

WORLD AGENDA

SEPTEMBER 2007

1 Sep 15, Washington: With no sign of cessation of hostilities, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, **General David Petraeus** (right), and U.S. Ambassador **Ryan Crocker** report to Congress on the success of the 30,000-strong troop surge



2 Sep 17, Washington: Chinese exports come under scrutiny when the U.S.'s new import safety panel makes recommendations following a spate of hazardous discoveries, including toxic pet food, toys containing lead paint and toothpaste laced with anti-freeze

3 Sep 9, Florida: **Manuel Noriega** (right), Panama's military leader from 1983-89, is to be released from jail after serving 15 years for drug trafficking. The 72-year-old is fighting extradition to France where he is accused of money-laundering

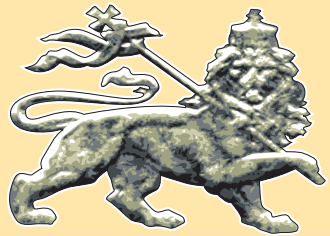


4 Sep 7-9, Austria: **Pope Benedict XVI** celebrates the 850th anniversary of the founding of the **Mariazell** sanctuary, one of the largest Catholic shrines in Europe. He will also visit Vienna's **Juden Platz** to pray at a memorial to Austrian victims of the Holocaust



5 Sep 9, Guatemala: Violence is set to intensify in the run-up to presidential and parliamentary elections, following the bloodiest campaign since the end of civil war in 1996

6 Sep 11, Ethiopia: Thousands will converge on the streets of **Addis Ababa** to celebrate the start of the year 2000 in the Ethiopian calendar



7 Sep 7, Paris: Host nation France takes on Argentina in the opening game of the **Rugby World Cup**



8 Sep 13, London: Twenty warriors from China's **Terracotta Army**, the largest number ever to leave China, go on display at the British Museum

