

# WORLD AGENDA

AUGUST 2018

**1** Aug 6, U.S.: Washington reimposes sanctions on Iran, targeting the automotive sector and metals trade, 90 days after *President Trump* pulled the U.S. out of the 2015 nuclear deal. The EU has responded with measures to preserve economic ties with Iran in a bid to uphold the multilateral accord



**2** Aug 1, U.S.: 3D-printed automatic weapons could flood the streets after gun rights activists won the right to post detailed instructions, including plans, files and 3-D drawings of so-called "ghost guns" online

**3** Aug 22-29, Russia: *Shanghai Cooperation Organization* states stage multi-nation military exercises in the Ural Mountains. The drills place armed forces from arch-rivals India and Pakistan on the same side for the first time



**4** Aug 20, Greece: Athens will be free to borrow money on the bond market and set its own economic policy after eight years of being forced to implement highly unpopular reforms

**5** Aug 18-Sep 2, Indonesia: Twin hosts Jakarta and Palembang welcome 10,000 participants for the four-yearly *Asian Games*. New events among the 40-plus sports include rock climbing and bridge



**6** Aug 21-26, Irish Republic: *The World Meeting of Families* will bring *Pope Francis* to Dublin, the first papal trip to Ireland in nearly 40 years



**7** Aug 4, U.S.: NASA's *Parker Solar Probe* blasts off to the sun for the closest-ever look at a star. The spacecraft's observations should answer decades-old questions about the physics of stars



**8** Aug 24-31, U.S. & Canada: *Christopher Nolan's* 2008 movie *The Dark Knight*, the first feature film shot in Imax format, returns for its 10th anniversary. *Heath Ledger*, who played Batman's arch-enemy, *The Joker*, won a posthumous Supporting Actor Oscar