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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



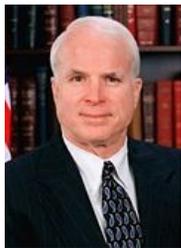
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900,000 people were evacuated by rescue workers, although new data has revealed that 50,000

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

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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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President of Bolivia Evo Morales calls for the expulsion of the United States ambassador for

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allegedly encouraging anti-government protests.

- OPEC announces it will cut oil production by 500,000 barrels a day; prices rise on the news.
- U.S.-based financial services company Lehman Brothers announces a third-quarter loss of \$4.9 billion and plans to sell assets.

Asif Ali Zardari sworn in as President of Pakistan

Asif Ali Zardari has been sworn in as the President of Pakistan. The 53-year-old Zardari took oath from Chief Justice Abdul Hameed Dogar in Islamabad on Tuesday.

He took the oath as the twelfth President of Pakistan. On Sept. 6, Zardari, secured 479 votes from the total number of 702 votes of the electoral college consisting of two houses of the parliament and four provincial assemblies.

Saeeduz Zaman Siddiqui, who was fielded by Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz Group, received 153 votes while Senator Mushahid Hussain, a candidate from the Pakistan Muslim League-Quaid-e-Azam Group, got 43 votes.

Zardari is the widower of former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, who was assassinated Dec. 27, 2007. The election was called after former Prime Minister Pervez Musharraf resigned last month.

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"There is reason to believe Kim Jong Il has suffered a serious health setback, possibly a stroke," said an unnamed U.S. official who also added that may have had the stroke about two weeks ago. The official also stated that his life was not in imminent danger.

Such reports have been denied by officials, including deputy leader and ceremonial head of state Kim Yong-nam, who told Kyodo News of Japan frankly: "there are no problems."

Rumors of Kim's health started to spread in August, but the official said that his failure to attend the parade is an idea of how bad his condition is. Chosun Ilbo, a newspaper in South Korea first reported in August that an unnamed diplomat in Beijing, China said Kim had collapsed on August 22. According to the BBC, a South Korean official told the Yonhap News Agency that Kim "collapsed," while a North Korean official is quoted as saying the reports are "rubbish." There has been no official confirmation of those reports by either the South or North Korean governments.

Kim has attended the last 10 parades for the nation's military or other military events.

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The European Commission predicts the U.K., Germany, and Spain 'to fall into recession'; the outlook for rest of the Eurozone is gloomy.

- The Yonhap News Agency in South Korea reports North Korean leader Kim Jong-il has a serious health problem.
- Western intelligence officials say Kim Jong-il might have suffered a stroke.
- North Korea denies those reports.
- CERN successfully circulates a beam through the entire Large Hadron Collider for the first time.
- Some members of the U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee have stated opposition to Georgia's original action. Senator Hillary Clinton called for a special fact finding commission.

Today in History

1297 – First War of Scottish Independence: The Scots defeated English troops at the Battle of Stirling Bridge on the River Forth near Stirling.

1697 – Great Turkish War: Forces led by Prince Eugene of Savoy decisively defeated the Ottoman troops near Senta, present-day Serbia, ending the Turkish threat to Europe.

1857 – At Mountain Meadows, Utah Territory, USA, a local brigade of the Mormon militia led a massacre of about 120 California-bound pioneers from Arkansas.

1961 – The World Wide Fund for Nature, the world's largest independent conservation organisation, was founded in Morges, Switzerland.

1973 – A coup d'état in Chile led by General Augusto Pinochet overthrew the government of

President Salvador Allende and established an anti-communist military dictatorship.

September 11 is New Year's Day in the Coptic and the Ethiopian calendars; National Day of Catalonia; Teachers' Day in parts of Latin America

Quote of the Day

Although September 11 was horrible, it didn't threaten the survival of the human race, like nuclear weapons do. ... I don't think the human race will survive the next thousand years, unless we spread into space. There are too many accidents that can befall life on a single planet. But I'm an optimist. We will reach out to the stars. ~ Stephen Hawking

Word of the Day

realm *n*

1. A sphere of real or imaginary influence.
2. The domain of a certain abstraction.
3. (formal or law) A territory or state, as ruled by a specific power.

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