

NEWS IN brief

Pak test-fires nuke capable missile

AFP, Islamabad
Pakistan test-fired a nuclear-capable ballistic missile yesterday, the military said, less than a week after the first high-level talks with arch-rivals India for nearly a year.

'Misfit' man stabs 5 to death in Japan

AFP, Tokyo
A man suspected of stabbing five people dead at a family home in rural Japan was being quizzed by police yesterday, with reports saying he is a "hikikomori", or social misfit, who lived nearby.

Saudi Arabia to host Yemen crisis talks

AFP, Riyadh
The Gulf monarchies have agreed to a request by Yemen's beleaguered president to host talks in Riyadh aimed at pulling their impoverished neighbour out of crisis, the Saudi royal cabinet said.

Blast kills 3 troops in Egypt's Sinai

AFP, Cairo
Three Egyptian soldiers were killed yesterday and three others critically wounded in a roadside bomb attack in the restive Sinai Peninsula, police and medical officials said.

Nagaland Lynching: 42 arrested so far

AFP, New Delhi
Indian police yesterday said they have charged 42 people after the killing and lynching of a rape suspect who was dragged from his prison cell, with more arrests overnight.

Anti-Islamist sworn in as Libya army chief

AFP, Benghazi
Anti-Islamist General Khalifa Haftar was sworn in Monday as the new army chief in conflict-ridden Libya, a week after his nomination by the elected parliament, a spokesman for the legislature said.

Tibetan woman self-immolates in China

AFP, Nbeijing
A Tibetan woman burned herself to death days before the anniversary of a failed uprising against Chinese rule, a rights group said, in the first such incident this year.



POLLUTION IN YAMUNA

An Indian man fishes on the banks of the polluted river Yamuna in New Delhi, yesterday. Despite being heavily polluted and laden with sewage, millions of people depend on the Yamuna for water.

PHOTO: AFP



Modi condemns release of J&K separatist

AFP, New Delhi

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday condemned the release of a Kashmiri separatist leader from prison, as political uproar over the move hampered his efforts to push economic reforms through parliament.

Kashmir's new state government this weekend ordered the release of Masarat Alam, who was jailed for organising massive and violent anti-India demonstrations in 2010 in the disputed Muslim-majority region.

Opposition lawmakers created mayhem in parliament yesterday over the move, forcing the adjournment of the lower house and placing pressure on Modi, whose BJP shares power with a regional party in Kashmir.

"Whatever decisions are taken in Jammu and Kashmir, neither the BJP or the central government has been consulted," Modi told the parliament. "We will not tolerate anything which undermines the unity, integrity or security of the country."

Critics say Alam's release is embarrassing for Modi, whose BJP earlier this month formed an historic coalition government with a regional party that supports self rule for Kashmir after inconclusive elections in December.

US will 'walk away' if Iran deal not reached

Warns Obama; UN watchdog holds Tehran talks

AFP, Washington

President Barack Obama assured in a taped television interview Sunday that the United States was prepared to "walk away" from nuclear talks with Iran if a verifiable deal cannot be reached with Tehran.

Obama made the comments Saturday as US Secretary of State John Kerry was in Paris to smooth over differences with France, which has pressed for greater guarantees that an agreement will stop Iran from gaining a nuclear weapon, and a bruising speech to Congress earlier in the week by Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

"If there is no deal then we walk away," Obama said in the interview, which aired on "CBS News Sunday Morning" and in expanded form on the network's "Face the Nation" show.

"If we cannot verify that they are not going to obtain a nuclear weapon, that there's a breakout period so that even if they cheated we would be able to have enough time to take action -- if we don't have that kind of deal, then we're not going to take it," he said.

Netanyahu, who charged in an impassioned speech to Congress Tuesday that a nuclear deal would pave the way for an Iranian bomb, showed no sign of budging in an interview on the same "Face the Nation."

"I do not trust inspections with totalitarian regimes," he said. "And so I'd be a lot more circumspect. In fact, what I'm suggesting is that you contract Iran's nuclear program, so there's less to inspect."

Obama said the Iranians have negotiated seriously and progress has been made "in narrowing the gaps, but those gaps still exist."

"And I would say that over the next month or so, we're going to be able to determine whether or not their system is able to accept what would be an extraordinarily reasonable deal, if in fact, as they say, they are only interested in peaceful nuclear programs."

Obama said the negotiations on Iran's nuclear program were gaining "greater urgency because we have been negotiating for over a year."

"And the good news is during this period Iran has abided by the terms of (an interim) agreement. We know what is happening on the ground in Iran. They have not advanced their nuclear program."

Meanwhile, Experts from the UN nuclear watchdog held talks in Tehran yesterday in their investigation into decade-old allegations of possible military dimensions to Iran's nuclear programme, the ISNA news agency reported.



India working with Lanka to repatriate Tamils

AFP, New Delhi

India yesterday said it was working with Sri Lanka's new government to repatriate thousands of ethnic minority Tamils who fled the island during nearly four decades of separatist war.

Indian Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar said discussions were ongoing for the return of 100,000 refugees from the southern state of Tamil Nadu, which is separated from Sri Lanka by a narrow stretch of sea.

"We had agreed when Sri Lanka's foreign minister was here (India) in January to find ways by which these refugees could go back with honour, dignity (and) safety," Jaishankar told reporters.

"We've already had one meeting on the

bilateral side on January 30 to discuss the issue."

The comments come as India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi prepares to visit Sri Lanka this week to strengthen ties with its new President Maithripala Sirisena.

Modi is expected to visit Sri Lanka's former war zone and Tamil heartland of Jaffna during the three-day visit, starting on Friday.

Sri Lanka's Tamils share close cultural ties with those in India's Tamil Nadu state.

Some 65,000 refugees are living in 109 government-run camps in the state and another 37,000 are residing elsewhere in the state, Jaishankar said.

Sri Lanka's new government has said it will focus on reconciliation after the decades-long war, which claimed an estimated 100,000 lives and exposed deep ethnic divisions.



বাংলাদেশ নৌবাহিনী

লিখিত পরীক্ষার ফলাফল ২০১৬ অফিসার ক্যাডেট ব্যাচ (১ম গ্রুপ)

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RAPE DOCUMENTARY BAN NDTV goes black

AFP, New Delhi

An Indian news network ran a blank screen for an hour in protest at a controversial government ban on airing a documentary about the savage gang-rape of a Delhi student.

NDTV broadcast a blank screen with only a flickering lamp in the background for an hour from 9pm to 10pm on Sunday, when it was due to have shown the documentary, "India's Daughter", to mark International Women's Day.

The channel has made no public comment about the ban, but its editorial director Sonia Singh tweeted ahead of the protest, "we won't shout but we will be heard".

India obtained a court order banning the film, which included an interview with one of the convicted rapists, Mukesh Singh, on Tuesday on the grounds it risked fuelling public anger.

Home Minister Rajnath Singh said comments in which Singh blamed the 23-year-old victim and said she should not have been out at night were "highly derogatory and an affront to the dignity of women".

Pak 'blasphemy' governor killer gets death

AFP, Islamabad

A Pakistani court yesterday upheld the death sentence handed to the killer of a politician who sought blasphemy law reform, but struck out a terrorism conviction, making it unlikely he will be executed soon.

The Islamabad High Court dismissed an appeal against the death sentence by Mumtaz Qadri, a former police bodyguard who shot dead Punjab governor Salman Taseer in Islamabad in 2011.

Qadri admitted shooting Taseer, saying he objected to the politician's calls to reform Pakistan's strict blasphemy laws which can carry the death penalty.

Judges Noor-ul-Haq Qureshi and Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui dismissed the appeal over the murder charge, an AFP reporter at court said.

But they also set aside Qadri's conviction on terrorism charges, which means it is highly unlikely he will be sent to the gallows any time soon.

He stabbed me, darling

Indian woman killed in Australia while on phone to husband

AFP, Sydney

An Indian mother was fatally stabbed in a Sydney park during a brutal attack as she was on the phone to her distraught husband back home, police said yesterday.

Prabha Arun Kumar, a 41-year-old IT professional, was taking a shortcut through Parramatta Park in the city's west at around 9.30pm on Saturday when she was killed.

Police refused to reveal details of the phone call, but reports said she told her husband: "He stabbed me, darling", before the conversation abruptly ended.

"He's understandably extremely distressed," homicide squad commander Michael Willing said of Kumar's husband who jetted into Australia yesterday and was helping police with their investigation. "Here we have an Indian national who

has been in the country for some time, going about her business and ends up being killed in a very vicious way."

Police appealed for help from the public, releasing footage of Kumar walking from Parramatta Railway Station.

"It's a horrific crime. It's a very, very disturbing crime," Willing added.

"We think that she sustained a number of injuries to the neck area with what we believe is a sharp-edged weapon."

Police said there was nothing to suggest the murder of Kumar, who reportedly planned to move back to India to be with her husband and nine-year-old daughter, was racially motivated.

Kumar was found by a passer-by shortly afterwards and rushed to hospital but had lost too much blood and doctors were unable to save her. She was just 300 metres from home.