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**'30,000 less troops in Iraq'**  
General Petraeus: 30,000 troops may be able to leave Iraq by next summer

### Second video of Osama bin Laden surfaces

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### Featured story

### New doubt over Shakespeare's authorship



A debate has been launched by almost 300 people of the Shakespeare Authorship Coalition, who seek further research into William Shakespeare and the many masterpieces attributed to him.

### Wikipedia Current Events

The World Health Organisation confirms that the Ebola virus has resurfaced in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

### Wikipedia Current Events

- Belgian police arrest two leaders of the Vlaams Belang party, Frank Vanhecke and Filip Dewinter, as well as dozens of party supporters during a banned march in Brussels against the "Islamisation of Europe".
- Russia claims to have tested the world's most powerful vacuum bomb with equivalent force to a nuclear weapon.
- Lawyers for former Prime Minister of Pakistan Nawaz Sharif file a petition in the Supreme Court of Pakistan against his deportation to Saudi Arabia.
- Roman Catholic archbishop and critic of Robert Mugabe Pius Ncube resigns as a result of a sex scandal set up by Zimbabwe's intelligence agency.

- Suicide bomber kills 18 in Dera Ismail Khan of Pakistan.
- Sri Lanka's military claims a major victory against Tamil Tiger rebels, saying it has sunk three vessels carrying war equipment.
- Turkish police foil a bomb attack in Ankara.
- OPEC meets to discuss proposals for a minor increase in oil output proposed by Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states. The meeting decided to increase output by 500,000 barrels a day.

- Police in the Philippines arrest seven militants suspected of plotting to bomb tourist and shopping locations in the southern Philippines.

### Wikipedia Current Events

- The European Union decides the United Kingdom can continue to use imperial measurements for the foreseeable future.
- At least 66 Israeli troops are wounded when a Qassam rocket from Gaza Strip hits an Israeli Defence Forces training base in Southern Israel.
- The Prime Minister of Canada Stephen Harper rules out sending further troops to Afghanistan.
- The United States commemorates the anniversary of the attacks with ceremonies in New York City and Washington DC.
- CNN reports that Osama bin Laden has released a video for the anniversary.

### 20-year-old captures abusive police officer on tape

A 20-year old male turned the tables on an abusive police officer in St. George, Missouri after he was pulled over inside a commuter parking lot by officer Sgt. James Kuehnlein of the St. George police department.

The St. Louis, Missouri man, Brett Darrow, 20, had installed a hidden camera inside his car, much like the way some police officers do, and caught the entire incident on tape. Darrow then posted the video on the internet on places like YouTube.com.

In the beginning of the nearly 13 minute video, the police officer

states that Darrow was being pulled over because his vehicle "seemed suspicious." Officer Kuehnlein claims that high crime rates in the lot caused Darrow to be pulled over.

Kuehnlein then asks Darrow to step out of the car and asks to see his ID. Darrow then asks what he did wrong and Kuehnlein then blows up on the boy saying "do you want to try me? Do you want to try me tonight? You think you had a bad night? I will ruin your fucking night. Try me young boy."

Kuehnlein then threatens to send Darrow to jail for "some fucking reason I come up with" and we'll "see who knows the law better. Don't ever get smart mouth with a cop again or I will show you what a cop does." Kuehnlein then begins to threaten Darrow with a list of false charges such as resisting arrest. He can also "come up with nine other things" for every one thing Darrow can come up with. Kuehnlein then tells Darrow that he was being ticketed for not using a turn signal to turn into the lot, but the video clearly proves the officer wrong.

During the entire incident, Darrow barely spoke a word as the officer threatened him saying "I just had a bad night."

Darrow is then allowed to go, but only after Kuehnlein notices the camera, and not before threatening Darrow some more saying "I don't really care about your cameras, 'cause I'm about ready to tow your car, then we can tear 'em all apart."

After the video was posted on the internet, people from all over started to call the police department and complain about the officers actions.

"I was very displeased when I saw the actions on the video. My officers are not trained and taught to act like that," said Scott Uhrig, chief of the St. George police who added "someone either violated the law or they didn't. You don't say, I'll lock you up and then come up with why afterward."

Darrow states that he did not take the video to the police chief because he thought the whole thing would be forgotten and "swept under the rug. I wanted everybody to see that this kind of stuff does happen."

Pending an investigation of the incident, Kuehnlein was suspended without pay.

### **2007 Rugby World Cup:**

#### **Argentina 33 - 3 Georgia**

In Pool D of the 2007 Rugby World Cup, Argentina defeated Georgia 33-3.

Merab Kvirikashvili opened the scoring for Georgia early on with a penalty in the second minute. Argentina struggled to break through the Georgian defence, with Felipe Contepomi scoring just two penalties in the first half taking Argentina to a 6-3 lead at half time.

Argentina took control of the match in the second half, with Lucas Borges scoring two tries and Patricio Albacete adding a try in the 72nd minute. Federico Martin Aramburu scored the final try with less than a minute left to play, earning Argentina a bonus point for scoring four tries in the match.

With nine points from two games, Argentina lead Pool D ahead of second placed Ireland, with five points from one game. France are third in the pool with just one

point, after defeat to Argentina in the opening match of the tournament.

### **Major League Baseball roundup**

Completed games

Game 1: Rangers 13, Tigers 6:

The Rangers hit seven homers en route to a 13-6 rout of the Tigers in the first game of a double-header. David Murphy hit a solo homer (2), an RBI triple (2), and a double. Marlon Byrd hit a two-run homer and a solo homer (8, 9), and Jarrod Saltalamacchia (7), Ramon Vazquez (8), Hank Blalock (8), and Freddy Guzman (1) each hit homers as well. Vicente Padilla (6-9) pitched six scoreless innings, allowing just three hits for the win. Chad Durbin (8-7) pitched 2 2/3 innings, allowing five runs (four earned) for the loss.

Games in progress

Game 2: Bot 5th: Tigers 4, Rangers 1

Top 6th: Angels 6, Orioles 4

Bot 4th: Devil Rays 8, Red Sox 4

Top 6th: Rockies 4, Phillies 0

Top 7th: Brewers 4, Pirates 0

Top 5th: Nationals 7, Marlins 6

Top 5th: Yankees 4, Blue Jays 2

Top 6th: Reds 7, Cardinals 2

Top 5th: Braves 9, Mets 3

Bot 2nd: Cubs 1, Astros 0

Top 3rd: Royals 2, Twins 1

Bot 2nd: Indians 1, White Sox 1

Later tonight

Athletics at Mariners, 10:05 ET.

Padres at Dodgers, 10:10 ET.

Diamondbacks at Giants, 10:15 ET.

### **Adam Air ticket sales revive after post-crash slump**

The passenger numbers for Indonesian budget airline Adam Air have increased dramatically, following a slump after the loss of Adam Air Flight 574 on New Year's Day.

Adam Air usually carries 450,000 -

600,000 passengers a month, but lost about 30 percent of those immediately following the crash.

Adam Air corporate communications head Danke Dradjat explained the situation during a telephone conversation with reporters from The Jakarta Post. "There was a slowdown in the month following the crash, but it was brief and we managed to get back our passengers over the following three months, with a gradual increase of ten percent per month... There wasn't any special campaign to get the passengers back. We only emphasized the fact that our aircraft were maintained and serviced by the same technicians as Garuda Indonesia," he said. Garuda is Indonesia's state-owned airline.

Adam Air currently operates services to as many as 150 destinations every day, including international services to Singapore and Malaysia. Danke, who defended Adam Air by pointing out that major airlines also suffer accidents, said he expects passenger numbers to continue increasing. "We're expecting up to a 30 percent increase in passengers in the seven days before and after the Idul Fitri festivities." According to Danke, Idul Fitri is one of three periods over which passenger numbers hit peak levels, the others being Christmas and New Year.

### **2007 Twenty20 World Championship: West Indies vs South Africa**

In the opening match of the inaugural 2007 Twenty20 World Championship, hosts South Africa defeated the West Indies by eight wickets at Wanderers Stadium, Johannesburg, South Africa.

West Indian batsman Chris Gayle

scored the first ever century in a Twenty20 international, hitting 117 runs off 57 balls. Gayle and Devon Smith shared an opening partnership of 145 runs, which ended when Smith was caught behind for 35 runs in the fourteenth over off the bowling of Vernon Philander. Soon afterwards Marlon Samuels, having scored just six runs, was caught by Abraham de Villiers. Chris Gayle fell in the seventeenth over, caught behind off Johan van der Wath. West Indies finished their 20 overs on 205-6, with Shiv Chanderpaul and Ramnaresh Sarwan falling cheaply late on.

South African captain Graeme Smith picked up a hand injury facing the first ball of the innings, but managed to score 28 runs before being caught by Chris Gayle in the sixth over, leaving the hosts on 88-2. Three overs later Abraham de Villiers was caught behind for sixteen runs. The West Indies made errors in the field, dropping catches and bowling 23 wides. Justin Kemp scored 46 runs off 22 balls and Herschelle Gibbs, despite needing a runner, scored 90 not out to win the match for South Africa with fourteen balls remaining.

Toss: South Africa won, and chose to field first.

### **SEMI predicts Taiwan will become the second largest semiconductor industry market in 2007**

Before the 12th Semicon Taiwan at Taipei World Trade Center (TWTC) starts, SEMI Taiwan held a press conference and announced semiconductor industry statistics about global market forecast and 300mm fab capacity.

At the conference, Stanley Myers remarked that Taiwan will have a

great improvement and growth on investments of semiconductor materials and technologies. Currently, due to the requirements and performances of consumer products, the new technology will take effect on upgraded materials and costs of investments. Fabs of 300mm capacity grew up steadily from 2004, and Taiwan will be the 1st after Korea with its investment.

Also, George Yang (General Manager of Advanced Technology Materials, Inc. Asia) said that the life cycle of consumer products such as mp3s, digital cameras, ..., etc. were different from their performance and trend of technology, if some of them were out-dated, materials and developing technologies should be upgraded and be fitted because of humanization and changing on consumer products.

### **Second video of Osama bin Laden surfaces**

A second, 47 minute video that allegedly shows al-Qaeda's leader Osama bin Laden has aired on the Internet, the six-year anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks.

Reports are saying that the video only shows an image of bin Laden, much like the ones in the previous tape, but that his voice can be heard praising Waleed al-Shehri, a 9/11 hijacker who was aboard one of the planes that hit the World Trade Center in New York City, American Airlines Flight 11, in a "eulogy" with the title being The Wills of the Heroes of the Raids on New York and Washington.

The tapes authenticity has yet to be verified.

The first videotape of bin Laden was released on September 7 and

on Monday, As-Sahab, an Islamic media agency, stated that a new video would be released soon.

**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.
- 1933 – Hungarian-American physicist Leó Szilárd conceived of the idea of the nuclear chain reaction while waiting for a red light on Southampton Row in Bloomsbury, London.
- 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 Ramadan begins at sunset (Islam, 2007); Rosh Hashanah begins at sunset (Judaism, 2007); Second Millennium of the Ethiopian calendar (2007); New Year's Day in the Coptic calendar (2007); National Day in Cape Verde.

**Quote of the Day**

Under democracy one party always devotes its chief energies to trying to prove that the other party is unfit to rule — and both commonly succeed, and are right... The United States has never developed an aristocracy really disinterested or an intelligentsia really intelligent. Its history is simply a record of vacillations between two gangs of frauds. ~ H. L. Mencken

**Word of the Day**

monotone; n

1. A single unvaried tone of

speech or a sound.

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