

NEWS IN brief

NZ cops probe threat to terror attack mosque

AFP, Wellington
New Zealand police said yesterday they were investigating a threat made this week against one of the Christchurch mosques...

US Supreme Court to review Obamacare law

AFP, Washington
The US Supreme Court on Monday agreed to once again review former president Barack Obama's signature health care law...

Kremlin critic's bank accounts frozen

AFP, Moscow
Russia's main opposition leader Alexei Navalny said yesterday that authorities had frozen all of his bank accounts...



A Palestinian protester scuffles with an Israeli soldier after Israeli tractors started working on a Palestinian land near the village of Aqraba, south of Nablus, in the Israeli occupied West Bank, yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

RACE FOR DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION

Biden gets boost

Three ex-rivals support him in bid to halt leftist Bernie Sanders

AFP, Houston
Americans were set to vote yesterday in primaries that play a major role in who will challenge Donald Trump for the presidency...



Taliban attack Afghan bases

Two soldiers killed; Pak calls on Kabul to abide by prisoner swap deal

AGENCIES
The Taliban carried out more than a dozen attacks on Afghan army bases, officials said yesterday...



five security forces, the provincial governor's spokesman Didar Lawang told AFP. The halt to the limited truce, which began on February 22, ends what was a welcome reprieve for ordinary Afghans...

Netanyahu claims biggest win despite graft charges

AFP, Jerusalem
Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu yesterday emerged victorious after Israel's third election in a year despite a looming corruption trial...



Monday's election left the veteran right-winger in prime position to form a government and end a year of political deadlock, after similar votes in April and September proved inconclusive. The central election committee said it had counted 90 percent of the vote...

Won't let West Bengal become Delhi: Mamata

PTI, Kolkata
West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said yesterday all who came from Bangladesh and have been casting votes in elections were Indian citizens...

of citizenship. Hitting out at the central government over the Delhi violence, the TMC boss said, "Don't forget this is Bengal. What happened in Delhi will never be allowed to happen here..."



Migrants disembarked in the last three days on Lesbos Island, waits in the port of Lesbos, Greece yesterday. Greece was on a state of alert as it faced an influx of thousands of migrants seeking to cross the border from Turkey...

Lanka calls parliamentary polls on April 25

Sri Lanka's new president called a snap election on April 25 after sacking the national parliament where his party led a minority government...



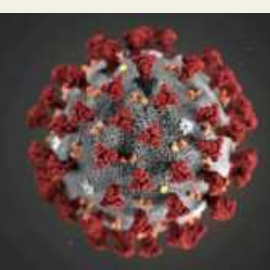
Malaysia PM vows to fight graft after week of turmoil

New Malaysian Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin pledged to prioritise the fight against corruption on Monday after taking over from 94-year-old Mahathir Mohamad...

Handshake? No thanks

Global greeting habits change due to coronavirus

AFP, Paris
Say no to a handshake, refuse every peck on the cheek and definitely avoid hugging. Instead, try a direct gaze, or maybe a hand gesture.



have only just met -- and handshaking, a common formality at work. Etiquette expert Philippe Lichtfus, who has been widely cited in the media, says handshakes are a relatively recent development that began in the Middle Ages.

Half of world's beaches could vanish by 2100

Warn researchers; Australia could be hit hardest

AFP, Paris
Climate change and sea level rise are currently on track to wipe out half the world's sandy beaches by 2100, researchers warned Monday.

such as the United States, are already planning extensive defence systems, but in most nations such massive engineering schemes will be unfeasible, unaffordable or both.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Delhi shooter who pointed gun at cop arrested

Mohammed Shahrhukh, whose videos and images of waving a gun at Delhi Police personnel in the Jaffrabad-Maujpur area on February 24 when violent clashes broke out, has been arrested.