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A Human news summaries

Below we provide a sample human news summary from the Agence France-Presse portion of the Gigaword corpus. We use these summaries for evaluation.

AFP World News Summary

Top world news stories for Saturday at 0600 GMT:

NewYear-worldwrap

NEW YORK: A world grieving for the more than 125,000 dead in Asia's tsunami catastrophe marked a somber passage to the New Year with traditionally exuberant celebrations muted by mourning, and remembrance candles often replacing fireworks.

Asia-quake

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia: Aid pledges for Asia's tsunami victims topped 1.1 billion dollars on a tide of global New Year sympathy, but there was no respite for survivors holding mass burials as the death toll edged towards 126,000.

Asia-Quake-Indonesia-summit

JAKARTA: Indonesia, the country worst hit by the Asian-wide tsunami disaster, said it would host a major international summit to discuss strategies for overcoming the catastrophe and raising more aid.

Asia-quake-Indonesia

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia: Countless survivors of the devastating tsunami on Sumatra island remained isolated and without food or water nearly a week after the disaster struck, as Indonesia began the New Year facing a death toll of over 100,000.

Iraq

BAGHDAD: Hardline Islamists vowed to target Iraq's elections, just weeks away, as Prime Minister Iyad Allawi declared that Iraq's future lay with democracy.

Argentina-fire

BUENOS AIRES: Police arrested the owner of a Buenos Aires club

where at least 175 people died and 889 were injured in a blaze at the downtown disco crowded with 2,000 teenagers.

Ukraine-vote

KIEV: Ukraine looked with hope to the future at the onset of the New Year after Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich resigned and all but admitted losing last weekend's historic presidential rerun vote.

Sudan-talks-deal

NAIVASHA, Kenya: The Khartoum government and the main southern Sudan rebel group signed accords on two outstanding issues, paving the way for the signing of a comprehensive peace deal to end Africa's longest-running conflict.

Russia-Japan-China-oil-pipeline

MOSCOW: Russia said it had ordered the construction of an oil pipeline from its huge Siberian oilfields to the Pacific Ocean opposite Japan, in a move to boost export opportunities throughout East Asia and to the United States.

B Mechanical Turk task

Below we provide a screenshot of the task presented to Turkers.

Edit a news timeline

- You will see a series of news headlines arranged chronologically.
- Your goal is to help the timeline tell a single clear story.
- Please select **exactly two** articles that you think should be **removed** to improve the flow of the timeline.
- If you aren't sure, use your best judgment.
- To get more information, you can hover your mouse over a headline to see the beginning of the article text.

1 **Jan 06, 2005: GM TO ABSORB AND REPACKAGE MONEY-LOSING SATURN**

2 **Jan 06, 2005: DEMOCRATS TRY TO ALTER SOCIAL SECURITY DEBATE**

3 **Jan 08, 2005: 2042 AND ALL THAT: UNTANGLING THE DEBATE ON SOCIAL SECURITY**

4 **Feb 04, 2005: PRIVATELY OPERATED TOLL ROADS, COMMON IN EUROPE, MAY BE THE FUTURE IN THE U.S.**

5 **Apr 02, 2005: FEW SEE GAINS FROM SOCIAL SECURITY TOUR**

6 **Apr 19, 2005: CLOSING DOWN THE SENATE WON'T HELP DEMOCRATS**

7 **Apr 21, 2005: SENATE MOVES CLOSER TO NUCLEAR OPTION WITH COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF BUSH JUDICIAL NOMINEES**

8 **May 17, 2005: SENATE MODERATES SEEK FILIBUSTER COMPROMISE AFTER LEADERS FAILED**

9 **May 24, 2005: AS BATTLE APPROACHED, BOTH SIDES DUG IN**

10 **Jun 07, 2005: SENATE SET FOR BROWN CONFIRMATION VOTE**

Please rate the quality of the final timeline on a scale of 1-5:

- 1 means that the articles are totally unrelated.
- 5 means that the articles tell a single clear story.

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