

WORLD AGENDA

FEBRUARY 2006

1 Feb 10, Italy: The Winter Olympics get underway in Turin, running until February 26

2 Feb 2-3, Vienna: Likely date for an emergency board meeting of the **International Atomic Energy Agency** as pressure mounts over Iranian nuclear ambitions. The West will seek approval from Russia and China to refer Iran to the **UN Security Council** for sanctions



3 Feb 8, Nepal:

Pro-democracy activists say municipal elections, in which less than 15% of Nepalese are eligible to vote, are a sham. The vote comes a year after **King Gyanendra** seized absolute control by sacking the government



4 Feb 27, Thailand:

A lawsuit to seek damages from the government is launched by relatives of the 78 Muslims who suffocated in army trucks following a demonstration at **Tak Bai** in the country's troubled south



5 Feb 7-8, London:

An **Edvard Munch** painting, **Summer Day**, is expected to fetch up to £3.5m at auction at **Sotheby's**. In mid-February six people accused of stealing two Munch masterpieces, including **The Scream** (left), go on trial in Oslo



6 Feb 20, Vienna: Austria's strict anti-Nazi laws come under the spotlight when a British historian goes on trial for claiming the gas chambers in Auschwitz never existed. Academics critical of **David Irving's** views have called for his release on the grounds of free speech



7 Feb 23, Kampala: Uganda's first multi-party elections in 20 years will be a two-horse race between **President Yoweri Museveni** (left), and **Dr Kizza Besigye** (right)

8 Feb 25, Agra: The first in a series of concerts is held at the **Taj Mahal** by the **8th Wonder of the World**, an organisation aiming to raise awareness of the plight of children affected by HIV/Aids

