

NEWSIN brief

Musharraf cleared over Pak rebel killing

AFP, Quetta
A Pakistani court yesterday acquitted former military ruler Pervez Musharraf over the 2006 killing of a Baloch rebel leader...

North Korea scattered propaganda leaflets

AFP, Seoul
North Korea has scattered nearly one million propaganda leaflets in South Korea over the past week...

Four dead in suicide attack at Cameroon

AFP, Yaoundé
Four worshippers were killed in a suicide bombing at a mosque in northern Cameroon yesterday...

Tanzania bans newspaper for 'incitement'

AFP, Dar Es Salaam
Tanzania has banned a weekly newspaper for inciting violence, including stories on scrapped elections in Zanzibar...

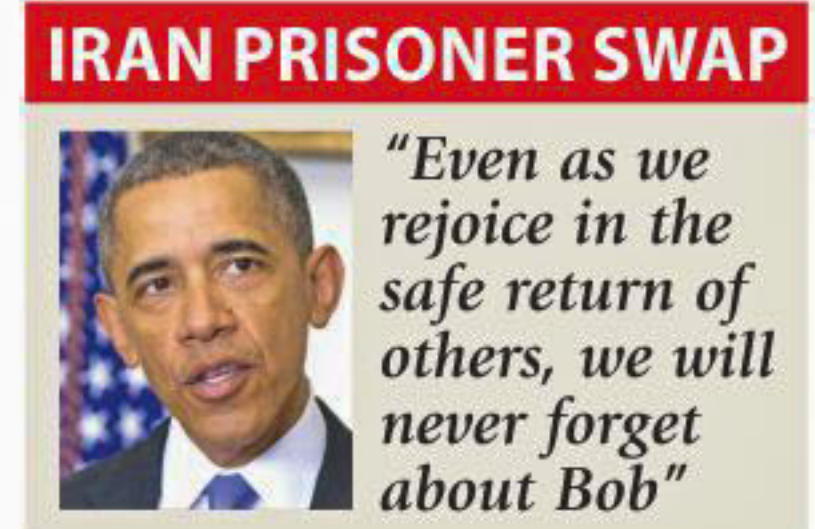
Man tried in Germany for helping Tamil Tigers

AFP, Hamburg
A Sri Lankan-born man went on trial in Germany yesterday charged with membership of the rebel group the Tamil Tigers...

Won't rest till ex-FBI man release Says Obama; Three American prisoners arrive in Germany

AFP, Washington
While five American citizens were freed from detention in Iran this weekend, the US government vowed later Sunday to work tirelessly for the release of another missing for nine years.

have raised the cases of American citizens unjustly detained in Iran at every opportunity. He added: "Iran also agreed to deepen our coordination as we work to locate Robert Levinson. We won't rest until the Levinson family is whole again."



swap arrived in Germany on Sunday, Secretary of State John Kerry said, where they were expected at an American military base. The released prisoners, all of whom have dual US-Iranian citizenship, landed in Germany after a brief stopover in Geneva.

Iran for nearly 18 months, Christian pastor Saeed Abedini and former US Marine Amir Hekmati. "Today, Jason Rezaian, ... Saeed Abedini, and Amir Hekmati arrived in Germany, and soon they will be reunited with their families," Kerry tweeted.

Iran deal may not herald rapid changes

AP, Dubai
The lifting of crippling international sanctions linked to Iran's nuclear program and the flurry of diplomacy that led to the release of Americans held by Tehran suggests a new era could be dawning.

ship that can at times bear fruit. Months of negotiations resulted in the release of four Iranian-Americans from prison, including Washington Post journalist Jason Rezaian, in exchange for seven Iranians held in the US...

President Hassan Rouhani and his team have plenty to celebrate now that nuclear sanctions have been removed. The moderate leader promised to boost Iran's struggling economy and improve its relations with the wider world during his 2013 campaign.

Iranian-American businessman Siamak Namazi, who is believed to be detained in Iran, was not part of this weekend's prisoner swap. Also still missing is former FBI agent Robert Levinson.



Policemen search for survivors under a collapsed roof of the police headquarters after a Saudi-led air strike destroyed it in Yemen's capital Sanaa yesterday. At least 30 people have been killed and wounded in the strike, a source in the emergency services said.

Maldives 'backtracks' on Nasheed travel

AGENCIES
The Maldives government has backtracked on a promise to allow jailed ex-leader Mohamed Nasheed to travel to the UK for surgery, his lawyer and party said yesterday.

Nasheed was due to leave for the UK for back surgery on Sunday after the government agreed to his request. But it has now insisted that he nominate a family member to stay in the capital, Male, to guarantee his return...



Clinton, Sanders clash on gun control

BBC ONLINE
Candidates for the Democratic race for the White House have clashed on gun control and healthcare in their liveliest TV debate so far. Hillary Clinton attacked Bernie Sanders' record on gun control, and said his healthcare plan risked derailing recent legislation.

debate in which personal attacks were few and far between. Sanders announced his universal healthcare plan two hours before the debate started on late Sunday. Clinton said any moves to scrap the current Affordable Healthcare Act risked plunging the Democrats into "contentious debate".

US DEMOCRATIC DEBATE



US, Iraq search for abducted Americans

AFP, Baghdad
US and Iraqi authorities were searching yesterday for three Americans who were kidnapped in Baghdad, the latest group of foreign nationals abducted in recent months. Kidnappers have recently seized Qataris and Turks, but it has been years since Americans were abducted...

Israeli woman stabbed in West Bank home

AFP, Jerusalem
Israeli forces yesterday hunted for a Palestinian suspect accused of breaking into a West Bank home and stabbing a Jewish woman to death, further boosting tensions after months of violence. As the hunt was under way, another stabbing occurred on a street in a separate West Bank settlement...

the unrest was worsening and that Israel would impose a harsh security crackdown on Palestinians. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu signalled further security measures yesterday, pledging to "strengthen the communities" after the deadly stabbing in the Otniel settlement near the flashpoint city of Hebron in the southern West Bank.

ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT



Muslim women must learn English or be deported

Says British PM David Cameron
AFP, London
Muslim women who fail to learn English to a high enough standard could face deportation from Britain, Prime Minister David Cameron announced yesterday. He also suggested that poor English skills can leave people "more susceptible" to the messages of groups like Islamic State.

"You can't guarantee you will be able to stay if you are not improving your language," he told BBC radio. "People coming to our country, they have responsibilities too." Cameron's government estimates that around 190,000 Muslim women in England -- about 22 percent -- speak little or no English.



Will fulfil desires of Northeast: Modi

ANI, New Delhi
Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday said that he was eagerly awaiting his two-day visit to the northeast and added his government is leaving no stone unturned to fulfil the development aspirations of the region. "I am eagerly awaiting my 2-day visit to the Northeast. Will participate in various programmes in Sikkim & Assam and interact with citizens."

Trump ban risks making tycoon a 'martyr'

BBC ONLINE
Stopping Donald Trump from coming to the UK risks turning him into a martyr, a Labour MP has claimed as the House of Commons debates the issue. Paul Flynn said Mr Trump's call to ban Muslims from the US was "extremely dangerous" but barring him from the UK risked being seen as anti-American.

become no-go areas for the police. Backing a ban, Labour MP Tulip Siddiq said that Mr Trump's words "risks inflaming tensions between vulnerable communities" and those calling for this "poisonous and corrosive" man to be barred were speaking in "good conscience".