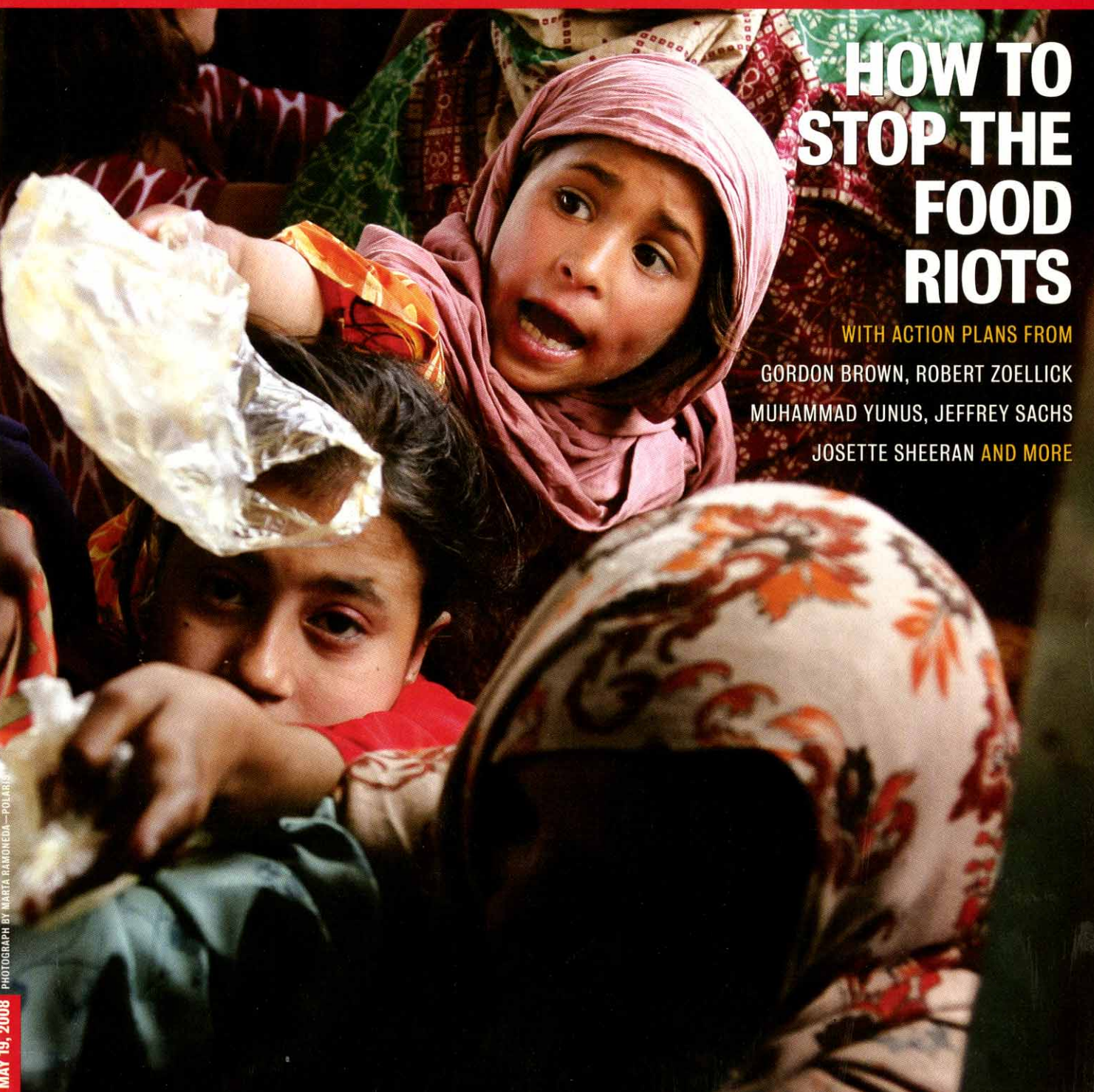


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Rice is distributed to Pakistani women and girls at a shrine in Islamabad



Albania	LeK 600	Finland	€4.40	Israel	NIS 20.00	Netherlands	€4.40	Slovenia	€3.40
Austria	€4.40	France	€4.40	Italy	€4.40	Norway	Kr 41.00	Spain	€4.40
Belgium	€4.40	Germany	€4.40	Kazakhstan	€4.40	Poland	PLN 12.30	Sweden	SKr 34.00
Bulgaria	BGL 4.50	Gibraltar	€2.90	Latvia	\$4.40	Portugal Cont	€4.40	Switzerland	SF 7.70
Croatia	KN 22.00	Greece	€4.40	Lithuania	\$4.40	Romania	Lei 11.00	Turkey	YTL 4.00
Cyprus	€2.58/€4.40	Hungary	Ft. 700.00	Luxembourg	€4.40	Russia	\$4.40	Ukraine	€4.40
Czech Republic	CZK 115.00	Iceland	IKR 390.00	Malta	Lm 1.70/€3.96	Serbia	DIN 240	United Kingdom	£2.80
Denmark	Kr 38.00	Ireland (incl.tax)	€4.40	Montenegro	DIN 240	Slovakia	SK 120.00	U.S. Forces	\$3.25

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Hot Spot

GRAND VELAS ALL SUITES & SPA RESORT NUEVO VALLARTA

This Mexican resort manages to make a family-friendly, all-inclusive beach vacation ultraluxurious. With spacious oceanfront suites, a world-class spa, three gourmet restaurants and impeccable service, there's no reason to ever leave the grounds.

Ambience: The open-air lobby, with its soaring 30-meter-high roof, creates a feeling of casual grandeur. Hand-laid stones and koi ponds decorate the walkways, while splashes of bougainvillea spill over balconies. A cascading three-tier infinity pool overlooks the ocean.

Rooms: Prices for the 267 suites range from \$800 to \$10,000 per night, which covers the room, food and alcohol, and activities like kayaking or salsa dancing. For the truly indulgent, the three-bedroom Imperial Spa Suite features a private steam room, massage area and four Jacuzzis.

Dining: Choose from the gourmet Mexican, Italian and French restaurants, each offering live music. Open-air meals are served overlooking the ocean at Azul, and the swim-up pool bar offers burgers and the like as well.

Spa: Among the most impressive in Latin America, the spa offers more than 80 different treatments, including an elaborate hydrotherapy ritual orchestrated by a personal valet. The scent of citrus lingers long after the treatment ends.

—JENNY HONTZ



the pseudoclassical style that emerged in British India around the turn of the 20th century, with grand lobbies, long corridors, broad verandas and large wooden fans. After years of neglect, many have been restored to their former glories.

Art deco lamps and black-and-white floor tiles reflect the 1929 origins of the Raffles Hotel, Le Royal. Located in the heart of Phnom Penh, its white-columned façade and tall graceful archways exude French colonial elegance (\$510 per night; [\[.raffles.com\]\(http://.raffles.com\)\). Singapore's Raffles Hotel has preserved its nostalgic charm with polished teakwood corridors, period lighting and reproduction antique furniture \(\\$950; \[singapore.raffles.com\]\(http://singapore.raffles.com\)\).](http://phnompenh</p>
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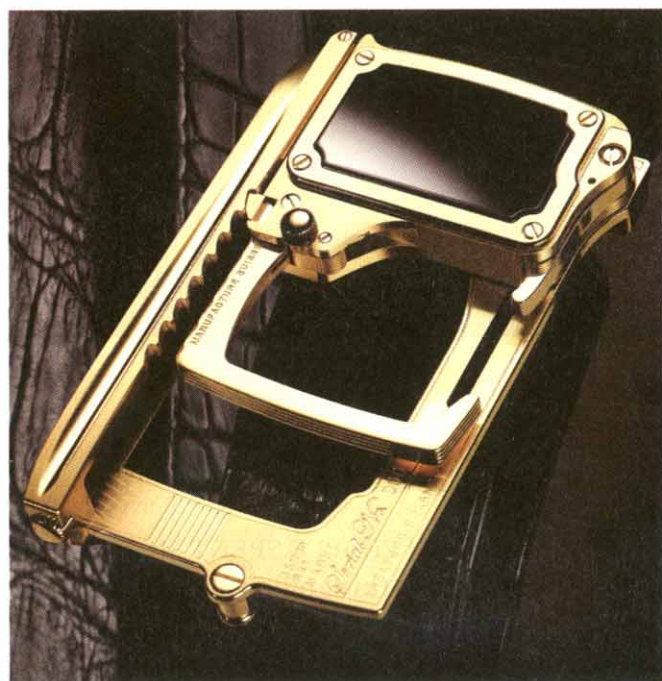
The Oriental in Bangkok still has part of its original 1883 structure, now called the Authors' Wing, in remembrance of celebrated patrons like Somerset Maugham and Joseph Conrad. In the Authors' Lounge, guests can enjoy a decadent afternoon tea while overlooking the garden (from

AUTHOR, AUTHOR: *The Somerset Suite at the Oriental Bangkok*

\$289; mandarinoriental.com).

The opulent Majestic in Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam, offers many art deco details, including an impressive stairway, stunning stained glass and archways. Seated at the rooftop bar overlooking the city, it's easy to understand how Graham Greene was inspired to write "The Quiet American" during his stay (from \$175; majesticsaigon.com.vn).

—SONIA KOLESNIKOV-JESSOP



The Maximalist

Using the same precision mechanics as a Swiss watchmaker, Roland Iten has engineered a belt buckle that is both sleekly handsome and meticulously calibrated to within a fraction of a centimeter. Crafted from individually designed pieces of steel, titanium and gold, these buckles sell for as much as \$25,000. But they're certainly easy to adjust in the wake of a big lunch (rolanditen.com).