

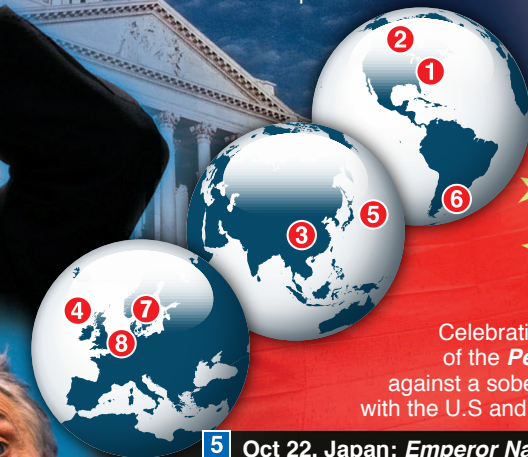
# WORLD AGENDA

## OCTOBER 2019

**1** Oct 1, U.S.: Funding legislation for 2020 needs to be passed by the start of October. President **Donald Trump** has sent Congress the largest budget proposal in U.S. history, at \$4.75 trillion – ammunition for presidential contenders from both sides, ahead of next year's election

**2** Oct 21, Canada: Liberal Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau** fights for political survival as

Canadians go to the polls. He stands accused of breaking conflict-of-interest laws, while his "blackface" photographs have caused national uproar



**3** Oct 1, China:

Celebrations for the 70th anniversary of the **People's Republic** take place against a sobering backdrop of trade wars with the U.S and political crisis in Hong Kong

**4** Oct 31, UK: Prime minister **Boris Johnson** has vowed to take Britain out of the EU by this date, with or without a deal. But Parliament has blocked attempts to force through "no deal" and the deadline could be extended again

**5** Oct 22, Japan: **Emperor Naruhito**, who succeeded to the **Chrysanthemum Throne** in May, is formally enthroned in a ceremony attended by dignitaries from nearly 200 countries

**6** Oct 27, Argentina: Presidential and legislative elections appear likely to shift Argentina to the left. Voters are angry about the country's deep recession and the austerity policies of the centre-right incumbent president, **Mauricio Macri** (above)

**7** Oct 7, Norway & Sweden: The 2019 **Nobel Prize** winners are named, with two awards for Literature. Last year's prize was withdrawn amid a misconduct scandal

**8** Oct 4, Netherlands: One of the world's most celebrated artists, the Dutch master **Rembrandt van Rijn**, died 350 years ago today. The Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam marks the anniversary with its 'Year of Rembrandt' – a series of exhibitions and special events that runs until January 2020

