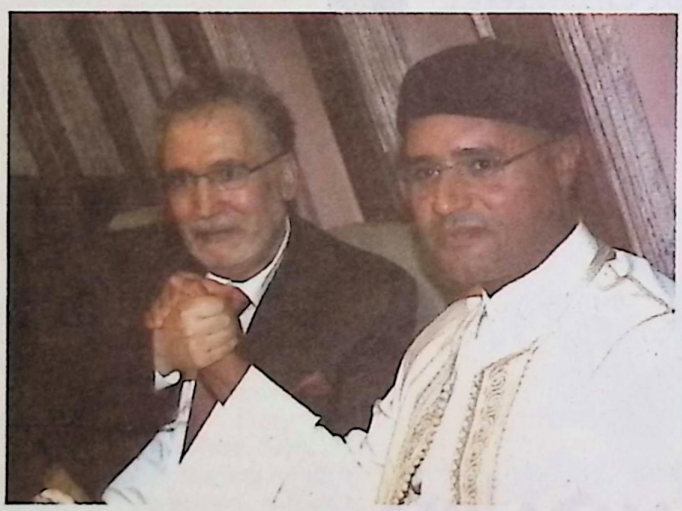


Former Army serviceman Karl Dorman from Washington DC carries his surfboard up the beach during Operation Restoration IV on August 14, 2009 in Pismo Beach, California. Operation Restoration IV is hosted by The Association of Amputee Surfers (AMPSURF), an organsation set up to help disabled veterans and local disabled, along with wounded active duty service men, to learn adaptive surfing and feel the healing power of the ocean and the sport.



Libyan leader Moamer Kadhafi's son Seif al-Islam (R) holds hands with freed Lockerbie bomber Abdelbaset Ali Mohmet al-Megrahi, the sole Libyan convicted over the 1988 Pan Am jetliner bombing, aboard the Libyan presidential plane that brought him back home in Tripoli late. The Libyan leader met in late on August 21 with Megrahi, who is suffering from terminal prostate cancer, amid mounting Western outrage over the hero's welcome he received upon his return. According to local media, Seif al-Islam said Megrahi's release from a Scottish prison was linked to trade deals with Britain, allegations which were swiftly denied by London.

Visitors at an arts district in Beijing pose for photos in front of graffiti spray-painted on a wall. China has seen the emergence of a small but growing group of graffiti artists but unlike their counterparts in the West, who have sometimes used the art form to convey political messages, Chinese artists offer a message that has little to do with revolt or protest, with many having taken up graffiti as a trendy fad, discovered through the Internet, films, magazines and from friends who had travelled abroad.

