

3 P.M. WORLD NEWS HIGHLIGHTS
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1. PHNOM PENH: Cambodian co-Premier Hun Sen has written to Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad to condemn the recent annulment by his rival and partner in power of several agreements with a Malaysian firm.

2. TAIPEI: Farm officials have defused a planned mass protest by angry Taiwan hog breeders by pledging to consider new financial aid to help them weather a foot and mouth disease outbreak.

3. JAKARTA: Indonesia has detained 31 people in the Java town of Pekalongan after recent riots which were apparently sparked by reports a popular singer had switched political allegiances.

4. HANOI: Vietnam's biggest heroin trafficking trial started Friday in Ho Chi Minh City with two Hong Kong men facing a possible death sentence.

5. BANGKOK: Prostitutes do more for Thailand than competing reporters who focus only on the personal affairs of their subjects, Chatumongkol Sonakul, outspoken permanent secretary of the finance ministry, says.

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