

# WORLD AGENDA

May 2016

**1** Early May, Brasilia: The Brazilian Senate is expected to suspend President **Dilma Rousseff** and put her on trial after the lower house voted for her impeachment in April. She is accused of manipulating government accounts to secure election in 2014

**2** May 26-27, Ise-Shima: **Barack Obama** may become the first sitting U.S. President to visit Hiroshima when he attends the annual G7 summit, being held in Japan. The city was obliterated by a U.S. atomic bomb in 1945



**3** May 9, Manila: The Philippines elects its 16th president with the incumbent, **Benigno Aquino III**, constitutionally barred from standing. A general election will be held at the same time

**4** May 26, Tokyo: A tiny robot that is also a smartphone, and can recognise your face, read your messages aloud and wake you up, is launched by Sharp. The 20cm-tall **RoBoHoN** costs \$1,800, plus a service fee



**5** May 12, London: **David Cameron** hosts an international anti-corruption summit after the leaked **Panama Papers** revealed Britain at the heart of tax avoidance by the super-rich

## LED-ZEPPELIN

**6** May 10, Los Angeles: The copyright of **Led Zeppelin's** song **Stairway to Heaven**, regarded as one of the greatest rock compositions of all time, is questioned in court. A jury decides whether the song is too similar to an instrumental by the band **Spirit**

**7** May 9, Space: People across most of the globe will have the opportunity to witness the transit of the smallest and least explored terrestrial planet in our Solar System, **Mercury**, across the Sun

**8** May 11-22, France: **Woody Allen's Café Society**, starring **Kristen Stewart**, dubbed by organisers the Queen of Cannes, opens the city's 69th Film Festival. Stewart will also be vying for the Palme d'Or in director **Olivier Assayas' Personal Shopper**

