

WORLD AGENDA

JUNE 2018



FIFA WORLD CUP
RUSSIA 2018



1 Jun 14-Jul 15, Russia: With a global TV audience of 3.2 billion four years ago, all eyes will be on Russia for the 21st FIFA World Cup – the first time the football tournament has been held in Eastern Europe. The 32 teams include defending champions Germany and newcomers, Iceland and Panama

2 Jun 8-9, Canada: U.S. President **Donald Trump's** unilateral decision to pull out of the 2015 Iran nuclear deal and reinstate sanctions against the Islamic Republic – to the "regret" of France, Germany and the UK – will be high on the agenda when Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau** hosts G7 leaders in Quebec



4 June, France: President **Emmanuel Macron's** controversial immigration bill comes before the Senate amid claims that it penalises asylum seekers and unreasonably extends detention times



5 Jun 24, Saudi Arabia: Women in the conservative nation will be allowed to drive a car following a royal decree issued in 2017. Saudi Arabia was the only country in the world to forbid women from driving

3 Jun 24, Turkey: President **Recep Tayyip Erdogan** expects to win a third term in snap elections after 2017's referendum gave him greater powers, moving Turkey ever further from its status as a parliamentary democracy



6 Jun 7, UK: **Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom** opens in Britain and other capitals, ahead of its Jun 22 U.S. premiere. In 2015 **Jurassic World** beat **The Avengers** in global box office takings but 2018's **Avengers: Infinity War** has laid down a strong challenge. It grossed \$1bn worldwide in its first week of release



7 Jun 26, Poland: A dispute with the European Union over judicial reform gives the former Communist-led country until today to reassure the bloc it is not flouting the rule of law. Sanctions could follow if the EU is unconvinced



8 Jun 5, U.S.: Fifty years ago presidential candidate **Robert F. Kennedy** was shot and fatally wounded in Los Angeles hours after winning the California presidential primaries in the 1968 election

