

WORLD AGENDA



JULY 2007

1 July 1-2, U.S.: Relations between **Vladimir Putin** and **George W. Bush** come under the spotlight when the Russian President visits the Bush family's summer compound in Maine. Tensions sparked when the U.S. President announced plans to install a missile defence system in eastern Europe



2 July 22, Ankara: General elections in Turkey take place ahead of schedule due to a political crisis that has pitted the Islamist-rooted government against the secular elite. Prime Minister **Tayyip Erdogan** (left) called the poll after the country's constitutional process for selecting a new president went off the rails in April

3 July 1, Hong Kong: The 10th anniversary of the handover of the former British colony to Chinese rule will be marked with a flag-raising ceremony, a parade and fireworks. Chinese President **Hu Jintao** and the Prime Minister **Wen Jiabao** are expected to attend

4 July, Pyongyang: U.S. envoy **Christopher Hill** – the most senior American diplomat to visit North Korea in five years – is expected to resume talks on shutting down the North's nuclear programme



5 July 17, London: For the first time in its 100-year history the **Tour de France**, the world's most prestigious cycling event, will start in the British capital

6 July 1, London: A pop concert to mark the 10th anniversary of **Princess Diana's** death

will take place on what would have been her 46th birthday



LIVE EARTH

8 July 7, World: Johannesburg, Sydney, Shanghai and London are among venues hosting **Live Earth** pop concerts to mobilize action to stop global warming. Former U.S. Vice President **Al Gore** is leading the **07/07/07** initiative across seven continents

7 July 3/21, London: Pottermania reemerges with the official world premiere of **Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix**, followed by the release of the seventh and final book in the series, **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows**

