

WORLD AGENDA

MAY 2022

1 May 9, Russia: *Vladimir Putin* wants a notable success in Ukraine to celebrate at the annual Victory Day parade in Red Square, which marks the Soviet Union's victory over the Nazis in World War II

2 May 9, Philippines: *Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr.*, son of the late dictator *Ferdinand Marcos*, looks set to revive the family's political fortunes by winning the presidential election

3 May 20, South Korea: U.S. President *Joe Biden* is expected to meet incoming President *Yoon Suk-yeol* during a three-day visit to Seoul, en route to a summit of *Quad* nations in Japan



4 May 21, Australia: A tight election race is predicted between Prime Minister *Scott Morrison's* government and the opposition Labor Party, led by *Anthony Albanese*

5 May 10-14, Italy: Ukraine's *Kalush Orchestra* will perform at the *Eurovision Song Contest* in Turin, minus one member who is fighting the Russians in his home country. Russia is barred from the contest

7 May 27, UK: *ABBA Voyage*, a vast digital reunion concert of the Swedish pop legends featuring "Abba-tars" of the band, opens in London

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6 May 29, Colombia: *Gustavo Petro*, a former leftist guerilla who later became mayor of Bogotá, is the frontrunner to win the presidential election, marking a notable political shift in the country

8 May 9, United States: A portrait of *Marilyn Monroe* by 1960s pop icon *Andy Warhol* is expected to sell for around \$200 million, which would make it the most expensive 20th century painting ever sold at auction