

Aussie probe into cattle cruelty claims

SYDNEY: Australia insisted yesterday that livestock safeguards introduced after an animal cruelty row with Indonesia were working, despite new footage showing cattle mistreatment in the Southeast Asian nation. Agriculture Minister Joe Ludwig said he was "shocked" by the latest video, shot by activist group Animals Australia last month in Indonesian slaughterhouses, showing distressed cows being hosed, prodded and in pain. One cow is shown still bellowing more than one minute after its throat is cut as workers begin cutting flesh from its neck. **Agencies**