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1. [Rudd Takes Tough Stand on Boat People](#), Age, 2003-11-23 Labor leader Kevin Rudd says he will take a tough stance on border security, including turning back boat people. Mr Rudd said a Labor government would take asylum seekers rescued from leaking vessels to Christmas Island, but would turn back seaworthy boats. He also said Labor would not lift the current intake of African refugees. A Labor government would aim to deter asylum seekers by using the threat of

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- 5. [Rudd to Improve Australia Ties](#), Al Jazeera, 2007-11-25Kevin Rudd, Australia's prime minister-elect, is focusing on the country's standing in the Asia-Pacific region, aiming to strengthen ties with neighbouring countries.
- 6. [Reinado Threatens to Destabilise Timor](#), Australian, 2007-11-23Rebel soldier Alfredo Reinado, who is wanted on charges of murder and illegal weapons possession told cheering supporters in East Timor's hills yesterday he would destabilise the fledgling nation once again unless the Government reinstated hundreds of mutinous troops. In a rare public appearance yesterday, Major Reinado, who was surrounded by men with automatic weapons, said that if Prime Minister Xanana Gusmao did not reinstate the renegade soldiers "I will lead my soldiers down to Dili".
- 7. [Bush Loses a Friend in Australia](#), Raymond Bonner, International Herald Tribune, 2007-11-25The defeat of Prime Minister John Howard in the Australian election Saturday deprives President George W. Bush of one of his most steadfast allies and will bring changes in Australia's foreign policy that will be felt in Washington.
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