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HEADLINES

[Romanian presidential advisor resigns](#)

The [Romanian](#) presidential advisor of foreign policy resigned yesterday from his position. 56-year-old Andrei Pleșu says that he withdrew from his position due to health problems. No word on a permanent replacement yet.

[New Mars Orbiter arrives for launch](#)

[NASA](#)'s latest robotic spacecraft destined for Mars, arrived at [Kennedy Space Center](#)'s Shuttle Landing Facility April 30th. The spacecraft will conduct studies of the Martian atmosphere and surface in greater detail than previous missions. Launching is scheduled for August 10, 2005.

[U.S. newspaper circulation continues 20-year slide](#)

And, while [USA Today](#) and [The New York Times](#) are reporting slight increases in subscribers, many papers in the United States are dropping in sales. Some believe the cause was that circulation drives were less successful due to the US National [do-not-call registry](#), in which the newspapers are not able to solicit subscription sales via the telephone. Just one more reason to stick with Wikinews.

WIKIPEDIA CURRENT EVENTS

- The [Pakistani](#) government has captured a major Al-Qaeda suspect along the border with Afghanistan.
- A [suicide bomb](#) went off in the Kurdish city of [Irbil](#) in Northern Iraq earlier today, killing more than 50 people.
- A [nephew](#) of former [President of Iraq Saddam Hussein](#) has been arrested in Iraq today, accused of aiding the insurgency.
- [Alexander Downer](#), the [Foreign Minister of Australia](#), appeared on [al-Jazeera](#) to urge for the release of Australian citizen [Douglas Wood](#). Wood is being held [hostage](#) by [insurgents](#) who demand the withdrawal of [Australian](#) troops from Iraq. The [Prime Minister of Australia](#) has refused to negotiate.