

# WORLD AGENDA



NOVEMBER 2018

**1** Nov 6, U.S.: Crucial midterm elections will both kickstart the 2020 presidential race and determine whether Republicans, who hold a majority in both chambers of Congress, or Democrats benefit most at the polls from the recent and bitter fight over Supreme Court Justice **Brett Kavanaugh**

**3** Nov 11-15, Singapore: The 10 **ASEAN** nations and six free trade agreement partners, India, China, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand, aim to reach agreement on the China-backed **Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership**

**5** Nov 11, World: Centenary commemorations at 11am will mark the end World War I, at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918

**6** Nov 16, U.S.: **Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald**, the second Harry Potter prequel about the adventures of Newt Scamander, opens with **Eddie Redmayne** in the starring role

**2** Nov 4, U.S.: The Trump administration is pressing U.S. allies to end Iran oil imports as further sanctions kick in. Soured by the U.S. exit from the Iran nuclear deal, key allies appear predisposed to resist

**4** Nov 11, France: U.S. and Russian presidents **Donald Trump** and **Vladimir Putin** plan to meet in Paris amid a continuing dispute over a key nuclear arms treaty. The U.S. says Russia's development of a new medium-range missile violates the deal. Russia denies the claims, and warns that withdrawal is a "dangerous step"

**7** Nov 26, Mars: NASA's **InSight** lander arrives to study the Red Planet's deep interior. Over 2.4 million earthlings hold boarding passes for the voyage, including Star Trek's Captain Kirk, **William Shatner**

**7** Nov 13, Switzerland: A rare pink diamond could fetch a record price of \$30-50 million at auction in Geneva. The **Pink Legacy** is rated "vivid", the highest colour rating, and weighs 18.96 carats, making it the largest of its kind Christie's has ever offered for auction

