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General Assembly elects Ban Ki-moon as next UN chief



South Korean Ban Ki-Moon, 68, has been endorsed unanimously by the general assembly to succeed Kofi Annan as secretary-general of the United Nations, on October 13.

"Friday the 13" Buffalo, New York snow storm in pictures



At least 340,000 people and businesses are still without power as the City of Buffalo, New York begins to clean up after the worst October lake effect snow storm in "137 years of records" being kept, according to the National Weather Service.

Featured story

New roadmap unveiled for Northern Ireland devolution



Irish Taoiseach Bertie Ahern and British Prime Minister Tony Blair have unveiled a new roadmap for the Northern Ireland devolution process. The roadmap sets a target date for a new Northern Ireland Executive to be set up.

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• A 6.6-magnitude earthquake and a series of aftershocks have hit the U.S. state of Hawaii at 7:07am local time, with an

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epicentre 9 miles (14 km) NNW of Kalaoa. 95% of power was lost throughout the state. Widespread structural damage on the Big Island has been reported, but no major injuries and no fatalities as of yet. Airports are only accepting incoming flights.

•Israeli police recommend charging President Moshe Katsav with rape, sexual assault and fraud. The final decision on bringing charges is up to Attorney General Meni Mazuz.

Strong Earthquake Shakes Hawaii

A magnitude 6.6 earth quake shook the Hawaiian islands today at 17:07:49 (UTC).

HECO has restored power to Hawai`i Island and is working on restoring power to the rest of the state. A landslide has blocked at least one major highway.

No confirmed deaths and unconfirmed injury reports have been made.

Communication links are problematic.

Honolulu International Airport has been closed to departing flights. Major damage has occurred at Kona Hospital, the Honokaa Long-term Care Facility and the Royal Kona Resort. (Reuters) The Hawaii governor has issued disaster declaration for the entire state.

The earthquake was centered

about 6 miles SW from Puakō on the west side of Hawai`i Island. More than 50 aftershocks were recorded throughout the day. The shockwaves were felt all around the state. However there are no threats of a tsunami.

USGS Volcano Observatory equipment has not been significantly damaged. Monitoring stations report "no significant changes in the past 24 hours" of the eruption of the Kilauea volcano. (USGS Hawaiian Volcano Observatory)

According to USGS records, this earthquake is the fourth largest Hawaiian earthquake in the last 100 years. Previous earthquakes include a magnitude 6.7 quake in 1983, a magnitude 7.2 quake in 1975, a magnitude 6.9 quake in 1951, and a magnitude 6.8 quake in 1938. (USGS Historic United States Earthquakes)

Bodies found along Florida highway identified

A family of four found shot to death Friday alongside Florida's Turnpike in Fort Pierce, Florida was identified Saturday.

The bodies of Jose Luis Escobedo Jr., 28, Yessica Escobedo, 25, and their two sons, Luis Damian, 3, and Luis Julian, 4, were identified by St. Lucie County Sheriff Ken Mascara.

Sheriff's deputies are also looking for the family's car, a black 1998 Jeep Cherokee with temporary Florida licence plate M952180 in

the rear window. Authorities believe that this was a suspects car, as it was not at the victim's home, but neighbors of the family said that it was their car.

Sheriff Ken Mascara has said that the victims pulled their vehicle off the Turnpike between 1:30 and 3 a.m. when someone in the vehicle shot them and drove away.

A woman who lives across the turnpike reported hearing a series of six loud pops around 2:24 a.m. The woman and her husband looked outside, but could not see anything in the dark.

The St. Lucie County Sheriff's office has set up a tip line. You can call (772) 462-3230 or 1-800-273-TIPS if you have any information.

Sheriff Mascara said that more than 200 phone calls have come in to the tip line since they opened it up Friday afternoon.

Today in History

456 - Magister militum Ricimer defeated Emperor Avitus at Piacenza and became master of the Western Roman Empire.

1813 - The Sixth Coalition attacked Napoleon and the First French Empire in the Battle of Leipzig, the largest conflict in the Napoleonic Wars.

1843 - William Rowan Hamilton first wrote down the fundamental formula for quaternions on Broom Bridge in Dublin, Ireland.

1940 - World War II: Hans Frank established the Warsaw Ghetto, the largest Jewish ghetto in occupied Poland.

1978 - Karol Józef Wojtyła, a cardinal from Kraków, Poland, became Pope John Paul II, the first non-Italian pope since the 16th century and the first ever from a Slavic country.

October 16 is World Food Day

Quote of the Day

Selfishness is not living as one wishes to live, it is asking others to live as one wishes to live.

~ Oscar Wilde

Word of the Day

gild the lily; phrase

1. To embellish something that does not need it.

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