

WORLD AGENDA



SEPTEMBER 2006

1 Sep 11, New York: Friends and relatives of those killed in the 9/11 terrorist attacks will lead a service of commemoration at the site of the *World Trade Centre* to mark the fifth anniversary of the atrocity that killed 2,749 people

2 Sep 11, Iraq: The genocide trial of **Saddam Hussein** is due to resume. During the so-called *Anfal* campaign – a massive military assault in northern Iraq in the 1980s – tens of thousands of Kurds were killed, many by chemical weapons

3 Sep 6, Mexico: Magistrates have until today to declare who will be the country's president-elect. Left-wing candidate **Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador** (left), who lost to the ruling party's **Felipe Calderon** (right) by less than 0.6% in July's poll, has staged a mass protest claiming the vote was rigged

4 Sep 25, New Orleans: The *Louisiana Superdome*, the storm-battered stadium that was home to 30,000 evacuees in the wake of *Hurricane Katrina*, reopens after a \$140m repair programme, in what is hoped will be a symbol of the devastated city's rebirth

5 Sep 28, Thailand: Bangkok's \$4bn **Suvarnabhumi International Airport**, featuring the world's largest terminal building and the tallest control tower, is due to open after more than 30 years of planning

6 Sep 22, Ireland: The 36th **Ryder Cup**, the biannual golfing contest between the U.S. and Europe, tees off at the *K Club* in **Co. Kildare**, marking Ireland's first hosting of the tournament

7 Sep 20, Japan: Cabinet secretary **Shinzo Abe** (right) is the front-runner to succeed Prime Minister **Junichiro Koizumi**, who steps down as party leader after his 5-year term expires

8 Sep, Netherlands: A \$1.2m replica of **Noah's Ark** will set sail with a cargo of farm animals on a voyage that its builder, **Johan Huibers**, hopes will rekindle interest in Christianity

