

# WORLD AGENDA

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**3 May 5, London:** Britain's coalition government faces division when the country votes in a referendum on electoral reform. Prime minister **David Cameron** wants to stick to first-past-the-post, while the reputation of his deputy, **Nick Clegg**, hangs on conversion to the Alternative Vote



**1** May, Paris/Tokyo: G20 nuclear power watchdogs meet to set out new industry standards in the wake of the Fukushima disaster. Meanwhile Japanese fishermen protest over the decision to dump tons of radioactive water from the stricken plant into the Pacific Ocean

**2** May 2, Ottawa: As Canadians go to the polls to elect their fourth national government in seven years, polls show **Stephen Harper's** ruling Conservatives will win re-election and possibly gain enough seats in Parliament to form a majority government



**5 May 17-20, Dublin:** **Queen Elizabeth II** makes the first visit by a British monarch to the Republic of Ireland since it left the UK in 1922. The Queen will visit some of the most symbolic memorials of the independence struggle

**4 May 7, Ecuador:** President **Rafael Correa** is expected to win a referendum on reform of the judiciary, widely seen as corrupt. The opposition sees the move, giving the president more authority over the selection of judges, as a power grab

**6 May 23, New York:** A ban on smoking in parks, beaches, plazas and other public spaces comes into effect. The law extends the city's existing ban in restaurants and bars

**7 May 17, Perugia:** **Amanda Knox**, the American student serving 26 years for the murder of her British roommate **Meredith Kercher**, is back in court charged with slandering Italian police. Knox is on trial for accusing officers of slapping her during her interrogation

**8 May, Santiago:** The remains of Chile's former president **Salvador Allende** will be exhumed as part of an inquiry to determine whether he killed himself, or was killed by soldiers in the 1973 coup that brought **Augusto Pinochet** to power

