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The French Parliament passed a law extending the state of emergency

decreed on November 8 by president Jacques Chirac for a duration of 3 months, the executive being authorized to terminate this period earlier if necessary.

**Featured story**

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**Wikipedia Current Events**

- Tropical Storm Gamma forms from a regeneration of Tropical Depression 27, becoming the 24th named storm of the 2005 Atlantic hurricane season.
- Suicide bombers kill 74 worshippers at two mosques in eastern Iraq while in Baghdad two car bombs destroy the blast wall protecting a hotel housing foreign journalists and kill eight Iraqis.

**U.S. government proposes removing Yellowstone grizzlies from endangered species list**

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service has announced that "The greater Yellowstone area population of grizzly bears ... is now recovered". They propose removing this population from the list of threatened and endangered species.

More than 600 grizzly bears now live in the greater Yellowstone area. This area, which includes Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park, and several national forests covers 18 million acres. Grizzlies occupy 68% of the suitable habitat within the area. They have been spotted over 60 miles from what was once thought to be the outer limits of their range. The bears' range and distribution has been increasing annually and is now 48% larger than when they were listed.

When Lewis and Clark crossed North America in 1804 there were more than 50,000 grizzlies in the

west. By the 1970's there were less than 1,000 and they only covered 2% of their historic range. In 1975, when the Grizzly Bear was listed as threatened, biologists estimated the Yellowstone ecosystem had between 220 and 320 bears. Since then, various government agencies and private organizations worked on a conservation plan that involved education, conflict reduction, and monitoring programs.

Four other populations of Grizzly Bear in the lower 48 states will remain on the list.

**British policewoman shot dead**

Two policewomen were shot in Bradford city centre today — one fatally. The surviving officer has been hospitalized in Bradford Royal Infirmary. The officer who died is believed to have only joined the police force within the past two years. The officers have not yet been named.

The officers are believed to have been responding to an alarm call from a personal attack alarm at "Universal Express Travel Agents" 116 - 120 Morley Street at around 3:25 GMT.

The murder took place on Morley Street, which is in the University and College part of City, at the crossroads with Great Horton Lane are the main student entertainments and night clubs. The Alhambra theatre is at the bottom half of the street. The area is heavily covered by CCTV, which may help the investigation.

Home secretary Charles Clarke said, "While incidents of this sort are mercifully rare, they serve to remind us of the risks and dangers police officers face every day in their work to uphold the law and protect the public."

The (3) gunmen are still at large and there is a large police presence in the city centre trying to track them down. Most of the surrounding area has been closed off.

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52 people were killed and 65 wounded when two suicide bombers detonated themselves in Shi'ite mosques in the eastern Iraqi town of Khanaqin, inhabited mostly by Shi'ites and Kurds. The bombers entered the mosques during Friday prayers and blew themselves up completely destroying the buildings. The attack was the latest in a series of bombings by Sunni Muslim insurgents at Shi'ite mosques.



*A U.S. Army medic tends to some minor injuries after the*

*two truck bomb explosions. Iraqi ambulances evacuated those seriously injured in the attack to local hospitals. Photo by Maj. Alayne Conway*

Earlier on the same day two suicide truck bombs destroyed an apartment block in Baghdad, killing at least eight people and injuring at least 43. The blast was near an interior ministry prison bunker where a torture scandal involving numerous Sunni Arab prisoners has been taking place. US military and security experts said, however, that the target of the attack was not the bunker but a prominent hotel used by foreign journalists.

US Colonel Ed Cardon said the Baghdad bombing did not go according to plan. He told reporters that the first truck was to pave way for the second truck, but instead both trucks exploded in the same place. Cardon's view was supported by deputy interior minister Hussein Kamal, who said initial reports indicate that the Hamra hotel was the actual target.

### Today in History

- 1493 - Christopher Columbus became the first European to land on Puerto Rico, an island he named San Juan Bautista.
- 1794 - The United States and the Kingdom of Great Britain concluded the Jay Treaty.
- 1863 - U.S. President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address.
- 1942 - Soviet forces under General Georgy Zhukov (pictured) launched the Operation Uranus envelopment at the Battle of Stalingrad, turning the tide of the battle in the Soviet Union's favor.
- 1977 - Egyptian President Anwar Sadat became the first Arab leader to officially visit Israel; he met with Prime Minister Menachem Begin and spoke before the Knesset.
- November 20 is Liberation Day (Mali)

### Quote of the Day

"It seems to me that any sensible person must see that violence does not change the world and if it does, then only temporarily." ~ Martin Scorsese

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