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Explosives found in Malegaon, Nashik

A bomb has been found at the Mohammadiya Madrassa shopping complex in Malegaon, detonators and gelatin sticks have been recovered by police in Nashik.

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Wikipedia Current Events

- Asher, R-Wisconsin, has agreed to plead guilty to federal criminal charges related to his dealings with the lobbyist Jack Abramoff according to lawyers and others with knowledge of the investigation.
- U.N. inspectors investigating

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Iran's nuclear program angrily complain to the Bush administration and to a Republican congressman about a House committee report on Iran's capabilities, calling parts of the document "outrageous and dishonest" and offering evidence to refute its central claims.

- The United States Interior Department's chief official responsible for investigating abuses and overseeing operations accuses the top officials at the agency of tolerating widespread ethical failures, from cronyism to cover-ups of incompetence.

- The Ford Motor Company and the United Automobile Workers union agree on a program that will offer buyouts and other incentives to more than 75,000 Ford workers in the United States to persuade them to leave their jobs.

- Amnesty International accuses Hezbollah of serious violations of international humanitarian law amounting to war crimes, in its deliberate targeting of civilians in Israel during the recent Israel-Lebanon conflict.

- The roof of the new Mahon Airport terminal in Menorca, Spain - due to be inaugurated in a few months - collapses, trapping and injuring 23 people, 3 seriously.

- The African Union has endorsed an IGAD peacekeeping operation in Somalia, to be known as IGASOM.

Congress approves Mexican border fence

The U.S. House of representatives approved the building of 700 miles of double-layered fence between the U.S. and Mexico this afternoon, it was the second time in a year that the issue was before the congress and passed 238-138. The 2000 mile long border currently has 75 miles of fencing.

The bill also orders the U.S. Homeland Security Department to take over control of the border in 18 months and grants border agents new authority to stop fleeing vehicles.

It also ordered the Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff to conduct a study of the necessity and feasibility of the construction of a "state-of-the-art barrier system" along the Canadian border.

NASA: Arctic Sea's icecap is melting

NASA scientists say that the Arctic Sea's icecap is melting and that the icecap is melting fast.

According to images captured by NASA's QuikSCAT satellite, the Arctic icecap has lost at least 14% of its 'perennial' ice between 2004 and 2005. Data shows that at least 280,000 square miles of ice, at least the size of Texas has been lost. The eastern Arctic has lost at least 50% of its ice, but scientists say that ice was shifted by wind and other weather factors from the east to the west Arctic, causing the western areas of ice to actually

grow.

Between October 2005 and April of 2006; however, the icecap lost an additional 70% of frozen water.

Between 04 and 05, the perinnial ice, which is supposed to remain frozen year-round, was replaced by 'seasonal' ice, which scientists say melts faster during the Summer months. This event has never before been witnessed. Perennial ice is normally 10 feet thick or more and seasonal ice is onlt 1 to 7 feet thick.

"If the seasonal ice in the east Arctic Ocean were to be removed by summer melt, a vast ice-free area would open up. Such an ice-free area would have profound impacts on the environment, as well as on marine transportation and commerce," said Son Nghiem, the leader of research at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

For several decades, the icecap has melted about 0.7% a year during the Summer months and has increased at least "18 times" faster than past decades, but Nghiem also said that the icecap has melted with "some variability" over the past years and was at times a "much smaller" of a loss of ice.

"If we average that over the long term we find a reduction of between 6.4% and 7.8% per decade. What we have here is 14% in one year - 18 times the previous rate. In previous years there is some variability, but it is much smaller and regional. [The changes between] 2004 and 2005 is enormous," added Nghiem.

Global warming is believed to have played a role in melting the ice.

"It has never occurred before in the past. It is alarming. ... This winter ice provides the kind of evidence that it is indeed associated with the greenhouse effect," said Josefino Comiso, another NASA researcher and scientist.

Liverpool Biennial 2006 art festival starts

The 2006 Liverpool Biennial art festival will start it's ten week run on the 16 September finishing on the 26th November. The exhibition uses public places located across the city.

Installation will be situated at sites across the city including St. George's Hall and Church of St Luke with specialist centers such as the Bluecoat Arts Centre, FACT centre, Tate Liverpool and the Walker Art Gallery providing exhibition space.

The international 06 exhibition includes 35 commissioned works, while the 24th John Moores Exhibition of Contemporary Painting is the UK's longest running open painting competition.

The independents is an art exhibition that runs alongside the Biennial. Several shorter festivals will run over this period including the Hope Street festival.

Iranian scientists claim to have found cure for AIDS

Scientists in Iran have announced that they have found a cure for AIDS.

The Iranian Minister for Health and Education, Kamran Baqeri Lankarani said in a statement yesterday that the new formula would be administered for at least three-months and would have lasting effects for up to two-years, compared to drugs that will work

only when they are administered.

According to Iran's former Health Minister, Doctor Mohammad Farhadi, the formula, which took at least five years to formulate, is composed of a variety of "herbs" and some "chemical materials."

"A new theory was sponsored in the past five years to invent a formula with herbal and chemical materials to help treat patients who are suffering from weak immunity system," said Dr. Farhadi.

"The theory was to determine whether or not it is possible to boost the immunity system of the body. Some 60 projects were initiated to attain the result. At last the scientists found out a formula and then experimental works were carried out on animals at the laboratory to determine the effects of the formula," added Farhadi.

Lankarani stated that the drug has been tested on several patients and that the effects of the drug are "guaranteed" to work for at least two-years, but also said that the drug may not work for a human during his or her entire "life time."

"For the time being, we cannot say that effects of the newly-discovered medicine will remain in the body along the life time," said Lankarani.

Son of actress and model Anna Nicole Smith dead

American model and actress Anna Nicole Smith's son Daniel Smith, 20, died in the Bahamas, while visiting his mother, who had just given birth to a girl.

Authorities state that one other person was in the room at the

time, and the person was not a hospital staffer. The person's identity has not been released.

The cause of death is currently unknown, however the results of the autopsy and toxicology reports will be released at the inquest, which has been scheduled for the week of October 23. Authorities also say that there is no sign of physical injury

"He was found in a condition of non-responsiveness. I am not certain who made the alarm, and doctors were called in, but he was pronounced dead," said Assistant Commissioner of the Royal Bahamas Police Force, Reginald Ferguson.

If jurors decide a crime has taken place, it will be sent to the Attorney General's office.

Ms. Smith said that she was devastated over the loss of her son.

Former Texas governor Ann W. Richards dies at 73

Former Governor of Texas Ann Willis Richards died Wednesday, September 13 at her home in Austin, Texas.

She died of complications from esophageal cancer with which she had been diagnosed last March.

Chavez says planted demolitions in World Trade Center 'plausible'

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez stated the U.S. government may have planned the attacks on Sept. 11. He said the attacks have been used to justify U.S. "aggression" throughout the Middle East and 9/11 conspiracy theories are plausible.

Chavez said in a speech Tuesday,

"The hypothesis is not absurd ... that those towers could have been dynamited." He also said "A building never collapses like that, unless it's with an implosion."

The U.S. government has maintained that Al-Qaeda orchestrated the attacks under the leadership of Osama bin Laden.

Today in History

1831 - The John Bull, currently the oldest operable steam locomotive in the world, ran for the first time.

1835 - Aboard HMS Beagle, Charles Darwin reached the Galápagos Islands, where he began to develop his theories of evolution.

1916 - Tanks, the "secret weapons" of the British Army during World War I, were first used in combat at the Battle of the Somme.

1935 - Nazi Germany enacted the Nuremberg Laws, which deprived German Jews of citizenship, and adopted a new national flag emblazoned with a swastika.

1950 - Korean war: U.S. armed forces landed at Incheon, Korea. September 15 is Independence Day for Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador (1821)

Quote of the Day

"We hardly find any persons of good sense, save those who agree with us." ~ François de La Rochefoucauld

Word of the Day

mete; v

1. To measure.
2. To dispense punishment or suffering.

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