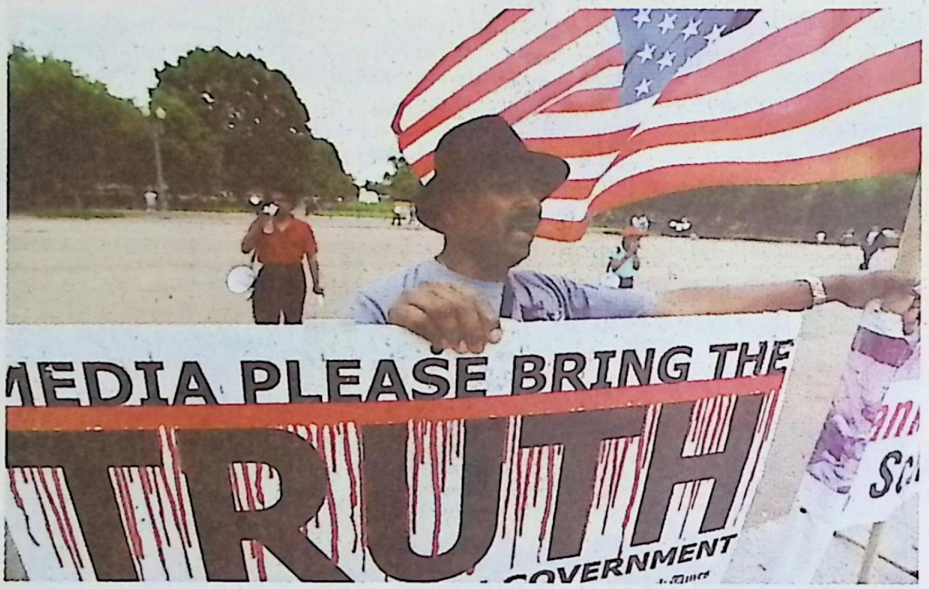
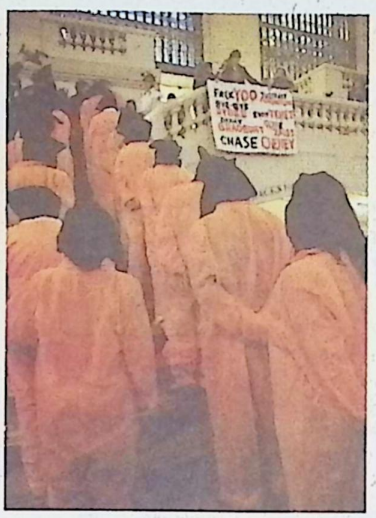


A group of people shout slogans against Sri Lankan government during a demonstration in front of the White House in Washington, DC, protesting the recent unrests in the country. An estimated 80,000 to 100,000 people were killed in nearly three decades of civil war in Sri Lanka between the government and Tamil Tiger rebels, the United Nations said. The Sri Lankan government on May 18 declared an end to its decades-old conflict with the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, after its forces overran the last sliver of rebel territory.



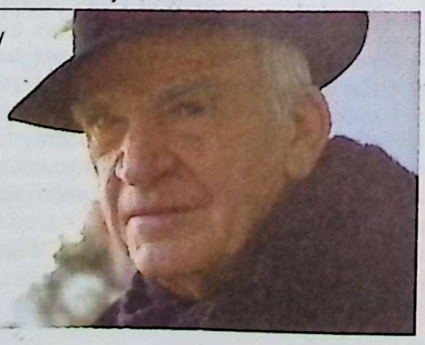
Protesters portraying detainees at Guatanamo Bay walk up a staircase in New York's Grand Central Terminal. Groups are calling for the release of photos from detention centers the administration of US President Barack Obama is refusing to make public and prosecution for war crimes of those officials of the Bush administration who directed, wrote the legal justification for and participated in torture.



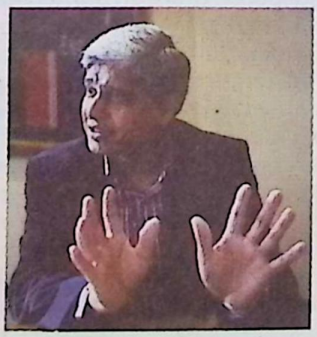
A man walks between pictures of people who allegedly went missing by actions of the Colombian security forces (in chairs) and a banner with pictures of those accused of such crimes (in banner), at Bolivar Square in Bogota. Human right groups and relatives placed hundreds of photos of missing persons at the square in downtown Bogota, at the start of a campaign that seeks state recognition for at least 15,000 disappearances across the country.



A white knot is displayed on a mannequin at a Levi's store in San Francisco, California. Levi Strauss, a long-time supporter of gay rights, is dressing up their windows and clothing with white knots at 20 of their stores across the country as a symbol of support for marriage equality.



This handout picture released by French publishing house Gallimard shows Czech-born writer Milan Kundera in Brno, a Moravian city, 200 kms from Prague. Czech-born writer Milan Kundera, 80, turned his back on his homeland once again when he failed to show up at a major conference on his work this weekend, May-30-31, 2009, in his southern home city of Brno- and said he's a 'French writer'.



Vikas Swarup, indian diplomat and author of the book "Q & A", the film adaptation of which was the multi-oscar winning "Slumdog Millionaire" speaks during an interview with an unseen Agence France-Presse (AFP) correspondant during a literary festival in Franschoek on the outskirts of Cape Town, South Africa. Vikas Swarup may have penned a small novel that swept the globe, winning accolades and turning out an Oscar darling film, but the Indian diplomat to South Africa sees his success as a chance windfall

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