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3 May 8, San José: Costa Rica's president-elect **Luis Guillermo Solís**, who secured a landslide victory with 78% of the vote in April's presidential election, is inaugurated

5 May 25, Kiev: Ukraine elects a new president amid the most serious East-West crisis since the Cold War. Tensions spiked with Russia's annexation in March of the country's Crimea region

7 May 24-26, Middle East: **Pope Francis** makes his first trip as pontiff to the Holy Land, visiting Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Amman

8 May 20, London: A score of **Sergei Rachmaninoff's Symphony No 2**, one of Russia's most important romantic compositions, is expected to fetch up to \$2.52 million at auction. The 320-page manuscript was discovered in 2004

9 May 25-26, Cairo: Egypt votes for a new president with former army chief **Abdel Fattah al-Sisi** expected to win. Al-Sisi led the overthrow of Islamist **Mohamed Morsi** who was elected in 2012 following the ousting of **Hosni Mubarak**

1 May 7, Johannesburg: The African National Congress – in power since apartheid ended 20 years ago – is expected to easily win South Africa's election but with a reduced majority. Support has waned amid scandals such as **President Jacob Zuma's** \$23 million upgrade to his home

2 May 7-9, Abuja: Nigeria hosts the **World Economic Forum on Africa** amid tight security due to ongoing violence by Boko Haram Islamists. A recent bomb attack in the capital killed at least 75 people and injured over 120 others

4 May 9-13, New York: A new posthumous **Michael Jackson** album, entitled **Xscape** and featuring eight "new" tracks, is released globally. Since Jackson's death in 2009, **Epic** has released reissue, remix and compilation albums and **This is It**, featuring six previously unheard recordings

6 May 14-25, Cannes: A woman director could win the prestigious **Palme d'Or** at the **Cannes Film Festival** for only the second time. Italy's **Alice Rohrwacher**, with *Le Meraviglie*, and Japan's **Naomi Kawase**, with *Two Windows*, are in the running

