

WORLD AGENDA

JULY 2023

1 Jul 11-12, Lithuania: NATO holds a summit in Vilnius, just 200km from the Russian border, at which Ukraine's President **Volodymyr Zelensky** expects to receive a clear signal and "formula" for Ukraine to eventually become a member of the military alliance

2 Jul 27-28, Russia: Many African leaders are expected to attend the second **Russia-Africa Summit** in St Petersburg. African nations have been badly hit by the inflationary surge triggered by Russia's war in Ukraine, especially in cereals

3 Jul 23, Spain: The conservative People's Party's lead over Prime Minister **Pedro Sanchez's** PSOE-led coalition is shaping the election into a binary choice between a government that includes either the far-right Vox party, or the far-left Podemos

4 Jul 1, Space: **Euclid**, a European space telescope designed to explore the evolution of the dark universe to a sharper degree than ever before, is scheduled to launch from Cape Canaveral



5 Jul 20-Aug 20, Australia, New Zealand: The **FIFA Women's World Cup** sees 32 nations competing to become world champions, up from 24 in 2019, when the USA lifted the trophy for the fourth time

6 Jul 21, U.S.: Two films, **Barbie** and **Oppenheimer**, go head-to-head at the box office. Will the female-fuelled movie starring **Margot Robbie**, or acclaimed filmmaker **Christopher Nolan's** epic drama, come out on top?

8 Jul 6, UK: Two rare **Rembrandt** portraits go under the hammer at **Christie's**, 199 years after they were first sold there. The rediscovered paintings are believed to be the last known portraits by the artist in private hands

7 Jul 13, India: The **Chandrayaan-3** mission, which aims to deliver a lander and a rover to the lunar surface, is expected to launch. If successful, it would make India the fourth country to achieve a soft landing on the Moon

