

# WORLD AGENDA

## APRIL 2007

**2** Late April, Jerusalem: Beleaguered Prime Minister **Ehud Olmert's** waning popularity is likely to plummet further when the government-appointed Winograd Commission publishes its report into Israel's failure to crush Hezbollah in Lebanon last summer



**5** Apr 21, Nigeria: As President **Olusegun Obasanjo's** two terms in office come to an end, landmark elections will see the first handover from one democratic government to another since Africa's most populous nation gained independence in 1960

**6** Apr 9, East Timor: Violence is expected during the country's first presidential elections since independence in 2002. Tensions have escalated since factional fighting broke out between the police and army last May



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**1** April 22, France: Socialist **Segolene Royal**, Conservative **Nicolas Sarkozy** and centrist **Francois Bayrou** battle for votes in the first round of presidential elections. A runoff in May is expected



**3** Apr 17, Rome: U.S. soldier **Mario Lozano** goes on trial in absentia for shooting dead Italian intelligence agent **Nicola Calipari** (right), killed in Iraq last year while shielding a freed hostage from gunfire at a checkpoint. Washington has refused to hand over Lozano



**4** Apr 23, Canberra: Free trade talks begin with Japan, the biggest buyer of Australia's exports. Trade between the two totalled U.S.\$42bn in the year to June 2006



**9** Apr 26, Cape Canaveral: **Stephen Hawking**, the British physicist and best-selling author who is confined to a wheelchair, is set to experience zero gravity on board a parabolic flight



**7** Apr 13, Pyongyang: The deadline North Korea has agreed to for shutting down its main nuclear reactor and allowing access to UN inspectors. The timetable was set at a landmark agreement in February



**8** Early April, Brussels: Within two decades hundreds of millions of people won't have enough water and tens of millions will be flooded each year: the warning in the second of four reports this year by the **Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change**