

WORLD AGENDA

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1 Nov 2, Washington: U.S. president **Barack Obama's** Democratic party is forecast to suffer heavy losses in mid-term elections. Polls predict the ruling party will lose control of the House of Representatives to the Republicans and only narrowly retain a Senate majority

2 Nov 11, Seoul: Currency tensions are expected to dominate the **G20** summit at which tough new rules on banks' capital will be put forward for endorsement. Recommendations for so-called too-big-to-fail banks will also be discussed

4 Nov 28, Egypt: The **Muslim Brotherhood**, led by **Mohammed Badie** (right), will field candidates in a third of more than 500 seats in parliamentary elections despite a ban on religious groups. The opposition movement, will skirt the ban by running candidates as independents

3 Nov 7, Yangon: Myanmar, ruled by the military for 50 years, is claiming a shift to democracy with its first elections in two decades. But international monitors are barred and campaigner **Aung San Suu Kyi** will remain in prison until just after the election

5 Nov 19, Lisbon: **NATO** allies are likely to endorse the transfer of security responsibility in Afghanistan to local forces next year. The U.S. ordered 30,000 more troops in December but with western casualties at a high, NATO states want their own troops home

6 Nov 9, New York: Former U.S. president **George W. Bush** publishes his memoirs, **Decision Points**, focussing on 14 decisions he made in eight years as president. An ebook version and an audiobook, read by Bush himself, will be released simultaneously

7 Nov 1, Florida: The space shuttle **Discovery** is launched on its final mission, STS-133, to install a "permanent multipurpose module" on the ISS. NASA's shuttle programme ends next year

8 Nov 7, Barcelona: Nearly 130 years after it began construction, the **Sagrada Familia** – the unfinished masterpiece by Catalan architect

Antoni Gaudi – is to be consecrated by **Pope Benedict XVI** during his two-day visit to Spain

