

WORLD AGENDA

AUGUST 2013

2 Aug 28, Washington: The 50th anniversary of **Martin Luther King's** "I Have a Dream" speech falls as tensions flare over civil rights. Nationwide protests followed the recent acquittal in Florida of **George Zimmerman** for the fatal shooting of unarmed black teenager **Trayvon Martin**



3 Aug 5, Istanbul: Verdicts are due in the five-year trial of 275 defendants, including former military chief **Ilker Basbug**, accused of plotting to topple the Turkish government. Members of secular arch-nationalist group **Ergenekon** were charged with carrying out extra-judicial killings and bombings



6 Aug 10-18, Moscow: Russia hosts the **World Athletics Championships** despite unease over the high number of Russian athletes suspended for doping offences. Over 35 athletes are currently serving bans



1 Aug 3, Tehran: **Hassan Rouhani**, who won a landslide victory in June's election, takes office as President of Iran. The mid-ranking Shia Muslim cleric has called for more freedom and openness for citizens at home and better relations abroad



4 Aug 9, Prague: The new cabinet of Czech president **Milos Zeman** is expected to lose a vote of confidence in parliament. Rejection is set to prolong political uncertainty in the country, long seen as a safe haven among emerging economies



5 Aug 14, Manama: Authorities in Bahrain have warned people not to join protests planned by a new opposition campaign named after Egypt's **Tamarod** movement. Over 60 people have died since pro-democracy protests broke out in the island kingdom in 2011

7 Aug 19, Johannesburg: The trial of **Oscar Pistorius** begins, with the world agog to see how South Africa's most sensational murder case will unfold. The "Blade Runner" athlete is accused of shooting dead girlfriend **Reeva Steenkamp** earlier this year

8 Aug 28, Venice: The oldest film festival in the world opens its 70th year with **Gravity**, a 3D thriller by **Alfonso Cuaron** starring **Sandra Bullock** and **George Clooney**



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