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EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC

AUSTRALIA/INDONESIA

The 54 asylum-seekers rescued when their boat sank August 29 off Java will be transferred to Indonesia instead of to Australia, in a move reflecting the Australian government's toughening border protection policy. (*The Australian*)

COOK ISLANDS/NEW ZEALAND

At the Pacific Islands Forum in the Cook Islands, New Zealand Prime Minister Key pledged an extra \$10 million in aid to help protect and manage Pacific fisheries and oceans. (*3 News*)

SOUTH AND CENTRAL ASIA

INDIA/IRAN/PAKISTAN

During a meeting between Indian Prime Minister Singh and Pakistani President Zardari on the margins of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) summit, India agreed to allow a judicial commission from Pakistan to cross-examine three witnesses related to the trial of November 2008 terrorist Ajmal Kasab. (*Hindustan Times*)

PAKISTAN/IRAN

During a meeting at the NAM summit, Iranian President Ahmadinejad and Pakistani President Zardari agreed to implement bilateral mega-projects, such as an Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline, electricity transmission lines, and transportation links. (*Dawn*)

MIDDLE EAST

EGYPT

Several Egyptian groups called for a march in Cairo to demand a trial for all Egyptian military members involved in the 2011 killing of protestors, the rejection of IMF and World Bank loan proposals, and the release of political prisoners. (*Ahram Online*)

PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY/ISRAEL/UNITED NATIONS

Foreign Minister Maliki said Palestinian Authority President Abbas will not ask the UN General Assembly to recognize a Palestinian state next month. (*Jerusalem Post*)

AFRICA

ERITREA

Media watchdog Reporters Without Borders confirmed four journalists died in prison after being held for several years. (*News 24*)

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

ARGENTINA/FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS)/UNITED KINGDOM

The Falkland Islands Executive Council officially approved plans for a March 2013 referendum to be held on the islands' political status. (*Merco Press*)

COLOMBIA

Dockworkers paralyzed operations at Colombia's main Pacific port by striking to demand higher salaries, direct work contracts, and an end to abusive sub-contracting practices. (*Latin American Herald Tribune*)

EUROPE

RUSSIA

An opposition group applied to hold a third "March for Millions" September 15 to demand the release of political prisoners. (*RIA Novosti*)

SPAIN

Authorities evacuated approximately 1000 people from the resort of Marbella on Spain's Costa del Sol because of a large wildfire (*BBC*)

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