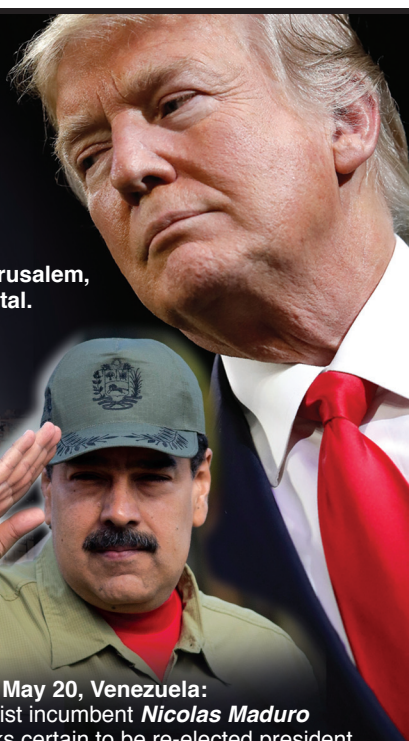


# WORLD AGENDA

MAY 2018

**2** May 14-15, Israel/Palestinian Territories: The U.S. embassy moves to Jerusalem, a 70th birthday gift to Israel following U.S. recognition of the city as its capital. The move is controversial as Palestinians – who commemorate Nakba Day (Catastrophe) – claim East Jerusalem as the capital of a future state

**1** May 12, U.S.: *President Trump* threatens to rip up the nuclear deal between Iran if it is not reworked. Signatories Britain, France and Germany argue that rewriting terms, struck also with Russia and China, would breach the deal and free Iran to pursue nuclear weapons again



**3** May 20, Venezuela: Leftist incumbent *Nicolas Maduro* looks certain to be re-elected president despite months of protests against food shortages amid the nation's economic collapse

**4** May 9, Russia: The annual *Victory Day* parade might provide a first look at the new missile President *Vladimir Putin* describes as "invincible". The parade is likely to coincide with the opening of a bridge linking Crimea to Russia, an infrastructure link central to Moscow's plan to integrate the territory it seized from Ukraine in 2014

**5** May, Middle East: Elections take place across the Arab world, including parliamentary elections in Lebanon (May 6) and Iraq (May 12), and municipal polls in Tunisia (May 6)

**6** May 19, UK: *Prince Harry* marries American actress *Meghan Markle* at St George's Chapel, Windsor.

The historic chapel holds 800 guests, and 1,000 members of the public have been invited to watch the royal wedding from the castle grounds

**7** May 5, Germany: *Karl Marx* was born 200 years ago in Trier, where a 5.5-metre statue of the godfather of communism, a gift from China, is to be unveiled

**8** May 5, U.S.: NASA launches its *InSight* lander to study the deep interior of Mars, using sophisticated geophysics to take temperature readings and register "marsquakes"

