

WORLD AGENDA

AUGUST 2020

1 Aug, U.S.: Democrat presidential candidate **Joe Biden** and Republican incumbent **Donald Trump** are formally nominated. Biden supporters convene in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, while Trump hosts a virus-reduced, half-day rally in Charlotte, North Carolina



2 Aug 9, Belarus: **Alexander Lukashenko**, president since 1994 and dubbed Europe's last dictator, looks certain to be re-elected, but some loyalists have turned on him



3 Aug, China: Military drills will reportedly simulate the seizure of Taiwan's **Pratas Islands**, a cluster of atolls known in China as the **Dongsha Islands**. The plan has sparked fear in Taiwan and alarm in Washington



5 Aug 28, U.S.: Civil rights activist **Rev Al Sharpton** has called for a new March on Washington on the anniversary of **Martin Luther King's** "I have a dream ..." speech, to fight for policing and criminal justice reforms



6 Aug 29-Sep 20, France: The **Tour de France** gets underway, two months late because of coronavirus. Authorities are under pressure to ban the usual crowds amid the ongoing risk of infection



4 Aug 2, U.S.: Astronauts **Doug Hurley** and **Bob Behnken** are due to return to Earth, completing the first crewed test of the **SpaceX Crew Dragon** capsule to the ISS

7 Aug 6-9, Japan: The atomic bombings 75 years ago of **Hiroshima** and **Nagasaki** left the world aghast. The anniversary falls amid escalating political and military tensions between the U.S., Russia and China



8 Aug, U.S.: Start-up company **Hyperion** plans to unveil its zero-emissions, hydrogen-powered **XP-1**, based on technology originally developed for NASA. There are few details on how and where owners will be able to refuel

