

World Agenda 2016



JANUARY

1 **Tsai Ing-wen**, leader of Taiwan's opposition **Democratic Progressive Party (DPP)**, which favours formal independence from China, is expected to win presidential elections



FEBRUARY

2 Election fever hots up in the United States as presidential primaries and caucuses get underway

3 Seven candidates stand for election to replace **Sepp Blatter**, who is under criminal investigation, as president of **FIFA**

FIFA

4 Chinese world-wide celebrate the **Year of the Monkey**. People born in Monkey years are said to be intelligent, optimistic and ambitious



MARCH

5 A UN summit aims to win pledges from countries to resettle millions of displaced Syrians escaping civil war

6 People in Indonesia and across a swathe of the Pacific will witness a total solar eclipse on March 9

7 New Zealand holds a final referendum to decide on whether to adopt a new flag or keep the current one

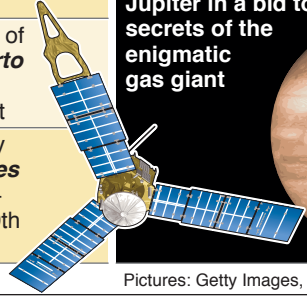


APRIL

8 **Queen Elizabeth II**, the longest-reigning monarch in British history, turns 90 on April 21

9 **Keiko Fujimori**, daughter of jailed former president **Alberto Fujimori**, is favourite to be elected Peru's next president

10 The legacy of two literary giants – **Miguel de Cervantes** and **William Shakespeare** – will be celebrated on the 400th anniversary of their deaths



MAY

11 Strict EU regulations on e-cigarettes, governing bottle sizes, tank sizes and nicotine strength, come into force

12 Ceremonies mark the centenary of the **Battle of Verdun**, followed in July by the **Battle of the Somme** – two of the bloodiest battles of World War I

13 The **G7** summit in Japan will be the first for Canadian Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau** and the last for U.S. President **Barack Obama**



JUNE

14 France hosts **Euro 2016**, contested by 24 teams, including two-time defending champions Spain

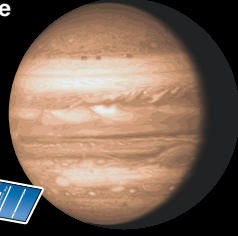


JULY

15 Republicans and Democrats hold national conventions in Cleveland and Philadelphia to nominate their candidates for the White House



16 Launched in August 2011, **NASA's Juno** probe arrives at Jupiter in a bid to unlock the secrets of the enigmatic gas giant



AUGUST

17 More than 10,500 athletes from 206 nations compete at **Rio 2016**, the Olympic Games in Brazil

18 Arch rivals India and Pakistan celebrate the 70th anniversary of independence from Britain

SEPTEMBER

19 Russia's appetite for President **Vladimir Putin's** aggressive foreign policy will be tested in parliamentary, regional and local elections



20 **Fire! Fire!** – an exhibition about the Great Fire of London – marks 350 years since the disaster that shaped the modern city



OCTOBER

21 NASA launches eight suitcase-sized satellites that make up its new **Cyclone Global Navigation Satellite System (CYGNSS)**, to improve storm forecasting

NOVEMBER

22 Will Democrat **Hillary Clinton** become the first woman President of the United States when the country votes in its 45th chief?

23 President **Xi Jinping** welcomes world leaders to the first **G20** summit hosted by China



DECEMBER

24 The mandate for **Joseph Kabila**, president of the Democratic Republic of Congo ends. In power since 2001, Kabila is expected to attempt to stay in office

25 Deadline for contenders for the \$30m **Google Lunar X Prize** competition, awarded to privately funded teams that manage to land a spacecraft on the Moon

