



# WORLD AGENDA

NOVEMBER 2019

**1 Nov 3, U.S.:** The year-long countdown to the election for the presidency and control of both houses of Congress begins, with pressure mounting on Republican incumbent **Donald Trump**

**3 Nov 20, Japan:** **Shinzo Abe** becomes the country's longest-serving prime minister but his LDP coalition lost its supermajority in the Upper House election in July – a setback to Abe's long-held quest to revise Japan's pacifist constitution

**2 Nov 10, Spain:** The second election this year and fourth in four years takes place after Socialist acting Prime Minister **Pedro Sánchez** failed to get the necessary support to form a government in April. Unrest in Catalonia is expected to dominate the debate in the lead-up

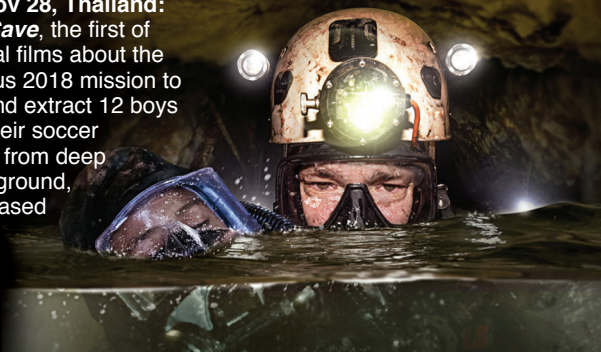
**4 Nov 8, Mexico:** **Hernán Cortes** conquered the Aztec Empire 500 years ago, winning Mexico for Spain at the cost of vast numbers of indigenous lives. President **Andrés Manuel López Obrador** wants an apology from Spain and the Vatican

**6 Nov 9, Germany:** Berlin celebrates the 30th anniversary of the fall of the **Berlin Wall**, which symbolized the Iron Curtain between the communist east and the capitalist west during the Cold War

**5 Nov 10, Russia:** The centenary of the birth of **Mikhail Kalashnikov** offers Russians a new opportunity to honour the inventor of the **AK-47**



**8 Nov 28, Thailand:** **The Cave**, the first of several films about the perilous 2018 mission to find and extract 12 boys and their soccer coach from deep underground, is released



**7 Nov 11-12, Space:** Earthlings with a good telescope will be able to observe one of the rarest astronomical events – a transit of Mercury across the face of the sun