

French cabinet approves burqa ban law

AFP, Paris
The French cabinet approved a draft law to ban the Muslim full-face veil from public spaces yesterday...



Smoke billows from a commercial area of Bangkok where Red Shirt demonstrators had their camp in downtown yesterday...

Non-crew in cockpit

BBC ONLINE
Non-crew members were present in the cockpit of a plane that crashed killing the Polish president and more than 90 others...

Nine killed in central Europe floods

BBC ONLINE
Floods in central Europe have left at least nine people dead, officials say. Parts of Poland, Slovakia, Serbia and the Czech Republic...

Iran frustrated as US nixes Brazil-Turkey N-deal

AFP, Tehran
Iran voiced exasperation yesterday at US-led international rejection of a hard-won nuclear fuel deal, saying major powers would be 'discrediting' themselves...

Taiwan says China may dismantle missiles

AP, Taipei
China could feel compelled to dismantle the more than 1,000 missiles it has pointed at Taiwan as relations between the rivals improve...

US PRIMARY POLLS Voters back anti-Washington candidates

AFP, Washington
US voters delivered a stinging rebuke of establishment Democratic and Republican candidates in key primary contests ahead of November congressional elections...

Pledge to stop mother-to-baby HIV spread

BBC ONLINE
A campaign is being launched to try to enlist public support to ensure no more children are born with HIV by 2015...



Pakistani Islamists shout slogans during a protest in Karachi yesterday, against the published caricatures of Prophet Mohammed on Facebook...

Pak court bans Facebook in row over prophet

BBC ONLINE
A court in Pakistan has ordered the authorities temporarily to block the Facebook social networking site...

Labour MP charged over expenses

BBC ONLINE
Labour MP Eric Illsley has been charged with three offences of false accounting over his parliamentary expenses...

New dad depression often missed

BBC ONLINE
Many new fathers experience post-natal depression, yet most cases go undetected and untreated, experts warn...

New clue to anti-matter mystery

BBC ONLINE
A US-based physics experiment has found a clue as to why the world around us is composed of normal matter and not its shadowy opposite: anti-matter...

Tough US measures needed to beat climate change

AFP, Washington
The United States has to lead the global fight on climate change by breaking with business-as-usual and setting tough standards for the amount of greenhouse gases it emits into the atmosphere...



Mladic pad handed to court

AFP, The Hague
UN war crimes prosecutors have found useful new evidence in 18 recently found 'military notebooks' thought to belong to fugitive Bosnian Serb military commander Ratko Mladic...