

GLOBAL HEALTH TIMELINE

January–June 2026

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JANUARY 2026

January 6: “Israel Tells Doctors Without Borders to End Its Work in Gaza” ([New York Times](#))

January 19: “Families of Israeli Soldiers Killed in Gaza Are Retrieving Sperm from Their Bodies” ([NPR](#))

January 26: “Amid Botched Procedures, China Is Cracking Down on Cosmetic Surgery” ([Washington Post via MSN](#))

January 29: “Why These Women Break the Law to Sell Their Eggs for IVF” [India] ([NPR](#))

FEBRUARY 2026

February 3: “Biblical Diseases’ Could Resurge in Africa, Health Officials Fear” ([New York Times](#))

February 10: “Guinea Worm Nears Eradication, May Be Second Human Disease Wiped Out After Smallpox” ([Optimist Daily](#))

February 13: “WHO Slams US-Funded Newborn Vaccine Trial as ‘Unethical’” [Guinea-Bissau, Africa] ([Ars Technica](#))

February 13: “4 Months Trapped in a Hospital for an Obsolete Way of Treating Their Disease [Tuberculosis]” ([New York Times](#))

February 24: “Community Health Project in Kenya and Uganda Dramatically Cuts New HIV Infections” ([Science](#))

MARCH 2026

March 3: “Iran War Heralds Era of AI-Powered Bombing Quicker than ‘Speed of Thought’” ([The Guardian](#))

March 10: “The Most Accurately Predicted Genocide in History” [Sudan] ([The Walrus](#))

March 13: “Somali Conjoined Twins Rahma and Ramla ‘Successfully Separated’ in Riyadh” ([Arab News](#))

March 20: “What the World Happiness Report Reveals About Social Media and the World’s Happiest Country” ([Associated Press](#))

March 23: “How These Secretive Traditional Circumcision Rites Are Responsible for Dozens of Deaths” ([Associated Press](#))

March 26: “Maternal Mortality Rises in US Aid-Dependent Countries Under Republican Presidents, Study Shows” ([The Guardian](#))

APRIL 2026

April 2: “The Gig Workers Who Are Training Humanoid Robots at Home” ([MIT Technology Review](#))

April 13: “Mutually Automated Destruction: The Escalating Global A.I. Arms Race” ([New York Times](#))

April 16: “Ukraine Says Russians Are Surrendering to Robots” ([404 Media](#))

April 20: “The Killer Robots Are Coming. The Battlefield Will Never Look the Same.” ([New York Times](#))

MAY 2026

May 1: “Long a Dream, It’s Now Real: A Fast and Accurate TB Test That Doesn’t Need Phlegm” ([NPR](#))

May 7: “‘Spreading Like Wildfire’: Fiji Grapples with Soaring HIV Cases” ([The Straits Times](#))

May 11: “Hantavirus Is on the Rise in Argentina, Where a Stricken Cruise Ship Began Its Journey” ([AP](#))

May 15: “The World Is on Track to Miss Its Health Targets” ([MIT Tech Review](#))

May 18: “India’s DNA Map Uncovers Millions of Missing Genetic Variants” ([Nature](#))

May 19: “Ebola Raged for Weeks in Congo Before Anyone Raised the Alarm” ([New York Times](#))

May 21: “Efforts to Contain Ebola May Have Been Hindered by Lack of U.S. Involvement” [Democratic Republic of Congo] ([New York Times](#))

May 21: “How Wet Weather in Argentina Helped Fuel the Cruise Ship Hantavirus Outbreak” ([Wired](#))

May 26: “Residents Burn an Ebola Treatment Center in Congo as Anger Grows Over the Outbreak” ([AP](#))

May 28: “U.S. Races to Set Up Quarantine Facility in Kenya for Americans Exposed to Ebola” ([Wall Street Journal](#))

May 29: “Contagion of Conspiracy Theories Makes Ebola Epidemic Harder to Contain” [Democratic Republic of Congo] ([Washington Post via MSN](#))

JUNE 2026

June 5: “Moderna Gets \$50 Million to Develop mRNA Ebola Vaccine Against Bundibugyo” ([Ars Technica](#))

June 11: “This Could Be the Worst Ebola Outbreak in History” ([New York Times](#))

June 15: “Ukraine’s Defense AI Chief Predicts ‘New Paradigm’ of Warfare” ([Reuters](#))

June 18: “Scientists Confronting the Rising Global Threat of Mosquitoes” ([Phys.org](#))

June 25: “France Identifies Its First Case of Ebola” ([New York Times](#))