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**CRISIS WATCH**

This is an on-line publication for the Forum which provides information about the development of all the conflicts as well as about peace negotiations in progress. The weekly monitoring of the crisis focal points, which offers an overall view of international politics, is reinforced through dossiers and leading articles.

Its survey of the press, which is updated on a daily basis, offers the best opinion articles in the international press.

The year 2003 was marked by the war in Iraq, reflected and analysed in Crisis Watch through leading articles and weekly commentaries. Likewise, there has been a reinforcement of the dossiers, with new reports on Uribe's Colombia, the relations between Cuba and the European Union, Latin American multilateralism, the new role of Russia in the world, and Lula's administration and the history of Brazilian foreign policy.

We have approached Argentina through a series of articles on the election year there, Kirchner's victory and the new President's management and prospects. Likewise, we have provided in-depth information about the crisis in Bolivia.

Journalistic currency, one of the characteristics of Crisis Watch, necessitates a constant revision of the dossiers. Thus, not only have different dossiers been updated, but also new versions have been created in the cases of the dossiers on Afghanistan, Kashmir, Indonesia, Israel-Palestine, Liberia, Morocco and Sri Lanka.

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**BIOGRAPHIES OF POLITICAL LEADERS (BPL)**

This service offers biographies of political leaders from around the world, situating them in their dual national and international contexts. Constantly updated and expanding, the BPLs are an exhaustive source of documentation which offers users a complete presentation of the people studied, with their personal development, their achievements in the sphere of power, and their relationships with other actors in the global setting.

In 2003 a number of biographies stood out, for example, those of the Prime Ministers of the Palestinian National Authority, Ahmad Qureia and Mahmoud Abbas, whose successive appointments were tied to the Roadmap peace plan. One can also highlight those of the four Latin American presidents whose coming into office raised great expectations of change in their countries: Lula da Silva in Brazil, Lucio Gutiérrez in Ecuador, Néstor Kirchner in Argentina and Carlos Mesa in Bolivia. Also, in Eastern Europe, the assassination of the Serbian Prime Minister, Zoran Djindjic, brought the unfinished political transition in the former Yugoslavia back to the fore, while the departures of Heydar Aliyev and Edward Shevardnadze from power in Azerbaijan and Georgia, respectively, marked the end of an era in the turbulent former Soviet region of the Caucasus. Finally, the addition of the biography of the U.S. Secretary of State, Colin Powell, and the updating of the entry for the deposed Saddam Hussein recorded the central event around which international relations revolved in 2003: the lead-up to war, the invasion, and the occupation of Iraq by a coalition of countries led by the United States.

Interested parties are encouraged to monitor the site for new biographies and updates to existing ones. New information can be obtained at any time from the website or can be received for free through its monthly bulletin.

<http://www.cidob.org/bios/>

World leaders currently in power. An alphabetic listing of all of the countries in the world with their respective Heads of State and of Government.

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