

**US House passes bill to halt Gitmo transfers**

REUTERS, Washington  
The US House of Representatives passed a bill on Thursday that would bar any transfers of detainees from the Guantanamo Bay military prison while President Barack Obama is president or until he signs a new defense policy bill. The measure passed by 244 to 174, largely along party lines, with all but four Republicans backing it and all but 12 of Obama's fellow Democrats opposed.

**Israeli forces kill two assailants**

REUTERS, Jerusalem  
Israeli forces shot dead a knife-wielding assailant in East Jerusalem yesterday and killed another attacker in a car that rammed into a bus stop near a Jewish settlement in the West Bank, police and the army said. The man killed at the heavily-patrolled Damascus Gate was identified by police as a resident of Jordan.

**Myanmar soldiers jailed for killing villagers**

AFP, Yangon  
Seven Myanmar soldiers have been sentenced to jail for killing villagers during an interrogation, the military said, a rare ruling in the former junta-run country where the army has long operated with impunity. The army controlled Myanmar for half a century in a brutal reign rife with rights abuses, including allegations of torture, rape and recruiting child soldiers.

**Indian PM's 66th birthday today**

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The 66th birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be celebrated in Navsari district today. On the occasion, Modi would distribute assistive aids and appliances among 11,223 disabled people in Gujarat. On Modi's birthday, a new record will also be aimed at by providing hearing aids to 1,000 deaf people.



A protester holds a placard reading 'Xi Jinping stop killing in Tibet' during a rally involving members of the Tibetan and Uyghur communities in Europe in front of the United Nations (UN) Office in Geneva yesterday. More than 400 persons took part to the demonstration. PHOTO: AFP

**Pak may be building new nuclear site**  
*Say Western defence experts*

AFP, Islamabad  
Pakistan, estimated to have the world's fastest-growing nuclear stockpile, could be building a new uranium enrichment complex according to commercial satellite imagery analysed by Western defence experts.  
The construction of a new site, based in the town of Kahuta some thirty kilometres (miles) east of Islamabad, provides fresh evidence of how Pakistan is seeking to boost its atomic arsenal -- a goal which is inconsistent with the principles of the Nuclear Suppliers Group the country is seeking to join, said the analysis.  
The analysis was conducted by IHS Jane's Intelligence review using satellite images taken by Airbus Defence and Space on 28 September, 2015 and then again on 18 April, 2016.  
Pakistan, which conducted its first nuclear tests in 1998 is believed to have around 120 nuclear weapons, more than India, Israel and North Korea.  
A 2015 report written by scholars at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and the Stimson Center said Pakistan could increase its stockpile by 20 warheads a year and have the world's third largest in a decade.  
"The area of interest is approximately 1.2 hectares and is located within the secure area of the Khan Research Laboratories (KRL), in the southwestern part of the complex," said the statement.  
Karl Dewey, a proliferation analyst at IHS Jane's added: "It is sited within an established centrifuge facility, has strong security and shows some of the structural features of a possible new uranium enrichment facility. This makes it a strong candidate for a new centrifuge facility."

**Nepal PM tries to heal wounds in first India visit**  
*Modi announces \$150m credit line to help rebuild its neighbour after a devastating earthquake last year*

AFP, New Delhi  
Landlocked Nepal depends heavily on its southern neighbour for fuel and also needs access to India's ports for trade.  
Modi said Nepal should "successfully implement the constitution through inclusive dialogue, accommodating the aspirations of all sections of a diverse society."  
He announced a \$150 million credit line to help rebuild Nepal after a devastating earthquake last year.  
Nepal began work on a new constitution after a decade-long civil war ended in 2006.  
MPs finally agreed on the charter's terms last year, spurred by the April 2015 earthquake.  
It was the first to be drawn up by elected representatives and was meant to bolster the country's transformation to a democratic republic after decades of political instability. Instead it caused deep resentment among the Madhesis that has yet to be fully resolved.  
Parliament in January amended the constitution to increase Madhesis' presence in government bodies, but they say the amendments do not address their main demands.  
Nepal's new prime minister during a visit to New Delhi said yesterday he was trying to "bring everyone on board" with a divisive new national constitution that has caused tensions with his country's closest ally India.  
Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal said his government wanted the constitution to work for all sections of Nepali society, after months of deadly protests last year by the Madhesi minority over fears it would leave them politically marginalised.  
"You are aware that my government has made serious efforts to bring everyone on board as we enter the phase of implementation of the constitution in the interest of all segments of Nepalese society," Dahal said after talks with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.  
Nepal's previous administration had accused India of imposing an "unofficial blockade" on the landlocked nation in support of the Madhesis, who share close cultural, linguistic and family links with Indians across the border.  
But Dahal's trip to New Delhi -- his first foreign visit since taking office -- is seen as an attempt to heal ties with India.



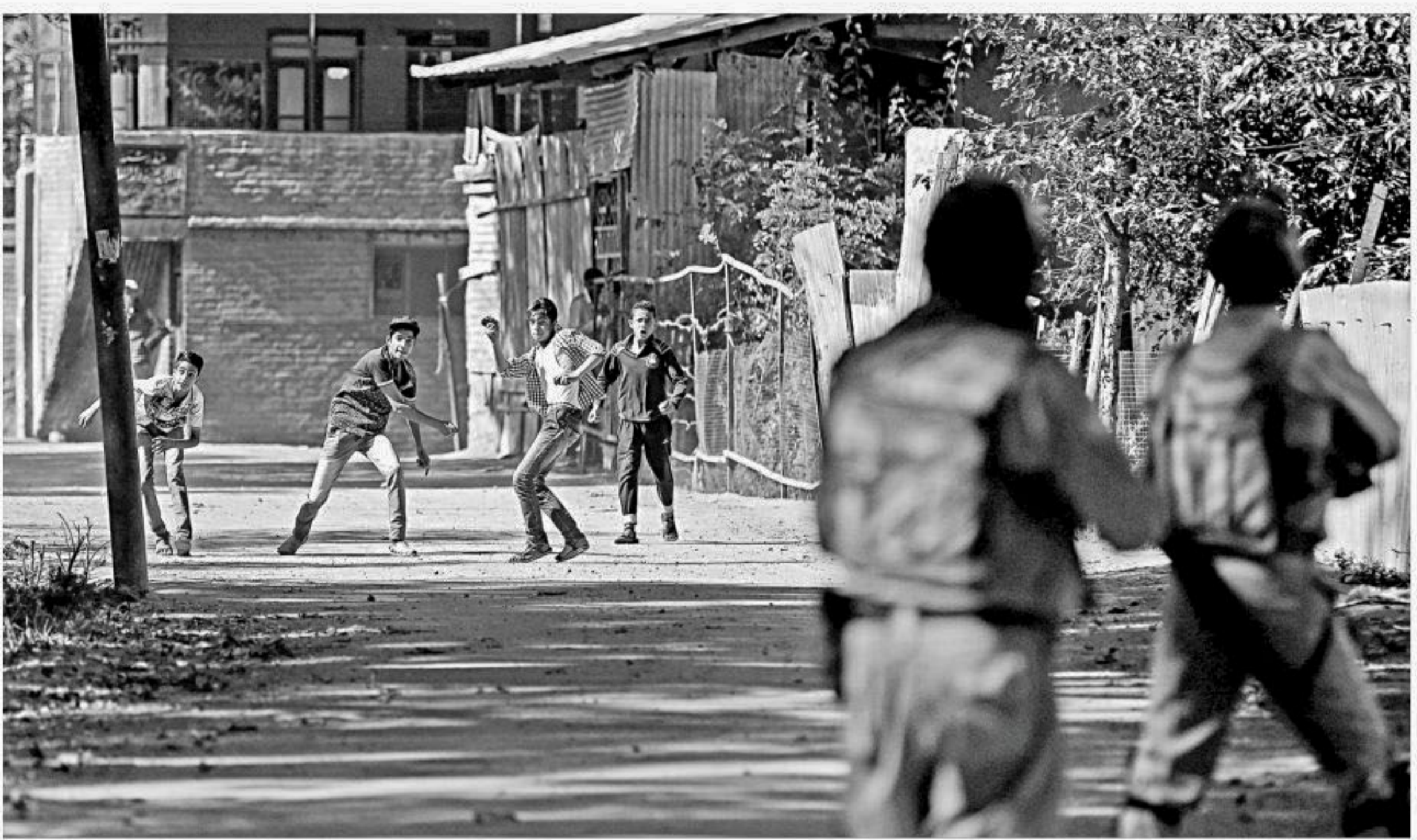
**India 4th worst affected country by terror**  
*Report says Maoists fourth deadliest terror outfit after Taliban, IS, Boko Haram*

TNN, New Delhi  
The world witnessed 11,774 terror attacks in 2015, in which 28,328 people were killed and 35,320 injured. India was the fourth worst-affected country after Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan, with 43% of 791 attacks in the country carried out by Naxalites. A total of 289 Indians died in terror strikes.  
Data collected by the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism contracted with the US state department revealed that Taliban, Islamic State and Boko Haram were the three deadliest terror groups globally. They were followed by CPI (Maoist), a banned outfit.  
The CPI (Maoist) was responsible for 343 terror attacks in 2015, killing 176 people. Taliban were involved in 1,093 strikes in which 4,512 people lost their lives, IS launched 931 attacks which claimed the lives of 6,050 people and Boko Haram was involved in 491 attacks killing 5,450 people. Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), which rounded off the top five in the list, was involved in 238 strikes, killing 287.  
Over half the terror attacks in India took place in four states - Chhattisgarh (21%), Manipur (12%), J&K (11%) and Jharkhand (10%). Chhattisgarh, which has been hit hard by Left-wing extremism, reported a doubling of terror attacks in 2015 - from 76 in 2014 to 167.  
The report said there was great diversity in the perpetrators/terrorist groups involved in attacks in the country, with 45 outfits active across the country. The Naxals alone accounted for 43% of terrorist attacks in India last year. The report said the number of people kidnapped/taken hostage by terrorists and insurgent groups in India almost tripled in 2015, increasing to 862 from 305 in 2014. Of this, Naxals alone kidnapped/took hostage 707 persons last year.

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Only Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan ranked ahead of India

**Congress again loses govt in Arunachal**

TNN, New Delhi  
The Congress party has again lost its government in Arunachal Pradesh, after almost all of its lawmakers in the state, including chief minister Pema Khandu, have joined the local People's Party of Arunachal, reported PTI.  
Only 1 of 45 Congress lawmakers remains in the party. That is Nabam Tuki, who was replaced as Chief Minister when the Congress, in an effort to control the rebellion in its ranks, replaced him with Khandu in July.  
Just around two months ago, a SC judgment paved the way for the return of the Nabam Tuki-led Congress government in Arunachal Pradesh. The SC judgement effectively removed the government led by rebel Congress leader Kalikho Pul which was sworn in February with the support of 18 dissident Congress MLAs and two independents, and 11 BJP MLAs who gave outside support. The SC's judgement was considered historic.



Youths hurl stones towards the Indian police during a protest against the recent killings in Kashmir, in Srinagar yesterday. Indian police said they have arrested a prominent Kashmiri activist who was this week prevented from travelling to Geneva, where he had been due to brief UN officials on the strife-torn region. PHOTO: REUTERS

**Protests erupt in Venezuela as anti-Maduro recall delayed**

AFP, Caracas  
Crisis-torn Venezuela's opposition held new protests yesterday after electoral authorities announced the latest delay in the process of calling a referendum on removing President Nicolas Maduro from power.  
Hundreds of protesters marched in Caracas carrying Venezuelan flags and a giant banner reading "We won't take it," after electoral authorities indefinitely postponed announcing dates for the final stage in the referendum process.  
Maduro's opponents, who blame the leftist leader for a crushing recession and severe food shortages, must collect four million signatures in three days to trigger a recall referendum.  
The National Electoral Council (CNE) had been due to announce the timeline yesterday.  
But late Thursday it said the announcement -- which had already been pushed back from Tuesday -- would have to wait until opposition protests no longer threatened the safety of its staff.  
The speaker of the opposition-majority legislature, Henry Ramos Allup, accused the authorities of "sabotaging" the referendum.  
The center-right opposition coalition behind the referendum push, the Democratic Unity Roundtable (MUD), has been racing to complete the bureaucratic obstacle course to call a vote by the end of the year.  
Polls indicate Maduro would likely lose a recall referendum, but it must be held by January 10 in order to trigger new elections. After that date, his hand-picked vice president would serve out the rest of his term, to 2019.  
That would extend the socialist "revolution" launched in 1999 by late president Hugo Chavez to at least 20 years.  
The CNE has already said it is looking at late October for the three-day petition drive. The opposition says that is too late.  
It alleges the electoral authorities are in bed with Maduro -- along with the Supreme Court, which has systematically blocked opposition bills since it won control of the legislature in December.



**UK envoy to Saudi converts to Islam**

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The British ambassador to Saudi Arabia has completed the hajj pilgrimage after converting to Islam.  
It is believed Simon Collis may be the first British ambassador to perform the holy trip. He was photographed at the pilgrimage site wearing white robes traditionally worn for the pilgrimage. He was pictured alongside his wife Huda Mujarkeh in photos posted to Twitter. He has since revealed he converted to the faith shortly before their marriage in 2011.  
Saudi Arabian writer Fawziah Albakr posted the photos to Twitter. She wrote in Arabic: "First British ambassador to the Kingdom undertakes the Hajj following his conversion to Islam. Simon Collis with his wife Huda in Makkah. Praise be to God."  
Collis tweeted in Arabic that after living among Muslim cultures for thirty years he had converted to Islam prior to his marriage.  
Well wishers tweeted their congratulations to Collis and his wife, to which he replied "Thank you and Eid Mubarak", wishing them a blessed Eid festival.  
The ambassador has been based in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia's capital, since 2015. He has previously been posted to Syria, Iraq, India, Qatar, UAE, Tunisia and Yemen.

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2	64610, 04/e-GP/FRD/2016-2017	Carriage of Bitumen from Jamuna Oil Company Limited Depot for Road Sub-Division-1 Office Compound under Road Division, Faridpur, during the year 2016-2017.	05/10/2016 17:00 hour	06/10/2016 12:00 hour

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