

Eye on the World

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This collection of short news items is from the "Eye on the World" section of the Church of God Big Sandy's Web site, churchofgodbigandy.com. It was posted for the weekend of April 17–18, 2010.

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An AP story titled "UN: 200,000 Flee Pakistan Military Offensive" was posted at USAtoday.com on April 14, 2010.

The article said: "More than 200,000 people have fled Pakistan's latest offensive against Taliban militants in the northwest."

The exodus of civilians from Orakzai adds to the more than 1.3 million people driven from their homes by fighting in the northwest section of their country.



An AP article by Anita Chang titled "Quake in Remote West China Kills 589" was posted at Yahoo.com on April 14, 2010.

It said: "Rescuers combed through the rubble of collapsed buildings for survivors Thursday, more than a day after strong earthquakes shook a mountainous Tibetan region of China, killing nearly 600 people and injuring thousands."



An AP story titled "Obama Makes Early Progress in Nuclear Summit" was posted at AOL.com on April 13, 2010.

The article said: "President Barack Obama's nuclear summit has paid early dividends: China's agreement to work with the U.S. on possible sanctions against Iran and Ukraine's decision to rid itself of nuclear bomb-making materials."



An article by Dana Milbank titled "Obama's Disregard for Media Reaches New Heights at Nuclear Summit" was posted at Washingtonpost.com on April 14.

The article said: "World leaders arriving in Washington for President Obama's Nuclear Security Summit must have felt for a moment that they had instead been transported to Soviet-era Moscow."

Mr. Milbank, a liberal writer for *The Washington Post*, mentioned that President Obama was "putting on a clinic for some of the world's greatest dictators in how to circumvent a free press."

He wrote: "Reporters for foreign outlets, admitted for the first time to the White House press pool, got the impression that the vaunted American freedoms are not all they're cracked up to be."

After mentioning the specific restrictions, Mr. Milbank wrote: "The restrictions have become a common practice for the Obama White House."

Then he proceeded to give several examples about how foreign correspondents have experienced the restrictive approach of the president.



Here are excerpts from a Web site that was designed to create a negative impression of activities of the tea party (which is a grassroots movement of people who are disappointed with the policies of the leaders in Washington). Here are some quotes from Crashtheteaparty.org:

"WHO WE ARE: A nationwide network of Democrats, Republicans, and Independents who are sick and tired of that loose affiliation of racists, homophobes, and morons; who constitute the fake grass-roots movement which calls itself 'The Tea Party.'

"WHAT WE WANT: To dismantle and demolish the Tea Party by any non-violent means necessary.

"HOW WE WILL SUCCEED: By infiltrating the Tea Party itself! In an effort to propagate their pre-existing propensity for paranoia and suspicion . . . we have already sat quietly in their meetings, and observed their rallies.

"Whenever possible, we will act on behalf of the Tea Party in ways which exaggerate their least appealing qualities (misspelled protest signs, wild claims in TV interviews, etc.) to further distance them from mainstream America and damage the public's opinion of them. We will also use the inside information that we have gained in order to disrupt and derail their plans."



A Reuters article by Denis Dyomkin titled "Russia Says Iran Reactor on Track for August Launch" was posted at Reuters.com on April 14, 2010.

The article said: "A reactor being built by Russia at Iran's Bushehr nuclear power plant is scheduled to open in August, the head of Russia's state nuclear corporation said on Wednesday."



A Reuters article by Adam Entous titled "Iran Could Have Uranium for One Bomb in Year: U.S. Official" was posted at Yahoo.com on April 14, 2010.

The article said: "Iran could produce enough highly enriched uranium with the number of centrifuges it has installed to build one nuclear bomb in as little as a year, the head of the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency said on Wednesday."