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Welcome to Newsreel Easy, I'm Layla May, your presenter from London. Today's headlines:

- China opens for unlimited presidency
- Emergency shelters for the homeless
- And 'The Silent Child'

• First up, China opens for unlimited presidency

The Communist Party of China plans to stop the time limit for presidency. This means President Mr. Xi Jinping could stay in power for a lifetime.

Listen to the President talking about this via state controlled china.com.

Mr. Xi Jinping: In the face of the complicated domestic and international situation this will promote the sustainable development....

Chinese officials prohibited the letter 'N' from the internet for a short time. This was because they were trying to stop online criticism about President Xi Jinping.

The letter 'N' was banned so scientists couldn't criticise the President mathematically. In Mathematical terms, 'N' represents the number 2, which is the number of Mr. Xi's terms in office. The Chinese military supports the new law. Listen to Audrey Li from the New York Times discuss the support from soldiers:

Audrey Li: President Xi Jinping has consolidated his control of the army and all of the soldiers are supporting him 100 percent

Audrey Li says the President has strengthened the control of the Chinese army.

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Up next, emergency shelters for the homeless

When freezing weather and snow hit Britain two weeks ago, emergency shelters in London opened their doors to the homeless. These shelters offered beds to anyone sleeping on the streets. When temperatures drop below zero, people who sleep on the streets could die. Listen to a London street artist talk about what happened to his friend.

Artist: I have a friend called Ron who sleeps under Blackfriars Bridge at the moment and during the really cold weather. Some outreach workers came and found him and convinced him to go into the shelter for a few days

Layla: Members of the public can report somebody sleeping on the streets to charities like StreetLink. Listen to Matt, a StreetLink leader talk to Homeless Link about how people can help:

Matt: If you see someone rough sleeping at night, you can let us know there and then by using our mobile app. We'll then send that on to a local outreach team or local service so they can begin to try and offer that initial steps of support away from the streets

Some people sleeping on the streets aren't happy with the shelters they're offered. The artist explained his friend's reaction:

Artist: He's used to being outside and to be taken into a space that's all heated and everything else he found really really uncomfortable.

Others who were offered shelter had to leave once the weather improved:

Interviewee: Some organisation they gave me the place where we can go to sleep Layla: When did you have to leave the shelter?

Interviewee: They tell me we can't sleep anymore there, so we come back on the streets

And finally, 'The Silent Child'

Presenter: And the Oscar goes the Silent, Child Chris Overton and Rachel Shenton.

A short film called The Silent Child won the award for best short film at the Oscars. The main character is 6-year old Maisie Sly. Maisie was born deaf and can only communicate through sign language. Sign language is a type of communication where you use your hands. The Silent Child, is about a girl living a world of silence until she is taught sign language. Listen to what Maisie signed back when asked what message she hopes to send other children through the film:

Maisie Sly: That deaf children can do everything'

That's all for today, we'll be back again on the 24th of March. I'm Layla May, thanks for listening.

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