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50,000 people refuse evacuation after flooding in India caused by river changing course

The Kosi River changed course one week ago to a path which it has not taken for over one hundred years. At that time 900,000 people were evacuated by rescue workers, although new data has revealed that 50,000 people have refused to leave their homes. These people were from the town of Saharsa.

US presidential candidate John McCain now leads slightly in the polls

United States presidential candidate John McCain now retains a lead over Barack Obama in several polls conducted in the past few days. Both Zogby International and Rasmussen Reports have McCain with a slight, but not statistically significant lead. The most recent Gallup tracking poll has McCain with a statistical lead of 5.0 percent. The Day to Day Politics Poll Average also has a slight, but not statistically significantly lead of 0.4% for McCain.

Kim Jong Il reported to have suffered 'serious' stroke

Unnamed officials from the United States and have stated that the leader of North Korea, Kim Jong Il may have suffered a "serious" stroke. Officials state that the rumors of his illness began to spread Tuesday after he failed to make an appearance at the

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nation's 60th anniversary lent credence, an annual military parade.

Alleged 'rights group' involved with removal of anti-Scientology videos from YouTube doesn't exist; says EFF

At least 4,000 anti-Scientology videos were removed from YouTube on September 4 and 5, via a single Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA). Filed by an alleged 'rights group' called the American Rights Counsel LLC, which Wikinews has confirmed, does not exist beyond the scope of those requests. In an exclusive interview with Wikinews the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) stated that any attempt to intentionally commit fraud by filing false DMCA requests, could lead to criminal charges.

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Ayman al-Zawahiri, number two leader of al Qaeda, questions Abu Ayyub al-Masri's ability to lead al Qaeda in Iraq, and accuses that organization's umbrella group, the Islamic State of Iraq of lying to the media about its activities.

- Prices for oil fall, and wholesale prices for gasoline rise sharply.
- Fresh violence in Bolivia stokes civil war fears.
- The President of Venezuela Hugo Chavez gives the United States ambassador 72 hours to leave Venezuela in part to show

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solidarity with the President of Bolivia Evo Morales who has also expelled the US ambassador.

- Morgan Tsvangirai, the leader of the Movement for Democratic Change, claims that a power sharing agreement has been reached with the President of Zimbabwe Robert Mugabe.
- Officials order the evacuation of Galveston Island in Texas before Hurricane Ike makes landfall later in the week.

Norwegian airline opens new domestic destinations from Moss Airport, Rygge

The airline company Norwegian Air Shuttle is opening four new domestic destinations from Moss Airport. The new destinations are Stavanger Airport, Trondheim Airport, Bodø Airport and Tromsø Airport.

Flying commences on 30 October. Tickets for the new destinations will be put up for sale today. The Tromsø flight has a stopover at Bodø, while the two other destinations have direct flights. There will be daily flights to Stavanger and Tromsø-Bodø, and two daily flights to Trondheim. The ticket price for the new destinations starts at 359 NOK (approx. 45 EUR) for Stavanger and Trondheim, and 499 NOK (approx. 62 EUR).

Norwegian also announced that their flights from Moss to Antalya, Valencia, Athens and Istanbul will

be closing for the winter season (previously they were all-year destinations).

Up until now the only domestic destination from Moss has been Bergen. Norwegian has had several foreign destinations though, including Gran Canaria, Barcelona, Berlin and Szczecin. There are also charter flights from other companies to Rhodes, Mallorca and Antalya.

Moss Airport, Rygge was previously a military airport, and is still owned by the Norwegian Armed Forces (Forsvaret). It opened for civil aviation in 2007.

Felipe Massa wins 2008 Belgian Grand Prix, Hamilton first to cross the finish line

Ferrari driver Felipe Massa won the FIA Formula One 2008 ING Belgian Grand Prix at Spa-Francorchamps Circuit, Spa, Belgium.

McLaren Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton lead the race from pole for a few laps before he spun backwards and allowed Kimi Räikkönen's Ferrari to pass him. Kimi maintain the lead throughout the race until the rain fell onto the track on the final laps. The series of errors was finalized by Räikkönen, who spun off the track. This led Hamilton to a chequered flag, but then, after the race, he was penalized by 25 seconds for the incident with Räikkönen. Hamilton moved to third in the final standings.

McLaren filed a formal complaint with the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) Court of Appeal on Tuesday.

"We hereby confirm we have lodged notice of appeal," McLaren's CEO Martin Whitmarsh, told the BBC.

Nick Heidfeld thus took second place for BMW Sauber ahead of Hamilton.

Fernando Alonso came in fourth for Renault while his teammate Nelson Piquet Jr. spun off into the wall on the fourteenth lap, ending his race.

Both Sebastians, Vettel and Bourdais, did well for Toro Rosso finishing fifth and seventh from the tenth and ninth places on the starting grid respectfully. They were split by Robert Kubica (BMW), who finished sixth.

Mark Webber closed out the top eight for Red Bull-Renault.

Ferrari now leads the Championship with 12 points ahead of McLaren. Still, Lewis Hamilton retains the lead for McLaren in the drivers standings with 76 points, 2 points ahead of Felipe Massa.

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President George W. Bush is reported to have authorized United States special forces to conduct operations against insurgents inside Pakistan without seeking approval from the Government of Pakistan.

- A new survey of residents of 17 countries by WorldPublicOpinion.org reveals that only 46 percent believe that Al-Qaeda was behind the 9/11 attacks of 2001.

- Two Russian Air Force Tu-160 bombers arrive in Venezuela to carry out training flights over a course of several days.

- A 6.6 magnitude earthquake hits near Ternate, Indonesia, followed by a 7.2 magnitude quake near

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Hokkaido, Japan.

- Forty people go missing in Bihar state in northern India after a boat capsizes in the Harohar River.

- A fire occurs in Channel Tunnel and the tunnel closed until further notice.

- The Pentagon Memorial in Washington, DC, dedicated to the 184 people who died in the attack on the building on September 11, 2001, is opened to the public.

Today in History

1683 – Great Turkish War: Polish troops led by John III Sobieski joined forces with a Habsburg army to defeat the Ottoman Empire at the Battle of Vienna.

1848 – Switzerland became a federal state with the adoption of a new constitution.

1940 – Four teenagers discovered the Lascaux caves near Montignac, in the Dordogne département of France, containing cave paintings that are estimated to be 16,000 years old.

1974 – Emperor Haile Selassie I of Ethiopia, considered to be the religious symbol for God incarnate among the Rastafari movement, was deposed in a coup d'état by the Derg, a military junta.

1992 – Abimael Guzmán, leader of the Peruvian Maoist guerrilla organization Shining Path, was captured in Lima.

September 12 is National Day in Cape Verde

Quote of the Day

If man had more of a sense of humor, things might have turned out differently. ~ Stanisław Lem

Word of the Day

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1. (economics and law) To

take into account the weight of the container.

2. (science) To set a zero value on an instrument.

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