

WORLD AGENDA

JULY 2010

1 Jul 20, Washington: Britain and the United States' "special relationship" comes under the microscope when **David Cameron** makes his first visit to the U.S. as British Prime Minister. The trip comes as transatlantic tensions simmer over London-based BP's Gulf of Mexico oil spill

2 Jul 11, Tokyo: Japan's new leader, **Naoto Kan**, needs an outright win in upper house elections to avoid policy deadlock, as his ruling Democratic Party struggles to reign in the country's huge debt

3 Jul 29, Phoenix: The controversial Arizona immigration law, an effort to stop illegal immigrants and drug smugglers entering the U.S.

from Mexico, is due to come into effect. Critics say it will permit racial profiling and is unconstitutional

5 July, Nigeria: Efforts to contain a lead poisoning epidemic will be stepped up as heavy rains risk spreading water supply contamination, linked to illegal gold mining. The outbreak has killed

more than 160 people, mostly children under five, in Zamfara state

7 July, Mumbai: *Dear Friend Hitler*, a film about the Nazi leader's last days which is courting international controversy, begins filming. Director **Rakesh Ranjan Kumar** denies the film glorifies the Fuhrer but says it shows Hitler's "love for India"

8 Jul 3, Rotterdam: The Tour de France kicks off with **Alberto Contador**, of Spain, entering the race as favourite and bidding for a third win against seven times champion **Lance Armstrong**

4 Jul 19-27, Kampala: The African Union Summit takes place amid controversy over the decision to invite Sudanese President **Omar al-Bashir**, wanted by the International Criminal Court on war crimes charges

6 Jul 6, Dharamsala: The **Dalai Lama**, Tibet's charismatic spiritual leader and head of the government-in-exile based in India, turns 75

