

# WORLD AGENDA

FEBRUARY 2019

**1 Feb 2, U.S.:** Washington is due to initiate a six-month countdown to its withdrawal from the *Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty* with Russia, claiming Moscow is in breach of the 1987 pact

**2 February, Vietnam:** U.S. President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un plan to hold a second meeting toward the end of February, probably in Hanoi. The summit is raising hopes that the stalemate over denuclearisation of the Korean peninsula can be broken

**3 Feb 16, Nigeria:** Africa's most populous country goes to the polls. Despite ill health incumbent president **Muhammadu Buhari** is seeking a second term

**4 Feb 13-14, Poland:** Warsaw hosts a summit on the Middle East, where U.S. Secretary of State **Mike Pompeo** intends to focus on countering Iran's influence in the region. But many EU countries, at loggerheads with the U.S. over the 2015 Iran nuclear deal, are expected to snub the summit

**7 Feb 13, U.S.:** Israel's **Spacell** plans to launch the world's first private lunar lander from Cape Canaveral. If it succeeds, Israel would be the fourth country to land a craft on the moon

**8 Feb 24, U.S.:** Top Oscar contenders include **Alfonso Cuarón's** epic ***Roma***, giving Netflix its first ever Best Picture nomination. ***Black Panther*** becomes the first superhero movie ever to compete for the top honour

**5 February, U.S.:** Boeing rolls out its biggest plane, the **777X**, powered by the world's biggest engine, the **GE9X**

**6 Feb 5, China:** The **Year of the Pig** begins. A stamp depicting a happy family with three piglets has led to speculation that all birth restrictions could soon be scrapped

