



Around the World in 80 Seconds

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Top Stories



- ❁ Nelson Mandela, anti-apartheid activist, first black president of South Africa, and renowned statesman, dies at 95
- ❁ French Senate to vote on bill making paying for sex a crime after **National Assembly approves**
- ❁ **Looting goes on for over 24 hours** in Cordoba as local police strike for higher salaries
- ❁ South Korean intelligence agency reports Kim Jong Un **purged his uncle**, the presumed regent of North Korea, over 2 years ago
- ❁ Instability and **widespread violence continue** across the Central African Republic between Muslim and Christian militias as France sends more troops to the region
- ❁ A leading commander in Hezbollah, **Hassan Lakkis, is killed in southern Beirut**; a Sunni extremist group claims responsibility
- ❁ Economists praise WTO after **passing agreement** to cut red tape in international trade

The Passing of a Legend

The death of Nelson Mandela brought tears around the world. His story and his struggle against the repression of apartheid will inspire for generations to come.



- ❁ **A biographical account** of Mandela's life with a focus on his final years
- ❁ Editor of Mandela's autobiography **shares his thoughts** on Mandela's passing
- ❁ Nelson Mandela's **most famous speech** delivered in his defense for his trial for treason in 1964
- ❁ A look at some of the more **radical views Mandela held**, often glossed over by the media

Around Campus This Week

- ❁ **Measuring NSA Surveillance** on 12/9, 11:30-1pm @ CISAC Conference Room
- ❁ **Chris Marker Film Series- "Akira Kurosawa"** on 12/10, 7pm @ Herrin Hall
- ❁ **Does Decentralization Lessen or Worsen Poverty?** On 12/12, 12-1:30pm @ Philippines Conference Room, Encina Hall, RSVP by 12/11, 5pm

Opportunities in International Affairs

- ❁ **RA Position** with Prof. Laitin and Prof. Fearon studying the history of armed conflict, send transcript and email describing your interest to jfearon@stanford.edu and dlaitin@stanford.edu

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