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Hundreds of Monks arrested after protests

Military government crackdown

Movie 'The Assassination of Jesse James' leaked on the internet

Movieforums.com, a website that allows users to display links to movies you "can watch for free online" has leaked The Assassination of Jesse James an upcoming movie to be released in theaters on October 10.



Wikipedia Current Events

Shortly after his scheduled arrival at Yangon, it was reported that Ibrahim Gambari, the UN Secretary-General's special adviser on Burma, had arrived in Naypyidaw to talk with the junta leaders.

- There are reports that Htoo trading company, owned by junta loyalist business tycoon Tay Za, has shut-down its operations after giving two months salaries to its staff.

- Iran declares the US Army and CIA, "terrorist organisations", countering claims by America about their own armed forces.

2007/08 Bundesliga: Bayer Leverkusen vs. Bayern Munich Bayer Leverkusen 0–1 Bayern Munich

Bayern Munich beat Bayer Leverkusen to remain at the top of the German league table with a goal from Italy striker Luca Toni. Michael Rensing was a last minute replacement Oliver Kahn due to the injury Kahn picked up during the warm-up.

The 1st half saw a series of chances for both side which saw the eventual game winner from Bayern strker Luca Toni. The 2nd half saw fewer scoring chances as Bayern completed the victory.

Ottmar Hitzfeld: "Leverkusen started very well, imposed a high pace on the game and showed some excellent moves. We had a

few problems organising ourselves defensively. We changed the formation and let Miro Klose play a little more detached from the midfield. In the last 15 minutes of the first half we began to control the game. In the second half we were closer to a second goal, although in the closing stages the pressure was intense again. It was a hard-fought victory – we weren't as strong as we had been recently and we didn't play as well on the counter-attack. This has been our hardest test so far."

Miroslav Klose: "We had a hard job of it today. Leverkusen played well and put us under a lot of pressure. I think we had some real problems in the first half."

Rudi Völler: "We saw a splendid game from both team, and we played extremely well in the first 25 minutes. We had a few scoring chances and put Bayern under a bit of pressure. But against a team as good as Bayern you have to take advantage of this kind of domination by scoring if you want to have a chance over 90 minutes. Still, I wouldn't say this is a setback for us."

Michael Skibbe: "Bayern deserved the win because of their calmness. However, I am very satisfied with the performance of my team, they played really well."

2007 Rugby World Cup: Scotland and Fiji qualify for quarter finals

In the 2007 Rugby World Cup, Fiji and Scotland secured qualification

Featured story

Bat for Lashes plays the Bowery Ballroom: an Interview with Natasha Khan



Musician Natasha Khan spoke recently with Wikinews about art, transvestism

and drug use in the music business.

to the knockout stage of the tournament with victories over Wales and Italy respectively. Elsewhere New Zealand defeated Romania and Australia defeated Canada. Both New Zealand and Australia had already qualified for the following round.

In Pool B, Fiji defeated Wales 38-34 in a dramatic encounter. Stephen Jones opened the scoring for Wales with a penalty, but Fiji raced to a 25-3 lead with tries from Akapusi Qera, Vilimoni Delasau and Kele Leawere and two penalties from Nicky Little. Wales fought back and took the lead after 51 minutes after Alix Popham, Shane Williams, Gareth Thomas and Mark Jones each scored.

Nicky Little regained the lead for Fiji with two penalties, but Wales appeared to be heading to victory when Martyn Williams scored with seven minutes remaining. However Graham Dewes scored late on to snatch an extraordinary victory for Fiji to finish second in Pool B. Wales are knocked out of the tournament, but qualify automatically for the 2011 World Cup by finishing third in Pool B.

Australia, the winners of Pool B, beat Canada 37-6. An early penalty from Julian Huxley and tries from Al Baxter and Adam Freier gave Australia a 13-0 lead at half-time. James Pritchard scored two penalties for Canada, but George Smith, Drew Mitchell (2) Chris Latham all scored tries to complete Australia's victory.

Fiji face South Africa in the quarter finals while Australia will play defending champions England in a repeat of the 2003 final.

Scotland defeated Italy 18-16 to secure their place in the quarter finals. Chris Paterson scored all of

Scotland's points by kicking six penalties. Italy were leading twenty minutes into the match after Alessandro Troncon scored a try and David Bortolussi added a penalty. Chris Paterson ensured Scotland's passage into the next round by kicking six penalties out of six. David Bortolussi closed the gap to two points with two penalties, but Scotland held on to finish second in Pool C. Italy finish third and qualify for the next World Cup despite being eliminated from the tournament.

Pool C winners New Zealand scored thirteen tries as they comfortably defeated Romania 85-8. Marius Tincu scored Romania's only try of the match, while Florin Vlaicu added a penalty. Joe Rokocoko scored a hat-trick of tries for the All Blacks, and Sitiveni Sivivatu and Isaia Toeava scored two each.

Survey: Denmark, Finland are world's least and Myanmar, Somalia are world's most corrupt countries

An annual survey by Transparency International (TI) of Berlin, Germany has shown Denmark and Finland to be the world's least corrupt countries, while the most corrupt are Myanmar and Somalia.

The annual Corruption Perceptions Index listed 180 different countries. The findings were presented by TI chairman Hansjoerg Elshorst, who pointed out that the survey represented the "general perception of corruption and the fight against corruption". He also commented on the fact that five of the ten highest-ranking nations were nordic - Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Iceland and Norway all ranked highly. He said the main reason they did so well was that they all had highly transparent

administrative systems. In addition to two Nordic countries, New Zealand was also ranked joint first. All three received ratings of 9.4 out of ten. Myanmar and Somalia both received 1.4 ratings.

Meanwhile, Croatia, Macedonia and the Czech Republic all were commended for marked improvements in their anti-corruption efforts. Some other selected results are Singapore at joint fourth with Sweden, the United Kingdom in 12th place, Germany in 16th place, France at 19th, the United States at 20, China at 72nd and Russia at 143rd. The difference between Finland and Russia, which is rated at 2.4, is so abrupt that it is thought that the Finland-Russia border is the most sudden change of corruption levels in the world, worse than the infamous US-Mexico border.

Elshorst went on to demand higher levels of international efforts to combat corruption and for Germany's ratification of the UN Convention against Corruption.

American Airlines MD-80 engine fire prompts emergency landing

An American Airlines McDonnell Douglas MD-80 carrying 142 people was forced to return to Lambert-St. Louis International Airport after an engine caught fire shortly after takeoff. Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) personnel doused down the number one engine upon landing with foam.

American Airlines Flight 140 had departed the airport at 1:03 p.m. on a scheduled domestic passenger flight to Chicago, but had developed the fire, coming back to land at 1:40 p.m. The aircraft was stopped on the

runway, where it was met by ARFF crews, who extinguished the fire. None of the 137 passengers, three cabin crew and two pilots were injured, and they subsequently walked to the terminal.

American Airlines have stated that their maintenance department will investigate the accident in an attempt to determine what sparked the fire. Federal inspectors from the National Transportation Safety Board will also investigate the accident, with at least two investigators dispatched, including a specialist in jet engines.

Support strong to bring back 1980 Soviet mascot for the 2014 Olympics

For the first time after the fall of the iron curtain Russia will host the Olympic Games – in 2014 the Winter Olympics will take place in Sochi, a Black sea resort town. The games are considered a matter of national prestige and generate more media attention than the recent changes in Russian government (Russia's Putin recently installed the new prime-minister, who, incidentally, also became the chair of the Russian Olympic committee.)

As Russia takes enormous efforts to prepare for the Olympics and build a modern sport infrastructure from scratch, the Russian public is more concerned with the mascot for the upcoming games. When Moscow hosted the Summer Olympics in the 1980, the mascot for the Moscow Games was Misha the Bear, developed by children's book illustrator Victor Chizhikov. Misha instantly became a graphic-design hit, especially in the Soviet bloc. Olympic posters were snatched up and t-shirts were fought over. And as Sochi is set to become the new Olympic city, Russians are keen to see the old

bear return.

There is a long way to the Sochi Olympics, but the Bear is already coming back from retirement. Russia! magazine, an English-language publication distributed in the US and the UK, has commissioned the most prominent designers and artists to do their own renditions of the famed mascot. "The Olympic Bear turns any Russian between the ages of 25 and 50 to quivering jelly. Our artistic compatriots were happy to whip the old bear into shape for 21st century use" – says Ilya Merenzon, the magazine's publisher. "And the readers' response was overwhelming. As soon as the new issue arrived at the stores, we constantly get emails requesting the Bear t-shirts. The animal is regaining his popularity". – adds Merenzon.

It has not been decided, however, on the Sochi Games mascot. Another option is Cheburashka, a famous Russian cartoon character with big ears and humble smile. Cheburashka was the mascot for the Russian Olympic team in Turin and is one of the best-selling children's toys in former USSR countries and, surprisingly, Japan, where it is known as "Chebu".

31 killed in bus bomb in Afghanistan

A suicide bomber blew himself up on a bus carrying more than 50 people in Kabul, Afghanistan killing at least 31 and critically injuring 17 of the people on board. 28 were Afghan soldiers, and so far at least two civilians have been killed.

"At this time I can tell you that 31, almost all of them military personnel, have been martyred," said Afghanistan's Public Health Minister, Sayed Mohammad Amin Fatemi.

Reports say that the suicide bomber, who was dressed in a military uniform, walked onto the bus and blew himself up, tearing it into two pieces. Several businesses were also damaged in the attack and military personnel were retrieving body parts from trees.

Zabiullah Mujahid of the Taliban, says they are responsible for the blast and even stated that the bomber was 'Azizullah', a Kabul resident.

Geelong wins AFL Grand Final against Port Adelaide

The Geelong Cats won the AFL Grand Final against Port Adelaide Power, by 119 points, in their first premiership since 1963. The final score was 163-44, the biggest win in AFL grand final history. The Geelong City Hall will be hosting a victory parade on Wednesday.

Q1: Geelong 5.7 (57) to Port Adelaide 2.2 (14)
 Q2: Geelong 11.13 (79) to Port Adelaide 4.3 (27)
 Q3: Geelong 18.17 (125) to Port Adelaide 5.5 (35)
 Q4: Geelong 24.19 (163) to Port Adelaide 6.8 (44)

2007 Rugby World Cup: England 36 - 20 Tonga

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In Pool A of the 2007 Rugby World Cup, defending champions England secured qualification for the quarter final stage of the tournament with a 36-20 victory over Tonga at Parc des Princes, Paris, France.

Pierre Hola scored a penalty to give Tonga an early 3-0 lead, but Jonny Wilkinson equalised soon afterwards. Sukanaivalu Hufanga restored Tonga's lead with a 17th minute try. At the interval England led 19-10 after Paul Sackey scored

two tries and Jonny Wilkinson added another penalty and a drop goal.

Tries from Mathew Tait and Andy Farrell and another Johnny Wilkinson drop goal completed a comfortable win for England, while Hale T Pole scored a late consolation try for Tonga.

England finish second in the pool with fourteen points, behind South Africa who top the group with one game left to play. Tonga are eliminated from the tournament but qualify automatically for the 2011 World Cup by finishing third in the group. England will play Australia in the quarter finals in a repeat of the 2003 final.

Today in History

1399 – The Duke of Lancaster deposed Richard II to become Henry IV of England, merging the Duchy of Lancaster with the crown.

1791 – The Magic Flute, the last opera composed by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, premiered at Theater an der Wien in Vienna, Austria.

1939 – World War II: General Władysław Sikorski became Prime Minister of the Polish government-in-exile.

1966 – Seretse Khama became the first President of Botswana when the Bechuanaland Protectorate gained independence from the United Kingdom.

1980 – Xerox, Intel and Digital Equipment Corporation published the first Ethernet specifications, currently the most widespread wired local area network (LAN) technology.

September 30 is 800th Anniversary of the Birth of Jalal ad-Din Muhammad Rumi (b. 1207); Independence Day in Botswana (1966).

Quote of the Day

Honesty is the best policy, I will stick to that. The good shall have my hand and heart, but the bad neither foot nor fellowship. And in my mind, the main point of governing, is to make a good beginning. ~ Miguel de Cervantes

Word of the Day

procrustean; adj

1. Producing or designed to produce strict conformity by ruthless or arbitrary means; marked by arbitrary often ruthless disregard of individual differences or special circumstances.

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