

# WORLD AGENDA

AUGUST 2007

**1 Aug 5-6, Maryland:** Afghan President **Hamid Karzai** meets **George W. Bush** at Camp David amid concern over rising civilian casualties in the U.S.-led fight against terrorism in Afghanistan

**2 Aug 8, Mexico City:** Cardinal **Norberto Rivera**, Mexico's most senior Catholic clergyman, faces questioning by U.S. lawyers over claims he protected alleged paedophile priest **Nicolas Aguilar**, wanted on suspicion of sexually abusing children in the U.S. and Mexico

**3 Aug 14-15, India, Pakistan:** The 60th anniversary of independence from British rule. Celebrations take place in Muslim-majority Pakistan on the 14th, the day in 1947 of its formation at the stroke of midnight, and in India the following day

**4 Aug 31, London:** The 10th anniversary of the death of **Princess Diana** will be marked by a private memorial service attended by 500 friends, family members and representatives of the charities she supported

**5 Aug 14, Bangkok:** The trial for corruption of ousted Thai Prime Minister **Thaksin Shinawatra** (above) and his wife, **Potjaman**, begins. The couple, accused of breaking anti-graft laws in business deals, live in exile in London

**6 Aug 3, Florida:** Nasa launches the **Mars Phoenix Lander** to check for signs of microbial life on Mars

**7 Aug 7-20, Beijing:** A million cars will be kept off the roads to test the effects on the city's soaring pollution levels. The trial may lead to traffic restrictions during the 2008 Olympics

**8 Aug 25-Sep 2, Osaka:** South African amputee **Oscar Pistorius** may become the first disabled competitor in the **World Athletics Championships**. Pistorius, who runs on carbon fibre blades, hopes to compete in the 400m and the relay

**9 Aug 16, Memphis:** Musicians who worked with **Elvis Presley** reunite for a major concert marking the 30th anniversary of his death. The "King" himself stars in the show via video

