



G8 Heads of State (L-R) US President George W. Bush, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, British Prime Minister Tony Blair and Italian Prime minister Romano Prodi share a laugh as they have an aperitif on the terrace of the Kempinski Grand Hotel in Heiligendamm, northeastern Germany, following a working session of the G8 Summit June 07, 2007. German Chancellor Angela Merkel is hosting the meeting as the chairman of the G8, which also includes Britain, Canada, France, Italy, Japan, Russia and the United States. AFP



Cars from a dealer's shop are seen submerged in sand following Cyclone Guno in the Omani capital Muscat, June 11, 2007. Cyclone Gonu, which tore through Oman last week before veering towards Iran, killed at least 49 people and left another 27 missing in the Gulf sultanate, police said. AFP



Azerbaijan's Aliya Garayeva performs with the rope June 30, 2007 during a group A event at the 23rd European Rhythmic gymnastics championship in Baku. Azerbaijan's team took the third place in group A. AFP



A picture taken January 18, 2007 of huge waves in the port of Wimereux, northern France. The British Isles and Germany were battered Thursday by a severe storm front packing gale-force winds that left one man dead in northwest England, with forecasters predicting worse to come. Rain and violent winds gusting up to 140 kph (87 mph) also lashed northern France, creating perilous conditions for motorists and pedestrians, the national weather service said. AFP



Afghan journalists take photographs of the dead body of the Taliban's top military commander Mullah Dadullah lies in Kandahar, May 13, 2007. Dadullah, the Taliban's top military commander, was killed in southern Afghanistan, the government said 13 May, while the extremist movement denied he was dead. Dadullah is the most important rebel commander to be killed since the Taliban was driven from Government by a US-led coalition in late 2001. AFP



Palestinian President Mahmud Abbas holds hands with Palestinian Prime Minister-designate Ismail Haniya (R) at the start of a special parliament session in Gaza City March 17, 2007. Palestinian parliament is set to vote in a long-awaited coalition government today amid hopes it will end a turbulent year of deadly power struggles, international isolation and economic hardship. Lawmakers are expected to approve the 11th Palestinian government, which unites the rival Fatah and Hamas factions, in a near unanimous vote in a parliamentary session. AFP



A Palestinian man exults while standing on top of a section of Israel's controversial separation barrier during clashes erupted after the Friday prayers, February 23, 2007 between Israeli Army and Palestinians at the Qalandia check point near the West bank town of Ramallah. Fifteen protestors were lightly wounded in scuffles today when Israeli forces broke up a protest against Israel's controversial separation barrier in the occupied West Bank. AFP



"Celebration of the Century" painted in 1998 by four Chinese artists (Lu Zhang, Chen Guoli, Zhang Zhiqiang and Lu Hao) showing the reunification ceremony between Hong Kong and China in 1997 is seen on display in Hong Kong, June 26, 2007. Sotheby's will hold an auction of reunification art to mark the 10th anniversary of the Hong Kong handover. AFP