

# WORLD AGENDA

APRIL 2014

**2 Apr 7, New Delhi:** The world's largest election takes place when India goes to the polls with 814m eligible voters. It pits Hindu nationalist **Narendra Modi** of the BJP against the unpopular **Nehru-Gandhi** family's ruling Congress party

**3 Apr 29, Jerusalem:** The deadline for the current round of peace talks between Israelis and Palestinians expires with little hope that either will agree to a framework document proposed by U.S. Secretary of State **John Kerry** which seeks to achieve consensus on core issues

**5 Apr 21, Boston:** More than 3,500 police will line the route of the Boston Marathon, double the number deployed last year when two bomb blasts near the finish line killed three people and injured over 260

**6 Apr 7, Kigali:** Rwanda's unprecedented experiment in reconciliation comes under the spotlight on the 20th anniversary of the Rwandan genocide, when Hutus slaughtered 800,000 mainly ethnic Tutsis in 100 days. The process sees survivors accepting those who murdered their families back as neighbours

**1 Apr 5, Kabul:** The third presidential poll since Taliban rule ended is expected to lead to Afghanistan's first-ever peaceful democratic transfer of power.

**Abdullah Abdullah** is the frontrunner to take over from **Hamid Karzai**, who is constitutionally barred from standing again



**4 Apr 17, Algiers:** President **Abdelaziz Bouteflika**, 77, seeks a fourth term in elections despite suffering a stroke last year. He has rarely been seen in public since but with National Liberation Front and army backing, is almost assured another five years



**7 Apr 30, Baghdad:** Religious and secular leaders battle to define post-occupation Iraq in a general election, the first national poll since the departure of U.S. forces

**8 Apr 27, Rome:** **Pope Francis** canonises two of his predecessors. **John Paul II** (right), seen as conservative, and **John XXIII**, who convened the reforming Second Vatican Council in 1962, are both to be made saints in a public ceremony expected to draw millions of pilgrims



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