

Eye on the World

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RIA Novosti newswire posted an article titled "EU Foreign Policy Chief Sees Independent Palestinian State Within Two Years" on March 22, 2010.

"EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton said on Monday that Palestine may become an independent and viable sovereign nation within the next two years."

She believes that, if the Arab League and the Mideast Quartet members were to cooperate and show public support in bringing Palestine and Israel to the table in renewed bilateral talks, they could be key to bringing peace to the Middle East.

Israel criticized the Quartet's demands that both sides return to the table within 24 months and form an independent Palestinian state. The Palestinians liked the announcement made by the Quartet.

According to Ms. Ashton, 27 other EU foreign ministers support the Quartet's announcement.



An article from *India Today* reads "Blast Derails Rajdhani Coaches, Passengers Safe."

"Passengers on board the Bhubaneswar–New Delhi Rajdhani Express [train] had a miraculous escape when 10 of its coaches and the engine derailed near Gaya station following an explosion triggered by Maoists, police said."

According to district superintendent of police Sushil Khopde, the explosive, which was planted between Kasta and Paraiya stations between the tracks, went off shortly after the train left the Gaya station.

Ten coaches and the engine of train "jumped the tracks due to the impact of the blast, a handiwork of the Maoists who have called a 48-hour *bandh* [protest] in seven states, including Bihar, starting Monday."

According to the article the *bandh* was called due to Operation Green Hunt, which had been launched against the Maoists.

None of the passengers was harmed.



ScienceDaily.com posted an article titled "High-Fructose Corn Syrup Prompts Considerably More Weight Gain, Researchers Find."

A study by a Princeton University research team has found that rats with equal access to high-fructose corn syrup gained far more weight than those with access to table sugar. Their overall caloric intake was kept the same.

The researchers also found that abnormal increases in body fat were found among lab animals that had long-term consumption of high-fructose corn syrup. An increase in abdominal fat was especially noted along with "a rise in circulating blood fats called triglycerides."

"Some people have claimed that high-fructose corn syrup is no different than other sweeteners when it comes to weight gain and obesity, but our results make it clear that this just isn't true, at least under the conditions of our tests," said psychology professor Bart Hoebel, who specializes in the neuroscience of appetite, weight and sugar addiction.

"When rats are drinking high-fructose corn syrup at levels well below those in soda pop, they're becoming obese—every single one, across the board. Even when rats are fed a high-fat diet, you don't see this; they don't all gain extra weight."



WorldNetDaily.com posted an article titled "Rush Limbaugh: Elections Could End Thanks to Obama": "The Constitution Has Been Ripped to Shreds, So Why Is Anything Safe?"

The article was posted on March 22, 2010.

"Talk-radio icon Rush Limbaugh today suggested the existence of U.S. elections are now threatened by a move he expects President Obama to pursue—a mass amnesty for illegal aliens—following the passage of his historic health-care reform plan.

"The next big push will be amnesty for . . . millions of illegal immigrants who are here," he said on his radio program."

Mr. Limbaugh claims that Mr. Obama will need illegal immigrants' votes to get reelected. He claimed we may not even have elections because the "Constitution has just been ripped to shreds, so why is anything safe?"

He wants Democrats 'hounded' out of office, the article went on to say.

The article went on to say one sixth of the U.S. economy had been taken over by the presidents strategy.

Many states are already gearing up to challenge the federal government. Texas is among them. Many states feel that the government is stepping way outside of its boundaries.

Many think that, although Mr. Obama banned the use of federal funding for abortion by executive order, he will overturn that decision upon signing the bill.

Promoters of the bill have long touted the millions who will be added to health-care rolls and claimed that, long term, the trillion-dollar bill will eventually lead to deficit reduction.

"Critics say that the bill's supporters have used accounting tricks to keep hundreds of millions of dollars in expenses out of the fine print. They cite several strikes against the reform attempt, from the cost of yet another taxpayer-funded entitlement to the general principle that nowhere in the U.S. Constitution—which sets limits on the federal government's powers—is there an authorization to force people to buy the health-insurance program a federal bureaucrat picks out."

Mr. Limbaugh said Mr. Obama is getting what he wanted—"a complete makeover of the U.S. into a country with bureaucratic control over individual lives."

He continued: "He will continue his crusade to forever alter this country. Rome is burning, and instead of putting out the fire, we have too many people looking for a bag of marshmallows."

On March 20 tens of thousands of people protested President Obama's trillion-dollar plan.