

New Year celebrations across the world



President Mahinda Rajapaksa receives blessings from a Buddhist priest at his official residence, "Temple Trees" in Colombo.



People walk on the flooded Piazza San Marco in Venice during New Year celebrations early on January 1, 2010.

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Fireworks explode as the moon is seen in the sky of Jakarta on January 1, 2010.

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Maurizio Palmulli of Italy dives for the 23rd year into Rome's river Tiber as part of traditional New Year celebrations from one of the many bridges of the eternal city on on January 1.-AFP



People take part in a traditional sea bath during the New Year celebrations on January 1, 2010 in Malo-Les-Bains, northern France.

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Indian Bollywood cinema actress Bipasha Basu performs during a ceremony for New Year Celebrations 2010 in Mumbai late December 31, 2009.

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