

# WORLD AGENDA

## MARCH 2008



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**Mar 24, Ancient Olympia:**  
The **Olympic Flame** begins its 130-day, 20-city journey around the world ahead of the **Beijing Olympics** in August. The torchbearers' relay will cover 137,000km

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**Mar 6-16, Switzerland:**  
A **James Bond**-inspired amphibious car is set to make a splash at the **Geneva Motor Show**. The **sQuba** can travel through water at nine metres deep



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**Mar 2, Moscow:** A landslide victory by **Dmitry Medvedev**, **Vladimir Putin's** chosen successor, is expected in Russia's presidential elections. Opponents and western critics say campaigning has been heavily skewed in his favour

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**Mar 4, Texas, Ohio:** U.S. primaries in two delegate-rich states give **Hillary Clinton** a chance to save her candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination. **Barack Obama** has crushed the former first lady in 10 straight contests, building support among voters who have long formed the core of Clinton's power base



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**Mar 2, Baghdad:**  
**Mahmoud Ahmadinejad** becomes the first president of Iran to visit Iraq, symbolising an end to decades of enmity. The 1980-88war between the

neighbouring countries killed one million people

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**Mar 29, Harare:**  
**Robert Mugabe** seeks another five-year term as president of Zimbabwe against a backdrop of economic meltdown



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**Mar 11, Cape Canaveral:**  
Japan will be the next major contributor to the **ISS** when the shuttle **Endeavour** delivers the first section of the three-part **Kibo** laboratory

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**Mar 24, Bhutan:** The tiny Himalayan kingdom's first ever parliamentary election takes place amid escalating racial tensions. A recent string of bomb blasts have been blamed on ethnic Nepalis, many of whom are barred from voting

