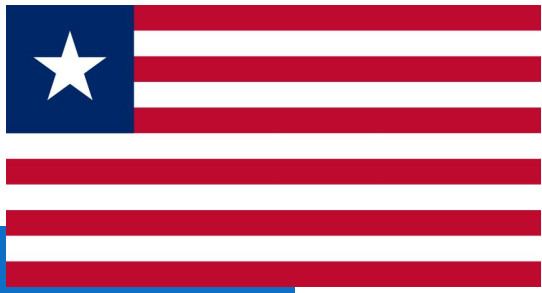




The major events that happened in the world in 2018

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Countries in
which
elections
were held



February 2

- The United States introduced a new nuclear doctrine since the Cold War, which marked the main countries that pose a nuclear threat. The list includes Russia, China, Iran and North Korea.

March 4

- Incident with poisoning of the former British intelligence officer Sergey Skrypal and his daughter Julia Skripal in the city of Salisbury, which led to a geopolitical rupture of diplomatic relations between Russia and Great Britain

March 25

- a fire in the shopping center "Winter Cherry" in Kemerovo. March 28 in Russia was declared the day of mourning.



April 13 - May 8

The Velvet Revolution in
Armenia.



April 14

- a series of missile strikes by a coalition of the United States, Britain and France on a number of military and civilian facilities in Syria, committed as a response to a possible chemical attack made in the city of Duma in Eastern Ghouta (Russia regards these events as an aggressive attack)



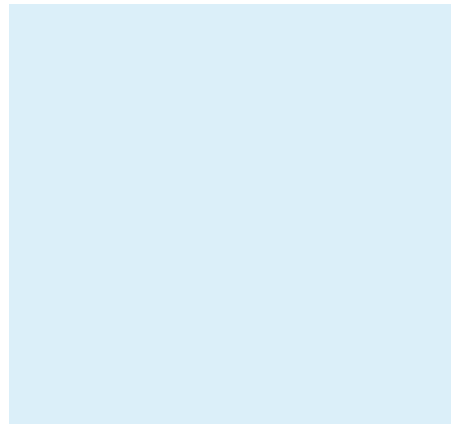
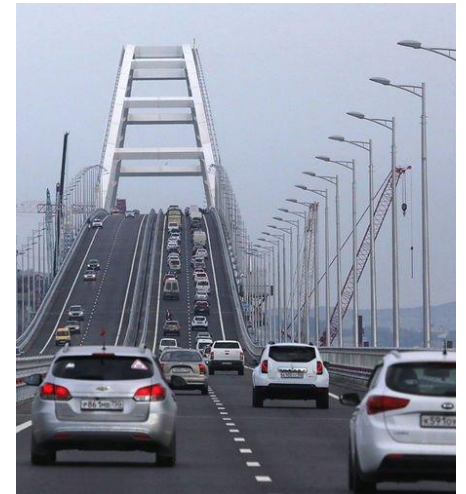


May 8–12

Eurovision Song Contest 2018 (Lisbon, Portugal). Victory won the Israeli singer Netta Barzilai

May 16

the opening of the Crimean Bridge (for
the movement of cars and public
transport)



May 19

Prince Harry and Megan
Markle wedding in the UK





June 1

Russia led the UN Security Council



June 14 - July 15


World Cup (Russia). The world champions for the second time was the French team, beating the Croatian team in the final



July 16

the first full-format meeting
took place between Russian
President Vladimir Putin and
US President Donald Trump in
Helsinki, the capital of Finland



A photograph of five world leaders standing in a row, holding hands, in front of a backdrop of national flags. From left to right: Xi Jinping (China), Narendra Modi (India), Cyril Ramaphosa (South Africa), Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (Brazil), and Vladimir Putin (Russia). They are all dressed in formal attire (suits or a kurta). The flags visible include those of South Africa, Brazil, India, China, and Russia.

July 25 - 27

X BRICS Summit in
Johannesburg, South Africa

August 14

Collapse of the Ponte Morandi
Bridge in Genoa, Italy



September 7

The Patriarchate of Constantinople first intervened in the church situation in Ukraine: in violation of the resolutions adopted at the First Constantinople (Second Ecumenical) Council in 381, Patriarch Bartholomew sent two exarchs from North America to Ukraine, launching the creation process in Ukraine churches on the basis of the non-auto-kalpalononical Kyiv Patriarchate, which was not recognized by the local Orthodox churches, respectively, by splitting the Orthodox Church





October 3

- Russian President Vladimir Putin signed the Federal Law on Amendments to Pension Laws, among which the increase in the retirement age

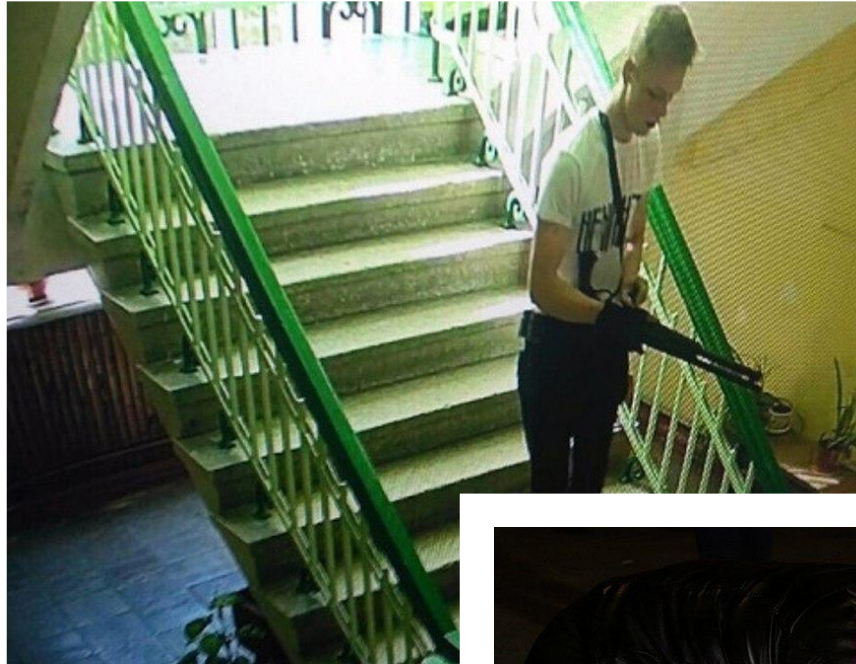


October 6

- the fight between Habib Nurmagomedov and Conor McGregor in the UFC 229 mixed martial arts tournament in Paradise, Nevada, in which Nurmagomedov won and defended the UFC title in the light weight category.

October 17

the massacre at the Kerch Polytechnic College; 21 people (including the murderer) killed, more than 50 wounded.

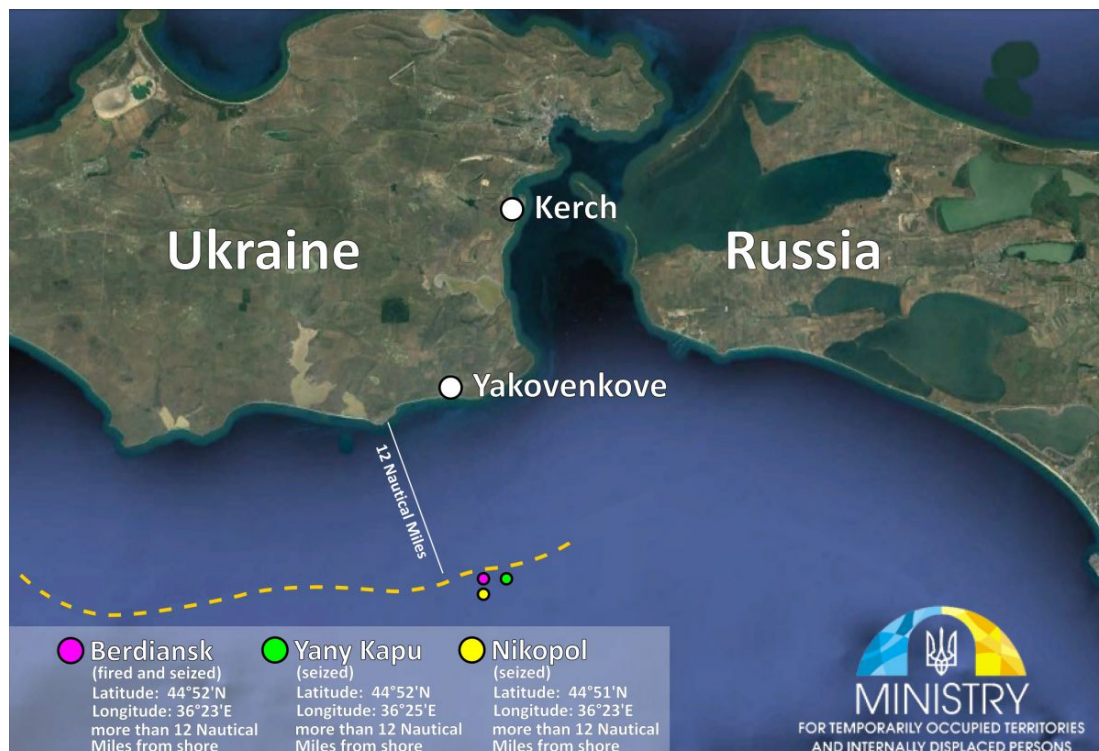


Crimea grieves...

November 6

mid-term elections for US
senators





November 25

- the incident in the Kerch Strait



Expected events

- The head of the private company SpaceX, Elon Musk, announced that at the end of 2018, the new Falcon Heavy rocket should send two space tourists on a journey around the moon