WORLD AGENDA

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1 Aug 31-Sep 1, U.S.: G20 finance ministers and central bank governors meet in Asheville, North Carolina, amid global trade tensions and economic uncertainty







2 Aug 1, Venezuela: Interim government opens U.S.-backed talks with the opposition on a democratic transition as the country recovers from twin earthquakes that killed more than 5,300 people

3 Aug 12, Europe: The first total solar eclipse visible from mainland Europe in 27 years will be seen from parts of Greenland, Iceland, Portugal and Spain. Much of the rest of Europe will experience a partial eclipse

4 Aug 13, Zambia: President ***Hakainde Hichilema*** *(below)* seeks a second term in an election seen as a test of his economic record in Africa's second-largest copper producer









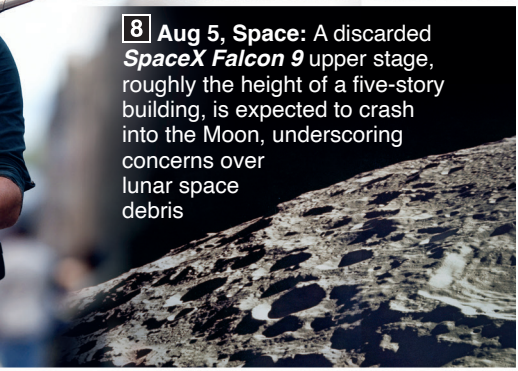
5 Aug 29, Iceland: Voters decide in referendum whether to resume European Union accession talks, suspended since 2013, amid rising living costs and growing Arctic tensions



6 Aug 23, Kazakhstan: Snap legislative elections follow a constitutional overhaul led by President ***Kassym-Jomart Tokayev*** *(above)*, who has ruled Central Asia's largest economy since 2019

7 Aug 7-31, Scotland: The 79th ***Edinburgh Festival Fringe***, the world's largest performing arts festival, runs with more than 3,600 shows announced across 258 venues

8 Aug 5, Space: A discarded ***SpaceX Falcon 9*** upper stage, roughly the height of a five-story building, is expected to crash into the Moon, underscoring concerns over lunar space debris



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