

# 2020 World Leaders: A Pronunciation Guide



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This guide lists the names, titles, and pronunciations of a wide range of foreign leaders from around the world. This is not a comprehensive list; it particularly includes countries that are critically important to US national security and foreign policy.

The names and titles are from the CIA World Fact Book and recent media sources. Foreign leaders for each country are listed in descending order of potential engagement with US policymakers. Pronunciations are based primarily on *Voice of America's* pronunciation guide. Upcoming election information has also been included for positions with scheduled elections.

## Africa

### Algeria

**Head of State:** President Abdelmadjid Tebboune [@TebbouneAmadjid](https://twitter.com/TebbouneAmadjid)

(*ab-dahl-mah-JEED teh-BOON*)

Since: December 12, 2019

## **Democratic Republic of Congo**

**Head of State:** President Felix Tshisekedi

*(fee-LIKS chee-seh-KEH-dee)*

Since: January 25, 2019

Next Election: December 2023

## **Djibouti**

**Head of State:** President Ismail Omar Guelleh [@IsmailOguelleh](#)

*(HIHS-mah-ihl OH-mahr GEH-leh)*

Since: May 8, 1999

Next Election: April 2021

**Head of Government:** Prime Minister Abdoukader Kamil Mohamed

*(Ab-dool-kaw-der Kah-meel moh-HAH-mehd)*

Since: April 1, 2013

Appointed by the president

## **Egypt**

**Head of State:** President Abdel Fattah el-sisi [@AlsisiOfficial](#)

*(AHB-dehl FAH-tah ah-SEE-see)*

Since: June 8, 2014

Next Election: March 2024

**Head of Government:** Prime Minister Dr. Mostafa Madbouly

*(mohs-tah-fah mad-BOOL-ee)*

Since: June 14, 2018

Appointed by the president

## **Kenya**

**Head of State:** President Uhuru Kenyatta

*(oo-HOO-roo kehn-YAH-tah)*

Since: April 9, 2013

Next Election: August 2022

## **Libya<sup>1</sup>**

**Prime Minister (Government of National Accord):** Fayiz al-Saraj

*(FAH-yehz al sahr-RAJ)*

Since: March 30, 2016

**Prime Minister (National Salvation Government):** Khalifa al-Ghawil

*(kah-LEE-fah al-GAH-weel)*

Since: October 14, 2016

**Field Marshal (Libyan National Army):** Khalifa Haftar

*(kah-LEE-fah HAHF-tar)*

Since: March 2, 2015

## **Mali**

**Head of State:** President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita

*(EE-brah-hihm BOO-bah-kahr KAY-tah)*

Since: September 4, 2013

Next Election: July 2023

**Head of Government:** Prime Minister Boubou Cisse

*(BOO-BOO SEE-say)*

Since: April 23, 2019

Appointed by the president

## **Morocco**

**Head of State:** King Mohammed VI

*(moh-HAH-mehd)*

Since: July 22, 1999

**Head of Government:** Prime Minister Saad Eddine al-Othmani

*(SAHD eh-DEEN ooth-MAH-nee)*

Since: March 17, 2017

Appointed by the king

## **Niger**

**Head of State:** President Mahamadou Issoufou [@IssoufouMhm](#)

*(mah-hah-mah-DOO)*

Since: April 7, 2011

Next Election: February 2021

**Head of Government:** Prime Minister Brigi Rafini

*(BREE-ghee RAH-fee-nee)*

Since: April 7, 2011

Appointed by the president

## **Nigeria**

**Head of State:** President Muhammadu Buhari [@MBuhari](#)

*(moo-hah-MAH-doo boo-HAH-ree)*

Since: May 29, 2015

Next Election: February 2023

## **Somalia**

**Head of State:** President Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed [@M\\_Farmaajo](#)

*(moh-HAH-mehd ahb-dah-LAH-hee moh-HAH-mehd)*

Since: February 16, 2017

Next Election: February 2022

**Head of Government:** Prime Minister Mohamed Hussein Roble [@MohamedHRoble](#)

*(moh-HAH-mehd hoo-SAYN roW-BLAY)*

Since: September 27, 2020

Appointed by the president

## Tunisia

**Head of State:** President Kais Saied

*(KAY-ees SIGH-eed)*

Since: October 23, 2019

Next Election: 2024

**Head of Government:** Hichem Mechichi

*(ee-SHEM meck-e-CHEE)*

Since September 2, 2020

Appointed by the president

## Rwanda

**Head of State:** President Paul Kagame [@PaulKagame](#)

*(PAWL kah-GAH-meh)*

Since: March 24, 2000

Next Election: August 2024

## South Africa

**Head of State:** President Cyril Ramaphosa [@CyrilRamaphosa](#)

*(SIH-rehl rah-mah-POH-sah)*

Since: February 15, 2018

Next Election: May 2024

## South Sudan<sup>2</sup>

**Head of State:** President Salva Kiir Mayardit

*(SAHL-vah KEER M-EYE-ahr-diht)*

Since: July 23, 2016

Next Election: July 2021

**First Vice President:** Riek Machar

*(ree-EHK mah-SHAHR)*

Since: February 22, 2020

Appointed by the president

## **Sudan<sup>3</sup>**

**Chairman of the Sovereignty Council:** Abdel Fattah al-Burhan

*(AHB-dehl FAH-tah al-BOOR-han)*

Since: August 20, 2019

## **Zimbabwe**

**Head of State:** President Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa [@edmnangagwa](#)

*(EHM-ehr-sohn muh-nahn-GAHG-wah)*

Since: November 24, 2017

Next Election: July 2023

## **Asia**

### **Afghanistan<sup>4</sup>**

**Head of State:** President Ashraf Ghani [@ashrafghani](#)

*(ahsh-RAHF gah-NEE)*

Since: September 21, 2014

**Chairman of the High Council for National Reconciliation:** Dr. Abdullah Abdullah [@DrabdullahCE](#)

*(ahb-DUH-LAH ahb-DUH-LAH)*

Since: September 29, 2014 (previously the Chief Executive Officer)

Appointed by the president in May 2020

## **Bangladesh**

**Head of State:** President Abdul Hamid

*(ahb-DUHL hah-MEED)*

Since: April 24, 2013

**Head of Government:** Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina

*(SHAYK hah-SEE-nah)*

Since: January 6, 2009

## **Burma (Myanmar)**

**Head of Government:** Acting President U Myint Swe

*(Ooh MYE-unt sWEE)*

Since: February 1, 2021

Promoted by Myanmar military <sup>5</sup>

## **China**

**Head of State:** President Xi Jinping

*(SHEE JEEN-PEENG)*

Since: November 15, 2012

Next Election: March 2023

## **Hong Kong<sup>6</sup>**

**Head of Government:** Chief Executive Carrie Lam

*(KAYE-ee LAM)*

Since: July 1, 2017

Next Election: 2022

**Head of State:** President Xi Jinping

*(SHEE JEEN-PEENG)*

Since: November 15, 2012

Next Election: March 2023

## **India**

**Head of Government:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi [@narendramodi](#)

*(nah-REHN-drah MOH-DEE)*

Since: May 26, 2014

Next Election: May 2024

**Head of State:** President Ram Nath Kovind [@rashtrapatibhvn](#)

*(raum nath Koh-vihnd)*

Since: July 25, 2017

Next Election: July 2022

## Japan

**Head of Government:** Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga

*(yo-shee HEE-dei SHOO-guh)*

Since: September 16, 2020

Next Election: October 22, 2021

Elected by Liberal Democratic Party Ministers

**Head of State:** Emperor Naruhito

*(Nar-rooh-HE-tow)*

Since: May 1, 2019

## North Korea

**Head of State:** Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un

*(KIHM JAWNG-UHN)*

Since: December 30, 2011

## Pakistan

**Head of Government:** Prime Minister Imran Khan [@ImranKhanPTI](#)

*(ihm-RAHN KAHN)*

Since: August 18, 2018

Next Election: October 12, 2023

**Head of State:** President Arif Alvi [@ArifAlvi](#)

*(AH-rihf AL-vee)*

Since: September 9, 2018

Appointed by the Electoral College



## **Philippines**

**Head of State:** President Rodrigo Duterte

*(roe - DREE - go doo - TARE - tay)*

Since: June 30, 2016

Next Election: May 9, 2022

## **South Korea**

**Head of State:** President Moon Jae-in [@moonriver365](#)

*(MOON JAAH IHN)*

Since: May 10, 2017

Next Election: March 2022

## **Taiwan**

**Head of State:** President Tsai Ing-wen [@iingwen](#)

*((t)S-EYE EENG WUHN)*

Since: May 20, 2016

Next Election: January 11, 2024

## **Australia/Oceania**

### **Australia**

**Head of Government:** Prime Minister Scott Morrison [@ScottMorrisonMP](#)

Since: August 24, 2018

Next Election: May 2022

**Head of State:** Queen Elizabeth II

Since: February 6, 1952

### **New Zealand**

**Head of Government:** Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern [@jacindaardern](#)

*(Jah-sin-da Ar-durn)*

Since: October 26, 2017

Next Election: January 13, 2024

**Head of State:** Queen Elizabeth II

Since: February 6, 1952

## Europe

### Denmark

**Head of Government:** Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen

*(MAY-tah Fred-er-rik-son)*

Since: June 27, 2019

Next Election: June 2023 (based on an ability to achieve majority support in parliament)

**Head of State:** Queen Margrethe II

*(mahr-GREHT-eh)*

Since: January 14, 1972

### Estonia

**Head of State:** President Kersti Kaljulaid [@KerstiKaljulaid](#)

*(Keer-stee Kal-YU-layd)*

Since: October 10, 2016

Next Election: October 2021

### France

**Head of Government:** President Emmanuel Macron [@EmmanuelMacron](#)

*(E-man-yoo-ell Ma-crohn)*

Since: May 14, 2017

Next Election: April 2022

**Head of State:** Prime Minister Jean Castex

*(j-AHN KAST-ex)*

Since: July 3, 2020

Appointed by the president

## Georgia

**Head of State:** President Salome Zourabichvili [@Zourabichvili\\_S](#)

*(SAH-loh-may zoo-rah-BEESH-vee-lee)*

Since: December 16, 2018

Next Election: November 2024

## Germany

**Head of Government:** Chancellor Angela Merkel

*(ahn-GAY-lah M-AIR-kl)*

Since: November 22, 2005

Next Election: October 2021

**Head of State:** Federal President Frank-Walter Steinmeier

*(FRAHNK VAHL-tehr SHT-EYE-N-m-eye-her)*

Since: March 19, 2017

Next Election: February 2022

## Greece

**Head of Government:** Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis [@kmitsotakis](#)

*(kee-ree-AH-kohss meet-soh-TAH-kees)*

Since: July 8, 2019

**Head of State:** President Katerina Sakellaropoulou [@PresidencyGR](#)

*(kah-tayr-EEN-uh SAH-keh-lar-oh-poo-loh)*

Since: March 13, 2020

Next Election: February 2025

## Holy See (Vatican City)

**Head of State (Supreme Pontiff):** Pope Francis [@Pontifex](#)

Since: March 13, 2013

## Hungary

**Head of Government:** Prime Minister Viktor Orban

*(VIHK-tohr OHR-bahn)*

Since: May 29, 2010

Next Election: April 2022

**Head of State:** President Janos Ader

*(YAH-noosh AHD-air)*

Since: May 10, 2012

Next Election: March 2022

## **Ireland**

**Head of Government:** Prime Minister (Taoiseach) Micheál Martin

*(MAI-kuhl MAAR-tn)*

Since: June 27, 2020

Elected by Dáil Éireann

**Head of State:** President Michael Daniel Higgins

Since: September 11, 2011

Next Election: October 2025

## **Italy**

**Head of Government:** Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte [@GiuseppeConteIT](https://twitter.com/GiuseppeConteIT)

*(Jee-u-zeh-peh Kon-te)*

Since: June 1, 2018

Next Election: May 2022

**Head of State:** President Sergio Mattarella

*(ser-gih-oh mat-tah-rel-lah)*

Since: February 3, 2015

Next Election: January 2022

## **Latvia**

**Head of State:** President Egils Levits [@valstsgriba](#)

*(EHG-eehls LEH-vitss)*

Since: July 8, 2019

Next Election: 2023

**Head of Government:** Prime Minister Krisjanis Karins [@krisjaniskarins](#)

*(KRIS-chn KOOR-inss)*

Since: January 23, 2019

Next Election: October 2022

## Lithuania

**Head of State:** President Gitanas Nausėda

*(gee-TAH-nahss NOH-seh-duh)*

Since: July 12, 2019

Next Election: May 2024

**Head of Government:** Prime Minister Ingrida Šimonytė [@IngridaSimonyte](#)

*(in-GRIDA sh-MO-NEE-tay)*

Since: November 25, 2020

Next Election: October 6, 2024

## Poland

**Head of State:** President Andrzej Duda

*(awn-jay doo-duh)*

Since: August 6, 2015

Next Election: 2025

**Head of Government:** Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki [@MorawieckiM](#)

*(Mah-tey-oosh More-ah-vyets-kee)*

Since: December 11, 2017

## Russia

**Head of State:** President Vladimir Putin

*(vlah-DEE-meer POO-tihn)*

Since: May 7, 2012

Next Election: 2036 <sup>7</sup>

**Head of Government:** Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin

*(mihk-EYE-el mee-SHOO-stihn)*

Since: January 16, 2020

## **Spain**

**Head of Government:** President Pedro Sanchez Perez-Castejon [@sanchezcastejon](#)

*(Pey-dro San-chez)*

Since: June 2, 2018

Next Election: November 2023

**Head of State:** King Felipe VI

*(fay-LEE-pay)*

Since: June 19, 2014

## **Ukraine**

**Head of State:** President Volodymyr Zelensky [@ZelenskyyUa](#)

*(VOH-loh-dee-meer zeh-LEHN-skee)*

Since: March 4, 2020

Next Election: March 2024

**Head of Government:** Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal

*(DEH-niss SHMOOY-hahl)*

Since: March 4, 2020

## **United Kingdom**

**Head of Government:** Prime Minister Boris Johnson [@BorisJohnson](#)

Since: July 24, 2019

Next Election: May 2024

**Head of State:** Queen Elizabeth II

Since: February 6, 1952

## **Middle East**

### **Bahrain**

**Head of State:** King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa

*(HAH-mahd bihn EE-sah al-kah-LEE-fah)*

Since: March 6, 1969

**Head of Government:** Prime Minister Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa [@HRH\\_Khalifa](#)

*(EE-sah bihn SAL-mahn al kah-LEE-fah)*

Since: January 19, 1969

### **Iran**

**Head of Government:** President Hasan Fereidun Rohani [@HassanRouhani](#)

*(hah-SAHN roh-hah-NEE)*

Since: August 3, 2013

Next Election: June 2021

**Head of State:** Supreme Leader (Ayatollah) Ali Hoseini-Khamenei

*(eye-ah-toh-LAH ah-LEE hah-mehn-a-EE)*

Since: June 4, 1989

### **Iraq**

**Head of Government:** Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi [@MAKadhimi](#)

*(MOO-stah-fah ahl-KAH-deh-mee)*

Since: April 9, 2020

Next Election: October 2022

**Head of State:** President Barham Salih [@BarhamSalih](#)

*(BAHR-hahm SAH-leh)*

Since: October 2, 2018

Next Election: October 2022

## **Israel**

**Head of State:** Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu [@netanyahu](#)

*(BEHN-juh-min neht-an-YAH-hoo)*

Since: March 31, 2009

Next Election: 2021<sup>8</sup>

**Head of Government:** President Reuben Rivlin [@PresidentRuv](#)

*(ROO-vihn RIHV-lihn)*

Since: July 24, 2014

Next Election: 2021

## **Jordan**

**Head of State:** King Abdullah II [@KingAbdullahII](#)

*(ahb-DUHL-lah)*

Since: February 7, 1999

**Head of Government:** Prime Minister Bisher Al-Khasawneh [@BisherKhasawneh](#)

*(BISH-er al-KAH-sahn-e)*

Since: October 12, 2020

Appointed by the King

## **Kuwait**

**Head of State:** Amir Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah

*(nuh-WAF al-ah-mud al-JAH-ber al-sah-BAH)*

Since: September 30, 2020

**Head of Government:** Prime Minister Sabah Al-Khalid Al-Sabah

*(sah-BAH al-KAH-lehd ah-sah-BAH)*

Since: November 19, 2019



## Lebanon

**Head of Government:** Prime Minister Hassan Diab <sup>9</sup>

*(HAHSS-uhn dee-AHB)*

Since: January 21, 2020

Appointed by the president

**Head of State:** President Michel Aoun [@General\\_Aoun](#)

*(MEE-shehl ah-OON)*

Since: October 31, 2016

Next Election: April 2022

## Qatar

**Head of State:** Amir Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani [@TamimBinHamad](#)

*(TAH-MEEM BIHN HAH-mahd al TAH-nee)*

Since: June 25, 2013

## Saudi Arabia

**Head of State:** King Salaman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud [@KingSalman](#)

*(SAHL-mun BIN AH-bihd al ah-ZEES al-sah-OOD)*

Since: January 23, 2015

**Designated Successor:** Crown Prince Muhammad Bin Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud

*(moh-HAH-mehd BIN SAHL-mun)*

Since: June 21, 2017

## Syria

**Head of State:** President Bashar al-Assad

*(bah-SHAHR ahl AH-sahd)*

Since: July 17, 2000

## Turkey

**Head of State:** President Recep Tayyip Erdogan <sup>10</sup> [@RTErdogan](#)

*(eh-JEHP t-eye-YIHP ERR-doh-ahn)*

Since: August 28, 2014

Next Election: June 2023

## **United Arab Emirates**

**Head of State:** President Khalida bin Zayid Al Nuhayyan

*(kah-LEE-fah bihn ZAH-yehd al-nah-hah-YAHN)*

Since: November 3, 2004

**Head of Government:** Prime Minister Vice President Muhammad Bin Rashid Al-Maktoum [@HHShkMohd](#)

*(muh-HAH-mehd bihn rah-SHEED al mahk-TOOM)*

Since: January 5, 2006

## **West Bank<sup>11</sup>**

President Mahmoud Abbas<sup>12</sup>

*(mah-MOOD ah-BAHS)*

Since: January 15, 2005

## **Yemen**

**Head of State:** President Abd Rabuh Mansur Hadi [@HadiPresident](#)

*(AH-bd RAH-boh mahn-SOOR HAD-ee)*

Since: February 27, 2012

## **North America / Central America**

### **Canada**

**Head of Government:** Prime Minister Justin Pierre James Trudeau [@JustinTrudeau](#)

*(Justin TROO-doh)*

Since: November 4, 2015

Next Election: October 16, 2023

**Head of State:** Queen Elizabeth II

Since: February 6, 1952

## **Cuba**

**Head of the Communist Party of Cuba:** First Secretary Raul Castro

*(Rah-ool KASS-troh)*

Since: April 19, 2018

Next Election: March 2023

**Head of State:** President Miguel Diaz-Canel Bermudez [@DiazCanelB](#)

*(mee-GAYL DEE-ahss Kah-nel)*

Since: April 19, 2018

Appointed by the National Assembly

## **El Salvador**

**Head of State:** President Nayib Bukele [@nayibbukele](#)

*(nay-YEEB BOO-kay-lay)*

Since: June 1, 2019

Next Election: February 2024

## **Guatemala**

**Head of State:** President Alejandro Giammattei [@DrGiammattei](#)

*(a-LAH-HAN-dro gee-AH-MAH-tay)*

Since: January 14, 2020

Next Election: June 2023

## **Haiti**

**Head of State:** President Jovenel Moise

*(JOH-veh-nehl MOYS)*

Since: February 7, 2017

**Head of Government:** Prime Minister Josphe Jouthe [@moisejovenel](#)

*(ZHOH-sehf JOWTH)*

Since: March 4, 2020

## **Honduras**

**Head of State:** President Juan Orlando Hernandez [@JuanOrlandoH](#)

*(HWAHN ohr-LAHN-doh air-NAHN-dehs)*

Since: January 27, 2014

Next Election: November 2021

## **Mexico**

**Head of State:** President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador [@lopezobrador\\_](#)

*(ahn-DRAYS mahn-WEHL LOH-pehss oh-brah-DOOR)*

Since: December 1, 2018

Next Election: July 2024

## **Nicaragua**

**Head of State:** President Daniel Ortega

*(dahn-YEHL ohr-TAY-gah)*

Since: February 7, 1999

Next Election: November 2021

## **South America**

### **Argentina**

**Head of State:** President Alberto Fernández [@alferdez](#)

*(ahl-BEHR-toh fehr-NAHN-dess)*

Since: December 10, 2019

Next Election: October 2023

### **Bolivia**

**Head of State:** President Luis Arce [@LuchoXBolivia](#)

*(loo-EES AAR-sei)*

Since: November 8, 2020

Next Election: Postponed due to COVID-19

## **Brazil**

**Head of State:** President Jair Messias Bolsonaro

*(jY-Ear Meh-CE-ASS Bol-SOO-naro)*

Since: January 1, 2019

Next Election: October 2022

## **Chile**

**Head of State:** President Sebastian Pinera [@sebastianpinera](#)

*(seh-bahst-YEHN peen-YEH-rah)*

Since: March 11, 2018

Next Election: November 2021

## **Colombia**

**Head of State:** President Ivan Duque Marquez [@IvanDuque](#)

*(EYE-vun DOO-keh maar-keh)*

Since: August 7, 2018

Next Election: May 2022

## **Peru**

**Head of State:** President Francisco Sagasti [@FSagasti](#)

*(Fran-cis-koh Sah-gahs-t)*

Since: November 17, 2020

Next Election: April 2021

## **Venezuela**

**Head of State (Recognized as such by the United States and others):** Interim President Juan Guaido <sup>13</sup> [@jguaido](#)

*(Juan gwy-DOH)*

Since: January 10, 2019

Next Election: May 2024<sup>14</sup>

**Head of State and Government:** President Nicolas Maduro [@NicolasMaduro](#)

*(nee-koh-LAHS mah-DOO-roh)*

Since: April 19, 2013

Next Election: May 2024<sup>15</sup>

## **Multilateral Organizations**

### **International Monetary Fund**

**Managing Director:** Kristalina Georgieva [@KGeorgieva](#)

*(kriss-tuh-LEE-nuh Gor-ghee-ava)*

Since: September 15, 2019

Next Election: 2024

### **North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)**

**Secretary General:** Jens Stoltenberg [@jensstoltenberg](#)

*(YEHNS STOHL-tehn-behrk)*

Since: October 1, 2014

### **United Nations**

**Secretary General:** António Guterres

*(ahn-TOHN-yoo goo-TEH-rehsh)*

Since: January 1, 2017

Next Election: March 2022

### **World Bank**

**President:** David Malpass [@DavidMalpassWBG](#)

*(David Mal-pass)*

Since: April 9, 2019

Next Appointment: February 2024

### **World Health Organization**

**Director-General:** Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus [@DrTedros](#)

*(TED-rohs AD-ih-nom GEH-bree-AY-suhs)*

Since: July 1, 2017

Next Appointment: July 2022

## ENDNOTES

- 1.** Libya is experiencing an ongoing conflict among rival factions seeking to control the country. Primary belligerents include the Libyan National Army, the Government of National Accord (recognized as the official government by the United Nations), and the National Salvation Government.
- 2.** South Sudan currently has a power sharing agreement in which President Salva Kiir and Riek Machar, the leader of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement in Opposition and the Sudan People's Liberation Army-In Opposition, agreed to form a transitional government making Machar the First Vice President.
- 3.** In August 2019, the military council and civilian opposition alliance created the Sovereignty Council. General Abd-al-Fatah al-Burhan Abd-al-Rahman chairs the council, which consists of six civilians and five generals. The Sovereignty Council is currently led by the military but is intended to transition to civilian leadership in May 2021 when elections can be held.
- 4.** In May 2020, Ashraf Ghani and Abdullah Abdullah agreed to a power sharing agreement that allows Ghani to remain president and makes Abdullah in charge of negotiating the Afghan government's peace deal with the Taliban, with both sides appointing 50% of the cabinet.
- 5.** On February 1, 2021, the Myanmar military arrested State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi and other senior politicians during a coup d'etat. Shortly after the arrests, Army commander-in-chief Min Aung Hlaing promoted Vice-President Myint Swe to acting president.
- 6.** China considers Hong Kong to be under Chinese sovereignty according to the Sino-British Joint Declaration. The United Kingdom and China signed this treaty on December 19, 1984 in Beijing. The Declaration states that the sovereign and administrative arrangement of Hong Kong would be transferred to China after July 1, 1997.
- 7.** A constitutional referendum was held in Russia, which ended on July 1, 2020. This referendum extended Vladimir Putin's term as president until 2036.
- 8.** On May 20, 2020, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Blue and White party leader Benny Gantz signed an agreement on the formation of a national emergency government in which Netanyahu continues as prime minister for 18 months, upon which Gantz will replace him for the next 18 months.
- 9.** Since submitting his resignation on August 10, 2020, Diab has served as Caretaker Prime Minister until his successor forms a new government.
- 10.** A 2017 constitutional referendum eliminated the prime minister position. Recep Tayyip Erdogan has been considered head of government since July 9, 2019.
- 11.** As listed by the CIA World Factbook.
- 12.** Since 2007, the Palestinian Authority has administered parts of the West Bank under its control, mainly the major Palestinian population centers and areas immediately surrounding them.



- 13.** United States, White House. "Statement from President Donald J. Trump Recognizing Venezuelan National Assembly President Juan Guaido as the Interim President of Venezuela" 23 Jan. 2019. [www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/statement-president-donald-j-trump-recognizing-venezuelan-national-assembly-president-juan-guaido-interim-president-venezuela/](https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/statement-president-donald-j-trump-recognizing-venezuelan-national-assembly-president-juan-guaido-interim-president-venezuela/). Accessed 30 Aug. 2020.
- 14.** Venezuela is currently experiencing a presidential crisis (as of June 14, 2019), which may affect projected election dates.
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