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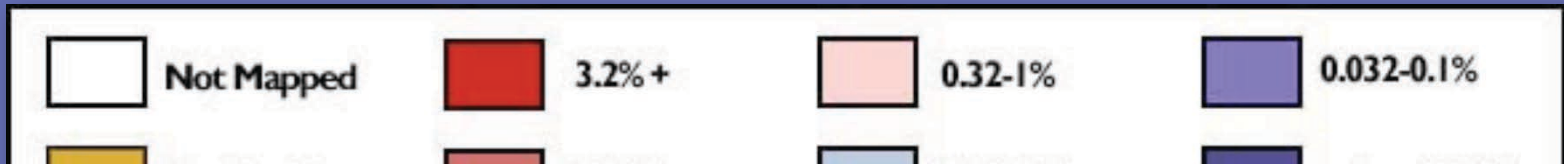
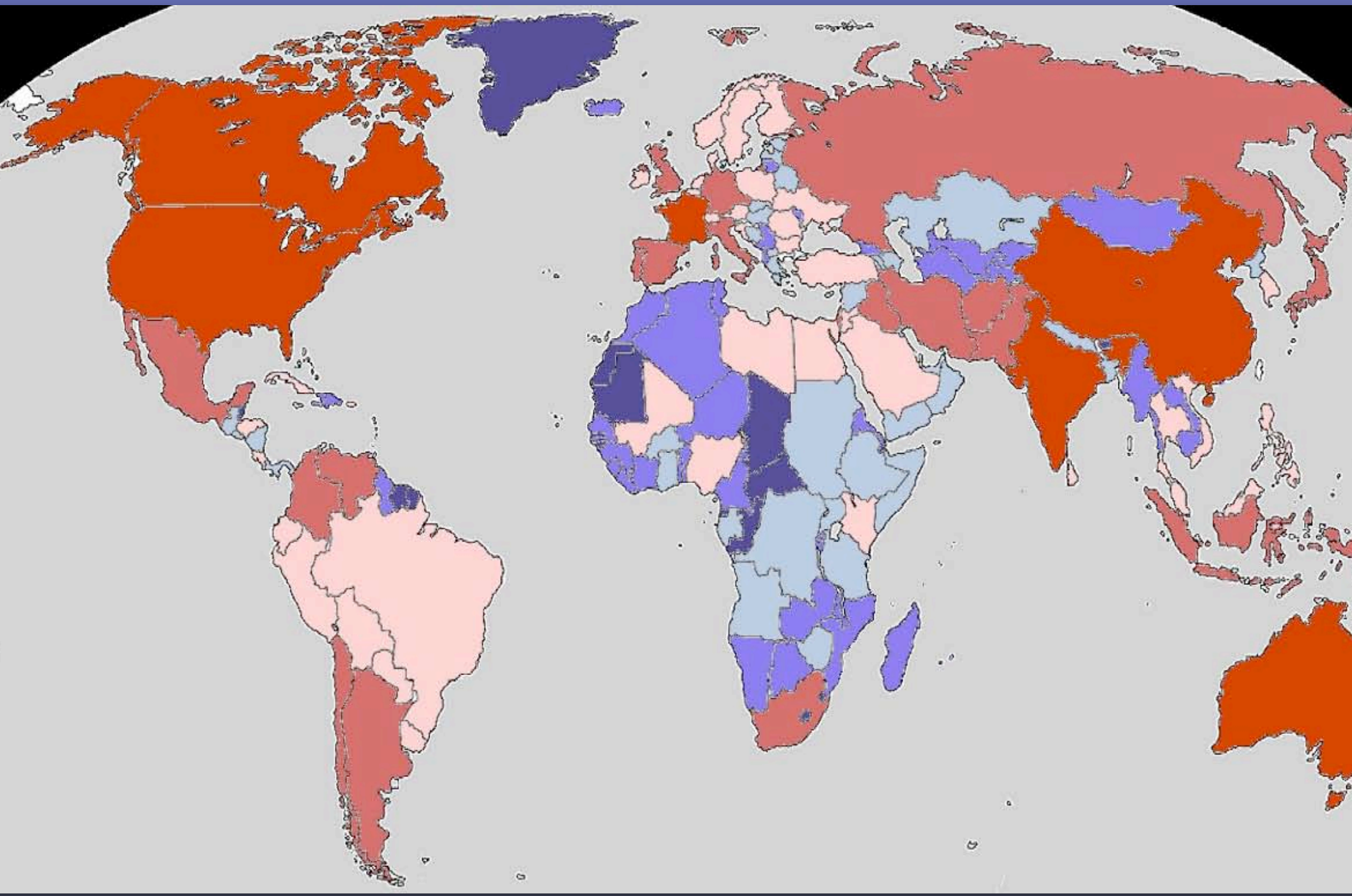
















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Belen Bogado · 06:39, April 21st, 2010 · Americas  
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In Paraguay, where 88% of the population speaks the indigenous language of Guaraní, there were no blogs in this native tongue, until blogger and journalist Mirta Martínez decided to begin writing in Guaraní as a way to promote the use of the language. [0 comments](#) · [read »](#)



## Bangladesh: Let Language Be Free

Rezwan · 21:55, April 20th, 2010 · South Asia

The Bangla blogosphere and Bangladeshi Facebook users are angry with protests as 'Avro', a freeware and one of the popular and widely used Bangla input systems, was accused as a pirated version of another proprietary Bangla input system 'Bijoy' and the Avro team was mentioned as hackers. [5 comments](#) · [read »](#)



### Updates

# *Maria Frô* republishes [pt] news about a [Americas](#) University of Brasília's report uncovering flaws in the electronic voting system: "Let's be aware of this election as they promise unpleasant surprises considering the suspicion of different electoral research institutes."

# The blog *The View* [Middle East & North Africa From Fez](#) reports on the launch of the first Moroccan Gay online magazine, *Mithly*. "It's a brave move. Next month's issue will broach another taboo subject – that of the high level of suicides amongst Moroccan gays," the blogger notes.

# Eugene Ivanov of *The Ivanov Report* [Americas](#)

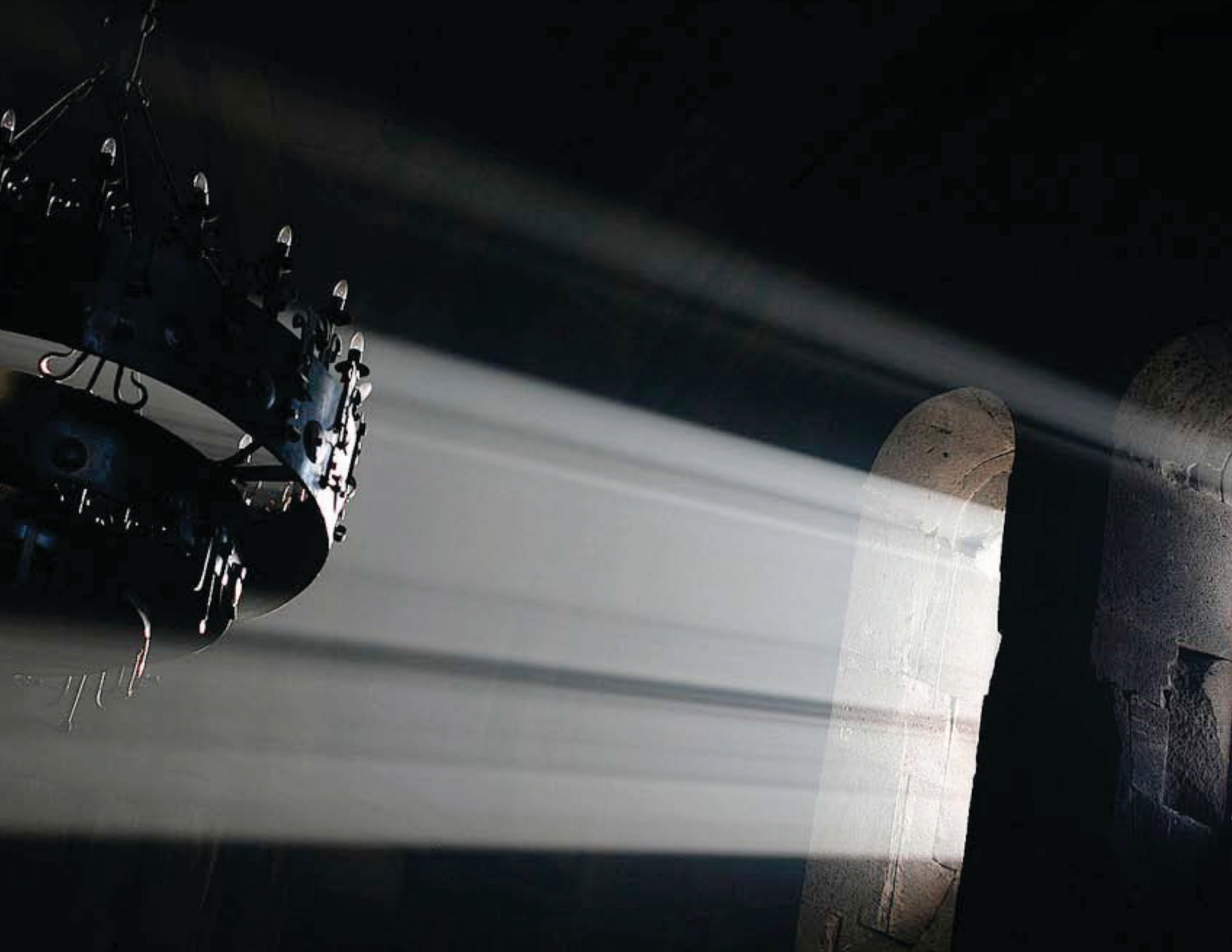
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**- Rupert Wright in “The National”**



### [U.S. Embassy profiles on Icelandic PM, Foreign Minister, Ambassador](#)

ified U.S. profiles of key Icelandic figures. (1) Prime Minister Johanna Sigurdardottir; (2) the then ambassador to the U.S., Albert Jonsson; (3) Minister of Foreign Affairs and External Trade, Ossur Jonsson. The profiles form briefing documents for U.S. officials visiting Iceland. While the documents are generally lowly classified and careful to be diplomatic, the tone and certain facts are notable; for instance, on the (then) Icelandic Ambassador to the U.S: "he protested privately when explanations of alleged Icelandic airspace by CIA-operated planes were three weeks late in arriving and, in his view, but worked with US diplomats to downplay the issue publicly.". Similarly, views about the figures related to NATO and other U.S. issues are explored.

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### [CIA report into shoring up Afghan war support in Western Europe, 11 Mar 2010](#)

ified CIA analysis from March, outlines possible PR-strategies to shore up public support in Germany and France for a continued war in Afghanistan. After the Dutch government fell on the issue of Dutch troops in Afghanistan last month, the CIA became worried that similar events could happen in the countries that provide the third and fourth largest troop contingents to the ISAF-mission. The proposed PR strategies focus on the points that have been identified within these countries. For France it is the sympathy of the public for refugees and women. For Germany it is the fear of the consequences of defeat (drugs, more terrorism) as well as for Germany's standing in the NATO. The memo is an recipe for the targeted manipulation of public opinion in two NATO ally countries, written by the CIA. It is classified as Confidential / Unclassified for Nationals.

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### [Update to over 40 billion euro in 28167 claims made against the Kaupthing Bank, 3 Mar 2010](#)

ment contains an update to [a list of 28167 claims](#), totaling over 40 billion euro, lodged against the Icelandic bank Kaupthing Bank hf. The document is significant because it reveals billions in cash, bonds and property held with Kaupthing by a vast number of investors and asset holders, including Goldman Sachs, Deutsche Bank, Credit Suisse, Morgan Stanley, Exista, Barclays, Commerzbank AG, etc. It was eventually made available to claimants by the Kaupthing Winding-up committee.

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### [U.S. Intelligence planned to destroy WikiLeaks, 18 Mar 2008](#)

ment is a classified (SECRET/NOFORN) 32 page U.S. counterintelligence investigation into WikiLeaks. "The possibility that current employees or moles within DoD or elsewhere in the U.S. government are leaking sensitive or classified information to WikiLeaks.org cannot be ruled out". It concocts a plan to marginalize the organization. Since WikiLeaks uses "trust as a center of gravity by protecting the confidentiality and identity of the insiders, leakers or whistleblowers" the report recommends "The identification

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5th April 2010 10:44 EST WikiLeaks has released a classified US military video of the indiscriminate slaying of over a dozen people in the Iraqi suburb of New Baghdad -- including news staff.

Reuters has been trying to obtain the video through the Freedom of Information Act, with no success since the time of the attack. The video, shot from an Apache helicopter gun-sight, clearly shows the unprovoked slaying of a wounded Reuters employee and his rescuers. Two young children in the rescue were also seriously wounded.

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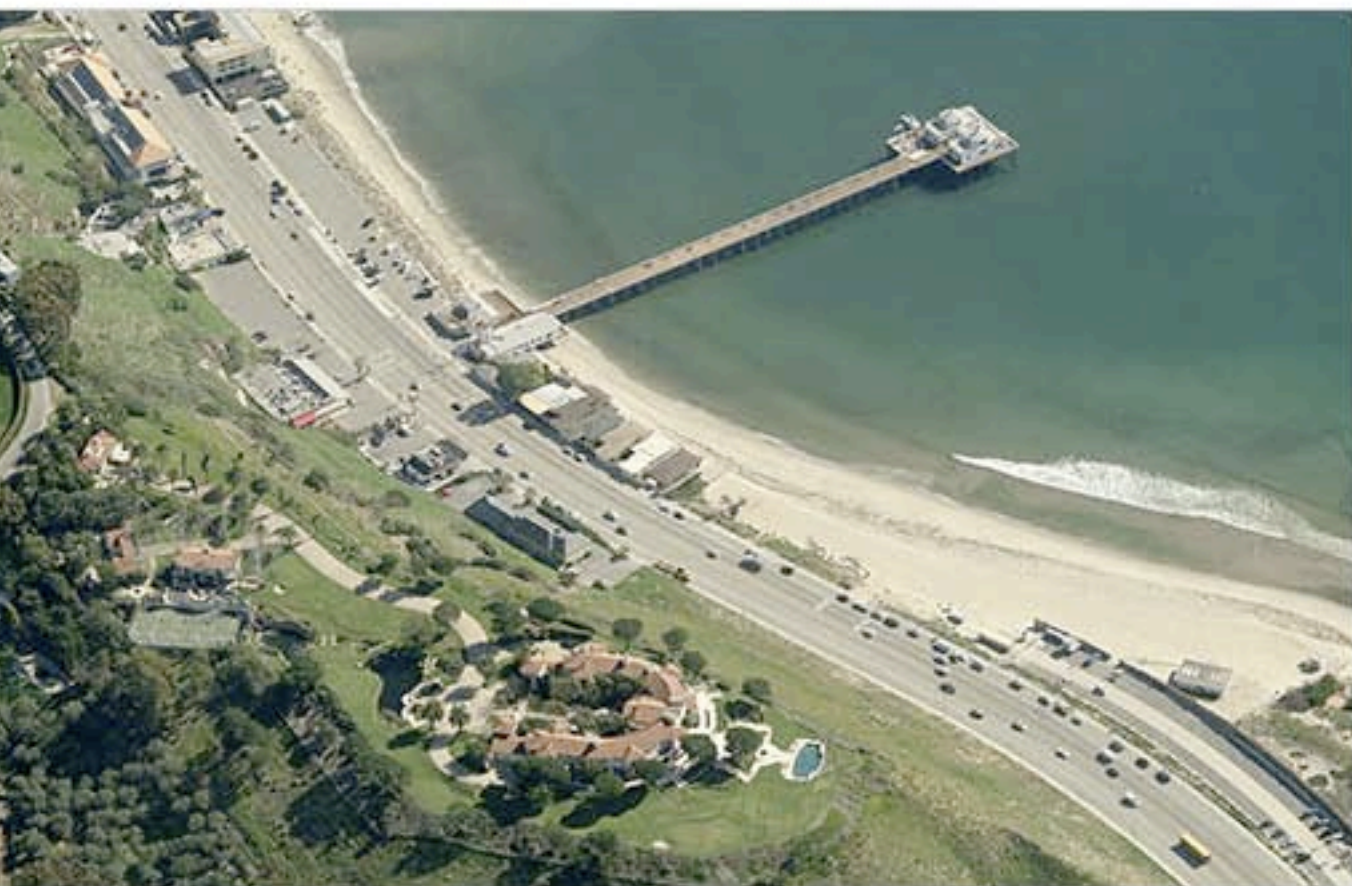


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The rich world's leaders have promised to make poverty history. One of the easiest ways of doing this is to ensure that natural resource revenues are available for development, by preventing banks facilitating the looting of them.

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Our report *Undue Diligence: How banks do business with corrupt regimes* names and shames British, European and US banks who have done business with corrupt regimes and who are thus contributing to poverty in these countries. It sets out what governments, regulators and banks need to do in order to tackle this complicity in corruption.

In May 2009 Global Witness testified before the U.S. House Financial Services Committee on corruption and the role of Western financial institutions. [Read](#) the testimony.

In November 2009 Global Witness attended the UN Convention against Corruption in Doha, and lobbied for the introduction of an effective review mechanism which would give the treaty some real teeth. Global Witness and its civil society partners were profoundly disappointed by the [coalition's failure to agree such a mechanism](#).

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[DR Congo: ex-rebels take over trade extortion racket](#)

Former rebels from the Congolese national pour la défense du peuple (CNDP) have established multiple extortion rackets covering some of the most lucrative tin and tantalum areas in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Global Witness reported today following weeks of research in the region.

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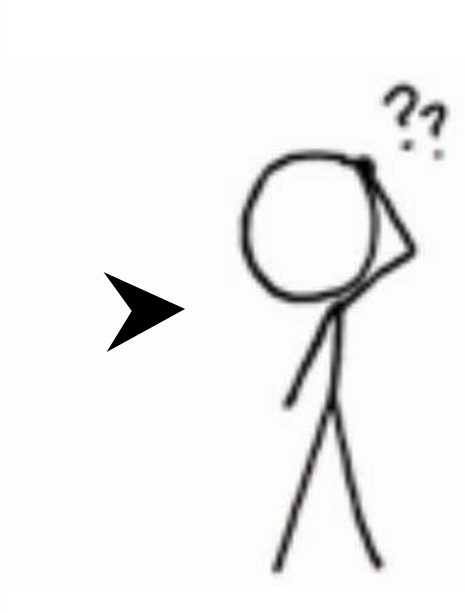
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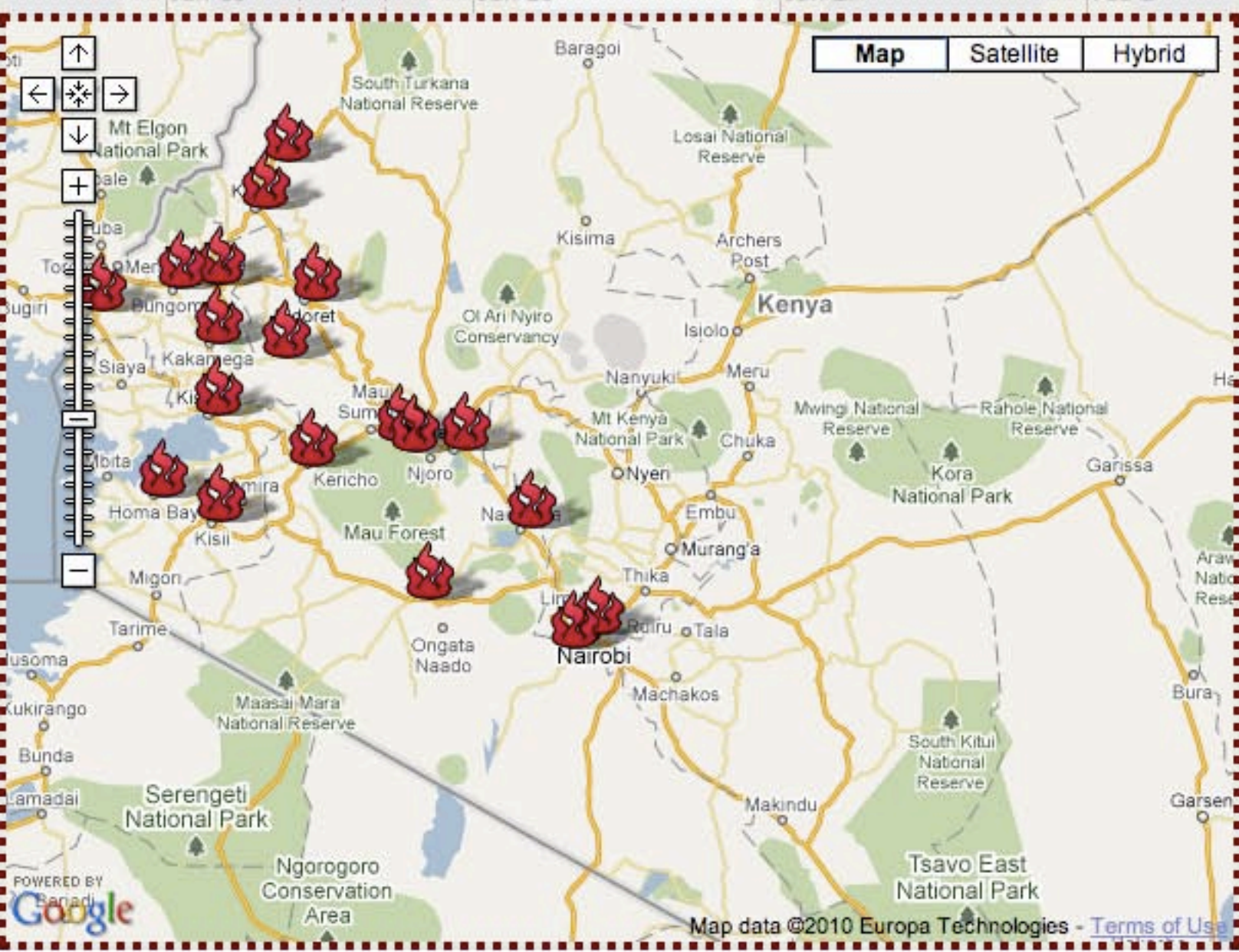




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- Amoxicillin
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check week', researchers visited public health facilities countrywide and checked on the availability of a list of 10 essential medicines. These medicines should be readily available in all health facilities.

Using innovative technology, the team then reported the findings through short messaging services (SMS) to health workers on site, and the data has been reflected in the map above that shows areas where medication is

## Stop Stock-outs Campaign Statement



Access to essential medicines is a human right and a cornerstone of an effective primary health care system. Access to free essential medicines determines whether people live or die, suffer pain and discomfort, or have their ailments cured, recover from illness or endure life-long disease. [Read on...](#)

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### Chiefs for Stop Stockouts

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March 20, 2007, 12:51AM

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**AdamSC** wrote on March 20, 2007 1:22 AM:

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Email from Margarate Chiara (USAMIW) to Paul McNulty.

In congressional hearings on 3/6/07..."Will Moschella stated that the two  
present were dismissed because of management problems. Apparrantly  
Ryan (whom I do not know) and I share the same reason for termination

"Michael Elston told me on more than one occasion, that the rationale for  
was on a continuum of sorts and that I am on the de minimus end after  
Bogden...."

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"So, I now need to know what is the management problem to which M  
referred?"

**Rich Wickline** wrote on March 20, 2007 1:22 AM:

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**Nanni-8200** wrote on March 20, 2007 1:22 AM:

The official exchange rate is judged to diverge by an exceptionally large margin from the rate actually used in international transactions. To smooth fluctuations in prices and exchange rates, a special Atlas method of conversion is used by the World Bank. This applies a conversion factor that averages the exchange rate for a given year and the two preceding years, adjusted for differences in rates of inflation between the country, and through 2000, the United States, France, Germany, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States. From 2001, these countries are the Euro area, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Source: World Bank national accounts data, and National Accounts data files.

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goods and services

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Country name	= 2004	= 2005	= 2006	= 2007
<b>Afghanistan</b>	\$230	\$280	\$290	\$350
<b>Albania</b>	\$2,110	\$2,610	\$3,000	\$3,360
<b>Algeria</b>	\$2,290	\$2,720	\$3,110	\$3,620
<b>Andorra</b>	\$28,100	\$32,720	\$35,610	\$36,970
<b>Angola</b>	\$910	\$1,320	\$1,910	\$2,590
<b>Antigua and Barbuda</b>	\$9,810	\$10,390	\$11,350	\$12,750
<b>Argentina</b>	\$3,580	\$4,460	\$5,160	\$6,040
<b>Armenia</b>	\$1,150	\$1,470	\$1,920	\$2,580
<b>Aruba</b>				
<b>Australia</b>	\$24,880	\$29,480	\$33,190	\$35,660
<b>Austria</b>	\$32,240	\$37,060	\$39,060	\$41,620
<b>Azerbaijan</b>	\$950	\$1,270	\$1,890	\$2,710
<b>Bahamas, The</b>	\$19,220	\$20,210	\$20,990	\$21,390



... divided by the midyear population. GNI is the sum of value added by all resident producers plus any taxes (less subsidies) not included in the valuation of output plus net receipts of primary income (compensation of employees and property income) from abroad. GNI, calculated in national currency, is usually converted to U.S. dollars at official exchange rates for comparisons across economies, although an alternative rate is used if the official exchange rate is judged to diverge by an exceptionally large margin from the rate actually used in international transactions. To smooth fluctuations in prices and exchange rates, a special Atlas method of conversion is used by the World Bank. This applies a conversion factor that averages the exchange rate for a given year and the two preceding years, adjusted for differences in rates of inflation between the country, and through 2000, the United States (France, Germany, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States). From 2001, these countries are the Euro area, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Source: World Bank national accounts data, and National Accounts data files.

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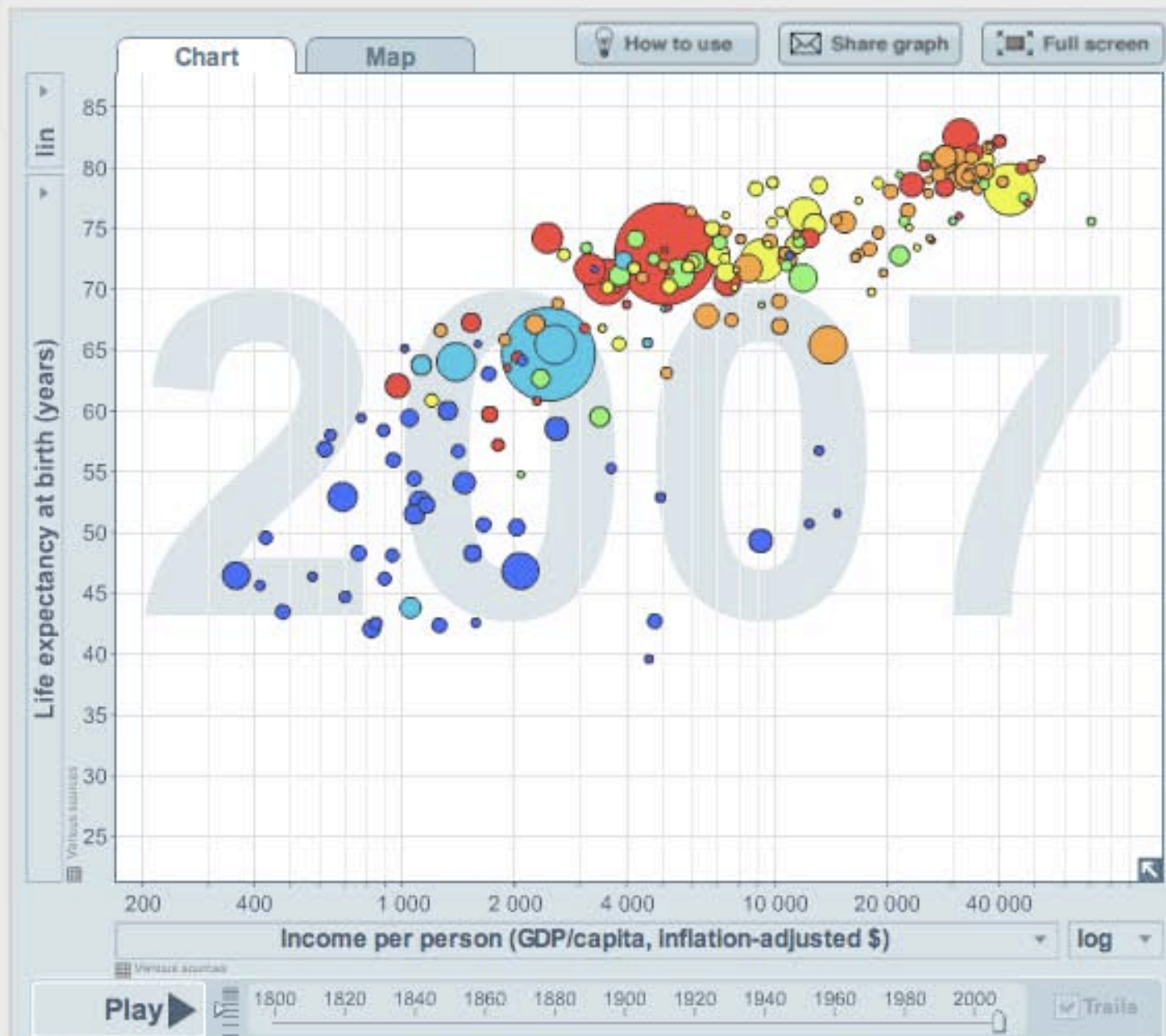
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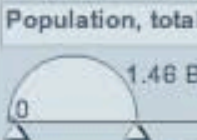
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# ... on Loan Modifications

We've been closely covering Making Home Affordable, the government's mortgage modification prevention program. Here's a backgrounder for more info.

## ...: Reporting Matchmaker a Success

...s Rao, ProPublica - April 19, 2010 9:55 am EDT



When we started our **home loan modification matchmaker** two weeks ago, we had one goal: helping local journalists cover the human side of the mortgage modification story. As we've been **reporting for months**, the millions of struggling homeowners seeking modifications commonly encounter confusion, errors and months of delay. We've heard from hundreds of homeowners who've applied

for details on our home loan modification program.

program; and in the last two weeks, we've seen how eager reporters are to tell the story. More than 150 journalists have already signed up for our matchmaker program, including reporters, bloggers, columnists, radio hosts and filmmakers who want to talk to homeowners in their areas.

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Are you a homeowner who pay your mortgage? Are you seeking a modification through the program? We want to hear from you. **Tell us your story.**

### The State of the Government's Loan Modification

**Total Eligible Loans: 3,398,612**

Not Yet in Trial Mod	2,230,000
In Trial	400,000
In Limbo	370,000
Perm Mods	220,000
Failed Mods	150,000

Name	Eligible Loans
Bank of America subsidiaries (incl. Countrywide)	1,085,894
JPMorgan Chase subsidiaries	431,341
Wells Fargo Bank, NA	378,480
CitiMortgage	246,582



# Bollards uprooted

Reported in the Pavements/footpaths category  
Submitted anonymously at 08:46, Thursday 25 February 2010  
Reported to Wandsworth Borough Council 4 minutes later

On the west side of oneway access-only road cutting  
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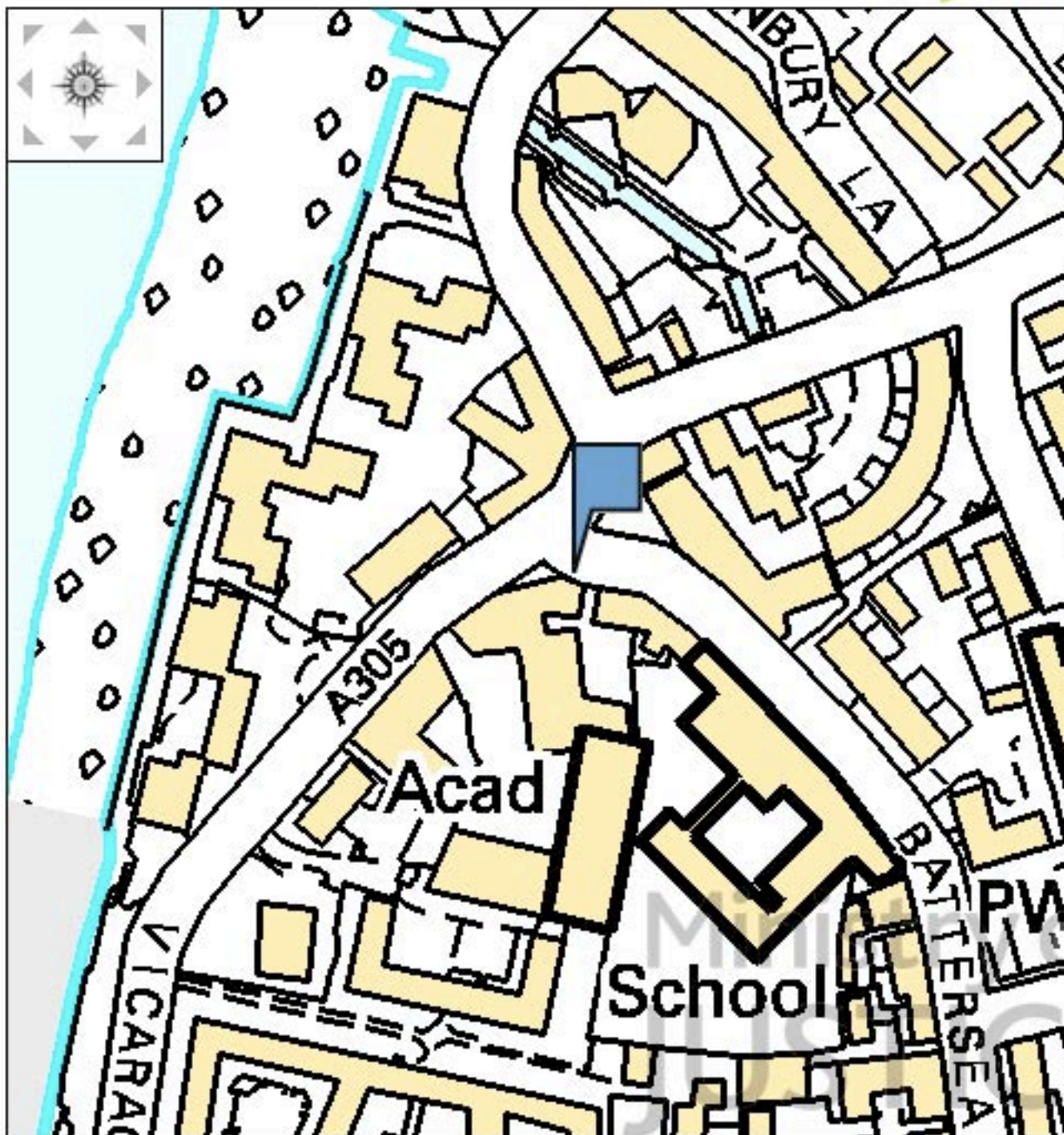
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Updated anonymously at 14:28, Thursday 25 March

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