

WORLD AGENDA

JULY 2009

1 July 6-8, Moscow: U.S. president **Barack Obama** starts a wide-ranging foreign tour with a trip to Moscow. Talks with his Russian counterpart **Dmitry Medvedev** will centre on negotiating a successor to the 1991 START treaty on arms reduction which expires in December

2 July, New York: Pharmaceutical company **Baxter International** expects to have its swine flu vaccine ready for commercial use.

The firm has developed the vaccine against the virus – officially declared a pandemic in June – using Vero cell technology

3 July 8-10, L'Aquila: **Silvio Berlusconi** hosts a G8 summit on the global financial crisis just as a sex scandal threatens to topple him. The Italian prime minister is fighting for his political life amid claims he paid young women to attend private parties

5 July, Lima: Several Peruvian ministers are expected to be fired after deadly clashes over the introduction of laws, later repealed, that native groups say would speed the destruction of their habitat

7 July, London: "Great Train Robber" **Ronnie Biggs**, whose playboy lifestyle and defiance of British authorities during 36 years on the run made him a criminal legend, may be released from jail.

The 79-year-old surrendered to police in 2001

4 July 10, Ghana: High expectations

will accompany President Obama's first trip to Africa since he took office in January. The election of the son of a Kenyan man triggered great hopes across the world's poorest continent

6 July 1-24, Kuala Lumpur: Malaysia's former deputy premier **Anwar Ibrahim** goes on trial for a second time on what he claims are politically motivated charges of sodomy. His first conviction, in 2000, was set aside in 2004 although a corruption sentence stood

8 July 20, Florida: Celebrations mark the 40th anniversary of **Neil Armstrong** becoming the first man to walk on the moon. An estimated 500 million people worldwide made up the largest TV audience for a live broadcast at that time

