

WORLD AGENDA

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2 May 11, Islamabad: Pakistan holds general elections after the government completes a full term for the first time in the country's 66-year history. Former Prime Minister **Nawaz Sharif**, ousted in a coup by **Pervez Musharraf** in 1999, is the frontrunner to win back his old job

5 May 20-28, Geneva: The World Health Assembly is to endorse a plan to protect and promote the human rights of people with mental health conditions. Around 85% of sufferers in developing nations and 50% in rich countries are unable to get help

6 May 24, Paris: **Gerard Depardieu**, who twice failed to appear in court on drunk driving charges, is summoned a third time. The French actor, 64, apprehended while driving his scooter last November, faces a \$4,500 fine and up to two years in prison

1 May 7, Washington: South Korean president **Park Geun-hye** visits the White House for her first summit with U.S. President **Barack Obama**. Park's first overseas trip since she took office in February is expected to focus on how to rein in an increasingly rancorous North Korea



3 May 25, Addis Ababa: The Organisation of African Unity, renamed the African Union in 2002, celebrates 50 years. Set up during the decolonisation struggles of the 1960s, it set up a pan-African parliament in 2004 and plans a human rights court and a single currency

4 May 5, Kuala Lumpur: Malaysia votes in a general election expected to be the closest in the country's history. Prime Minister **Najib Razak** needs to reverse huge gains made in 2008 by the opposition led by former deputy prime minister **Anwar Ibrahim**

7 May, Tunis: Tunisia signs a \$1.75bn loan deal with the IMF aimed at easing financial problems two years after the revolution



8 May 15-26, Cannes: *Behind the Candelabra*, starring **Michael Douglas** and **Matt Damon**, and *Roman Polanski's Venus in Fur* are among a heavily international line-up at the Cannes Film Festival

