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A1: Former Canadian diplomat detained on mainland

A former Canadian diplomat has been detained in China, according to two sources, and his current employer, the International Crisis Group, said it was seeking his prompt and safe release.

Michael Kovrig's detention comes after Canada arrested the chief financial officer of Huawei Technologies on December 1 at the request of US authorities a move that infuriated Beijing.

It was not immediately clear if the cases were related, but the arrest of Sabrina Meng Wanzhou in Vancouver had stoked fears of reprisals against the foreign business community in China.

A5: Professor smoked at lectures

A visiting professor at one of China's top universities has sparked controversy for smoking during his lectures and encouraging students to take up the habit because it was "inspirational".

It prompted Wan Meng, a media lecturer at Communication University of China in Beijing, to post an apology for his behavior on microblogging site Weibo on Monday.

"It is wrong to smoke in public place, and it is even worse that I was smoking in a classroom. I did not care about students' feelings and did not consider the possible impact of second-hand smoke on my students," he wrote.

C1: Call for parking ban in wake of North Point tragedy

Local councilors were yesterday planning to urge transport officials to restrict parking on a sloped street that played a part in a horrific accident that killed four pedestrians a day earlier.

An empty school bus parked on Cheung Hong Street on Monday afternoon rolled 1000 metres downhill into Kings' Road, after the 62-year-old driver was suspected to have failed to apply the handbrake properly.

It hit pedestrians and vehicles, and trapped three people underneath it as it came to a stop of Hei Wo street. An 80-year-old woman was confirmed dead at the scene, while three others died in hospital. Eleven people were injured.

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P1 Spreading her wings

Like many ordinary people, Red Hong Yi had a dream when she would go on to choose a “more practical path” at university - she decided to study architecture – art remained the Malaysian’s first love.

Hong wen to university in Melbourne, Australia, but couldn’t find a job after graduation. Shen went to shanghai in 2001: at the time, china’s economy was booming, with plenty of opportunities for architects. She never expected her move to the mainland would help her to fulfil her childhood dream.

P2 Caught up in a tangle web

A teenager must use his special powers to battle the evil Kingpin, who can pull in different versions of Spider-Man into our world, writes Nicola Chan

Spider-Man: into the spider –verse is an action-packed, animated adventure about teenager Miles Morales (voiced by Moore), who is trying to fit at his new school for gifted students in New York City.

P4 Nine injured in bus crash

Less than a day after school bus incident in North Point, another bus accident leaves nine injured, including seven students

Nine people, including seven primary school students, were hurt when a school bus hit a concrete divider on the Kwun Tong Bypass in Kowloon East early yesterday morning.
