

WORLD AGENDA

JULY 2022



1 July 13-16, Middle East: U.S. President **Joe Biden** visits Israel, the West Bank and Saudi Arabia, where relations have been strained since the murder of journalist **Jamal Khashoggi**, but rising fuel prices have convinced the U.S. that now is not a good time to freeze the Saudis out



2 Jul 1, Hong Kong: **John Lee** will be sworn in as Chief Executive as the global financial hub struggles to stay competitive amid strict Covid policies and the Beijing-imposed national security law



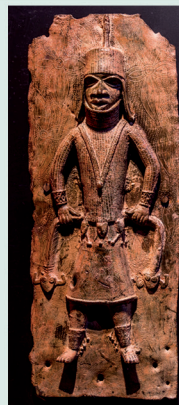
3 Jul 18-22, UK: The **Farnborough International Airshow**, a global platform for the aviation and defence industries, returns for the first time since 2018, when deals worth \$192bn were made



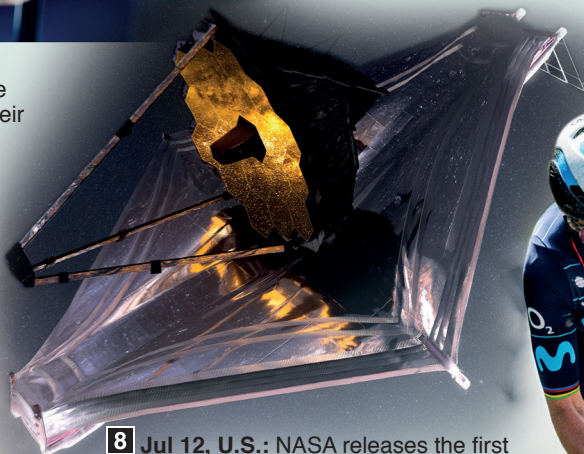
4 Jul 1, India: A ban on single-use plastics, including bottles and bags, straws, coffee stirrers, food packaging and other items that cannot easily be recycled, comes into force



5 July, Nigeria: Germany could return some of its **Benin Bronzes**, artefacts looted in a British raid in 1897, as early as this month, under a 2021 agreement signed between Abuja and Berlin



6 Jul 1, Australia: From today, cat owners in Canberra face a fine of up to A\$300 (around \$200) if their cat is found outdoors without a leash, under new rules to protect Australian native wildlife



8 Jul 12, U.S.: NASA releases the first images taken by the **James Webb Space Telescope**, which will help answer questions about the earliest moments of the universe

7 Jul 24-31, France: The **Tour de France Femmes**, the first multi-stage women's Tour since the 1980s, starts on the Champs-Élysées alongside the final stage of the men's race

