

# WORLD AGENDA

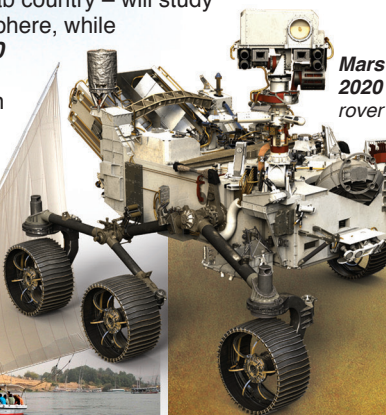
## JULY 2020

**1 Jul 1, Russia:** A referendum on constitutional changes could allow President **Vladimir Putin** to stay in office until 2036. Every Moscow resident who votes wins the chance of a gift certificate, a giveaway aimed at stimulating the economy – and boosting turnout amid fear over rising Covid-19 infections



**4 Jul 1, Israel:** **Benjamin Netanyahu** plans to seek cabinet approval to annex occupied Palestinian land in the West Bank. He is in a hurry – support from the White House might not be available after the U.S. election in November

**5 July, Space:** Three nations plan to launch missions to Mars. The UAE's **Hope Mars** – the first planetary mission by any Arab country – will study the Martian atmosphere, while NASA's **Mars 2020** rover and China's **Tianwen 1** mission aim to investigate habitability and detect signs of life



Mars 2020 rover

**7 July, Ethiopia:** The filling of the **Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam** starts, whether or not agreement has been reached with downstream nations Sudan and Egypt, who fear dire water shortages once water is diverted from the Nile

**2 Jul 4, U.S.:** President **Trump's** beloved **July Fourth** celebration of military pomp returns, despite opposition from local lawmakers. The **2020 Salute to America** will include a speech by Trump before a fireworks display over the National Mall

**3 July, Italy:** A new bridge, designed by Genoa-born **Renzo Piano**, could open in the city. Seen as a symbol of renewal in a nation hard hit by Covid-19, it replaces the **Morandi Bridge** which collapsed in 2018, killing 43 people



**6 Jul 5/31, Austria/U.S.:** Major sports restarting after the Covid-19 outbreak include **Formula 1**, which gets underway at a spectator-free **Austrian Grand Prix**, and **NBA** basketball, hosted in a protective bubble at the **ESPN Wide World of Sports** in Florida

**8 Jul 3, U.S.:** Disney plans to stream a film version of the hit Broadway musical **Hamilton** for the Independence Day weekend. **Lin-Manuel Miranda's** hip-hop version of U.S. history is seen as a way to brighten up the celebrations

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