



WORLD AGENDA

AUGUST 2019

1 Aug 2, U.S.: Washington is set to pull out of the *Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty*, citing Russia's development of a missile that breaks the accord. Moscow says it is fully compliant with the 1987 treaty, which eliminated medium-range missiles from the two biggest nuclear arsenals



2 Aug 24-26, France: President **Emmanuel Macron** hosts the **G7** summit of industrialized nations. French goals and priorities include the fight against terrorism, climate finance protection measures, and the promotion of gender equality



3 Aug 1-18, China: President **Xi Jinping** and other luminaries gather for their annual summer conclave in the Yellow Sea resort of Beidaihe, to ponder topics such as the slowing economy, the simmering U.S. trade war, unrest in Hong Kong, and plans to mark 70 years of the People's Republic of China

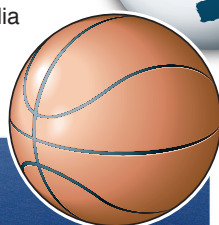


4 Aug 27-Sep 1, Russia: The **MAKS** airshow opens at Zhukovsky airfield outside Moscow, with China partnering Russia as they position themselves to capitalize on **Boeing's** woes following the grounding of the **737 Max** airliner

5 Aug 9, Saudi Arabia: Two million Muslims travel to Mecca for the **Hajj** pilgrimage. Among them will be 200 relatives of the victims of March's deadly mass shooting at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, who were invited by the Saudi government



6 Aug 12-16, Tuvalu: The 50th meeting of **Pacific Island Forum** leaders will want to focus on climate change, but Australia will want to talk about China's moves on the 18-nation bloc, a touchy subject as several members are indebted to Beijing



7 Aug 31-Sep 15, China: A record 32 national teams compete in eight cities for the **FIBA Basketball World Cup**, giving fans their first look at teams qualifying for the **2020 Olympics** in Japan

8 Aug 28-Sep 7, Italy: **La Vérité (The Truth)**, directed by Japanese master **Hirokazu Kore-eda**, opens the 76th **Venice Film Festival**, a departure from the Hollywood openers of recent years

