



**Top Stories**

**Greece still burning**



→Death toll at 62 as firefighters work to gain control

→Two people arrested

**Six more arrests made in search for killer of Rhys Jones**

Six teenagers have been arrested for questioning in relation to the murder of Rhys Jones in the Croxteth area of Liverpool on Wednesday evening. It brings the total number of arrests to nine.

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**72 hour Australia wide ban on horse movements**

A 72 hour travel ban has been



implemented after 16 horses were confirmed as having Equine Influenza.

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- 2007 Midwest flooding: Tornadoes hit parts of central and southeast Ohio as hundreds of thousands of people in the Midwest are without power.
- A series of explosions in Mogadishu, Somalia kills three

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people.

•The Islamist militant group Fatah al-Islam seeks to extract its wounded from the Nahr al-Bared Palestinian refugee camp.

•An Antonov plane carrying tin ore crashes in Kongolo in the Katanga province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

•Iraqi Shia, Sunni and Kurdish leaders sign a reconciliation deal.

•The equine influenza outbreak spreads in Australia threatening the Spring Carnival including the Melbourne Cup.

•Bird flu breaks out at a German farm.

•Ludwig Scotty's government wins a landslide victory in the Nauruan parliamentary election, 2007 with RenÉ Harris as the only member of the Opposition to win a seat.

•25 August 2007 Hyderabad bombings

•Seven more unexploded bombs are found in Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India a day after the bombings.

•The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy blames Pakistan and Bangladeshi terrorists for the bombings.

•Twelve Taliban fighters die in fighting on the Pakistan-Afghanistan border.

•A bridge is opened linking Tajikistan and Afghanistan.

•European Union countries send

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firefighters and equipment to help fight hundreds of fires which have so far killed at least 56 people.

•The fires threaten Olympia, the site of the Ancient Olympic Games

**130M-year-old fossil crocodile skull unearthed on coast of Dorset, UK**

The fossilised skull of a Cretaceous crocodile has been unearthed from the coast of Dorset, United Kingdom.

The 58cm skull, which belongs to an animal called a goniopholis, was discovered by Richard Edmonds, earth science manager for the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site team. "It's only the second crocodile skull to be found in the area in the last 30 years. It was obviously a real piece of luck to find something like that. The crocodile skull really is the find of a lifetime." he said. Describing how he located the skull, he said "A part of my job is to monitor the condition of the rocks and fossils along the World Heritage Site but you don't expect to find something this spectacular without spending a lot more time on the coast. The back of the skull was lying in the rubble on the beach and the rest was trapped in the cliff fall."

The skull was discovered in April, but because the site is a Site of Special Scientific Interest it took two weeks to receive permission to dig it out, which had to be

obtained from Natural England and the landowner. It was located after a small section was exposed by a cliff fall.

The skull is now on display in the Swanage Museum and Heritage Centre where it is to remain until September, at which point it will be examined by experts from the Bristol University and the Natural History Museum. If these experts deem the skull to be of scientific significance it will be donated to a registered museum.

### **Investigators discover hole in fuel tank of burnt-out China Airlines jet**

Investigators have discovered a hole in the fuel tank of the China Airlines jet that caught fire and exploded on August 20 on the island of Okinawa, Japan.

Investigators from Japan, Taiwan and the United States have all been examining the wreckage of China Airlines Flight 120 since the accident. Now, Japanese investigators say that they have found that a structural bolt had pierced the fuel tank of the Boeing 737-800 series aircraft.

"We spotted a hole in a fuel tank," said a brief statement by the transport ministry's investigative division. "We suspect that oil leaked from this hole and spilled from the right wing to the outside."

It is understood that, prior to the discovery of the hole, the investigation had been focusing on the tubing connecting the fuel tank to the engine, rather than the tank itself.

Taiwan-based China Airlines's only comment was to repeat earlier comments that the plane had been inspected last month, at which

point the airline had been unable to find any problem with it. However, prior to this news, the chief executive flew to Okinawa to console worried tourists, while chairman Philip Wei offered to resign "...in a bid to shoulder his responsibility," according to an airline official. The airline is also offering compensation to passengers on the flight.

Boeing refused to comment on the incident, citing the fact that the investigation remains open. However, the Jiji Press has reported that Boeing had warned airlines in 2006 about the possibility of bolts piercing the fuel tanks, after a number of incidents in which tank piercing was found to have occurred.

### **Building collapse in Barbados traps family**

According to current reports, sometime early this morning, an apartment building in Brittons Hill, Barbados fell into a cave below.

Five family members are known to be trapped in the collapse, although reports have not been made as to whether these are the only individuals involved. Rescue workers, as well as several prominent politicians are currently on the scene; two cranes have been deployed to remove debris. Evacuation has occurred, with an extension of this area being discussed.

### **13 dead as cargo plane crashes in Congo**

An Antonov cargo plane has crashed in Congo, killing thirteen people on board.

The plane had just taken off from Kongolo, Katanga with a cargo of tin ore when the aircraft developed engine problems, causing the Russian pilot to attempt to return

for an emergency landing. However, the plane instead crashed short of the runway, busting into flames.

Although thirteen have been confirmed dead, the bodies two of whom have not been recovered, two people were rescued from the aircraft before it caught fire. The pair, one a young child and the other a man in his twenties, are being treated in a local hospital.

The plane had been destined for Goma, Kivu Province's capital city, carrying a cargo of around nine tonnes of cassiterite (tin oxide) and other minerals. Goma is one of Congo's main mineral transportation centres.

Air travel has a poor safety record in Africa. According to the Aviation Safety Network, last year Africa accounted for just 3% of all airliner flights, but also accounted for 18.5% of all fatal accidents in the commercial aviation sector. Mining flights in particular have caused safety concerns, with officials banning flights into Goma from Walikale, also in Kivu, in June. Prior to the ban, aircraft had been using a stretch of road as a temporary runway while a purpose-built one was being constructed.

### **Health Canada issues further warning on toothpaste from India**

The Canadian government, through Health Canada, has issued an additional warning to Canadians not to use Neem Active Toothpaste with Calcium, as testing revealed the presence of high levels of harmful bacteria. The same brand of toothpaste was subject to a recall July 26, 2007 when it was found to contain unacceptable levels of diethylene glycol (DEG).

Health Canada has advised Canadians to discontinue use of the toothpaste, which is manufactured by Calcutta Chemical Co. Ltd. in India, and keep it out of the reach of children. The toothpaste is not approved for sale in Canada, but has been found in stores across the country.

Although the species of bacteria found was not revealed by Health Canada, they described possible adverse effects such as "fever, urinary tract infection, and gastrointestinal symptoms such as vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal pain." A specific warning focused on particularly vulnerable groups; infants, children and hospitalised patients with compromised immune systems.

This current warning from Health Canada follows a similar recall of toothpaste from China, including some counterfeit Colgate brands, which were found to contain DEG and high levels of harmful bacteria.

To obtain more information on the most recent warning, consumers are advised to call Health Canada's public enquiries line at 1-866-225-0709.

### **2007 FIFA U-17 World Cup: Germany tops Group F**

Germany takes 1st place in Group F at 2007 FIFA U-17 World Cup with a 5-0 victory over Trinidad and Tobago.

The Germans took the lead in the 5th minute. Fabian Broghammer got into the left side of the penalty area before taking a low shot into the back of the net. Substitute Alexander Esswein scored making it 2-0 with a header from a corner kick from Henning Sauerbier. Esswein scored again making it 3-

0 in the 37th minute with a pass from Broghammer. Germany Captain Patrick Funk scored Germany's 4th goal at 39th minute from a left-wing cross from Sascha Bigalke. Wolze sealed the victory by scoring directly from a free kick 3 minutes into stoppage time.

Germany now faces the Americans in the last 16 on August 30.

### **South African cricket team in Zimbabwe 2007 - 3rd ODI**

South Africa have recorded a 3-0 series whitewash over Zimbabwe with victory in the final One-Day International of the series at Harare Sports Club, Harare, Zimbabwe.

Having chosen to bat first, South Africa lost both opening batsmen relatively early. Albie Morkel and Abraham de Villiers shared a massive partnership of 186 runs, with Morkel falling just short of a century when he was caught behind at 97 and de Villiers scoring 107 in 89 balls. Other South African batsmen were dismissed cheaply, with Zimbabwean bowler Gary Brent taking three wickets, but South Africa reached 323-9 after fifty overs.

The Zimbabwean opening batsmen, Vusi Sibanda and Hamilton Masakadza, scored 41 and 48 runs respectively in a bright start for Zimbabwe. Brendan Taylor added 43 runs, and shared a partnership of 109 with Tatenda Taibu. Taibu went on to score his first ever one-day century, finishing on 107 not out. However it was not enough to boost Zimbabwe's run chase and they finished on 295-7, 28 runs short of South Africa's total.

### **Stabilized forest fires in Greece intensify again; 2 arrested**

The huge forest fires that blazed

across southern Greece on Friday and Saturday were stabilized for a few hours today. Fire Brigade Officer Nikos Tsogas said, "It's not getting worse...we have to act fast because the winds might pick up." However, the winds have reportedly intensified. Fire department spokesman Nikos Diamandis said, "Unfortunately the improvement that we were looking for is not there...Our target is for the fire not to enter Ancient Olympia, not to destroy antiquities." Fire is surrounding villages just a few miles away from Ancient Olympia.

Several new fires also broke out today in Fthiotida in central Greece.

The worst fires continue to burn in the southern mountains of Peloponnese, where some blazes involve 42 major fronts.

The fires killed at least 62 people. Some reports indicate that an unspecified number are also missing.

Meanwhile, Greek authorities announced that they have made two arrests in the case. The first, a 65-year-old man, was reportedly seen torching trees across southern Peloponnese. The second person arrested and charged was a 77-year-old woman who reportedly was seen starting a fire while cooking outside in Zaharo. Also, the Associated Press reports seven other people have been detained.

Officer Tsogas also said authorities are investigating reports of a cell phone attached to an explosive gas canister found after a smaller fire in mountain Ymittos in Athens. Greek private TV station "mega channel" has reported that more than one fire-starting mechanisms connected to cell phones have

been found by volunteering citizens that are trying to help the authorities, while the government announced rewards ranging from 100,000 euros to one million euros for information on arsonists involved in this week's barrage of wildfire ravaging much of southern Greece.

Greek government has declared a state of emergency.

At least 12 European countries were sending aid and resources.

### **Felipe Massa wins 2007 Turkish Grand Prix**

Felipe Massa wins the 2007 FIA Formula-1 Petrol Ofisi Turkish Grand Prix at the Istanbul Racing Circuit, Istanbul, Turkey.

The two red Ferrari cars of Massa and Kimi Räikkönen, starting from the clear side of the track, grabbed the lead and maintained the constant distance to each other throughout the race.

McLaren Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton starting 2nd lost his position to Kimi and stayed on his rear wing for all time until his right front tyre broke out and he lost a couple of positions while heading to the pits.

This incident allowed his teammate Fernando Alonso to take third place on the podium to which Lewis was heading. Fernando himself lost his start completely allowed both BMW Sauber's to gain one point. Still, he pushed hard on Robert Kubica and Nick Heidfeld and, as he mentioned himself on the post-race press conference, the race started for him after the first pit-stop, when he overtook both BMW's.

Heidfeld got 4th place. Heikki Kovalainen won the 6th place for

Renault, finished ahead of Nico Rosberg from Williams-Toyota. Kubica closed the top eight.

Current leader of the Drivers's championship remains Lewis Hamilton with 84 points, closely pursued by the defending world champion Fernando Alonso with a 5 points gap. Kimi Räikkönen and Felipe Massa in a distance of 10 and 11 points to Alonso. The situation in the Constructors' championship strengthen itself with McLaren got 148, only 11 points ahead of Ferrari.

### **Truck crashes into British Columbia wedding party, killing six**

A pickup truck crashed into a traditional Indian wedding procession in Abbotsford, British Columbia on Friday. Six people are dead and at least 17 more were injured.

The crash occurred on Lefevre Road near King Road where the pedestrians were heading towards the bride's house. Reports indicate the truck driver was traveling northbound when he and his vehicle came up behind the group and collided with many of them.

Police have not yet decided whether to lay charges as they continue their investigation. Police interviewed the 71-year-old driver, who was uninjured.

### **Today in History**

1776 – British forces led by William Howe defeated the Continental Army under George Washington at the Battle of Long Island in Brooklyn, New York, the largest battle of the American Revolutionary War.

1883 – Four enormous explosions from the volcanic eruption of Krakatoa generated disastrous tsunamis that destroyed many

settlements on Java and Sumatra in Indonesia.

1896 – The Anglo-Zanzibar War set the record for the shortest war in recorded history when Zanzibar surrendered less than an hour after the conflict broke out with British forces destroying the Beit al Hukum palace.

1928 – Over sixty nations signed the Kellogg-Briand Pact, renouncing war as an instrument of foreign policy.

1939 – Flown by German test pilot Erich Warsitz, experimental jetplane Heinkel He 178 became the world's first aircraft to fly under turbojet power.

### **Quote of the Day**

The most futile thing in this world is any attempt, perhaps, at exact definition of character. All individuals are a bundle of contradictions — none more so than the most capable. ~ Theodore Dreiser

### **Word of the Day**

obdurate; adj

1. Stubbornly persistent, generally in wrongdoing; refusing to reform or repent.
2. (obsolete) Physically hardened, toughened.

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