

WORLD AGENDA

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1 Nov 28, Cairo: Islamists, Christians and secularists fight for power in Egypt's first parliamentary elections since the fall of President **Hosni Mubarak** in February. With no political faction emerging as dominant, violence is likely to continue during the country's fragile transition to democracy

2 Nov 20, Madrid: **Mariano Rajoy**, leader of the conservative People's Party, seems set for a landslide victory in Spain's general election as the socialist party of outgoing prime minister **Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero** struggles to retain voters after imposing the deepest austerity measures for three decades

3 Nov 3, Cannes: Outspoken Bank of Canada Governor **Mark Carney** is certain to become head of the **Financial Stability Board** – the key driving force behind reform of global financial regulation – when he is formally approved at the **G20** summit in France

4 Nov 28, Kinshasa: Delays threaten D.R. Congo's second post-war election, risking political crisis as a leading opposition party says it will no longer recognise **Joseph Kabila's** government if polls are put back. The mineral rich nation has been crippled by decades of misrule and years of conflict

5 Nov 17, Vienna: The **IAEA** is expected to publish intelligence strengthening suspicions that Iran is developing nuclear bombs. The report may intensify pressure to increase sanctions against the oil-rich state

6 Nov 28, Durban: Leaders of 193 countries meet in South Africa for annual global climate talks but hopes are low that a new pact to succeed the Kyoto Protocol will be reached

7 Nov 7, Kazakhstan: Russia launches a flagship deep-space mission designed to return a sample of **Phobos** – the larger and closer of Mars' two moons. The **Phobos-Grunt** mission paves the way for Russia's return to planetary exploration after a two-decade hiatus

8 Nov 1-20, Punjab: Reigning champions India host the kabaddi World Cup – hugely popular in South Asia. "Raiders" from each team score points by tackling opponents in their own half, holding their breath and chanting "**kabaddi, kabaddi**" during the whole raid

