

CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 1/24/08

TOPICS COVERED:

- News of the Day
- Pakistan
- Cambodia

TONY: HEY GUYS, IT IS THURSDAY, JANUARY 24TH. I'M TONY ANDERSON AND TODAY WE ARE GOING TO HEAR WHAT SOME YOUNG JOURNALISTS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. PLUS, WE'RE GOING TO MEET ONE TEEN WHO HAS A SCHOOL NAMED AFTER HER. BUT FIRST CHECK OUT THE HEADLINES FROM CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

CHRIS: IN THE MIDDLEAST TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PALESTINIANS FLOODED INTO EGYPT FROM THE GAZA STRIP YESTERDAY.

CHRIS: TUESDAY NIGHT, MILITANTS BLEW A SERIES OF HOLES IN A FENCE ALONG THE BORDER, WHICH ALLOWED THE PALESTINIANS TO ENTER EGYPT FREELY.

CHRIS: MANY PALESTINIANS CROSSED THE BORDER IN SEARCH OF SUPPLIES LIKE FOOD AND FUEL. THOSE NECESSITIES HAVE BEEN SCARCE SINCE ISRAEL CLOSED OFF ITS BORDER WITH HAMAS CONTROLLED GAZA SIX DAYS AGO.

CHRIS: BORDER PATROL AGENTS DIDN'T TAKE ANY ACTION AGAINST THE PALESTINIANS CROSSING INTO EGYPT, AND ISRAEL WORRIES THAT EXPLOSIVES AND OTHER WAR MATERIALS COULD FLOW THROUGH THE GAP INTO GAZA.

ANNOUNCER: ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY BY TWO NON PROFIT JOURNALISM ORGANIZATIONS, THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION MAY HAVE MADE MORE THAN 900 INCORRECT STATEMENTS ABOUT NATIONAL SECURITY DURING THE TWO YEARS LEADING UP TO THE WAR IN IRAQ.

ANNOUNCER: THE STUDY CONCLUDES THAT THESE STATEMENTS ALLOWED THE ADMINISTRATION TO LEAD THE U.S. INTO WAR UNDER QUOTE FALSE PRETENSES.

(SOT:) "There is Al Qaeda in Iraq, yes. The picture tells us that he is in fact actively and aggressively seeking to acquire weapons."

ANNOUNCER: RESEARCHERS COUNTED AT LEAST 530 OCCASIONS IN WHICH A MEMBER OF THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION SAID ONE OR TWO OF THE FOLLOWING. THAT IRAQ HAD OR WAS DEVELOPING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION OR THAT IRAQ HAD TIES TO AL QAEDA. BOTH FACTS LATER PROVEN UNTRUE.

ANNOUNCER: THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION HASN'T COMMENTED ON THE ACCURACY OF THE STUDY YET, BUT A WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN SAID THE ACTIONS TAKEN IN 2003 WERE BASED ON THE JUDGMENT OF INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES AROUND THE WORLD.

CHRIS: FOR THE FIRST TIME IN NEARLY TWO YEARS, THAILAND OPENED A SESSION OF PARLIAMENT THIS WEEK WITH A BODY OF ELECTED LEADERS.

CHRIS: IN SEPTEMBER 2006, THAI PRIME MINISTER THAKSIN SHINAWATRA WAS OUSTED IN A MILITARY COUP. BEFORE HE WAS OVERTHROWN, THAKSIN SHUT DOWN THE PARLIAMENT.

CHRIS: SINCE THEN, AN ELECTED PARLIAMENT HASN'T MET AND THAKSIN HAS BEEN IN EXILE. THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER HAS VOWED TO RETURN TO THAILAND IN MAY.

CHRIS: MEANWHILE, THE PARLIAMENT IS SET TO PICK A NEW PRIME MINISTER ON FRIDAY.

ANNOUNCER: HOLLYWOOD WRITERS AND PRODUCERS MET FOR INFORMAL NEGOTIATIONS YESTERDAY. FORMAL TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES BROKE DOWN LAST MONTH.

ANNOUNCER: THE MEETINGS COULD JUMP START ANOTHER ROUND OF FORMAL DISCUSSIONS.

ANNOUNCER: THE WRITERS GUILD OF AMERICA ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL NOT PICKET AT THE GRAMMY AWARDS CEREMONY ON FEBRUARY 10TH. NO WORD YET ON WHETHER THE GUILD WILL ALLOW ITS MEMBERS TO WORK ON THE SHOW.

ANNOUNCER: THE WRITERS HAVE BEEN ON STRIKE SINCE NOVEMBER FIFTH. ONE ESTIMATE PUTS THE AMOUNT OF MONEY LOST AS A RESULT OF THE STRIKE AT ONE-AND-A-HALF BILLION DOLLARS.

CHRIS: THE ANNUAL WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM KICKED OFF YESTERDAY IN DAVOS, SWITZERLAND.

CHRIS: BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS FROM 88 COUNTRIES ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE FORUM, WHERE ISSUES LIKE THE U.S. ECONOMY, CLIMATE CHANGE, SECURITY AND THE MIDDLE EAST ARE ALL ON THE AGENDA.

(SOT: Condoleezza Rice) "The United States continues to welcome foreign investment and free trade and the economy, our economy will remain a leading engine of global economic growth."

CHRIS: U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE CONDOLEEZZA RICE IS IN DAVOS AND IS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENTS OF PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN TODAY.

COMMERCIAL

TONY: WE'RE BRING BACK OUR POPULAR "PLAYER OF THE WEEK" SERIES, SO IF YOU HAVE A VIDEO OF YOU MAKING THE BIG PLAY, JUKING SOMEBODY OUT OF THEIR SHOES OR DUNKING ON SOMEBODY, WE WANT TO SHOW IT ON CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

TONY: HERE ARE SOME GREAT PLAYS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN UPLOADED TO US ON OUR WEBSITE. HEAD TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND SUBMIT YOUR VIDEO OR YOU CAN EVEN SEND US A TAPE. WHO KNOWS, MAYBE NEXT TIME IT COULD BE YOU THAT WE SHOW MAKING THE BIG PLAY OF THE WEEK.

TONY: COULD YOU IMAGINE IF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TOOK A NEWS CHANNEL LIKE MSNBC OR CNN OFF THE AIR? WELL, THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED IN PAKISTAN. JESSICA KUMARI HAS THAT STORY ON TODAY'S ONE VOICE ON THE FIRST AMENDMENT.

(SOT:) "I've been allowed to publish editorials that upset my teachers, upset some administration and I know upset some students and the fact that I can do that, the fact that I can do that on campus is what leads to the debates and ideas the school needs."

JESSICA: EVAN STORMS WORKS ON FAIRMONT PREP ACADEMY'S HIGH SCHOOL NEWSPAPER IN ANAHEIM CALIFORNIA. HE SAYS FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IS A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT HE TREASURES.

(SOT:) "I can't imagine what it's like to have to deal with the threat of perhaps a firing squad or police action taken against me because of something I write or something I think."

JESSICA: BUT CENSORSHIP OF THE INDEPENDENT NEWS MEDIA IS EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED IN PAKISTAN WHEN PRESIDENT MUSHARRAF SHUT DOWN ALL INDEPENDENT NEWS MEDIA.

JESSICA: A STRANGE TURN BECAUSE HE'S THE LEADER MANY SAY ALLOWED THE INDEPENDENT PRESS TO FLOURISH.

(SOT:) "President Pervez Musharraf has proclaimed a state of emergency in the country."

JESSICA: BUT ON NOVEMBER THIRD, MUSHARRAF DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN PAKISTAN. HE SUSPENDED THE CONSTITUTION, FIRED THE SUPREME COURT AND SHUT DOWN INDEPENDENT MEDIA OUTLETS.

JESSICA: MUSHARRAF SAYS ALL THIS WAS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN ORDER IN PAKISTAN. BUT CRITICS SAY MUSHARRAF ONLY WANTED TO CONTROL THE FLOW OF INFORMATION AND SILENCE HIS OPPONENTS.

(SOT:) "Any country that takes away the freedom of the media, the freedom of the courts it isn't good for a country."

(SOT: Ben Rosales) "Freedom of press may not necessarily be a good for order or security. Musharraf does need to maintain control of his country to maintain security sometimes one must stretch his powers to the point where he has to reduce freedoms."

JESSICA: IN DECEMBER, MUSHARRAF REINSTATED THE SUPREME COURT AND THE CONSTITUTION AND LIFTED THE BAN ON THE MEDIA. BUT ONLY FOR NEWS NETWORKS THAT WOULD SIGN A CODE OF CONDUCT.

JESSICA: A CODE SOME CRITICS SAY HAS WATERED DOWN THE MEDIA'S POWER TO CRITICIZE MUSHARRAF'S GOVERNMENT.

JESSICA: ALMOST ALL THE NEWS NETWORKS SIGNED THE CODE AND WENT BACK ON THE AIR, BUT ONE CHANNEL GEO TV REFUSED TO SIGN IT.

JESSICA: THEREFORE IT REMAINED BANNED, ONLY ABLE TO BROADCAST VIA THE INTERNET AND SATELLITE WHICH IS HOW MANAAL JAREY, WHOSE FAMILY IS FROM PAKISTAN WAS ABLE TO WATCH IT FROM THEIR CALIFORNIA HOME.

(SOT: Manaal Jafrey) "We get that channel and I think that freedom of the press is really important. And Musharraf should not have taken that right away from GEO."

JESSICA: OFF THE AIR AND UNAVAILABLE TO THE MAJORITY OF PAKISTANIS UNTIL THIS WEEK.

JESSICA: GEO TV WENT BACK ON THE AIR AFTER THE COMPANY'S PRESIDENT MADE A DEAL WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

JESSICA: WHILE IT'S UNCLEAR IF THE STATION HAS AGREED TO THE MEDIA CODE OF CONDUCT WHAT IS CLEAR IS THIS, TWO POLITICAL SHOWS MUSHARRAF OBJECTED TO ARE GONE.

JESSICA: SEVERAL OF THE STUDENTS I TALKED TO HERE AT FAIRMONT PREP ACADEMY AGREED SHUTTING DOWN A TV STATION WAS UNACCEPTABLE. BUT AS AMERICANS THEY CANT JUDGE TOO HARSHLY BECAUSE THE UNITED STATES IS NOT UNDERGOING THE SAME TYPE OF POLITICAL TURMOIL.

JESSICA: JESSICA KUMARI CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

ANNOUNCER: LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CONFLICT IN PAKISTAN. HEAD TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND CLICK ON PASSPORT PAKISTAN.

(SOT:) "We're here at the STN Convention in Anaheim, California and you're watching Channel One News."

COMMERCIAL

TONY: SOMETIMES WE TAKE THINGS LIKE EDUCATION FOR GRANTED BUT IT'S SOMETHING THAT MEANS A LOT TO A BUNCH OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN CAMBODIA WHO DIDN'T EVEN HAVE A SCHOOL TO GO TO.

TONY: THAT WAS UNTIL ONE TEEN THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY DECIDED TO DO SOMETHING. CHECK OUT TODAY'S FINDING STRENGTH.

CHRIS: A FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL UNLIKE ANY OTHER. MANY OF THESE CHILDREN IN RURAL CAMBODIA WILL GO TO CLASS FOR THE FIRST TIME AND HUNDREDS OF VILLAGERS GATHERED FOR THE OPENING OF THE RS ROSENFELD SCHOOL. THE GUEST OF HONOR, SIXTEEN YEAR OLD RACHEL ROSENFELD.

(SOT: Rachel Rosenfeld) "The second I walked off the bus, there was actually rows, probably half the kids, 150 kids, just clapping for me."

CHRIS: CLAPS OF GRATITUDE FOR GIVING THEM A SCHOOL. THAT'S RIGHT, THIS HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RAISED OVER FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO OPEN A NEW SCHOOL IN THE CAMBODIAN VILLAGE OF SHREY KIVAH.

CHRIS: WE VISITED RACHEL AT HER HOME IN HARRISON, NEW YORK. SHE TOLD ME THE IDEA TO BUILD A SCHOOL CAME FROM A POWERFUL NEWSPAPER ARTICLE ON THE PLIGHT OF CAMBODIAN GIRLS AND THE DIFFICULTY OF GETTING AN EDUCATION.

CHRIS: I THINK THAT SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS A BASIC PRIMARY SCHOOL EDUCATION COULD

(SOT: Rachel Rosenfeld) "Yeah, just a primary school education could help girls so much."

CHRIS: A SAD SITUATION IN A FAR AWAY COUNTRY, BUT RACHEL FELT COMPELLED TO DO SOMETHING. PARTLY BECAUSE, SHE HERSELF WAS MISSING OUT ON SCHOOL AT THE TIME.

CHRIS: RACHEL WAS DIAGNOSED WITH A PAINFUL STOMACH DISORDER THAT KEPT HER HOME FROM SCHOOL FOR A YEAR, MISSING OUT ON CLASSES, LUNCH WITH FRIENDS AND HOMEWORK.

(SOT: Rachel Rosenfeld) "I was wishing for homework! I just wished I had work to do. I was sitting at home, bored out of my mind."

CHRIS: SO RACHEL DECIDED TO TAKE ACTION. DESPITE HER ILLNESS, SHE ORGANIZED A CAMPAIGN TO RAISE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO BUILD A SCHOOL IN CAMBODIA.

(SOT: Rachel Rosenfeld) "And I thought, I'm not going to school, maybe I could build a school."

CHRIS: IT STARTED WITH A LETTER.

(SOT: Rachel Rosenfeld) "Dear friends, I'm 16 years old and I'm suppose to be a junior at Hackley School in Tarrytown, New York. At the beginning of the school year I can become very ill. Since I won't be in school, I'm organizing a fund raising program to build a school in Cambodia."

CHRIS: RACHEL ASKED FOR DONATIONS RAISING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS AND THE WORLD BANK MATCHED THAT AMOUNT. SHE ALSO DESIGNED AND SOLD T-SHIRTS.

CHRIS: IN THE END, SHE MANAGED TO COLLECT OVER FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS. LAST MONTH, RACHEL TRAVELED TO CAMBODIA FOR THE RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY.

CHRIS: A POWERFUL MOMENT THAT RACHEL SAYS GAVE HER THE STRENGTH TO MOVE FORWARD.

(SOT: Rachel Rosenfeld) "People need to realize that inner strength doesn't come from helping yourself, helping other people is really what got me to help myself."

CHRIS: CHRIS BROWNE, CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

ANNOUNCER: TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN HELP RAISE MONEY TO BUILD A SCHOOL IN CAMBODIA. LOOK FOR FINDING STRENGTH AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM.

TONY: ALRIGHT GUYS, THAT IS OUR SHOW FOR TODAY. I'M TONY ANDERSON FOR CHANNEL ONE NEWS. WE'LL SEE YOU HERE TOMORROW. TAKE CARE.