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Cyclone Sidr kills hundreds in Bangladesh

Dutch Justice Department bans Wikipedia for employees following vandalism

The Justice Department in the Netherlands will temporarily suspend access to Wikipedia for employees, following recently revealed vandalism by staff members.



Wikipedia Current Events

The Dutch Justice Ministry has temporarily blocked all its 30,000 employees from using Wikipedia following a magazine report which found more than 800 entries had been edited from ministry computers.

- One dead in a bomb explosion on a railway track near Peshawar targeted at a passenger train.
- Hashim Thaci, a former rebel leader who has promised to declare Kosovo's independence if mediation efforts fail, declared victory for his party in the parliamentary election.
- An explosion in a coal mine in Zasyadko, Ukraine, kills at least 63 people and leaves many more trapped below ground.

Lula: Venezuela "does not lack democracy"

In statements to the press on November 14, the president of Brazil, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, defended the President of Venezuela, Hugo Chávez, and minimized the incident between him and the King of Spain, Juan Carlos I during the 17th Ibero-American Summit in Chile.

According to Brazil Agency, Lula said after meeting with the president of the Guiné-Bissau: "There is little difference in opinion between King Juan Carlos and Chavez. There are many other differences between heads of State. Divergence is part of a democratic meeting."

The Brazilian President stressed that "Venezuela is a democratic country" and compared it with the United Kingdom: "You can criticize Chavez for anything but lack of democracy in Venezuela. In Venezuela, there were three referendums, three elections, four plebiscites... Why did nobody lament when Margaret Thatcher remained in power for so many years? It's continuity, there is nothing different. Only the system is slightly different, the system of presidential regime to parlamentaristaan. But what matters is not the system, but the exercise of power. "

Athletes from 2009 Summer Deaflympics participate the Warming Up Challenge of 2007 Taipei 101 Run Up

Prior to 2007 Taipei 101 Run Up, organizers held a 35-floors warming up match for local athletes from 2009 Summer Deaflympics with the theme of "Value Your Every Step". This warming up simulated every possible situation as athletes wore the RFID chip and some professional medical teams stood by for emergency.

"Taipei City and 2009 Summer Deaflympics (in the future) will be known with a conjunction from this game (Taipei 101 Run Up) and the promotion of 2009 Summer Deaflympics." Emile Sheng (Chief Executive Director of 2009 Summer Deaflympics) remarked before this match, "We (Taipei City Government, the organizer of 2009 Deaflympics) will provide the

Featured story

Murray Hill on the life and versatility of a New York drag king

Wikinews interviews New York City downtown legend Murray Hill, performer, comedian, former Mayoral candidate and drag king, about the differences between drag queens and kings, the future of downtown culture, and his life on the stage.



best service for athletes from participated nations to do an effective promotion of the deaf culture in Taiwan."

"The deaf culture in Taiwan was rarely respected by common people. After Taipei City was elected to be the organizer of the 2009 Deaflympics, and a success of '2007 World Deaf Swimming Championship', this (deaf) culture is now progressively respected around the world. I hope this game can be a great platform to make this known by more and more people with deaf athletes' participation." Sue Wang (Spokeswoman of 2007 Taipei Run Up and Sign Language Anchor of Public Television Service) remarked.

Hsiao-hua Tseng and Lan-feng Chen, men's and women's fastest athlete in this (warming up) match, finished separately with 6 min 9 secs and 6 min 45 secs. After this match, the host (Taipei 101) awarded certifications and announced that the main match will take place next Sunday (November 25) morning.

Euro 2008 Qualification: Poland vs. Belgium

The Polish national football team won 2:0 against Belgium in the Silesian Stadium in Chorzów. For first time in the history, the former have a safe passage to UEFA Euro 2008 (from Group A).

Both goals for the Polish side were by Smolarek.

Australia defeat Nigeria in international football (soccer) friendly

Australia has defeated Nigeria 1-0 in a football (soccer) international friendly yesterday (UTC). The match was played at Craven Cottage in England, home of

Fulham Football Club, for logistical reasons as a majority of the players are based in Europe.

The only goal of the match was scored by David Carney in the 52nd minute, playing in left midfield for the Socceroos. He scored the goal from around 30 metres out, curling the ball away from the Nigerian goalkeeper Dele Aiyenuga and into the left hand side of the net.

Carney currently plays for Sheffield United in the Football League Championship. He previously played for Sydney FC in the Australian A-League competition, but transferred to Sheffield United earlier this year.

Both teams had chances throughout the match, mainly in the first half. Nigerian goalkeeper Aiyenuga saved four shots on target in the first half, from Harry Kewell, Nick Carle, Brett Emerton and Scott McDonald.

Nigeria's best chance of the game was also in the first half. Ayo Makinwa's shot from ten metres out deflected off a defender, wrong-footing Australian goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer. However, Schwarzer managed to scramble and adjust his body positioning to parry the ball with one hand onto the crossbar and away from danger. Schwarzer also saved a shot on goal by Osaze Odemwingie, diving down to his left.

The match served as a warm-up for the Australian team before their campaign to qualify for the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa. This will be the first time the Australian national team has attempted to qualify for the World Cup through the Asian Football Confederation, having moved from

the Oceania Football Confederation at the start of 2006 after qualifying for the 2006 FIFA World Cup.

2007 Baseball World Cup Semi Final: Cuba meets USA 8 times

In the semi-final of 2007 Baseball World Cup, except for Cuba vs Japan, USA battled Netherlands this series after the host team (Chinese Taipei) was eliminated by Netherlands.

Cuba vs Japan

The starting pitcher Aroldis Chapman had a excellence performance in his 8-innings pitching. He had a great chance to become the winning pitcher with effective offenses in the top of 4th and 9th innings by his teammates. Even though Toshiyuki Hayashi was hit by a pitch from Champan in the bottom of 7th inning, and Pedro Luis Lazo almostly broke a save, Cuba luckily won Japan by Cuba's final closer Yuniesky Maya with 5-3.

Netherlands vs USA

In this key game, 2A and 3A Minor League players from USA player a great role. Colby Rasmus from 2A hit a lead-off homerun in the bottom of 1st inning. His teammates also made a effective offenses to score 4 RBIs by a full base chance in the bottom of 8th inning. Finally, USA won Netherlands with 5-0. And they will fight to Cuba 8th times in the Final of 2007 Baseball World Cup.

Other Results

5th Place Qualifications

- Australia 7-1 Mexico
- Chinese Taipei 0-3 South Korea

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Final Day Fixtures (November 18)

- Finals: USA vs Cuba
- 3rd-Place: Japan vs Netherlands
- 5th Place: South Korea vs Australia
- 7th Place: Mexico vs Chinese Taipei

2007 Baseball World Cup Quarter Final: A brand new semi-finalists except the host team

In the quarter-final of 2007 Baseball World Cup, because actual strengths of those finalists were merely close, the pitching became a key role to decide a team who entered or eliminated the semi-final.

Japan vs Australia

With the closing by Japanese pitchers Tadashi Settsu & Kohhei Hasebe, and great batting performance by Hisayoshi Chono with his solo HR in the top of 3rd inning and a 1-RBI-hit in the top of 7th inning, who ever hit a game-winning 3-run HR to beat South Korea at 2006 Asian Games, Japan closed Australia with 3-0 winning.

Mexico vs Cuba

It's a pitching game before the 4th inning. After the bottom of 5th inning, with Mexico's starting pitcher Hector Rodriguez was in a unsteady condition, Cuba scored 3 RBIs with a great full base chance. And Yoandry Urgelles hit a 2-run HR in the bottom of 8th inning to tie Cuba's winning with 6-0.

South Korea vs USA

Athletes from Minor League played

a key role and made good performances at this game. USA beat Korea with 3-1 by Jeff Karstens' great starting pitching and Andy LaRoche's 2-run HR at the bottom of 1st inning from Korea's starting pitcher Won-jun Chang, the losing pitcher at this game.

Netherlands vs Chinese Taipei
Media from Taiwan focused on this game because this fixture was also taken place past 6 years at the Quarter Final of 2001 Baseball World Cup. Even though the host team (Chinese Taipei) want to challenge the champion, but Netherlands has ambitions to revenge the lost in 2001.

After Vince Rooi hit a solo HR to tie the score with 2-2 at the top of the 9th inning, the Batting of Netherlands was encouraged and started in the 10th inning, with the relief pitcher Fu-de Ni was in unstable, Netherlands scored 4 RBIs. Finally, Netherlands successfully revenged to the host team with 6-2 winning.

Today in History

1493 – Christopher Columbus became the first European to land on Puerto Rico, an island he named San Juan Bautista after John the Baptist.

1816 – The University of Warsaw, currently the largest university in Poland, was established as The Royal University of Warsaw after

Warsaw was separated from Kraków, the oldest and most influential Polish academic centre.

1863 – American Civil War: U.S. President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address at the dedication of the Soldiers' National Cemetery in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. It is one of the most quoted speeches in United States history.

1942 – World War II: The

Australian light cruiser HMAS Sydney and the German auxiliary cruiser HSK Kormoran destroyed each other off the coast of Western Australia in the Indian Ocean.

1969 – Playing for Santos against Vasco da Gama at Estádio do Maracanã in Rio de Janeiro, Brazilian football player Pelé scored his 1000th goal on a penalty kick.

1999 – Shenzhou 1, China's first unmanned test flight of the Shenzhou spacecraft, was launched from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in Alxa League, Inner Mongolia.
November 19 is Liberation Day in Mal

Quote of the Day

Whatever the scientists may come up with, writers and artists will continue to portray altered mental states, simply because few aspects of our nature fascinate people so much. The so-called mad person will always represent a possible future for every member of the audience — who knows when such a malady may strike?

~ Margaret Atwood

Word of the Day

repudiate; v

1. To reject the truth or validity of something.
2. To refuse to have anything to do with; to disown.

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