
What happened these months in Asia

Posted by Jacques - 2007/11/06 19:51

Here is a new forum where will be given a chronology of the main facts that happened in Asia each month, starting November 2007.

This page covers from November 2007 to July 2008

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Enjoy :)

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Re:What happened this month in Asia

Posted by Jacques - 2007/11/29 07:35

NOVEMBER 2007

2 NOVEMBER

Deadline of the Japanese support, in the Indian Ocean, to the international forces against International terrorism

Burma asks UN country chief to leave Burma over a critical statement he made last month

<http://www.asianewsnet.net/news.php?aid=13192>

Liberation Tiger of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) political wing leader SP Thamilselvan is killed when the Air forces bombed the venue of a meeting place of LTTE leaders at Thiruvaiarar

<http://www.asianewsnet.net/news.php?aid=13189>

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7075158.stm

3 NOVEMBER 2007

Pakistan president General Musharraf imposes emergency rule and suspends the country's constitution, provoking huge demonstrations and arrests

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7076670.stm

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7077136.stm

4 NOVEMBER 2007

Ichiro Ozawa, proposed to resign of the presidency of the Democratic Party, because he agrees on National Union government with the leading LPD but not approved by his party

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7076670.stm

5 NOVEMBER 2007

American experts in North Korea begin the process of disabling North Korea's nuclear facilities in Yongbyon

6 NOVEMBER

In the worse suicide attack in Afghanistan, around 50 peoples are killed including 6 members of the government and of the parliament and numerous children are killed

<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/F51C2720-CB51-49EA-90D6-E4F587E36E3C.htm>

7 NOVEMBER

Burma generals reject a UN proposal for three-way talks involving Aung San Suu Kyi

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7082422.stm>

8 NOVEMBER

General Musharraf said state media that general elections in the country will be held by February next year

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7084839.stm

9 NOVEMBER

For the first time in three years, Aung San Suu Kyi can meet the leaders of her party, the National League for Democracy (NLD)

<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/C63A4375-D210-499B-B958-8C7F2411B39C.htm>

10 NOVEMBER

Malaysian police fires tear gas shell and water cannons to disperse an opposition back rally demanding changes to the

electoral system

<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/8370EBC1-682F-4B2B-BBB0-AE833B7F6FD3.htm>

11 NOVEMBER

General Musharraf announces that election will be organized by 9 January and emergency state maintained up to these elections.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7089294.stm

For the first time in three years the UN's special rapporteur on Human Rights arrives in Myanmar

<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/8E1020D0-D99B-4D6D-B1E0-454EB476B773.htm>

12 NOVEMBER

Police in Cambodia have arrested Ieng Sary, the former minister of the Khmer Rouge, along with his wife the former social affair minister of the Khmer Rouge government

<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/FBD27CD3-9905-490A-AE58-790A1FDB4E47.htm>

13 NOVEMBER

Two people, including a member of parliament, have been killed in a blast that ripped through a section of the Philippine house of representative

<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/ED292442-F566-4951-B311-82028262562D.htm>

China urges the United States to immediately cancel arms sale programs, stop arms sales and military links with Taiwan

<http://www.asianewsnet.net/news.php?aid=13377>

14 NOVEMBER

The prime ministers of North and South Korea have begun the first direct talks in 15 years on the implementation of reconciliation pact signed in Pyongyang last month

<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/D1CC387F-C390-4E15-8BC1-F2AC31633EA0.htm>

16 NOVEMBER

Mohammad Mian Soomo, president of the senate is sworn as caretaker Prime Minister in charge to organize the general elections scheduled for the first week of January 2008.

http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/863cc750-93e5-11dc-acd0-0000779fd2ac.html?nclick_check=1

19 NOVEMBER

On the request of the UN-backed "Killing field" tribunal, Cambodian police arrests ex-Khmer Rouge president Khieu Samphan

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/458b7ac2-9673-11dc-b2da-0000779fd2ac.html>

20 NOVEMBER

The ten members of the Asean have signed a charter intended to give the regional body a legal identity at their annual summit in Singapore

<http://www.asianewsnet.net/news.php?aid=13501>

23 NOVEMBER

Pakistan is suspended from the Commonwealth because of its imposition of emergency rule

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7108543.stm

Arguing that Taiwan fears that because of China hostility, World Trade Organization settlements of China-Taiwan trade disputes may not be fair, Taipei blocked the WTO's appointment of the first Chinese judge to the body's highest court

http://news.monstersandcritics.com/asiapacific/news/article_1375941.php/Taiwan_blocks_WTOs_appointment_of_first_Chinese_judge

24 NOVEMBER

After having dismissed seven petitions, the Supreme Court validates the 6 October election of General Musharraf as president

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=32756>

25 NOVEMBER

Former Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif returns to Lahore after years of exile

<http://www.iht.com/articles/2007/11/25/asia/25pakistan.php?page=2>

Malaysian police have fired tear gas and water cannon to break up a massive street demonstration by ethnic Indians. The rally was the largest by a single ethnic group in more than a decade

<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/87C4393A-8EC5-460C-BA56-F7AFE3929C23.htm>

French President Nicolas Sarkozy On his first China three-day visit<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7111994.stm>

27 NOVEMBER

In an annual policy speech, Velupillai Prabhakaran, leader of separatist Tamil LTTE says that peace is impossible
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/3578153D-DCAE-4115-B294-D74D22ADA8C4.htm>

28 NOVEMBER

The chinese guided missile destroyer Shenzhen has docked off Tokyo in the first port visit by a Chinese warship since the Second World War
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/244DC0F3-FE6C-4B8B-9DF9-7C2E9010DA33.htm>

Pakistan's president Pervez Musharraf hands over the command of the military to general Ashfaq Kayani
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7024719.stm

29 NOVEMBER

A group of uniformed military officers take over a five-star hotel in the Makati financial district of the Philippines capital, Manila
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/21234EA6-8C51-4148-995E-556E94E3B209.htm>

Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf has been sworn in for a second term, this time a civilian ruler
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7118268.stm

The US government has decided to impose three new conditions for removing North Korea from Washington list of state sponsors of terrorism. See below
<http://www.asianewsnet.net/news.php?aid=13713>

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Re:What happened this month in Asia

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DECEMBER 2007

1 DECEMBER

Zhang Zilin is the first Chinese girl to be elected Miss World
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/in_depth/7123055.stm

3 DECEMBER

Anson Chan, a leading pro-democracy activist, has won Hong Kong's landmark by-election, giving a huge boost to the campaign for universal suffrage in the southern Chinese territory
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/2952E33F-80C8-4C1E-B73E-55FF76272864.htm>

Pakistan's Election Commission decides to bar Nawaz Sharif, a former prime minister and opposition leader, from the general election on Jan. 8 because of his criminal record
<http://www.iht.com/articles/2007/12/03/asia/pakistan.1-182019.php>

4 DECEMBER

A new bishop, supported by Vatican, is ordained in China. He is Joseph Gan Junqiu, ordained in the Sacred Heart cathedral in Guangzhou
http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/C/CHINA_NEW_BISHOP?SITE=ASIAONE&SECTION=SPECIAL&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT

In Malaysia, 29 Ethnic Indians are arrested on charge of killing attempt in the 25 November demonstration
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/F5FFE17E-4C23-4F59-97FB-DD7FD9FA1944.htm>

5 DECEMBER

Thailand celebrates venerated king Bhumibol Adulyadej (Rama IX) 80th birthday

<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/21A7080E-CD7D-4CA5-911B-AAA7A8B17704.htm>
http://news.monstersandcritics.com/asiapacific/news/article_1378657.php/Thai_king_stresses_need_for_unity_on_80th_birthday

6 DECEMBER

A Philippine court has sentenced 14 members of the rebel Abu Sayyaf group to life in prison for a high-profile mass kidnapping in 2001 in which five people died
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/68C6B9C3-85FE-4BCA-9D26-13AE855072ED.htm>

7 DECEMBER

A judge in India has summoned two Hindu gods, Ram and Hanuman, to appear before the court personally to help resolve a property dispute
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7132124.stm

9 DECEMBER

After the failure of an agreement of all the opposition parties on boycott, the PML-N of Nawaz Sharif decides to contest the coming general elections
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7135535.stm

10 DECEMBER

Afghan army troops have captured the Taleban-held town of Musa Qala, taken by Taleban in February despite a deal with tribal elders when UK troop withdrew
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7135850.stm

11 DECEMBER

The first rail service for more than 50 years begins between North and South Korea
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7137739.stm>

India's main opposition BJP announces that its leader LK Advani, 80 years old, will be its prime ministerial candidate in the 2009 general elections
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7137799.stm

13 DECEMBER

Hong Kong Chief Executive Donald Tsang urges Beijing to allow direct elections
<http://www.asianewsnet.net/news.php?aid=13944>

14 DECEMBER

Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf puts the country's nuclear weapons under the control of the President
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7144710.stm

15 DECEMBER

Pakistani President Musharraf lifts Pakistan's state of emergency and restores the constitution
<http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2007/12/15/asia/AS-GEN-Pakistan.php>

16 DECEMBER

Just few days before the presidential elections, president Roh Moo-hyun orders justice to revive the case against conservative frontrunner Lee Myung-bak of the GNP
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7146715.stm>

The great Pakistani painter Ismail Gulgee is assassinated. He was 81
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7151914.stm

17 DECEMBER

Buddhist monks and riot police have been involved in a violent confrontation in Cambodia's capital
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7147981.stm>

19 DECEMBER

Lee Myung-bak, candidate of the conservative Grand National Party, is elected president of South Korea
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7153147.stm>

20 DECEMBER

The military-installed parliament approves an internal security law which allows the military to maintain a grip on power after the general elections
<http://www.iht.com/articles/2007/12/21/asia/thai.php>

Macau holds pro-democracy and anti-corruption protest on the eighth anniversary of the former Portuguese colony's return to Chinese rule

<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/1619C7B0-BECE-4991-8599-49407DB84B4E.htm>

23 DECEMBRE

The People Power Party, close to Thaksin Shinawatra wins the general elections in Thailand

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7158920.stm>

27 DECEMBER

Benazir Bhutto, Pakistani former Prime Minister has been assassinated in a suicide attack

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7161590.stm

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/2228796.stm

Japanese Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda arrives in China, on a visit aimed at improving ties between the two countries

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7160993.stm>

28 DECEMBER

Funeral of Benazir Bhutto

http://www.iht.com/articles/2007/12/28/asia/29react.php#end_main

29 DECEMBRE

The Nepali Interim Constitution is amended and states that Nepal will become de federal democratic republic

<http://www.asianewsnet.net/news.php?aid=14239>

Beijing said that the direct election of the Chief Executive may be directly elected in 2017 while Hong Kong democrats demanded 2012.

<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/612B9715-BB72-4AB5-A822-AE0FCB751EEE.htm>

30 DECEMBER

The Pakistan People Party (PPP)elects the son of Benazir Bhutto, as the president of the party, and his father Asif Zardani as co-president

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7165052.stm

31 DECEMBER

The himalayan kingdom of Bhutan is holding its first parliamentary elections after a century of direct rule by the monarchy

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7165709.stm

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JANUARY 2008

1 JANUARY

A leading Tamil member of Sri Lanka parliament, T. Maleswaran, has been shot dead

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7166560.stm

2 JANUARY

Pakistani elections are delayed until February 18, because of the violence and chaos that followed the assassination of Benazir Bhutto

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/default.stm

Thai Princess Galyani Vadhana, elder sister of king Rama IX died

http://news.monstersandcritics.com/asiapacific/news/article_1384154.php/Princess_Galyani_Vadhana_kings_elder_sister_dies

4 JANUARY

North Korea pledged to strenth its "war deterrent", days after it missed a year-end deadline for declaring its nuclear

activities

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7171096.stm>

6 JANUARY

Lt Gen Orakzai, governor of Pakistan restive North West Frontier Province, has resigned

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7173324.stm

8 JANUARY

The president of the Maldives, Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, escapes unhurt after an attempted knife attack

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7176434.stm

Sri Lankan minister for nation-building dies in blast

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7176207.stm

10 JANUARY

South Korea's constitutional court has given the go ahead to probe into fraud allegations against president elec Lee Myun-bak

<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/91499403-F359-432C-8696-39A51D5F375D.htm>

After serious setbacks in recent months, LTTE said they are prepared to fully implement the terms of 2002 ceasefire

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7180761.stm

12 JANUARY

In Taiwan KMT win landslise victory and Chen Shui-bian resigns as PDP chairman

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7184448.stm>

13 JANUARY

Thousands in an Hong Kong march demanding democracy for 2017

<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/FE442529-6F7D-406D-8075-4AE1D4B25EEB.htm>

Manmohan Singh is doing the first Indian Prime Minister visit to China since five years

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7185620.stm>

14 JANUARY

New elected South Korea president proposes new inter-Korean summit, but in Seoul

<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/8238FFE4-EBD2-443B-837D-9C2F7E745F68.htm>

Malawi cuts ties with Taiwan

<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/3260D66F-9692-4C62-8006-5C06AAC3175D.htm>

15 JANUARY

In the Philippines, Muslim separatists walk away from the signing of a deal with the government

<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/4E390039-EDF4-4F34-B163-27054BE15CE2.htm>

17 JANUARY

Malaysian Islamic party still wants amputations and stonings

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/22703337/>

18 JANUARY

Pro-Thaksin party, PPP, is clear of fraud. That clears the way of it to form a coalition government

21 JANUARY

Since the military seized power in September, a new elected parliament meets in Thailand

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7199647.stm>

27 JANUARY

Death of ex-dictator of Indonesia Suharto (1966-1998)

<http://www.iht.com/articles/2008/01/27/asia/suharto.php>

<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/10B56482-1218-40E1-A244-1F41B813302A.htm>

28 JANUARY

Thaksin ally Samak Sundaravej, leader of the People Power Party, is elected new Thailand's Prime Minister

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7212516.stm>

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7212682.stm>

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Re:What happened this month in Asia

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FEBRUARY 2008

1 FEBRUARY

Taiwan announces that two referendums on joining United Nations will be held on 22 March

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7222531.stm>

2 FEBRUARY

Protests as Taiwan president visits disputed Spratly Islands

http://news.monstersandcritics.com/asiapacific/news/article_1389576.php/Protests_as_Taiwan_president_visits_disputed_Spratly_Islands__Roundup_

4 FEBRUARY

Death of Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, Indian guru

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maharishi_Mahesh_Yogi

<http://newsforums.bbc.co.uk/nol/thread.jspa?forumID=4230&edition=2&ttl=20080208195220>

5 FEBRUARY

China frees Hong Kong journalist after serving less than a five-year sentence

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7227695.stm>

Philippine speaker Jose de Venecia ousted after he accused the president and her family of corruption

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7227664.stm>

China sentences writer Lu Gengsong in prison after he denounced corruption

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/23005695/>

6 FEBRUARY

Thailand new government formed by Samak Sundaravej is sworn in

<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/AC70B418-6F4C-4865-A3BC-51612280B9D8.htm>

http://www.nationmultimedia.com/2008/02/07/headlines/headlines_30064620.php

Pakistani militants declare cease-fire

http://www.examiner.com/a-1204705~Pakistani_Militants_Declare_Cease_Fire.html

7 FEBRUARY

The famous Vietnamese dissident Hoang Minh Chinh dies at 85 after a long illness

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7234214.stm>

9 FEBRUARY

Myanmar military junta announces a referendum in May on a new constitution and multi-party election in 2010

<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/0FEA8BA9-C852-4755-8CBA-6B9AB9D8C236.htm>

11 FEBRUARY

East Timor president, and Peace Nobel Prize Ramos Horta is wounded in an attack led by rebel leader Alfredo Neinabo who died in the action

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2008/02/11/2159179.htm>

13 FEBRUARY

Malaysia's Prime Minister announces the dissolution of the national parliament and early new elections (set the following day to 8 March)

<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/7BF5596B-A808-4DDC-9492-BAE75E25A25C.htm>

14 FEBRUARY

Mahn Sha Lar Phan, Secretary general of the Karen National Union is killed at his home in Mae Sot in Thailand

<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/A59916A2-B7D3-47B4-89E1-A2A9349571A7.htm>

15 FEBRUARY

Thousands of protestors have rallied in Philippines capital calling for her resignation over a corruption scandal
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/00FB53F1-AF7F-47C8-A108-23BD434C515E.htm>

16 FEBRUARY

Hindu protest demanding racial equality is broken up with tear gas and chemical-laced water in the capital of Malaysia
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/25C616BD-7520-4106-A000-A38E39AF6564.htm>

18 FEBRUARY

First free elections since Musharraf war, won by Bhutto family PPP
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7258318.stm

22 FEBRUARY

United Nations extends East Timor mission for one year
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/1ADADCC9-3CC5-4F83-A911-82315B6E40FE.htm>

25 FEBRUARY

Lee Myung-bak is sworn in as the new president of South Korea
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/B9ECCCAC-D1CE-44C8-90EB-633DC34C34CE.htm>
<http://www.ihf.com/articles/2008/02/25/asia/korea.php>

The 22nd anniversary of the People Power movement turns into anti-Arroyo demonstrations demanding her resignation
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/ADFD6CDF-724D-4085-A6D1-428E7A3F5622.htm>

26 FEBRUARY

The New York Philharmonic Orchestra, performs a landmark concert in North Korea
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/642F66F5-D51D-4A3C-8574-B98167276EF1.htm>

28 FEBRUARY

After 17 months in exile, ousted Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra returns to Thailand
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/5C72F9F1-89C1-48EB-8CF9-1023CA55B427.htm>

29 FEBRUARY

Ex Foreign Minister Han Seung-soo is elected as the new Prime Minister of South Korea
http://news.monstersandcritics.com/asiapacific/news/article_1393405.php/South_Koreas_parliament_endorses_prime_minister

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MARCH 2008

1 MARCH

After an agreement with Laos, Thailand begins the deportation of around 8,000 Hmong asylum seekers
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/EF395A4C-A386-4501-8741-18E39DEB970B.htm>

4 MARCH

China announces another 17,6 % hike in its 2008 military budget
http://news.monstersandcritics.com/asiapacific/news/article_1393903.php/China_hikes_military_budget_again_blasts_US_report__2nd_Roundup_

8 MARCH 2008

General elections in Malaysia. For the first time, the ruling coalition loses its two-third majority
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/8BC382A0-FDA8-4C2C-A8A0-BF1261507E99.htm>

9 MARCH

Ex-enemies Nawaz Sharif and Asif Ali Zardari sign a coalition pact
<http://www.asianewsnet.net/columnist.php?aid=15586>

12 MARCH

US drop China from list of top ten countries violators of rights

<http://www.iht.com/articles/2008/03/12/america/12rights.php>

17 MARCH

In China, the Premier Wen Jiabao forms a new cabinet including five "super ministers"
http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2008-03/17/content_7810070.htm

Violence spilled over Tibet into neighboring provinces
<http://www.iht.com/articles/2008/03/16/asia/tibet.php>

18 MARS

Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah unveils his new cabinet
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7303560.stm>

21 MARS

US Speaker of the Chamber of Representatives, Pelosi, urge the world to condemn China
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/D417F1C0-AC84-4560-AF36-7E3AA81C2478.htm>

22 MARS

Ma Ying-jeou of the Kuomintang is elected president of Taiwan
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7309113.stm>

24 MARCH

Bhutanese vote in an historic poll that will change the country in a constitutional monarchy
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7310832.stm
<http://www.asianewsnet.net/news.php?aid=15916>

Chinese Human Rights activist Yang Chulin is sentenced to five years in prison
http://www.rsf.org/article.php3?id_article=26338

Pakistan assembly elects Yousuf Raza Gillani of the PPP as the new Prime Minister
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/6AFC9BB7-19C4-4F5C-8EA1-F3D1603363DE.htm>
http://www.app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=64&Itemid=77

26 MARCH

South Korea hardens stance on North
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/35E019BB-3917-46F3-AAC2-23E815F08E30.htm>

27 MARCH

Tibet monks disrupt journalists tour
http://www.irrawaddy.org/article.php?art_id=11137

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APRIL 2008

1 APRIL

Indian police rejects a demand of the identification of around 1,000 graves in Kashmir
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7325001.stm

5 APRIL

China activist Hu Jia id condemned to jail for three, and a half years for talking to foreign medias
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/F76EC0FD-EE9D-4654-9AA8-57FE6EB6A034.htm>

6 APRIL

In Sri Lanka, at least 14 people, including Highways minister Jeralrej Fernandopulle, are killed in a suicide bombing
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7332952.stm

8 APRIL

In the Philippines, nine military officers have been sentenced to jail for taking part in a failed coup plot against president

Gloria Macapagal Arroyo

<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/A577B1AC-388A-4AFF-A918-1B5F019985C0.htm>

9 APRIL

North Korea has reached an agreement on compensation in exchange for providing full details of its nuclear programmes<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/9B7F28C5-1C60-484D-8103-29315D5A0E37.htm>

South Korea's Grand National Party (GNP) wins an overall majority by a narrow margin in parliamentary elections<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7337841.stm>

New Burma constitution is published and will be put to a national referendum on 10 May<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7338815.stm>

10 APRIL

Burhannuddin Abdullah, Indonesian bank governor is arrested in connection with the misappropriation of \$11m<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/4FE91BDD-0950-4EA4-9934-E9F6AE673744.htm>

In Nepal, people vote in elections that will decide the future of the direction of the countryhttp://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7339813.stm

11 APRIL

In China, the former Shanghai Communist Party boss is sentenced to 18 years in jail for corruption<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/36175D57-4BC8-4754-B282-4BA2FC829D6D.htm>

Malaysia's embattled Prime Minister Abdullah Badawi says he would discuss a transition with his deputy Najib Razak<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7343945.stm>

Japan extends economic sanction on North Korea for another six months, citing the lack of a breakthrough over Pyongyang nuclear programs and its past abductions of Japanese citizens<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/9AF30C1F-7EDB-46ED-A2B6-BF95E4E2DDC4.htm>

12 APRIL

During the Boa Forum, in Hainan (China), President Hu Jintao meets Taiwan vice-president Vincent Siew. It is the highest-level contact since 1949
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7343945.stm>

14 APRIL

Dhaka-Calcutta passenger train resumes after 43 years
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7345724.stm

Ex former vice-prime minister Anwar Ibrahim marks the end of his five-year ban to be involved in politics by a large gathering forbidden by police
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/4DA7C63E-64AF-4B0C-B226-7DA35F639AFA.htm>

15 APRIL

After more than four years of talks, Japan and Asean complete inking a free trade deal<http://www.asianewsnet.net/biz.php?aid=16295>

16 APRIL

In Malaysia, the Makkal Osai Daily, a leading Tamil-language newspaper, critical to the government is banned
<http://news.asiaone.com/News/AsiaOne%2BNews/Malaysia/Story/A1Story20080416-60264.html>

17 APRIL

After two months in Australia where he has been in hospital after to be wounded in a killing attempt, President Ramos-Horta comes back to East Timor<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/BA4049AD-004F-4D32-9DCC-685C323829C2.htm>

19 APRIL

In China, beginning of several days of demonstrations with protestors demanding a boycott of French products after the olympic torch in Paris.
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7356107.stm>

Pakistan's ambassador to Afghanistan, who went missing in February, has appeared in a video saying he is being held by Taleban militants

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7356016.stm

23 APRIL

Dozens of rebels and soldiers are killed in northern Sri Lanka
<http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2008/04/23/news/Sri-Lanka-Civil-War.php>

25 APRIL

Sri Lanka : At least 24 people have been killed and about 50 wounded by a bombing on a bus in outskirts of Colombo
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7367468.stm

Burma : Aung San Suu Kyi is given the US highest civilian honour, the Congressional Gold Medal
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/0BC88ED4-962C-47DF-A7F2-276B231B9075.htm>

27 April

Nepal Maoist said they will not playing China or India card
<http://www.asianewsnet.net/news.php?aid=16486>

Afghan president Hamid Karzai escapes an assassination attempt
<http://www.voanews.com/english/2008-04-27-voa4.cfm>

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MAY 2008

2 MAY

Taiwan says that it is manhunting over missing \$30m in a failed bid to secure diplomatic ties with Papua New Guinea in 2006
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7380783.stm>

For the first time : USA have talk with Maoists in Nepal
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7379567.stm

4 MAY

Cyclone Nargis hits Myanmar, causing at least 10,000 people died
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/CB93F1C3-AF02-46E7-AA15-EC11DB8835F2.htm>
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7397617.stm>

Thailand Prime Minister says he will continue to retaliate against media criticising him
<http://www.asianewsnet.net/news.php?aid=16607>

5 MAY

Indonesia expatriate four men accused in February attempt to kill East-Timor president Ramos-Horta
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7383670.stm>

Malaysian women anger after the foreign minister proposed that women travelling alone abroad need consent of their family or employer
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/9B311FA1-B8E1-4088-B0E8-C01A480D4B75.htm>

6 MAY

Chinese President Hu Jintao in visit to Japan, the first Chinese head of state to go to Tokyo since 10 years
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/37CB693F-7817-4569-B68A-B113139EC16F.htm>

7 MAY

For the first since the founding of the PRC, a Chinese orchestra plays for the Pope in Vatican
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/7389128.stm>

8 MAY

Indian courts said declare that a MF Husain work representing India as a nude goddess is not obscene
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7389440.stm

A Malaysian court, for the first time allows apostasy
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/79676597-47A6-4175-BA54-6B7642B083CB.htm>

9 MAY
North Korea hands in nuclear records to the US
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7392189.stm>

10 MAY
In Burma, the military junta organizes a referendum on a new constitution in its favor
http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2008-05/10/content_8138927.htm
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7408738.stm>
<http://www.newropeans-magazine.org/content/view/7980/85/>

12 MAY
Pakistan is readmitted in Commonwealth
http://www.thaindian.com/newsportal/uncategorized/pakistan-back-in-53-nation-commonwealth-second-lead_10047925.html

Ten of thousands dead in a quake in Chinese Sichuan province
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7396400.stm>
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/682932A0-E309-461C-9863-AC15B8540923.htm>
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7399897.stm>

In Pakistan Nawaz Shashif announces that his party leaves the federal government
<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=45370>

Philippine president Gloria Arroyo pardons nine army officers who took part in a failed coup attempt in 2003
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7396563.stm>

13 MAY
Several blasts in the Jaipur city of Rajasthan state (India) kill at least 60 people
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7398989.stm

15 MAY
In Bangladesh, six former cabinet ministers are arrested on corruption charges

16 MAY
USA says it will resume food aid to North Korea
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/738525CE-F2EC-4E8C-8E40-4B6449D29C58.htm>

The 22-year-old 17th Karmapa visits USA
<http://www.iht.com/articles/2008/05/16/america/lama.php>

17 MAY
Pakistan's ambassador to Afghanistan abducted in February is freed
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7406083.stm

19 MAY
In Malaysia, Former Premier Mahathir quits UMNO
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/2D222036-EB65-4FF6-B921-1287D5073FD7.htm>

20 MAY
Ma Ying-jeou takes office as Taiwan president
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/E6750AE6-9AFB-4845-9DA0-FF3E068854D8.htm>
http://www.atimes.com/atimes/Southeast_Asia/JE21Ae01.html

India and Pakistan resume talks
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7409672.stm

23 MAY
United Nations Secretary-general Ban Ki-moon get a yes from Myanmar's ruler Than Shwe to allow access to all foreign aid workers to the zone affected by the cyclone
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/9C650E4E-2728-4B6E-A20A-E482505C1BF2.htm>

24 MAY

Myanmar holds vote in cyclone-hit areas
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VS0BxxbUWH8>

25 MAY
Myanmar hosts cyclone aid meeting
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/C6B6243C-7C17-466E-ACFF-D39DBEEA03D0.htm>

26 MAY
For the first time, the chairman of a Taiwanese ruling party visits China
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/6B16D52F-26BF-44DB-AA80-97A1B82CE5B8.htm>

27 MAY
Myanmar extends Suu Kyi detention for one more year
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/F7394078-BA0E-472E-9195-001307E4DAF1.htm>

29 MAY
Historic China-Taiwan summit held
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7422965.stm>

30 MAY
Myanmar's government has formally adopted a new constitution
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/666BF6B0-8967-43FA-82A5-B60B3E79722E.htm>

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JUNE 2008

1 JUNE 2008
Malaysia's Mahathir outlines plan to oust PM without losing power
http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20080601/wl_asia_afp/malaysiapoliticssumnomahathir_080601060618;_ylt=Aghvevdxel1JLAIeYAhO0GPtOrgF

2 JUNE 2008
Bomb hits Pakistani Danish embassy
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7430721.stm

7 JUNE 2008
Japan and North Korea resume talks after a break of nine months
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/53989DB2-4998-4793-8094-23219FAD75B5.htm>

Pakistani president Musharraf says he will not resign
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7441583.stm

2 bus bombs kill at least 23 in Sri Lankan capital
<http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2008/06/06/asia/AS-GEN-Sri-Lanka-Civil-War.php>

9 JUNE 2008
Indonesian government takes action against minority Muslim sect Ahmadiyah
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/53CB3A20-58E9-4C97-A301-E6E50800B6EC.htm>

11 JUNE 2008
Death of former Vietnamese premier Vo Van Kiet (1991-1997)
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7449094.stm>

13 JUNE 2008
China and Taiwan sign a landmark deal on tourism
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/F42C7DB2-AA40-47CE-BF91-C751888266B5.htm>

14 JUNE 2008

In Afghanistan, Taleban attack Kandahar prison, freeing 350 of their militants
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7454021.stm

18 JUNE 2008

China and Japan have agreed to jointly develop a disputed gas field
<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/94CECFD4-2384-42B4-A163-693662BA69AF.htm>

Taiwan president ups pressure in Diaoyutai row with Japan

<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/13D197C5-B315-404C-B91C-98EB32CC2335.htm>

24 JUNE 2008

China & Japan : For the first time since World War II, a Japanese warship calls in a Chinese port

24 JUNE 2008

A Japanese warship calls in China for the first time since World War II
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7470518.stm>

25 JUNE

China allows foreign tourists back into Tibet
<http://www.axilltv.com/at/news.php?id=13724>

26 JUNE 2008

North Korea hands over a declaration on its nuclear activities to China, prompting the US president to announce that Washington will take Pyongyang of a state sponsors of terrorism
<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/asia-pacific/2008/06/200862612112349518.html>

27 JUNE 2008

North Korea demolishes the cooling tower at its Yongbyon nuclear reactor in a goodwill gesture
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7476755.stm>

28 JUNE 2008

In China, thousands riot after the suspicious death of a young girl
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7479810.stm>

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JULY 2008

1 JULY 2008

Anwar Ibrahim, Malaysia's opposition leader, files a police complaint after new sodomy charges
<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/asia-pacific/2008/07/20087195330440794.html>

4 JULY 2008

The first regular direct flights between China and Taiwan start
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7488965.stm>

5 JULY 2008

Tich Huyen Quang, the patriarch of outlawed Buddhist church in Vietnam, who spent more than two decades in and out house arrest died
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/07/06/AR2008070602106.html>

6 JULY 2008

At least 14 policemen are killed by a suicide bomb in Pakistan's capital, a year on from the Red Mosque siege
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7492193.stm

7 JULY 2008

In Afghanistan, a suicide car rocks India embassy, killing 41 people and injuring 141
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7492601.stm

South Korea's president sacks three cabinet ministers in the wake of protests over US beef import
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7492685.stm>

10 JULY 2008

In India, the communists withdraw their support to the Manmohan Singh that has no more majority in the parliament
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7500492.stm

After more a decade of controversial, anti-racism bill is approved by Legislators in Hong Kong
<http://www.asianewsnet.net/news.php?id=223&sec=1>

12 JULY 2008

In Six-party talks in Beijing, North Korea agrees to nuclear checks
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7503189.stm>

14 JULY 2008

Indonesia is blamed by a joint commission for 1999 violence in East Timor
<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/asia-pacific/2008/07/200871435822219786.html>

18 JULY 2008

South Korea rejects a Japanese proposal to hold bilateral talks on disputed islands (Dokdo or Takeshima)
<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/asia-pacific/2008/07/20087187101832600.html>

Philippine government and the MILF agree to extend the Muslim region in Mindanao
<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/asia-pacific/2008/07/20087187101832600.html>

21 JULY 2008

Ram Baran Yadav, from the Nepalese Congress, is elected first president of the Republic in Nepal
http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/World/Ram_Baran_Yadav_elected_Nepal_Prez/articleshow/3259939.cms

22 JULY 2008

India's Congress party-led government survives a vote of confidence over a civilian nuclear deal with the US
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7519860.stm

27 JULY 2008

The general elections in Cambodia are largely won by the CPP of Hun Sen
<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/asia-pacific/2008/07/200872825249835666.html>

28 JULY 2008

Afghanistan : Al-Qaeda chemistry expert, Al-Masri, is killed in US bombing
<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/asia/2008/08/200883133630687954.html>

30 JULY 2008

In China, officials say that journalist covering Olympic Games will not have completely uncensored access
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7532338.stm>

31 JULY 2008

The wife of former Thailand Premier Thaksin is jailed for tax fraud
<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/asia-pacific/2008/07/200873151213588433.html>

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AUGUST 2008

1 AUGUST 2008

In Malaysia, Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) Wan Azizah Wan Ismail resigns from her MP's post to make way for her husband
<http://www.asianewsnet.net/news.php?id=557&sec=1>

3 AUGUST 2008

In India, at least 145 Hindu worshippers are killed in a stampede during a religious festival<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/asia/2008/08/20088313355646140.html>

4 AUGUST 2008

An attack, led by two men, on a border police station at Kashgar (China) leaves 16 policemen dead and 16 hurt<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/asia-pacific/2008/08/2008843587330723.html>

7 AUGUST 2008

The Pakistan ruling coalition announces that it will begin impeachment proceedings against president Musharraf <http://english.aljazeera.net/news/asia/2008/08/2008871252298644.html>

Malaysia opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim is formally charged with sodomizing a former male aide <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7546448.stm>

Zarganar, one of Burma's most popular comedians has been charged with several offences, after he defied the military by giving aid to the victims of Cyclone Nargis. <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7547484.stm>

8 AUGUST 2008

Opening of the Olympic Games in China

<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/asia-pacific/2008/08/20088813811444442.html>

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2008-08/08/content_9047391.htm

http://asiaobserver.multiply.com/video/item/54/Breathtaking_Showcase_in_Beijings_Opening_Olympic_Ceremony

10 AUGUST 2008

A series of bombing hits Xinjiang in China

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7551954.stm>

In Beijing, US president Bush urges China leaders to allow greater freedom of

religion<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/asia-pacific/2008/08/200881075033636175.html>

12 AUGUST 2008

Thailand's Supreme court issues arrest warrants for former PM Thaksin and his wife after they fled to

Britain<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/asia-pacific/2008/08/200881192139819721.html>

13 AUGUST 2008

Philippines retakes farmlands from Muslims rebels

<http://www.iht.com/articles/reuters/2008/08/13/asia/OUKWD-UK-PHILIPPINES-FIGHTING.php>

14 AUGUST 2008

Cambodia and Thailand reach a deal to withdraw their troops from disputed temple<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7560474.stm>

15 AUGUST 2008

Maoist leader Prachanda is elected as Nepal's Prime Minister

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7563816.stm

16 AUGUST 2008

In Malaysia, huge support for Anwar's poll bid

<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/asia/2008/08/2008819695166773.html>

18 AUGUST 2008

General Pervez Musharraf resigns as president of Pakistan

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=52502>

<http://awazapni.blogspot.com/2008/08/president-pervez-musharraf-resigns.html>

19 AUGUST 2008

Ten French soldiers killed in Afghanistan

<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/asia/2008/08/2008819695166773.html>

20 AUGUST 2008

In China, Mao Zedong's successor Hua Guofeng dies

24 AUGUST 2008

The authorities in India-administered Kashmir impose an indefinite curfew throughout the Kashmir Valley.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7578709.stm

In China, closing ceremony of the Beijing Olympic Games
http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/photo/2008-08/24/content_6966774.htm

25 AUGUST 2008

Nawaz Sharif, a former prime minister of Pakistan, has pulled his party out of the country's ruling coalition, just two weeks before the country is due to elect a new president.
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7580931.stm

26 AUGUST 2008

Anwar Ibrahim, Malaysia's opposition leader, wins a landslide victory in a by-election to return him to parliament
<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/asia-pacific/2008/08/200882615516149648.html>

North Korea issues a Foreign Ministry statement announcing its halt of the disablement works and threatened to restore the facilities in protest against Washington's delay in lifting sanctions off Pyongyang
<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/asia-pacific/2008/08/200882671551450569.html>

29 AUGUST 2008

The major Buddhist Drepung Monastery in Tibet reopened this week five months after being shut by the authorities during anti-government riots that rocked the region's capital, a staff member said Friday
<http://www.iht.com/articles/2008/08/29/asia/29tibet.php>

30 August 2008

Thousands of opposition supporters in Taiwan have taken part in a protest in Taipei as President Ma Ying-jeou marked his first 100 days in office.

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SEPTEMBER 2008

1 September 2008

Yasuo Fukuda resigns as Japan PM after 11 months
<http://www.france24.com/en/20080901-japanese-pm-resigns-japan&navi=ASIE-PACIFIQUE>

2 September 2008

In Thailand, Prime Minister Samak Sundaravej imposed a state of emergency Tuesday in Bangkok after groups of demonstrators clashed on the street
<http://www.iht.com/articles/2008/09/02/asia/02thailand.php>

3 September 2008

Gloria Macapagal Arroyo dissolves a peace panel the Philippine government had set up to negotiate an end to the deadly conflict in the country's volatile south
<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/asia-pacific/2008/09/2008936259832396.html>

4 September 2008

The Thailand's government approves in principle plans for a national referendum to end a three-month political deadlock
<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/asia-pacific/2008/09/20089464647549139.html>

6 September 2008

Asif Ali Zardari is elected president of Pakistan
http://www.app.com.pk/en/_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=51814&Itemid=1
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7602113.stm

8 September 2008

Sri Lanka's government announces a ban on foreign aid workers and many of their local colleagues from working in Tamil-rebel held areas in the north.
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7604933.stm

Hong Kong's pro-democracy camp has won 23 out of the 30 elected seats in the Legislative Councils, and so retains a key veto over future bills.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7603312.stm>

9 September 2008

Death of Nhouak Phoumsavanh, former president of Laos (1992-1998)

<http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/newmandala/2008/09/12/obituary-nouhak-phoumsavanh/>

<http://fr.news.yahoo.com/ap/20080911/img/pwl-laos-obit-nouhak-phoums-8cd9ae149c36.html>

Court rules that Thailand Prime Minister Samak must resign

<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/asia-pacific/2008/09/2008999398621985.html>

George Bush, the US president, has announced 8,000 troops will be pulled out of Iraq over the coming months and 4,500 sent to Afghanistan by January.

<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/middleeast/2008/09/2008991444715547.html>

12 September 2008

Malaysian authorities detains a government critic blogger by invoking a colonial-era security law that allows for indefinite detention without trial.

<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/asia-pacific/2008/09/20089126732640247.html>

13 September 2008

In China, Feng Xiaogang's "The Assembly" wins biennial Chinese audience film awards

http://www.chinadaily.net/showbiz/2008-09/14/content_7026265.htm

<http://english.hanban.edu.cn/english/entertainment/221742.htm>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Feng_Xiaogang

Five bombs have ripped through busy shopping areas of India's capital, Delhi, within minutes of each other, killing at least 20 people, police say.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7614280.stm

15 September 2008

A member of the Malaysian cabinet and long-standing member of parliament, Zaid Ibrahim, has resigned.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7616147.stm>

16 September 2008

The United Nations has pulled its staff out of Sri Lanka's rebel-held northern region after being ensured safe passage by government troops and rebels.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7618016.stm

17 September 2008

In Burma, the military authorities have ordered around 5,000 people to leave two refugee camps in Laputta Township, according to local residents and international nongovernmental organizations (INGOs) operating in the area.

<http://www.iht.com/multimedia/audioslideshow/2008/08/25/asia/archive-myanmar/index.html>

In Thailand, Thaksin's brother-in-law Somchai Wongsawat is elected new Thai prime

minister <http://www.iht.com/articles/2008/09/17/asia/thai.php>

19 September 2008

Malaysian opposition MP Teresa Kok has been released from jail on Friday, one week after being detained under the Internal Security Act (ISA).

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7625002.stm>

North Korea has started preparatory works to restart its main nuclear facility, a senior diplomat has said, amid a deadlock in international disarmament talks.

<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/asia-pacific/2008/09/20089195336918794.html>

20 September 2008

At least 40 people have been killed and 100 others wounded after a car-bomb attack on the Marriott Hotel in Pakistan's

capital Islamabad. <http://english.aljazeera.net/news/asia/2008/09/200892014179932320.html>

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/in_pictures/7627175.stm

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7627207.stm>

22 septembre 2008

Taro Aso, an outspoken conservative who has advocated a return to old-style government spending to stimulate Japan's

economy, was chosen Monday by the governing Liberal Democratic Party to become the nation's next prime minister of Japan <http://www.iht.com/articles/2008/09/22/asia/japan.php>

North Korea says it has removed seals from its atomic facility as part of its plan to re-start its nuclear operation. <http://english.aljazeera.net/news/asia-pacific/2008/09/200892294142531603.html>

23 septembre 2008

Myanmar's longest-serving political prisoner Win Tin has been released after the government announced an amnesty that saw more than 9,000 inmates freed

<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/asia-pacific/2008/09/20089239516445256.html>

http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/national/380189_myanmar23.html

The Indian head of an Italian auto parts company has been beaten to death in a suburb of Delhi, India, allegedly by a group of sacked workers. http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7630696.stm

24 September 2008

Taro Aso has been named Japan's third prime minister in the space of two years following a vote in the lower house of the country's parliament.

<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/asia-pacific/2008/09/20089247482915732.html>

25 September 2008

China successfully launches her 3rd manned space mission

<http://www.chinaview.cn/shen Zhou7/>

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2008-09/25/content_10112325.htm

Pakistan says its troops fired warning shots at two Nato helicopters as they crossed the border from Afghanistan.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7635893.stm

<http://edition.cnn.com/2008/WORLD/asiapcf/09/25/pakistan.helicopters/index.html?iref=topnews>

India and Pakistan agree to bolster peace process

<http://www.iht.com/articles/2008/09/25/asia/india.php>

26 September 2008

Burmese gloom one year after protests

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7630812.stm>

Pakistani troops have killed 1,000 Islamist militants in a huge offensive in the Bajaur tribal district over the last month, the army says.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7638157.stm

27 September 2008

China : A Chinese astronaut, Zhai Zhigang, has completed the country's first ever spacewalk during its third manned mission

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/7637818.stm>

In Myanmar, Suu Kyi's party marks the 20 anniversary of its foundation

<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/asia-pacific/2008/09/2008927114838901989.html>

In Myanmar, about 100 Buddhist monks in a western Myanmar city staged a peaceful protest march Saturday to mark the anniversary of last year's bloody crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators.

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/26903526/>

28 September 2008

China : Three Chinese astronauts come back on earth after successfully completing the country's first spacewalk mission. <http://www.iht.com/articles/2008/09/28/asia/china.php>

29 September 2008

Indian and French leaders vow to boost nuclear energy cooperation at the annual summit on EU-India ties dominated by trade, global warming and the world financial crisis

<http://www.france24.com/en/20080929-france-india-boost-nuclear-energy-ties-eu-summit&navi=MONDE>

Afghanistan insurgent leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar has claimed responsibility in a video message for an August ambush that killed 10 French soldiers in Sarobi. The attack, in which 21 troops were also wounded, shocked France and sparked debate about the country's involvement in war-torn Afghanistan.

<http://www.france24.com/en/20080929-afghan-warlord-hekmatyar-claims-ambush-french-troops->

afghanistan&navi=MONDE

30 September 2008

Veteran Singapore opposition leader and human rights fighter Josue B. Jeyaretnam has died of heart failure, aged 82 He was the first to break a government monopoly on power in Singapore when he won a seat in parliament in 1981
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7643379.stm>

India and France have signed a major co-operation pact which paves the way for the sale of French nuclear reactors to Delhi. The nuclear accord was agreed in Paris between Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and President Nicolas Sarkozy.
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7644377.stm

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