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- **33rd APEC Summit.** World leaders are gathering in Shenzhen, China, on 18 and 19 November. The summit features planned high-stakes bilateral and trilateral discussions among U.S. President Donald Trump, Chinese President Xi Jinping, and Russian President Vladimir Putin regarding trade, regional conflicts, and nuclear arms control. [1, 2, 3]
- **ASEAN Summit in Manila.** Southeast Asian leaders, alongside Chinese Premier Li Qiang, U.S. President Donald Trump, and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, convened in the Philippines on 16 November for regional trade, energy, and security talks. [1, 2, 3]
- **Global Health & Rights Conferences.** Manila is also hosting the 2nd Global Ministerial Conference on Ending Violence Against Children from 16 to 19 November, while Rio de Janeiro hosts the Union World Conference on Lung Health from 17 to 20 November. [1]

Conflicts & Security Developments

- **Strait of Hormuz & Middle East Tensions.** Exchanges of strikes between U.S. and Iranian forces escalated around 16 November, alongside reports of oil tankers striking naval mines in the Strait of Hormuz and Houthi drone attacks targeting Saudi infrastructure.
- **Russo-Ukrainian War.** A Ukrainian drone strike damaged the Crimean Bridge linking occupied Crimea and Russia on 16 November, temporarily halting vehicle traffic.
- **Yemeni Civil War.** Saudi Arabia appointed a new commander for its coalition in Yemen on 16 November after Yemeni government forces retreated toward Aden.

International Observances

- **16 November.** Recognized globally as the UN International Day for Tolerance.
- **17 November.** Marked by International Students' Day and World Prematurity Day.

- **19 November.** Observed as World Toilet Day, World Philosophy Day, and International Men's Day.
- **20 November.** Celebrated as UNICEF World Children's Day, alongside Africa Industrialisation Day and Transgender Day of Remembrance.
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- Notable Historical Milestones (16–20 November)
- **16 November 1945.** UNESCO was officially founded in London to promote global peace through education, science, and culture.
- **20 November 1945.** The Nuremberg War Crime Trials began in Germany against former Nazi leaders.
- **20 November 1962.** U.S. President John F. Kennedy lifted the naval blockade of Cuba, formally ending the Cuban Missile Crisis