

WORLD AGENDA

FEBRUARY 2022

1 Feb 4-20, China: Beijing hosts the *Winter Olympics*, becoming the first city to stage both the Summer and Winter Games

3 Feb 10-Mar 7, India: Over 180 million voters in five states go to the polls, with results seen as crucial to gauge the popularity of **Narendra Modi's** Hindu nationalist **BJP** party ahead of general elections in 2024

6 Feb 1, Asia: Some two billion people celebrate the Lunar New Year. 2022 represents the *Year of the Tiger*, symbolizing strength, power and prosperity

7 Feb 17, France: A summit between the **EU** and **African Union** aims to present a global license deal that would allow African countries to manufacture their own coronavirus vaccines

8 Feb 26, U.S.: **Trayvon Martin**, a 17-year-old black man, was shot dead in Florida 10 years ago. His white killer was not arrested, and his acquittal one year later spawned the **#BlackLivesMatter** movement

2 Feb 10-20, Belarus: Joint military exercises with Russia near the border with Ukraine are increasing fears in the West that Moscow is preparing for an invasion. Russia denies such plans

4 Feb 6, UK: **Queen Elizabeth II** observes her *Platinum Jubilee*, marking 70 years on the throne

5 Feb 28, Egypt: The African nation celebrates a century of independence. The Kingdom of Egypt was established when Britain's protectorate, set up in 1882, came to a close

