



'Le recommencement' (A new beginning) at Alliance Française de Colombo

aftermath of the 2004 Tsunami. Rather than adopting a photo reporter approach, David Prêtre chose to focus on the lives of 12 Sri Lankan families who had to suffer the natural catastrophe. He decided to give an account of all the "small things" taking place in their daily existence and which are marking their hope for "a new beginning".

A photographic exhibition 'Le recommencement' (A New Beginning) will be held at the Alliance Française de Colombo from March 12 to 27.

French speaking countries, commonly known as Francophony, do not only share the use of a same language but also constitute an active space of multiple solidarities.

In order to illustrate this idea during the month of March 2009, Alliance Française de Colombo invited Swiss artist David, Prêtre, to exhibit on the walls of its gallery auditorium.

David is a freelance photographer who, in this case, used his camera to tell us about a reconstruction project of the Red Cross in Sri Lanka in the

The results are these 40 photographs exposed at Alliance Française de Colombo: 40 snapshots that the eye of David Prêtre and his photographer's art fill up with humanity. These photos touch us, appeal to us and they also witness the trust and solidarity boundaries woven between the Swiss artist and the Sri Lankan people he was to meet during his stay on this island.

The Exhibition will remain open from 10 am to 6 pm on Monday to Friday and 10am to 6pm on Saturdays.



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Hot weather 'can trigger a migraine'

Hot weather can trigger migraines and other debilitating types of head pain, a new study suggests.

Researchers have also found that changes in air pressure can increase the chance of developing a painful headache.

Many migraine sufferers find that their pain can be triggered by changes in the weather, but previously there was little scientific evidence that that was the case.

The study looked at 7,054 patients who went to their hospital's casualty department complaining of severe head pain over a period of seven years.

The researchers, from the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Centre in Boston, studied whether there was any link between the pain they felt and weather conditions over the previous three days.

They found a rise in temperature of 5 degrees Celsius from the previous day increased the chance of a severe headache within 24 hours by 7.5 per cent, according to the findings, published in the journal Neurology.

There was also a more modest increase in the risk of suffering head pain within 72

hours if air pressure fell.

Dr Andrew Dowson, from of Migraine Action, said that the study would come as little surprise to many migraine sufferers and confirm their "personal observations".

Professor Peter Goadsby, from the Institute of Neurology, London, and the University of California, in San Francisco, said that the study was "interesting".

"The challenge for clinical science is to link this seemingly odd trigger to the brain mechanisms involved in migraine," he added.

More than nine million people in Britain are thought to suffer from migraines, making the condition more common than diabetes, epilepsy and asthma combined.

Migraine is listed as one of the top 20 most debilitating conditions by the World Health Organisation, because of the impact it can have on quality of life.

Other known triggers of migraines include certain foods, alcohol and stress.

However, the study found no clear relationship between air pollution and head pain.

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FLOWER GIRL
She's ready for spring! Courtney Love – sporting a lacy wreath on her head – picks up some fragrant blooms Friday at a Los Angeles store



FEED THE WORLD
Hilary Duff continues to spread the word on childhood hunger, visiting Toronto's Contact Alternative School on behalf of Blessings in a Backpack on Friday. The non-profit organization donates food to students in need, between the ages of five and 11.



LEADER OF THE PACK
A glamorous Beyoncé holds her own amongst a sea of well-dressed gentlemen on Sunday, during a video shoot in New York's Tribeca neighborhood. The singer will kick off her I Am... tour March 26 in Edmonton, Canada.



WORKING IT
Take that, body critics! Sporting Daisy Duke shorts, Jessica Simpson belts it out in more ways than one – check out her hip-hugging turquoise accessory! – Sunday at the Florida Strawberry Festival in Plant City, Fla.



FEMALE 'BLONDING'
They're having a blonde moment! Kanye West's model girlfriend Amber Rose (left) and singer Pink make each other's acquaintance Monday in the front row of the Stella McCartney ready-to-wear show during Paris Fashion Week.



TOP GUN
Is she taking style cues from the airlines? Victoria Beckham looks ready to pilot her own posh plane in her military-inspired ensemble on Thursday at Los Angeles International Airport.