

# Tofail pleads for undertaking productivity as a movement

EU urges Russia to stick to policy of economic reform

VIENNA, Aug 23: The European Union urged Russia yesterday to stick to its policy of economic reform and implement fully a package of measures agreed with the International Monetary Fund, reports Reuters.

The Foreign Ministry of Austria, which holds the EU's rotating presidency, said this would be the best way to restore confidence in the Russian economy and to bring the present turbulence on currency markets under control.

Measures announced by the Moscow government on August 17, which in effect amounted to the devaluation of the ruble, underlined the need for a continuation of the reform process, the ministry said in a statement on behalf of the 15-nation block.

It called on the Russian government and parliament to agree legislation as quickly as possible to put the budget on a solid foundation and stimulate investment.

The EU was prepared to consider new ideas for intensifying economic cooperation with Russia, especially in encouraging new private-sector initiatives.

## US West, employees asked to return to bargaining table

DENVER, Aug 23: A federal mediator ordered US West and its employees union to return to the bargaining table Sunday as the strike affecting the phone company's service in 13 states enters a second week, says AP.

Just prior to federal mediator Jim Mahon's order Saturday, US West accused the Communications Workers of America of stalling and bargaining for just 65 minutes since talks resumed Thursday. Talks broke up before noon Saturday.

"We think the bargaining teams should be working around the clock.... That's not what's happening," said US West spokesman Jerry Brown.

The CWA declined comment.

The strike began last Sunday morning, affecting more than 34,000 workers. Major sticking points are forced overtime, health benefits and a plan to tie pay to job performance.

The United States' sixth-largest telephone company, US West has about 25 million customers in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Montana, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

Workers in Montana belong to another union and have continued to work until a new contract is signed.

## Taiwan-China trade rises by 10 pc

BEIJING, Aug 23: Trade between Taiwan and the Chinese mainland topped 24.5 billion dollars in 1997, a rise of more than 10 per cent on the previous year, the official Xinhua news agency reported, according to AFP.

The agency said the figures were released by Jing Shuping, Vice-Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), at a seminar on the Taiwan straits relationship.

Jing said that last year Taiwanese investors invested more than 1.6 billion dollars into 728 projects on the mainland, 90 per cent higher than the previous year.

He added that nearly two million Taiwan residents visited the mainland in 1997, a record high, while more than 8,400 mainland residents visited Taiwan, 30 per cent more than the previous year.

Jing said exchanges in areas such as culture and sport were also on the rise.

Taiwan and China split at the end of a civil war in 1949 when the defeated nationalists fled to the island after their loss to the Communists. They have been ruled separately ever since.

## Car production in Thailand drops

BANGKOK, Aug 23: Car production in Thailand in the first six months of this year dipped by 190,462 units, or 7.13 per cent to 63,038 units from the previous year, according to figures compiled by the Federation of Thai Industries available, reports Xinhua.

Motocycles production also dropped by 323,807 units to 323,507 units.

The shipment of automotive products comprising completely built-up (CBU) car engines and other parts, motorcycles and parts jumped by 8.39 billion baht (209 million US dollars) to 18.29 billion baht (459 million dollars).

The federation said 13,788 passenger cars were produced in the first six months of this year, or 21.87 per cent of total vehicle production, down by 67,531 units from the same period last year.

Truck production for the period totalled 48,202 units, a fall of 12,245 units.

The federation said CBU cars shipped for the period reached 25,461 units, a rise of 10,958 units over the same period last year while the export value of CBU cars totalled 11.35 billion baht (283 million dollars), a rise of 6.7 billion baht (167 million dollars).

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