

Ranariddh's appeal to ASEAN

Put pressure on Hun Sen or civil war will erupt

MANILA, Aug 18: Ousted Cambodian co-premier Prince Norodom Ranariddh said Wednesday his country will return to civil war if Southeast Asian governments do not put pressure on his arch-rival Hun Sen, reports Reuter.

Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam, last month postponed Cambodia's entry because of the political turmoil in Phnom Penh.



Egyptian members of the Islamic Jihad group, stand behind bars during their military trial in Cairo, Sunday. They are among 84 Islamists arrested in January 1995 on charges of plotting to bomb Khan al-Khalili, the biggest historical bazaar in Cairo.

US, UN urged to help salvage ME peace

CAIRO, Aug 18: The Afro-Asian People's Organisation (AAPSO) yesterday called on the United States and the United Nations to help salvage the Mideast peace process, reports Xinhua.

Serb police arrest 5 Muslims Combined forces deployed to capture Karadzic

LONDON, Aug 18: A combined US, British and French commando force has been deployed in Bosnia to capture Radovan Karadzic, according to military sources cited by the Sunday Times, reports AP.

Plan to fingerprint immigrants runs into controversy in US

A proposal to have applicants for US citizenship fingerprinted by law enforcers and then checked by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has run into controversy.

Tajik troops launch offensive against rebels

DUSHANBE, Tajikistan, Aug 18: Government forces launched an offensive Monday against the forces of a renegade military commander and fierce fighting raged around a strategic bridge, reports AP.

BRIEFLY

9 killed in road mishap in India: Nine persons were killed and four others seriously injured when the trekker in which they were travelling collided with a truck between Baragarh and Sohela, about 65 kms from Sambalpur Sunday morning, PTI reports from Sambalpur.

WW-II bomb found in UK beach: Thousands of people were evacuated from a beach in the country of Essex, east of London on one of the hottest weekends of the year after a World War II bomb was found in the sand, AFP says from London.

Blasts kill 3 in Philippines: Bombs went off in a crowded bus terminal and a passenger bus in a southern Philippine port city, killing three people and injuring at least 18 others, police said Monday, AP reports from Manila.

1 more tourist's body found in US: Rescue workers found the body of another of the 11 tourists swept away by a flash flood in an Arizona canyon last week, the Coconino-county, Arizona, Sheriff's office said Sunday, AFP reports from Los Angeles.

Blast ruins arms depot in Vietnam: An army weapons and ammunition depot was leveled by a powerful explosion in a remote mountainous region of northern Vietnam, an official report said Monday, AP reports from Hanoi.

10 die of animal-borne disease in India: At least 10 people have died and 60 fallen ill in the western Indian state of Gujarat over the last two weeks due to an outbreak of an animal-borne disease, the Press Trust of India said Sunday, AFP reports from New Delhi.

6 die as boat capsizes in Colombia: A boat full of Colombian tourists capsized in waters off the Caribbean port of Cartagena, killing six people, authorities said, AP reports from Bogota.

Junta sentences Suu Kyi's 3 relatives to 10 yrs in jail

BANGKOK, Aug 18: Myanmar's military government has sentenced three members of Aung San Suu Kyi's family to ten years in prison, bringing the total number of her relatives in jail to four, a government press release said Monday, reports AP.

Pressure mounts on Thai PM despite cabinet reshuffle

BANGKOK, Aug 18: Pressure was mounting today on Thai Prime Minister Chaovalit Yongchaiyudh despite a government reshuffle last week intended to give him some respite and to prolong his government's tenure, reports AFP.

Off the Record

McDonald's hamburger topped with condom! HOOVER, Alabama: a man who claims he found a rolled up condom when he bit into a Big Mac is suing a McDonald's restaurant, saying the discovery made him violently ill, reports AP.



Victor Blagov, Deputy flight Control Director, sits next to a scale-model of the Russian 'Mir' space station as he covers his face in tiredness in the Mission Control Centre in Moscow in this picture taken Friday night. It was just reported in Russian TV news that the docking of a Progress cargo spacecraft with the orbital space station Mir scheduled for 18.00 Moscow time (1500 GMT) on Sunday was postponed due to some new technical problems.

Street children learning how to survive in war-shattered Kabul

KABUL, Aug 18: Dozens of barefoot street children are gathered in a classroom, learning reading, writing and arithmetic as well as how to survive in war-shattered Kabul, reports AP.

Maskhadov to ask for independence, war reparations from Yeltsin

MOSCOW, Aug 18: Chechen President Aslan Maskhadov arrived in Moscow early today for talks with President Boris Yeltsin to demand independence and war reparations for his tiny north Caucasus republic, reports AFP.