# Oswald lone assassin in Kennedy killing

NEW YORK, Aug 23: One of the largest private probes into the 1963 assassination of US President John F Kennedyeone using the most advanced computer technology availableconcludes Lee Harvey Oswald was a lone assassin with no credible ties to any conspiracy, reports Reuter.

Investigator-author Gerald Posner, whose findings will be published by Random House next week in a book called Case Closed, also says he has proven the widely criticised "singlebullet" theory that both Kennedy and Texas governor John Connaly were struck by a single bullet that emerged only slightly damaged.

According to excerpts of the book made available on Saturday by US News and World Report, which is devoting a special issue to "Case Closed", only three bullets were fired by Oswald and over a period of eight seconds- not 4.8 as previously thought- meaning Oswald had more than enough time to fire his deadly fusillade.

Posner's book also challenges point by point a generation's worth of conspiracy theories including providing a complete contradiction of the recent film "JFK" which was not a lone assassin but was part of a plot that could have involved high that links him to a conspiracy."

crisis talks until Monday afternoon.

Port Vila.

party", Lini said.

in hospital.

said, AP reports from Egypt.

the past two years.

officials of the US government. Posner says using new enhancements and computer animation and coupling that with a new assessment of witness accounts he has proven only three shots were fired at the president in Dallas' Dealley Plaza and each came from the taxes book depository where Oswald was hold up.

The official commission headed by then U.S Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren concluded Oswald was a lone assassin- a conclusion that has been repeatedly challenged over

Posner also cites what he called "incontrovertible medical ballistic and scientific evidence" to prove the second shot fired by Oswald was the single bullet that struck both Kennedy and Connally.

Besides using computers to re-examine the evidence, Posner also made an extensive probe of Oswald's life including interviewing his wife Marina and Yurty Nosenko, the KGB defector who handled Oswalds' case for Soviet intelligence when Oswald defected to the Soviet

According to Posner, "Oswald was an erratic, unstable man but there is nothing

Vanuatu govt collapses: The 20-month-

old coalition government of the Pacific island state of Vanuatu

collapsed yesterday when the junior partner - the National

United Party (NUP) of former Premier Walter Lini - withdrew its

support for Prime Minister Maxime Carlot, AFP reports from

tional radio after the parliamentary session was adjourned for

UN team in Zaire: A United Nations team

arrived in Zaire on Sunday to visit areas struck by ethnic

fighting that has killed thousands and forced many from their

in southern Shaba province, the central province of Kasai and

dictator Mobutu Sese Seko of stirring up tribal tensions in his

Liquor takes 19 Indians: At least 19

people died after consuming cheap locally-made liquor in the

Indian desert state of Rajasthan, the Press Trust of India

It did not say what the problem was with the liquor in the

The agency said more than 70 people were taken ill after

latest of many such tragedies in India, where such drink is

drinking the liquor on Saturday night and four were critically ill

2 killed in Egyptian clash: A policeman

and a villager were killed in an exchange of fire Sunday in a

police sweep in an area of anti-government activism, authorities

The Interior Ministry said a policeman was killed and three

were wounded when gunmen opened fire as police entered the

village of Hawatka near Assiut, 200 miles (320 km) south of

Cairo. A villager died in return fire, two were injured and three

tremists involved in a violent anti-government campaign over

1000 Thais die of AIDS: About 1,000

people have died of AIDS in Thailand since the killer disease claimed its first victim there in 1984, according to government

According to the Public Health Ministry, there had been 991 deaths from AIDS as of July 31, when another 1,542 infected

The ministry's release gave no figure for people with the HIV

It also carries breakdowns for AIDS figures according to oc-

virus that causes AIDS, but according to other statistical data,

the number between 400,000 and 450,000 among Thailand's

figures released yesterday, AFP reports from Bangkok

with full-blown AIDS were still alive.

those provinces most affected by AIDS.

population of 58 million.

Assiut and nearby villages are strongholds for Muslim ex-

Zaire state television said the team would go to trouble spots

Belgium, the former colonizer of Zaire, has accused military

homes in the past year, AP reports from Brazzaville.

eastern Kivu to see how they could help refugees.

reported yesterday, Reuter says from New Delhi.

sometimes adulterated to give it a bigger kick.

effort to block the move toward democracy

The decision was announced in a statement read over na-

When the session resumes the NUP will stand as a central



Former Indian Prime Minister and leader of the Janata Dal (People's Party) Vishwanath Pratap Singh (L) tells supporters on August, 22 he will leave the capital for self-imposed exile, and that he would return only if a caste-based job quota scheme mooted by his government was

# Lithuania may seek int'l help to ensure Russian pullout

VILNIUS, Lithuanian, Aug 23: Lithuanian President Algirdas Brazauskas said on Sunday that an international organisation or foreign country may be invited to help ensure troops from mighty Russia leave his tiny state on time, reports

Reuter.

A terse Russian Foreign Ministry statement said Moscow had broken off talks on withdrawing its troops from Lithuania and warned Vilnius it would act "swiftly and decistyely" if remaining forces suffered any intimidation.

"I think that we must invite in a third party, which could be an international organisation or another country, which could help us solve this problem," Brazauskas, who cancelled a

planned trip to Moscow on Monday, said during a television address.

But a calm Brazauskas was careful to avoid stirring up passions over the deepest crisis in relations with Moscow strice the end of Soviet rule in 1991.

Brazauskas said it had not been possible to find a common position with Russian officials at the weekend, making his planned Monday meeting with Russian President Boris Yeltsin "inappropriate" and forcing its postponement.

"Russia is not fulfilling its international obligations on the withdrawal and it must take all the responsibility," he said, but softened his comments by adding that Lithuanian delegates at troop talks had sometimes overreached themselves.

He called in his countrymen to avoid conflict or stains with the 2,500 Russian troops still on Lithuanian territory. Most of the 30,000 strong ex-Soviet force originally stationed there has already left.

He also suggested a rethink of Lithuania's strong demands for financial compensation for what it sees as 50 years of Soviet military occupation.

"We must think more carefully about what is useful for Lithuania," he said.

Russia said the pullout, due to finish by August 31, would still go ahead but "at a time convenient to the Russian federation of which the Lithuanian side will be informed". It made it clear Lithuania would have no say in the timing.

### Top Shining Path leader held LIMA, Aug 23 : Police cap-

tured a high-ranking Shining Path guerilla leader in the latest blow to the 13-year insurgency, the military said Sunday, re-

Anti-terrorist police arrested Edmundo Cox Beuzeville, a member of the Shining Path's central committee, after following him for months, according to a military statement issued Sunday.

The capture comes at a time when the Maoist rebel move-

ing a comeback, launching offensives in the capital and the central jungle that have left at least 62 people dead. It was the third capture of a

top rebel in the past year. Police arrested Shining Path head Abimael Guzman and three of his closest lieutenants in September and another highranking leader, Marta Huatay, in October.

All have been sentenced to life in prison, together with more than 250 other rebels

The communique said police transferred Cox to the anti-terrorist police headquarters Sunday for guestioning, but did not give further details.

Police refused to comment on the capture, but news reports said Cox was arrested Saturday night as he arrived at his home in the wealthy Lima district of La Molina.

Local residents called Cox a friendly neighbour and said they never suspected he was a guerrilla, according to the reports

## Gunmen kill 12 blacks in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, Aug 23: Three gunmen shot dead 12 blacks on Sunday and wounded 20 in an attack on workers at an iron and steel factory east of Johannesburg, police and survivors said, reports Reuter.

In a separate outbreak of violence, three blacks were killed in a clash between rival groups near the Phola Park squatter camp southeast of Johannesburg, police said.

A survivor of the factory attack said gunmen armed with AK-47 rifles opened fire on Xhosa-speaking workers and their wives who were holding an outdoor meeting of their burial society over tea.

"I looked up to see them spraying us with bullets," he

Upturned chairs and the bodies of the deed - one of them a woman -were scattered on the lawn outside the factory in Germiston, an industrial town surrounded by black townships which have been the site of some of South Africa's worst political violence.

Police said the killers fled to one of the townships after the raid, which followed a pattern of attacks apparently meant to disrupt South Africa's first allrace elections tentatively set for April 27 next year.

#### ASEAN meet on cooperation in S China Sea

SURABAYA, Indonesia, Aug 23: Officials, scholars and experts from the Asian countries today started an informal meeting aimed at encouraging cooperation in the South China Sea, including in disputed areas such as in the Spratly islands, reports AFP.

Indonesian Foreign Minister Ali Alatas, opened the three-day meeting in this East Java town, calling on governments on the rim of the South China Sea to foster confidence building measures by way of "self-restraint, dialogue and cooperation."

Alatas said the workshop process sought to create a conducive atmosphere for the peaceful settlement of potential conflicts in the South China Sea, including in the Spratlys.

A total of 86 participants are taking part in the fourth workshop on managing potential conflicts in the South China Sea, the organisers said.

Singgih Hadipranowo, head of the Indonesian Foreign Ministry's research and development agency, said that as in the past, the participants all came in a "personal capacity."

Taking part in the workshop, the fourth since 1990, were all members states of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) - Brunei Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand - as well as China, Laos,

# Off the Record

### Biggest pornography case

BEIJING: Police in North China have cracked the biggest pornography case since the communist state was set up in 1949, seizing 680,000 salacious magazines, the official press and publishing journal said yesterday, reports Reuter.

The case involved five printing factories in the provinces of Hebei and Shandong, which in the past two years produced 850,000 illegal publications, including the pornographic maga-

After a shipment of magazines, was uncovered in Hebei, police arrested the chief of one of the factories and two of his assistants. The factory, set up without a licence in February, had 45 staff, including 20 women - the youngest under 13, the newspaper said.

The others involved in the business have so far escaped

#### Royal visit next month TOKYO: Japan's Emperor Akthito said yesterday he hoped to

strengthen his country's friendship with the countries of Europe when he and Empress Michiko visit Italy, Belgium and Germany next month, reports Reuter.

Akthito and Michiko are scheduled to leave for their 16-day official tour on September 3.

The 59-year-old Emperor, who is the high priest of Japan's native Shinto religion, will also pay a visit to Pope John Paul II at the Vatican during his European tour.

Asked how he felt about visiting the head of another religion. Akihito said: "When the Pope came to Japan in the past, he left a great impression on the Japanese people with his speech on his hopes for peace.'

The Emperor, who ascended the throne in January 1989, broke imperial precedent by marrying Michiko, a

clined to reply.



commoner and the daughter of a wealthy flour Triller. Michiko, looking subdued in a royal blue suit, said she hoped to deepen and understanding of a positive feelings to-

wards Japan during their trip. Although the couple's rare appearance before the piess was aimed at highlighting their openness and accessibility, it had its

Visibly unprepared for an impromptu question by a foreign reporter asking her to comment on her feelings about meeting the Pope, Michiko, a graduate of a catholic girls' school, de

"I would have been most grateful if you could have coordinated your questions beforehand," the empress said.

#### Hot-line on sex

TORONTO: The Masters and Johnson Institute plans to open a 24-hour hot line to dispense information about sex, one of its founders said Saturday, reports AP.

"We're going to try to get basic sex education to the public," said pioneering sex researcher Dr William Masters. "It's going to be, I hope, a tremendous service."

The institute, based in St. Louis, has started training professtonals to take calls on a nationwide number that will charge a fee for calls, perhaps starting in mid-October, he said.

The hot line will not offer therapy, he said at a press conference at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association. But Masters said just the information should held. "So much of sexual disorder and disfunction is on the basis of ignorance," he said. "So much of the disfunction can be re-

versed with adequate knowledge." One example concerns the myth about small penis size im-

pairing sexual ability, he said. "Many a man has moved into impotence when somebody (such as a sex partner) says, "You'll never get anything done with that," Masters said.

On another topic, Masters said the prescription drug papaverine, which physicians inject into impotent men to promote erections, is being abused by some healthy men.

"A number of youngmen are using papaverine before they go out on a date to make sure they're a social success," Masters said. Even high school students have been using it, he said.

Such use of the drug can lead to an erection that persists so long that it poses medical complications, he said. Masters, 77, and ex-wife Viroinia Johnson, 68, divorced in

March after 22 years of marriage. They continue to operate the institute together.

The team's 1966 best-selling book "Human Sexual

Response," based on direct laboratory observation of people having intercourse or masturbating, was the first scientific review of sexual distunction.

# Brazil may remove gold miners to save Indians

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug 23: President Itamar Franco called an emergency session of Brazil's highest law-enforcement body for Monday to discuss protecting the Yanomani tribe following the massacre of 71 Indians last week, reports AP. Indians from the tribe,

meanwhile, continued to flee the area of Hoximu village, where illegal gold miners slaughtered the Indians last Tuesday as they held a festival of the dead.

Franco on Sunday scheduled meeting of the National Security Council, whose membership includes himself, defence officials and the head of the military, to discuss protecting the tribe.

Reports said the Council is expected to send the armed forces and federal police to the Yanomani reservation to remove all gold miners and dynamite their airplane runways, reports Sunday said.

Last year, Brazilian armed forces expelled gold miners from Indian reservations in the Amazon, and dynamited all runways so they could not come back. But as soon as the armed forces left, miners began return-

Miners seeking gold, diamonds and other wealth have been prospecting in the region since 1987. Their presence has led to numerous clashes with the Indians.

On Sunday, Yanomani Indians fearing more attacks fled 250 kilometers (150 miles) to the closest federal police station from Hoximu village. Reports said there were 130 Indians at the station by Saturday.

Claudio Romero, president of the government's National Indian Foundation, said 71 Yanomani Indians, including 35 children and three pregnant women, were massacred Tuesday.

# US urges ROK to King Hassan II Mosque is a modern wonder of Islamic world

SEOUL, Aug 23: The United States is urging South Korea to reconsider its refusal to allow American pop star Michael Jackson to perform here, a US embassy spokesman said today, reports Reuter.

Performances were forbidden because they would exert a negative influence on South Korean society, Los Angelesbased promotor Tae-Won Chung said at the time.

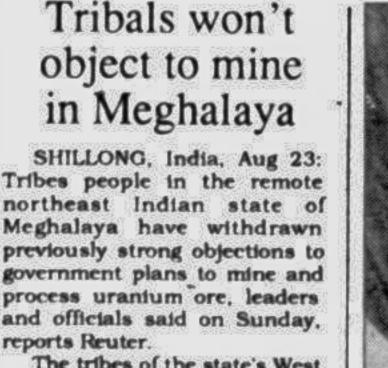
The embassy believes there is no reason to keep an international star like Michael Jackson out of South Korea and we have been making this point to the South Korea authorities," a US embassy spokesman said by telephone.

cupation, sex, age group and provincial origins. Most cases are in the 20-34 age group and men outnumber reports Reuter. Some 942 cases are labourers and 609 farmers. The northern provinces of Chiang Rai and Chiang Mai took first and second positions before Bangkok's third in terms of

One killed in Thai train attack: posits there estimated at some 10000 tonnes of high grade Suspected Muslim separatists attacked train in southern Thailand's Narathiwat province early Sunday, killing a uranium ore. passenger and wounding nine crew members, AP reports from Bangkok

The attackers sprayed the locomotive and at least one passenger car with automatic weapons fire just before dawn as the train passed through a rural area near the province's capital. 1140 kilometres (709 miles) south of Bangkok, That television

Channel 7 reported.
The train was en route from Bangkok to the Malaysian border town of Sungai Kolok. The report said police found a letter at the scene from a separatist group, the Pattani United Liberation Organisation, claiming responsibility. The letter, written in the dialect used by southern Thai Muslims, threatened future attacks.



previously strong objections to government plans to mine and process uranium ore, leaders and officials said on Sunday. The tribes of the state's West Khasi hills erupted in protest last year when the government announced plans to mine de-

Their leaders demanded a study by internationally recognised experts to determine that there were no health risks to the tribes people and the ecology of the hills would not be demanded before ending their protest.

Officials said the tribal leaders were taken by India's Atomic Energy Commission last week to uranium mines in the northern state of Bihar.



Russian President Boris Yeltsin (I) welcomes the Georgian Head of State Edward Sevardnadze, to the Kremlin in Moscow, August 23. The two leaders meet to try and reach a settlement on several bilateral problems including the conflict with Abkhazia.

#### CASABLANCA, Morocco, Aug concert 23: A modern wonder of the world of Islam, it is designed to give devotees the feeling that their place of prayer is floating on water, reports Reuter.

To top that, its minaret reaches taller than any other in the Now, after six years of round-

the clock working, the King

Hassan II Mosque on the edge

of the Atlantic Ocean, is finally complete. "Apart from Makkah and Prophet Mohammed's (Sm) Mosque in Medina, it will be the biggest in the Islamic world and a jewel bestowed upon all Moroccans," King Hassan said in an appeal for

public donations for the

mosque five years ago. On August 30, he will realise his dream when he inaugurates the huge mosque in time for the Prophet's (Sm). birthday.

King Hassan II Mosque, which combines high tech with ornate Muslim tradition, towers over the historic city of Casablarica.

King Hassan decided to build the mosque in memory of his father Mohammed V who dted in Casablanca in 1961 but is buried in the capital Rabat.

"Its geographical setting was important as the mosque is the last or the first rampart on the land of Islam, whether you come from the East or the West."

The waves of the Atlantic - up to 10 metres (33 feet) high break against massive supports which protect the ground on which the mosque sits, giving the faithful the impression, while praying,

that the great mosque is

floating on water. Designed by Michel Pinseau, a personal friend of the King. the mosque can accommodate 25,000 devotees inside its main hall. A wide polished marble esplanade around the mosque can accommodate a further 75,000

"The whole of St Peters in Rome could fit inside the main building," one French architect said." The minaret will be higher than the great

devotees.

pyramid of Cheops," he The ceiling, at its highest point,

rises 65 metres (213 feet) above the floor. The white and green minaret rises 200 metres (656 feet), A

laser on the top projects a 30 km (22 mile) beam east at night to show the way to the Muslim holy city of Makkah. A mechanically-operated roof opens in three minutes to transform the hall into an

open-air assembly area More than 10,000 craftsmen have decorated the interior of the mosque with mosaics and cedarwood ceiling carvings. Some are embellished with gold leaf. A total of 2,500 pillars support

the highly decorated ceiling

A modern library, a religious school in adjacent buildings and parking space for more

Fifty huge candelabras of

Hand made plaster stucco and

There are 124 fountains spout-

The mosque has tow huge

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Vehetian crystal, each weigh-

ing over a tonne, hang from

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enormous central prayer

ing water night and day for

ritual washing underneath

mezzanine reserved for

"Hammams", or steam baths

-- one for men and one for

and

# than 1,000 cars make up the

Officials have not revealed the final cost but experts estimate it could reach US dollar 500 million.

complex.

Moroccan officials portray the mosque as a symbol of tolerance. "The Hassan II Mosque is the mirror of tolerant Islam", Interior and Information Minister Driss Basri

Asked about the Mosque, Abdalam Yassian, 66, spiritual leader of the outlawed Al-Adl Wal Ihsane (Justice and charity) group, said.

They say it's the biggest in the world. We are pleased to have it. We would like to be able to preach and pray there, if ever they let us".

### Senator Dole may run°for US presidency in '96

NEW YORK, Aug 23: US Senate minority leader Robert Dole said on Sunday he was seriously considering a run for the presidency in 1996 and that a Republican surge in 1994 could well prompt him to seek his party's nomination, reports

"I think it's an option. It could be a viable option, Dole said on CBS television's 'face the nation."

"I think we wait and see what happens in 1994. If we pick up strength in the Congress it may indicate that '96 might be a good time to run. If not there are a lot of good candidates out there on the Republican side."