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Mount Merapi, Indonesia volcano eruption October 29. AFP



Haitian authorities said the powerful quake destroyed most of the capital city of Port-au-Prince. About three million people-one-third of Haiti's population - were affected by the quake, the Red Cross estimated. AFP



Miss Universe 2010 Mexico Jimena Navarrete Rosete



Flood refugees get on a boat to evacuate from a flooded area near Muzaffargarh, south Pakistan's Punjab Province, on August 23. UN estimated that the continuing month-long floods have caused 280 million dollars losses, rendered 20 million homeless as over 893,000 houses were destroyed across Pakistan where 25 percent of country's 803,940 square kilometers total landmass is under floodwater. Xinhua



South Korean Army K-9 155mm self-propelled Howitzers fire rounds during air and ground military exercises on the Seungjin Fire Training Field, in mountainous Pocheon on December 23. AFP



Wikileaks founder Julian Assange speaking to the media in the grounds of Elingham Hall in Norfolk. Julian Assange said in an interview published on December 26 he had signed deals for his autobiography worth more than one million pounds. AFP



Chilean miner Florencio Aguilos (L) embracing President Manuel Piñera, seconds after coming out of the Fenix capsule after being brought to the surface October 12 following a 10-week ordeal in the collapsed San Jose mine, near Copiapo, 800 km north of Santiago, Chile. AFP



A bedouin woman from al-Turi family sits next to a destroyed house in the village of al-Akarib in the Negev Desert, north of the southern Israeli city of Beersheva, on December 23 following the demolition of bedouins' makeshift homes for the eighth time by the Israeli authorities because they were built without permission. TOPSHOTS AFP



President Dmitry Medvedev arrived in India December 21, the latest in a long line of global leaders seeking military and trade deals with the world's second-fastest-growing major economy. AFP



People stands in a path between snow drifts on Third Avenue on the east side of Manhattan in New York one day after a blizzard dropped 20 inches (51cm) of snow in the area. AFP



G20 leaders gathered in Seoul to discuss Global financial system and the world economy from November 11-12. AFP