

# WORLD AGENDA

APRIL 2011

**1** April 29, London: Some 1,900 guests are expected to attend the wedding of *Prince William*, second in line to the throne, and *Kate Middleton*. Street parties will be held across the country on what will be a public holiday

**2** Apr 6, Rome: Italian prime minister *Silvio Berlusconi* goes on trial for allegedly paying for sex with underage Morocco-born nightclub dancer *Karima El Mahrout*. The case follows indictments for fraud, embezzlement and bribery

**3** Apr 16-19, Havana: The first Cuban Communist Party Congress in 14 years is expected to endorse President *Raul Castro's* plans for economic reform, seen as the first major overhaul of the island's Soviet-style economic model since the 1960s

**4** Apr 11, Paris: France's new law banning full Islamic veils comes into force, giving police the power to fine wearers up to €150. The country's five million-strong Muslim community is Europe's largest

**6** Apr 19, Cape Canaveral: *Gabrielle Giffords*, the U.S. congresswoman recovering from an assassination attempt, is expected to see her astronaut husband *Mark Kelly* blast off into space as commander of *Endeavour*, making its final voyage in Nasa's shuttle programme

**8** Apr 12, U.S.: Artillery fire opens a year of battle re-enactments, exhibitions and other events marking the 150th anniversary of the start of the American Civil War

**5** Apr 19, Kiev: Ukraine marks the 25th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear catastrophe, the world's worst, at the same time as Japan struggles to prevent another at the Fukushima nuclear plant, damaged by the Mar 11 earthquake

**7** Apr 9, Abuja: *Goodluck Jonathan* is the frontrunner and incumbent in Nigerian presidential elections taking place a week after parliamentary elections, and amid an increase in sectarian violence. Jonathan, from the Christian south, faces *Muhammadu Buhari*, from the Muslim north

