

WORLD AGENDA

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1 Nov 7, United States: President *George W. Bush's* Republicans may lose control of Congress in mid-term elections amid concerns over the Iraq war and a sex scandal on Capitol Hill. A third of the Senate and all 435 House of Representatives seats are up for grabs

6 Nov 28, Ankara: Intense security will surround a planned visit to Turkey by *Pope Benedict*, who angered the Muslim world in September when he quoted derogatory remarks by a Byzantine emperor about the Prophet Muhammad

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2 Nov 16, France: The opposition Socialist Party must choose a candidate to contest next year's presidential election. Front-runner *Segolene Royal* faces competition from former Premier *Laurent Fabius* and former Finance Minister *Dominique Strauss-Kahn*



4 Nov 9, Geneva: The 34-state *World Health Organisation* announces the name of its new Director-General who will be selected from 13 candidates vying for the post

3 Nov 28, Riga: Latvia hosts a NATO summit, cementing its place in the international arena. The Baltic state is the EU's poorest but in 2005 had the fastest-growing economy in the bloc



5 Nov 6, Dushanbe: The West will closely watch presidential elections in *Tajikistan*, still recovering from civil war and key to stability in central Asia

Nov 8: *Mercury* will cross the sun for the first time since 2003. The transit will be visible from the Americas, Australasia, eastern Asia and the Pacific



7 Nov 20, London: The release of a new *Beatles* album, a remix entitled *Love*, will raise eyebrows as the acrimonious divorce of *Sir Paul McCartney* from *Heather Mills*, who alleges violence, proceeds

8 Nov 12, Geneva: The *Explosive Remnants of War* treaty, aimed at cleaning up unexploded munitions that kill and maim long after war ends, comes into force. The pact, signed by 91 nations, has been ratified by 20

