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Minneapolis, Minnesota UNITED STATES: Vehicles rest on a collapsed section of the I-35W bridge August 2, 2007 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Divers combed the dark, debris-strewn waters of the Mississippi river Thursday searching for up to 30 people missing after a major bridge collapsed at rush hour, killing at least four people. Officials expected the death toll to rise, with dozens of cars and trucks dumped in the river after massive sections of the eight-lane bridge roadway were sheared off Wednesday evening. AFP



Khartoum, SUDAN: A gigantic cloud of dust known as "Haboob" advances over Khartoum 29 April 2007. These seasonal type of monsoons can reach a height of 3000 feet and can change the landscape in the few hours they last. Climate change experts from around the world are holding a meeting in Bangkok to find ways of lowering emissions of greenhouse gases to head off the worst effects of global warming. At least 400 experts from about 120 countries are attending the third session of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the UN's leading authority on global warming. AFP



Paju - REPUBLIC OF KOREA: Lee Chul (C), president of Korea railway and engine drivers pose in front of the cargo train before its departure for North Korea at the Dorasan station in Paju, near the demilitarized zone dividing the two Koreas, 11 December 2007. The first regular train service between South and North Korea for over 50 years crossed the heavily fortified border. AFP



Heiligendamm - GERMANY: G8 Heads of State (L-R) US President George W. Bush, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, British Prime Minister Tony Blair and Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi share a laugh as they have an aperitif on the terrace of the Kempinski Grand Hotel in Heiligendamm, northeastern Germany, following a working session of the G8 Summit 07 June 2007. German Chancellor Angela Merkel is hosting the meeting as the chairman of the G8, which also includes Britain, Canada, France, Italy, Japan, Russia and the United States. AFP



Wimereux, PAS-DE-CALAIS FRANCE: A picture taken 18 January 2007 of huge waves in the port of Wimereux, northern France. The British Isles and Germany were battered Thursday by a severe storm front packing gale-force winds that left one man dead in northwest England, with forecasters predicting worse to come. Rain and violent winds gusting up to 140 kph (87 mph) also lashed northern France, creating perilous conditions for motorists and pedestrians. AFP



Toulouse, HAUTE-GARONNE FRANCE: French president Nicolas Sarkozy and German Chancellor Angela Merkel give a joined press conference at Airbus headquarters during an informal summit to decide who will run the troubled European aerospace group EADS and its main division Airbus, 16 July 2007 in Toulouse, southwestern France. The European Aeronautic Defence and Space Company is currently headed by French and German chairmen and chief executives, an arrangement often blamed for slow decision-making and ineffective management. AFP