

## World Current Affairs 2016 : January To December

An overview of international current affairs of 2016. It covers all the important events of the month of January 2016 to December 2016, which are relevant for any competitive exams. A short description of General world will provide a complete framework to go through all important events on world level. Following are the list of memorable events of 2016 :-

### An Overview of International Events : Month wise Events Information

Month Name	Impotent Dates	Key Events
January 2016	2 Jan	Saudi Arabia executes 47 alleged terrorists, including Shia cleric Nimr-al-Nimr, cut ties with Iran after protestors attack its embassy in Tehran
	16 Jan	International Sections on Iran lifted after clearance from nuclear watchdog IAEA
February 2016	1 Feb	WHO declares global public health emergency over spread of Zika virus
	07 Feb	North Korea fires long-range rocket, believed to be a test of banned missile technology
	12 Feb	Pope Francis and Russian Orthodox church head Patriarch Kirill meet in Cuba-the first meeting between the two churches since they split in 1054
March 2016	19 Mar	62 people killed in Fly Dubai plane crash in Russia
	20 Mar	Barak Obama becomes the first US President to visit Cuba since 1928

	22 Mar	Three bombings in Belgian capital Brussels leave 35 people dead
	27 Mar	Over 70 killed in suicide attack targeting Christians celebrating Easter in Lahore, Pakistan
	30 Mar	Htin Kyaw becomes first elected President of Myanmar after 53 years of military rule
<b>April 2016</b>	03 Apr	'Panama Papers'-a set of 11.5 million leaked confidential documents – reveal secretive assets channels to offshore tax havens by prominent world personalities
	16 Apr	Magnitude 7.8 earthquake kills over 650 people in Ecuador
	21 Apr	Musical legend Prince, 57, found dead at his home after a drug overdose
<b>May 2016</b>	10 May	Rodrigo Duterte promises war on drugs and killing of criminals, gets landslide victory in Philippines president elections
	19 May	Egypt Air flight from Paris to Cairo crashes into the Mediterranean Sea, 66 people killed
	21 May	Leader of Afghan Taliban, Mullah Akhtar Mansour, killed by a US drone strike in Pakistan
<b>June 2016</b>	03 June	Boxing legend Muhammad Ali dies at the age of 74
	12 June	Worst mass shooting in US history leaves 50 people dead at a gay nightclub in Florida
	23 June	UK votes to leave the European Union in the 'Brexit' referendum; PM David Cameron announces his resignation

	28 June	Suicide bombings and gun attacks at Istanbul airport, Turkey kill 45 people
<b>July 2016</b>	01 July	24 people killed as Islamic militants storm a cafe in Dhaka, Bangladesh
	12 July	China refuses to accept an international court ruling in favour of Philippines over the South China Sea dispute
	13 July	Theresa May takes over as the second women PM of United Kingdom
	14 July	A truck ploughs through a crowd celebrating Bastille Day in Nice, France; 84 people killed
	15 July	Attempted military coup in Turkey fails; over 260 people killed and thousands taken into custody
	23 July	Over 80 people killed in suicide attack at a rally by Hazara minority in Kabul, Afghanistan
	26 July	Solar Impulse 2 becomes the first solar powered aircraft to circumnavigate the earth
<b>August 2016</b>	5-21 Aug	Summer Olympics held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
	08 Aug	Suicide bombing at a hospital in Quetta, Pakistan, kills over 70 people
	24 Aug	Devastating earthquake in central Italy leaves around 300 people dead
	31 Aug	Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff impeached by the Senate on charges of breaking budget laws
<b>September 2016</b>	02 Sep	Mother Teresa declared a Saint by Pope Francis in a ceremony at the Vatican

	09 Sep	Defiant North Korea conducts its fifth and largest nuclear test
	29 Sep	India carries out surgical strikes on Pakistani terror launch pads across LoC; hostility between the neighbours escalates in the subsequent weeks
<b>October 2016</b>	04 Oct	Hurricane Matthew slams Haiti killing over 1,500 people; another 50 die in the US
	08 Oct	At least 140 people killed in a Saudi-led air strike at a funeral in Yemen after being mistaken for rebels
	13 Oct	Portugal's former PM Antonio Guterres chosen as the next UN Secretary-General
	13 Oct	King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand, world's longest reigning monarch, dies at the age of 88
	13 Oct	Bob Dylan becomes the first singer songwriter to be awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature
	16 Oct	Iraqi troops and Kurdish fighters, by US-led air strikes, launch an offensive to retake the city of Mosul from ISIS
	26 Oct	Over 60 killed in militant attack on a police training centre in Quetta, Pakistan
	26 Oct	UN refugee agency reports death of at least 3,800 Europe-bound migrants in the Mediterranean Sea, making 2016 the deadliest year of the crisis
<b>November 2016</b>	08 Nov	Donald Trump, billionaire businessman, elected 45th President of USA in a stunning victory over Hillary Clinton
	08 Nov	Indian PM Narendra Modi announces sudden demonetisation of Rs 500 and Rs 1000 currency notes

	26 Nov	Cuba's former president fidel Castro, one of the world's longest serving leaders, dies at the age 90
	28 Nov	Brazil's Chapecoense football team member among 71 people killed in a plane crash near Medellin, Colombia
<b>December 2016</b>	07 Dec	Pakistani passenger plane crashes near Islamabad, killing all 48 people on board
	07 Dec	Close to 100 people killed in Indonesian earthquake
	12 Dec	Paolo Gentiloni takes over as PM of Italy, succeeding Matteo Renzi who quit after losing a referendum on constitutional reform
	25 Dec	92 people killed after Russian military plane crashes in the Black Sea
	26 Dec	Pop icon George Michael dies at the age of 53
	29 Dec	Syrian govt and rebels agree on a ceasefire brokered by Russia and Turkey just a week after Syrian forces retake control of Aleppo
	29 Dec	US expels 35 Russian diplomats amid allegations of Moscow's meddling in American election; President Putin doesn't react with a tit-for-tat response

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