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#### AMC Airlines charter plane emergency lands in Istanbul



#### Wikimania jury chooses Alexandria for 2008 location

According to an official mailing list post from Wikimedia Volunteer Coordinator, Wikimania 2008 will be held in Alexandria, Egypt.



### Featured story

#### Augusten Burroughs on addiction, writing, his family and his new book



Wikinews conducted an in-depth interview with New York Times bestselling author Augusten Burroughs about his settlement with the Turcotte family, his battle with addiction, his happiness in sobriety and why he would want breast cancer if he was a woman.

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overshooting the runway. There is one injury, and the plane is badly damaged.

- Turkey recalls its ambassador from Washington D.C. due to concerns over a draft House of Representatives resolution to describe the killings of Armenians during World War I as genocide.
- A group of 138 prominent Muslim clerics and scholars send an open letter to Pope Benedict XVI and other Christian leaders, calling for greater understanding between the two faiths.
- Turkey recalls its ambassador to the United States due to anger over an upcoming House of Representatives vote on recognizing the Armenian Genocide.

•At least one person is killed and 8 are injured when a bomb setup in a tiffin box blasted in the shrine of Khawaja Moinuddin Chisti in Ajmer, India.

•The British writer Doris Lessing wins the 2007 Nobel Prize in Literature.

•Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust has received heavy criticism in a Healthcare Commission report on a lethal outbreak of Clostridium difficile in its hospitals.

#### AMC Airlines charter plane emergency lands in Istanbul

An aging McDonnell Douglas MD-83 passenger jet (registration: SU-BOY) of Egypt's AMC Airlines with

156 passengers and 7 crew on a charter flight made an emergency belly landing at the Atatürk International Airport in Istanbul, after requesting permission to perform an emergency landing for technical reasons.

The plane was returning vacationers to Poland from Hurgada and was bound for Warsaw Frederic Chopin Airport.

The plane caught fire while belly landing and overshot the runway. One person was hurt. There were no fatalities. The plane is likely a total loss.

The Norwegian pilot said that the landing, which was made in darkness, was possible because of speckless sky at the time.

#### McGuinty wins re-election in 2007 Ontario General Election Doris Lessing wins Nobel Prize for Literature

The official results of the 2007 Ontario General Election now show that the Ontario Liberal Party has been re-elected. The Liberal Party lead by Dalton McGuinty will spend the next 4 years in a majority government.

McGuinty is the first Liberal premier to have back-to-back majorities since Mitchell Hepburn, who held office from 1934-1942, with his second majority starting in 1937. Hepburn's government legacy includes the Queen Elizabeth Way and Rainbow Bridge to Niagara Falls, New York.

### McGuinty wins, Tory doesn't get seat

McGuinty was re-elected in his riding of Ottawa South.

In his speech, McGuinty told supporters "For this great privilege I am profoundly grateful." He continued by stating that the party "deplore[s] negativity," and that no one should "mistake our civility as a weakness."

Progressive Conservative (PC) leader John Tory was defeated by Liberal candidate Kathleen Wynne in the riding of Don Valley West. He previously held a seat in his former riding of Dufferin—Peel—Wellington—Grey. A leadership election will be held if Tory resigns his position, a move he has so far avoided.

Asking hypothetically "Is [Tory] a little too progressive for the Conservatives?", Liberal Gerard Kennedy on CTV echoed the thoughts of many media outlets, who feel the faith-based school funding was the key blow to Tory's campaign Tory called McGuinty to concede at 10:30 pm. McGuinty was first to make a televised speech, despite the general practice of winners speaking last.

New Democratic (NDP) leader Howard Hampton was re-elected in his riding of Kenora—Rainy River.

Green Party leader Frank de Jong ran in Burlington earlier this year in a by-election, but lost to a PC strong-hold candidate. He ran again in the riding of Davenport, but lost to Liberal Mario Silva.

As of 23:40 EDT with 57.6% of the polls reporting:

### **PV Taiwan 2007: ITRI Taiwan awards winners of Jinyi Award and shows the solutions on photovoltaic industry**

After lots of speculations and speculative London betting on the outcome it has been announced that British author Doris Lessing ("The Golden Notebook", 1962) is the winner of the 2007 Nobel Prize for Literature.

At the International Book Fair at Frankfurt, Germany, which is currently underway, this decision has met with general approval, as a decision awarding the literary work of an author well established beyond her native country, rather than a political statement. The reason given for giving the prestigious award to Doris Lessing was to honour "that epicist of the female experience, who with skepticism, fire and visionary power has subjected a divided civilisation to scrutiny".

Lessing herself, who will turn 88 on October 22, has been named a potential candidate over the last 30 years - so long in fact, that she herself once exclaimed: "I'll never get it". Finally, on December 10, 2007, the Nobel Prize including 10 Million Swedish Kronor (1,1 Million Euro) will be awarded to her in Stockholm.

### **PV Taiwan 2007 starts with photovoltaic solutions and applications**

Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI) showed their solutions of excellence not only at TAITRONICS Autumn and TaiwanRFID exhibitions, but also held "The 4th Jinyi Award Ceremony" and "Photovoltaic Applications on Construction Seminar" accompanied with PV Taiwan Forum and Exhibition this year.

For the "Jinyi Award", ITRI set a special pavilion at their booth to show the nominated products and current solutions with solar energy. According to ITRI, "Jinyi Award" encouraged individual or group participants can applied the creations on solar energy and photovoltaics to life of the human beings. ITRI also hoped those solutions can transform with valued products. This year, ITRI cooperated with Taiwan Design Center supervised by Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA) with judgments of the 4th Jinyi Award.

This competition has three groups (Product Design, Professional Design, Design Competition) with different natures, competition places, and fields of participants. Winners of "Professional Design Group" and the 1st and 2nd place of "Design Competition Group" were named at the Ceremony.

After the Ceremony, ITRI held "Photovoltaic Applications on Construction Seminar" for participants with semiconductor, photovoltaic, environment, and construction industries. "Governments and companies in Taiwan should learn some successful cases in Europe and USA. ITRI started constructions of photovoltaic and solar energy system at South Taiwan. Photovoltaic and solar energy are the valuable and important energy source from now, and its industry will be taken effect on some environment issues such as increasing of oil prices, greenhouse effect, trendy changes of environment awareness." Dr. Joeng-shein Chen (Deputy Manager of Photovoltaics Technology Center of Industrial Technology Research Institute) taught to the participants at this seminar.

## 2007 Frankfurt International Book Fair opens

After the success of Taiwan Photovoltaic Forum 2006, the organizer Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA) held PV Taiwan 2007 Forum and Exhibition at Taipei International Convention Center on October 11 and 12. This forum and exhibitions attracted 74 companies participating with 110 exhibition booths at TICC 1F and 2F, and is mainly focused on photovoltaic materials/modules/products, electrical system transformation products, system appliances.

According to TAITRA, with the environment topic on global warming, increasing of oil prices, environment awareness, and greenhouse effect, solar energy is a very important energy source from now. The production value is currently increasing world-wide, with the help of semiconductor industry, the photovoltaic industry will play a suitable role at energy and environment industry in Taiwan.

In the exhibition, lots of exhibitors showed their solutions and products on solar energy modules and photovoltaic products with lots of unique functions such as waterproof, long-time usage, and industry integration. One of the exhibitors - Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI) also held a seminar and "Jinyi Award" for nominated participants and college students on photovoltaic industry.

## Crossrail train approved for London

The £16 billion Crossrail Scheme, that will run through London, Berkshire and Essex was given the go ahead; construction will begin by 2010 and it is expected to be finished by 2017. The line, that will provide 24 hour trains to the

centre of London from the east and the west, will provide a better rail link to the West End.

Gordon Brown said "It was a great day for London, Crossrail and the economy" with the project expected to add £20 billion a year to the UK economy.

The government is providing a third of the money with the rest made up from borrowing against future fares and a levy on London business rates.

The news was also welcomed from the railway union RMT, who had been protesting to the government to go further for a new north to south high speed rail link.

Crossrail is also hoped to reduce the overcrowding to airports such as Heathrow and many others.

## Shootings in Cleveland high school leave five injured, gunman dead

A 14-year-old student opened fire in a Cleveland, Ohio high school today, wounding four people. The gunman then fatally shot himself.

Police were called to the scene at 1:15 p.m. EST, with reports of a gunman in the school. The gunman, 14-year-old Asa H. Coon, entered the school with a gun in each hand. Students were evacuated, with the gunman reportedly still in the building for some time afterward.

According to Cleveland mayor Frank Jackson, two adult males, ages 57 and 42, and two teenage males, ages 18 and 14, were wounded, and taken to local hospitals. A third teenager, a 14-year-old female, hurt her knee while running from the school.

A spokesperson for the hospital

would not give details of the students' names or conditions, but Jackson said in an afternoon press conference that all three teenagers were in stable condition.

According to one student, 14-year-old student Michael Peek was the first person shot, after reportedly punching Coon in the face. The student indicated that Peek did not know that Coon was armed at the time. 18-year-old student Darnell Rodgers told the media that he was the other student shot, a graze wound for which he was treated and subsequently released.

The 57-year-old teacher, David Kachadourian, was listed in good condition. 42-year-old teacher Michael Grassie was in surgery and his condition was unavailable.

The gunman was reportedly upset about a recent suspension arising from a fight that happened Monday near the school.

According to one student interviewed by CNN, the gunman said he "worshipped the devil" and had mentioned committing a shooting at the school. Another student noted that the gunman often wore a trench coat and an empty pistol belt to class.

A security guard was present on the first floor of the building, but the position of a guard on the third floor was eliminated. While metal detectors were present in the building, they were not always in use; it is unclear whether they were in use at the time of the shooting.

The school, SuccessTech Academy, is a non-traditional school within the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, described on their web site as a "small, nontraditional high school that provides a

learning environment in which all student believe in their ability to succeed." It opened five years ago.

SuccessTech is located on the third, fourth and fifth floors of a building in downtown Cleveland that also houses some administrative offices.

The school owes its existence in part to a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, which helped to fund the creation of the school.

### Today in History

1492 – Christopher Columbus made landfall in the Caribbean, believing he had reached East Asia.

1915 – A German firing squad executed British nurse Edith Cavell for helping Allied soldiers to escape occupied Belgium.

1928 – An iron lung medical ventilator, designed by Philip Drinker and colleagues at

Children's Hospital, Boston, was used for the first time in the treatment of polio victims.

1984 – The Provisional Irish Republican Army failed in its attempt to assassinate British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and most of her cabinet in the Brighton hotel bombing.

2002 – A series of bombs exploded in Bali, Indonesia, killing 202 people and injuring a further 209. October 12 is Eid ul-Fitr begins at sunset (Islam, 2007);

International Day of Quds (Iran, 2007); Hispanic Day in Spain, Day of Indigenous Resistance in Venezuela, Our Lady Aparecida's Day and Children's Day in Brazil.

### Quote of the Day

At all times, day by day, we have to continue fighting for freedom of religion, freedom of speech, and freedom from want — for these are things that must be gained in

peace as well as in war. ~ Eleanor Roosevelt

### Word of the Day

dandelion; n

1. Any weedy plant of the genus *Taraxacum*, characterised by yellow flower heads and notched, broad-ended leaves.

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