

SAA ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- 1) Have a great summer!

We hope everyone has a safe and happy break! If you will be in Cambridge/Boston or New York City, don't forget to sign up for the SAA-Cambridge list (<http://lists.hcs.harvard.edu/mailman/listinfo/saa-cambridge>) or SAA-NYC list (<http://lists.hcs.harvard.edu/mailman/listinfo/saa-nyc>)!

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- 2) SAA Alumni Reception - 6/7

Join SAA alumni as they celebrate their 5, 10, and 15 year reunions at Harvard!
All undergrads and graduating seniors are invited to attend.

When: Saturday, June 7, 3-5 PM
Where: Lowell Small Dining Room

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- 3) Fashion Show Costumes

For those traveling to any part of South Asia this summer, please remember that we need clothing for Andaaz, SAA's biannual fashion show! Any piece of South Asian fashion used in Andaaz would be reimbursed 100%.

Please contact Joe (thumpas@fas) and Ria (rtobacc@fas) if you believe you could purchase an article of clothing that would contribute to Andaaz. Please contact us with information before any purchase totaling over \$50.

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- 4) South Asia News Bulletin

- Cyclone Nargis
 - On May 2, 2008, the Category 4 Cyclone "Nargis" made landfall in southern Burma/Myanmar.
 - The storm devastated the nation's low-lying, densely populated southern coastal region. Official estimates put the death toll around 78,000 as of May 20, but many organizations expect the actual number of dead to be much higher. For more information see:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7408461.stm>

<http://burmaemergency.wordpress.com/category/death-toll-and-missin>

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The situation has been exacerbated considerably by Burma's military leadership, which initially attempted to downplay the scope of the disaster. It impeded the arrival of foreign humanitarian aid and frequently obstructs the activities of aid workers already in the country. For more information see:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7403938.stm>

- o Seventeen days after the catastrophe, the regim acknowledged the disaster by proclaiming three days of public mourning on May 19 and agreeing to let neighboring ASEAN member states send medical personnel as well as further aid. UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon is also expected to arrive on Wednesday. For more details see:

http://www.cnn.com/2008/WORLD/asiapcf/05/19/myanmar.aid/index.html?eref=ib_topstories

- o In the aftermath of the havoc wreaked by the storm, food supplies are not reaching victims fast enough and Burma's next rice harvest and general food supplies are severely threatened. Farmers in the Irrawady Delta in the center of the hardest-hit region usually supply Burma with 70% of its rice, but the growing season begins soon and the storm has destroyed seed supplies and paddy fields, and seawater has contaminated the soil with salt. For further information see:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7405414.stm>

<http://www.cnn.com/2008/WORLD/asiapcf/05/18/myanmar.ap/index.html>

- o If you want to know how you can help, please visit: www.worldvision.org to donate directly.

•□□□ Terrorist Attacks in Jaipur

- o On Tuesday, May 13, seven bombs exploded in Jaipur, Rajasthan, in the most recent major terror attack in India, killing at least 60 people and injuring over a hundred

•□□□ Violence in Sri Lanka

- o Both the Sri Lankan government and the Tamil Tigers claim to have inflicted heavy losses on the opposing side in recent clashes in northern Sri Lanka. For details see:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7408370.stm

- o On May 6, a suicide bomber killed nine and injured 90 in Sri Lanka's capital Colombo. For further information see:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7404147.stm

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5) Seniors - Sign up for SAA emails with your post.harvard.edu account

Don't forget to re-subscribe to the Saa-list, Saa-open, and Saa-08 with your post.harvard.edu email address. The relevant links, respectively, are:

<http://lists.hcs.harvard.edu/mailman/listinfo/saa-list>

<http://lists.hcs.harvard.edu/mailman/listinfo/saa-open>

<http://lists.hcs.harvard.edu/mailman/listinfo/saa-08>

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6) Congratulations to the new SAJ editors and SAC rep!

The new editors of the South Asian Journal are **Nischal Basnyat**, **Shreya Maheshwari** and **Manisha Pandita**, and the new Representative to the Student Advisory Committee for the Harvard Foundation is **Helal Syed**. Congratulations to our appointed officers for 2008-2009!