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**IN BRIEF**

**Namibia president steps down, signaling end of era**

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — After a 23-year war of independence and three terms as president, Sam Nujoma of Namibia is ready to step down, bringing an end to an era marked by fiery rhetoric as well as pragmatism and stability.

The 75-year-old Nujoma is the father of his southwest African nation and the only leader its 1.8 million people have ever known. But after presidential elections Monday and Tuesday, Nujoma will prepare to hand over power, presumably to Hifikepunye Pohamba, his hand-picked successor and former comrade in arms.

**Anti-obesity pill might fight drug abuse**

NEW YORK — A pill that helps you lose weight and quit smoking was amazing enough to capture headlines last week. But scientists say the experimental drug might be even more versatile, providing a new tool to help people stop abusing drugs and alcohol, too. It's called rimonabant, or Acomplia, and last week researchers reported it could help people not only lose weight but keep it off for two years. That burnished the drug's reputation after two studies in March that suggested it could fight both obesity and smoking, two of humanity's biggest killers.

— The Associated Press

# African leaders seek Ivory Coast arms embargo

*Thousands of Westerners flee the state after its new military leader reopened a 2-year-old civil war*

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ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — African leaders backed an arms embargo and other immediate U.N. sanctions against Ivory Coast on Sunday, isolating President Laurent Gbagbo's hard-line government even further in its deadly confrontation with its former colonial ruler, France.

As a French-led evacuation of Ivory Coast builds to one of Africa's largest, French President Jacques Chirac denounced President Laurent Gbagbo's "questionable regime" — and said France would not tolerate much more.

"We do not want to allow a system to develop that would lead only to anarchy or a regime of a fascist nature," Chirac told an audience in the southern French city of Marseille.

Presidents from Nigeria, Senegal, Ghana, Burkina Faso, Togo and Gabon, meeting in the Nigerian capital of Abuja, on Sunday backed a draft U.N. Security Council resolution calling for an arms embargo, a travel ban and asset freezes against anyone blocking peace in Ivory Coast.

The call gives African approval to

a tough stand in Monday's expected Security Council vote on the sanctions.

Gbagbo's representative at the talks, parliamentary leader Mamadou Koulibaly, condemned the call for sanctions, and complained African leaders had slighted him — barring him from most of the talks, and dinner.

No other African leaders "are capable of resolving our problems with France," Koulibaly said.

In Abidjan, French civilians and other foreigners sprawled Sunday on camp beds set up in the airport departure lounge, their cats and dogs lined up in pet cages on the tarmac just outside — all waiting for loading onto an Air France jumbo jet for the latest in five days of evacuation flights.

France's heavy criticism, and African mediation efforts, come after a five-day spate of anti-foreigner rampages last week that have sent Westerners and Africans fleeing a nation — the world's top cocoa producer — that once was stable and prosperous, and the pride of France's former West African empire.

Ivory Coast's latest crisis began when Gbagbo's military broke a

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