

Programme Information Highlights

October 2017

Happening this month...

Sunday 1st October

Catalonia Independence Referendum

Vote on splitting from Spain due to take place. The referendum, called by Catalan authorities, has put the region in confrontation with the central government in Madrid which says such a vote is illegal and must not take place.

Thursday 5th - Friday 6th October

Our Ocean conference, Malta

World leaders will meet to discuss sustainable fishing, the impact of climate change, marine protection and pollution.

Friday 6th October

Nobel Peace Prize, Norway

The winner of the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize is due to be announced in Oslo. Previous winners include Barack Obama (2009), the European Union (2012) and Malala Yousafzai (2014).

Tuesday 10th October

General Election, Liberia

Vote to elect a new president and 73-seat House of Representatives. Current President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf is standing down with 20 candidates contesting to succeed her.

Thursday 12th October

15th anniversary of Bali bombings

Events expected to mark 15 years since two suicide bombers killed 202 people and injured 209 others in Kuta.



People wave Catalan pro-independence Estelada flags and hold up placards during a demonstration dubbed 'Referendum is Democracy' in Barcelona on June 11, 2017. (Photo credit LLUIS GENE/AFP/Getty Images)

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Tuesday 17th October

First anniversary of Battle for Mosul
First anniversary of the beginning of the offensive to retake Mosul from Islamic State.

Wednesday 25th - Sunday 29th October

King of Thailand's funeral
Thailand's late King Bhumibol Adulyadej will be cremated (October 26th) during a five-day funeral. It will take place in Bangkok. King Bhumibol died in October 2016 at the age of 88 following a long illness.

Thursday 26th October

Deadline for release of JFK files, USA
The deadline, set by a 1992 law, for the release of all documents relating to the assassination of John F. Kennedy in Dallas in 1963. President Trump has the final decision on allowing the public to see the thousands of long-secret files. Many come from the CIA and FBI.



A member of Iraq's Counter-Terrorism Service (CTS) walks past part of the destroyed Al-Nuri Mosque in Mosul's old city on July 30, 2017 (Photo credit SAFIN HAMED/AFP/Getty Images)