

# WORLD AGENDA

## SEPTEMBER 2013

**1** Sep 22, Berlin: **Angela Merkel** looks set to win a third term in office in Germany's parliamentary elections. The 59-year-old, described as the "de facto leader of the European Union", is the world's second most powerful person, according to Forbes magazine

**2** Sep 5, St Petersburg: President **Vladimir Putin** hosts a summit of G20 leaders amid strained relations with the U.S. following Russia's decision to grant asylum to **Edward Snowden**, the whistleblower on the run from U.S. authorities

**3** Sep 1, Ankara: The **Kurdistan Workers Party's** deadline to the Turkish government to advance the peace process or face it grinding to a halt. The rebels demand Kurdish-language education rights and the abolition of a terrorism law

**5** Sep 9, Islamabad: **Mamnoon Hussain** is sworn in to the largely ceremonial role of president of Pakistan. An election in May marked the first transition between civilian governments in a country ruled by the military for more than half its history

**6** Sep 7, Canberra: After six years, the Labor party's increasingly tenuous grip on power is likely to be handed to **Tony Abbott's** (left) conservatives when Australia goes to the polls. **Kevin Rudd's** government holds 71 seats in parliament, the opposition 72

**7** Sep, Tokyo: Japan's prime minister, **Shinzo Abe** (right), and China's president, **Xi Jinping** (inset), may hold a summit following months of hostilities. Relations between the two economic powers have soured over the sovereignty of islands in the East China Sea

**4** Sep 30, Kiev: The mediation mandate on Ukraine's ties with Europe expires as pressure grows on President **Viktor Yanukovich** to allow his jailed opponent **Yulia Tymoshenko** (above) to go to Germany to receive medical treatment. Softening his stance is crucial to landmark EU agreements

**8** Sep 7, Buenos Aires: The International Olympic Committee will announce the host city for the 2020 Summer Games, with Tokyo – looking to host the Games for a second time – hoping to beat rivals Madrid and Istanbul

**9** Sep 19, Texas: The **Lone Star State** is due to execute its 12th inmate of 2013 as supplies of pentobarbital, used in lethal injections, are due to run out. Just 10 executions have taken place throughout the rest of the U.S.