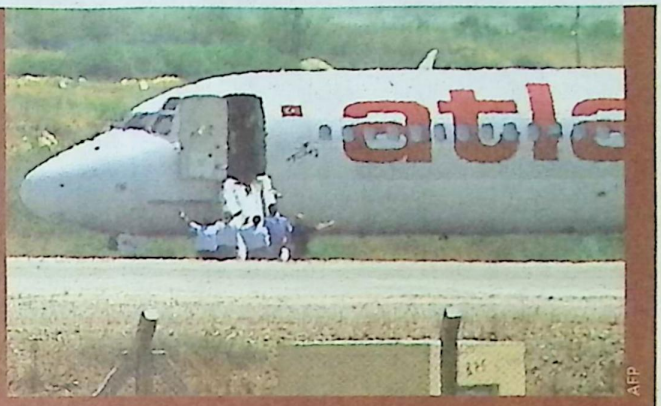
Turkey plane hijack

Two men who try to hijack a Turkish plane surrender within hours on August 18, after 136 passengers and crew escaped unharmed. The Atlas Jet plane is flying from Northern Cyprus to Istanbul when the two men try to divert it to Iran. Instead, the pilot lands the plane in the southern city of Antalya, claiming it needs refuelling. Turkey's interior ministry says one of the hijackers is a Turkish national and the other has a Syrian passport. Their motives are not yet known.



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Bollywood two serve time

Three weeks after he was sent to jail by a Tada court, the Indian Supreme Court releases actor Sanjay Dutt, August 21, on interim bail. He was sentenced to six years' imprisonment in the 1993 Mumbai blasts case under the Arms Act for possessing an AK-56 rifle and a 9mm pistol. Meanwhile another Bollywood star, Salman Khan becomes "prisoner no. 343" in Jodhpur Central Jail on August 25. The 41 year-old actor was arrested and jailed for five years for hunting an endangered chinkara deer in 1998 while filming the blockbuster *Hum Saath Saath Hain*.

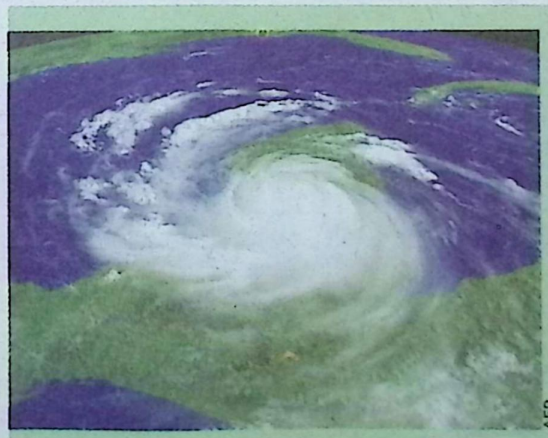

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Nokia in battery fix

Nokia offers to replace 46 million batteries for its mobile phones after reports of overheating while charging. The problems are confined to BL-5C batteries, made by Matsushita between December 2005 and November 2006 and used inside more than 50 different models. The mobile giant said there had been 100 reports of overheating, but no injuries or damage to property reported. However, it is reported that Nokia and Matsushita had in fact known about the glitch in the batteries since May.



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Hurricane Dean lashes out

Hurricane Dean lashes Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula and Belize, toppling trees and houses and bringing torrential rain. Dean first hits land as a Category Five hurricane, the highest level. Mexico's state oil company, Petroleos Mexicanos, evacuates workers and shuts down all offshore oil and gas facilities in the oil-rich gulf. Jamaica also takes a battering when Dean passes south of the island on August 19 as a Category Four storm, pushing winds of up to 145mph (230km/h). Jamaica's electoral commission postpones the August 27 general election and the authorities declared a month-long state of emergency.