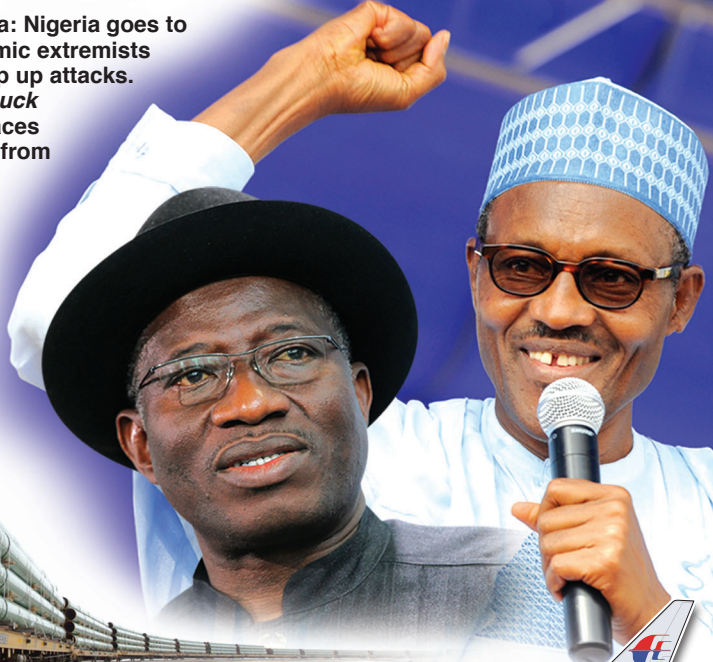


WORLD AGENDA

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1 Feb 14, Abuja: Nigeria goes to the polls as Islamic extremists *Boko Haram* step up attacks. President *Goodluck Jonathan* (left) faces a stiff challenge from former military coup leader *Muhammadu Buhari* (right)



2 Feb 2, U.S.: A State Department review of the controversial *Keystone XL* pipeline, key to the Obama administration's decision on the project, is due. Opposed by environmentalists, the pipeline would carry crude oil from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico

4 Feb 5, London: The 800th anniversary of the *Magna Carta* is celebrated with the four remaining manuscripts displayed together. The charter laid down the basis for English law, which then spread throughout the world

7 Feb 22, Los Angeles: Oscar glory is unveiled with *Birdman*, a satire directed by *Alejandro González Iñárritu*, and *The Grand Budapest Hotel*, a comedy by *Wes Anderson*, leading the nominations race with nine each. *The Imitation Game*, starring *Benedict Cumberbatch*, has eight



3 Feb 2-5, Montreal: Commercial aircraft should report their position every 15 minutes, the UN aviation agency suggests at a safety conference. The move follows the disappearance of *Malaysia Airlines flight 370* last March

5 Feb 2, Monrovia: Schools reopen in Liberia, expected to be Ebola free by the end of the month, following the worst epidemic of the virus on record. The number of cases is also decreasing in Sierra Leone and Guinea

6 Feb 14, Australia and New Zealand: The 11th *Cricket World Cup* begins. The Feb 15 match between defending champions India and arch rivals Pakistan is set to be the most watched in history

8 Feb 9, Cape Canaveral: *SpaceX's Deep Space Climate Observatory* is launched onboard rocket *Falcon 9*. The satellite will be positioned 1.5 million kilometres from Earth to provide early warning of coronal mass ejections – massive bursts of solar wind

