

# NEWSIN brief

## Ghani urges clerics to help halt attacks

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani yesterday called for Muslim clerics and tribal elders to help stem a surge in deadly insurgent attacks that have rocked the country as US-led troops end their war against the Taliban.

Afghanistan has been hit by weeks of regular attacks, with at least 12 suicide bombs in Kabul alone in the last month.

## Delhi HC refuses to ban astrology-based TV shows

The Delhi High Court has refused to prohibit astrology-based shows on television while saying it was not in its domain to prescribe what the programming code should be.

A division bench of Chief Justice G Rohini and Justice R S Endlaw, which was hearing a petition filed by NGO Sai Lok Kalyan Sanstha, said since there was already a regulatory mechanism in place, thus any direction in this regard is not required.

## Mauritius names new PM Anerood Jugnauth

Mauritius' president yesterday named veteran politician Sir Anerood Jugnauth as prime minister, after the 84-year old won a landslide victory taking nearly three-quarters of seats in parliament.

## Haiti's PM resigns amid political crisis

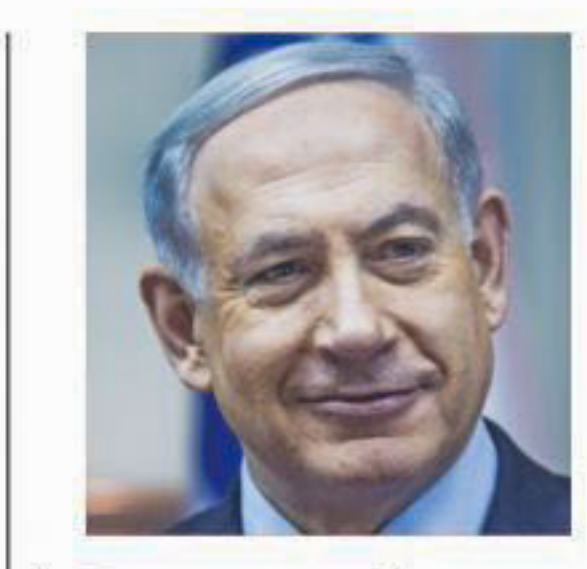
Haiti's Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe announced his resignation yesterday, following repeated calls for him to step down amid anti-government protests and a political crisis in the impoverished Caribbean nation.

## Death toll rises to 32 in Indonesian landslide

Rescuers searching for more than 70 people missing after a landslide in Indonesia deployed bulldozers and excavators to clear roads strewn with debris as the death toll from the disaster rose to 32 yesterday.



Clockwise from left: Demonstrators stage a die-in along the Magnificent Mile shopping district on Michigan Avenue to protest police abuse in Chicago, Illinois on Saturday. A man blocks a street in Union Square in New York City. Frank Graham (C), father of Ramarley Gragam, who was shot and killed by police officers in New York in 2012, speaks outside the New York Police Department Headquarters.



## Netanyahu rejects withdrawal talk

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu yesterday rejected talk of Israel withdrawing from east Jerusalem and the West Bank within two years, on the eve of a meeting with the top US diplomat.

# Islamic State storms town in western Iraq

### Kills 19 policemen; Kurdish forces kill 16 jihadists in Syria

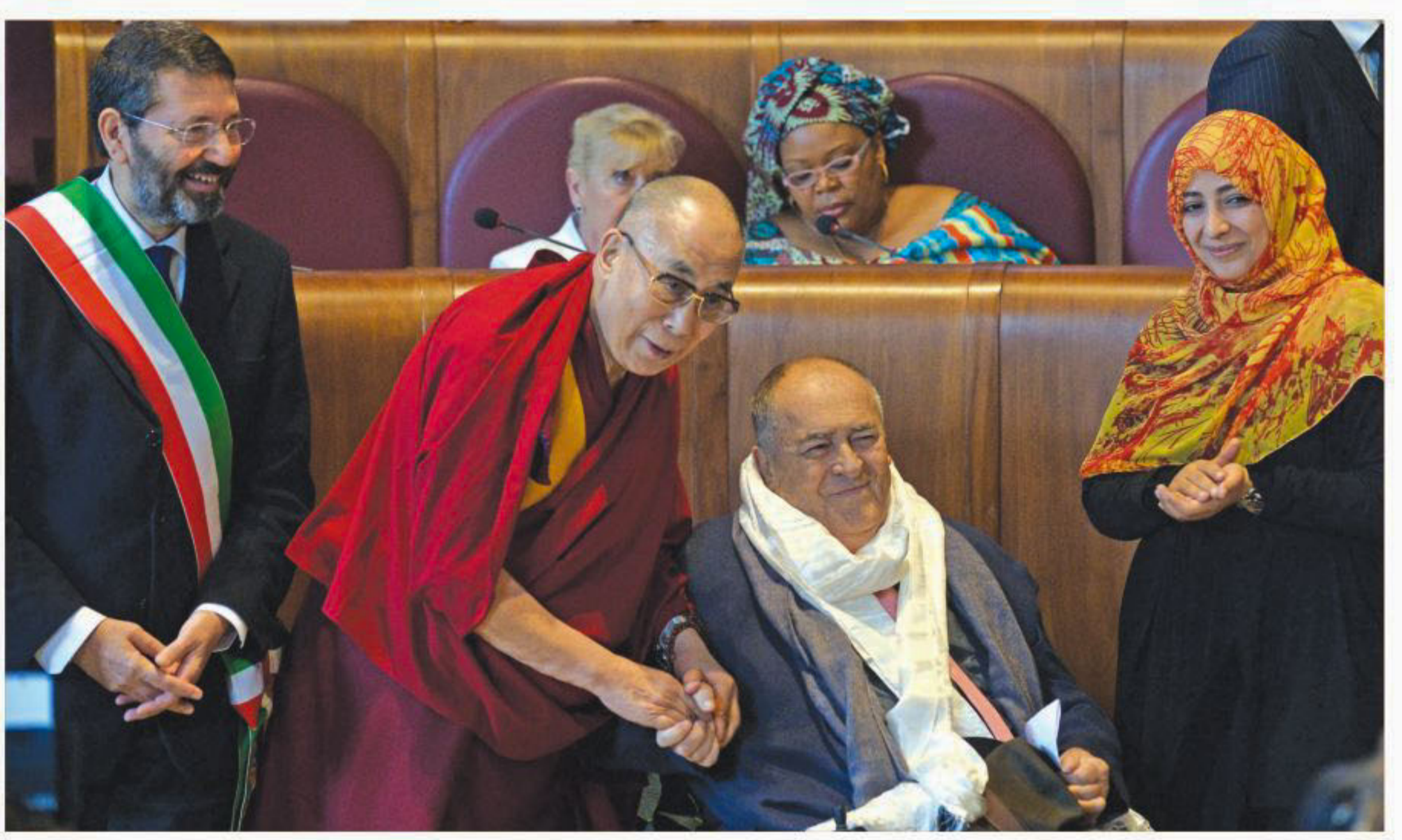
Islamic State fighters stormed a town in Iraq's western Anbar province on Saturday, killing at least 19 policemen and trapping others inside their headquarters, in the latest attack in the desert region where it controls large amounts of territory, officials said.

## CIA TORTURE REPORT UK MPs want access to redacted parts

A parliamentary committee investigating possible British links to torture will request access to blacked out parts of a US Senate report on CIA treatment of Al-Qaeda suspects, its chairman said yesterday.

## MANN KI BAAT PM Modi wants drug-free India

Voicing concern over the "devastating" drug addiction menace, Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday said society as well as the government will have to work together to fight this problem and that a helpline would be set up soon to assist those seeking solutions.



Italian director Bernardo Bertolucci (C) poses with Rome's Mayor Ignazio Marino (L) after he received the Peace Summit Award from Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama and Nobel Peace Prize co-winner Yemen's Arab Spring activist Tawakkul Karman at the end of the 14th World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates yesterday at Rome's City Hall.

# Abe re-elected easily despite low turnout

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe won comfortable re-election yesterday in a snap poll he had billed as a referendum on his economic policies after early success faded into a recession.



## US citizen enters North Korea Slams US govt

A US citizen who said he had crossed illegally into North Korea held a press conference in Pyongyang yesterday to denounce his own country's US political and economic systems.

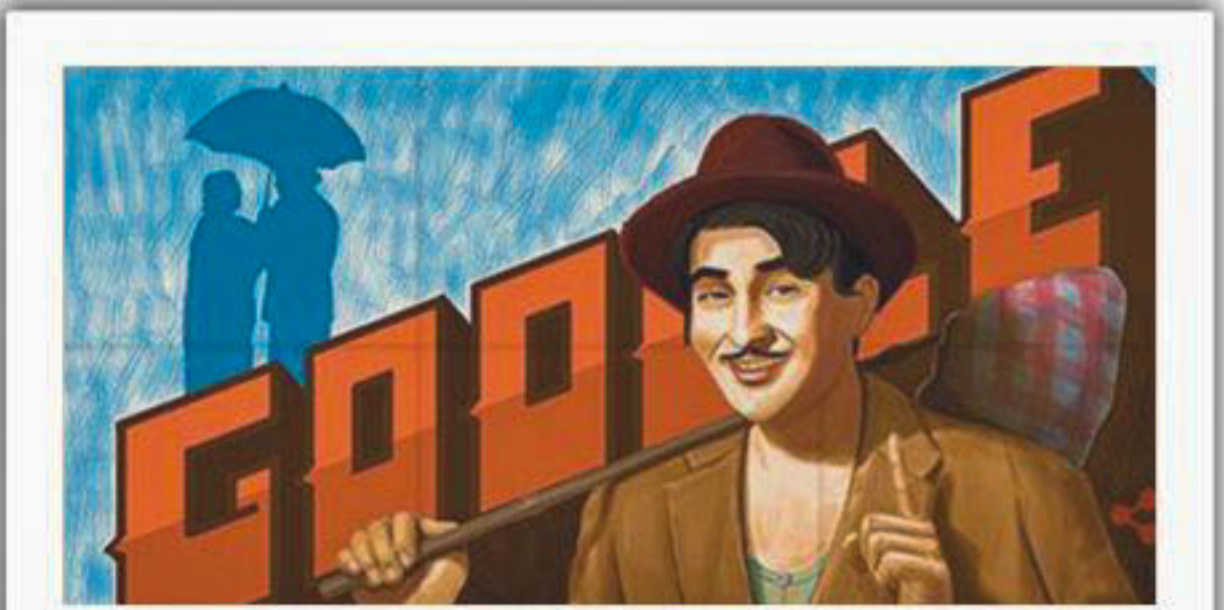


## Turkish police raid media offices

Turkish police yesterday launched a sweeping operation to arrest dozens of supporters of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's rival, US-exiled imam Fethullah Gulen, including a raid on the offices of the Zaman daily, which is close to the cleric.

## It's a watered-down compromise

A carbon-curbing deal struck in Lima yesterday was a watered-down compromise where national intransigence threatened the goal of a pact to save Earth's climate system, green groups said.



## Google marks Raj Kapoor's birthday

The internet giant Google was celebrating legendary Indian film actor Raj Kapoor's 90th birthday by dedicating a doodle yesterday.