

WORLD AGENDA

APRIL 2022

1 Apr 10, France: *Emmanuel Macron* is the strong favourite to win a second term as president, with Russia's war in Ukraine tilting the election campaign away from domestic issues and Macron perceived to have shown leadership on the international stage



2 Apr 3, Hungary: Prime Minister *Viktor Orbán* is seeking a fourth consecutive election victory but Russia's invasion of Ukraine has forced him to play down his traditional alliance with Moscow

4 Apr 15, France: Three years after fire ripped through *Notre-Dame* cathedral, work to shore up the iconic Parisian landmark is complete and reconstruction is underway



7 April, New Zealand: *SuperBIT*, a new and cheaper kind of astronomical observatory, is scheduled to launch from Wanaka on *NASA's super-pressure balloon (SPB)* system

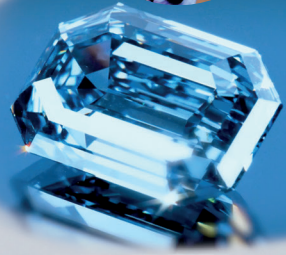


3 Apr 1, European Union: EU leaders will use a virtual EU-China summit to threaten potential trade measures if Beijing provides Russia with military or economic support for its invasion of Ukraine

5 Apr 3, U.S.: Newcomer *Olivia Rodrigo* is nominated in the "Big Four" categories at the *Grammy Awards*, following the global success of her debut album, *Sour*



6 Apr 27, Hong Kong: The world's largest and most valuable blue diamond is expected to fetch over \$48m at auction. The 15.10-carat *De Beers Cullinan Blue* was cut from a rough stone discovered in South Africa in April 2021



8 Apr 23-Nov 27, Italy: *La Biennale di Venezia* returns after a one-year delay due to the pandemic. Over 90 pavilions will feature art from around the world

