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briefEbola cases on the rise
for second week

AFP, Geneva

The number of new Ebola cases in west Africa rose for the second week running after a previous fall, including a "sharp increase" in Guinea, the World Health Organization said Wednesday. In the week up to February 8 a total of 144 new cases were registered, compared to 124 the previous week.

Most of Kuwait hit by
power blackout

AFP, Kuwait City

A power blackout hit most of the energy-rich Kuwait on Wednesday, disrupting traffic and a number of vital facilities but leaving oil installations unaffected. The blackout came after a 2,000-MW unit was knocked out at a Subbiya power plant, which produces 5,700 MW, disabling the whole plant, said Electricity and Water Minister Abdulaziz al-Ibrahim.

Costa Concordia
skipper gets 16 yrs

AFP, Grosseto

An Italian court on Wednesday sentenced Costa Concordia captain Francesco Schettino to 16 years and one month in prison for causing the 2012 cruise ship disaster which claimed 32 lives. The conviction of the man dubbed "Captain Coward" by the media and "an idiot" by prosecutors, is subject to appeal and Schettino will remain free for the time being after the three judges in the case rejected a request for him to be sent to jail immediately on the grounds that he could skip the country.

Three dead in
Petrobras rig blast

AFP, Rio De Janeiro

An explosion ripped through a Petrobras rig off Brazil Wednesday, killing three people, injuring 10 and leaving six others missing in a new blow to the embattled state oil giant. The oil workers' union said a gas leak had caused the blast off the southeastern coast, the latest bad news for a company mired in a huge graft scandal involving alleged kickbacks to politicians.



Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi (R) meets with Delhi Chief Minister-elect Arvind Kejriwal at The Prime Minister's Residence in New Delhi yesterday.

Pakistan,
India resume
Kashmir trade

AFP, Muzaffarabad

Pakistani officials Wednesday said stalled trade with India across the de facto border in the disputed territory of Kashmir had resumed after negotiations with Indian authorities.

Trade was suspended on Friday after Indian authorities detained a Pakistani truck driver accused of drug trafficking.

"Trade has resumed between India and Pakistan after successful negotiations between authorities from both sides," local administration official Sayed Ishtiaq Gillani told AFP.

He said cargo trucks waiting on both sides of the border had started to move.

Trade and Travel Authority chief Imtiaz Wayen confirmed the resumption of trade.

China court sentences
bus arsonist to death

AFP, Shanghai

A Chinese court yesterday sentenced a man to death for setting fire to a bus in the eastern city of Hangzhou last July, injuring more than 30 people, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

Bao Laixu poured paint thinner onto the floor of a bus he was riding in then ignited the liquid, the Hangzhou Intermediate People's Court, which held the trial in January, said previously. Of the 33 injured, 20 were considered severely hurt.

The Xinhua report did not say if Bao planned to appeal. Death sentences in China must also be reviewed by the country's supreme court.

The Hangzhou court has said his action stemmed from "discontent" towards society, but gave no details.

The bus was passing by West Lake, Hangzhou's famed tourist spot, when the fire erupted in late afternoon at the height of rush hour.

Bao, 34, originally from northwest Gansu province, had worked in temporary jobs in several locations in Zhejiang province, the local government has said. Hangzhou is the provincial capital of Zhejiang.

Bao himself was burned in the fire and attended his trial on a gurney, according to the court.

The prosecutor called Bao's crime "extreme anti-social behaviour" and pressed for a heavy sentence as his youngest victim was only seven years old.

Kejriwal meets Modi
after Delhi poll win

BBC ONLINE

Indian anti-corruption campaigner Arvind Kejriwal met Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday after his landslide victory in the Delhi state elections.

A spokesman for the chief minister-elect said Modi had turned down an invitation to attend the swearing-in.

The Aam Aadmi Party boss is to be sworn in at the Ramlila grounds tomorrow, and not in the assembly as is tradition.

The AAP won 67 of 70 assembly seats, relegating Modi's BJP party to a poor second position with three seats.

The results came as a huge setback for Modi, who led his Bharatiya Janata Party to victory in last May's general election.

He has enjoyed huge popularity since taking office, winning a string of local elections and wooing international investors and world leaders.

Kejriwal and his senior party colleague Manish Sisodia called on Modi at his home in Delhi yesterday morning and invited the prime minister to his swearing-in ceremony.

"The prime minister said he would not be able to come," Sisodia told reporters after the meeting.

He said the meeting went well and fed-

eral and the state government "will work together".

Soon after the Aam Aadmi Party win, Mr Modi congratulated Kejriwal and assured him of his government's "complete support in the development of Delhi".

On Wednesday, Kejriwal met Home Minister Rajnath Singh and Urban Development Minister Venkaiah Naidu to discuss the issues facing the city, according to reports.

The AAP leader has invited all of Delhi to attend tomorrow's ceremony at Ramlila Maidan - a huge ground in Delhi often used for political rallies and religious congregations.

"I'm not the chief minister, you are all Delhi's chief minister," Kejriwal said.

He was sworn in at the same place when the AAP made a spectacular debut in the 2013 elections, although he resigned as chief minister after 49 days in office over an anti-corruption bill.

The AAP was born out of a strong anti-corruption movement that swept India three years ago.

The party was routed by the BJP in last May's general elections, months after its spectacular debut in the 2013 Delhi elections.

Lanka urges UN
to delay war
crimes report

BBC ONLINE

The UN should delay releasing a report on atrocities in Sri Lanka's civil war, the new foreign minister has said.

Mangala Samaraweera said Sri Lanka needed time to set up mechanisms to deal with any recommendations in the report, due for release on 25 March.

The UN rights commissioner's probe is expected to document war crimes by the Tamil Tigers and government forces.

The UN launched its probe last April.

The foreign minister is due to meet US Secretary of State John Kerry later, and UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon today.

He said delaying the report's release until August should give enough time for internal mechanisms to be established.

UN officials said the timetable for the report's release had not been changed.

Myanmar marks unity day,
but peace remains elusive

AFP, Naypyidaw

Myanmar's government yesterday held a somber ceremony marking the nation's symbolic unification after the colonial era, but a coveted ceasefire with ethnic rebel groups remained out of reach as conflict sweeps across northern borderlands.

The quasi-civilian regime says peace in the ethnically diverse but conflict-prone nation is pivotal to the success of reforms and Myanmar's development.

It had hoped to reach a breakthrough in the protracted negotiations in time for the Union Day celebration, which saw starched-uniformed soldiers parade in front of civil servants and ethnic minority leaders, many proudly wearing their traditional clothes.

But hours of talks yesterday between President Thein Sein and around a dozen ethnic minority armed groups in the capital Naypyidaw produced only a lacklustre commitment to work towards peace that was signed by just four rebel groups.

The discussions come amid deadly unrest in the northern states of Kachin and Shan.

Talks have also been hampered by distrust between rebel groups and the Myanmar military, as well as issues such as disarmament and the concept of federal armies.

"People worry what would happen if



there is no ceasefire. That's why we are trying everything possible. Fighting is easy. Trying to get peace is more difficult," said Phado Saw Kwe Htoo Win, of the Karen National Union who is also part of the negotiating team for the ethnic groups.

In an ominous development, clashes earlier this week between Myanmar's army and rebels in the largely ethnic Chinese Kokang area of Shan reopened a conflict that had been largely dormant for nearly six years.

Information minister Ye Htut said the military was "striving to restore safety and security" in the area, after state-backed media reported that government forces had used airstrikes in their efforts to flush out the rebels.

Beijing said the conflict had caused a flood of people to cross the border, without giving specific numbers.

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Modi 'appalled'
by temple in his
honour

AFP, Ahmedabad

Fans of Indian President Narendra Modi yesterday scrapped plans to open a temple in his honour after the Indian premier said he was "appalled" by the idea.

Modi supporters had invested thousands of dollars in the temple in his home state of Gujarat, which houses a large statue of the charismatic leader -- a famously natty dresser -- and was due to open on Sunday.

But they decided to rededicate the temple to "Mother India" after the prime minister strongly criticised the plan, saying it went against the country's traditions.

"We had built the temple to express our love and faith in Modiji," project organiser Ramesh Udhad told AFP, using an Indian honorific to describe the prime minister.

"But if he is unhappy or hurt by our gesture, we will remove his statue."

Udhad said Sunday's opening ceremony had been cancelled and the statue of Modi, who appears dressed in his trademark collarless jacket and a saffron sash, covered with a tarpaulin.

"Building such temples is not what our culture teaches us," Modi tweeted earlier yesterday.

"I was appalled. This is shocking and against India's great traditions," he said, urging supporters instead to focus their energies on his flagship campaign to clean up India.

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