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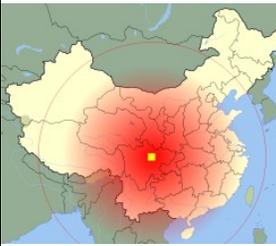
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Large earthquake hits central China

A magnitude 7.9 earthquake struck eastern Sichuan Province in China at 6:28 UTC on Monday killing at least 8,700 people and injuring over 10,000. At least 900 students are reported to be trapped in rubble when their schools collapsed.



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Top Stories

Flight 38 suffered low fuel pressure

The investigation of the British Airways Flight 38 crash on January 17 has concluded that the engines stalled because of low fuel pressure. This was the first loss of a Boeing 777. Thirteen people were injured, one seriously.

Late Emir of Kuwait passes away

The Diwan Amiri has confirmed that the late Emir of Kuwait Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Al-Salim Al-Sabah passed away today at his residence in Kuwait.

Wikipedia Current Events

U.S. federal prosecutors have filed a new indictment against baseball slugger Barry Bonds, charging him with 14 counts of lying to a grand jury and one count of obstruction when he denied knowingly using performance-enhancing drugs.

- Wayne Swan, the Treasurer of Australia, delivers his first budget establishing \$40 billion funds for infrastructure, health and education.
- Hewlett-Packard agrees to buy Electronic Data Systems for \$13.9 billion dollars.
- The death toll from the Sichuan earthquake reaches 12,000.
- The Chinese government launches a massive rescue operation to search for survivors.

Wikipedia Current Events

- The State Peace and Development Council continues to block foreign aid workers from entering Burma.
- The United Nations call for the opening of an air corridor to bring aid to the victims.
- Ministers from Nawaz Sharif's party Pakistan Muslim League (N) resign from the Government of Pakistan.

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The Wikinews article, originally published on April 19, described material in the Church Handbook

of Instructions. The work is a two-volume book of policies and is a guide for leaders of the Mormon Church. Wikinews obtained the Church Handbook of Instructions from Wikileaks, a whistleblower website which publishes anonymous submissions of sensitive documents while preserving the anonymity of its contributors. Wikileaks describes the material as significant because "...the book is strictly confidential among the Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, aka LDS in short form) bishops and stake presidents and it reveal [sic] the procedure of handling confidential matters related to tithing payment, excommunication, baptism and doctrine teaching (indoctrination)."

The material was released on the Wikileaks website on April 16, and according to the site was first made available on the document sharing website Scribd. A message at Scribd now states: "This content was removed at the request of copyright agent B. S. Broadbent of the Intellectual Property Division of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints."

On May 5, the Wikimedia Foundation received a copyright infringement claim from Intellectual Reserve, Inc., the legal entity that owns the intellectual property of the Mormon Church. The infringement claim is addressed to Jimmy Wales, the designated agent of the Wikimedia Foundation, and requests that access to the link to Wikileaks be removed. The link was removed from the article on May 5 by a Wikinews administrator, and the article remains available without the link. The infringement claim was sent by Berne S. Broadbent, president of Intellectual Reserve, Inc. and director of the Intellectual

Property Division of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. According to Mike Godwin, general counsel for the Wikimedia Foundation, the Mormon Church has not filed a Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) notice with the foundation.

In 1999, Jerald and Sandra Tanner, prominent critics of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, released material from the Church Handbook of Instructions to the Internet through their organization Utah Lighthouse Ministry, without including the copyright notice of Intellectual Reserve, Inc. or obtaining permission from the church. The website of the Utah Lighthouse Ministry describes as its purpose: "...to document problems with the claims of Mormonism and compare LDS doctrines with Christianity." The Tanners had received a copy of the 1998 edition of Church Handbook of Instructions from an anonymous sender in October 1999. They published 17 pages of the 160-page handbook on the Utah Lighthouse Ministry website.

The church sent the Tanners a letter threatening a copyright infringement lawsuit if the material was not removed, and the Tanners removed the material from their site the same day, and posted the church's letter to their website. The website still contained links to other locations that had the material, and an article in the Salt Lake Tribune listed addresses of these links. The church sued the Tanners through its company Intellectual Reserve, in the 1999 case *Intellectual Reserve v. Utah Lighthouse Ministry*.

The plaintiffs filed their complaint on October 13, 1999, and the United States district court issued

a preliminary injunction on December 6, 1999 barring posting of the material by the defendants as well as posting links to other websites which contain the material. The New York Times and other news publications called the injunction a "chilling effect". In November 2002, the church dropped the lawsuit against Utah Lighthouse Ministry, on condition that the Tanners destroy all copies of the Church Handbook of Instructions, and not include more than 50 words at a time from the handbook in any of their future articles.

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Wikileaks has received copyright infringement claims from organizations including the Church of Scientology's Religious Technology Center and the Swiss Bank Julius Baer, and the Chinese government attempts to censor every website with the word "wikileaks" in the web page address. Bank Julius Baer sued Wikileaks after sending cease and desist letters in January 2008 which cited the Digital Millennium Copyright Act. As a result of the lawsuit, the bank obtained an injunction preventing the site's domain name registrar from associating with Wikileaks, but this injunction was lifted in March 2008 and Bank Julius Baer dropped the case.

As of May 13 Wikileaks had not taken down the material on the Church Handbook of Instructions, and a second webpage at the site with a different version of the material was also still available. In

a statement to Wikinews, a WikiLeaks representative commented on the material hosted at the site: "WikiLeaks will not remove the handbooks, which are of substantial interest to current and former mormons [sic]. WikiLeaks will remain a place where [sic] people from around the world can safely reveal the truth."

Five of six accused over 9/11 to be tried; charges against '20th hijacker' dropped

Five men out of six accused of involvement in the September 11 have been referred to trial by the Guantanamo military commission. The war crimes tribunal also dropped charges against Mohammed Qahtani, who is alleged to have been the '20th hijacker', although they were dropped "without prejudice" so the Saudi Arabian can still be re-charged.

All six men are currently being held in maximum security at the United States naval base at Cuba's Guantanamo Bay. Under the 2006 Military Commissions Act those charged must be arraigned within 30 days and have their trial commenced within four months.

The men are accused of plotting the attacks, in which four passenger airliners were hijacked in US airspace. One was flown into each tower of the World Trade Center, one was flown into the Pentagon and the fourth crashed in a Pennsylvania field. Almost 3,000 people were killed. 19 hijackers were involved, with one aircraft having four hijackers compared to five on the others, triggering theories concerning a 20th hijacker. It is alleged that Qahtani missed out on this role because he was unable to get past anti-immigration measures to upon arrival in Florida, where head

hijacker Mohammed Atta is said to have been waiting.

Those who are set to be trialled are alleged to be members of Al-Qaeda, who were found to be responsible for the attacks. They are Walid bin Attash, Ramzi Binalshibh, Ali Abdul Aziz Ali, Mustafa Ahmed Hawsawi and alleged 9/11 mastermind Khalid Shaikh Mohammed.

They have all been charged with conspiracy, murder in violation of the laws of war, attacking civilians, attacking civilian objects, intentionally causing serious bodily injury, destruction of property, terrorism and material support for terrorism while all but Hawsawi are charged with hijacking aircraft as well.

Some concern has been made over alleged human rights abuses. Officials have said themselves that Qahtani was harshly treated in imprisonment and Khalid was subjected to waterboarding.

Qahtani also withdrew an earlier confession saying it was obtained from him under torture. He submitted a detailed written account describing abuse he alleges against him including beatings, being forced into uncomfortable positions for long periods, threats with dogs, exposure to music at high volume, being subjected to freezing temperatures and being forced to appear naked in front of female personnel.

The arrangements will take place at the high security Guantanamo war crimes tribunal, and will mark the first public appearances of the men since their capture. The trial will mark the first in front of a US war crimes tribunal since World War Two, and the first capital one

at this tribunal as prosecutors are seeking the death penalty for all of the men.

Late Emir of Kuwait passes away at age 78

The Diwan-Amiri confirmed that the late Emir of Kuwait Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Al-Salim Al-Sabah passed away today at his residence in Kuwait City. He was 78 years old.

He suffered colon problems which led to surgery, and numerous visits back and forth between England and the United States of America. Sheikh Saad was married to Sheikha Latifa Fahad Al-Sabah.

He was born in 1930 in Kuwait. He served as emir from January 15 to January 24, until a vote by the National Assembly of Kuwait nominated Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah in place of Sheikh Saad as Emir due to illness issues.

Sheikh Saad Al-Sabah was the 14th Emir of Kuwait. Born 1930, to the late Sheikh Abdullah III Al-Salim Al-Sabah, and was the eldest son. Sheikh Saad continued his studies in the UK, at Hendon Police College, London.

During his reign in Kuwait, he introduced new police and security systems, and issued an amiri decree to establish a police academy.

The late Emir will be buried tomorrow in the Sulaibikhat graveyard, Wednesday May 14, 2008 at 9:30 AM (Kuwait Time).

The King of Saudi Arabia expressed his condolences in response to the death. The website of the state of Kuwait reported that "his Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received a telephone call Tuesday

from Saudi King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud in which he extended his sincere condolences on the passing of Father Amir Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Al-Salem Al-Sabah."

Car crash on A37 near Bristol, two dead

Two people have died due to a recent car crash in Shepton Mallet, near Bristol, United Kingdom.

The incident occurred when a Honda Civic Type R car swerved of the road. Police reports suggest that the car hit a tree, causing the two fatalities.

The incident resulted in the closure of the A37 road, where the incident occurred, for several hours. It reopened at 01:00 UTC today.

Avon and Somerset police appealed for information regarding the crash:

"Police would like to speak to anyone who may have witnessed the collision or may have been travelling on the A37 at the time.

Anyone who can help is asked to contact the Collision Investigation Unit on 0845 4567000 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111."

Moldovan wines win three medals at contest in Bordeaux

Moldovan wine producers took three silver medals at the third annual international contest of wine tasting and judging of strong alcoholic beverages, the "Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2008". This year the event was held in Bordeaux, France. Previously, the event was held in Portugal and in Maastricht in 2007 and will held in Spain next year.

Moldovan wine makers participated with 12 types of wine.

The medals went to the wines produced by the stock company Acorex Wine Holding, Amaro de la Valea Perjei 2003, Pinot Grigio/ Aligote/ Sauvignon Blanc 2005 and Pinot Noir 2005, with the last two being from the Private reserve series.

Last year's fourteenth edition of the contest, held in the Netherlands in 2007, Moldovan wines won three gold medals and three silver ones.

Pakistan's coalition government faces split

Pakistan's coalition government will be no more, announced Nawaz Sharif, leader of the Pakistan Muslim League (PML-N) and former Prime Minister. The coalition, which was formed between the PML-N and the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), was said to have reached a disagreement over the restoration of judges fired by President Pervez Musharraf in November 2007.

According to party spokesman Sidiqul Farooq, the 9 PML-N ministers in government will hand in their resignation papers to Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gillani on Tuesday afternoon.

Sharif blamed the PPP for failing to meet deadlines to restore the senior judges fired by Musharraf, which was Sharif's main condition for joining the coalition. The latest deadline for reinstating the judges was set for May 12, as talks between Sharif and PPP leader Asif Ali Zardari ended in London without reaching any deal. The government had originally promised to reinstate the judges by April 30.

Most of the disagreement lies within the question of how much power should be returned to the

judges. Sharif has campaigned for a total reinstatement of power, while Zadari favors constitutional amendments that would limit their power.

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—Nawaz Sharif

Information Secretary Ehsan Iqbal, one of the ministers who will be resigning, supported Sharif's campaign for reinstatement. He called the series of events "a defining moment" for Pakistan. "Without the rule of law, without an independent judiciary, the country cannot move ahead democratically or constitutionally," he said.

At a press conference, Sharif said he will contest the by-elections on August 18, which could earn him a seat in Parliament. The Pakistan Peoples Party say they will not put a candidate against him in the elections.

"A day will come when the judges shall be restored," Sharif said. "If we surrender on this issue to the wishes of the military dictator, it will take us generations before we get an independent judiciary." He also said that despite quitting the government, he wishes to continue supporting the PPP-led government on an issue-by-issue basis. "We will not become part of any conspiracy to destabilize the democratic process," he said.

The Pakistan Peoples Party responded in a statement. They called the announcement of resignation "a pause in the process and not a break in the purpose of restoration of judges". They also said they do not intend to fill the vacated ministries, hoping the

issue can be solved "amicably and in a spirit of accommodation and mutual trust".

Some analysts fear the judicial dispute will extend further, leaving the government unable to focus on more important issues facing the country. "This is a huge setback for the government," said Shuja Nawaz, a Pakistani security analyst in Washington, D.C.. "This crisis will distract attention from critical issues, and the real losers will be the people of Pakistan."

Wikipedia Current Events

West Virginia voters go to the polls in the Democratic Party primary to elect 28 delegates to the 2008 Democratic National Convention. New York Senator Hillary Clinton obtains a clear victory.

- Senator Clinton welcomes the vote in West Virginia as an "overwhelming vote of confidence" in her campaign.
- A series of bomb blasts hits the Indian city of Jaipur, killing at least 60 people and injuring 150.
- Eleven people are killed and 20 wounded in clashes between Iraqi militias and the United States Army in the Sadr City district of Baghdad.
- The United States Department of Defense drops charges against Mohamed al-Kahtani, who was suspected of being the "20th hijacker" in the September 11, 2001 attacks.
- Colombia extradites 14 former paramilitary leaders, including Salvatore Mancuso, Rodrigo Tovar Pupo, and Diego Murillo Bejarano, to the United States where they have been charged with drug trafficking. (BBC News)
- President of Colombia Álvaro

Wikipedia Current Events

Uribe says that the assets of warlords will be confiscated to compensate victims.

Today in History

1264 – Second Barons' War: King Henry III was captured at the Battle of Lewes in Sussex, making Simon de Montfort the de facto ruler of England.

1607 – An expedition led by Edward Maria Wingfield, Christopher Newport, and John Smith established the Jamestown Settlement in Virginia, the first permanent English settlement in North America.

1804 – The Lewis and Clark Expedition led by explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark left Camp Dubois near present-day Hartford, Illinois and began the first American overland expedition to the Pacific coast and back.

1943 – World War II: The Australian Hospital Ship Centaur was attacked and sunk by a Japanese submarine off the coast of Queensland, killing 268 people aboard.

1948 – David Ben-Gurion publicly read the Israeli Declaration of Independence at the present-day Independence Hall in Tel Aviv, officially establishing a new Jewish state in parts of the former British Mandate of Palestine.

May 14 is Feast day of Saint Matthias and Saint Mochuda (Roman Catholic Church)

Quote of the Day

Errors now almost universally exist, and must be overcome solely by the force of reason; and as reason, to effect the most beneficial purposes, makes her advance by slow degrees, and progressively substantiates one truth of high import after another, it will be evident, to minds of comprehensive and accurate

thought, that by these and similar compromises alone can success be rationally expected in practice. For such compromises bring truth and error before the public; and whenever they are fairly exhibited together, truth must ultimately prevail. ~ Robert Owen

Word of the Day

bemuse v

1. To confuse or bewilder.

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