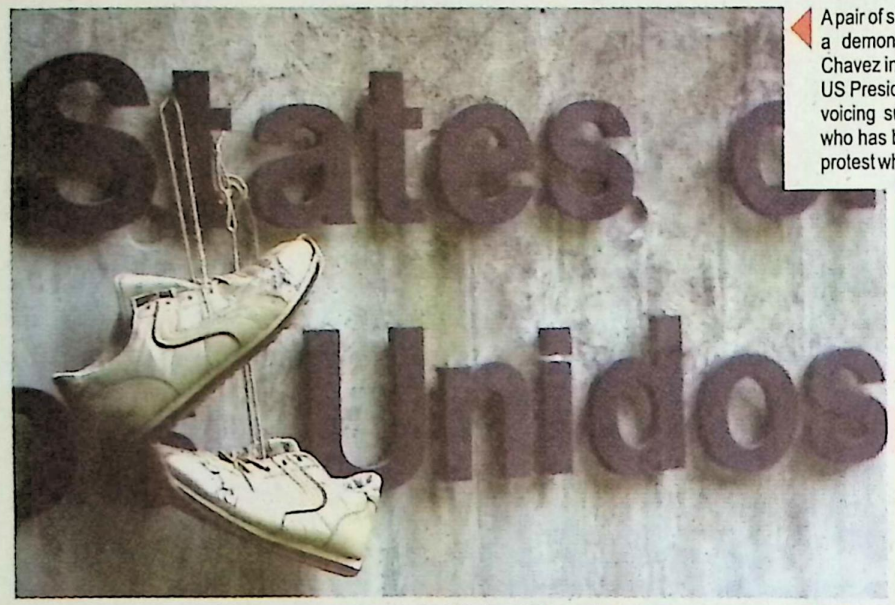
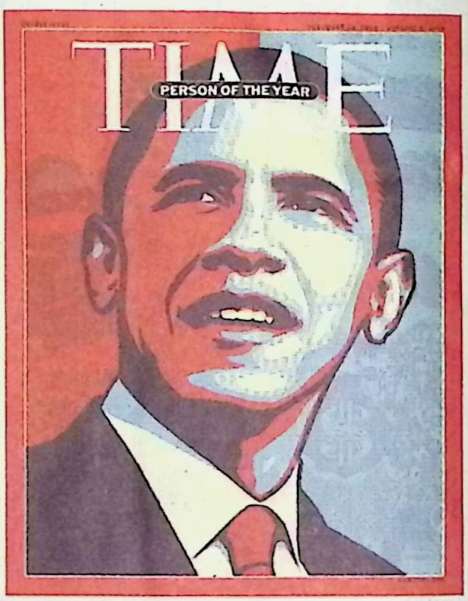


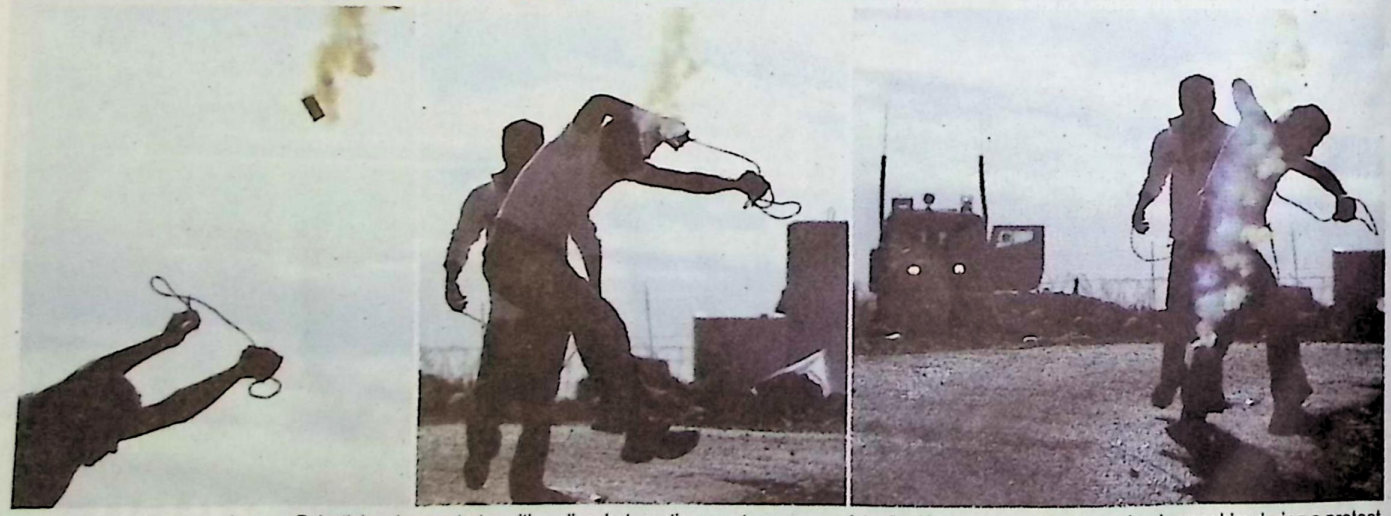
A pair of shoes hang at the front of the US embassy in Caracas during a demonstration by supporters of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez in support of the Iraqi journalist held for throwing his shoes at US President George W. Bush. Demonstrators around the world are voicing support for the "courageous" journalist Muntazer al-Zaidi, who has been in custody in Baghdad since Sunday's dramatic shoe protest which made him an instant sensation in the Arab world.



TIME magazine shows the Person of the Year cover. TIME magazine named US president-elect Barack Obama its 2008 "Person of the Year", "for having the confidence to sketch an ambitious future in a gloomy hour, and for showing the competence that makes Americans hopeful he might pull it off, the president-elect is TIME's Person of the Year," the newsweekly said. It said US Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson was first runner-up followed by French President Nicolas Sarkozy, Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin and China's Zhang Yimou, who directed the opening and closing ceremonies of the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing.



Activists supporting the banned Pakistani charity organisation Jamaat-ud-Dawa by chanting slogans while holding up placards during a protest in Lahore, against the UN Security Council's listing of the charity as a terror organisation. Hundreds of Pakistani protesters burnt an Indian flag and an effigy of Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, underscoring mounting tensions in the wake of the Mumbai attacks.



A combination of images shows a Palestinian demonstrator with a slingshot reacting as a tear gas cannister fired by Israeli security forces lands near him during a protest against Israel's separation barrier and in solidarity with Iraqi journalist Muntazar al-Zaidi, who was arrested in Iraq after throwing his shoes at US President George W. Bush, in the West Bank village of Bilin near Ramallah. Around 500 demonstrators hurled shoes as well as stones at Israeli security forces today in tribute to the Iraqi journalist Zaidi during a protest against the West Bank separation barrier.

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