

WORLD AGENDA

April 2016

1 April 21, Riyadh: U.S. President **Barack Obama** visits Saudi Arabia for a summit with Gulf Arab leaders in a bid to repair relations strained by last year's nuclear deal with Iran. He also travels to the UK and Germany

2 Apr 20, Hawaii: **Solar Impulse**, the plane built to fly day and night on zero fuel, leaves Kalaheo in Hawaii to resume its record-breaking circumnavigation of the globe powered only by the Sun

3 April 13, Damascus: Parliamentary elections are due to take place in Syria. President **Bashar al-Assad** decreed they would take place shortly after Washington and Moscow announced a ceasefire plan in February

4 Apr 10, Peru: **Keiko Fujimori**, who narrowly lost her first presidential bid in 2011, is the frontrunner to win this time around. She is the daughter of ex-president **Alberto Fujimori**, jailed for 25 years for human rights abuses and corruption

5 Apr 21, London: **Queen Elizabeth II** turns 90. Celebrations take place in June on her official – as opposed to her actual – birthday

6 Apr 15, Sydney: Japan's most advanced attack submarine, the **Soryu**, conducts joint military exercises with Australia over 11 days. Japan is competing against France to win a A\$50bn contract to build Australia's next submarine fleet

7 Apr 21, Greece: The Olympic torch will be lit in the ancient city of Olympia ahead of the 2016 Summer Games in Rio

8 Apr 6, New York:

The oak chair that **JK Rowling** sat in to write the first two **Harry Potter** books is expected to fetch up to \$45,000 at auction. The 1930s dining chair is listed as among the top five "finest collectibles in Muggledom"

