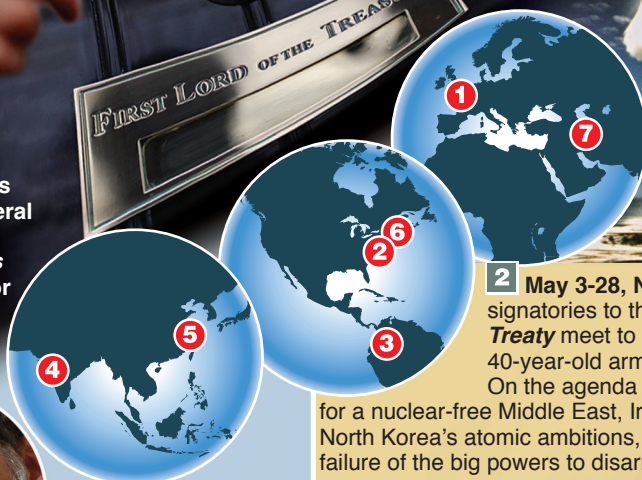


WORLD AGENDA

MAY 2010



1 May 6, London: Britain holds its most closely contested general election in nearly two decades. Prime Minister **Gordon Brown's** ruling Labour party, in power for 13 years, stands against **David Cameron's** Conservatives and an increasingly popular **Nick Clegg**, for the Liberal Democrats



2 May 3-28, New York: The 189 signatories to the **Non-Proliferation Treaty** meet to overhaul the 40-year-old arms agreement. On the agenda will be calls for a nuclear-free Middle East, Iran and North Korea's atomic ambitions, and failure of the big powers to disarm

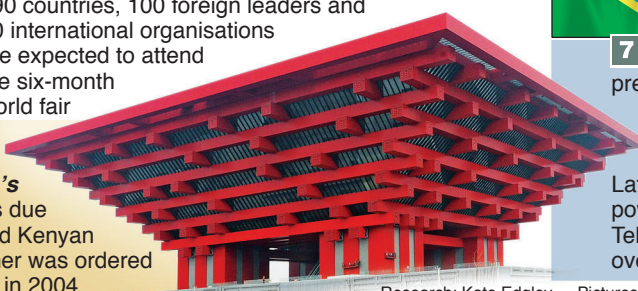


3 May 30, Colombia: Presidential elections pitch the colourful **Antanas Mockus** (left) against establishment candidate **Juan Manuel Santos** (far left). As a university president, Mockus mooned at unruly students and as mayor of Bogota he posed as "Super Citizen" in a red cape and yellow tights

4 May 3, Mumbai: A verdict is expected in the trial of **Mohammed Ajmal Kasab**, the suspected lone surviving gunman in the 2008 attacks on the Indian city. More than 160 people were killed when 10 men launched an assault that lasted three days



5 May 1, Shanghai: **Expo 2010** opens in the Chinese city being heralded as a new major economic and cultural centre. A record 70m visitors, along with 190 countries, 100 foreign leaders and 50 international organisations are expected to attend the six-month world fair



7 May 15, Tehran: Brazil's president, **Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva**, visits Iran amid western unease over ties between the two countries. Latin America's biggest economic power has urged dialogue with Tehran, instead of sanctions, over its nuclear programme

6 May 25, Boston: A deportation hearing for President **Barack Obama's** aunt, **Zeitung Onyango**, is due to resume. The 57-year-old Kenyan half sister of Obama's father was ordered to leave the United States in 2004