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International Red Cross condemns Myanmar regime

In an unusual move, the ICRC publicly criticised Myanmar's military government for human rights abuses. The ICRC said private and confidential dialog with the Burmese government had not yielded results.

Wikipedia Current Events

- A car on fire crashes into the main terminal building of Glasgow Airport. Two people are arrested at the scene by police, with one man reportedly on fire when arrested.
- The airport closes, with all plane flights cancelled and the airport evacuated.
- COBRA conducts an emergency

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meeting, and Prime Minister Gordon Brown makes a statement following it in which he thanks emergency services after the attack today and the London car bombs plot yesterday.

- Home Secretary Jacqui Smith announces that the national security threat level is elevated from "severe" to "critical", the highest possible, meaning "further attacks are imminent" and everyone should be on "high alert".
- Police treat the incident as a terrorist attack, and linked to yesterday's London car bombs plot.
- Police arrest two men in Cheshire in relation to the bombings.
- Archbishop Pius Ncube, the head of the Catholic church in Zimbabwe, calls on the British government to invade Zimbabwe and overthrow President Robert Mugabe.
- United States troops kill 26 militants in an attack on Sadr City in Baghdad.
- Voters in Papua New Guinea go to the polls to elect a new Parliament of Papua New Guinea.
- East Timorese voters go to the polls to elect a new Parliament of East Timor.
- Hong Kong celebrates the tenth anniversary of the handover from the United Kingdom to the People's Republic of China.

Two American soldiers charged in Iraqi murders

The US military announced the arrests of two American soldiers alleged to have been involved in three separate premeditated murders of Iraqi civilians, and the planting of weapons around the crime scene to pretend the victims were insurgents.

The incidents occurred over the past two months in Iskandariyah, 50 kilometres south of Baghdad.

Spc. Jorge G. Sandoval, 22, was arrested Tuesday while on a 2-week leave at his family's home in Laredo, Texas and charged with one count of premeditated murder and one count of placing a weapon on the victim.

Staff Sgt. Michael A. Hensley, who comes from Candler, North Carolina, was arrested at a military base in Kuwait on Thursday and charged with three counts of premeditated murder, three counts of obstruction of justice and three counts of placing weapons around the victims.

The investigation began when fellow soldiers in the 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment reported the alleged events to their superiors.

MI5 terror threat warning level raised to 'critical'

The United Kingdom's Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre (JTAC), a division of the security agency MI5, has raised its threat level to critical. Critical denotes that a

terrorist attack is expected imminently. The threat is noted as being from al-Qaida, groups associated with al-Qaida, and other Islamic extremists. The change was made as a result of an earlier incident where a burning jeep drove into Glasgow Airport, which has been linked to the attempted London car bombings of the previous day.

MI5 also indicated that, although the threat comes principally from al-Qaida and related networks, Northern Ireland-related terrorism remains a threat.

In a press release Saturday, Home Secretary Jacqui Smith said, "I can confirm that JTAC has raised the national threat level to critical. This is in response to the events of the last 48 hours. Critical is the highest level of threat, and the threat level will be closely reviewed on a regular basis. Appropriate security measures have been put in place."

A terror alert system was set up by the UK government to keep the public informed about the level of threat to the UK from terrorism. According to the Home Office, the likelihood of a terrorist attack taking place in the UK is identified in following threat levels:

- critical - an attack is expected imminently
- severe - an attack is highly likely
- substantial - an attack is a strong possibility
- moderate - an attack is possible but not likely
- low - an attack is unlikely

Mississippi Gulf Coast may soon lose landmark

During Hurricane Camille in 1969, a 72 foot tugboat named the East Point washed ashore on Gulfport's West Beach. Lucille Moody, a

beachfront property owner renamed the boat the S.S. Hurricane Camille and built a gift shop behind it, after moving it on specially built railroad tracks. The boat and gift shop became a popular attraction for tourists visiting the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

But on August 29, 2005 Hurricane Katrina came ashore pushing a 20 plus foot storm surge leaving mostly everything on the beachfront destroyed. Only a few things were standing including the Biloxi Lighthouse, the Friendship Oak, and the S.S. Hurricane Camille. Lucille Moody decided not to rebuild the gift shop, so there the S.S. Camille stands, a rusted hulk on a beachfront that is quickly rebuilding.

People want it gone, suggesting it is an "eyesore", but others suggest this historic object be preserved, especially after the loss of historic sites including Grass Lawn and Tullis-Toledo Manor. They suggest a coat of paint and some repairs could make the boat much more appealing.

For photos of the S.S. Hurricane Camille before and after Katrina, visit the Roadside America website.

Wife of missing soldier receives green card

Yaderlin (Hiraldo) Jimenez, the wife of missing US soldier Spc. Alex Jimenez, who was due to be deported has been granted a Green Card by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Mrs. Jimenez's Immigration troubles began shortly after her wedding to Spc. Jimenez on June 14, 2004, at Fort Drum, NY where his U.S. Army unit was stationed. When the couple attempted to cross the border between the U.S.

and Canada on their honeymoon, the newlyweds were detained, held for several hours and released.

In 2006, the couple were granted a deferment of immigration proceedings until Spc. Jimenez returned from his second tour of duty in Iraq. However on June 20 the government announced its intent to deport Yaderlin Jimenez, despite the fact that her husband was declared missing along with two other soldiers, last month.

The case quickly received national attention and the involvement of powerful U.S. Senators Ted Kennedy and John Kerry. Two days later, Homeland Security Chief Michael Chertoff announced that he had instructed immigration authorities to take immediate action to resolve the case of Yaderlin Jimenez.

Yesterday, while standing victorious with his client on the steps of Citizenship and Naturalization Services building in downtown Buffalo, NY, Jimenez's attorney Matthew Kolken said now that this ordeal is behind her, she can return to "using all of her focus and energies to hope and pray that her husband's going to come home alive."

Car driven into Glasgow International Airport

Glasgow International Airport in Renfrewshire, Scotland has been evacuated after reports surfaced that a green Jeep Cherokee struck the airport's terminal building, and burst into flames at 3:11pm BST. An eyewitness told the BBC that "[A] man was on fire." All flights are grounded, and two men have been arrested and the United Kingdom has raised their threat level to "critical" which means another terror attack "is expected imminently."

Eyewitnesses described a Jeep Cherokee being driven at speed towards the building with flames coming out from underneath. They also reported seeing two Asian men in the car, one of whom was on fire.

"We saw a green Cherokee drive straight into the front door of the airport but it got jammed. They were obviously trying to get it further inside the airport as the wheels were spinning and smoke was coming from them. One of the men, I think it was the driver, brought out a plastic petrol canister and poured it under the car. He then set light to it."
—Lynsey McBean, 26

The BBC quoted an eyewitness as saying that two attempts were made to ram the Jeep through the wall, and that the passenger was holding a lit Molotov Cocktail and made several attempts to throw the bottle.

The Strathclyde Police Chief announced that the event is being linked to the earlier attempted car bombings in London in London, and as such is being treated as a terrorist investigation.

Eyewitnesses are now saying that one of the two men was pouring bottles of petrol into the car's interior and onto himself, before running from the car, on fire, into the main terminal building. Witnesses have also reported that gas cylinders were removed by bystanders from the burning vehicle.

According to the BBC, the driver of the vehicle put up a violent struggle before being overpowered by the police and public. One person who tackled him was Stephen Clarkson, a member of the public.

Richard Gray, an eyewitness to the event, stated "There was an Asian guy who was pulled out of the car by two police officers."

Seven people have been taken to local hospitals with injuries.

Police said that this incident was a deliberate attempt and not a road accident. Officials have also said that the incident is connected to earlier attempted car bombings in London the day before.

Two people have been arrested, one of whom was badly burned. Seven known casualties, including the Asian male have been taken to the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley.

While the suspect was being treated in the hospital, a suspect device was discovered in the hospital, leading to its partial evacuation while the device was moved to a safe area. This later turned out to be a explosive belt on the suspect. Police made the device safe.

"The first duty of the Government is the security and safety of all the British people, So it is right to raise the levels of security at airports and in crowded places in the light of the heightened threat. I know that the British people will stand together: united, resolute and strong." —Gordon Brown

The BBC announced that the Prime Minister is being kept fully informed. He chaired a meeting of Civil Contingencies Committee (COBRA) at 1900 (BST), after which the Home Secretary, Jacqui Smith, announced that the national threat level been elevated from "Severe" to "Critical", meaning another attack is expected "imminently."

Officials at Edinburgh Airport have said that all cars are being turned away from the airport, and at Heathrow, passengers are being advised not to bring private cars near to the terminal buildings. Some passengers were kept waiting in planes while the area was secured.

The first bomber, who was taken to Govan high security prison, has now been interviewed, though no further statements from Strathclyde police have been forthcoming. The second bomber, who was taken to the Royal Alexandria hospital in Paisley, is listed in critical condition tonight, and is being kept under 24-hour guard.

2,300 passengers who were due to set off from Glasgow Airport today have been driven by coach to a conference centre, where a reception area has been set up for them.

Two people have been arrested by West Midlands anti-terroism police on the M6 motorway in Cheshire in connection with the Glasgow International Airport attack and attempted London car bombings.

Police Incident Room
The public inquiry number for the Strathclyde Police is: 0800 056 0944

Anti-Terrorist Hotline Number
For providing information to authorities about terrorist activities, contact the anti-terrorism hotline at: 0800 789 321

Spain's Ibiza airport evacuated after bomb alert

Police have detonated a suspicious package in the airport of Ibiza, (Spain), which had been evacuated after a newspaper

received a bomb threat made in the name of Basque separatist group ETA. About 3,000 tourists were evacuated from the airport, and hundreds of flights have either been delayed or cancelled.

Spain has been on a heightened alert since ETA declared an end to a unilateral ceasefire on June 5.

Ibiza is a very popular tourist destination, especially due to its legendary and at times riotous nightlife. Thousands of people flood in during the summer for the big summer club nights.

4 killed as missile strikes aircraft carrying Ivory Coast PM Guillaume Soro

The Prime Minister of the Ivory Coast, Guillaume Soro, has escaped uninjured after a missile struck his aircraft upon landing at Bouaké Airport, Ivory Coast, killing four others, according to eyewitnesses.

According to a United Nations (UN) employee who saw the attack, a total of three missiles were fired. One struck and rebounded off the fuselage and failed to explode, one flew over the top of the aircraft and exploded nearby and one burst through the fuselage and exploded inside the cabin. There were also some gunshots fired.

Shortly after the attack, the Forces Nouvelles de Côte d'Ivoire (New Forces) announced several arrests had been made in connection to the failed assassination attempt.

One male New Forces administrative assistant from on board the plane who refused to be identified spoke to the media via telephone from a local hospital where he was being treated for an injury to his arm, and gave the following account of the attack:

"There was an explosion and it was panic. The plane had just landed and we waited until the plane came to a stop. We tried to calm people down until the plane stopped... Those who fired must have been in the bush. I didn't see anyone. I don't know if anyone saw them,".

Allan Aliali, a journalist on board to cover the arrival of Soro, described seeing three dead bodies in the plane, but was unable to identify them. This was later confirmed by New Forces spokesman Sidiki Konate, who said a fourth victim died later from his injuries.

A planned ceremony to mark the official return of magistrates to the north under an Ivory Coast peace deal went ahead as scheduled, after which Konate told reporters "Be assured, the most important thing for us is to advance in this peace process and nothing can stop us. This process cannot be assassinated,".

Currently, there is a military buffer zone splitting the country in two and policed by the UN, but a new peace deal in March is leading to progress in dismantling it.

The UN security council condemned the attack, and urged all involved in the current power conflict to respect the peace deal there. United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon also gave his personal condemnation of the attack, saying that the peace deal "represents a unique opportunity for a peaceful solution to the protracted Ivorian crisis." The UN security council said it condemned and any attempt to destabilize the peace process by force" and that "The perpetrators of this criminal act must be brought to justice... (it is) critical that all parties continue to work within the

framework of the March 4 peace agreement."

Security was stepped up in Bouaké after the attack, with a security cordon set up around the New Forces headquarters, troops deployed at the airport and roadblocks set up at various points across the city. Meanwhile, in London and New York prices for cocoa, which the Ivory Coast is the biggest supplier of, rose to their highest levels in four years as news of the attack came through.

International Crisis Group analyst Gilles Yabi said of the attack "It's too soon to know who was responsible, but clearly we're thinking about people in Soro's own movement who are not happy with the way things have turned out... The agreement was a real step forward in the peace process, but it was still fragile because the (citizen) identification process had not yet begun ... and of course because of tensions in the rebel [New Forces] camp".

America's Cup: Alinghi are fifth race victors

The Swiss yachting team, Alinghi have defeated Team New Zealand in the fifth race for the 32nd America's Cup. The overall score is now 3-2 to Alinghi.

Alinghi won the race by 19 seconds, though throughout the pre-start race each yacht was within close distance of each other. Team New Zealand, racing with NZL-92, crossed the start line first and reached a 12 second lead at the first mark. But when Team New Zealand were preparing to fly a new kite, their spinnaker ripped in two and went flying into the air. Their second spinnaker was not tied on properly and the third one got tangled half way up.

Team New Zealand managed to free the first two and untangle the third to continue the race, making up some of the 140 metres Alinghi had created in the three minute hold up.

Grant Dalton, managing director of Team New Zealand, said, "That was an important race and it wasn't one we should have lost on a mistake on a move we've practised time and again."

The team first to five wins, wins the "Auld Mug".

Today in History

1520 - La Noche Triste: Spanish Conquistadors under Hern·n Cortés barely succeeded in escaping from the Aztec capital of Tenochtitlan.

1569 - The Union of Lublin was signed, merging the Kingdom of Poland and the Grand Duchy of Lithuania into a single state, the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.
 1867 - The British North America Act came into effect, uniting the Province of Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia into the Canadian Confederation.

1916 - World War I: The first day of the Battle of the Somme became the bloodiest day in the history of the British Army, with 57,470 casualties of which 19,240 were killed or died of wounds.

1991 - The Warsaw Pact was officially dissolved at a meeting in Prague.

July 01 is Canada Day.

Quote of the Day

It is almost impossible to bear the torch of truth through a crowd without singeing somebody's beard.

~ Georg Christoph Lichtenberg

Word of the Day

sheer; adj

1. (textiles) Very thin or transparent.

2. Pure; unmixed; being only what it seems to be.
3. Straight up and down; vertical.

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