

WORLD AGENDA

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1 Nov 4, U.S.: Will America elect its first black president? Democrat candidate **Barack Obama** is poised to make history if he defeats Republican **John McCain** when the race to the White House reaches the finishing line



2 Nov 15, Washington: World leaders will look at ways of reforming the global financial system at a crisis summit as the worst economic downturn since the **Great Depression** continues to batter markets and consumer confidence



and **Hamas**-run Gaza that has blocked efforts to found a Palestinian state

4 Nov 18, Vienna: A cut in oil output may be agreed at an emergency **OPEC** meeting following a sharp slide in oil prices amid the global financial crisis



5 November 17-24, Marrakesh: Conservation groups will call for tough new rules on tuna fishing at a meeting of the **Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna**. The huge Mediterranean bluefin faces extinction without drastic measures



6 Nov 2, Sao Paulo: 23-year-old British driver Lewis Hamilton requires only a top five finish to become Formula One's youngest champion at the grand prix finale in Brazil



7 Nov 18, Geneva: Post-war talks between Russia and Georgia over the latter's Moscow-backed breakaway regions are due to resume after breaking down in October

8 November, Caribbean Sea: A fleet of Russian warships, led by the nuclear-powered cruiser **Pyotr Veliky** (below), will take part in joint exercises with U.S. foe Venezuela. The latest show of strength by Moscow will be the closest yet to U.S. shores

