

# WORLD AGENDA

JUNE 2013

**1** Jun 14, Tehran: Iran votes in a new president from a list of candidates sanctioned by the authoritative Guardian Council, loyal to Supreme Leader **Ayatollah Ali Khamenei**. Protests over the last presidential election in 2009 triggered an uprising by pro-democracy Greens later silenced by a brutal crackdown



**3** Jun 7-8, California: **Barack Obama** meets **Xi Jinping** for the first time since the Chinese president took office in March. The private talks are aimed at improving ties strained by renewed U.S. military focus on Asia and U.S. accusations of Chinese cyber-espionage



**2** Jun 17-18, County Fermanagh: G8 leaders gather amid the biggest security operation ever mounted in Northern Ireland where sectarian violence raged until the 1990s. British Prime Minister **David Cameron** said he hoped the choice of location would send a message that the peace process had worked

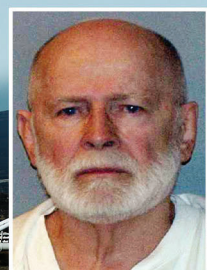


**4** Jun 10-12, Geneva: The U.S. and Russia, backers of opposing sides in the Syrian war, hope to bring President **Bashar al-Assad's** government and opposition to a peace conference. The two-year conflict has killed over 80,000 people and displaced millions



**5** Jun 26-Jul 3, Africa: President **Obama** travels to Senegal, South Africa and Tanzania to reinforce U.S. ties with sub-Saharan countries. The trip is the longest journey of his presidency so far to the continent of his father's family

**6** Jun 6, Boston: The trial begins of alleged mobster **James "Whitey" Bulger**, accused of 19 murders and working as an FBI informant during 16 years on the run. The 83-year-old, portrayed by **Johnny Depp** in the 2014 movie *Black Mass*, faces the death penalty



**7** Jun 11, New York: The publication date for *With Patience and Fortitude*, a memoir by lead mayoral candidate **Christine Quinn**, who struggled for 10 years with bulimia and alcohol abuse. Quinn, openly gay, stands to become the city's first female mayor in November's elections



**8** June 16-27, Phnom Penh: The near-symmetrical, snow-capped Mount Fuji in Japan is expected to be given World Heritage status at a UNESCO meeting in the Cambodian capital. The 3,776-metre volcano, with five lakes and the Shiraito Falls, last erupted in 1707

