### January

- **Earthquake magnitude 6.9** Argentina - January 1
- **Earthquake magnitude 5.2 - Southern XinJiang, China** - January 2
- **Earthquake 7.1 magnitude Chile** - January 3
- **Powerful earthquake hits south-east Iran** - January 3
- **Earthquake Near Japan Triggers Tsunami** - January 3
- **Earthquake 7.0 magnitude hits northern Argentina** - January 3

Heavy floods leave at least 35 dead in Brazil - January 1

**Major Flood in Rockhampton, Australia** - January 3

**Arab Spring:** The Tunisian government falls - January 14 after increasingly violent protests; President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali flees to Saudi Arabia after 23 years in power - January 24 - 37 people are killed and 180 wounded in bombing at Domodedovo International Airport in Moscow, Russia.

January 8: Mass shooting in Tucson, Arizona. 6 killed & 14 wounded, Including Representative Gabrielle Giffords in a meeting in a Supermarket parking lot.

### February

**Christchurch earthquake, New Zealand** - Magnitude 6.3 - February 22

**February 11 Arab Spring: Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak resigns after widespread protests, calling for his departure, leaving control of Egypt in the hands of the military until a general election can be held.**

### March

**Magnitude 8.9 earthquake and tsunami devastating Japan-March 11**

**Nuclear crisis; Japan's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station Cooling systems failed shortly after the earthquake - Saturday, March 12,**

**Magnitude 6.5 earthquake - Vanuatu-March 17**

**Magnitude 7.0 earthquake strikes northeastern Burma-March 23**

**Magnitude 6.8 earthquake hits Myanmar, Thailand-March 23**

**Magnitude 6.4 earthquake off the coast of Japan-March 25**

**March 17 - Arab Spring and the Libyan civil war:** The United Nations Security Council votes 10-0 to create a no-fly zone over Libya in response to allegations of government aggression against civilians.

### April

**Magnitude 5.4 earthquake in South Sandwich Islands Region-April 1**

**Magnitude 6.4 earthquake Fiji-April 3**

**Magnitude 6.7 earthquake in South of Java, Indonesia-April 3**

**Magnitude 6.5 earthquake hits Veracruz, Mexico-April**

**Magnitude 7.4 earthquake hits shore of Japan-April 7**

**Magnitude 6.5 and 6.2 earthquakes hit eastern Japan-April 11**

**Deadly Tornadoes hit N. Carolina and Virginia, at least 47 dead-April 16**

137 tornadoes, killed at least 180 people, Tuscaloosa, Birmingham, & Huntsville, Alabama-April

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