

WORLD AGENDA

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1 Jul 8, Washington: Talks on a trade pact between the U.S. and the European Union, possibly the biggest ever bilateral deal, are set to begin. The deal could boost both economies by over \$100 billion a year

2 Jul 22-29, Brasilia: **Pope Francis** visits Brazil on his first trip abroad as pontiff. The trip comes as the world's largest Catholic nation is gripped by the largest anti-government protests for at least two decades



3 Jul 13, London: **Catherine**, the Duchess of Cambridge, and **Prince William** expect their first child, who will be third in line to the throne. The date falls in the middle of **Queen Elizabeth's** Coronation Festival, marking 60 years since she was crowned monarch

4 Jul 20, London: Iconic motoring brand **Aston Martin** celebrates its centenary with a line-up of over 500 cars in Kensington Gardens – the largest gathering of Aston Martins in the company's history



6 Jul 1, Zagreb: Croatia will become the EU's 28th member state and only the second entrant, after Slovenia, of the republics that emerged from the Yugoslav wars of the 1990s

7 Jul 31, Zimbabwe: The election date set by President **Robert Mugabe** but disputed as unconstitutional by prime minister **Morgan Tsvangirai**. Mugabe, 89, is Africa's oldest head of state

8 Jul 24, Jerusalem: Two new chief rabbis will be elected as the outgoing **Yona Metzger** is accused of bribery, fraud and money laundering. The chief rabbis, who have supreme spiritual authority in Israel, are elected for a 10-year period

5 Jul 28, Bamako: Presidential elections in Mali seal a democratic transition after a Tuareg separatist uprising early last year was hijacked by al-Qaeda forces which were then crushed by the French military

