

WORLD AGENDA

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1 Nov 4, U.S.: Republicans are predicted to capture a narrow majority in the Senate and hold on to the House of Representatives in mid-term elections. The outcome is set to further weaken President **Barack Obama's** beleaguered Democrat administration

2 Nov 12, Beijing: Chinese President **Xi Jinping** and his U.S. counterpart **Barack Obama** meet to agree the wording of a **Bilateral Investment Treaty**.

Cyber security may prove a sticking point with the U.S. recently alleging Chinese hackers attacked U.S. companies



4 Nov 3, New York: Al-Qaeda's **Abu Anas al-Liby** goes on trial in connection with the 1998 bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, which killed 224 people. Al-Liby, 50, was snatched from the streets of Tripoli, Libya, by U.S. forces a year ago

5 Nov 2, Ukraine: Pro-Russian rebel leaders in Donetsk and Luhansk hold their own elections, in defiance of Kiev. The Ukraine capital had offered three years of "self-rule" to parts of the breakaway regions and elections on Dec 7

6 Nov 15-16, Brisbane: The international spotlight falls on **Vladimir Putin's** attendance at the **G20** summit. Australian Prime Minister **Tony Abbott** says he will confront the Russian president about Kremlin involvement in the shooting down of Malaysia Airlines flight **MH17** over Ukraine in July



3 Nov 9, Barcelona: Catalonia votes on a non-binding consultation on independence from Spain after dropping plans for a referendum, which Madrid called illegal. The wealthy region's long-standing battle to break away has gathered pace with Spain's economic crisis



7 Nov 17, New York: Hollywood director **Bill Condon** makes his Broadway debut with **Side Show**, a musical about British conjoined twins **Daisy and Violet Hilton** who toured the U.S. vaudeville circuit in the 1930s. The twins are played by **Emily Padgett** and **Erin Davie**

8 Nov 12, Space: In one of the most dramatic manoeuvres in the history of spaceflight, Europe's **Rosetta** probe aims to drop a robotic lander onto the surface of Comet **67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko** in what would be the first ever landing by a spacecraft on a comet

