

WORLD AGENDA

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1 Nov 7, Kabul: Afghan President **Hamid Karzai** faces a run-off vote against opposition candidate **Abdullah Abdullah** in presidential elections. The country's Independent Election Commission announced the decision after a UN-backed watchdog invalidated tens of thousands of votes for Karzai in August's fraud-marred first-round

2 Nov 12-18, Tokyo: U.S. President **Barack Obama's** debut Asia tour kicks off in Japan. He will attend the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in Singapore before continuing to China and S. Korea

3 Nov 2-6, Barcelona: Tension is expected to run high at the UN's final days of negotiations on climate change before December's pivotal summit to secure a new global agreement. Stark differences on financing between developed and developing nations remain

4 Nov 29, Honduras: Presidential elections threaten volatile Central American tensions as ousted leader **Manuel Zelaya** (left), deposed in a coup in June, stands against de facto president **Roberto Micheletti**

5 Nov 29, Zurich: Switzerland holds a referendum on banning the building of minarets after the far-right **Swiss People's Party** gathered enough signatures to force a vote

6 Nov 16-18, Rome: The number of hungry people rose sharply to more than one billion this year and an extra \$23bn is needed to boost agricultural production, **Action Aid** will tell the UN World Food Summit. High food prices are to blame

7 Nov 30, Munich: Alleged Nazi war criminal **John Demjanjuk** (below), accused of helping to kill 27,900 Jews during World War Two, goes on trial. The 89-year-old denies he was a guard at the Sobibor death camp in Poland

8 Nov 9, Berlin: Thousands of gigantic dominos will be knocked down in the German capital on the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. The symbolic act will be part of celebrations, dubbed the "freedom party", at the Brandenburg Gate

