

WORLD AGENDA

SEPTEMBER 2014

1 Sep 18, Edinburgh: Scotland votes on becoming an independent country 307 years after it formed the United Kingdom with England. Polls show the “yes” vote closing on the “no” as the referendum approaches though it has never been ahead during the campaign

2 Sep 3, Tallinn: President **Barack Obama** meets leaders from Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia to discuss “collective defence” with the Baltic states, as the U.S. looks to reaffirm its commitment to defend NATO allies amid unrest in nearby Ukraine

3 Sep 4-5, Wales: A NATO summit seeks to end the 13-year war in Afghanistan as violence continues amid an impasse over the presidential election. President Obama, Chancellor **Angela Merkel** and 60 other world leaders are expected to attend

4 Sep 25, Ottawa: Canadian Prime Minister **Stephen Harper** and EU President **José Manuel Barroso** release final details of a trade deal. The agreement makes Canada the only major economy with preferential access to the two largest economies, the EU and the U.S.

5 September, Liberia: An Ebola vaccine by **NewLink Genetics** is set to be tried on volunteers working in West Africa. The largest outbreak of the disease in history has killed more than 1,000 people in Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Nigeria

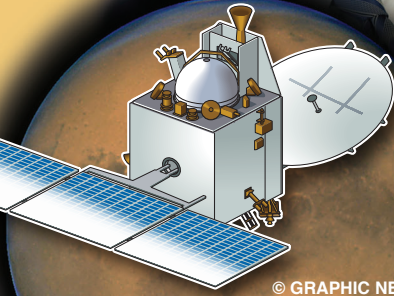
7 September, Zurich: Former U.S. attorney **Michael Garcia** (right) is due to deliver his report on allegations of corruption by FIFA in the World Cup bidding process. The probe relates to the 2018 and 2022 tournaments, awarded to Russia and Qatar

8 Sep 24, Space: The **Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM)**, India's first interplanetary expedition, is due to reach Mars orbit. If the satellite orbits the Red Planet, India's space agency will become the fourth in the world, after the U.S., Russia and Europe, to undertake a successful Mars mission

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6 Sep 1, Samoa: Low-lying atolls in the South Pacific are in danger of being wiped off the earth by rising sea levels, an international conference will hear. The third **Small Island Developing States (SIDS)** meeting focuses on the world's most vulnerable regions



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