

# WORLD AGENDA

OCTOBER 2023

**1** Oct 3, U.S.: *Hunter Biden* appears in court on three gun charges in the first-ever prosecution of a sitting U.S. president's child. It could result in the unprecedented spectacle of Hunter facing a criminal trial while his father *Joe Biden* campaigns for re-election

**2** Oct, China: Russian President *Vladimir Putin* will meet *Xi Jinping* for talks in Beijing as he attends the third *Belt and Road Forum*. It will be Putin's first known trip abroad since an arrest warrant was issued against him over the deportation of children from Ukraine

**3** Oct 15, Poland: A recent ban on Ukrainian grain imports reflected the dilemma faced by the ruling nationalists ahead of a close election – how to counter pressure from the far-right over Warsaw's approach to helping Ukraine in its war with Russia

**4** Oct 20, France: An exceptionally well-preserved dinosaur skeleton, a *Campiosaurus* known as *Barry*, which dates from the late Jurassic period some 50 million years ago, goes under the hammer in Paris

Walt Disney

**5** Oct 16, U.S.: *Walt Disney* founded his eponymous film studio 100 years ago. Amid the centenary celebrations, fans prepared to fork out \$1,500 can buy a 100-movie box set packed full of *Disney* and *Pixar* classics, plus a crystal version of the classic *Mickey* ears hat

**7** Oct 14, Australia: A referendum will decide whether to amend the constitution to recognise Australia's Indigenous people by establishing a representative body to advise parliament

**6** Oct 5, U.S.: NASA's *Psyche* mission blasts off to a unique metal-rich asteroid. *Psyche* appears to be the exposed nickel-iron core of an early planet, one of the building blocks of our solar system

**8** Oct 20, Australia: *Sydney Opera House* stages a month-long festival of music, dance, theatre, art and free events to mark the 50th anniversary of the iconic landmark, opened on this day in 1973