

NEWS AND INFORMATION IN 47 LANGUAGES

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VOA PAST AND PRESENT

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Left to right: Top row - VOA Russian journalist broadcasts to former Soviet Union; VOA master control board.

Middle row: VOA correspondent conducts interview at the North Pole; former VOA Chinese branch chief; VOA Burmese journalists on radio.

Bottom row: World-renowned contralto Marian Anderson performs on VOA program; the now retired VOA traveling bus, the "Voyager," crisscrossed the country to report on America's story.



President Gerald Ford signed the VOA Charter into law in 1976. It protects the independence and integrity of VOA programming.

- **1. VOA** will serve as a consistently reliable and authoritative source of news. VOA news will be accurate, objective, and comprehensive.
- **2. VOA** will represent America, not any single segment of American society, and will therefore present a balanced and comprehensive projection of significant American thought and institutions.
- **3. VOA** will present the policies of the United States clearly and effectively, and will also present responsible discussions and opinion on these policies.

















Dear Friends,

This is an important year for the Voice of America, as we celebrate 80 years of broadcasting to the world. On February 1, 1942, less than two months after the United States entered World War II, VOA beamed its first broadcast to Europe. Announcer William Harlan Hale opened the German-language program with the words: "We bring you voices from America. Today, and daily from now on, we shall speak to you about America and the war. The news may be good for us. The news may be bad. But we shall tell you the truth." This message has always been at the core of VOA's mission: to provide truthful news and information for those with little or no access to a free press.

For this reason, our 80th anniversary calendar is an homage to our staff. First, we feature our journalists in the field around the world, who, on a daily basis go to great lengths to get the story - and get the story right; and secondly, we highlight our studio and operations team, often working unsung behind the scenes, responsible for the delivery of our programs to you, our audience. We would not be able to reach all of you on so many platforms without the support of our expert team.

This statement rings especially true for our work over the past year. In the midst of a global pandemic that disrupted lives and travel everywhere, our journalists never missed a beat, as they continued their work bringing the most relevant news and information to our listeners and viewers. As disinformation and misinformation extended their global reach and influence, Voice of America's truthful and unbiased reporting strives to separate fact from fiction, to add context, and debunk lies, helping our audiences make informed choices and decisions.

A significant segment of VOA's audience now is women. Subsequently, an increasing amount of our programs center on topics and issues of particular interest to them. These programs offer a platform for a robust exchange of ideas and they educate and engage women on important topics like child marriage, education and economic empowerment.

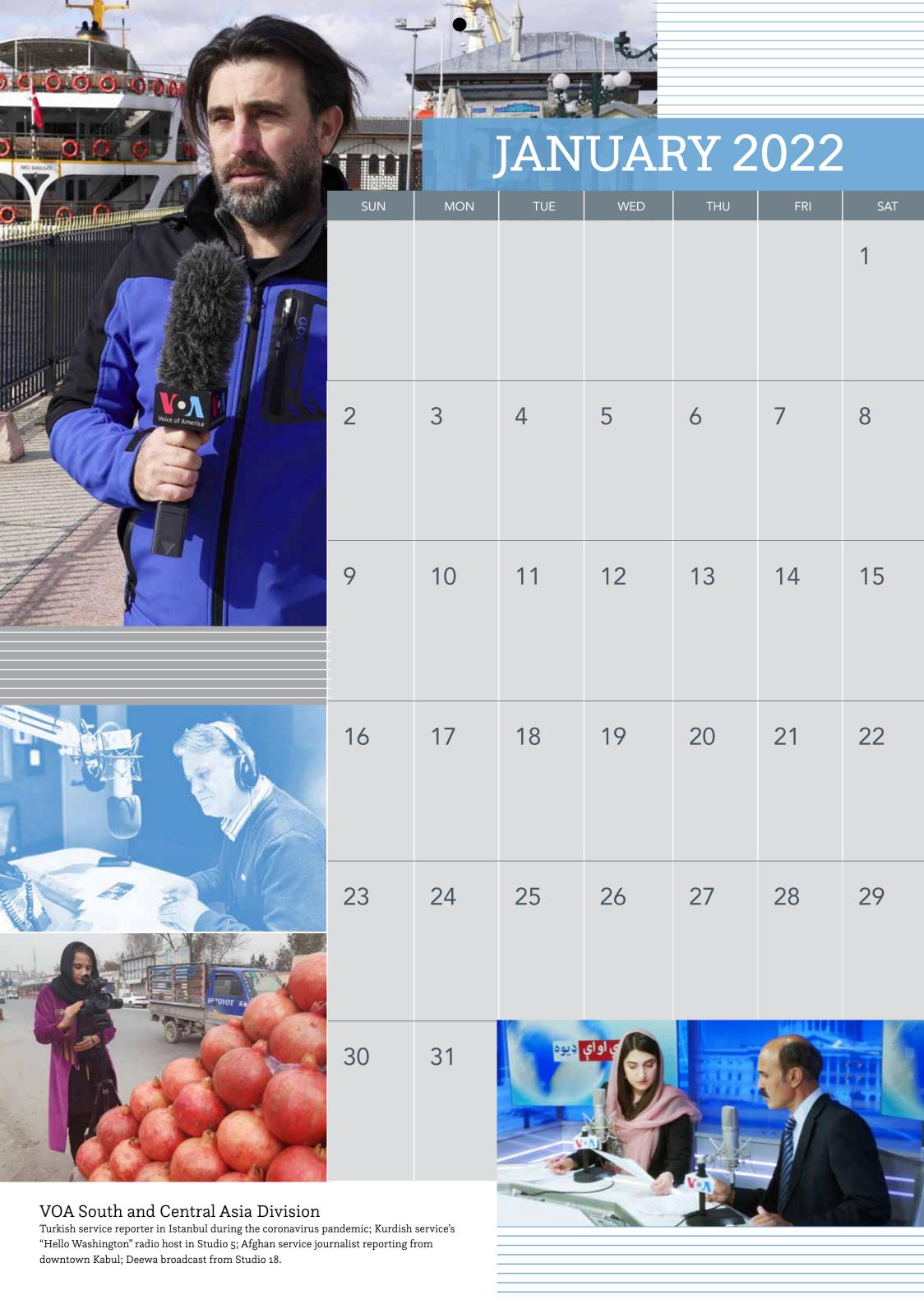
VOA continues to emphasize programming for some of the world's most underserved populations: the millions of refugees and forcibly displaced people in Africa, South Asia and Latin America. In many cases, the cause of their displacement is related to changes in the global climate, responsible for producing extreme weather phenomena that affect many populations in our broadcasting regions. VOA's efforts to reach such at-risk populations are expanding to match the information needs of the refugees in our audience.

Rest assured that VOA will continue its mission of offering unique programming with the same passion, enthusiasm and focus as it has done for the last 80 years.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy, and productive 2022!

Sincerely,

VOA Staff







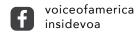




VOA On Scene Reporting

Hausa service journalists interview a young women freed from the Boko Haram kidnapping of Chibok girls; Burmese service reporter files story from the Dawei deep sea port; VOA crew on Cohen Building rooftop during presidential inauguration 2021; Silicon Valley bureau team reports from onsite in California.







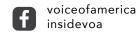




VOA Persian Division

Pentagon correspondent at NATO headquarters; Evening news host in Studio 50; Sportscaster reporting from European competition trials in Bulgaria; State Department correspondent on scene at Vienna, Austria; Television host for weekly program on international films











VOA Learning English Office and Refugee Programming

Learning English "train the trainers" program in Rohingya refugee camp in Bangladesh; Bangla service journalist reporting from inside Rohingya refugee camp near Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. Graduation day for Learning English training students; VOA journalist from Sudan reporting from refugee camp on Ethiopian border.







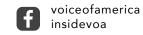




VOA East Asia and Pacific Division

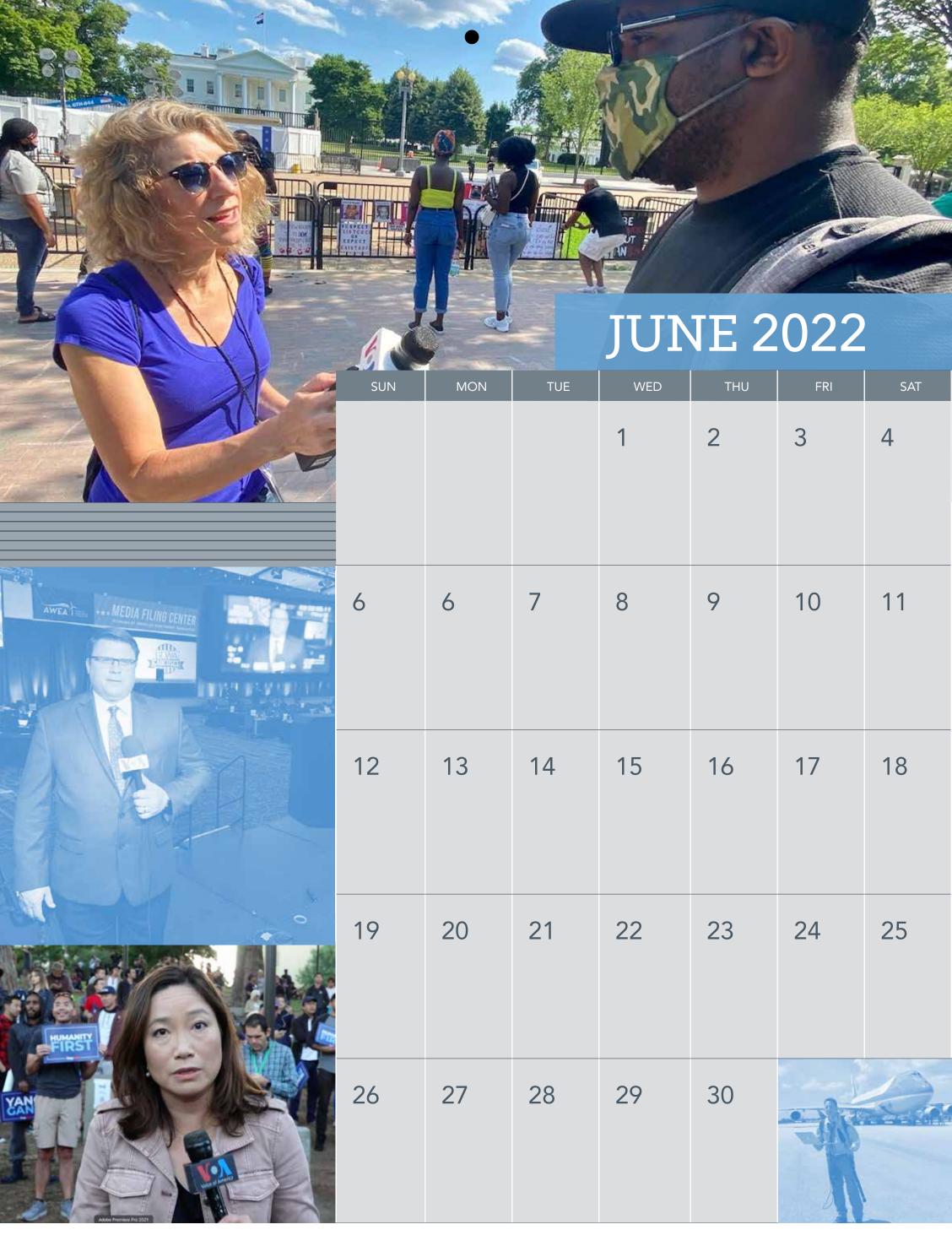
Khmer service journalist records radio program for simultaneous social media streaming; Mandarin service team reports live from 2020 presidential election in Taiwan; on camera interview by Indonesian service reporter; Burmese service team reports on scene at Myanmar's colorful New Year's festival.







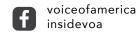




VOA News Center

Senior correspondent interviews protester outside the White House; Midwest correspondent covers the 2020 Iowa presidential caucuses; Los Angeles-based multimedia correspondent reports during the 2020 presidential election; White House bureau chief gets ready to board Air Force One.











VOA Studio Production and Operations Division

Television master control board; behind the scenes with the control room team; floor director prepares television anchor prior to broadcast.











VOA Africa Division

Swahili service journalist reports from Nairobi; South Sudan journalist conducts interview in Juba; English to Africa's "Red Carpet" program host; Hausa service reporter on scene in Abuja.













VOA Journalists Around the World

On camera interview with Tibetan service team; News Center journalist reporting on Mauritania's national elections; Cameroon-based journalist conducts interview in Yaoundé.









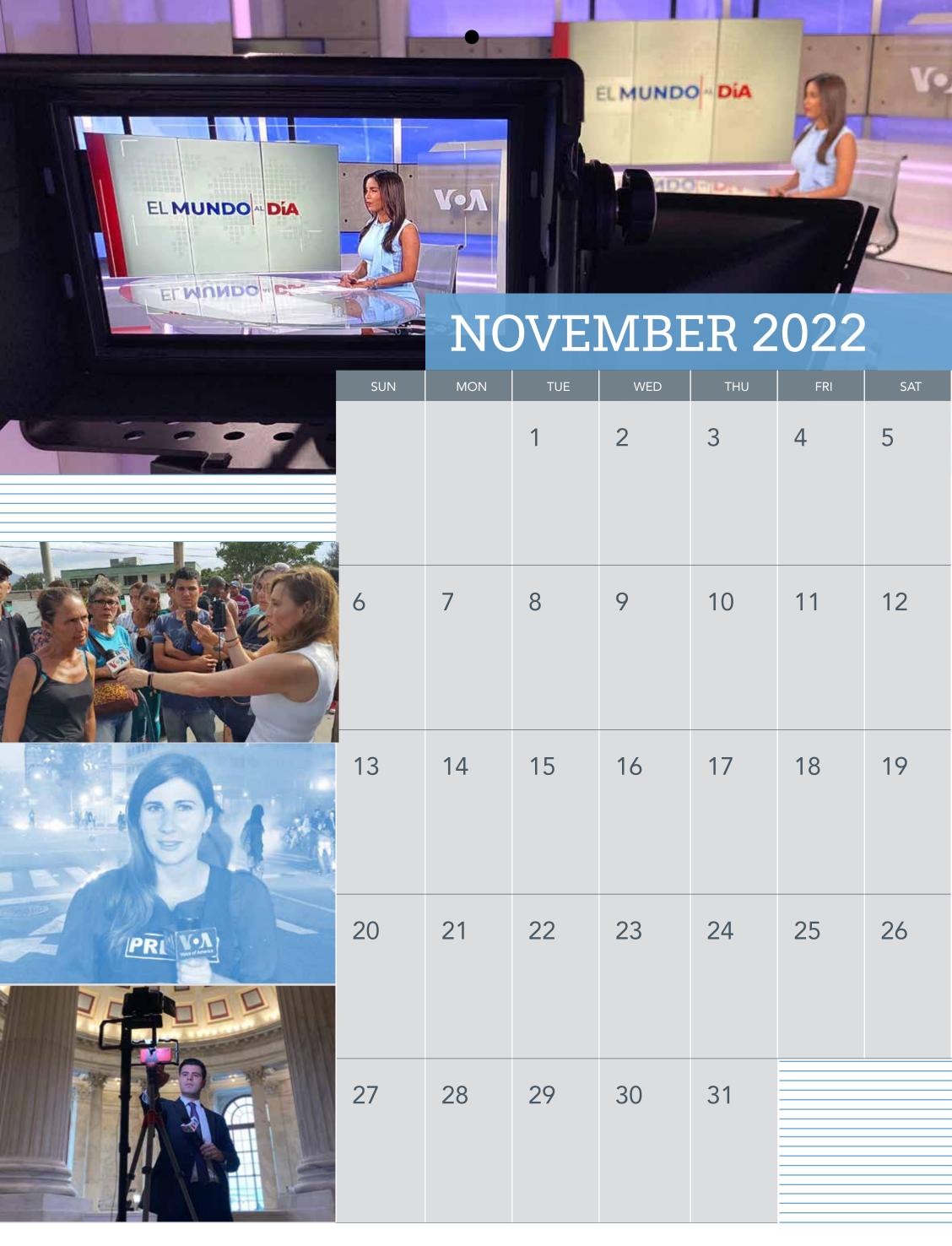








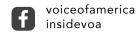




VOA Latin America Division

On set with the Spanish service's "El Mundo Dia" program; journalist at the Venezuelan-Colombian border interviewing Venezuelan refugees; journalist in press vest reporting on live television; reporting from inside the U.S. Capitol.











Women at VOA

On set with two Afghan service program hosts; Korean service journalists on set in Studio 18; Serbian reporter interviews president of Montenegro; Zimbabwe service's "Studio 7" host.

































Front Cover Photo: VOA Ukrainian journalist reporting on annual U.S. Marine Corps Marathon near Washington, D.C.

