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US restores Libya ties after 25 years

America is to renew full ties with Libya after removing it from a list of states supporting terrorism. The US has not had normal relations since 1980. It used sanctions in 2004 after Libya renounced weapons of mass destruction, but arms exports were still banned and investment limited.

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Witch MP quits

Yvonne Hird, a small-town Dutch politician and world-renowned critic of Islam, is to leave parliament and move to America after admitting she lied to win a seat in the Netherlands.

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MICHAEL OWEN ON THIERRY HENRY

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Eviction thwarted

Protestors in China are considering banning Mission: Impossible III, the latest Tom Cruise action film, because it suggests that Shanghai police is not the world's finest. Def-takers.

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Credit line

Autotunnel shares were suspended in Paris pending a delayed publication of 2005 results. The company denied that it was in advanced talks with creditors.

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Riots escalate in Brazil

BRAZIL'S most populous and richest state suffered a third day of fear and chaos yesterday as the country's largest criminal network kept up its attacks in a violent campaign to force the state government to back down in its bid to break the gang's control over the prison system.

At least 75 people have died since the violence erupted late on Friday when the gang launched a series of drive-by shootings and assassinations aimed at police and law enforcement officials as well as a state-wide rebellion that has engulfed 80 of São Paulo's prisons. Several hundred hostages are being

held by prisoners, among them guards and family members who were in the jails when they rebelled. Authorities say the attacks are the work of the Primeiro Comando da Capital (First Command of the Capital) or PCC, Brazil's biggest criminal organisation. In the early hours of yesterday morn-

ing the gang changed tactics, targeting São Paulo's transport network. Gang members set 60 public buses ablaze forcing many operators to suspend services and causing chaos during the Monday commute in South America's biggest city. **FULL REPORT** page 23

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Inmates hold a guard, centre, hostage at knifepoint in a jail riot

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Italian veteran is new leader

ITALY'S FIRST ex-Communist head of state, Giorgio Napolitano, 80, takes the oath of office in Rome yesterday, a week after his election in the face of centre-right opposition. The new President is expected to ask Romano Prodi, the centre-left leader, to form a government following his wafer-thin victory over Silvio Berlusconi, the outgoing Prime Minister, in last month's controversial general election. **WORLD NEWS** page 28

Cannes turns focus on film festival

A GIANT image of Marilyn Monroe looms over drivers emerging from an underpass in Cannes, where the film festival opens tomorrow with a star-studded screening of *The Da Vinci Code*. From Thursday 20 films from 13 countries will be competing for the Palme d'Or