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JAMAICA/CHINA

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

CANADA

Toronto-born Omar Khadr, the youngest detainee ever held at Guantanamo Bay, officially requested to return to Canada. (*Montreal Gazette*)

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EUROPE

TURKEY

A proposed referendum would allow millions of Turks living abroad to cast their votes from outside the country in the next presidential and general elections. (*Hurriyet Daily News*)

RUSSIA

Russian President Medvedev will attend the G20 summit in Cannes and will hold bilateral meetings with his counterparts, including the Chinese and Brazilian presidents. (*RIA Novosti*)

MIDDLE EAST**ISRAEL/IRAN**

Prime Minister Netanyahu and Defense Minister Barak are trying to bring together a majority in the cabinet in favor of military action against Iran. (*Haaretz*)

EGYPT

The majority of political party representatives who attended a meeting with Deputy Prime Minister for Political Affairs Al Selmy rejected Article 9 of the draft constitutional principles document under discussion, which guarantees the secrecy of the armed forces budget. (*Daily News Egypt*)

SOUTH AND CENTRAL ASIA**PAKISTAN**

Pakistan will not accept the final \$3.7 billion tranche of an International Monetary Fund loan package after rejecting the organization's strict reform demands. (*The Daily Times*)

INDIA

Maoist rebels kidnapped 15 employees and contract workers of a private construction company in India's eastern state of Bihar. (*BBC*)

EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC**AUSTRALIA**

Australia's government introduced legislation to impose a 30 percent tax on the burgeoning profits of iron ore and coal mining companies that are feeding Chinese demand. (*Sydney Morning Herald*)

THAILAND

Floodwater advanced deeper into Bangkok from its northern outskirts as a northern sluice gate and a dyke failed to limit inflows to the inner city. (*Bangkok Post*)

AFRICA**GUINEA/SENEGAL**

Senegal banned all planes traveling to or from Guinea from using its airspace following a dispute over the grounding of a Senegalese plane in Guinea. (*News 24*)

NIGERIA

Nigeria ordered an investigation into illegal oil bunkering, an industry believed to be worth hundreds of millions of dollars a year. Nigeria's production capacity has been slashed by thieves drilling into pipelines that pass through the vast Niger Delta region. (*IOL News*)

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