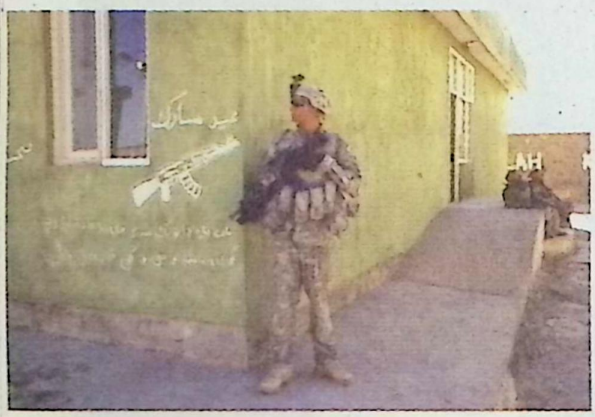


Portuguese Nobel Prize winner for Literature in 1998, Jose Saramago (R), attends the opening of an exhibition in his honour called 'A Consistencia dos Sonhos' (Consistency of Dreams), in Sao Paulo, Brazil. The exhibition, which displays around 500 original documents of his renowned carrer over the past 35 years, runs until December 11.



A US Army solider from 1-506 Infantry Division stands guard beside a painted image of an AK-47 rifle while out on a patrol on November 28, 2008 in Paktika province, situated along the Afghan-Pakistan border. About 200 Taliban fighters attacked on November 27 a large logistics convoy in Afghanistan, sparking fighting that killed 12 Afghan police and soldiers. They attacked the convoy of more than 70 vehicles on Thursday as it was transporting winter supplies to police and soldiers in the western province of Badghis.

Recent photograph shows copper coins dating from the 3rd century discovered with 30 to 40,000 others in the garden of a resident of Saint-Germain-les-Arpajon during excavations, it was said. It is one of the biggest treasures, weighing between 80 and 100kg, found to this date in France, explained at a press briefing in Evry, Foucray Bruno, curator of the regional archeology, who said the discovery was "exceptional", specially because of its volume.



Guests witness the start of construction on a 632-metre Chinese scroll-shaped glass "Shanghai Tower" that will be the country's tallest, in what officials are calling a symbol of hope in a time of financial crisis, in the city's Pudong district, in Shanghai. The 14.8-billion-yuan (2.2-billion-USD) tower, which has an innovative double-layer "glass skin" that creates a 128-storey atrium between the glass enclosed offices and the tower's outer surface, is being built by a consortium of three state companies is expected to be completed by 2014.

