

WORLD AGENDA

JUNE 2007

1 June 6-8, Germany: A transatlantic clash on climate is expected when leaders of the G8 nations meet at the *Grand Hotel Kempinski* (right) in Heiligendamm. The United States is likely to resist plans to expand and extend the *Kyoto Protocol* on cutting carbon emissions beyond 2012



2 June 10/17, France: *Nicolas Sarkozy's UMP* party is expected to secure a strong majority in elections to parliament, giving the new right-wing President a mandate for reforms

3 June 27, UK: Finance Minister *Gordon Brown* (right) becomes Prime Minister when *Tony Blair* steps down after 10 years in power



5 June 8, Milan: The first "renditions" trial begins with 26 Americans in court for the 2003 kidnapping of *Hassan Mustafa Osama Nasr* (above left). The Muslim cleric was transferred to Egypt and says he was tortured



7 June 6, Perth: Tibet's exiled spiritual leader, the *Dalai Lama* (left), visits Australia but pressure from Beijing means he will not receive an official reception at Parliament House

6 June 5, Los Angeles: Heiress *Paris Hilton* (right) goes to jail for violating her probation. The socialite, 26, was caught driving after her licence had been suspended for alcohol-related reckless driving



8 June 26, Shanghai: Racy U.S. singer *Christina Aguilera* (right), becomes the latest star to play China's commercial capital despite the country's strict rules on overtly sexual themes in performance



4 June 1-5, The Hague: The expanding illegal ivory trade comes under the spotlight at the *Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species*. East Asian crime syndicates are plundering central African ivory to meet demand in China, Thailand and the Philippines

