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Four Pakistani policemen shot dead

According to police, four Pakistani police officers were shot dead by militants, who fired into their police vehicle and then set it on fire.

NASA's Phoenix spacecraft having trouble analyzing soil samples

NASA has stated that the Mars Phoenix lander is having trouble analyzing soil samples that its robotic arm is collecting. According to NASA, the soil appears to be too clodded to pass through screens on the way to Phoenix's Thermal and Evolved-Gas Analyzer (TEGA).

UN summit results in pledge to mitigate food crisis

A three-day United Nations (UN) summit, bringing together leaders from 181 countries, has wrapped up with a pledge by all attending countries to address the global food shortage crisis. Key actions cited include doubling the world's food production by 2030, providing resources for farmers in poor countries and increasing humanitarian aid in times of crisis.

U.S. teens generally reducing risky behavior says CDC

A report by the CDC shows that US teenagers are reducing health risk-related behaviors such as having sex and taking drugs. Wikinews takes a closer look at the numbers.

Wikipedia Current Events

Sheikh Hasina, a former Prime Minister of Bangladesh detained on corruption charges, is released to seek treatment in the United States.

•Stojan Župljanin, a wartime Bosnian Serb police commander is arrested near Belgrade and will be sent to the Hague where he will face trial for alleged war crimes.

•Former basketball referee Tim Donaghy accuses other referees in the National Basketball Association of rigging games, including Game 6 in the 2002 Western Conference Finals, allowing the Los Angeles Lakers to win that game, the series, and ultimately the 2002 NBA Finals.

•President George W. Bush says that he wants to solve the Iran issue peacefully but "all options are on the table" in a joint media conference with the Chancellor of Germany Angela Merkel.

•The British House of Commons considers anti-terrorism legislation extending the period of preventive detention to 42 days with a close vote expected due to a backbench revolt in the Labour Party.

•Japan's House of Councillors passes a censure motion against the Prime Minister of Japan Yasuo Fukuda, the first such motion to be passed since World War II.

•Airstrikes targeting militants have killed at least 31 people including some civilians.

Wikipedia Current Events

•Reports claim that at least 10 Pakistan Army soldiers have died in an apparent United States-led air strike near the border with Afghanistan with eight Taliban militants also killed. Pakistan condemns the airstrike as "unprovoked and cowardly".

•Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam rebels overrun the Irukkulampiddi Sri Lankan Navy outpost killing at least 10 sailors.

•Taiwanese negotiators led by Chiang Pin-kung travel to the People's Republic of China to conduct talks on improving Cross-Strait relations.

Plane crashes in Khartoum

A plane arriving in Sudan's capital, Khartoum, burst into flames after veering off the runway during a thunderstorm. Around 100 passengers and crew are feared dead.

The jetliner is said to have careened off of the runway in the process of landing. The Sudanese head of police, Mohammad Najib, cited a crash landing due to bad weather as the cause of the accident. Najib said that the plane split in two and burst into flames.

The plane was carrying approximately 203 passengers and 14 crew from Amman, Jordan. Sudanese officials have said it was a Sudan Airways flight (SD 109) from the Jordanian capital Amman via Damascus, Syria. It had previously been diverted to Port

Sudan due to heavy rain in Khartoum.

US energy department reveals world's fastest computer

The US Department of Energy yesterday unveiled the IBM Roadrunner, the world's fastest computer. The computer, which is designed to conduct virtual tests for nuclear weapons, is able to carry out 1,000 trillion (or 1 quadrillion) calculations in one second.

The machine cost USD100 million to build and works at twice the speed of Blue Gene, which is now the world's second fastest computer.

"Roadrunner will not only play a key role in maintaining the U.S. nuclear deterrent, it will also contribute to solving our global energy challenges, and open new windows of knowledge in the basic scientific research fields," said Samuel Bodman, the US secretary of energy.

Roadrunner, which was produced by the US Government in collaboration with IBM, can be found at the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Akihabara helpers should take a medical checkup, police say

The police announced on Monday that one person may have hepatitis B among those involved in Sunday's Akihabara rampage in Tokyo.

Anyone who might have had contact with blood from the rampage (e.g. who helped to care, rescue, carry a victim) should undergo a checkup to examine the infection, as soon as possible.

Today in History
1770 – English explorer James Cook ran aground on the Great Barrier Reef.
1892 – The Salvation Army's Limelight Department, one of the world's earliest film studios, was officially established in Melbourne, Australia.
1937 – Marshal Mikhail Tukhachevsky and several senior officers of the Red Army were convicted in the Case of Trotskyist Anti-Soviet Military Organization, a secret trial during the Great Purge in the Soviet Union.
1963 – Vietnamese Mahayana Buddhist monk Thích Quảng Đức burned himself to death in Saigon to protest the persecution of Buddhists by South Vietnam's Ngô Đình Diệm administration.
1963 – The University of Alabama was desegregated as Governor of Alabama George Wallace stepped aside after a stand in the schoolhouse door.
June 11 is Kamehameha Day in Hawaii

Quote of the Day
Talking and eloquence are not the same: to speak, and to speak well, are two things. A fool may talk, but a wise man speaks. ~ Ben Jonson

Word of the Day
disingenuous adj
1. Not noble; unbecoming true honor or dignity; mean.
2. Not ingenuous; not frank or open; unworthily or meanly artful.