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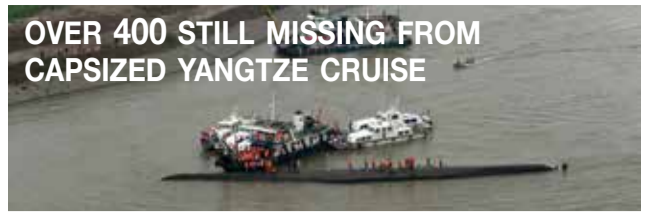
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MYANMAR Dozens of corpses have washed to shore in Myanmar's western state of Rakhine in the last month, an advocacy group and villagers said yesterday. Some were believed to be Rohingya Muslims trying to escape trafficking ships, while others were Bangladeshi.

JAPAN-PHILIPPINES The Philippine president is on his sixth visit to Japan in less than five years, signaling his country's deepening ties with Tokyo amid increasing concerns by both sides about China's assertiveness in regional seas. *More on p12*

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INDIAN shopkeepers withdrew a popular brand of Nestle instant noodles from their shelves yesterday after tests revealed the snack contained unsafe levels of lead. India's states have either ordered the withdrawal of Maggi noodles from shops or are carrying out further tests on noodle samples before taking action in conjunction with the federal government.

INDONESIA has raised the alert status of Sinabung volcano in the western part of the country to the highest level following a sharp increase in activity, an official said yesterday.

THAILAND A senior Thai army officer has turned himself in over his alleged involvement in a human trafficking scandal, marking the first arrest of a military official since the investigation started last month. *More on p12*

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Masks mandatory in public emergency rooms

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'The EU needs structural reform'

In an interview with the Times, University of Lisbon's Viriato Soromenho-Marques stressed that austerity measures have proven to be the wrong solution for Europe. The scholar is giving a talk today on climate change at the University of Macau. P7

Government lays out guidelines to curb illicit gaming ads

LOCAL authorities have established a set of specific guidelines for the advertising sector in a bid to clarify a law which governs advertising activities in the city. The establishment of these guidelines follows an intensified campaign from local authorities last year to restrict the illegal promotion of the gaming industry. Advertisers previously criticized this crackdown as too "heavy-handed," claiming that it might dampen their business operations.

During a presentation held yesterday morning, Tai Kin Ip, sub-director of Macau Economic Services (MES), revealed that a heightened crackdown on illegal gaming advertising was due to the surging number of incidents involving misleading ads that subtly encourage



gambling activities.

According to the official, around 300 advertisements out of the total 316 illegal cases discovered to date were officially unauthorized by the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM), which is the body responsible for issuing permits to advertising agents in order to publicize the ads. Nonetheless, Leng Sai Vai, the head

of an association of automobile traders and workers, who was also among those who attended the presentation, raised concerns that some of the association's members faced prosecution despite having been granted permission to display advertising by IACM. "Suddenly many car owners who face possible prosecution have been summoned

to the Economic Services office for written statements and have become suspects. Who set the standards? IACM, MES or any other cooperative department?" asked Leng. "[Public advertising is] theoretically legal after IACM has approved the request, yet [MES] has said otherwise. Do we have not only one country with two systems, but also one government with two systems?"

This question revealed a cross-departmental overlap. Yet, MES head denied this overlap, asserting that some of the advertisements submitted for official scrutiny were "deceptive enough to have cheated the IACM authorities for the go-ahead." In response to the allegation of double-standards, he explained that the MES department also weighed in on

IACM's scrutiny by offering opinions when needed.

Criticisms of the government's bureaucratic handling of applications were a key theme of the presentation's question and answer session. Participants in the discussion asserted the belief that the failure of authorities to respond to their public advertisement requests in a timely manner was their major concern. However, IACM stressed that it typically took 15 working days to finish the screening process, taking into account the time needed to gather opinions from other departments.

Multiple examples presented at the talk showed that nowadays, gambling house operators tend to bypass regulations by solely having their company name and a contact number printed on their graphic advertisements. All of this, however, still appears suggestive, according to officials. Online gaming websites might appear as travel sites in disguise, being only available to foreigners, and eschew the official clampdown. **Staff reporter**

COOPERATION

Guinea-Bissau on the look-out for investors

Catarina Pinto

GUINEA-BISSAU is committed to attracting further investment from China and Macau in order to develop the country's infrastructural networks, revealed the Minister for Public Works, Construction and Urban Planning, José António da Cruz Almeida.

The minister is in Macau to attend a ministerial meeting on Friday, which will address the topic of infrastructure in China and Lusophone countries.

In a press conference held yesterday, Mr Cruz Almeida stressed how Chinese investment has played a significant role in helping Guinea-Bissau to move forward in developing multiple different types of infrastructure, such as hospitals, government palaces, a courthouse, and even a stadium, among others.

Guinea-Bissau will be signing two cooperative agreements with Macau to assist with information-sharing in the public works sector, he noted.

The minister added that he would be meeting with Macau's Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Raimundo do Rosário, this morning.



José António da Cruz Almeida (right)

"We will be signing two protocols [here], one with the Institute for Development and Quality, and the other with the Civil Engineering Laboratory," he said, adding that they are also looking to establish cooperation with private companies with the aim of encouraging investment from Macau and China into Guinea-Bissau.

The minister stressed that the two agreements are aimed at facilitating information-sharing in the public works sector, precisely at a time when Macau is undergoing major infrastructural change.

"There are many public works under development now, bridges, major buildings... and our engineers could come here to learn about new techniques being applied in these new developments," he added.

Guinea-Bissau is also looking to sign a protocol with East Timor to

enable further cooperation in the public works sector.

The minister stressed that following a period of political and economic instability, Guinea-Bissau must now update its current infrastructure. The ministerial meeting will also serve to attract further investment from China, a country they see as "a crucial partner."

Guinea-Bissau has designed a plan to develop a total of 13 infrastructure projects with a total estimated cost of EUR1.2 billion. However, so far only EUR90 million of this sum has been guaranteed.

China has mainly invested in public projects in Guinea-Bissau, but the minister recalled that there are also public-private partnerships in which investment is needed. The minister hinted that they will try to attract additional Chinese investment while in town.

"The country needs stability, as no one would want to invest in an unstable country. We're doing that now, and we are creating business opportunities and also studying the possibility to provide tax system advantages. We are also considering fiscal reform. Costs in infrastructure are high, but it is essential to our economic growth," he recalled.

The ministerial meeting will be held tomorrow under the framework of the 6th International Infrastructure Investment and Construction Forum (IIICF), which begins today and will take place until Friday.

Tenth Macau Design Biennial opens for entries

THE Macau Design Biennial has opened for entries for its 10th edition, with applications closing on June 15. Inaugurated in 1994, the event has become an exclusive local competition in the design arena.

"It is also one of the most representative design events among mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan," said the organizers in a press release.

This event aims to promote the creative design industry and the importance of developing consummate brand images for Macau's economy, as well as improving artistic and cultural awareness among all circles.

"Through the creativity and practicability of professional design, we can promote the intrinsic value of traditional culture and art, and develop cultural value economically," the organizers added.

The event will be jointly organized by the Civic And Municipal Affairs Bureau, the Cultural Institute and the Macau Design Association. The jury of this year's event consists of professional designers from Germany, Japan, mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Portugal.

The award ceremony will be held at the end of the year, and the selected works of the award recipients will be exhibited in the Handover Gifts Museum of Macau. Some of the works will also be chosen to be part of the permanent collection of the museum.

"In order to cope with Macau becoming a world tourism and recreation city, this year we are encouraging designers to focus on the development of tourism and exchange creative ideas. In this 10th edition we will specially give a Tourism Creative Image Award with a cash prize of MOP10,000," announced the organizers.

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Health Bureau launches measures to prevent MERS outbreak

THE Health Bureau (SSM) is launching measures to prevent a potential Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) outbreak. Anyone visiting or using public emergency rooms will now be required to wear a surgical mask.

According to a TDM report, SSM stressed that this is merely a preventive measure, as currently there's no risk of MERS spreading in Macau.

Those resorting to the public hospital's emergency room in the Peninsula or emergency services in Taipa will be required to wear a surgical mask.

"We will be asking people going into the emergency area to wear a mask to prevent the spread of the disease, because as we know there are different reasons leading people to resort to emergency services, [this will include] the hospital emergency and also in Taipa's emergency services," said Lei Wai Seng, who's in charge of Conde S. Januário's emergency room, on the sidelines of a press conference held yesterday.

SSM has also suggested that Kiang Wu and other private clinics in Macau follow the same rule.

"At this moment we are still working on some prevention procedures. I think the public

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Women wearing masks as a precaution against the MERS, Middle East Respiratory Syndrome, virus use their smartphones on the street in Seoul, South Korea

doesn't need to be so worried about the disease because we are doing a very strict process to prevent the disease from spreading in our area," Mr Lei added.

Another measure in place involves using the Hac Sa Youth Hostel as an isolation and qua-

rantine area if needed.

The government has stressed it's prepared for a possible MERS outbreak.

So far there are no suspected cases of MERS in Macau. However, authorities are still searching for a South Korean visitor who entered the city after co-

ming into contact with a MERS patient last week (May 26) on an Asiana Airlines flight OZ723 from Seoul to Hong Kong.

The bureau confirmed yesterday that they still haven't located the South Korean man, Radio Macau reported.

SSM disclosed on Sunday that

“We will be asking people going into the emergency area to wear a mask to prevent the spread of the disease”

LEI WAI SENG

apart from five passengers who had been identified as being in close contact with the initial MERS patient, there were also 26 Korean passengers on the same flight who visited Macau between May 26 and 28. Border checkpoint records showed that they all left Macau on May 28 and 29, except for one.

The initial patient, a 44-year-old South Korean man who traveled from Seoul to Hong Kong last week ignoring travel warnings, was confirmed as China's first MERS patient. He neglected to tell a nurse at the airport's health checkpoint that he had a fever. He later took two buses to Huizhou. **CP**

Grant Bowie supports casino smoking rooms

Brook Yang

IN light of the government's push for completely smoke-free casinos, MGM China's Chief Executive Officer, Grant Bowie, told the media yesterday that the gaming operator hopes to "keep smoking rooms within the casino space, whether



Grant Bowie

“We would also suggest that we should allow people to smoke in smoking lounges”

GRANT BOWIE

VIP or mass market.”

Mr Bowie stressed that the company supports protecting the interests of its staff but also representing the interests of its customers. "From a gaming operator's perspective, I think we are all consistent with the message that we think the retention of the smoking lounges is a very good compromise," he said.

"I think whenever you want, to take change needs to be handled carefully and appropriately. (...) We clearly support the initiative of the government in terms of protecting the interest of the staff, and therefore have supported the banning of smoking on the gaming floor, but we would also suggest that we should allow people to smoke

in smoking lounges," Mr Bowie suggested.

Commenting on the year-long drop in gaming revenue, the CEO said it's still too early to say when the industry will get back to its previous level of performance. "I think what everyone is now looking for is when the low revenue is stabilized, when we start to see growth. Clearly we've now gone for 12 months with declining revenues, but we are also recognizing that there are still only early signs that the economic conditions in the region would suggest that we will return to growth," he said.

Mr Bowie also stated that MGM understands the need to transform itself in order to become stronger for the future. "I think what's happening is we are recognizing, we

are transforming away from just gaming into all of the other non-gaming activities. We also understand that the China market itself, the economy is slowed, and we cannot be separated from that, so we need to understand we need to broaden our base, not relying exclusively on China," he said, adding that he's confident the city will overcome the

"transformation."

As to how the company can diversify its customer base, Mr Bowie recognized that "the whole world now knows about Macau, and we are starting to see more interest from destinations further away from Macau." "MGM is focused on developing the arts and culture sector, and I think now it's starting to see success," he added.

MGM GEARS UP FOR DRAGON BOAT RACES

MGM MACAU held a blessing ceremony yesterday for its Golden Lion team that's set to participate in this year's annual Macau International Dragon Boat Races to be held from June 13. The company's executives followed local folk traditions

by carrying out a blessing ceremony at the Nam Van Lake Nautical Centre, wishing good luck to its team of 57 members, who are from the company's different departments and have all undergone intensive training over the past 12 months.

Fireman suspected of illegal gambling

A member of the Macau Fire Department has been suspected of running an illegal gambling operation. The department revealed in a statement that it is closely investigating the case, having already taken disciplinary action. They have pledged to treat the case very seriously and have requested that sub-units reinforce employees' moral education, in order to best ensure compliance with the law. "We have always paid great attention to our staff ethics. The Macau Fire Department stresses that it will treat this case seriously and will assist during the investigation. We will never [permit] staff breaking the law," it concluded.

Over 40 cases of illegally traded foodstuffs

The Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) has recorded over 40 cases of illegally traded foodstuffs since the beginning of the year, revealed Ung Sau Hong, a coordinator for IACM. Food produce was not subjected to usual inspections in these cases. According to Ung Sau Hong, IACM is collaborating extensively with Macau Customs. Authorities are also committed to raising awareness among citizens about the dangers of buying food products on the black market. A minimum MOP50,000 fine can be imposed on those caught selling produce on the black market.

A century of Coke's iconic bottle recreated by local artists

THE eight colorfully painted coke bottles currently showcased along the avenue of the newly inaugurated Broadway Macau also showcase the creativity of local artists, which was put to use to mark the 100th anniversary of Coca-Cola's iconic bottle.

Under the theme of "Broadway in your eyes," the project, which was initiated by Galaxy Macau, seeks to evoke public nostalgia of the Coca-Cola bottle as a household item, which has been incorporated into individual art pieces each featuring a distinctive appeal, not dissimilar to that of the traditional form. Chan Cheok Wa, whose father used to be a painter for the brand's Macau franchise during the 1960s, was invited to contribute to the event. One of his two bottles, displayed at the Broadway Macau opening, was covered entirely in contrasting, vivid colors to reflect the fresh elements introduced to the resort.



Chan Cheok Wa (left), Gigi Lee (second left), Yolanda Kog (middle), João Jorge Magalhães (second right), and Catherine Cheong (right)

"The Broadway one is rather an innovative design, with the Broadway venue design concepts integrated into it. It represents a lively, colorful and vibrant scene," Chan Cheok Wa noted.

Based on the original concept of the traditional coke bottle, with which most of us are familiar, another of his bottles highlights its shape in a more complex manner. "The first one is rather simple whereas the second one focu-

ses on the texture inside the glass bottle, which is expressed in more complicated details," explained the painter.

The Times' design editor, João Magalhães, is another Macanese artist taking part in the event. He said that he derived inspiration from the Chinese divine creature, the dragon, which resulted in his piece, "The Dragon Turn."

"I was looking at one image at one of the temples in Macau. If I'm not mistaken, it's Kun Iam Tong; they have a wall with dragons. I was thinking, 'okay, let's do a dragon turning around the bottle, looking like one of the pillars at the temple,'" João Magalhães said. "I was thinking of something about happiness, good luck and good fortune."

Catherine, a multimedia designer who painted one of the bottles hoped that Broadway Macau would be "a new stage" for local creative minds to showcase their potential. **Staff reporter**

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Ken Ritter, Las Vegas

US judge dismisses case against Malaysian gambler

A federal judge in Nevada dismissed a criminal case this week against a wealthy Malaysian gambler who was arrested last year after FBI agents impersonated Internet repair technicians to get a peek at what he was doing in suites at a Las Vegas Strip resort.

Gone is the allegation that Wei Seng "Paul" Phua headed an illegal bookmaking operation that reaped USD13 million after converting high-roller villas into a worldwide sports betting hub during the FIFA World Cup soccer tournament.

Phua, 51, won the return of a USD2 million cash bond and the \$50 million private aircraft he had surrendered as collateral, and he immediately planned to leave Las Vegas for home, defense attorney David Chesnoff said.

"Mr. Phua's courageous and principled stand helps to ensure personal liberty for all of us," Chesnoff said. "He had faith in the integrity of the federal court, and we are gratified that he can go home to his family."

Chesnoff and defense attorney Thomas Goldstein had cast the case as a cutting-edge test of the Fourth Amendment right to be free at home from governmental search and seizure.

U.S. Attorney Daniel Bogden



Wei Seng "Paul" Phua

declined through a spokeswoman to comment.

U.S. District Judge Andrew Gordon's decision was not unexpected. Last week, the judge upheld a federal magistrate's earlier recommendation and threw out, as the product of an illegal search, evidence collected by FBI and Nevada Gaming Control Board agents from three exclusive high-roller suites at Caesars Palace. That left little evidence for the government case.

Bogden said last week it could take several weeks to decide whether to appeal to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

To do so would invite another review of what now amounts to a stinging rebuke of investigators' tactics and the collapse of a high-profile international investigation.

It crumbled after testimony during hearings last year showed the agents enlisted a Caesars

contractor to shut off Internet service to get invited in to hotel rooms without a warrant so they could collect enough evidence to get a federal magistrate to approve search warrants.

The agents failed to tell the magistrate such a ruse had been used. In Las Vegas, the government said that Phua had several people including his son convert several hotel suites to betting boiler rooms crammed with computers, Internet routers and cellphones.

Eight people were arrested

in July, and Phua was initially charged with operating an illegal gambling business and transmission of wagering information. Prosecutors last month added a conspiracy count that has now also been dismissed.

Phua's son, Darren Wai Kit Phua, and five Chinese citizens pleaded guilty to lesser charges, forfeited hundreds of thousands of dollars and returned to Asia under plea deals banning them from travel to the U.S. for five years. Charges against one defendant were dismissed. **AP**

ARRESTED PREVIOUSLY IN MACAU

THE LAS Vegas operation began shortly after Phua left Macau, where he had been arrested on June 18 and posted bail on similar allegations of illegal wagering on World Cup football games. Following his arrest in Macau, Phua was released on bail and flew to Las Vegas in his private jet, where

he and his associates are alleged to have resumed their illegal gambling at Caesars Palace. According to World Series of Poker press material, Phua is "a big league investment banker from China who is one of the driving forces behind the nosebleed cash games in Macau."

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UNIVERSITY of Lisbon scholar Viriato Soromenho-Marques is launching his book, which reflects on Portugal's crisis within the framework of the European Union in Macau today. In an interview with the Times, the professor stressed that austerity measures have proven to be the wrong solution for Europe. Soromenho-Marques asserts that a monetary union should have been built based on a strong political platform. The European Union (EU) now requires structural reform if it wishes to survive.

Macau Daily Times (MDT) – EU leaders are attending talks in Berlin regarding Greece. How do you think the Greek situation will unfold?

Viriato Soromenho-Marques (VSM) – I think Greece is a good example of the situation that the Eurozone and the European Union are currently facing. On the one hand, it's impossible for Greece to go on without liquidity, without money. We know that Greece is waiting on the EUR 7.2 billion that is still owing to them from the second bailout program. But if you look to the debt service they have to pay before December this year, they will need EUR 27 billion. So it's a huge amount. Without a doubt, they will be discussing a third bailout program in Berlin.

MDT – So you believe there will be a third bailout?

VSM – No doubt. The problem is that Greece is completely out of options to pay the debt service before the end of the year. What's at stake is the continuity of the EU, which might result in a shift in Eurozone policy regarding the countries currently stuck in bailout programs.

In my opinion, what Syriza wants is a new economic policy, as they need a certain degree of freedom; freedom to maneuver in order to create jobs and give back hope to the population. The Eurogroup, Germany in particular, although there are some exceptions, they want to keep on the track of austerity. In my opinion, that's not just morally unacceptable, that's

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Viriato Soromenho-Marques

politically a mistake and it's a terrible economic error, because austerity is not the solution. If it were the solution, Greece's problems would have already been solved.

MDT – What could be the solution then?

VSM – I don't believe that the Eurogroup is going to be flexible enough. They should, but as far as I am concerned I think they will try to force the Syriza government into a kind of capitulation. It's not a dialogue between allies. It's a kind of combat or fight between enemies. If the Syriza government is obliged to capitulate I think they will receive the third bailout package. But probably they will buy a war back home, meaning that many factions of Syriza will leave the government and Varoufakis [the finance minister] will resign. And that will again trigger political and social turmoil.

MDT – Do you think part of the Greek debt should be forgiven?

VSM – I think we need to have a European solution, not just a solution for Greece. It's interesting to see that Syriza spoke quite a lot about debt renegotiation before the elections. But after the elections the debate was mainly around the freedom to maneuver in terms of economic policy.

For Varoufakis and the Greek government, the essential thing to do is to put an end to austerity. The reason why this suggestion to put a stop to austerity is being strongly rejected by the Eurogroup is not because of Greece, but because of the whole of the Eurozone. If Athens were allowed to go its own way, immediately other countries would want to follow.

MDT – But would it be possible to pay the debt without austerity measures?

VSM – I think we need a common European policy because the debt is a European debt. It's a mistake to think that we have a Portuguese or a Greek debt, since we are in a monetary union. It's a flawed monetary union as instead of building convergence, it's building fragmentation. For instance, by the end of 2004, nine countries in the eurozone, representing a little less than 25 percent of the population, had over 50 percent of the overall unemployment. So it's completely unfair. Since we have the same currency we need to have

UM TO SCREEN 'THE FRENCH MINISTER'

THE FRENCH film "Quai d'Orsay" (English title: "The French Minister") will be screened at the University of Macau (UM) on June 9 at 6.30 p.m. This will be the fourth screening as part of the European Union film cycle organized by the European Union Academic Program in Macau. The film details the relationship between a young graduate of the National School of Administration, who is recruited as a speechwriter to France's Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the minister himself. A discussion will be held after the film's screening.

solidarity and currency management. We built a monetary union on the wrong basis and the wrong platform. It's very fragile. We should never have built a monetary union without building a political platform. Now we are seeing the debate as if our workers in Germany are again immigrants and not members of the union. If we have the same currency we are not foreigners.

The second mistake is the absence of a solidarity mechanism to help countries or areas in the union against asymmetric shocks. We also need a contribution from the EU budget towards social policies; namely, part of the unemployment benefits should be from the European origin. The third mistake is that there's no political coordination. We need to think in broader European terms and avoid competition between European countries. Finally, we need political legitimacy. We need to put the citizen at the helm of this process. This is a huge reform program for the European Union if the EU wants to survive.

MDT – What could happen if the Eurozone collapsed?

VSM – I am very worried about the consequences. The first thing is that it's not correct to assume that the Eurozone is currently so strong that it will be able to accommodate the exit [of one country]. That's wrong. If that happens, Greece would need to reintroduce their own currency, otherwise they would starve.

But that would be very hard for the Greeks after so many years of suffering, because many countries would not sell things to them anymore; there would be retaliations if they were not to pay the debt and we could get political and social turmoil again in Greece. It would be a nightmare for them. The Greek exit is a serious issue, we should do everything possible to keep Greece in the Eurozone and should implement the structural reforms that are needed. I fear that if we have an economic crash in the Eurozone, we could have an economic tsunami around the world, given the fact that the Euro would be worth nothing.

TALK TO BE HELD TODAY

PROFESSOR VIRIATO

Soromenho-Marques of the University of Lisbon is giving a talk today on climate change at the University of Macau. The Jean Monnet Seminar, entitled "The Double Face of Climate Change: From Ontological Threat to Opportunity for Global Peace," will be held at 6.30 p.m. at the Faculty of Law (G003, E32). The seminar will be conducted in English.

Yesterday, the professor launched his book, "Portugal na Queda da Europa" ("Portugal at the Fall of Europe"), at the Military Club. The book considers the extent of Portugal's economic crisis within the framework of the EU. The scholar teaches Political Philosophy and European Ideas within the Department of Philosophy and European Studies at the University of Lisbon.

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Ortega overtakes Buffett to become world's second-richest person



Amancio Ortega

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AMANCIO Ortega, the Spanish magnate who pioneered fast-fashion retail, passed investor Warren Buffett to become the world's second-richest person.

It's the first time the founder of Inditex SA, the world's largest clothing retailer, has occupied the No. 2 slot since the Bloomberg Billionaires Index debuted in March 2012.

Ortega's net worth has increased 17 percent to USD71.5 billion this year as Inditex profit rose amid surging sales. The La Coruna, Spain-based company operates more than 6,600 stores under brands that include Zara, Massimo Dutti and Pull&Bear.

"Ortega is an insane operator," Bridget Weishaar, analyst at Morningstar Investment Services, said in a phone interview from Chicago. He's been "very strategic with the company's growth."

By keeping some production facilities close to the headquarters in Spain and distributing to stores

twice a week, Inditex has been able to respond more quickly to shifts in fashion trends than competitors that concentrated production in China to cut costs, Weishaar said.

The retailer also has built large stores in trendy shopping areas in some of the world's biggest cities, reducing the need for other marketing expenditures, she said.

In January, the company acquired a 4,400 square-meter building in New York's SoHo neighborhood. The company said it is looking to open as many as 480 outlets this year, including three in New York. It also plans to start online sales in Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan.

Buffett's \$70.2 billion fortune comes almost entirely from his controlling stake in Berkshire Hathaway Inc., the conglomerate he built over the past five decades. The company has slipped about 5 percent this year as two of Buffett's biggest equity investments - American Express Co. and Coca-Cola Co. - have floundered. **Bloomberg**

Li Ka-shing's property spin off debuts at HKD70 in Hong Kong

Michelle Yun

CHEUNG Kong Property Holdings Ltd. closed at HKD74.10 on its first trading day in Hong Kong after being spun off from billionaire Li Ka-shing's conglomerate.

That's 5.9 percent higher than the opening price of HK\$70 and compares with a target price of HK\$88 set by Deutsche Bank AG. Jefferies Group LLC gave a target price of HK\$80 while CLSA put it at HK\$74.

CK Property combines real estate assets of Li's two main companies, which merged into CK Hutchison Holdings Ltd. last month in the biggest reorganization of his corporate empire. The real estate unit is now the second-biggest landlord in Hong Kong after Sun Hung Kai Properties Ltd., with total assets valued at HK\$420.1 billion (USD54.2 billion).

"CK Property is a key beneficiary" of a strong residential market in Hong Kong, Deutsche Bank analysts Jason Ching and Tony Tsang said. It has the second-largest inventory of available-for-sale homes in the city this year, they wrote in a note yesterday.

More than 60 percent of CK Property's net assets are in Hong Kong, including Li's flagship Cheung Kong Center, and 32 percent are in mainland China, according to JPMorgan Chase & Co. The developer is one of the biggest sellers of new homes in Hong Kong, selling out two residential projects already this



Cheung Kong Property Holdings Chairman Li Ka-shing

year. It has a 2015 sales target of HK\$30 billion.

"It's hard to see the property market drop today," Li told reporters on yesterday. Construction costs in Hong Kong are double those in the U.S. and Canada, he said.

Li's family and trust retain the biggest stake in CK Property of 30.2 percent.

CK Property's closing price represents a 21 percent discount to analysts' median net asset value estimate of HK\$93.8 per share compiled by Bloomberg. That compares with an average 35 percent trading discount to net asset

value for CK Property's peers, according to JPMorgan Chase.

CK Hutchison, which holds Li's non-property assets from ports to telecommunications, fell 4 percent to HK\$118. The benchmark Hang Seng Index gained 0.7 percent.

Li unveiled plans to restructure his former company Cheung Kong Holdings Ltd. and its unit Hutchison Whampoa Ltd. in January, saying it would allow investors to more easily choose between a regional property business and expanding global assets in more than 50 countries. **Bloomberg**

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FIRST GEG ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COMPLETED



GEG launched a new four-month "Accelerated Development Program" (ADP) of which the first major program was completed in May. Of the 692

program participants, 98% have successfully graduated and been promoted into supervisory and management positions.

The aim of ADP is to establish a promotional pathway platform for GEG team members who are ready for supervisory and management roles. The selected members participated in the Program as part of their promotion process. Team members mastered new skills and gained new knowledge through their training to enhance their technical and management capability. The Program commenced in January and ended in May with members from departments in Table Games, Electronic Games, Cage, Food & Beverage, Housekeeping (EVS & Rooms) and Security. Team leaders, supervisors, assistant manager and manager levels are eligible to participate in the Program.

CTM AND CARITAS MACAU JOINTLY ORGANIZE CHIMELONG SEA KINGDOM TOUR

To celebrate International Children's Day, CTM and Caritas Macau jointly organized a tour to Chimelong Sea Kingdom in Hengqin last Saturday for 35 children aged between 9-13 years-old from Caritas

Macau's Family Service Centre.

A group of around 60 participants, including about 10 CTM Volunteer Team members together with 35 children, who are the service

users of Caritas Macau's Family Service Centre, plus the staff of Caritas Macau paid a visit to Chimelong Hengqin.

The participants saw the Penguin Pavilion, Shark Pavilion, and watched a Whale show, broadening their insight and knowledge about marine life.



Authorities escalate efforts to recover mi



In this photo released by China's Xinhua News Agency, rescuers try to carry a victim's body at the site of the overturned ship in the Jianli section of the Yangtze River



Chinese paramilitary policemen work on the riverbank behind the capsized ship

Christopher Bodeen, Jianli

CHINESE authorities escalated efforts to recover more than 410 people believed to be trapped inside an overturned river cruise ship yesterday, deploying scores more divers and a large crane to possibly lift the craft.

The capsizing late Monday of the multi-decked Eastern Star in the Yangtze River in southern

China is on track to become the country's deadliest maritime disaster in seven decades. Chinese authorities have launched a high-profile response while tightly controlling media coverage.

Premier Li Keqiang, the country's No. 2 political leader, has traveled to the disaster site in the Hubei province county of Jianli where he urged "all-out," 24-7 efforts.

Chinese state broadcaster

CCTV said the bodies of 26 victims have been pulled from the boat, floating yesterday with a sliver of its hull jutting from the grey river water, and that 14 people had survived, some of them by swimming ashore.

But the vast majority of the 456 people on board remain missing. Many were elderly tourists taking in the scenic vistas of the Yangtze on a cruise from Nanjing to the southwestern city of Chongqing.

The shallow-draft boat, which was not designed to withstand as heavy winds as an ocean-going vessel can, overturned in what Chinese weather authorities have called a cyclone with winds up to 130 kph.

"The river ships tend to have a lower standard on wind-resistance and wave-resistance than ocean ships," Zhong Shoudao, president of the Chongqing Boat Design Institute, said at a news conference along with

weather and Transportation Ministry officials. "Under the special circumstance of cyclone, the pressure on the one side of the boat went beyond the standard it was designed for, resulting in the overturning of the boat.

"The boat had lifejackets and lifeboats, but due to the sudden capsizing, there was not enough time for people to put on lifejackets or for the signals to be sent out," Zhong said.

Elaine Kurtenbach,
Business Writer

EASTERN Star, the cruise ship that capsized in the Yangtze river with more than 450 people aboard, was cited for safety violations two years ago, records from a Chinese maritime agency show.

Authorities in Nanjing, where the Eastern Star began its unfortunate voyage, held the ship and five other Yangtze cruise vessels after it found them violating standards during a safety inspection campaign in 2013, according to a report on the city's Maritime Safety website.

The report provided only sketchy details. Among the dozens of violations it found among the vessels were practices such as failing to use the ship's automated identification systems. It didn't break down the violations by individual

vessel or say who owned the other vessels.

Authorities are bound to scrutinize the Eastern Star's safety record and that of its owner, Chongqing Eastern Shipping Corp., as they investigate why the ship capsized late Monday, leaving more than 410 people unaccounted for. Police have detained the ship's captain and chief engineer, who were among the few survivors.

Chongqing Eastern Shipping is one of China's oldest pleasure cruise companies, struggling to compete with newcomers offering much fancier accommodations.

Chongqing Eastern Shipping was founded in 1967 during the tumult of the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution as a state company handling river

cargo transport from the upper reaches of the Yangtze to the sea. Since the early 1990s it also has run cruise ships, mostly very basic vessels with tiny cabins and toilets that double as shower stalls.

Operators of the flat-bottomed, multi-decked ships charge their mostly older, Chinese passengers modest fares of 1,000 yuan (USD160) and up for three to five day tours, most meals included. The boats ply a river that is often difficult to navigate and the industry as a whole struggles to find qualified staff, at least partly because of low salaries.

Rescuers escalated efforts to retrieve missing people yesterday from the Eastern Star, which sits belly up in the mi-

Sunken cruise ship cited over safety problem



Rescue workers gather on the hull of the capsized cruise ship, center, on the Yangtze River in central China's Hubei province

Rescuers pulling survivors from capsized ship



capsized ship, center, on the Yangtze River in Hubei province

The squad of 13 navy divers who searched the boat Tuesday — and pulled out three trapped survivors from air pockets after voices were heard through the hull — was expanded yesterday to more than 180, airlifted from the provincial capital of Wuhan and from as far away as Guangzhou.

CCTV said rescuers were deciding yesterday whether to cut into the overturned hull — an option that would imply hopes

still lingered for finding survivors trapped in air pockets — or to right the ship by bringing two salvage ships to the stern and bow to act as a vise keeping the craft in place while a crane pulls it back into an upright position.

Transport Ministry spokesman Xu Chengguang said divers would continue to search the ship for as long as possible.

“Until all hope is lost and more accurate information becomes available, we will not give up

on our final efforts, although I know that our colleagues at the scene are facing a great many difficulties,” Xu told reporters. Access to the site was blocked by police and paramilitary

Rescuers were deciding whether to cut into the overturned hull — an option that would imply hopes still lingered for finding survivors

troops stationed along the Yangtze river embankment. Scores of trucks belonging to the People’s Armed Police were parked along the edge and at least two ambulances were seen leaving the area with their lights on and sirens blaring.

Local Communist Party officials and the Foreign Ministry organized a boat trip for about four dozen journalists to a location about 100 to 200 meters from the overturned hull, where they were able to see some of the rescue work, including two

men in orange life vests standing on the overturned hull.

The disaster has drawn considerable attention in Asia, and globally, and the tour was a way for normally reticent Chinese authorities to accommodate foreign media requests for access.

The rescue and salvage are being staged from a massive barge tethered a few kilometers upstream of the wreckage. Reached through a watery wasteland of flooded crops and trees torn in half by high winds, it was a bustle of activity around noon yesterday, as rescuers, paramilitary troops and army and navy specialists arrived and left by smaller boat.

Huang Delong, a deck hand on a car ferry crossing the Yangtze nearby, said he was working Monday evening when the weather turned nasty ahead of the ship’s capsizing about 9:30 p.m.

“From about 9 p.m. it began raining extremely hard, then the cyclone hit and the wind was really terrifying,” Huang said while crossing the broad river in a steady drizzle Tuesday afternoon.

The survivors included the ship’s captain and chief engineer, both of whom have been taken into police custody. Some relatives have questioned whether everything was done to ensure the safety of the passengers and have demanded help from local officials in Nanjing and Shanghai in unruly scenes that have drawn a heavy police response.

Wang Yi, 35, an insurance company employee in Shanghai whose father was on the Eastern Star, said that local authorities told her they would organize travel to the disaster site

for up to two family members of each passenger, but that they had not yet said when that trip would take place.

State media originally said there were 458 people on board, yesterday that figure was revised to 456. CCTV said most of the passengers were 50 to 80 years old.

The Eastern Star was 76.5 meters long and 11 meters wide, and could carry a maximum of 534 people, CCTV reported. It is owned by the Chongqing Eastern Shipping Corp., which focuses on tourism routes in the popular Three Gorges river canyon region. The company could not be reached for comment.

China’s deadliest maritime disaster in recent decades was when the Dashun ferry caught fire and capsized off the eastern coast of Shandong province in November 1999, killing about 280.

With 26 confirmed dead and more than 410 still missing, the Eastern Star disaster could become China’s deadliest since the sinking of the SS Kiangya off Shanghai in December 1948, which is believed to have killed from anywhere from 2750 to nearly 4,000 people. **AP**

26 bodies

The number of victims pulled so far from the boat

2 years ago



province yesterday

middle stretch of the river with more than 420 people unaccounted for after it capsized late Monday.

As scores of divers searched, a large crane stood ready for a possible effort to raise the craft. Chinese state broadcaster CCTV said 19 bodies had been recovered and 14 people were rescued.

The 2,200 gross-ton vessel, built in 1994, is 76.5 meters long and carries a maximum of 534 passengers.

The newer cruise lines have larger ships with mostly smaller passenger loads: the 10,680-ton Victoria Jenna, inaugurated in 2009, is 134 meters long and carries up to 378 passengers.

The fancier vessels generally offer amenities such as private balconies, fully equipped ba-

throoms, fitness facilities, Internet access and cable television.

The flow of tourists through the Three Gorges area peaked with a rush to see sites due to be inundated before the giant dam’s completion in 2012.

Enough historic and cultural sites remain to ensure a steady stream of tourists eager to escape busy cities for a leisurely river cruise on the Yangtze’s turbid brown waters. But the numbers of passengers have been decreasing and the construction of expressways and high-speed railways is reducing demand, putting further pressure on the passenger travel industry.

Cruise operators are also having trouble finding qualified staff, according to a report by the official Xinhua News Agency, which noted that a ship technician’s salary tends to be lower than

that of an auto mechanic.

The Yangtze is a vital link between China’s coasts and its resource-rich inland regions, busy with barges and other shipping as well as passenger cruises.

Prone to flooding and treacherous in stretches, it has always been a challenge for ship operators navigating through its whirlpools and shoals, and often shallow river bed during the dry winter months.

The Yangtze River Administration announced plans this spring to re-inspect all the ships operating through its waterways, to ensure they were water-worthy and stable.

That came after it reported 18 accidents between October and December, including eight collisions, three strandings, five boats sunk and two other accidents, that killed as many as 10 people. **AP**

Yangtze disaster tops list of recent safety accidents

The sinking of a cruise ship carrying more than 400 people on China’s Yangtze River highlighted concerns about safety in the world’s most populous nation. The country has witnessed a series of safety-related accidents over the past few years.

An explosion ignited by metal dust at a factory in Kunshan city near Shanghai killed 146 people last August.

A fire at a poultry plant in June 2013 in the northeastern province of Jilin left 120 people dead, in China’s deadliest blast since 2000.

A high-rise apartment in central Shanghai caught fire in November 2010, killing 58, after unlicensed electric welders set scaffolding on fire. The accident led the government to impose more stringent fire control measures.

A high-speed rail crash near the eastern Chinese city of Wenzhou in July 2011 killed 40 people, including two Chinese-Americans and an Italian woman. The accident was blamed on mismanagement and design flaws on the trains.

A stampede on Shanghai’s historic Bund riverside area last New Year’s Eve killed 36. Four officials were fired for failing to provide sufficient security after President Xi Jinping ordered a probe and a review of safety in public places. **Bloomberg**

SOUTH CHINA SEA TENSIONS

Aquino says Asia tensions remind him of pre-War Nazi Germany

Isabel Reynolds

PHILIPPINE President Benigno Aquino said the situation in Asia reminds him of the international community's failure to contain Nazi Germany before World War II.

Aquino made the remarks on a state visit to Japan aimed at bolstering security ties between the countries to counter an increasingly assertive China, which has been building new islands in the South China Sea in waters also claimed by the Philippines. Aquino said the U.S.'s military presence is the best hope for checking China's ambitions and that the situation made him recall Nazi Germany's occupation of its neighbors.

"They tested the waters and they were ready to back down if for instance France said stop. But unfortunately nobody said stop," Aquino said, referring to documentaries he saw of the period. "The commentators of these documentaries were saying:

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Philippine President Benigno Aquino III delivers a keynote speech at the special session of the International Conference on "The Future of Asia" in Tokyo

what if somebody said stop to Hitler at that time or Germany at that time. Could we have avoided World War II?"

Aquino has been rallying Asian countries to more aggressively respond to China's efforts to enforce its claims

to 80 percent of the South China Sea. China has created more than 2,000 acres of land in waters claimed by

Vietnam, Brunei, Taiwan and Malaysia, in addition to the Philippines, and is building an airstrip capable of handling its largest military aircraft.

Aquino also addressed the Japanese parliament yesterday, where he received a standing ovation and warned that the dispute cannot be settled through military force.

"For both our nations, we know that harmony is a collective achievement and not one that can be dictated through coercion," he told the legislature. "We steadfastly uphold that military might can never be the arbiter for the resolution of disagreements."

Aquino will meet Prime Minister Shinzo Abe today, who shares some of Aquino's concerns about China's assertiveness. Japan is engaged in its own territorial dispute with China in the East China Sea, where ships and planes from both countries regularly tail each other around a chain of islands claimed by both countries. **Bloomberg**

THAILAND

Army officer surrenders in human trafficking probe

A senior Thai army officer turned himself in yesterday to face charges over his alleged involvement in a human trafficking scandal that included people from Thailand, Myanmar and Malaysia, marking the first arrest of a military official since authorities launched a widening probe last month.

More than 50 people, including several local politicians and officials, were arrested after the discovery of 36 bodies believed to be those of Myanmar's Rohingya migrants at abandoned trafficking camps near the Thai-Malaysian border. Police are searching for more than 30 others of suspected involvement in the trafficking networks.

Southern Thailand has long been a regional trafficking hub for migrants from the persecuted ethnic minority in Myanmar and for Bangladeshis seeking a better life in other countries, and human rights groups accuse Thai authorities of collusion in the trafficking.

Lt. Gen. Manas Kongpaen, a senior adviser to the Royal Thai Army who once oversaw the human trafficking is-

sue in a coastal province, faces multiple charges of human trafficking, assisting aliens to illegally enter the country, illegally detaining people and seeking ransoms to help the migrants.

After an arrest warrant was issued for Manas earlier this week, he arrived at the national police headquarters to hear the charges before he was sent to the southern province of Songkhla for questioning.

"He insisted that he had no involvement and denied the charges," national police chief Gen. Somyot Poompanmoung told reporters.

The military has denied any involvement in the trafficking syndicates.

Asian nations have been struggling in the face of growing waves of desperate migrants who are landing on the shores of Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and other regional countries. In the last few weeks alone, at least 4,600 people have washed ashore or been rescued by fishermen, and several thousand more are believed to still be at sea after human smugglers abandoned their boats amid a regional crackdown. **AP**

SOUTH KOREA

Seoul test-fires missile that can strike all of N. Korea

Hyung-jin Kim, Seoul

SOUTH Korea yesterday successfully test-fired a domestically built ballistic missile that can hit all of North Korea, an official said, amid continuing animosity between the rivals over the North's push to bolster its nuclear and missile capabilities.

The missile, which had a reported range of more than 500 kilometers, was fired from a southern launch pad, said an official at Seoul's Defense Ministry who spoke on condition of anonymity because of office rules. President Park Geun-hye watched the launch, according to her office.

At the same launch pad yesterday, South Korea tested another missile aimed at shooting down an enemy ballistic missile, the defense official said.

There was no immediate response from North Korea, which is heavily sanctioned for its past long-range rocket and nuclear tests and considers U.S. and South Korean military drills a preparation for an attack.

South Korea struck a deal with the United States in 2012 that allows Seoul to possess longer-range missiles to better cope with North Korea's nuclear and missile threats.

The North's recent claim to have test-fired

a missile from a submarine caused security worries among many South Koreans who suspect that Pyongyang is working on harder-to-detect means to launch attacks. The North also recently reiterated its claim that it had built a nuclear warhead small enough to be mounted on a long-range missile.

Foreign analysts are skeptical about both claims. But they agree that the country has made progress in its efforts to possess a nuclear-tipped missile that can threaten the U.S. and South Korea. International disarmament talks on the North's atomic weapons program remain stalled. **AP**

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GOV'T SURVEILLANCE

Obama signs bill remaking NSA phone records program

Erica Werner, Washington

CONGRESS approved sweeping changes Tuesday (yesterday, Macau time) to surveillance laws enacted after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, eliminating the National Security Agency's disputed bulk phone-records collection program affecting millions of Americans and replacing it with a more restrictive measure to keep the records in phone companies' hands.

Two days after Congress let the phone-records and several other anti-terror programs expire, the Senate's 67-32 vote sent the legislation to President Barack Obama, who signed it Tuesday night (yesterday).

"This legislation will strengthen civil liberty safeguards and provide greater public confidence in these programs," Obama said in a statement. Officials said it could take at least several days to restart the collection.

The legislation will revive most of the programs the Senate had allowed to lapse in a dizzying collision of presidential politics and national security policy. But the authorization will undergo major changes, the legacy of agency contractor Edward Snowden's explosive revelations two years ago about domestic spying by the government.



Republican presidential candidate, Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky. speaks at a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington

Senators on the intelligence committee had been issuing veiled and vague warnings about the phone records program for years. But it was Snowden who revealed the details. He's now living in Moscow.

Snowden, reviled by lawmakers of both parties, addressed the vote via video link during an event hosted by Amnesty International. He said the legislation was historic because Americans are questioning long-held assumptions that intelligence officials always act in their best interest.

"For the first time in recent history, we found that despite the claims of government, the public made the final decision and that is a radical change we should seize on, we should value and we should push forward," he said.

In an unusual shifting of alliances, the legislation passed with the support of Obama

and House Republican Speaker John Boehner but over the strong opposition of Republican Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. McConnell failed to persuade the Senate to extend the current law unchanged, and came up short in a last-ditch effort Tuesday to amend the House version, as nearly a dozen of his own Republicans abandoned him in a series of votes.

"This is a step in the wrong direction," a frustrated McCon-

nell said on the Senate floor ahead of the Senate's final vote to approve the House version, dubbed the USA Freedom Act. He said the legislation "does not enhance the privacy protections of American citizens. And it surely undermines American security by taking one more tool from our warfighters at exactly the wrong time."

The legislation remakes the most controversial aspect of the USA Patriot Act — the once-secret bulk collection program that allows the National Security Agency to sweep up Americans' phone records and comb through them for ties to international terrorists. Over six months the NSA would lose the power to collect and store those records, but the government still could gain court orders to obtain data connected to specific numbers from the phone companies, which typically store them for 18 months.

It would also continue other post-9/11 surveillance provisions that lapsed Sunday night, and which are considered more effective than the phone-data collection program. These include the FBI's authority to gather business records in terrorism and espionage investigations and to more easily eavesdrop on suspects who are discarding cellphones to avoid surveillance.

"This legislation is critical to keeping Americans safe from terrorism and protecting their civil liberties," said Boehner. The outcome capped a dramatic series of events on Capitol Hill that saw a presidential candidate, Sen. Rand Paul, defy fellow Republicans and singlehandedly force the existing law to lapse Sunday at midnight. **AP**

USA

Terror suspect shot dead lunged at police officer, FBI agent

Denise Lavoie
Legal Affairs Writer, Boston

POLICE said they have video showing a man who was under 24-hour surveillance by terrorism investigators lunging with a knife at a Boston police officer and an FBI agent before he was shot and killed — an account his brother has disputed.

A law enforcement official with knowledge of the investigation said Usaama Rahim had been making threats against law enforcement. The official was not authorized to release details of the investigation and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Police Commissioner William Evans said members of the Joint Terror-



Boston police officers and detectives investigate the scene of a shooting in Roslindale, Mass.

ism Task Force approached Rahim Tuesday morning to question him about "terrorist-related information" when he went at officers with a large military-style knife.

Evans said officers repeatedly ordered Rahim to drop the knife but

he continued to move toward them with it. He said task force members fired their guns, hitting Rahim once in the torso and once in the abdomen. Rahim, 26, was taken to a hospital but died.

Late Tuesday (yesterday), the FBI arrested a

man in connection with the case. Christina DiIorio-Sterling, a spokeswoman for U.S. Attorney Carmen Ortiz, said David Wright was taken into custody and was expected to appear in court yesterday.

DiIorio-Sterling wouldn't specify the charges,

but confirmed they're related to the Rahim investigation.

Evans said authorities had been watching Rahim "for quite a time," but "a level of alarm" prompted them to try to question him Tuesday.

He said authorities knew Rahim "had some extremism as far as his views," but he would not confirm media reports that Rahim had been radicalized by online propaganda by the Islamic State group.

Evans said the officers didn't have their guns drawn when they approached Rahim. He said the video shows Rahim "coming at officers" while they were backing away.

That description differs from one given by Rahim's brother Ibrahim

Rahim, who posted on Facebook that his youngest brother was killed while waiting at a bus stop to go to his job.

"He was confronted by three Boston Police officers and subsequently shot in the back three times," he wrote. "He was on his cellphone with my dear father during the confrontation needing a witness."

Ibrahim Rahim, a former assistant imam at a Boston mosque, could not be reached for more comment Tuesday. In an email, he said he was traveling to Boston to bury his brother.

The Council of American-Islamic Relations will monitor the investigation, spokesman Ibrahim Hooper said. **AP**

Elena Becatoros, Athens

GREECE

Tsipras heads to Brussels to defend deal proposal

GREECE'S prime minister was heading to high-level meetings in Brussels yesterday to try to persuade the country's creditors to accept a proposal that might unlock much-delayed bailout loans and save the country from financial disaster.

With Greece running out of cash and debt repayments looming as soon as tomorrow, Alexis Tsipras was to meet yesterday evening with Jean-Claude Juncker, the head of the European Union's executive Commission.

"I will go to ... explain to him that today more than ever it is necessary for the (creditor) institutions and mainly for the political leadership of Europe to sign up to realism," Tsipras said before leaving for Brussels. "We need unity," he said, speaking of Europe. "I am certain the political leadership of Europe will do what it must."

Jeroen Dijsselbloem, the eurozone's top financial official, was also heading to Brussels for the meeting, an official said.

A teleconference between Tsipras, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Francois Hollande, tentatively scheduled for yesterday,



A pedestrian passes a stencil graffiti mocking German Chancellor Angela Merkel in Athens, Tuesday, June 2

had been postponed until today, German finance ministry spokesman Martin Jaeger said.

The EU Commission dampened hopes of a breakthrough yesterday,

with spokesman Margaritis Schinas saying "this is a first discussion, not a concluding one."

Still, news of the meeting was

enough to encourage investors in Greece, where the main stock index was up 4.2 percent yesterday in early afternoon trading.

Time is pressing. Greece needs the 7.2 billion euros (USD8.1 billion) in rescue loans from creditors if it is to meet its debt repayments this summer.

It owes 1.6 billion euros to the IMF this month alone. The first installment of just over 300 million euros is due tomorrow, with other installments due on June 12, 16 and 19. Although Greece insists it intends to repay its debts, including tomorrow's, it is unclear how much longer it will be able to without outside help.

Without bailout funds, Greece could eventually default on its debts and crash out of the euro, pushing Europe and potentially the global economy into turmoil.

European officials have insisted this is not on the cards.

Spanish Economy Minister Luis de Guindos said he was "completely convinced" a deal would be struck.

Greece's exit from the euro "is not on the table, let's make that very clear," he said in Paris.

One option Greece could choose is to bundle all of this month's IMF debts into one due June 30, allowing more time for negotiations. While allowed under IMF regulations, the option is rarely used.

Tsipras says he submitted his proposal to creditors on Monday night, as the leaders of France, Germany, the European Central Bank, International Monetary Fund and European Commission met in Berlin to discuss the situation.

He gave no details of his proposal on what fiscal reforms Greece would make in return for its final bailout installment, but Greece's creditors said much work remained to be done. **AP**

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Offbeat

UK THEME PARK SHUT AFTER ROLLER COASTER CRASH INJURES 4


The owners of Britain's Alton Towers said yesterday that they don't know when the amusement park will reopen after four people were seriously injured

in a crash between two roller coaster cars.

West Midlands Ambulance Service said men aged 27 and 18 and women aged 19 and 17 suffered serious leg injuries when a car carrying 16 people on the Smiler ride crashed into an empty, stationary car on Tuesday. The other 12 passengers were treated for less serious injuries.

It took rescuers several hours to remove the passengers, who were stuck 25 feet (8 meters) above ground at a 45 degree angle.

Chief executive Nick Varney of Merlin Entertainments, which owns the park 150 miles (240 kilometers) north of London, said an investigation was underway.

He said a supposedly fail-safe measure to stop two cars crashing "didn't work the way it was supposed to."

"I and the whole team are totally devastated by what happened yesterday," he told the BBC.

The Smiler, which opened in 2013, is billed as the world's first roller coaster with 14 loops. It has been shut down twice before because of technical or mechanical problems. **AP**

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21:30	Miscellaneous
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CINETEATRO

04 JUN - 10 JUN



SAN ANDREAS

ROOM 1
(2D) 2.30, 4.30, 9.30 pm
(3D) 7.30 pm

Director: Brad Peyton

Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Carla Gugino, Alexandra Daddario

Language: Japanese (Chinese/English)

Duration: 114min

PITCH PERFECT 2

ROOM 2
2.30, 4.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Elizabeth Banks

Starring: Anna Kendrick, Skylar Astin, Rebel Wilson

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 141min

TOMORROWLAND

ROOM 2
7.15 pm

Director: Brad Bird

Starring: George Clooney, John Walker Britt Robertson

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 130min



DANNY COLLINS

ROOM 3
2.15, 4.00, 5.50, 9.30 pm

Director: Dan Fogelman

Starring: Al Pacino, Annette Bening, Christopher Plummer

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 106min

DRAGON BALL Z: RESURRECTION "F"

ROOM 3
7.45 pm

Director: Tadayoshi Yamamuro

Starring: Ji-tae Yu, Yūsuke Iseya, Ye-ryeon Cha

Language: Japanese (Chinese/English)

Duration: 93 min

MACAU TOWER

04 JUN - 10 JUN

TOMORROWLAND

ROOM 3
2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Brad Bird

Starring: George Clooney, John Walker Britt Robertson

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 130min

this day in history


**1989 MASSACRE IN
TIANANMEN SQUARE**

Several hundred civilians have been shot dead by the Chinese army during a bloody military operation to crush a democratic protest in Peking's (Beijing) Tiananmen Square.

Tanks rumbled through the capital's streets late on 3 June as the army moved into the square from several directions, randomly firing on unarmed protesters.

The injured were rushed to hospital on bicycle rickshaws by frantic residents shocked by the army's sudden and extreme response to the peaceful mass protest.

Demonstrators, mainly students, had occupied the square for seven weeks, refusing to move until their demands for democratic reform were met.

The protests began with a march by students in memory of former party leader Hu Yaobang, who had died a week before.

But as the days passed, millions of people from all walks of life joined in, angered by widespread corruption and calling for democracy.

Tonight's military offensive came after several failed attempts to persuade the protesters to leave.

Throughout the day the government warned it would do whatever it saw necessary to clamp down on what it described as "social chaos".

But even though violence was expected, the ferocity of the attack took many by surprise, bringing condemnation from around the world.

US President George Bush said he deeply deplored the use of force, and UK Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said she was "shocked and appalled by the shootings".

Amid the panic and confusion students could be heard shouting "fascists stop killing," and "down with the government".

At a nearby children's hospital operating theatres were filled with casualties with gunshot wounds, many of them local residents who were not taking part in the protests.

Early this morning at least 30 more were killed in two volleys of gunfire, which came without warning. Terrified crowds fled, leaving bodies in the road.

Meanwhile reports have emerged of troops searching the main Peking university campus for ringleaders, beating and killing those they suspect of co-ordinating the protests.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The demonstrations in Tiananmen Square have been described as the greatest challenge to the communist state in China since the 1949 revolution.

They were called to coincide with a visit to the capital by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, by students seeking democratic reform.

Troops were used to clear the square despite repeated assurances from Chinese politicians that there would be no violence.

It has been suggested that the Communist leader Deng Xiaoping personally ordered their deployment as a way of shoring up his leadership.

Hundreds, and possibly thousands, of people were killed in the massacre, although it is unlikely a precise number will ever be known.

Peking has since become more widely known as Beijing.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19
Something unexpected lies in your path — and seems to block progress.

Taurus April 20-May 20
It's a good time for you to indulge in some little luxury that you've been denying yourself for some reason.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21
Your understanding is deeper than usual, especially when it comes to issues related to your home or your sense of belonging.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22
A friend or colleague is much more receptive than usual to your plans — so make sure that you're talking them up!

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22
Now is a good time to check your head — you almost certainly are carrying one too many assumptions about how things are going.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Your big ideas need an outlet today, so make sure that you're talking them up to anyone who will listen.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22
Today is all about your social group, including friends, coworkers and family members.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
Something small this morning keeps bothering you and causing problems until it bursts into something dire by afternoon.

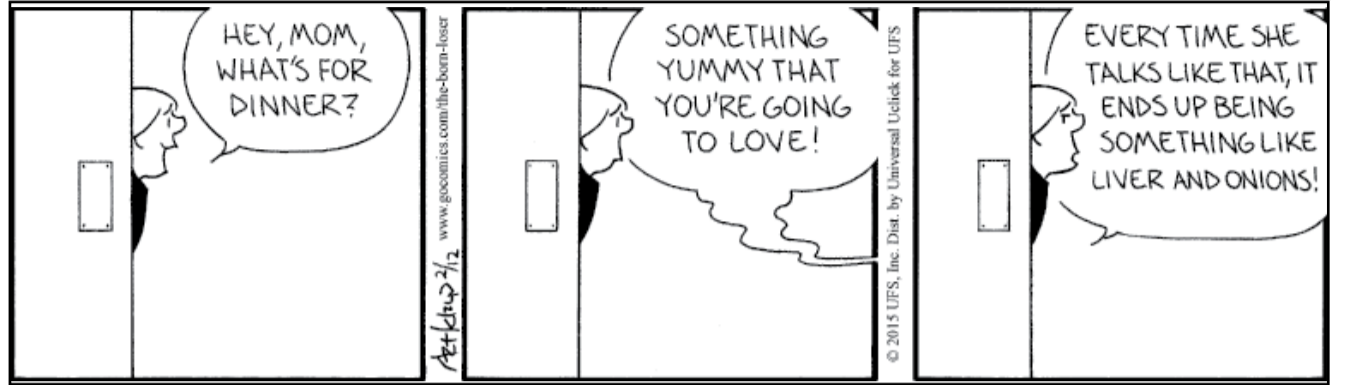
Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21
It's the little things that make life special so pay close attention while you wash dishes or proofread that email.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19
Try to avoid any luxuries today — you need to focus on what's most vital for now.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18
There's just no way around it: Today is a really weird day. Some try to maintain a semblance of normality, but you know in your heart that there's no way to make that happen.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20
You get word from your mate — or maybe a crush, or someone you never thought about romantically — that fires up your passions in a new way.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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Sudoku puzzles categorized by difficulty: Easy, Easy+, Medium, and Hard. Each category contains a 9x9 grid with some numbers pre-filled.

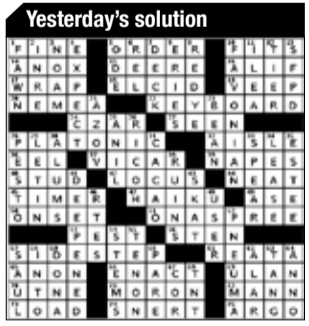
WEATHER

Weather forecast table with columns for MIN, MAX, and CONDITION. It lists weather for various cities in CHINA and the WORLD.

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Sportscaster Albert; 5- Aired again; 10- O.T. book; 14- "The Time Machine" race; 15- Grenoble's river; 16- Japan's first capital; 17- Swedish auto; 18- In the midst of; 19- Robert of "The Sopranos"; 20- Notched; 22- Unit of magnetic intensity; 24- ___ fix; 25- Remote abbr.; 26- Impudent; 29- Medicinal amt.; 32- Medicinal plant; 36- Kid stuff; 37- Penetrate; 39- Broadcast; 40- Study of communicative attitudes; 43- South American tuber; 44- Previous monetary unit of Portugal; 45- ... saw Elba; 46- Age; 48- Athletic supporter?; 49- Autocrats; 50- PIN requester; 52- Hogwash; 53- The aggregate of past events; 57- One of the Furies; 61- Hot times abroad; 62- Actor Lorenzo; 64- Hardware fastener; 65- Broadway opener; 66- Expunge; 67- ___ account (never); 68- Word of comparison; 69- Decree; 70- File;

Down: 1- Military meal; 2- Caesar's wings; 3- Surf sound; 4- Whisker of a cat; 5- Gaucho's rope; 6- Salingier girl; 7- Stutz contemporary; 8- River of Florence; 9- Israeli desert region; 10- Isolate; 11- Tar; 12- Branch location; 13- Solid; 21- Even one; 23- Valentine's Day gift; 26- Flavor; 27- Primitive calculators; 28- Toss out; 29- Color; 30- Smooth transition; 31- Bluenose; 33- Monetary unit of Nigeria; 34- More pleasant; 35- Upbeat, in music; 37- Greek letters; 38- AFL partner; 41- Slow, to Salleri; 42- Person who makes a will; 47- Dines at home; 49- Dress (up); 51- 1957 hit for the Bobbettes; 52- Bowling alley button; 53- Warmth; 54- Yen; 55- Biological bristle; 56- Prison area; 57- Not fem.; 58- Sicilian resort; 59- Flows; 60- At the apex of; 63- Avril follower;



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Rafa Benitez

Real Madrid hires Rafa Benitez as coach

Harold Heckle, Madrid

RReal Madrid brought Rafa Benitez home as its new coach yesterday, giving him a three-year contract as the replacement for the fired Carlo Ancelotti. Benitez, who began his coaching career in Madrid's

youth academy, will return to the Spanish league where he led Valencia to titles in 2002 and 2004 before joining Liverpool, where he won the 2005 Champions League.

In a statement, Madrid said Benitez was the right choice because he understood the

values that underpin the club, and what it meant to be part of it. "He is a product of this house," the club said, detailing how 55-year-old Benitez played as a defender in youth teams from age 13 to 20, and "began his coaching career here." The new coach, who arrived two days

ago from Napoli, was presented at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium.

Ancelotti guided Madrid to its 10th European Cup in 2014, but was let go after the team failed to win a major trophy this season.

Benitez is Madrid's eighth coach in 10 years. He will be tasked with ending Madrid's dismal record of one Spanish title in seven seasons despite counting on Cristiano Ronaldo and record revenues.

Madrid finished two points behind Barcelona in the Spanish league, and lost to Juventus in the Champions League

semifinals.

Benitez will need to grapple with three problems that dogged Ancelotti in his final season: Find a way to rise above Barcelona; win the Champions League; and get the best out of Madrid's star-studded squad.

Playing second fiddle to Barcelona has always grated with club president Florentino Perez and the board of directors. The club's last Spanish league title came in 2012 under Jose Mourinho, while Barcelona has won five titles in seven seasons, the

Benitez began his coaching career in Madrid's youth academy

other one going to Atletico Madrid in 2014.

Apart from being considered a hard-working disciplinarian who believes in player rotation, Benitez was regarded as one of the game's thinkers.

Madrid said Benitez was used to the pressure of leading large teams in Spain, Italy, and England.

"Benitez is a methodical strategist, a tireless worker, and student of the game," Madrid said, calling him "one of the best coaches currently in the sport."

Benitez left Naples early Monday, a day after coaching Napoli's last game, a 4-2 home loss to Lazio. Had Napoli won, it would have finished third and secured a Champions League spot. Napoli finished fifth. **AP**

PORTUGAL swept imperiously into the knockout rounds of the Under-20 World Cup with a 4-0 win over Qatar on yesterday, while Mexico revived its campaign after a woeful opening match by defeating Uruguay 2-1.

Two Mexico players were sent off in their first-up, 2-0 loss to Mali, but they demonstrated greater discipline against Uruguay, rallying after conceding a late equalizer to seal the win with a goal in the third minute of stoppage time.

Portugal beat Senegal 3-0 in its opening match and guaranteed its place in the round of 16 with an impressive win over the Asian Confederation champion.

Qatar's second straight Group C loss ruled it out of contention for the next round, and raised further questions about FIFA's

Portugal into Under-20 World Cup playoffs

decision to award the 2022 World Cup to a nation which has little footballing pedigree.

Coached by Felix Sanchez of Spain, Qatar was unbeaten in the Asian qualifying tournament to earn a place at the Under-20 World Cup for the first time in 20 years. That raised hopes that Sanchez's squad, which contains Europe-based players, would provide the basis of the Qatar team that will qualify for the 2022 tournament as host nation.

After being outclassed in two matches in New Zealand and with a match still to play against Senegal, it seems unlikely Qatar has the foundation of a team that will be competitive in 2022.



Andre Silva of Portugal takes a shot on goal during the match between Qatar and Portugal at the Waikato stadium

"Although my team were organized, we could not match the quality of our opponents," Sanchez said. "We were more confident in the second half, but af-

ter the third goal we knew we couldn't get back in the game. "We still have room for progression. Hopefully, this experience will better the players."

Qatar must win its final group match against Senegal to have any chance of qualifying for the round of 16.

Winger Ivo Rodrigues

was Portugal's star, scoring twice and setting up another as Helio Sousa's team maintained its shape and form in occasionally torrential rain.

Mexico showed poise against Uruguay to stake its claim for qualification from an increasingly tight Group D. After two rounds all four teams in the group have one win.

Serbia's 2-0 win over Mali allowed it to match Mali, Uruguay and Mexico with 1-1 records. It leads the group with a slightly superior goal differential ahead of its last match against Mexico on Saturday.

Colombia gave itself a good chance to follow Portugal into the round of 16 from Group C with a 1-1 draw with Senegal. **AP**



THE end for Sepp Blatter came suddenly, just days after he had seemingly solidified his hold on FIFA. The 79-year-old leader of the world's most popular sport defied global animosity last week to win four more years in office. But his re-election only increased the pressure from colleagues, sponsors, athletes and fans for Blatter to step down as FIFA's president.

As the Times reported, Blatter announced he would leave office yesterday (Macau time) during a hastily arranged news conference within months and called for a fresh election to appoint a successor.

"I cherish FIFA more than anything and I want to do only what is best for FIFA and for football," said Blatter, who could still be a target of U.S. investigators delving into decades of corruption and bribery accusations against FIFA officials.

After generations under Blatter and his mentor, Joao Havelange, the announcement left FIFA without a leader and without a clear course forward. It sets off a global power struggle for control of the organization as a criminal investigation intensifies.

A strained and serious Blatter read a six-minute statement in French before exiting without taking questions. Blatter had been defiant and feisty in the same room on Saturday, fending off questions about FIFA's battered reputation and the chance he could be arrested.

A federal indictment last week detailed apparent bribes from a FIFA account totaling USD10 million to senior officials for voting South Africa as the 2010 World Cup host. Late Monday, reports laid a clearer trail of complicity to the door

Blatter's resignation stuns football world

of FIFA headquarters, if not Blatter himself.

The South African angle threatens to tarnish memories of a bid campaign that brought Nelson Mandela to Zurich for the winning vote in 2004. At risk also is the legacy of a World Cup that was an organizational triumph for FIFA and South Africa, and bolstered Blatter's reputation as a friend of Africa whose loyalty stood firm in Friday's election.

Even before the election, Blatter's ability to travel to the U.S., or other countries where a Swiss national risked arrest and extradition, had become a distracting story.

Blatter's vigor in acclaiming his election victory — a 133-73 win over Prince Ali bin al-Hussein of Jordan — was gone by Tuesday. "This mandate does not seem to be supported by everybody in the world of football," Blatter said. "I will continue to exercise my function (until the new election)."

Elections are expected to take place sometime between December and March.

Prince Ali declined to say if he'd run again.

"I am at the disposal of all the national associations who want a change, including all of those who were afraid to make a change," Prince Ali said in an interview with CNN.

Michel Platini, the president of European body UEFA, had called for Blatter's resignation last week before the vote. On Tuesday,

he praised Blatter's decision to go. "It was a difficult decision, a brave decision, and the right decision," said Platini, a former protege who planned a strategy meeting of UEFA members to discuss anti-Blatter tactics in Berlin later this week.

The next few months will likely also see further arrests in the corruption case.

FIFA needs a profound restructuring

SEPP BLATTER

The U.S. Department of Justice indicted 14 men last Wednesday, including the seven arrested in dawn raids on a luxury hotel in Switzerland.

The Justice Department said Tuesday it would have no comment on Blatter's announcement. The Swiss attorney general said Blatter was not under investigation in Switzerland, but authorities said last week they have opened a criminal probe into the 2018 and 2022 World Cup bidding votes.

Blatter's pending departure will see 2018 World Cup host Russia lose a strong ally, and could cause unease in Qatar, the host of the 2022 tournament.

The consequences of those World Cup hosting votes in December 2010 defined

Blatter's last full term in office, and a new president may want to re-examine the decisions.

In pledging a burst of modernizing reforms during his final few months, Blatter acknowledged that cultural change at FIFA has not gone far enough on his watch.

"FIFA needs a profound restructuring," said Blatter, who will try to impose term limits to ensure no future FIFA president matches his time in office.

The often-discredited FIFA executive committee that chose Russia and Qatar also faces deep change: Term limits, fewer members and tougher integrity checks imposed by FIFA, Blatter suggested.

Blatter again directed blame for FIFA's reputation at his executive colleagues who have repeatedly been implicated in bribery and corruption.

Blatter is also a member of the International Olympic Committee. "We highly respect this decision of President Blatter to step down and to initiate the necessary reforms, and to make way for a new leadership of FIFA to drive these changes," IOC President Thomas Bach said in a statement.

Blatter joined FIFA in 1975 as technical director for development projects, was promoted to general secretary in 1981 and spent 17 years as right-hand man to Havelange of Brazil before being elected to lead world soccer. **MDT/AP**

THE LATEST

SOUTH AFRICA'S sports minister has denied that a USD10 million payment was a bribe to secure the 2010 World Cup. Fikile Mbalula told reporters in Johannesburg that the government wanted to "categorically deny" that South Africa paid any bribes to win the right to host the tournament. Mbalula characterized the USD10 million as an "above-board payment" to help football development in the Caribbean region of former FIFA Vice President Jack Warner. Mbalula also says the South African government hadn't yet received details of the indictment from the U.S. Justice Department, which alleges the \$10 million was used by South Africa to win favor from Warner and other FIFA voters to back South Africa's bid in 2004.

SHEIKH HAMAD bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Qatar Football Association president, says the nation welcomes the Swiss investigation into the bidding process for the 2018 and 2022 World Cups. He was hitting back at comments from English Football Association Chairman Greg Dyke, who suggested that Qatari football organizers wouldn't be sleeping very well following the announcement on Tuesday by FIFA President Sepp Blatter that he would be resigning. Qatar won the bid to host the 2022 World Cup, while Russia is due to host the 2018 tournament. "Mr. Dyke's instinct to immediately focus on stripping Qatar of the World Cup speaks volumes on his views concerning what will be the first FIFA World Cup to take place in the Middle East," Sheikh Hamad said, adding that the legal process should be allowed to take its course. The U.S. launched a federal investigation into corruption in world football last week, issuing indictments against 14 current or former football officials on May 27.

IN SEOUL, former FIFA Vice President Chung Mong-joon says he will think about whether to run for the FIFA presidency. Chung says "many people" are asking him whether he will run for the post after Sepp Blatter announced he would be stepping down amid a corruption scandal surrounding football's world governing body. Chung told a news conference yesterday: "I'll carefully think about it before making a decision on whether to participate in the FIFA presidency election." Chung, who was a FIFA vice president for 17 years before losing his seat in 2011, says he'll try to meet many figures in the international football community and listen to their opinions. A FIFA official said Tuesday that an election will likely take place between December and March.

UEFA HAS canceled a meeting in Berlin this weekend where member federations were to discuss ways of opposing a Sepp Blatter-led FIFA. UEFA President Michel Platini says it is better to await developments after Blatter announced plans to resign. Platini also noted the "unpredictable nature" of a U.S. federal investigation into corruption in world football. He says "considering new information is revealed every day, I believe it is wiser to take time to assess the situation." The 54 UEFA member federations were expected to meet on the sidelines of this weekend's Champions League final. At least 10 UEFA members are thought to have voted for Blatter despite Platini urging the FIFA president to resign before the election last Friday.

opinion

Sport Views
 The Editors

FIFA REFORMERS MUST NOW SET THEIR SIGHTS ON RUSSIA, QATAR

“Some people believe football is a matter of life and death,” Bill Shankly famously said. “I can assure you it is much, much more important than that.”

The quote, from Liverpool’s legendary manager of the 1960s and ‘70s, partly explains Sepp Blatter’s surprise resignation as president of FIFA on Tuesday. But it also shows why his resignation isn’t enough. The first order of business for his successor is to reconsider and, if necessary, reopen the bidding for the 2018 World Cup in Russia and the 2022 tournament in Qatar.

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Blatter says he’ll stay on while his replacement is chosen. It’s an offer FIFA should feel free to refuse. Blatter might be tempted to meddle in the election of the next president, which needs to be transparent and fair. Ideally, it will draw from a wide range of candidates, not just the incumbents who already haunt the granite-clad subterranean conference rooms of FIFA’s Zurich headquarters.

The trigger for Blatter’s resignation -- just days after being re-elected to a defiant fifth term -- appears to be evidence directly linking his chief lieutenant, Jerome Valcke, to a \$10 million bribe. It seems South Africa’s successful campaign to secure the rights to the 2010 World Cup included a kickback it paid to the former FIFA vice president in return for his support of the bid. South Africa denies the allegation.

Just because the 2010 bidding may have been rigged doesn’t necessarily mean it was crooked for the later tournaments as well. But Swiss authorities who raided FIFA’s headquarters last week said they’re investigating possible crimes related to the Russian and Qatar selections. If FIFA wants to show it is committed to reform, it will reopen the bidding -- or at the very least release its internal investigation into the deficiencies (and that’s putting it mildly) of the process.

Russian President Vladimir Putin last week described the U.S. legal attack on FIFA as “a blatant violation of the principles on which international organizations function.” But there are even higher principles -- of fair play, for example -- that international organizations should abide by. And the U.S., with its history of tracking terrorist money through the world’s financial system, is uniquely well placed to gather evidence of kickbacks and theft by FIFA and its officials -- even if chagrin at its failure to win the 2022 competition for itself might have contributed to its enthusiasm to pursue the miscreants.

Soccer corruption isn’t a victimless crime, as the U.S. Justice Department points out in its 47-count indictment: “It has profoundly harmed a multitude of victims, from the youth leagues and developing countries that should benefit from the revenue generated by the commercial rights these organizations hold, to the fans at home and throughout the world whose support for the game makes those rights valuable.”

Not as eloquent as Shankly, obviously. But the indictment shows that soccer’s governing body is in need of root-and-branch reform -- a process that only begins with Blatter’s resignation. **Bloomberg**

THE BUZZ ‘SUFFRAGETTE’ TO OPEN LONDON FILM FEST

Historical drama “Suffragette,” starring Carey Mulligan and Meryl Streep as votes-for-women campaigners, will open this year’s London Film Festival.

Organizers say the film’s European premiere will kick off the 59th annual festival Oct. 7. Helena Bonham Carter also appears in the drama about the

campaigners who risked life and liberty to fight for women’s suffrage a century ago. It’s directed by Sarah Gavron (“Brick Lane”) and written by Abi Morgan (“The Iron Lady.”) It is the first commercial feature which has been allowed to film inside London’s Houses of Parliament. Festival director Clare Stewart said yesterday “Suffra-



gette” was “an urgent and compelling film — made by British women, about British women who changed the course of history.”

Growing calls for Thai owners to address Leicester sex video

Jocelyn Gecker, Bangkok

IT remains unclear how the “racist orgy” video was leaked. But it’s safe to say the scandal surrounding Leicester City was not the game plan when its Thai owners and sponsors invited the club to tour Thailand.

Four days after the video lit up social media, the English Premier League club’s owners in Thailand had yet to comment on it, despite mounting pressure to publicly reprimand their players’ behavior.

The video featuring players Tom Hopper, Adam Smith and James Pearson shows the trio unclothed and engaging in an apparent orgy with Thai sex workers in a hotel room. One of them is heard laughing using a racial slur to describe one of the women, among other remarks unfit for publication.

The video was first obtained by British newspaper The Sunday Mirror, one of many publications to call it a “racist orgy.” It triggered a quick response from the club itself; Leicester City issued a statement Sunday to



Leicester City manager Nigel Pearson

say the three players were being sent home ahead of the rest of the squad and that an investigation was being launched into the incident. It said the players “would like to convey their sincere apologies for their behavior” and the club would treat their conduct “extremely seriously.”

The club was touring Thailand after securing its status in the Premier League a week earlier. It was too soon to say whether the video would alienate Thai fans, but it was widely perceived as an insult to Thailand from the sport the country cares about most.

Leicester is owned by Thai billionaires Vichai and Aiyawatt Srivaddhanaprabha. The father-and-son tycoons own Thailand’s duty-free empire King Power, whose company name is emblazoned on the front of Leicester’s team jerseys.

One of the team’s main sponsors is the Tourism Authority of Thailand, whose slogan “Amazing Thailand” is prominently displayed throughout the club’s stadium, which is called King Power Stadium.

The Bangkok Post devoted its Wednesday editorial to the issue, saying the owners “have a special duty to fans of the team and all Thais, to explain and deal with the behavior of their employees.” It urged the Tourism Authority to “seriously consider its connection with the team.”

A call made Wednesday to King Power was directed to an operator who said the company’s executives were traveling overseas and not available for comment. Tourism Authority of Thailand spokeswoman Sarima Chindamat said yesterday that “if there is any comment I will call you back.” **AP**

THE DECISIVE MOMENT



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un (front) smiles during a visit to the Wonsan Baby Home and Orphanage on June 1.

Station	Air quality
Roadside	5-25 Good
High Density Residential Area	20-40 Good
Ambient	15-35 Good

WORLD BRIEFS



UK Buckingham Palace has taken the unusual step of confirming that Queen Elizabeth II went to a hospital for her annual medical checkup after social media comments touched off speculation on her health. The palace said in a statement yesterday that the 89-year-old monarch attended her annual medical checkup at King Edward VII Hospital in London, and left after the routine exam. Speculation started after a tweet posted on a BBC account said the queen was being treated at the hospital.

UK Former News of the World editor Andy Coulson was cleared of perjury yesterday after a judge said the alleged lies he told under oath were not relevant to the trial in question. Judge David Burns told jurors at Edinburgh High Court that “not every lie amounts to perjury.” Coulson, who edited the now-defunct Rupert Murdoch-owned tabloid between 2003 and 2007 and later served as Prime Minister David Cameron’s communications chief, had been charged with lying in a 2010 trial of former Scottish lawmaker Tommy Sheridan.

UKRAINE At least three civilians have been killed in east Ukraine in a further surge in shelling in several locations along the front line, government and rebel officials said yesterday. Reports of casualties among government and separatist fighters have continued unabated since a cease-fire agreement was reached in February, but deaths among noncombatants had almost ceased.



USA U.S. doctors completed surgery on Secretary of State John Kerry’s broken leg at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston and predicted he would make a full recovery.

USA The IRS failed to implement dozens of security upgrades, some of which could have made it more difficult for hackers to steal tax information of 104,000 taxpayers from an IRS website, a government watchdog tells Congress.