Top Stories

- Nelson Mandela, anti-apartheid activist, first black president of South Africa, and renowned statesman, dies at 95
- French Senate to vote on bill making paying for sex a crime after National Assembly approves
- Looting goes on for over 24 hours in Cordoba as local police strike for higher salaries
- South Korean intelligence agency reports Kim Jong Un purged his uncle, the presumed regent of North Korea, over 2 years ago
- Instability and widespread violence continue across the Central African Republic between Muslim and Christian militias as France sends more troops to the region
- A leading commander in Hezbollah, Hassan Lakkis, is killed in southern Beirut; a Sunni extremist group claims responsibility
- Economists praise WTO after passing agreement to cut red tape in international trade

The Passing of a Legend

The death of Nelson Mandela brought tears around the world. His story and his struggle against the repression of apartheid will inspire for generations to come.

- A biographical account of Mandela's life with a focus on his final years
- Editor of Mandela’s autobiography shares his thoughts on Mandela’s passing
- Nelson Mandela’s most famous speech delivered in his defense for his trial for treason in 1964
- A look at some of the more radical views Mandela held, often glossed over by the media

Around Campus This Week

- Measuring NSA Surveillance on 12/9, 11:30-1pm @ CISAC Conference Room
- Chris Marker Film Series- “Akira Kurosawa” on 12/10, 7pm @ Herrin Hall
- Does Decentralization Lessen or Worsen Poverty? On 12/12, 12-1:30pm @ Philippines Conference Room, Encina Hall, RSVP by 12/11, 5pm

Opportunities in International Affairs

- RA Position with Prof. Laitin and Prof. Fearon studying the history of armed conflict, send transcript and email describing your interest to jfearon@stanford.edu and dlaitin@stanford.edu

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