

Toppled Honduran President Manuel Zelaya (L) greets Brazil's alternate representative to the OAS, Lineu de Paula (C), at the Brazilian embassy in Tegucigalpa yesterday. Honduran de facto leader Roberto Micheletti said that he had agreed to reinstate Zelaya in a deal aimed at ending the country's political crisis.

Honduras rivals strike deal to end deadlock

Representatives of ousted President Manuel Zelaya finally reached an agreement with the interim government that could help end the monthlong dispute over Honduras' June 28 coup, and possibly pave the way for Zelaya's reinstatement.

dispatched a senior team of diplomats to coax both sides back to the table. Speaking to reporters in Islamabad, US Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton called it "an historic agreement," noting "this is a big step forward for the inter-American system."

Clinton said the elections would go forward and the US will work with Honduras to ensure the election is legitimate. The deal was greeted by all sides as a victory in the long-running dispute that has polarized the country and mired it in diplomatic isolation.

World's largest cruise ship sets sail from Finland

The world's largest cruise liner the Oasis of the Seas has set sail for Miami from the Finnish shipyard where it was built. The 1,200-foot (360-meter) ship has a price tag of almost euro1 billion (\$1.5 billion) and was commissioned by Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines. It is due to begin cruises out of Miami in December.



French President Nicolas Sarkozy (R) kisses German Chancellor Angela Merkel prior to an European Union summit at the European Council headquarters in Brussels yesterday. EU leaders have agreed to enter world climate talks arguing that poorer nations will need 100 billion euros a year by 2020 to tackle global warming, but failed to set levels for Europe's contribution, a draft text said Friday.

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'Saddam planned 2006 prison escape'

Deposed Iraqi president Saddam Hussein planned to escape from his US-run prison in 2006 with the help of loyalists, including former bodyguards, according to a book written by one of his lawyers. "Saddam's plan to escape prison was supposed to take place in the summer of 2006, with the backing of the Iraqi resistance and a special force of bodyguards," Khalil al-Dulaimi wrote in "Saddam Hussein Out of US Prison: What Happened."

US trying to determine Iran's nuke response

Senate panel okays sweeping sanctions. She added that Washington, the IAEA, France and Russia "are all united and showing resolve in responding to the Iranian response." The IAEA said Thursday that the watchdog's director Mohamed ElBaradei had "received an initial response from the Iranian authorities to his proposal to use Iran's low-enriched uranium for manufacturing fuel for ... the Tehran Research Reactor," without giving further details.

US alerts travellers to India to Mumbai-type terror attacks

alert said urging US citizens "to practice good security, maintain a heightened situational awareness and a low profile." The alert valid till Jan 28 also advised Americans to monitor local news reports and consider the level of security present when visiting public places, including religious sites, or choosing hotels, restaurants, entertainment and recreation venues.

AU, US slap sanctions on Guinea

African leaders and the United States have joined the European Union in imposing fresh sanctions on Guinea's military rulers after last month's massacre of scores of opposition supporters. Heads of states who sit on the African Union Peace and Security Council decided "to take all the necessary measures towards the implementation of targeted sanctions including denial of visas,

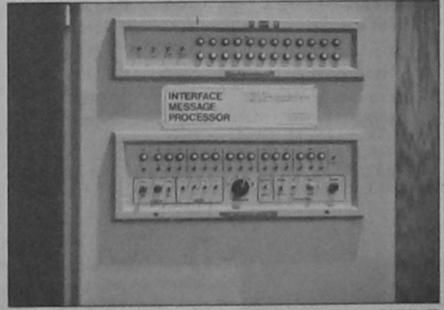


Palestinian schoolgirls cross a flooded street following heavy rains in the al-Shati refugee camp in Gaza City on Thursday.

Hebrew, Hindi, other scripts get Web address nod

Internet addresses that end in ".com" and other suffixes are the key monikers behind every Web site, e-mail address and Twitter post. Since their creation in the 1980s, domain names have been limited to the 26 characters in the Latin alphabet used in English A-Z as well as 10 numerals and the hyphen. Technical tricks have been used to allow portions of the Internet address to use other scripts, but until now, the suffix had to use those 37 characters.

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A detail from the front of the computer on display from which 40 years ago the first message was sent on the Internet is displayed on Thursday during a one-day conference celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Internet at the UCLA campus. The first message was sent between the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) and Stanford University.