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PARLIAMENT REDUCES DAHE'S MANDATE

Purikali - Yesterday the Parliament (Haimauman) approved the bill to reduce the mandate of the Prime Minister and her State Ministers to four years instead of the 6-year mandate established since 1977 in the Constitution. The score of 52 favourable and 43 contrary to the act gave the necessary majority for the final approval. The measure will be applied to the current government team. It is a big defeat to the Haima Party, the party of Prime Minister Samira Dahe.

According to analysts, this result is the consequence of the drop in Mrs. Dahe's popularity after the terrorist attack to the Market Street in Purikali

in December of the last year. On that occasion, an explosion attributed to an obscure Islamic group called "Allah ni Kisahe" killed 33 people. The police arrested 8 suspects of the crime. Its connection with international terrorist groups is not yet attested.

The government has received a lot of criticisms from senators of the opposition requesting a firm response to this menace. These senators have interpreted the traditional alliance of Mrs. Dahe's Party with Islamic groups and its opposition to US military intervention in the Middle East as tolerance to terrorist actions.

The diplomatic relations between the two countries evolved since then and recently a group of Yuklandic businessmen visited Purikali, followed by a visit of Kaupelanese government members to Ísðor, capital of that country.

PEACE FORCES

ROYAL ARMY WITHDRAWS TROOPS FROM EAST TIMOR

Dili – The Royal Army started to remove part of its contingent from East Timor after four years serving together with UN forces to ensure a peaceful transition to independence. From the original force of 500 soldiers, only 200 will remain in Dili. "Our mission in this country is nearly accomplished" said Lieutenant Colonel Muhammad Agahi, commander of Kaupelanese force in Timor. Yesterday, a C-130 of the Royal Air Force arrived to Tanu Rungu Air Base, Purikali, bringing home the first group of soldiers from the 28th Infantry Battalion of Rataanga.

ECONOMY

WATERA IS PLANNING TO INCREASE OFF-ROAD SUV PRODUCTION THIS YEAR

Purikali – This year, K.S. Watera is planning to manufacture 10,000 units of Jangal, the recently launched off-road Diesel vehicle. Jangal or "Yahuk Angawa Sailyala", or "Off-road Transport Vehicle", a project partially sponsored by the Royal Ministry of Defence. The original purpose of the 8-seat car was military although its civilian version can be used in a wide range of applications as a sport utility vehicle (SUV). "Jangal's ability to be used in all types of roads and terrains makes it especially suitable for young people looking for adventure.

Its versatility for a large range of civilian applications should be interesting to our neighbour countries", said Yulyaung Daherayen, Marketing & Sales Director.

The total 2004 production from Watera plant in Nusunmai district is expected to be around 100,000 cars, mostly for export. It also includes Jimpy and Brisk, respectively the mini and the mid-size cars of the company. Jangal's price, however, of USD 33,000 (about KAH 83,000) can limit this prospective view.

GOSSIPS

ROYAL SECRET UNVEILED

Nuhu Ngiti – Despite the well-known discretion of the royal family, prince Akeri was seen last week in the company of a beautiful girl. Many rumours are in the air. Is prince Akeri in love? Is it a serious relationship? According to a source close to His Highness, she belongs to the high society of Yukland, a northern European country. In the last years, some Yuklandic tourists are frequent visitors to Kaupelan, after the purchase of a resort in Nuhu Ngiti by a rich businessman.



Friðshus, the Yuklandic villa in the island of Nuhu Ngiti



Weather – Sunny with possible rain
Max.Temp. 32°C (Bandajaya)
Min. Temp. 17°C (Odomtu)