

1 Oct 1, U.S.: *Kamala Harris'* and *Donald Trump's* running mates – *Tim Walz* (below left) and *JD Vance*, face off in a vice-presidential debate hosted by CBS in New York

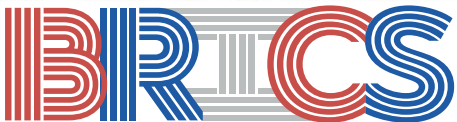
WORLD AGENDA

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2 Oct 7, Middle East: One year after Hamas carried out the deadliest attack in Israeli history and Israel responded with a devastating offensive in the Gaza Strip, a rapidly escalating conflict engulfing Lebanon is stirring fears of wider war



3 Oct 1, Belgium: Dutch ex-Prime Minister *Mark Rutte* becomes **NATO's** new Secretary General at a critical time for European security as war rages in Ukraine



5 Oct 22-24, Russia: Iran's new President *Masoud Pezeshkian* is expected to attend the **BRICS** summit in Russia, amid tensions with the West over military cooperation between the two countries. The summit in Kazan will also evaluate Turkey's membership application



4 Oct 1, Mexico: Former Mexico City mayor, *Claudia Sheinbaum*, 62, will be sworn in as the country's first female president. She will serve a six-year term through to 2030



6 Oct 10, Cape Canaveral: **NASA** launches its *Europa Clipper* spacecraft to explore Jupiter's moon *Europa* and determine whether the ocean suspected of being beneath its icy crust is habitable

7 Oct, U.S.: Two giant pandas – *Bao Li* and female *Qing Bao* (left) – sent by China as “envoys of friendship”, will debut in the National Zoo in Washington, DC, signalling a new era of panda diplomacy between the two superpowers

8 Oct 12-20, Spain: The final races of the **37th America's Cup** take place in Barcelona. The *Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron* is defending the title in the oldest competition in international sport

