



Police presence is boosted on the streets in the wake of recent violence and pressure to keep peace during approaching World Cup

## Rio increase police presence ahead of FIFA World Cup

Some 2,000 extra police officers have been deployed onto the streets of Rio de Janeiro after Brazilian officials decided to implement part of a World Cup security plan early

The decision to add more police came as a result of increased assaults in Rio which will host several matches including one quarter-final and the final. Brazilian Sports Minister Aldo Rebelo believes some Brazilian's think they can get away with anything and alluded to a recent incident in Recife where a supporter was killed when he was struck in the head by a toilet bowl hurled from a rival group of fans.

He said, "I think this feeling of impunity, which is not just in soc-

cer, leads to, that in soccer, a criminal can take a toilet and throw it at other fans. I think that this environment in the country needs to stop; not just in soccer, but in everything."

Whilst the world's eyes slowly

turn to the world cup hosts — reports have emerged that muggings are on the rise in the area around the Maracana Stadium while in recent weeks fire fights between police and gangs in the so-called 'pacified' slums have been rife.



Fiat car assembly line

## Scepticism about business plan

**There was a big sell off of Fiat Chrysler's shares as analysts gave the thumbs down to its new business plan**

Trying to close the gap with its bigger rivals, Fiat has announced it intends to invest 48 billion Euros in new factories and models and expand in Latin America and China. Chief Executive Sergio Marchionne said they will focus on the upscale — and more profitable — Alfa Romeo, Jeep and Maserati brands.

Marchionne, who promised to remain in charge of Fiat Chrysler through to 2018, said his plan rep-

resented a new start for the combined group, which has been going from strength to strength in North America but has struggled in Europe during an economic crisis.

The aim is to almost wipe out the company's debt by 2018 with a 60 percent sales boost and a five-fold net profit increase. Car industry analysts called the sales targets highly ambitious. The shares, which had risen 44 percent since Italy's Fiat announced on January 1st it would take full control of Chrysler to create the world's seventh largest carmaker, were down over nine percent in Milan.

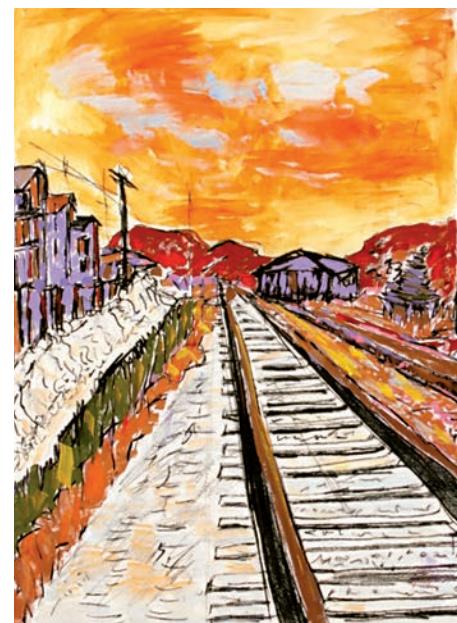
## Drawn Blank Series sketches on show

**Bob Dylan's creative mind doesn't just apply to music. A collection of the American singer-songwriter's artwork is now being shown for the first time in the Ross Art Group Gallery, New York.**

The exhibition consists of four dozen re-imagined sketches made between 1989 and 1992, which are based on a series of drawings he called *Drawn Blank Series*. Mickey Ross, owner of the Ross Art Group explained the foundations of the exhibition.

"The series started with Bob Dylan's sketches while he was travelling on the road," he said. "Most of these sketches were done over 15 years ago. They were put together in a book at one point as black and white sketches. And it was a book that was published by Random House called *Drawn Blank Series*.

In some of the works, Dylan has painted over prints, altering their look entirely and giving them an original feel. The sketches being shown range in value from €1,800 (\$2,500) for a limited edition print,



One of Bob Dylan's sketches

to €288,000 (\$400,000) for an original acrylic painting. What started as a small project was taken up a notch around eight years ago.

"In 2007 Bob Dylan was approached by a museum in Germany with the concept of taking those very same sketches and now enlarging them, because the sketches were rather small... And adding colour to them," added Ross.

## Egypt celebrates return of stolen treasures

**Egypt has held a ceremony at Cairo International Airport to mark the return of three stolen, ancient artefacts, seized in Germany in 2009**

Berlin has handed over the items, thought to date back as far as 2300 BC.

The three objects — a miniature obelisk, part of a shrine and a family monument — were found by customs officers concealed under carpets in a truck, apparently being smuggled into Belgium to be sold.

## Twitter tie-up with Amazon lets you tweet shop

**Technology giants Twitter and Amazon are getting together to supposedly simplify your shopping**

Users of both companies now have the option to link their accounts.

Then if you see something mentioned on Twitter that you want to buy, you can use a hashtag to automatically save that item to your online shopping basket and go to your Amazon account later to confirm the purchase and pay for it.

Amazon obviously hopes to make social media a bigger source of sales. It is not clear what Twitter gets from this as it does not receive any direct revenue from purchases.

It is now live in Britain and the US, with other countries to follow.

One potential downside — everyone who is following you on Twitter could see what you are buying using this system.

## Rome's pride revealed: Colosseum clean-up underway

**The Colosseum in Rome is being cleaned and restored so that the five million tourists who visit the site every year will finally see its true colours**

It has been covered in a layer of black pollution for many years, and this has been removed by hand, inch by inch, without the use of harsh chemical solvents which could damage the stone. The only product used is water.

Gisella Capponi, the restoration site manager, outlined how the cleaning was done, "We developed a water spray system, equipped with nozzles positioned 40 centimetres apart. They are then positioned just beside the area to be treated, so that there is no mechanical action or contact with the stone. There is only liquid contact."

Once the cleaning was complete, loose flakes of travertine were glued back into place. Travertine is a kind of limestone, usually formed by rapid precipitation of calcium carbonate, often near a hot spring or limestone cave. The colour ranges from white to rust.