

## AUGUST 2011

**2 Aug 3, Cairo:** Former Egyptian president **Hosni Mubarak**, overthrown in February by a popular uprising in which 840 people died, goes on trial. The 83-year-old is charged with abusing power and ordering the killing of protesters



**6 Aug 27, South Korea:** South African Paralympic gold athlete **Oscar Pistorius** is set to become the first ever amputee sprinter to compete in the World Championships. The so-called “blade runner”, who has carbon fibre prosthetics, has long sought to compete in able bodied competition

**8 Aug 28, Washington:** A major memorial to ***Martin Luther King Jr.***, the first on the National Mall to honour a non-president, will be dedicated on the 48th anniversary of King's stirring "I Have a Dream" speech

**4 Aug 13, Cuba:** A gay rights activist and a transsexual marry on former president **Fidel Castro's** 85th birthday. The state-authorised ceremony marks a step forward for the Communist island's once-persecuted homosexual community