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- Two people have died following an explosion which destroyed a train tanker carrying oil, believed to have been caused by a bomb on the tracks.
- Six Iraqi Soldiers have died following clashes in two Baghdad streets.
- A Palestinian man has been shot dead by Israeli soldiers, who had suspected him of involvement in a Suicide bombing.
- Seven people have been killed and 38 others injured in an explosion on a moving passenger train in India.
- Ugandans are voting in a referendum to decide whether to readopt a multi-party system.

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- The Provisional IRA issues a statement formally ordering an end to the armed campaign it has pursued since 1969 and ordering all its units to dump their arms, with effect from 1600 BST today (1500 UTC). The IRA has been on "cease-fire" since 1996 and said it would follow a democratic path ending more than 30 years of violence. It will not, however, disband.
- The Islamic Human Rights Commission has released a statement which claims that the number of attacks on South Asians in the UK has risen 13 fold since the July 2005 London bombings.
- In India, Lal Krishna Advani of the Bharatiya Janata Party and seven others are charged with inciting riots in Ayodhya in 1992.
- In the United States, the House of Representatives approves the Dominican Republic-Central America Free Trade Agreement, 217-215, sending the approved treaty to President George W. Bush.
- The United States, China, India, Japan, South Korea and Australia have formed a partnership aiming to cut the emissions of gasses that lead to global warming. The agreement is known as the Asia Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate.

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Final findings will not be available for several days as a team of 200 experts study all video and stills footage taken of the Shuttle during launch, and on approach to the International Space Station, with which Discovery docked earlier today.

Images from new cameras have revealed that a section of foam weighing some 250g fell away from the external fuel tank during launch, but did not strike the Orbiter. However, NASA has announced the grounding of all further planned Shuttle launches until they have a firm understanding of why the foam comes away, and what to do about it.

A piece of foam striking the Columbia's wing during take-off in January 2003 was responsible for the loss of the craft as it made its re-entry to Earth's atmosphere.

As part of the check for damage the crew of Discovery used a laser-scanner on the robotic arm to inspect the craft's wing leading-edges and nosecone. The belly of the Orbiter will be checked later this week.

In a first, the Shuttle also performed a slow back-flip in some 180m from the ISS enabling the two-man crew of the space station to take high-resolution images of the underside of the Orbiter.

**Mysterious disease kills 19 in China's Sichuan province**

Chinese officials have ceased the export of pork from two cities after at least 19 individuals died and 61 were taken ill after contracting a mysterious disease related to pigs. China leads the world in the production of pork products.

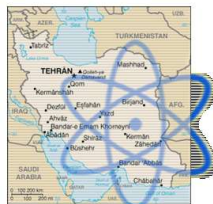
Symptoms of the illness include fatigue, headache, high fever, vomiting, and eventually coma. Subcutaneous bruising has also been observed in some patients.

Initial reports indicated that those becoming sick had recently butchered sick sheep or pigs. Lab tests in China have revealed that victims may be suffering an infection of *Streptococcus suis* -- a bacteria found in many pork producing countries.

Serious cases of *Streptococcus suis* infection can lead to coma and eventually meningitis. Thus far, no human-to-human

transmissions have been observed.

### Iran will continue work on nuclear fuel cycle



Outgoing Iranian president Mohammad Khatami said that the proposed nuclear fuel work would not include producing enriched uranium, but stressed that Iran would ultimately resume its uranium enrichment programme.



*Outgoing Iranian president Mohammad Khatami*

Khatami told reporters "Whether Europeans mention our right to resume activities at the uranium conversion facility at Isfahan or not, we will definitely resume them regardless."

Iran has consistently maintained that it has a right to develop its own nuclear fuel cycle from its indigenous uranium resources to produce power. Though Iran has large oil stocks, environmental concerns and the Kyoto Protocol may preclude their continued development.

### US, five Asian nations announce climate change partnership

The United States, China, India, Japan, South Korea and Australia have formed a partnership aiming to cut the emissions of gasses that lead to global warming. The deal was signed after nearly a year of secret negotiations. The "Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate" deal does not - as yet - contain targets for reducing emissions.

Environmental groups have condemned the

deal, claiming that, as it is not legally binding, it is no substitute for the Kyoto Protocol, which the US and Australia refuse to sign. China and India - along with some 140 other countries - have already ratified the Kyoto agreement, but did not have to set a target for reducing gas emissions due to their status as developing countries. The Kyoto Protocol, by contrast, has the firm target of reducing emissions by 5.2% on 1990 levels before 2010.

Answering critics, the Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer said, "We are not trying to detract from Kyoto and the commitments that a number of countries have made under the Kyoto Protocol. This partnership will complement and not replace the Kyoto Protocol."

The Australian Prime Minister John Howard also said that his country should not pursue renewable technologies, but should instead concentrate in reducing emissions from the use of coal. Australia is the world's largest exporter of coal, and Howard said that "Australia [should not be] unreasonably penalising herself by saying, in effect, we're going to try to move away from the use of fuels in which Australia has a natural advantage."

However part of the deal includes setting up a fund to further research cleaner energy technologies, including more efficient use of fossil fuels as well as renewable technologies, and also methods of trapping and storing greenhouse gasses rather than releasing them to the atmosphere. It is hoped that this will aid China, India and other developing countries to adopt cleaner energy solutions.

The details will be worked out at a meeting between the six countries in November, shortly before the next UN summit on climate change.

The countries believe the deal is fairer and more effective than the Kyoto Protocol. However, a Greenpeace spokesperson said, "The suggested scheme is, unlike Kyoto, a voluntary scheme, and all evidence shows that voluntary schemes do not work. Skulking around making secretive, selective deals will not accomplish a reduction in emissions."

The UN Intergovernmental Panel on

Climate Change was warned that global temperatures could rise by 1.4C to as much as 5.8C by 2100. The US and China are the two biggest producers of carbon dioxide (a major greenhouse gas) in the world.

### New York area blog spawns book deal, NBC sitcom

Called the "Carrie Bradshaw" of bloggers by the New York Times, suburban New Yorker Stephanie Klein's online musings in her personal blog, Greek Tragedy, has gained the attention of Hollywood and the book industry while it draws comparisons to former HBO television series, Sex and the City.

Since January 2004, Klein has written her blog which goes into the intimate details of her life as a 29-year-old professional single woman living in New York City's northwestern suburb of Prospect Park, New Jersey. Since then her blog has become among the top 1 percent most-read blogs in the world, according to Technorati's "net attention" ratings system.

That popularity grabbed the attention of two international media conglomerates, News Corporation and NBC Universal. News Corp.'s HarperCollins book division struck a book deal with Klein valued at more than \$500,000. The book is scheduled to debut in April 2006.

Comparisons to Sex and the City may continue. NBC Universal is developing the blog-based book into a fictionalized weekly sitcom version of Klein's life for its NBC television network.

### OS2 fans want it Open Sourced

As a result of IBM's officially setting the withdraw date of OS/2 operating system from the market, as well as their withdraw of support, many OS/2 fans hope the computer giant open sources most or all the the OS/2 operating system.

### Poor fall of German unemployment rate

Germany's unemployment rate fell by one-tenth per cent in July, Federal Labour Office said.

The number of jobless Germans dropped by 42,000 to 4.8 million, but without seasonal

adjustments, including summer breaks in job training and holidays of the jobseekers, it grew by 68,000 and is close to a post-war record. Unemployment can even rise 370,000 by end of the year, according to German research institute IAB.

Labour-market problems remain the main issue of the forthcoming Bundestag elections campaign. Chancellor Schröder's government is blamed for fail of his social policy reform known as Hartz IV and growing joblessness. In recent polls ruling Social Democrats (SPD) gained 27% as the opposition conservatives have 44% of votes.

### Doctor to be charged after mother's death in Ohio

A doctor who worked at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania will be charged with aggravated murder after her mother was found dead in the trunk of her car Wednesday, authorities in Ohio say. Dr. Malar Balasubramanian, 29, was found in Blue Ash, Ohio, a suburb approximately 15 miles north of Cincinnati lying on the ground beside the road in a T-shirt and underwear in an apparently heavily medicated state. She directed officers to her black Oldsmobile Intrigue which was 500 feet away. There, they found the body of Saroja Balasubramanian, 53, covered with blood-stained blankets. Police said that the body appeared to have been there for about a day.

Dr. Malar Balasubramanian, formerly of the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh, worked at Children's Hospital from June 2001 to June 2004, according to Melanie Finnigan, a hospital spokeswoman. She had recently returned from work in India.

### IRA orders end to armed campaign

The Provisional Irish Republican Army, in a statement released earlier today (in one form as a DVD, with the statement being read by Séanna Breathnach), has declared that it intends to end its campaign of violence and decommission its weapons.

The move comes after international pressure to decommission weapons and cease all violent activity, particularly after allegations regarding the murder of Robert McCartney in Short Strand, Belfast, and a burglary of

the Northern Bank in December of last year.

Members have been ordered to dump all arms and cease all paramilitary activity as of 16.00 BST (15.00 UTC) today, and the organisation's leadership states that it will pursue its aims through exclusively peaceful means. The statement reaffirms the IRA's view that its "armed struggle was entirely legitimate" as a means of pursuing the organisation's goal of a united Ireland, but states that many suffered during this conflict and that society is now compelled to build a lasting peace.

In its statement the IRA also appealed to the British government and Northern Irish Protestants to renew negotiations with them.

Reaction to the statement has been mixed.

*"I think it has all the clarity that people have looked for this past 12 months. Of course there are lots of other issues in the peace process, which we have to continue to build on and build confidence on"* — Bertie Ahern, Taoiseach (Irish Prime Minister)

*"This may be the day when finally, after all the false dawns and dashed hopes, peace replaced war, politics replaces terror on the island of Ireland. [...] It is what we have striven for and worked for throughout the eight years since the Good Friday Agreement."* — Tony Blair, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

*"For the first time we have heard directly from the IRA not Sinn Fein that henceforward they are going to adopt peaceful means in seeking their political objectives"* — Peter Mandelson, European Union Commissioner, former Northern Ireland Secretary

*"11 years after the first IRA ceasefire these are the words that we needed and wanted to hear."* — Alex Attwood, SDLP

*"I know there have been some who have been sceptical about whether republicans, the IRA in particular, were really interested in this process. I think today's statement shows that they are. The IRA doesn't have to do this. It is only doing this to try and give some assurance to those who are nervous or who are genuinely concerned. The IRA is not just stretching itself. It is actually overstretching itself to try to bring about the restoration of the peace process."* — Gerry Adams, Sinn Fein President

### Figo will not transfer to Liverpool

Both Liverpool and Inter Milan have been hard-hitting targets for the Portuguese midfielder this summer but it looks like Liverpool's bid to get the 32-year-old player, with contract and wages talks have been broken down "irrevocably", according to today's The Times.

But it does look like Inter Milan do have the upper hand, in this Figo Saga, according to many newspapers.

Providing an update regarding his situation, Figo said: "With the English side (Liverpool), everything has ended but I'm happy many other big clubs have put their eyes on me - about Inter I have no news.

"My situation is strange. I only want to play football, possibly with Real, but if I have no possibilities here it's better that I leave."

This has come to a time where Figo, has flown with Real Madrid to there World Tour, in Japan and America.

### Cambridge Silicon Radio, Ltd. acquires UbiNetics Holdings Limited

The world leader in Bluetooth wireless communication technology, Cambridge Silicon Radio Ltd., announced today their acquisition of the software organisation UbiNetics for a sum of 48 million US dollars. Both companies based in Cambridge, UK, UbiNetics provides expertise in the development of communication protocol software to the Bluetooth giant. Additional UbiNetics offices in India and the People's Republic of China are also acquired.

### Icelandic Kaupthing Bank earnings soar 292%



KAUPTHING BANK

Hreiðar Már Sigurðsson, CEO of Kaupthing bank, says the bank is performing well in all key market areas. Sigurðsson also talked about the future of the bank, and the recent acquisition of Singer & Fridlander: "Our acquisition of the British bank Singer & Friedlander is an important milestone for the Bank and brings us closer to attaining

our goal of becoming one of the leading investment banks in northern Europe. Singer & Friedlander brings on board some 600 dedicated professionals to join the trusted team already in place across the group, and the majority of the Bank's employees are now located outside Iceland."

The bank has been increasing fast since the Icelandic government sold it in 2002 and it now has 70% of its revenues coming from abroad.

Earnings per share were ISK 37.9 ISK during the first six months of the year, up from ISK 14.9 last year.

### Burundi radio station ban lifted as media council chair resigns



One of Burundi's most popular radio stations, "Radio Publique Africain", has been allowed to re-open.

RPA was forcibly shut down on Friday July 22, allegedly on the orders of President Domitien Ndayizeye.

The move came just a day after RPA resumed broadcasting, having observed an earlier two-day ban, following a disagreement with Burundi's "National Communications Council" (CNC).

The CNC had accused RPA of giving disproportionate coverage to the opposition FDD party, who heavily defeated Ndayizeye's FRODEBU party in last month's national elections. Ndayizeye is due to relinquish power in August.

The radio station's Director, Alexis Sinduhije, had denied the CNC's charges. President Ndayizeye was quoted by BBC monitoring as saying that he had decided to close the radio station to "safeguard the integrity of state institutions."

The closure of RPA was condemned in Burundi, where the radio station, founded in 2001 to promote reconciliation between the Hutu and Tutsi ethnic groups, has a wide following. The US-based "Committee to

Protect Journalists" led international condemnation of the ban, which Burundi's "Collectif des Professionels des Médias de la Diaspora Burundaise" described as an "abuse of power", setting up an online petition in protest.

"The National Council of Communication judged that RPA has respected council sanctions, but we have also allowed the radio to reopen because a lot of people requested it," CNC chairman Jean Pierre Manda told Reuters, earlier this week.

Manda has now resigned, although he denies that the move is connected with the row over RPA, and cites "personal reasons". The Committee to Protect Journalists reports that the CNC is to be reformed, with Radio Publique Africain's Deputy Director sitting on the board in future.

There is some confusion over when the ban was lifted, with Reporters Sans Frontieres and the Committee to Protect Journalists reporting that it remained in place until Wednesday this week, while Reuters claims that the ban was lifted on Monday.

RPA Director Alexis Sinduhije has told Reuters that some of the radio station's material has been destroyed by the Burundian police, and suggested that broadcasting will not resume until a damage inventory has been taken.

This week's row is merely the latest manifestation of a long-running personal dispute between President Ndayizeye and the RPA Director Alexis Sinduhije, says journalist Gratien Rukindikiza, writing on the Burundian news website [burundi.news.free.fr](http://burundi.news.free.fr). Rukindikiza traces the root of the affair to a telephone call last year in which Ndayizeye tried, unsuccessfully, to persuade Sinduhije to endorse his campaign, through Radio Publique Africain, to amend Burundi's constitution. The amendment would have allowed Ndayizeye to seek a second term in power, in contravention of a 2003 peace agreement.

### Australian refugee activists plan protest during minister's speech

Sydney refugee activists say that they will rally outside the building where

Immigration Minister Amanda Vanstone is giving a speech today. The minister will be speaking at the launch of an Immigrants' Rights Kit.

Mark Goudkamp of the Refugee Action Collective, quoted in a press release, argued that it was ironic that the minister was releasing a rights kit when she was responsible for violating the rights of asylum seekers.

"Vanstone oversees the denial of basic human rights for asylum seekers and refugees," he said. "How dare she offer her services at the launch of a publication advocating a better deal for migrants."

The Immigration Department has always maintained that Australia's immigration detention program and treatment of asylum seekers does not intentionally violate their rights, and in fact benefits a large number of people. On July 22 Senator Vanstone announced figures for the Government's Refugee and Humanitarian program, which included 13,100 visas for the 2004-2005 period.

"This demonstrates the Government's strong and continuing commitment to providing new lives for refugees and those in humanitarian need under the Refugee and Humanitarian Program," the Minister said.

"Ninety two percent, or 12 096 visas, were granted offshore in 2004-05, ensuring that the majority of our efforts target those in the greatest need of resettlement, as determined by the United Nation's High Commissioner for Refugees. This represents the largest offshore program since 1995-96"

Mr Goudkamp criticised the minister over recent scandals.

"Vanstone is in hot water over Cornelia Rau, Vivian Solon, the Hwang children and upwards of 200 other cases of wrongful detention," he said.

"Now we hear that Mahabub Alam, a Bangladeshi student with a valid visa, was subjected to a search without a warrant, arrest, interrogation and incarceration by immigration officers."

"Vanstone addressing this forum is sheer hypocrisy. Her reputation as immigration

minister is beyond repair. John Howard seems to be the only person in the country defending her."

He also called for the resignation of Senator Vanstone and her predecessor, current Attorney-General Phillip Ruddock.

"She must step down, taking Philip Ruddock, who was the hardline minister when many of these debacles occurred, with her," he said.

The Department also recently released figures on its skilled migration program, emphasising the benefits to the Australian economy, while not compromising other programs such as family reunion.

"The 77,880 skill stream migrants in 2004-05 account for about 65 per cent of the total program. At 120,060, the overall Migration (non-Humanitarian) Program was the largest since the late 1980s," Senator Vanstone said.

"The Government's focus on skilled migration continues to benefit Australia's economy, while it maintained a sizable level of family reunion," she said.

The rally will begin at the Market St entrance of the Queen Victoria Building at 5:30pm.

*This article contains first-hand journalism by a Wikinews Reporter.*

## 21 July London bombing suspect held

Yasin Hassan Omar, 24 — suspected of the attempted attack on Warren Street Tube Station — has been arrested by police in Birmingham in a raid yesterday.

After being informed by a member of the public, police — supported by an army bomb disposal team from the Royal Logistic Corps (RLC) — launched a dawn raid at 04:30 am BST on a ground floor flat in Heybarnes Road that Omar was apparently staying in alone. According to the British tabloid newspaper "The Daily Mirror", Omar allegedly shouted at police to "Get back or I'll take you with me".

After a struggle ensued involving, it is believed, a rucksack that police feared was a bomb, Omar was shot in the bathroom by a

50,000-volt taser stun gun that temporarily disabled him. The rucksack was apparently thrown outside the window by police officers.

Around 100 homes were subsequently evacuated as a precautionary measure on the orders of the RLC bomb disposal team. The team then made a controlled explosion of the suspect package.

In a house in nearby Bankdale Road, three men, thought to be Somalis, were arrested and taken to a local police station.

Omar was later taken to Paddington Green, West London, the Metropolitan Police's only high-security police station.

The flat in Birmingham remained guarded by police while forensic tests continued.

Elsewhere, three women were arrested in Blair House in Stockwell, London in connection with the investigations into the attempted attacks on 21 July.

Early this morning, nine people were arrested under the Terrorism Act 2000 in raids on two houses in Tooting, south London. None are believed to be the three remaining 21 July bombers at large.

## U.S. Congress passes CAFTA with 2 vote House margin

The U.S. House of Representatives approved the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) early morning Thursday, with a narrow vote of 217 in favor, 215 against. Voting was held open for an hour, 45 minutes past the House's 15-minute voting rule as the President along with other supporters lobbied into the night.

The vote was so close, if one House member changed a "Yea" vote to a "Nay" vote, CAFTA would have failed in a 216-216 tie.

### Republican vote breakdown

In tallying the votes, 25 Republicans, mostly from Midwest Corn Belt and Rust Belt states and the the Southeast United State's textile industrial belt, broke party line to vote against the measure. Two Republicans were present, but refused to

vote.

### Democrat and Independent vote breakdown

The Democrats presented a more united front. All but 15 Democrats present voted against the treaty. Independent House members, who usually vote with the Democrats also voted against the measure.

Supporters of the measure include President George W. Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney, U.S. Trade Representative Rob Portman and Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez. Opponents included most House Democrats.

The trade agreement already passed the Senate in June. President Bush has said he will sign it into law.

## Ties found between Abu Ghraib prison abuse and Guantanamo Bay

n testimony at a military hearing yesterday on abuses at the U.S. prison camp in Iraq, the former warden of Abu Ghraib, Maj. David Dinenna, said he attended in September 2003 a meeting with Maj. Gen. Geoffrey D. Miller, who was then commander of the Guantanamo Bay prison camp. Maj. Dinenna said Gen. Miller recommended using dogs, because of their effectiveness.

Two dog handler soldiers at Abu Ghraib stand accused in the hearing. Sgt. Santos A. Cardona, 31, and Sgt. Michael J. Smith, 24, are alleged to have used the dogs to threaten and intimidate prisoners. During the defendants' testimony on Tuesday, they said the interrogation techniques used by them on prisoners was learned from a team of interrogators that was dispatched to Iraq from the Guantanamo Bay military base in Cuba.

The Article 32 military court proceeding, which concluded Wednesday in Fort Meade, Maryland, is a preliminary hearing to hear prosecution and defense arguments in the case. The Prosecution is seeking a court-martial with claims that the defendants acted criminally. The Defense contends the soldiers were following orders, and that the charges should be dropped.

The investigating officer of the military court, Maj. Glenn Simpkins, has two weeks

to weigh the evidence that was presented. Some or all charges could be dropped, but if some charges stand, he will make a recommendation on how Sgts. Cardona and Smith should be dealt with when it goes to trial.

The two accused said in yesterday's testimony that Col. Thomas M. Pappas, the top military intelligence officer at Abu Ghraib, approved the use of the dogs. Testimony was also heard from Pvt. Ivan L. "Chip" Frederick, now serving an 8-year sentence in Fort Leavenworth for his role as ringleader in the abuse, who testified by phone from prison that approval was given to use the dogs, and that a civilian interrogator was also sometimes involved in directing which prisoner cells were to be visited by dog handlers.

In addition to the use of dogs, aggressive interrogation techniques such as clothing removal and sleep deprivation were also part of the series of abuses. Staff Sgt. James Vincent Lucas previously had told Army investigators in Guantanamo that he left Cuba in 2003 to go to Iraq where he, as a member of a 6-man team, taught the "lessons learned" at Guantanamo, and served to "provide guidelines" to interrogators at Abu Ghraib.

Legislation sponsored by several Senate Republicans seeks to specifically regulate the treatment of prisoners at Guantanamo and other military prisons. A co-sponsor of the bill, Lindsey Graham (R-SC), recently released declassified internal memos dating from 2003 and written by top military lawyers. They warned the Pentagon about the aggressive tactics at Guantanamo. The memos noted it would heighten the dangers for U.S. troops caught by the enemy.

Army charge sheets accuse Cardona and Smith with maltreating detainees from November 15, 2003, to January 15, 2004 by "directing, encouraging, or permitting [their] unmuzzled military working dog[s] to bark and growl at detainees in order to unlawfully harass and threaten the detainees and in order to make the detainees urinate or defecate on themselves."

Cardona, of Fullerton, with the 42nd Military Police Detachment in Ft. Bragg, N.C., was charged with nine counts. Smith, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., with the 523rd

Military Police Detachment in Ft. Riley, Kan., was charged with 14 counts.

### **Verdicts announced in France's largest child abuse case**

The biggest child abuse case in the history of France, involving 45 abused children and 65 defendants, ended today with the conviction of all but three of the accused.

The court in Angers handed down sentences ranging from four months suspended to 28 years for, among others, Philippe V., the key accused. The court found that he, along with his son Franck V. and Franck's former spouse, Patricia M., was one the instigators of a sex ring that abused 45 children, mostly in the couple's flat.

The abuses of children aged between six months and 12 years took place in a poor and deprived area of the western french town of Angers. Many of the defendants were poor and lived on benefits and some were mentally impaired. About 20 of them admitted to the charges, while others claimed to have never heard of a sex ring.

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## Today in History

- 1030 - King Olaf II fought and died in the Battle of Stiklestad, trying to regain his Norwegian throne from the Danes.
- 1907 - The Scouting movement began with the first scout camp at Brownsea Island in Dorset, England.
- 1947 - ENIAC, the world's first all-electronic digital computer, was turned on; it remained in continuous operation until October 2, 1955.
- 1954 - The Fellowship of the Ring, the first part of The Lord of the Rings, is published in the UK.
- 1957 - The International Atomic Energy Agency was established.
- July 29 is Ólavsøka in the Faroe Islands

## Quote of the Day

"All parts should go together without forcing. You must remember that the parts you are reassembling were disassembled by you. Therefore, if you can't get them together again, there must be a reason. By all means, do not use a hammer." ~ IBM maintenance manual (1925)

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