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CD: You're listening to Newsreel. I'm Christine Demsteader. Coming up in today's programme;

- Ukraine's leaders ask for international help
- Cameras in the courtroom for the trial of Oscar Pistorius
- And the Oscar for Best Film goes to....find out later in the show.

#### • **Ukraine in crisis**

Leaders in Ukraine have asked for help from countries including the US and the UK to protect its national security.

It follows many weeks of protests in the capital Kiev where over 70 people have been killed. The protests began after a row about Ukraine's position in Europe.

The former president Viktor Yanukovich did not keep a promise to sign a deal with the European Union. The protesters feared that he wanted a partnership with Russia. They want to have more links with other European countries.

Yanukovich disappeared and is now in hiding in Russia. But not everyone agrees with the protesters in Kiev. Some people in Eastern Russia and the southern region of Crimea want to keep ties with Russia. That is because there are many ethnic Russians living in those areas.

Russia President Vladimir Putin says the Russians in Crimea need protection and he has sent military troops to the area. But many other world leaders say it is not the way to resolve the crisis.

#### • **Pistorius trial on TV**

CD: A decision to allow the trial of Paralympic athlete Oscar Pistorius to be televised has divided opinion in South Africa.

**courtroom** *rättsal*  
**trial** *rättegång*

**national security** *nationell*  
*säkerhet*

**promise** *löfte*  
**sign a deal** *underteckna ett*  
*avtal*

**disappeared** *försvann*  
**in hiding** *gömmar sig*

**keep ties** *behålla banden*

**protection** *skydd*

**resolve the crisis** *lösa krisen*

**to allow** *att tillåta*  
**to divide opinion** *att dela*  
*åsikt*



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The 27-year-old is accused of the shooting and murder of his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp in February 2013. He says he thought he was firing at an intruder and denies murder.

“Do you understand the charge?”

“I do My Lady.”

“How do you plead?”

“Not guilty, My Lady”

A South African judge made the decision to allow television cameras into the courtroom.

The reason behind the ruling is to show people in South Africa and the rest of the world that the trial is fair.

South Africans have mixed feelings about the decision. Listen to these people who spoke to SABC news.

“They are exposing him and pleading him guilty already so it’s not really fair.”

“This is a victory, it’s a real victory for our courts and the people of South Africa. “

A South African television channel will have 24-hour coverage of the trial, which is expected to last for a number of months.

#### • **Rare sight of Northern Lights**

CD: Now, rare sightings of the Northern Lights has been recorded in parts of the UK.

Also known as the Aurora Borealis, they are only normally seen in the far north of Europe, especially in Scandinavia.

The Northern Lights appear as different colours in the night sky. They happen when atoms in the Earth's atmosphere collide with particles from the sun.

They were seen in Scotland and even as far down as Jersey, an island off the south coast of England.

**intruder** *inkräktare*  
**denies** *förnekar*

**the charge** *anklagelsen*

**My Lady** *hur en person bör adressera en kvinnlig High Court domare*

**plead guilty** *erkänna*  
**plead not guilty** *neka*

**courtroom** *rättssal*

**fair** *rättvis*

**guilty** *skyldig*

**victory** *seger*

**coverage** *här: rapportering*

**rare** *sällsynt*

**far north of Europe** *långt norr om Europa*

**south coast** *sydkusten*



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• **Based on a slave's story**

And finally, a movie based on the story of a US slave in the mid 1850s has won Best Film at this year's Oscars.

The film, called 12 Years A Slave, tells the story of Solomon Northup who was kidnapped and sold into slavery.

The memoirs of Northup were published in a book in 1851. He told of his life as a slave in Louisiana, which lasted for 12 years before he was released.

The film's director, Steve McQueen, talked about Northup in his acceptance speech. Listen to what he says.

“Everyone deserves not just to survive, but to live. This is the most important legacy of Solomon Northup. I dedicate this award to all the people who have endured slavery and the 21 million people who still suffer slavery today. Thank you very much.”

CD: That's all from Newsreel for now. As usual don't forget to check out our Facebook page UR Engelska, for updated information on all of our programs in English. Until next time, I'm Christine Demstader, thanks for listening.

**memoirs** *memoarer*

**released** *befriad*

**acceptance speech** *tacktal*

**survive** *överleva*

**legacy** *arv*

**to dedicate** *att tillägna*

**to endure** *att uthärda*