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[Lebanon government wins 'vote of confidence'](#)

The Lebanese government won a vote of confidence in parliament Wednesday with an overwhelming 109-1 margin, coming just a day after Syrian occupants withdrew from the state. The vote allows for May elections called for by constitutional law and demanded by anti-Syrian opposition groups. The date for the elections is set for May 29.

[CIA gives up search and interrogation on Iraq WMDs](#)

The United States Central Intelligence Agency says it has finished interrogating around 105 Iraqi scientists it has been holding over weapons of mass destruction. In many cases the wrong people were detained and subjected to questioning by "inexperienced and uninformed" interrogators. After more than 18 months, employees of the agency found the attempts to be futile.

[Dutch mayors support legalization of cannabis](#)

Dutch Minister Alexander Pechtold's radical suggestion to legalize cannabis in the Netherlands has been supported by the mayors of 20 out of 30 of the largest Dutch cities according to an investigation by the Dutch newspaper Trouw. Pechtold promoted the legalisation of cannabis throughout Europe earlier this week. Pechtold's plans are still being opposed by other members of the government. Although not fully legal under Dutch law, cannabis has been more accepted by the public in the last decade.

Other Headlines from [Wikipedia's current events](#)

Death toll in the Japanese rail crash in rises to 104. Rescuers find the body of the train's driver.

Two Palestinian teenagers are arrested in a checkpoint near Jenin after explosive charges were found on them.

A passenger train has crashed into a bus in central Sri Lanka today; 35–50 persons are feared to be dead.