

# WORLD AGENDA

APRIL 2012

**1 Apr 1, Burma:** By-elections are being seen as the first big test for both the country's electoral integrity and the popularity of **Aung San Suu Kyi's** opposition National League for Democracy



**4 Apr 16, Oslo:** The trial begins of **Anders Behring Breivik**, the right-wing militant who killed 77 people in Norway in July last year. He has admitted a bomb attack in Oslo and a gun massacre at an island summer camp

**6 Apr 26, The Hague:** The UN war crimes tribunal rules on former Liberian president **Charles Taylor**. He is accused of arming rebels fuelling the 1990s civil war that led to widespread murder, rape and mutilation in Liberia and neighbouring Sierra Leone



**2 Apr 22, France:** President **Nicolas Sarkozy** has seen his poll ratings rise in the wake of his handling of the terrorist atrocity in Toulouse, narrowing the gap on socialist frontrunner **François Hollande** ahead of the first round of presidential elections. Far-right candidate **Marine Le Pen** trails in third place

**3 Apr 12-16, Pyongyang:** International tensions over North Korea look set to intensify if plans to launch a rocket-mounted satellite go ahead.

The launch, seen as highly provocative, is intended to mark the centenary of "Great Leader" **Kim Il-sung**, and also aims to boost the legitimacy of new ruler **Kim Jong-un**

**5 Apr 30, Florida:** Private company **SpaceX** launches a spacecraft to the ISS for the first time. It aims to offer fee-paying customers trips into orbit in 10-15 years time

**7 Apr 2, Falkland Islands:** The 30th anniversary of the start of the 74-day Falklands War comes as Argentina renews its claims over the British-held territory

**8 Apr 14-15, UK:** The centenary of the sinking of the **Titanic** is commemorated with exhibitions, new scientific theories about the accident and a recreation of the fateful voyage. Over 1,500 people died in the world's most famous maritime disaster



Research: Kate Edgley

Pictures: Associated Press, Getty Images © GRAPHIC NEWS