

WORLD AGENDA

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1 Sep 17, Washington: Deadline by which the United States Congress must vote on the Republican party's "resolution of disapproval" of the international nuclear deal with Iran announced on July 14. Democrats say they are confident they can rebuff attempts to sink the agreement

2 Sep 21, Washington: An economic summit between China's President **Xi Jinping** and U.S. President **Barack Obama** takes place amid growing alarm at Beijing's human rights record. Concerns surround recent crackdowns on lawyers and religious freedom

3 Sep 24, Boston: Twelve behind-the-scenes photographs taken at 1981's "fairytale" wedding of **Prince Charles** and **Lady Diana Spencer** are to be auctioned. The couple divorced in 1996 and Princess Diana died in a car crash in Paris the following year

5 Sep 18, London: The **Rugby World Cup** begins with hosts England playing Fiji in the opening match at Twickenham. Twenty teams compete for a place in the final on

October 31. **New Zealand** are defending champions

6 Sep 12, London: The results are announced of Britain's opposition Labour Party's leadership election in which veteran leftwinger **Jeremy Corbyn** is the dark horse frontrunner. Senior party figures have said the 66-year-old as leader would make Labour unelectable

4 Sep 26, New York: Sudanese President **Omar al-Bashir**, indicted by the International Criminal Court on war crimes and genocide charges, is scheduled to address a United Nations sustainable development summit. The United States is not a member of the ICC

7 Sep 27, Barcelona: Catalan regional government president **Artur Mas** has called early elections – a poll he intends to use as a referendum on independence from Spain – just weeks before Spain's general election

8 Sep 2-12, Venice: **The Danish Girl**, starring Oscar-winning **Eddie Redmayne** as pioneering transgender artist Lili Elbe, debuts at the Venice Film Festival. Directed by **Tom Hooper**, the biopic is one of 21 titles up for the **Golden Lion** award

9 Singapore: Prime Minister **Lee Hsien Loong** is expected to call an election, exploiting the after-glow of the country's 50th anniversary independence celebrations in August. His party suffered its worst-ever showing in the last parliamentary election, in 2011