
CHRONOLOGY

January-June 2023

January 1

With the adoption of the euro, Croatia became the 20th member of the Eurozone. The country was also added to the Schengen Area as its 27th member.

January 2

The environmental activist group, “Last Generation”, vandalized Palazzo Madama.

January 5

The United States and Germany agreed to send Bradley Fighting Vehicles and Marder infantry fighting vehicles to Ukraine.

January 8

The German authorities arrested two Iranian brothers on the suspicion of planning a terror attack using chemical weapons.

January 10

Constantine II, the last King of Greece, died at the age of 82. He reigned from 1964 to 1973.

January 14

Amidst a barrage of Russian missile strikes on Ukraine, a missile landed in neighboring Moldova.

January 18

The Ukrainian Interior Minister, Denys Monastyrsky, was killed in a helicopter crash.

January 20

A 49-year-old Georgian military veteran, Nodar Atuashvili, sprayed bullets from the balcony of his flat in Sagarejo. Five people were killed. The perpetrator later committed suicide.

January 28

Petr Pavel elected as President of the Czech Republic.

February 2

Bulgarian President, Rumen Radev, dissolved the National Assembly. The parliamentary election was set for April 2.

February 6

A powerful earthquake shook southeastern Turkey and parts of Syria, which killed at least 59000 people.

February 10

The Moldovan Prime Minister, Natalia Gavrilita, resigned from his post.

February 21

Russian President Vladimir Putin announced that Moscow was suspending its participation in the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START).

February 27

The United Kingdom and the European Union reached an agreement to modify some provisions of the Northern Ireland Protocol.

February 28

A train crash in Thessaly, Greece killed 57 people.

March 5

The Reform Party gained 31.2% of the vote in the Estonian Parliamentary elections.

March 6

Denmark banned the "TikTok" app on employee work cell phones.

March 9

Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko signed a bill into law allowing death penalty to offenders convicted of high treason.

March 10

Belgium banned the "TikTok" from all federal government work devices over security concerns.

March 18

Turkish Foreign Minister, Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, visited Cairo. Turkish-Egyptian diplomatic relations were resumed after 11 years.

March 22

Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez survived a no-confidence vote.

March 25

Russian President Vladimir Putin announced that Belarus would host tactical nuclear weapons from July.

March 28

The Scottish Parliament elected Humza Yousaf of the Scottish National Party as First Minister.

April 2

The GERB-SDS coalition won the Bulgarian parliamentary elections with 26.5% of the vote.

A bombing in Saint Petersburg killed a Russian military blogger Vladlen Tatarsky.

April 4

Finland became the 31st member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

April 5

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy paid a visit to Poland where he was awarded the country's highest order.

April 7

Italian birthrate fell to its lowest level since 1861.

April 8

A building collapse in Marseille killed 8 people.

April 12

The US President Joe Biden arrived in the Republic of Ireland.

April 15

Germany closed its only remaining nuclear power plants.

April 28

Pope Francis began his two-day visit of Hungary.

May 3

In a school shooting, a 13-year-old student killed ten people in the Serbian capital Belgrade.

May 4

In another shooting spree, a 21-year-old man killed 9 people in Serbia.

May 5

The World Health Organization ended the COVID-19 global emergency.

May 6

The coronation of King Charles III and Camilla held in Westminster Abbey.

May 7

Syria is readmitted into the Arab League after a suspension of 12 years.

May 20

Jakov Milatovic was sworn in as new Montenegrin president.

May 21

The New Democracy party wins 40.8% of the vote in Greek parliamentary elections.

May 28

Incumbent Turkish President, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, won a third term in office.

May 29

25 NATO-led Kosovo Force injured after clashing with ethnic Serbs in Northern Kosovo. The conflict started as ethnic Albanians were installed as mayors.

June 1

Three people injured in a knife attack in a school in the Swedish city of Eskilstuna.

June 6

The Nova Khakovka Dam in Russian-controlled Kherson was destroyed.

June 9

Iceland announced that it would suspend its embassy operations in Moscow from August.

June 11

The parliamentary elections in Montenegro saw “Europe Now!” winning 25.6% of the vote.

June 12

French Prime Minister, Elisabeth Borne, survived a no-confidence motion.

Former Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi died.

June 14

Serbian forces detained three Kosovo police officers accusing them of illegally crossing the frontier.

June 19

The Constitutional Court of Moldova banned a Eurosceptic Sor party.

June 23

Russian mercenary group “Wagner” seized the Russian city of Rostov-on-Don. It withdrew the next day and after Belarusian President’s intervention moved to Belarus as part of a deal.