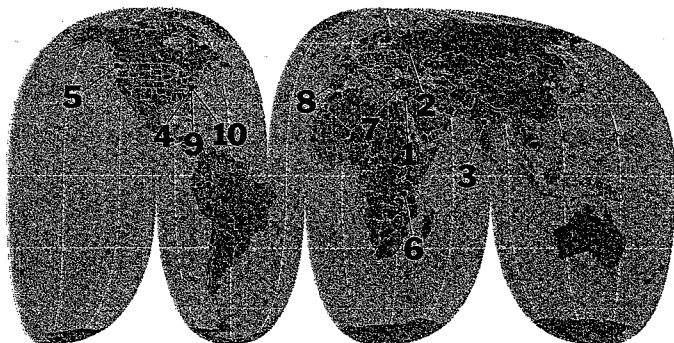


# The World

5 ESSENTIAL STORIES

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## 1 | Jerusalem

### Olmert Bows Out

In a surprise announcement, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said he would not seek re-election and would step down after his party's Sept. 17 leadership vote. Olmert, currently under two separate criminal investigations over allegations of corruption, had already vowed to resign if charged. The news clears the way for a new government but will probably delay progress on Israeli-Palestinian relations.

## 2 | Moscow

### From Russia: Get Out

Robert Dudley, CEO of TNK-BP, a lucrative joint venture between British oil giant BP and a Russian consortium, has left the country following what BP called a "campaign of harassment" by Russian authorities, aimed at gaining control of the company. Dudley continues to run TNK-BP, which provides a quarter of BP's global production, from a secret location.



Friends and family transport the body of an Ahmadabad bombing victim

## 3 | India

### A New Source of Terror

At least 16 coordinated blasts rocked the western city of Ahmadabad on July 26, killing 45 people. Whereas previous attacks had been widely attributed to foreign militants, the Indian Mujahedin claimed responsibility for the bombings—raising the specter of domestic terrorism and highlighting mounting unrest among India's Muslim minority.



## 4 | Washington

### Awkward Questions

Former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales' senior aides at the Department of Justice regularly broke the law by basing hiring decisions for career posts on political considerations, according to an internal report released on July 28. The report singled out Monica Goodling, a top aide who routinely quizzed candidates about their political ideology even though it was illegal and against department policy to do so. Some of her interview questions:

"Why are you a Republican?"

"What is it about George W. Bush that makes you want to serve him?"

"Aside from the President, give us an example of someone currently or recently in public service who you admire."

"Tell us about your political philosophy."

## 5 | Seattle

### Earnings Now—and Later

Every college graduate knows that not all careers are created equal. But according to a new report from salary-survey company PayScale, differences in earnings can widen with time. Results for the 10 most popular college majors:

#### MEDIAN SALARIES FOR THOSE WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE ONLY

- Less than five years' experience
- Ten to 20 years' experience



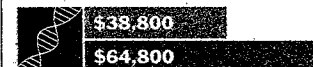
#### Business



#### Psychology



#### Nursing



#### Biology



#### Education



#### English



#### Economics



#### Communications



#### Political Science



#### Computer Science

SOURCES: PAYSACLE; PRINCETON REVIEW

Numbers:

43%

Percentage increase in SUV sales in China in May 2008 compared with May 2007, amid soaring car-ownership rates

9.6

BILLION

Decrease in miles driven in the U.S. in May 2008 vs. May 2007, according to the Federal Highway Administration