

WORLD AGENDA

MARCH 2024

1 Mar 25, U.S.: **Donald Trump** will become the first former U.S. president to face a criminal trial, indicted on 34 felony counts connected to hush-money payments made to a porn actress in the run-up to the 2016 election

2 Mar 10, **Gaza Strip**: Israel has warned it will launch an offensive in Rafah unless Hamas frees all hostages held in Gaza by the start of Ramadan on this day

4 Mar 1, **Iran**: Voters cast their ballots for a new parliament and the Assembly of Experts, a key body in charge of appointing the supreme leader. The election is the first since the 2022 crackdown on protests that followed the death of **Mahsa Amini** in police custody

5 Mar 15-17, **Russia**: **Vladimir Putin** is expected to win his fifth term as president in elections that will extend his quarter-century rule and keep him in power until at least 2030

7 Mar 26-Jul 14, **France**: The **Musée d'Orsay** stages "Paris 1874. The Impressionist Moment" to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the first Impressionist exhibition

6 Mar 10, U.S.: With 13 nominations, **Oppenheimer** – about the scientist who helped develop the atomic bomb – leads the Oscars battle, closely followed by the fantasy drama, **Poor Things** and box office hit, **Barbie**

8 Mar 18-27, **UK**: A napkin on which 13-year-old **Lionel Messi's** first contract with Barcelona was signed is auctioned in London, with a starting price of \$380,000

