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Video frame grab of US President George W. Bush (L) ducking from a shoe during a news conference in Baghdad December 14, 2008. The Iraqi journalist Muntadhar al-Zeidi threw his shoes at the US President telling him "this is the farewell kiss, you dog" in Arabic. President Bush was giving a news conference with Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki.(Reuters)

Arab World Remains Ecstatic by Shoes Throwing at US President

A week has passed since Iraqi journalist Muntadhar al-Zeidi his shoes at U.S. President George W. Bush in a supreme insult, Arabs, Muslims and freedom lovers around the world are still in a state of ecstasy.

Thousands of Iraqis took to the streets last week to demand the release of Al-Zaidi as Arabs across many parts of the Middle East hailed the journalist as a hero and praised his insult as a proper send-off to the unpopular

U.S. president. Individuals and NOGs around the region announced their support for the Iraqi journalist and offered awards and material prizes for his heroic action.

Al-Zeidi, a reporter with Baghdadia television network, threw both his shoes at President George W. Bush during a news

conference on Sunday 14 December 2008 where Bush was making a farewell visit to *Continued on page 2*

OPEC Slashes Output by 2.2MB, Prices Tumble Below \$38

Oil prices tumbled Thursday to the lowest points for more than four years, diving under 38 dollars per barrel in New York, as traders suggested that OPEC would not fully enforce a record output cut.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, light sweet crude for delivery in January dived to 37.68 dollar a barrel ahead of the contract's expiry on Friday. The

low point was last seen in July 2004. On London's InterContinental Exchange

(ICE), Brent North Sea crude for February sank as low as 44.30.

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