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PARIS: AIDS claimed a million lives in 2016, almost half the 2005 toll that marked the peak of the deadly epidemic, said a UN report yesterday proclaiming "the scales have tipped". It said 2016 saw 1.8 million new infections, almost half the record number of some 3.5 million in 1997. "In 2016, 19.5 million of the 36.7 million living with HIV had access to treatment," it said, marking the first time over half of infected people got anti-retroviral drugs, which subdues the AIDS virus. – AFP