



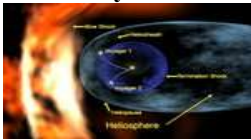
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Amnesty International calls for Guantanamo shutdown



In their annual report on human rights, Amnesty International Secretary General, Irene Khan, said "Guantanamo has become the gulag of our time." In this 308-page report, they called for the United States to shut down the Guantanamo prison and pointed to the United States' foreign and military policy as providing a justification for other governments to ignore human rights.

Voyager 1 enters heliosheath at edge of solar system




The Voyager 1 spacecraft, launched in 1977 to explore the planets, is now agreed by scientists to have entered the heliosheath at the edge of the solar system 8.7 billion miles (14 billion kilometers) from the Sun. In a few years, Voyager 1 is expected to become the first man-made object to cross into interstellar space.

Marshall Islands to request \$3 billion more from U.S. for health effects of nuclear testing



The Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) is petitioning for \$3 billion in additional compensation from the U.S. government, after receiving \$270 million in an agreement which expired in 2001. The U.S. government performed a series of 67 tests of nuclear weapons in the Marshall Islands between 1946 and 1958. Fallout from the testing is claimed to have affected some of the island's near 60,000 inhabitants. "We're finding people on remote islands with high percentages of cancers," said RMI Foreign Minister Gerald Zackios.

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- Voyager 1, the most distant man-made object, has entered the heliosheath and is on the verge of leaving the solar system and entering the interstellar medium. 
- The Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan pipeline, the world's longest oil pipeline, is opened in Baku, Azerbaijan.
- At Atatürk Olimpiyat Stadyumu in Istanbul, Liverpool F.C. defeat A.C. Milan 3-2 in a penalty shootout to win their first UEFA Champions League football title since 1984.
- Nambaryn Enkhbayar of the Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party is elected President of Mongolia.
- German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder's Social Democrats loses the state election in North Rhine-Westphalia, ending 39 years in government.

Liverpool beats Milan on penalties in Champions League final



In a dramatic Champions League final between football clubs Liverpool and AC Milan, English club won the trophy after penalty shootout despite being 3 goals behind in the course of the game.

Milan's veteran Paolo Maldini scored on the first minute of the match after a corner kick. After Hernan Crespo scored twice for Milan before half-time, everything looked like Liverpool had no chance. But

the Reds' performance changed drastically after half-time. Steven Gerrard was the first to score for Liverpool, inspiring the rest of the team. In a quick succession Milan's goalkeeper Dida saw the goals of Vladimir Smicer and Xabi Alonso (the latter scored after the controversial penalty decision) in his net.

After the equalizer the game was even and both teams took a cautious approach. After 90 minutes the score was still 3-3 and it didn't change even after extra time. So the winner had to be decided in a penalty shootout. The luck was on Liverpool's side, they scored 3 penalties while Milan scored only two.

Milan supporters were very disappointed to lose. Silvio Berlusconi, the owner of AC Milan, said: "Milan played much better throughout. We created move after move while they didn't create one move worthy of the name. What a shame." Italian sport newspaper Gazzetta della Sport commented: "Incredible. Milan lost on penalties a cup that it had already won. It lost it badly, very badly. A team which scores three goals in the first 45 minutes, outclasses its adversary, stuns it with staggering moves, cannot let in three goals in six minutes."

Those who supported Liverpool were delighted at the unexpected victory. England national team coach Sven-Göran Eriksson praised Liverpool's performance, saying: "What a game it was, heroic. I've never seen a European final like that ever, it is great news for all of us working in English football." Triumphant Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard said he is "on top of the world" and also said he is going to stay with Liverpool after this victory, despite such clubs like Real Madrid and Chelsea wanting him.

Power crisis in Moscow and central Russia largest ever recorded

A huge power outage occurred in Moscow today. The failure in the

accumulative power supply system in Mosenergo which occurred at 11:15 a.m. local time on Wednesday, led to a power outage in all areas of the city.

Power for lights failed in apartment buildings. Some lines of the Moscow underground stopped for four hours. Trams and trolley buses, electric trains of the Moscow railway also stopped. Hundreds of people were trapped in apartment building lifts. In addition to lighting problems, the homeowners have also lost their water supply, as pumping stations in Mosvodokanal also lost power because of the failure.

15 big cities and five areas of Moscow suburbs, some areas of the Tula and Kaluga areas were left without electricity.

At 12:00 noon, food shops in the affected areas started closing. In shops where sellers continued trading, huge queues accumulated.

To avoid panic at train stations, workers with megaphones informed passengers of train movements. At train stations, reserve power supplies are being used. According to eyewitnesses, there was no electric lighting at many stations and in transitions between them. Escalators also did not work.

Thursday morning trolley buses and trams still do not work in southern areas of Moscow. Despite repair work conducted during the night, it was impossible to power all trolleybus and tram lines. In total 8 tram and 25 trolleybus routes do not work. Buses will take over those routes. Besides this, in the south of Moscow there are still many disconnected apartment houses.

All stations of the Moscow underground are working normally. All trains are running on schedule.

The entrance to Moscow for supersize automobiles will be limited up to 14 o'clock in the afternoon. The limitation was put in place yesterday because of difficult road conditions in the city after the power failure.

The head of Minpromenergo (Ministry of Industries and Energy) Victor Hristenko, addressing to the deputies of the State

Duma, has declared that the cause of failure of the electrical system was in the Central region of Russia because of a fire and an explosion on the substation of Mosenergo named "Chagino", located in Kapotnya. As a result of a cascade power outage on Wednesday, 25th May, 53 Moscow substations have been disconnected. 46 from them have started working by 23.00, Wednesday, six more - by 6.00, Thursday.

According to the deputy head of the Russian Joint Stock Company "Unified Energy System of Russia" (RAO UESR) Andrey Trapeznikov, some reasons of failure are considered. He said that the failure of one of substations of the Russian Open Society "United Power Systems" was a cause. Later in the morning, when people were work, (air?) conditioners were turned on.

Consequently, the system could not handle the overload, and started the cascade shutdown of consumers of the electric power. Trapeznikov has noted that scales of the failure could of been much more serious. The further switching-off was stopped by substations of Tula and Kaluga which had sustained the overload.

The head of the RAO UESR Anatoly Chubays has made apologies for the inconveniences caused to inhabitants of Moscow, Tula and Kaluga areas. He said: "The failure is on our conscience, it is our mistake".

### **Controversial Judge Priscilla Owen approved for seat on the 5th U.S. Circuit Court**

The U.S. Senate voted 55-43 to approve Priscilla Owen, a long-debated judicial candidate for the appellate bench. The candidate was praised and congratulated by Republican Majority Leader Bill Frist, but called an extremist by Democrat Charles Schumer of New York.

The approval comes mere days after the resolution of recent issues about filibuster rules by the Senate, in which it was agreed that the filibuster rules should not be changed, but that it should be used only in "extraordinary circumstances."

Schumer described the Texas judge as

someone "...who puts the rights of employers over employees, who takes no consideration of environmental rights, women's rights or of just average people."

Supporters describe her as a no-nonsense, consistent conservative that has served well as a state judge.

Judge Priscilla Owen's nomination had been subject to filibuster since her initial nomination four years ago. The ending of the filibuster debate allowed her nomination to move forward to a vote. Two other controversial nominees, Janice Rogers Brown and William Pryor, are also expected to come to a vote under the terms of the compromise deal.

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## Today in History

1328 - Philip VI of France was crowned at the Notre-Dame de Reims, beginning the Valois Dynasty.

1860 - Italian unification: Giuseppe Garibaldi and his Redshirts launched their attack on Palermo, capital of the Two Sicilies.

1919 - The flying boat NC-4 arrived in Lisbon, Portugal, becoming the first aircraft to complete a transatlantic flight.

1923 - The first 24 heures du Mans sports car endurance race was held in Le Mans, France.

1999 - Slobodan Milosevic was indicted for war crimes and crimes against humanity committed in Kosovo.

May 27 is Lag Ba'omer in Judaism (2005)

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