



Top Stories

Lewis "Scooter" Libby indicted on five charges



I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, Chief of Staff to US Vice President Cheney, resigned today after he was charged with obstruction of justice, two counts of perjury, and two counts of making false statements.

Explosions rock New Delhi marketplace

Three bombs shook India's capital city of New Delhi in a crowded marketplace bazars, killing at least 49 people.

Featured story

Japan likely to change law to allow female heirs to the throne

Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi suggested yesterday that the government would submit a draft allowing female heirs to the Japanese Throne.

Wikipedia Current Events

- More than 20 people die when a car bomb detonates in Howaider, a Shia village near Baquba, 60 miles north of Baghdad.
- A train derails in Andhra Pradesh, India, killing 100.
- A series of blasts detonate in New Delhi, the Capital of India. 48 people are known to have died, many more are injured.

Wikipedia Current Events

- Three Indonesian girls are beheaded as they walk through a cocoa plantation near a private Christian School in Central Sulawesi. The motive for the attacks is unclear, but the area is noted for episodes of religious violence.

Major train wreck in Southern India

The BBC and CNN has reported that a train derailment Saturday morning at about 4:15 a.m. local time (Friday 2245 UTC) has resulted in at least 100 casualties in the state of Andhra Pradesh in Southern India. Heavy rains, which killed over one hundred people in India this week, apparently washed out a section of track. A rescue operation is ongoing as some train carriages overturned into the flood waters and some people are apparently trapped. The BBC reports that many of the passengers were traveling to celebrate Diwali, the festival of lights, which occurs Tuesday.

India operated rail systems carry more than 13 million passengers a day, but has a poor history of safety. The BBC says that about 300 rail accidents are reported each year, resulting in significant casualties.

Explosions rock New Delhi marketplace

Just when India and Pakistan were recovering from the shock of Kashmir's earthquake, three bombs shook India's capital city of

New Delhi in crowded marketplace bazaars within minutes of each other, killing at least 55 people, according to recent reports. The National government is on high alert; Prime minister Manmohan Singh issued a statement: ' India will win the battle against terrorism.'

In addition to the reported deaths, scores of people have been injured in the blasts in central and south Delhi. With Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights being celebrated Tuesday, the bomb blasts have sent ripples across the nation. Prime Minister Manmohan Singh blamed terrorists for the blasts, but no group has yet claimed responsibility. The blasts were most likely masterminded by Lashkar-e-Toiba, a terrorist group supported by Pakistan. The blast had all the hallmarks of being carried out by well-funded terrorist groups supported by Pakistan.

Delhi was the location of a terrorist attack in December 2001. The 2001 event was blamed on Islamic militant groups backed by Pakistan.

Romania switches to Winter Time

In the morning of 30 October 2005, Romania with other countries from Europe will switch to Official Winter Time. Thus, 04:00 AM will become 03:00 AM and will be valid until 26 March 2006 when the Official Summer Time will be again used.

Following Romanian Government's Decision nb. 20 from 1997, Romania adopts Winter Time and

Summer Time in the same day with the states of European Union and other countries part of this deal. Official Winter Time is adopted in the last Sunday of October and the Summer Time in last Sunday of March.

Usually, the official time of a country is Winter Time. Summer Time is a legal time adopted by some countries or territories during a part of a year. Summer Time is usually one hour in front of Standard Official Time.

This system is used for daylight-saving. During summer months, the time is moved forward in order to use as much natural sunlight for human activities, as well as to save electric energy used for lighting.

In Romania, Summer Time was first introduced in 1932. Until 1939 this worked yearly from the first Sunday of April (in 1932: 22 May) 00:00 AM and the first Sunday of October 01:00 AM (local time). From 1 April 1940 00:00 AM and 2 November 1942 03:00 AM, Summer Time was permanent in Romania. From 1943 the Summer Time was suspended and Romania used just Official Time (Winter Time).

Summer Time was reintroduced from 1979 and guided by two rules until the alignment to European Standards:
 1979–1983: first Sunday of April 00:00 AM – last Sunday of September 01:00 (exception: 1979, Summer Time was started in 27 May);
 1984–1996: last Sunday of March 00:00 – last Sunday of September 01:00.

Today in History

1470 - Richard Neville, the Earl of

Warwick, restored Henry VI to the British throne during the Wars of the Roses.

1831 - African American slave Nat Turner was captured after leading a brutally suppressed slave rebellion.

1905 - Russian Revolution: Tsar Nicholas II reluctantly signed the "October Manifesto", establishing the State Duma as the elected legislature in Imperial Russia.

1938 - The radio drama The War of the Worlds frightened many listeners in the United States into believing that an actual Martian invasion was in progress.

1961 - The Soviet hydrogen bomb Tsar Bomba (pictured) was detonated over Novaya Zemlya Island in the Arctic Sea as a test; it was the largest nuclear weapon ever detonated.

October 30 is

Quote of the Day

"There is danger from all men. The only maxim of a free government ought to be to trust no man living with power to endanger the public liberty." ~ John Adams

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