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1. Sino-DPRK Relations

Yonhap ("", Beijing/Jilin, 2010/08/27) reported that DPRK leader Kim Jong-il arrived in a PRC industrial city Friday. A convoy of some 30 vehicles, believed to be carrying the reclusive leader, arrived at the South Lake Hotel in the northeastern Chinese city of Changchun, about an hour and a half after leaving the nearby city of Jilin. Kim's stay in Changchun is expected to include a tour of advanced industrial facilities. On Thursday, Kim paid a visit to Jilin's Yuwen Middle School, which his father and national founder, Kim Il-sung, attended for two and a half years starting in 1927. Kim also visited Beishan Park in the city of Jilin where the remains of anti-Japanese independence fighters are buried.
http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/national/2010/08/27/33/0301000000AEN20100827004100315F.HTML

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2. DPRK Detention of Americans

Associated Press (Jean H. Lee, "NKOREA RELEASES AMERICAN IMPRISONED SINCE JANUARY", Seoul, 2010/08/27) reported that Aijalon Gomes, freed after nearly seven months jailed in the DPRK, left Pyongyang on Friday in the company of former U.S. President Jimmy Carter. The former president "courteously requested" a special pardon for Gomes, which leader Kim Jong-il granted, DPRK state media said. Korean Central News Agency said Carter's visit included cordial talks with the DPRK's No. 2 official, Kim Yong Nam.

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20100827/ap_on_re_as/as_nkorea_carter

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3. ROK-Japan Historical Disputes

Chosun Ilbo ("JAPAN HANDS OVER RECORDS OF FORCED LABOR VICTIMS", Seoul, 2010/08/27) reported that Japan has sent the ROK government the death records of some 5,600 Koreans who died during forced labor at Japanese firms and mines in colonial times. "Last Thursday, we received from the Japanese government burial and cremation permits containing the death reports of some 5,600 Korean laborers," an official with a commission investigating forced labor said. The permits were issued by local governments based on death notices. They include not only basic information like the name, permanent address, date of birth and gender but also their occupation, work site, and date and cause of death.
http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/08/27/2010082700900.html

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4. Japanese Nuclear Fuel Cycle

Kyodo ("CONSTRUCTION OF NUCLEAR FUEL-STORAGE FACILITY TO BEGIN", Tokyo, 2010/08/27) reported that the Japan Economy, Trade and Industry Ministry's Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency on Friday gave the green light to the construction of a facility for storing spent nuclear fuel in Aomori Prefecture. The agency sanctioned Recyclable-Fuel Storage Co., set up by Tokyo Electric Power Co. and Japan Atomic Power Co., to build the facility in the city of Mutsu to store spent nuclear fuel for about 50 years before reprocessing. Recyclable-Fuel Storage plans to begin construction next Tuesday at a cost of about 100 billion yen and start using the facility with a storage capacity of 3,000 tons in July 2012. The firm aims to increase the capacity to 5,000 tons eventually.
http://home.kyodo.co.jp/modules/fstStory/index.php?storyid=519622

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5. US and Cross-Straits Relations

Agence France-Presse ("CHINA TELLS US NOT TO SELL RADARS ", Beijing, 2010/08/27) reported that the PRC on Friday called on the United States to revoke export licences granted to US firms selling radar equipment to Taiwan. US State Department spokesman Philip Crowley said this week

the move would 'allow the commercial export to Taiwan of defence services, technical data, and defence articles to support Taiwan's existing air defence radar system'. In Beijing, foreign ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu responded: 'China firmly opposes the United States selling weapons and relevant technical assistance to Taiwan.' 'We urge the United States... to revoke their wrong decision and put an end to arms sales to Taiwan and military ties with Taiwan to avoid causing new harm to Sino-US ties,' she said.

http://www.straitstimes.com/BreakingNews/Asia/Story/STIStory_571623.html

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