WORLD AGENDA

JULY 2026

1 Jul 4, U.S.: The nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, as it grapples with deep partisan divisions, culture-war disputes, and growing distrust of institutions

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2 Jul 17, UK: Former Greater Manchester mayor ***Andy Burnham*** *(right)* could be poised to become prime minister if no rival emerges in the race to succeed ***Keir Starmer*** as Labour leader, following his resignation last month

3 Jul 7, Türkiye: NATO leaders gather in Ankara, with ***President Trump*** expected to attend despite his anger at the alliance over their perceived reluctance to help the U.S. with the war in Iran

4 Jul 4-9, Iran: The late Supreme Leader ***Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's*** funeral begins in Tehran concluding with burial in his hometown, the holy city of Mashhad



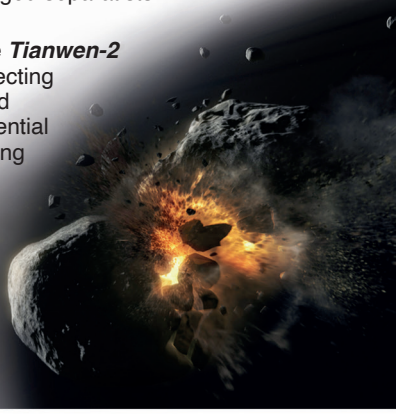
5 Jul 17, Worldwide: ***Christopher Nolan's*** IMAX-shot adaptation of Homer's ***The Odyssey*** is released, with ***Matt Damon*** starring as the storm-tossed ***Odysseus*** in the epic tale of his journey home from Troy

6 Jul 28, Switzerland: The UN celebrates the 75th anniversary of the signing of the 1951 ***Convention on the Status of Refugees*** as the global asylum system faces unprecedented pressure



7 July 1, China: A new law promoting a "shared" national identity among the country's 55 ethnic minority groups comes into effect, raising concerns in Taiwan that it could provide Beijing with new legal grounds to target alleged separatists

8 Jul 4, China: The ***Tianwen-2*** spacecraft starts collecting samples from asteroid ***Kamoʻoalewa***, a potential Moon fragment, making China only the third nation, after Japan and the U.S., to retrieve pristine material from an asteroid



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