned Across Minnesota as Demonstrations Continue After Fatal ICE Shooting:** Demonstrations have continued in Minneapolis after an ICE agent fatally shot Renee Good on January 7, fueling daily **demonstrations**, rallies, and **clashes** with federal immigration agents operating in the city as part of **Operation Metro Surge**. Demonstration activity has focused on the Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building, where federal immigration enforcement operations are based, and at other sites, including noise protests at hotels believed to house federal immigration officers and other locations where enforcement operations are taking place. A federal judge has issued a temporary restraining order limiting certain tactics federal agents may use against demonstrators, including chemical agents and arrests without reasonable suspicion, although the U.S. Department of Justice has **filed** an appeal. As part of a statewide “Day of Truth and Freedom” **announced** for this Friday, unions, faith groups, and labor organizations are urging

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Minnesotans to refrain from work, school, and shopping, with a march and demonstration expected to begin at Minneapolis' The Commons (425 Portland Ave) at 2 pm.

Upcoming Events

- January 19-23: World Economic Forum Annual Meeting (Davos, Switzerland)
- January 25: Third Phase of General Elections (Myanmar)
- January 26: Republic Day (India)
- January 26: Australia Day (Australia)
- February 1: General Election (Costa Rica)
- February 6 – March 15: Milano Cortina Olympic and Paralympic Games (Italy)
- February 7 – March 8: Men's T20 Cricket World Cup (India, Sri Lanka)
- February 8: Super Bowl LX (Santa Clara, United States)
- February 8: General Election (Thailand)
- February 8: Presidential Runoff Election (Portugal)
- February 12: General Election, Constitutional Referendum (Bangladesh)
- February 13-15: Munich Security Conference (Munich, Germany)
- February 17: Chinese New Year begins (Global)
- February 17: Tét (Vietnam)
- February 17: Mardi Gras (Global)
- February 17 – March 19: Ramadan (Global) *Dates approximate and vary by location*
- February 18 – April 2: Lent (Global)