

WORLD AGENDA

JULY 2015

1 July, Washington: The U.S. and Cuba are expected to announce an agreement to reopen embassies and restore diplomatic relations 54 years after ties were severed. The deal will clear the way for Secretary of State **John Kerry** to visit Havana soon afterwards

2 Late July, Addis Ababa: **Barack Obama** will become the first sitting U.S. president to visit Ethiopia, Africa's second most populous country, in a trip intended to build closer economic ties. Obama will also visit Kenya, his father's home country

3 Jul 9-10, Ufa: Russia's President **Vladimir Putin** hosts the **Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)** and **BRICS** summits over the same dates, bringing some 12 leaders together for deals that can help him shrug off Western sanctions

4 Jul 15, Egypt: Work ends on the new Suez Canal, a project seen as a major chance to stimulate the country's flagging economy. The \$8bn canal, flanking the existing 145-year-old waterway, will open on August 6

6 Jul 14, New York: **To Kill A Mockingbird** author **Harper Lee** publishes the sequel after a 55-year gap. **Go Set a Watchman**, the most pre-ordered book in **HarperCollins's** history, was written first but set aside and, until recently, assumed lost

5 Jul 14, Space: After nine years and a journey of 4.8 billion kilometres, NASA's **New Horizons** robotic probe becomes the first spacecraft to visit the icy dwarf planet Pluto

7 Jul 5, Vancouver: The final of the **FIFA Women's World Cup** takes place. The biggest ever women's football tournament featured 24 teams, twice the number in the inaugural 1991 competition

8 Jul 8, London: A pair of pistols, **Napoleon Bonaparte's** last gift to his son, is expected to fetch up to £1.2m at auction. The gold-encrusted artefacts were given to the French emperor's then three-year-old heir in January 1814

