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PEOPLE STILL WAITING FOR RESETTLEMENT

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BRYANSK AUGUST 8 TASS - BY TASS CORRESPONDENT YURI LODKIN: MORE THAN 3,000 INHABITANTS OF RUSSIAN VILLAGES IN AREAS NEIGHBOURING ON BYELORUSSIA ARE AWAITING A GOVERNMENT DECISION ON RESETTLEMENT. THEY HAVE BEEN LIVING IN A CONTAMINATED ZONE FOLLOWING THE CHERNOBYL DISASTER FOR THREE YEARS.

ZABORYE VILLAGE IS ONE OF 12 SETTLEMENTS IN THE KRASNOGORSK DISTRICT, BRYANSK REGION, WHICH ARE ABOUT TO BE MOVED, AND ITS 945 RESIDENTS HAVE LONG SINCE BECOME USED TO SAFETY RESTRICTIONS. THE VILLAGERS ARE CAREFUL TO STEP ON ASPHALT RATHER THAN ON GRASS WHERE THE GAMMA RADIATION LEVEL IS SEVERAL TIMES HIGHER. NO CATTLE IS KEPT FOR FEAR OF CONTAMINATION FROM MILK AND MEAT. +CLEAN+ PRODUCTS ARE BROUGHT IN FROM OUTSIDE THE AREA AND THE VILLAGERS ARE PAID A MONTHLY ALLOWANCE OF 30 ROUBLES TO MEET EXTRA COSTS.

ONE LOCAL MANAGER REPORTED THAT THE GAMMA LEVEL AT HIS HOME WAS 10 TIMES HIGHER THAN PERMISSIBLE LEVELS, DESPITE DECONTAMINATION AND SPECIAL SANITARY MEASURES. HENCE A SICK RATE WHICH HAS DOUBLED IN THE REGION OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS.

RESETTLING RESIDENTS FROM STRICKEN VILLAGES BEGAN THREE YEARS AGO. BEFORE THE RESETTLEMENT WAS SUSPENDED IN 1986 FOUR VILLAGES HAD BEEN MOVED TO NEW SITES: SCIENTISTS ASSURED LOCAL AND CENTRAL AUTHORITIES THAT PEOPLE COULD REMAIN IF THE TERRITORY WAS DECONTAMINATED, SANITARY NORMS WERE OBSERVED AND CLEAN PRODUCTS BROUGHT TO THE AREA. EXPERIENCE PROVED THEM WRONG AND NOW MORE THAN 3 YEARS AFTER THE DISASTER PEOPLE ARE PREPARING TO MOVE HOUSE. CHERNOBYL CLEARLY WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN FOR A LONG TIME.

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SOVIET-TURKISH CONSULAR CONVENTION RATIFIED

MOSCOW AUGUST 8 TASS - A SUPREME SOVIET RESOLUTION RATIFYING A CONSULAR CONVENTION BETWEEN THE USSR AND TURKEY, WHICH WAS SIGNED ON APRIL 27, 1988, IN ANKARA, WAS PUBLISHED HERE TODAY.

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MILITARY MANEUVERS IN BELORUSSIA ANNOUNCED

MUNICH, AUG. 8 (CMD) -- SOVIET LAND AND AIR FORCES WILL HOLD MANEUVERS ON THE TERRITORY OF BELORUSSIA FROM AUG. 15-22.

TASS REPORTED TODAY THAT 17,400 SOLDIERS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE MANEUVERS WHICH ARE AIMED AT SOLVING QUESTIONS OF ADMINISTRATION AND JOINT ACTION AND AT IMPROVING BATTLE TRAINING.

TASS SAID THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS INVITED OBSERVERS FROM ALL STATES PARTICIPATING IN THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE.

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KATUSHEV HOLDS COOPERATION TALKS IN LIBYA

TRIPOLI AUGUST 8 TASS -- SOVIET-LIBYAN TALKS ON MATTERS CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE AND ECONOMIC CONTACTS ARE GOING ON HERE.

VARIOUS ASPECTS OF ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ON A MUTUALLY-BENEFICIAL BASIS ARE UNDER DISCUSSION DURING MEETINGS BETWEEN KONSTANTIN KATUSHEV, USSR MINISTER OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS WHO LEADS THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT DELEGATION, AND FAWZI AL-SHAKSHUKI, SECRETARY OF THE GENERAL PEOPLES COMMITTEE FOR PETROLEUM, AND AT THE MEETINGS OF WORKING GROUPS.

PROSPECTS FOR THE SOVIET UNIONS PARTICIPATION IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THERMAL POWER STATIONS, HIGH-VOLTAGE POWER TRANSMISSION LINES, A RAILWAY AND OTHER IMPORTANT ECONOMIC FACILITIES IN LIBYA ARE BEING CONSIDERED IN DETAIL.

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USSR RATIFIES PROTOCOLS TO 1949 GENEVA CONVENTIONS

MOSCOW AUGUST 8 TASS - THE USSR SUPREME SOVIET RATIFIED THE GENEVA PROTOCOL ADDITIONAL TO THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF 12 AUGUST 1949, AND RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF VICTIMS OF INTERNATIONAL ARMED CONFLICTS (PROTOCOL 1) AND THE GENEVA PROTOCOL ADDITIONAL TO THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF 12 AUGUST 1949, AND RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF VICTIMS OF NON-INTERNATIONAL ARMED CONFLICTS (PROTOCOL 2).

THE RESOLUTION POINTS OUT THAT THE SOVIET UNION RECOGNIZES IPSO FACTO THE COMPETENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL FACT-FINDING COMMISSION. THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT SHOULD WITHIN SIX MONTHS SUBMIT TO THE COUNTRY'S PARLIAMENT PROPOSALS ON MAKING RELEVANT AMENDMENTS TO THE SOVIET LEGISLATION.

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CRIME-BATTLING COMMITTEE MEETS IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW AUGUST 8 TASS - THE PROVISIONAL CRIME-BATTLING COMMITTEE OF THE USSR SUPREME SOVIET HELD A MEETING IN MOSCOW TODAY. IT WAS PRESIDED BY ANATOLY LUKYANOV, FIRST VICE PREUIDENT OF THE USSR SUPREME SOVIET.

IT WAS STRESSED DURING THE MEETING THAT THE LAW-ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES SHOULD WITHOUT DELAY TAKE URGENT MEASURES TO ENSURE RELIABLE PROTECTION OF NATIONAL PROPERTY, TO PREVENT CRIMES AND TO MOBIBIZE THE PUBLIC AND LABOUR COLLECTIVES.

THE CRIME-BATTLING COMMITTEES IN UNION AND AUTONOMOUS REPUBLICS, TERRITORIES, REGIONS AND CITIES WERE INSTRUCTED TO START THE NECESSARY WORK AND TO PROVIDE INFORMATION BY EARLY SEPTEMBER ON MEASURES AIMED AT RESOLUTELY OVERCOMING CAUSES LEADING TO CRIME AND AT STRICTLY PUNISHING CRIMINALS.

VIKTOR CHEBRIKOV, MEMBER OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU AND SECRETARY OF THE CPSU CENTRAP COMMITTEE, SPOKE AT THE MEETING.

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