

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. Kennedy...



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...

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...

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...

Royal visit next month

TOKYO: Japan's Emperor Akihito 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...



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...

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...

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Vanuatu govt collapses: The 20-month-old coalition government of the Pacific island state of Vanuatu collapsed yesterday when the junior partner...

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 homes...

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 reported yesterday...

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...

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...

One killed in Thai train attack: Suspected Muslim separatists attacked train in southern Thailand's Narathiwat province early Sunday, killing a passenger and wounding nine crew members...

Top Shining Path leader held

LIMA, Aug 23: Police captured a high-ranking Shining Path guerrilla leader in the latest blow to the 13-year insurgency, the military said Sunday...

Tribals won't object to mine in Meghalaya

SHILLONG, India, Aug 23: Tribes people in the remote northeast Indian state of Meghalaya have withdrawn previously strong objections to government plans to mine and process uranium ore...



Russian President Boris Yeltsin (l) welcomes the Georgian Head of State Edward Shevardnadze 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.

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...

US urges ROK to allow Jackson concert

SEOUL, Aug 23: The United States is urging South Korea to reconsider its refusal to allow American pop star Michael Jackson to perform here...

King Hassan II Mosque is a modern wonder of Islamic world

CASABLANCA, Morocco, Aug 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...

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...