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**WORLD BRIEFS**



**US-CHINA** China features prominently in the rhetoric of presumed Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, who accuses the country of stealing American jobs and cheating at global trade. In China though, he's only just emerging as a public figure, despite notoriety elsewhere for his voluble utterances, high-profile businesses and reality TV shows. [More on p11](#)



**HONG KONG** An activist whose beating by police was caught on video was sentenced yesterday to five weeks in prison on charges related to the confrontation, stirring outrage among pro-democracy supporters. [More on p10](#)



**JAPAN** A 7-year-old boy is missing in a forest in northern Japan after his parents made him get out of their car as punishment for misbehaving. About 150 rescue workers searched yesterday in a wooded area on Hokkaido, the northernmost of Japan's four main islands. The boy, identified as Yamato Tanooka, has been missing since late Saturday afternoon.



**AUSTRALIA** Scientists say mass bleaching has killed more than a third of the coral in the northern and central parts of the Great Barrier Reef, though corals to the south have escaped with little damage. Some parts of the reef have lost more than half of the coral to bleaching. [More on p12](#)

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# Crime declines by 7.1 percent during Q1

**T**HE latest crime statistics released yesterday show that the police authorities filed 3,333 criminal reports in total during this year's first quarter. The figure represents a decrease of 255 cases (7.1 percent) compared to the same period last year.

The Secretary for Security Wong Sio Chak, said during a press conference that 626 crimes were committed against individuals, representing a 2.8 percent increase. These incidents primarily consisted of cases commonly known as 'illegal imprisonment,' a category which saw a significant increase by 89 cases, representing an increase of 32.8 percent. Most of these cases are gaming related.

Crimes against property decreased by 8.6 percent, corresponding to a total of 1,914 cases. Despite the decrease in both robbery and theft, extortion and usury have increased remarkably by 73.3 percent and 55.9 percent respectively.

Regarding the so-called



Wong Sio Chak (center) presents the latest security report

"crimes against society," a total of 186 cases were reported indicating a decrease of 27.9 percent, wherein the largest decrease was of arson cases by 80 percent.

The number of forged statements decreased by 28 from last year. There were also 334 cases (0.9 percent decrease) related to the employment of illegal immigrants, illegal hosts, and illegal assistance.

Moreover, cases that involved drug dealing and drug usage increased by 71.4 percent (to 48 cases) and 38.9 percent (to 25

cases) respectively.

With regard to violent crimes, there were 181 cases registered in total, and they were related to illegal imprisonment and drug dealing. No murders happened in the first quarter, and only one case was registered that resulted in a seriously wounded person.

In the first quarter, 1,615 people were arrested and sent to prosecution authorities, an increase of 221 people, and 15.9 percent, compared to last year. Regarding juvenile delinquency, 16 cases were reported, six more

than last year; 28 of the involved individuals were still minors.

According to the data released, human smuggling and overstaying in the city significantly dropped to a total of 7,431 people. With respect to mainland people, 328 were involved in smuggling operations and 944 over stayed in Macau. From other nationalities, the numbers were 620 and 67 respectively.

The police force recorded 1,277 cases related to violation of transportation regulations, a drop from 1,724 cases last year.

## Electoral Law consultation calls for greater representation

**R**ESIDENTS at Sunday's public consultation on electoral reform have demanded greater representation through an increase in the number of directly-elected lawmakers, as well as a better system to regulate online campaigning ahead of next year's Legislative Assembly (AL) elections.

The government has launched a 30-day public consultation period to collect opinions regarding the AL's Electoral Law revision the results of which will be presented in a summary report to the assembly later this year. Thus far a total of six public sessions have been held.

More than 200 residents attended Sunday's consultation, some of whom called for more directly-

ted seats in the 33-member body. At present, just 14 of the 33 lawmakers are chosen via popular vote, while 12 are delegated by interest groups and seven are appointed by the chief executive.

"The issue of insufficient directly-elected lawmakers has always bothered most of us residents," said a female resident as cited by TDM. "Decisions made by them or by the appointed lawmakers are basically the same, since most of them are from the business sector."

"Aren't elections all about [justice] and fairness? I think it's a very reasonable request to ask for more directly-elected lawmakers and to cut down on the number of appointed lawmakers," another resident

remarked according to TDM.

Other residents present at the public consultation criticized the government's lack of oversight regarding online campaigning done by candidates during the election period.

One idea would be to introduce a reward system for people who report election irregularities to authorities, similar to a scheme that is in operation in Taiwan.

The director of the Public Administration and Civil Service Bureau, Kou Peng Kuan, informed attendees that his organization will start to work on the report to detail the responses from the consultation period, which he hopes to present to the AL in July. **DB**

## ARTS

### Cultural Heritage Day heralds various activities

**T**o mark the 11th occasion of China's Cultural Heritage Day on June 11, the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) will host a variety of activities to resonate with the theme, "Let cultural heritage be a part of modern life."

A series of activities will be held at heritage sites, museums, and libraries, aiming to encourage residents and tourists to visit the historic center of the city.

Among these will be the exhibition, "Memories of Moments – Macau and Lusophone African and Asian Regions in Photograph Postcards," and the thematic exhibition, "Exhibition of Pedro Nolasco da Silva's Book Collection," as well as lectures.

In addition to promotion of activities in the historic center, several heritage sites will offer free admission, according to a statement from the IC.

"Memories of Moments" is being organized by the Macau Archives in response to China's Cultural Heritage Day, and will be held between June 10 and December 4. The exhibition will feature a selection of illustrated postcards from the collection. They will provide a broader perspective of the urban-architectural, historic, natural and socioeconomic aspects of Macau and other Lusophone territories.

The exhibition will explore the different aspects of Angola, Cape Verde, the former Portuguese India, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Sao Tome and Principe, and East Timor, and their relationships with Macau.

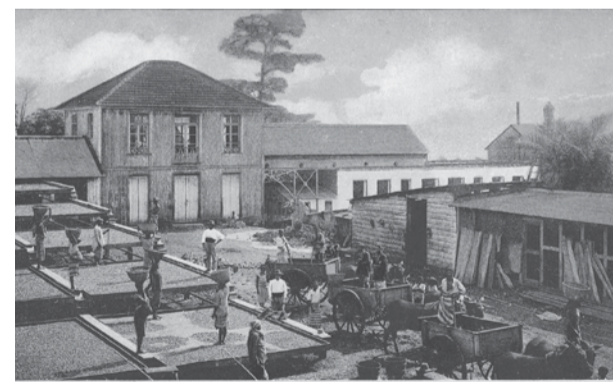
Meanwhile, between June 10 and 18, the Pedro Nolasco da Silva exhibition will be held at the Library of the IACM Building as well as a lecture and guided tour.

Nolasco da Silva was an important Macanese official during the 19th century. His book collection according to the IC, is representative of his dedication to the promotion of the Chinese and Portuguese cultures.

Additionally, the Jao Tsung-I Academy invites residents to join a coloring activity and to experience the art of Chinese calligraphy and painting, using drawing paper with lotus paintings by Professor Jao Tsung-I. The activity, held between June 8 and 12, will provide participants an opportunity to enjoy Jao's calligraphy and painting masterpieces while coloring the sheets in their own creative style.

Moreover, the Chinese Orchestra will present a concert on June 18, called "Chinese Rhapsody – Works by Peng Xiuwen."

The Guia Lighthouse will also participate in the cultural heritage activities, with special openings for the public between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on June 11 and 12.



One of the postcards featured in "Memories of Moments – Macau and Lusophone African and Asian Regions in Photograph Postcards"

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AL PLENARY

# Housing problems continue to top lawmakers' agenda

**T**HE topic of housing was once again the main issue addressed in the plenary meeting of the Legislative Assembly (AL) yesterday. The plenary gathered to debate several spoken enquiries presented lawmakers.

Angela Leong questioned the government about the project launched a couple of years back, which aimed to revitalize industrial buildings that are vacant or partially deactivated.

According to the lawmaker, "the project was a complete failure with only 13 requests, of which only two were approved."

Leong said that the program had not been well-received because of law restrictions which request that 100 percent of the owners be in agreement if a building's purpose is to be changed from a commercial unit to another type, such as residential.

The lawmaker urged the government to explain the underachievement of the program and to clarify the government's plans to correct that failure.

Replying to the query, the Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Raimundo do Rosário acknowledged the failure of the program and said "the government assumed that program was not gathering enough interest from the population and from building owners," justifying the abandonment of its policy after some three years of implementation.

On the government stand, the director of the Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau (DSSOPT), Li Canfeng completed the explanation, adding: "Most of the requests received were for the use of the ground floor areas only, in order to transform them in shops. The remainder of the buildings would be unchanged [as per the requests]."

The government official also explained that, only in very few cases, "were the necessary conditions [satisfied] in order to change the purpose of the units."



Angela Leong



Li Canfeng (left) and Raimundo do Rosário

"I think the government should take note of what is happening in Hong Kong, where the law states that only 80 percent [of the owners] are needed [to alter the purpose of a building]," added Angela Leong.

Secretary Rosário then recal-

**Generally speaking, both residents and tourists that visit the MSAR are unhappy with the quality of the taxi service.**

RAIMUNDO DO ROSÁRIO

led that it is the the civil code which states that a full consensus is required to change the purpose of a building. "We are not able to change that," he said.

"If you ask me whether we [the government] are planning another program for the same purpose, I would say no, we are not," said the secretary.

Ella Lei questioned if public buildings construction works are carried out correctly. The lawmaker urged the government to request an extension of the warranty period from construction firms from five to 10 years.

"We place great importance on the quality of public construction work. Aside from our inspection we have been hiring independent companies to perform additional inspections," assured Secretary Raimundo do Rosário.

The secretary also justified the government's decision

to only solicit opinions from construction experts and not also from the public as due to the fact that "this is a very technical [area]."

The Director of DSSOPT said: "We are finalizing the general regulation [in a new document]. In this document the Engineers will have to assume responsibility over construction work," adding that "[another] document with instructions for owners" is also in progress.

"We are going to propose 10 years as a general construction warranty [period] and five years for other work and renovations," he concluded.

Raimundo do Rosário agreed that the majority of problems stemming from a "lack of quality" are the contractors' responsibility and recalled that the department he heads is "doing the best we can with only 80 people," complaining of limited human resources.

## WHAT THEY SAID

**LAU VENG SENG** "We are currently promoting the development of creative industries and e-commerce, among others. But seems like the laws aren't suitable for supporting that purpose. Maybe you can use the Urban Renewal Council to define a group of industries that are suitable [to be changed from commercial to other uses]."

**ZHENG ANTING** "This programme failed! But what is the government thinking to do next? We can't just abandon the buildings. We have limited resources and space. We need to take action because these [industrial] buildings either need to be renewed or be demolished."

**PEREIRA COUTINHO** "The quality is bad but the inspections seem to fail to detect these problems. It seems as though the inspectors cannot perform their task."

**AU KAM SAN** "There are only two solutions [regarding the taxis]: strengthen inspections and punishment of infringements; or ease on the service costs. To use undercover officers doesn't seem like a good idea. Macau is so small that in less than a week all the officers would be exposed and known."

## New taxi regulation gathers suggestions

**A**NOTHER of the topics addressed at the plenary session yesterday was the proposed taxi regulation. The topic was raised by the AL's vice president, Lam Heong Sang.

Secretary Raimundo do Rosário conceded the shared perception "that, generally speaking, both residents and tourists that visit the MSAR are unhappy with the quality of the taxi service," adding that it is precisely with that in mind that authorities are keen on a major review to regulations in order to improve the service.

Speaking for the government, the director of the Transport Bureau (DSAT) Lam Hin San said that the government is paying attention to the issues raised, adding: "we have already created two experimental areas in the Avenida Horta e Costa," to test new measures penned for implementation.

"The key point is the taxi drivers. Everything comes down to the taxi drivers. But changes on the license system do not depend on them," Lam Heong Sang stated. He reminded the assembly that license bids that reach MOP900,000-MOP1

million on average do not serve as a good incentive for the sector," concluding that, "I wish the government would dedicate more resources to incentivizing the sector and not just on 'the mouse hunt.' Measures to improve training would be better to elevate the image of the sector."

The Secretary Raimundo do Rosário excused himself from having to reply to all of the ideas and suggestions raised. "There are three services involved [DSAT, DSAJ and the police]. I'm going to take [your suggestions] and pass them to those involved."

## Macau, Cambodia to cooperate on tourism training and education

A local delegation of 50 people is participating in the "Macau - Cambodia Investment & Tourism Development Seminar" held in Phnom Penh.

Local business leaders from tourism, banking, trade and other industries exchanged and discussed ideas with the Cambodian business community, with the aim of laying the ground for future investment projects to grow, said the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam in his speech yesterday.

The seminar featured presentations by the Macau Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) as well as the Government Tourism Office (MGTO).

IPIM discussed the role that the MSAR is playing as the Service Platform for Commerce and Trade between China and the Portuguese-speaking countries,



A memorandum of understanding was signed between Macau and Cambodia

while MGTO presented an outline on the works the city has been doing to position itself as the "World Center of Tourism and Leisure" destination.

The signing of a memorandum of understanding between the MSAR's secretary for Social Affairs and Culture and the Ministry of Tourism of the Kingdom of Cambodia was also made during the seminar, marking the beginning of cooperation in the area of tourism training and education.

Tam revealed that an intensive training program will be held in June at the Institute for Tourism Studies for a group of Cambodian heritage tour guides and officials from the Authority for the Protection of the Site and Management of the Region of Angkor.

This will be the first course to be delivered since the Global Centre for Tourism Education and Training was set up in the region in collaboration with the World Tourism Organization in October last year.

## Environmentalism raises red flags on nuclear plant

SAMMIE Lun, chairman of Green Environment Protection Association of Macau, is concerned about safety issues surrounding the upcoming Taishan nuclear power plant. The plant, located approximately 80 kilometers west of Macau, is currently under construction and has been surrounded by controversies.

The components of the nuclear power plant include a pressure vessel that was reportedly made in China. As the Times reported earlier, those components were previously believed to have been manufactured in France. Woo Chung-Ho, former scientist of Atomic Energy of Canada, shared his concerns about this issue saying, as reported by Factwire: "I did not know China was able to produce a pressure vessel."

Lun told the Times "I am personally totally against nuclear power plants." Furthermore, he added that

he maintains his opposition to the plant simply because of the pollution risks that are known to come with all nuclear power plants. "Even if the nuclear power plant is clean, if problems arise, they will be catastrophic, pollution will exist forever," said Lun.

The environmentalist used examples of nuclear power accidents that took place in the past: "The Fukushima nuclear accident had consequences alongside the Pacific Ocean, and the pollution still exists today. It [pollution] lasts for hundreds of years."


When referring to the pressure vessel reportedly made in China, Lun did not consider it to be a problem but said, "I oppose it, regardless of the standards." He then added: "A nuclear power plant is like a power keg, it can explode at any time. Accidents cannot be predicted," **Staff reporter**

### GOV'T REQUESTS INFORMATION

**THE GOVERNMENT** issued a statement yesterday indicating that it has requested from the Guangdong Provincial Government more information regarding the Taishan nuclear power plant. Macau's security authorities have

also requested more information from Guangdong's Emergency Management Office. The statement mentions that the MSAR has a set of emergency response measures to cope with any possible nuclear incident in neighboring areas.

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# Senado Square residents, shop workers, complain about constant noise

**D**UE to its central location, Senado Square has become a hotbed of protests. People living and working around the area have been complaining of the constant noise.

The Macau General Union of Neighborhood Association branch for Largo de São Domingos and Rua dos Mercadores has reportedly received a considerable number of complaints about Macau Federation Family Reunion's (MFFR) constant demonstrations in Senado Square.

The elderly group erected tents, and raised flags in order to support their loud appeals. Moreover, during the demonstrations, the group resorted to banging drums frequently, which reportedly bothered retailers working nearby.

Though the drumming has stopped in recent times, loud recordings of the spe-



cific appeals are still being played throughout the day at the square.

A clothes retail owner, working close to the square, became emotional when asked by the Times about the ongoing situation. "I have nothing else to say about this, I am tired!" the woman said. Another vendor, who is located next to her shop, told the Times that retailers have been feeling annoyed for a while, consequently filing complaints on several occasions. However, the group has continued to protest around the well-known tourist spot.

Previously, the group would gather at Senado Square alongside the fountain, which is closer to the Civic and Municip-

pal Bureau (IACM). Now, the group has moved to the other side of the fountain, further from the road. Lei, an employee of a jewelry chain company, told the Times that his company had complained to the IACM a month ago. "They are indeed a little bit further, the noise has decreased, but it is still possible to hear it," he said.

Lei Lok Lan, president of the MFFR, earlier told the Times that the group has continuously been participating in demonstrations at Senado Square for almost three months.

According to a sign left next to a speaker yesterday, the demonstrations have been ongoing for 89 days. **Staff reporter**

## Zhuhai to open first cultural park

**T**HE neighboring city of Zhuhai is set to open its first creative park, LETS Cultural District, this September at the former Daishan Industrial Park. It aims to foster creativity and culture.

Located in the Xiangzhou district of Zhuhai, the park will cover an area of 80,000 square meters and will become "a dynamic and lively place where everyone can experience local craftsmanship and culture," according to the general manager of LETS Investment Management, Xiaolei Zhou.

A Delta Bridges report states that the park is divided into a functional business quarter with five different areas and a cultural quarter with 11 areas.

The business quarter will include an apartment complex which contains 160 apartments that can be booked for a short-term stay or be rented as a residential apartment. The cultural quarter will consist of a sports center, a theatre and a live music house. The management is currently targeting companies to operate businesses out of the theme park that offer "creative goods, crafts, food services or industrial art, children or trendsetter products."

"Various activities will happen every day in several places. LETS Cultural District will be an energetic and lively place where stories are created, where inspiration can be found and where craftsmanship can be appreciated," says Zhou, as cited in the report.

The management is also expecting Zhuhai to become an "economic power" due to its new proximity to Hong Kong and Macau, especially with the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge, stating that the proximity represents a benefit to businesses that operate on national and international levels.

**I have nothing else to say about this, I am tired!**

CLOTHES RETAILER

### EDUCATION

## UM takes 3rd prize in English debate

**T**HE University of Macau's (UM) English Debating Team recently won third prize at the 19th Foreign Language Teaching and Research Press (FLTRP) Cup National English Debating Competition, held at Beijing Foreign Studies University.

Two debaters of the UM team, Jenny Wong and David Leong, were ranked second



UM's English Debating Team members. From left: Wong Ka Kei, Lam Pek Kei, and Leong Ka Wai

and fourth place respectively amongst a total of 248 debaters in the competition.

According to a press release by UM, the competition is the largest and most influential debate contest in China. This year's event attracted 120 debating teams from around 500 universities in China, including Tsinghua University, Peking University, Beijing

Foreign Studies University, the Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, and China Foreign Affairs University.

After placing first in the eight rounds of preliminaries, the UM team proceeded to the octo-final level and eventually claimed third prize as a team in the grand final.

Members of the UM team were Jenny Wong, Chao Kuang Piu and David Leong. The team leader was Lam Pek Kei, a third-year student from the Faculty of Social Sciences.

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ECONOMY

# GDP fall slows to 13pct, growth may be on horizon

Daniel Beittler

**M**ACAU'S economy contracted by 13.3 percent year-on-year in the first quarter of 2016, according to new data released by the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC), after accounting for the effects of inflation.

DSEC attributes the annual decrease to a continuous decline in the export of goods and services, which fell by 24.6 percent and 13.5 percent year-on-year respectively, while exports of gaming services dropped by 17.1 percent.

The 13.3 percent decline is lower than the final quarter of 2015, which registered a fall of 14.4 percent year-on-year, and the third quarter before that, which saw a 21 percent decline.

Local economist José Sales Marques told the Times that the slowdown in the contraction is largely driven by a stabilization, or 'new normal,' in the gaming sector.

"It seems like gaming revenues are doing much better in May as per earlier reports," he said. "The new data confirms suggestions from the beginning of the year that the slowdown may be coming to an end and that the economy might pick up in the second half of the year [2016]."

"Between Q3 and Q4 we may observe a 0 percent [year-on-year] contraction or even some growth," added Sales. "It seems like we are on the road to recovery."

Domestic demand dropped during the first quar-



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ter of 2016. According to DSEC private consumption expenditure declined by 2.3 percent, and the investment and imports of goods shrunk by 31.4 percent and 19.9 percent respectively.

According to DSEC, des-

pite "the prevailing favorable employment conditions," pay growth remained subdued which resulted in private consumption expenditure declining.

Final Government consumption expenditure rose by 1.5 percent, driven by an

increase in the compensation of employees (+3.1 percent).

Meanwhile, the implicit deflator of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), which measures changes in prices, rose by 1.9 percent year-on-year.

Investment also registered a decline in the first quarter. Gross fixed capital formation, the main indicator of investment levels, contracted by 31.9 percent year-on-year due to the substantial decline in private investment, according to the bureau.

Private investment in construction and equipment diminished by 35 percent and 18.9 percent respectively, bringing it the figure down by a total of 33 percent.

On the other hand, gover-

ment investment decreased by 5.5 percent year-on-year, of which public construction investment fell by 6.5 percent while equipment investment grew by 91.1 percent.

Merchandise trade continued to deteriorate. A slowdown in investment, as well as decline in private consumption and visitor spending drove imports of goods down by 19.9 percent year-on-year, while exports of goods plummeted by 24.6 percent.

Furthermore, the service trade remains weak. Exports of services contracted by 13.7 percent year-on-year, of which exports of gaming services dropped by 17.1 percent and tourism services were down by 11 percent due to a decrease in visitor spending.

## ONE SHOT NEWS



A section of the roof of Saint Augustine Church collapsed on Sunday while a mass service was being held. No one is reported to be injured, since the room the roof fell in was not being used at the time. The site was inspected yesterday by the Cultural Affairs Bureau president, Ung Vai Meng, and workers have started to repair the roof. The area facing the church, which is one of UNESCO's world heritage sites in Macau, has been sealed.

## STATISTICS

# Key industries record growth in employee numbers

**T**HE Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) has released the results of the Survey on Manpower Needs and Wages for the first quarter of 2016 which covers the sectors of manufacturing, hotels, restaurants, insurance, financial activities, electricity, water and gas supply, child-care and elderly care. Most of these sectors recorded growth in the number of employees.

The survey shows that by the end of the first quarter of 2016, the number of employees within sectors of hotel (+8.3 percent), restaurant (+3 percent), insurance (+4.7 percent), financial activities (+5.6 percent),

childcare (+9.6 percent) and elderly care (+3.1 percent) all registered a year-on-year increase.

Meanwhile, the manufacturing sector saw a decrease in the number of employees equal to approximately 3.5 percent, and the number of employees in the electricity, water and gas supply sector remained stable.

Average earnings in March were up year-on-year in the sectors of restaurants (+3.2 percent), financial activities (+4.3 percent), electricity, water and gas supply (+1.6 percent), childcare (8.4 percent) and elderly care (13.9 percent).

On the other hand, year-on-year

decreases in average earnings were recorded for the month of March in the sectors of hotels (-0.5 percent), manufacturing (-3.5 percent) and insurance (-2.1 percent).

In the first quarter, the employee turnover rate, employee recruitment rate and job vacancy rate in hotels fell by 0.3, 0.7 and 0.6 percentage points respectively year-on-year. In restaurants, the job vacancy rate increased by 1.1 percentage points year-on-year, while employee recruitment rate (6.5 percent) and the employee turnover rate (5.5 percent) were similar to a year earlier.

A total of 90,982 employee participants from the surveyed industries attended training courses in the first quarter. These include courses organized by employment establishments or in collaboration with other institutions.

## corporate bits

### COTAI WATER JET OFFERS NEW PROMOTIONS

Cotai Water Jet is launching two new promotions for passengers including a "Macau Residents Buy-One-Get-One-Free Promotion" and a "Birthday Promotion."

Macau identity card holders who purchase full fare

Cotai First or Cotai Class tickets are entitled to redeem a return ticket of the same class between June 1 and July 15. This promotion applies to both City Route and Airport Route tickets, however the departure port of the first trip must be in

Macau, according to Cotai Water Jet's press release.

Moreover, until December 31, all passengers will be given a discounted round trip ticket during their birthday month. Travelers can enjoy a Cotai Class round trip ticket for just HKD/MOP 238 just by showing a valid ID to confirm their date of birth.



Sands China Ltd. organized a community event on Saturday featuring some of The Philadelphia Orchestra members. The event was supported by the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC).

Musicians from the orchestra held a master class series at the Conservatory School of Music, focusing on four instruments: violin, cello, oboe and trumpet.

According to Sands China's statement, elite students from the conservatory were selected to learn from the musicians, who shared their musical advice and experience after listening to pieces performed by the students.

Sands China also invited students from the conservatory to the full orchestra experience at The Venetian Theatre, whe-

### SANDS ORGANIZES COMMUNITY EVENT WITH PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA MEMBERS



re The Philadelphia Orchestra performed over the weekend.

The statement said that the community event was an initiative of the Sands China Community Academy, which organizes community outrea-

ch activities as "a way for the company to give back to the Macau community by providing opportunities for locals to interact with incredibly talented and accomplished individuals."

# From Apple to super-powers, everything's against Taiwan's dollar

Lilian Karunungan

**C**AUGHT between China on the one side and the U.S. on the other, Taiwan's dollar is in danger of greater losses than any other emerging-market currency in Asia.

Strategists see the central bank cutting interest rates to the lowest in the region outside Japan to combat a shrinking economy, just as the Federal Reserve considers tightening monetary policy. Meanwhile, Taiwan's new president has antagonized its neighbor - and biggest export market - by refusing to affirm the "One-China" principle. And falling sales at Apple Inc. are threatening to hurt some of the island's biggest exporters.

To Scotiabank, the currency's most-accurate forecaster in the latest Bloomberg rankings, this adds up to a 4 percent drop in the Taiwanese dollar by year-end to TWD34 per U.S. dollar. The median estimate of 23 strategists is for a 2.5 percent slide to TWD33.5 - still more than the declines anticipated for any emerging-Asia peer.

"We are bearish on the Taiwan dollar," said Qi Gao, a strategist in Hong Kong at Scotiabank. "Downside risks are the Fed's potential tightening, Taiwan's rate cuts and uncertainty relative to geopolitical issues across the strait."

Taiwan's currency has eked out a 1.2 percent gain in 2016 to TWD32.68 per dollar at the close on Monday, following three straight years of declines. The forecast losses show the vulne-



Taiwan dollar banknotes

rability of an island which, despite having an economy bigger than Malaysia's or Hong Kong's, is reliant on exports for two thirds of its output. Taiwan's USD355 billion gross domestic product shrank for the past three quarters, and concern is building that President Tsai Ing-wen's landslide election win in January only worsens its prospects.

The allure of Taiwanese assets will be further dented if the local central bank cuts and the U.S. raises rates in coming months. There's now an almost 60 percent chance the Fed will tighten policy by its July mee-

ting, up from 26 percent a month ago, according to futures prices. Goldman Sachs Asset Management LP has increased its short positions on some Asian currencies, including the Taiwan dollar, according to a May 27 note.

Seventeen of 22 analysts in a Bloomberg survey expect at least a 12.5 basis-point reduction in Taiwan's discount rate by December after the benchmark was lowered for a third consecutive quarter in March to a near record-low 1.5 percent. The Central Bank of the Republic of China (Taiwan) next meets in late June.

Taiwanese residents will seek to invest more in higher-yielding assets abroad, said Scotiabank's Gao.

The island's life insurers have increased overseas investments to meet their liability costs. Overseas assets of Taiwanese insurers rose to TWD11 trillion (\$337 billion) as of March 31, from TWD8.8 trillion a year earlier, data from the Financial Supervisory Commission show. Foreign funds pulled a net \$2.7 billion from Taiwan's stock market in May, paring this year's net purchases to \$3 billion, as of Friday in Taipei.

"The market is underpricing the hike by the U.S.," said Irene Cheung, a foreign-exchange strategist in Singapore at Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd., which sees the Taiwan currency ending 2016 at TWD34. "Taiwan continues to be quite volatile in terms of the portfolio flows. Economic numbers from Taiwan remain very weak."

The island's links to Apple may also weigh on the Taiwan dollar after the U.S. company reported its first quarterly sales decline in 13 years.

Local firms including Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. and Hon Hai Precision Industry Co. build iPhones, helping explain the 0.7 monthly correlation between the island's dollar and Apple's share price in the past year, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. A reading of 1 would mean the two were moving in lockstep.

"This is something to watch," said ANZ's Cheung. "It's quite a good tracking relationship."

Taiwan's exports shrank for

**Taiwan's economy has contracted on an annual basis over the last three quarters, the longest slump since 2009**

a 15th straight month in April, the longest slump on record, with electrical equipment and machinery comprising half of all outbound shipments.

The economy has contracted on an annual basis over the last three quarters, the longest slump since 2009. Output fell a revised 0.68 percent year-on-year in the first quarter, the only major economy in Asia that started 2016 by shrinking. President Tsai, who took office on May 20, pledged to boost the island's prospects through trade deals, upgrading industry and fostering innovation.

"Taiwan may soon be running out of options to shore up the economy and a weaker currency may ensue," said Christy Tan, head of markets strategy in Hong Kong at National Australia Bank Ltd., whose forecast for the local dollar is in line with the median in Bloomberg's survey. "Recent macro indicators have continued to show sluggish prospects and little boost impact from the rate cuts in the past three quarters." **Bloomberg**

## HSBC tightens Hong Kong safe-deposit box rules to boost defenses

Alfred Liu

**H**SBG Holdings Plc is strengthening its oversight of its safe-deposit boxes in Hong Kong as the U.K. bank moves to bolster its defenses against financial crimes.

The London-based lender has introduced "several clauses" to the conditions of lease for its safe-deposit lockers, HSBC said in an e-mailed statement yesterday. Customers were reques-

ted not to deposit any property which could become "a nuisance" or of an illegal or "offensive nature," including ex-

plosive, inflammable or liquid items, illegal drugs, weapons, guns and stolen property.

The statement didn't

provide details on how the bank would police the new rules, or any penalties for box holders who broke them. The South China Morning Post reported the tighter oversight earlier yesterday, citing a letter sent by the bank to clients last month.

"The nature of a safe-deposit locker service means it has the potential for misuse for criminal purposes," the bank said. The new clauses will "further strengthen

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our defenses against financial crime" and to enable HSBC to co-operate with law-enforcement agencies when required, it said.

Europe's biggest bank is among global financial firms that have been grappling with investigations into money lau-

ndering and tax evasion around the world. The bank's total expenditure on regulatory programs and compliance rose 19 percent in the first quarter to USD700 million, according to the earnings statement HSBC released earlier this month. **Bloomberg**





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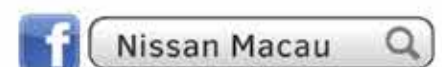
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## HEALTH &amp; WELFARE

# Beijing tracks the elderly as they take buses, go shopping

Louise Watt, Beijing

**T**HESSE days, when people over 80 in Beijing take a bus, see a doctor or spend money, their activities are digitally tracked by the government, as part of an effort to improve services for the country's rapidly growing elderly population.

The data amassed with each swipe of the multi-purpose "Beijing Connect" old person's card goes into a massive database of the elderly in the capital. City authorities hope the information will enable them to better cope with their burgeoning population of over-60s, which already stands at 3 million.

Though geared toward the elderly, the program demonstrates how China more broadly is using big data to better direct the use of government resources for the country's 1.4 billion people. Beijing's strategy is to use new technology and its heavily censored Internet to innovate and propel China's transformation to a services-based economy — a strategy that Premier Li Keqiang has said "will trigger a new Industrial Revolution."

In a sophisticated example, Beijing municipal government is collecting the disparate data on the elderly in order to predict what services will be needed in the future. This is to make sure it has the necessary budget and services in place, by taking into account people's decreasing mobility, for example, said Bai Qiang, vice president of Beijing Community Service Association, a city government agency.

"All of the data we are collecting now, including visits to parks, the use of public transport and [numbers of] shopping trips, will help us to predict whether the elderly will become disabled in the future," Bai said.

The thinking is that if an elderly man is paying fewer visits to



An elderly woman looks at the steamed bread on sale at a supermarket in Beijing

parks or taking buses less, that will show up in the data. The government can then judge what the disability rate will be in future and prepare a budget plan in advance, Bai said.

Cardholders interviewed said they weren't concerned about a loss of privacy and praised the program as far more convenient than the coupons the government used to give them for the same services.

"I've no worries. Elderly people don't have any secrets," said Liu Huizhen, 84, who was using her card to buy steamed bread in a small supermarket.

"It's hard for elderly people to count" coin-by-coin, Liu said. "And when you take the bus you just swipe the card, it's very simple and convenient."

The State Council, China's Cabinet, issued a plan to promote big data in August, calling for the accessing and sharing of government data to improve governance. In response, the southern province of Guangdong on April 25 announced a strategy promoting the collection and use of big data in areas including the

integration of air and water monitoring information with pollution forecasting, the creation of electronic medical records and the sharing of information on tourists traveling to scenic spots to better manage traffic.

The Guangdong plan also called for the collection of population data on the elderly and a "comprehensive analysis" of their service needs, similar to what Beijing is now offering.

While China is still behind countries such as the United States, Britain and Germany in terms of the development of big data infrastructure, it is unique in its commitment to the project and the speed with which it is progressing, said Zhang Yue, managing director of The Boston Consulting Group in China.

Although China's national and local governments, ministries and departments are the owners of a large quantity of financial, residential and other data, they have yet to share the information among themselves, Zhang said.

"The government has realized that if they want to really take full advantage of [what is in]

their possession they need to integrate those, otherwise the value of the data is quite limited," she added.

At the same time, China needs to deal with the needs of a rapidly aging population, the result of rapid economic development, longer lifespans and a strict, 35-year-long family planning policy that limited births, creating a shrinking working-age population. While the elderly were traditionally looked after by their children, they are increasingly turning to oversubscribed old people's homes or fending for themselves at home, sometimes with the help of visiting caregivers.

## Though geared toward the elderly, the program shows how China is using big data to better direct the use of resources for the country's 1.4b people

Other regional authorities are also using data-gathering to help the elderly, including in the northeastern city of Shenyang. The city is trying to use the information on the 1.6 million older residents in its database to better match them up with its more than 160 old people's homes.

However, none of those efforts are as wide-ranging and integrated as Beijing's own multi-purpose card, which is slated to be expanded to cover the nearly

20 million people aged 60 and above who live in Beijing and the neighboring regions of Hebei and Tianjin city by the end of 2018.

The card functions as ID and gives free access to public transport and public parks. The government also tops up the card with 100 yuan (USD15) each month, and cardholders can activate an additional function to enable them to use it as a bank card onto which money can be transferred from an account.

Zhao Fangjun, strolling along in a park where a row of elderly were sunning themselves one morning, said that in addition to the government subsidy, his mother-in-law transfers 250 yuan (\$38) onto the card each month. He said the card can be used not just in selected shops and restaurants, but also to hire a cleaner and take out a newspaper subscription.

Rogier Creemers, who researches China's governance of technology at the University of Oxford, said China is a world leader in the degree to which it is integrating such functions.

"What allows China to do something like this is the fact that behind everything you have a single unified network of power, which is the Chinese Communist Party," Creemers said.

Some cities, like Nanjing, have social security cards with an e-payment function that can be used for public transport and medical treatment and are available to all residents, not just the elderly. Shanghai, China's most populous city, has just introduced a card for people 65 and over that distributes government subsidies, offers discounts in restaurants and free rides on public transport and can also be used as a bank card. This card doesn't collect big data, however, according to Shanghai government's social security office.

Beijing's database, set up last year, aims to improve home-based care. It includes information on the numbers of elderly living alone, their incomes, and those requiring meal deliveries or simply someone to talk to. Elderly people applying for the card fill out registration forms with government offices found in every neighborhood. **AP**

## HONG KONG

## Activist beaten by police sentenced to prison

**A**Hong Kong activist whose beating by police was caught on video was sentenced yesterday to five weeks in prison on charges related to the confrontation, stirring outrage among pro-democracy supporters.

Local broadcaster RTHK said Ken Tsang was sentenced on charges of assaulting police and resis-



Hong Kong activist Ken Tsang (center)

ting arrest stemming from the October 2014 incident at the height of street protests that had gripped the semiautonomous southern Chinese city.

A TV station videotaped police officers carrying Tsang away in handcuffs and then punching and kicking him in a dark corner of a public park. At the time, demonstrators

protesting Beijing's plans to restrict elections for Hong Kong's top leader were tangling with authorities during a pre-dawn clash for control of an underpass next to city government headquarters.

Tsang, who prosecutors said splashed an unknown liquid on officers trying to clear demonstrators from the underpass, was found guilty last week. Seven officers are to go on trial this week over the beating.

"Even though I'm disa-

ppointed and sad about the legal judgment, I still respect the legal system in Hong Kong," said Tsang, who was freed on bail after he filed an appeal.

"We're going to stand until the last minute. We're going to fight until the end. We never give up," Tsang told reporters. He was surrounded by supporters carrying yellow umbrellas, which became a symbol of the protest movement that brought key sections of the Asian financial hub to a standstill for 79 days. **AP**

Christopher Bodeen, Beijing

# Though largely unknown, Trump finds fans in China

**C**HINA features prominently in the rhetoric of presumed Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, who accuses the country of stealing American jobs and cheating at global trade. In China though, he's only just emerging as a public figure, despite notoriety elsewhere for his voluble utterances, high-profile businesses and reality TV shows.

Although the government has denounced Trump's threats of economic retaliation, many Chinese observers see a silver lining in his focus on economic issues instead of human rights and political freedoms. That could make him an attractive alternative to his likely rival, Democrat Hillary Clinton.

Trump "could in fact be the best president for China," Hong Kong Phoenix Television political commentator Wu Jun said during a recent on-air discussion.

"That's because the Republican Party is more practical and Trump is a businessman who puts his commercial interests above everything else," Wu said. Clinton, on the other hand, "might be the least friendly president toward China."

It's not clear how familiar Trump actually is with China. While he's claimed to have made "billions of dollars dealing with China," he has no known investments in the nation. Chinese, however, are customers for Trump's hotel, golf course and real estate ventures, while Trump-branded clothing and accessories have been made in China.

Trump mentions the country so often that a popular YouTube compilation video [youtube.com/watch?v=RDrfE9I8\_hs] exists in which he says the word China more than 200 times in just over 3 minutes.

Still, Trump was largely unknown in China until his campaign for the Republican nomination began gathering momentum last year.



Chinese fan websites for Donald Trump are displayed on a computer with the words "Donald J. Trump super fan nation, Full and unconditional support for Donald J. Trump to be elected U.S. president"

Trump's call for a 45 percent tariff on imports that would hit China hard has been lambasted by Finance Minister Lou Jiwei, who said enacting such a tariff would cost the U.S. its global leadership.

Still, Chinese are used to American candidates making strong comments about their country during elections, only to moderate their positions once in office, said Nanjing University foreign relations expert Zhu Feng.

"The most important thing is that he or she be solid in their knowledge about China and

know how to strike the right balance," Zhu said.

Many Chinese may also be relieved that Trump is focused so relentlessly on China's role in the U.S. economy, rather than on human rights and similar issues.

Trump's questioning of U.S. foreign military commitments

**Trump could in fact be the best [US] president for China.**

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is also sweet music to the ears of Chinese nationalists who want China to be top dog in Asia and challenge U.S. dominance in the rest of the world. His opposition to the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal, which seeks to offset Chinese influence, also goes down well in Beijing.

The Chinese public, meanwhile, seems unfazed by Trump's anti-immigration stance, with its overwhelming focus on Mexico, and the candidate's vow to bar Muslims from entering the U.S.

In contrast, many Chinese have qualms about Clinton, who as a former secretary of state under Barack Obama is closely associated with

Washington's "pivot" to Asia that has been heavily criticized by Beijing.

Overall, Chinese public sentiment toward Trump appears mixed. Comparing him to a figure from folklore known for sowing chaos, the official Global Times newspaper proclaimed him a symptom of an "American disease."

"I don't think many people knew him as a businessman before the campaign," said Shanghai IT engineer Kong Kong, who was unimpressed with Trump's vaunted political outsider status.

"Politics is not entertainment and simply being fresh may not be a good thing," Kong said. "A lack of political experience and an excess of personality may lead to an imbalance among interest groups and an abuse of authority, which are not good things for America."

Zhong Heng, a Shanghai paralegal, said she regards much of what Trump says as bluster. "He's like an artificial performance-enhancing drug being fed to the American people," Zhong said.

Trump, though, does seem to have won some Chinese supporters, particularly online. There, chat groups such as "Donald Trump Super Fans Club" and "God Emperor Trump" have popped up in recent months. One posting in a Weibo messaging service chat group was unrestrained in its enthusiasm.

"The more I know about Donald Trump," it said, "the more I feel that he's not only saving the U.S., but also the entire world." AP

## SOUTH CHINA SEA

# Beijing lashes out at US defense secretary criticisms



An FA-18 jet fighter lands on the USS John C. Stennis aircraft carrier in the South China Sea while U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter visited the aircraft carrier during a trip to the region

**C**HINA yesterday clashed out at criticism from U.S. Defense Secretary Ashton Carter, accusing him of harboring a Cold War mentality and saying Beijing has no interest in "playing a role in a Hollywood movie" of Washington's design.

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying told reporters Carter's comment last week that China was creating a "Great Wall of self-isolation" was merely an attempt to provide cover for U.S. plans to deploy

additional military forces to the Asia-Pacific region.

Carter's remarks "laid bare the stereotypical U.S. thinking and U.S. hegemony," Hua said at a daily news briefing.

"Indeed, there are some in the U.S. who live physically in the 21st century, but whose minds are stuck in the in the Cold War era," she said.

"China has no interest in any form of Cold War, nor are we interested in playing a role in a Hollywood movie written and directed by certain

U.S. military officials. However, China has no fear of and will counter any actions that threaten and undermine China's sovereignty and security," Hua said.

In a commencement speech Friday at the U.S. Naval Academy, Carter said China wants and enjoys the benefits of free trade and a free internet, but sometimes chooses to restrict both. He said the U.S. also continues to be concerned about Beijing's actions in the disputed South China Sea, whe-

re Beijing has sought to strengthen its claim to almost the entire region by building new islands atop coral outcroppings and adding airstrips, harbors and military infrastructure.

The United States is committed to upholding the freedom of navigation and commerce, and peaceful resolution of disputes, Carter said.

"China's actions [in the South China Sea] challenge fundamental principles, and we can't look the other way," Carter said. AP

Kristen Gelineau, Sydney

AUSTRALIA

# Bleaching kills third of coral in Great Barrier Reef's north

**M**ASS bleaching has killed more than a third of the coral in the northern and central parts of Australia's Great Barrier Reef, though corals to the south have escaped with little damage, scientists said yesterday.

Researchers who conducted months of aerial and underwater surveys of the 2,300-kilometer reef off Australia's east coast found that around 35 percent of the coral in the northern and central sections of the reef are dead or dying, said Terry Hughes, director of the ARC Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies at James Cook University in Queensland state. And some parts of the reef had lost more than half of the coral to bleaching.

The extent of the damage, which has occurred in just the past couple of months, has serious implications, Hughes said. Though bleached corals that haven't died can recover if the water temperature drops, older corals take longer to bounce back and likely won't have a chance to recover before the next bleaching event occurs, he said. Coral that has died is gone for good, which affects other creatures



Mature stag-horn coral bleached at Lizard Island

that rely on it for food and shelter.

"Is it surprising? Not anymore. Is it significant? Absolutely," said Mark Eakin, the coral reef watch coordinator for the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. "We're talking about losing 35 percent of the population of

coral in some of these reefs — that's huge."

The damage is part of a massive bleaching event that has been impacting reefs around the world for the past two years. Experts say the bleaching has been triggered by global warming and El Nino, a warming of parts of the Pa-

cific Ocean that changes weather worldwide. Hot water puts stress on coral, causing it to turn white and become vulnerable to disease. Other reefs have suffered even more severely from the recent bleaching; Some Pacific islands, for example, have reported coral death rates of more than 80 percent, Eakin said.

This is the third and most extreme mass bleaching event in 18 years to strike the Great Barrier Reef. In each case, the areas that suffered the worst bleaching were the areas where the water was hottest for the longest period of time, Hughes said.

This time, the southern half of the reef was spared largely due to a lucky break that arrived in the form of a tropical cyclone. The remnants of the storm which had lashed the South Pacific brought cloud cover and heavy rains to the region, cooling the ocean

enough to stop bleaching that had just begun in the south. About 95 percent of the coral in the southern portion of the reef has survived.

Storms have previously proven very helpful for heat-stressed reefs, Eakin said. In 2005, for instance, the quick succession of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita cooled the waters below as they passed over Florida, sparing the Florida Keys from a serious coral bleaching event affecting the Caribbean.

Experimental approaches to the bleaching dilemma have included attempts to lower water temperatures by using shades to cover corals, Eakin said. But such efforts require massive amounts of preparation and can only be done in small areas, Eakin said. Other solutions may lie in finding ways to minimize additional stressors to the already fragile reef. **AP**

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PHILIPPINES

# Congress proclaims next president, vice president

Jim Gomez, Manila, Philippines

**T**HE Philippine Congress yesterday proclaimed crime-busting Mayor Rodrigo Duterte as president-elect and Rep. Leni Robredo as vice president-elect of a country that has been posting high growth rates but remains saddled with poverty, corruption and insurgencies.

Duterte did not attend the ceremony at the House of Representatives, telling reporters earlier he shuns such ceremonial proclamations. He has stayed in southern Davao city, where ambassadors, well-wishers and potential Cabinet members have met him, since the May 9 elections.

Robredo's three daughters joined her on stage for the brief ceremony. The House speaker and Senate president raised her hands to proclaim her victory as legislators applauded.

"There's a tinge of nervousness," Robredo told reporters earlier. "But maybe it's more of excitement that I'm being given a rare chance to make a difference."

Yesterday's proclamation cements the stunning political rise of Duterte, 71, who won on an audacious promise to eradicate crime and corruption within six months as president. The pledge resonated among many crime-weary Filipinos, although police officials have said it is impossible to accomplish, noting that crime continues to



Congresswoman Leni Robredo is proclaimed Philippine Vice-president elect by Senate President Franklin Drilon (left) and House Speaker Feliciano Belmonte

hound Davao city, where the president-elect has served as mayor on and off for more than 22 years. Human rights groups have expressed alarm over Duterte,

who they suspect instigated extrajudicial killings of many crime suspects by motorcycle-riding gunmen dubbed the Davao death squads. The suspicions have been bolstered by Duterte's public threats to kill drug dealers and other criminals.

Robredo, 52, is a former rights lawyer who helped defend the rural poor in her home province of Camarines Sur southeast of Manila. A year after her husband, a popular reformist politician, died in a plane crash in 2012, she was reluctantly thrust into politics with a successful run for a seat in the House of Representatives.

In the Philippines, presidents

and vice presidents are elected separately, and Duterte and Robredo come from rival parties.

Duterte won by more than 6 million votes over his closest rival, while Robredo finished only about 260,000 votes ahead of second-place candidate Sen. Ferdinand Marcos Jr. Marcos, son of late former dictator Ferdinand Marcos, has raised suspicions of election fraud and has sought an investigation.

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Duterte and Robredo have different styles. The president-elect says his working hours may start at 1 p.m. and run late into the night, while his future vice president has been known as early riser, visiting far-flung rural villages to check on residents.

They also differ on some key issues, including a long-hanging proposal to bury the elder Marcos in a heroes' cemetery, which Duterte says he will allow but Robredo opposes.

"Even if I may disagree with some of his views, I will always assure him that he will have 100 percent of my support," Robredo said. **AP**

## Military says 54 Muslim rebels killed in south

**I**NTENSE fighting between Philippine troops and a little-known Muslim group apparently inspired by the Islamic State group has killed 54 militants and two soldiers, officials said yesterday.

Regional military spokesman Maj. Filemon Tan said the operations against the Maute group began last Thursday in southern Lanao del Sur province's Butig town and were still continuing. He said nine soldiers had been wounded in addition to the two who were killed.

The military fired artillery and launched air strikes "to get the criminals" behind the beheading last month of two sawmill workers, Tan said. He said the workers were forced to wear orange robes while being beheaded, like victims of the Islamic State group. Four other sawmill workers were freed after their

employers negotiated with the captors.

Troops have not retrieved the militants' bodies, but based the count on intelligence reports and on sightings of bodies being carried away by other militants, Tan added.

In February, the group attacked an army outpost in Butig, sparking days of fighting that killed 24 militants and six soldiers, one of whom was beheaded.

Authorities said the group has used black clothing with the symbol of the Islamic State group in Syria and Iraq.

Several small militant factions in the southern Philippines, the home of minority Muslims in the largely Roman Catholic country, have expressed support for the Islamic State group in online videos, but the military says there is no evidence of any direct, active collaboration. **AP**

CAMBODIA

# Police reach deal with opposition on protest

**P**OLICE in Cambodia blocked an opposition protest march yesterday, but avoided possible violence by allowing a convoy of opposition lawmakers to drive through to present a petition complaining of government intimidation to the king.

The compromise, which kept a large group of grassroots opposition supporters from marching to the royal palace, came after the two sides traded threats in reaction to intensifying government pressure on political opponents.

Critics say Prime Minister Hun Sen is stepping up



Riot police officers allow a vehicle of a Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP) lawmaker through a blocked street near their party headquarters

his attacks on the opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party to cripple it ahead of the 2018 general election. The opposition mounted a surprisingly strong challenge to Hun Sen's ruling Cambodian

People's Party in the 2013 general election, which it says it would have won if the government had not committed alleged electoral fraud.

The government recently accused deputy opposition

leader Kem Sokha of carrying on an illicit love affair. The tangled case, which began with recordings of intimate phone calls posted anonymously on the internet, has resulted in a series of charges and counter-charges that could lead to Kem Sokha losing his seat in Parliament, or even being imprisoned.

Earlier yesterday, at a National Assembly session boycotted by the opposition, government lawmakers voted to endorse court orders allowing the arrest of Kem Sokha.

The government pressure, which began last year,

is widely seen as aimed at weakening the opposition by depriving it of strong, charismatic leadership. Opposition leader Sam Rainsy is in exile to avoid imprisonment over a separate legal matter also seen as politically motivated.

Police set up a roadblock yesterday about 500 meters from the opposition party headquarters, from which more than 1,000 followers were planning to march to the royal palace to present a petition to support their demand that the government stop arresting and intimidating

opposition members.

After a standoff of about an hour, during which tensions were high but no clashes broke out, 23 vehicles carrying opposition officials were allowed to pass through. Police Col. Prum Channa said the opposition supporters lacked legal permission to march and could harm public order. A crowd of government supporters was also on the streets, but in a different location.

Yesterday, opposition lawmaker Eng Chhai Eang told a crowd of cheering party members in front of the group's headquarters that the petition had been handed over to palace officials. He said the party would do its best to protect the rule of law from being abused by the government. **AP**

## SWEDEN

# It's raining men! Nordic state sees historic gender balance shift

Karl Ritter, Stockholm

**F**AMOUS for its efforts to put women on an equal footing with men, Sweden is experiencing a gender balance shift that has caught the country by surprise: For the first time since record-keeping began in 1749, it now has more men than women.

Swedes don't quite know what to make of this sudden male surplus, which is highly unusual in the West, where women historically have been in the majority in almost every country. But it may be a sign of things to come in Europe as changes in life expectancy and migration transform demographics.

"This is a novel phenomenon for Europe," said Francesco Billari, a University of Oxford demographer who is president of the European Association for Population Studies. "We as researchers have not been on top of this."

The tipping point in Sweden happened in March last year, when population statistics showed 277 more men than women. The gap has since grown to beyond 12,000. While that's still small in a population of almost 10 million, it's "not unreasonable" to suspect that Sweden will have a big male surplus in the future, said Tomas Johansson, a population expert at the national statistics agency, SCB.

Despite a natural birth rate of about 105 boys born for every



100 girls, European women have historically outnumbered men because they live longer. An Associated Press analysis of national and European Union population statistics suggests women will remain in the majority in most European countries for decades to come. But the number of men per 100 women, known as the sex ratio, is increasing, slowly in Europe as a whole and quickly in some northern and central European countries.

Norway swung to a male surplus in 2011, four years before Sweden, while Denmark and Switzerland are nearing a sex ratio of 100. Germany, which had an unnatural deficit of men after two world wars, has seen its sex ratio jump from 87 in 1960 to 96 last year. Meanwhile, Britain's sex ratio rose from 93 to 97 in the same period. British statistics officials project that men will be in the majority by 2050.

Researchers don't have a clear idea of what happens to a society when the population becomes more masculine.

Tomas Sobotka, of the Vienna Institute of Demography, said in theory a male surplus could increase the bargaining power of women by allowing them to be choosier when picking a partner. But they could also face an increased risk of harassment from frustrated males struggling to find a mate.

Sweden's rapid shift to a male majority — which experts didn't see coming just 10 years ago — has triggered debate among some feminists about the potential impact on women in one of the world's most egalitarian countries.

Statistics officials say Sweden's demographic shift is mainly due to men catching up with women in terms of life expectancy. But the arrival in recent years of tens of thousands of unaccompanied teenage boys from Afghanistan, Syria and North Africa is also having a significant impact.

Sweden's biggest male surplus is in the 15-19 age group, where there are 108 boys for every 100 girls. That imbalance could grow

to 115-to-100 this year when the impact of last year's record number of asylum-seekers — including more than 35,000 unaccompanied minors — is reflected in the population statistics.

Valerie Hudson, director of a program on women, peace and security at Texas A&M University, said this should make Swedes concerned, because her research has linked skewed sex ratios in China and India to more violence against women and higher crime levels.

What's happening in Sweden, Hudson said, "is one of the most dramatic alterations of demography over such a short period of time that I've ever seen." She called it ironic that a country considered a beacon of women's rights isn't paying more attention to the issue.

"Are people thinking about whether this could undermine the gains that have been made by Swedish women over the last 150 years?" Hudson said.

Other feminist researchers disagree.

"Hogwash," said Jacqui True, a professor of politics and international relations at Monash University in Australia.

How many men there are in a population matters less than how much a society is shaped by "hyper-masculine" gender characteristics such as aggression and hierarchies where males are preferred, True said.

Annick Wibben, of the University of San Francisco, said gender

equality is so "deeply embedded" in Swedish society that comparisons with China or India, where sex-selective abortions have resulted in unnatural surpluses of men, don't tell you much.

"The way in which masculinity works in different societies needs to be taken into account," she said.

In Sweden, there's been little discussion about the surplus, perhaps because of the link to immigration, a sensitive subject in the Nordic country.

Equality Minister Asa Regner, of the governing Social Democrats, twice turned down requests to be interviewed. The main opposition party, the center-right Moderates, also declined to comment.

Elsewhere in Europe, the gender balance is stable or tipping further in favor of women in some countries, including Italy, Spain and Greece. But overall, the proportion of men in the 28-nation European Union is increasing slowly, according to the bloc's statistics agency, Eurostat.

Last year there were 12 million more women than men in the EU, which has a population of just over 500 million people. That gap is projected to narrow in coming decades "mainly because of the decreasing gap in life expectancy," said Eurostat spokeswoman Baiba Grandovska.

Experts say men, particularly in western Europe, are living healthier lives than their fathers, drinking and smoking less, and benefiting from better treatment of heart disease. In wealthy countries, men have moved away from mining and other dangerous occupations to safer white-collar jobs.

Eurostat projects the male-female gap will dip below 1 million in 2080. But such projections are highly uncertain, as the Swedish example shows. **AP**

## SENEGAL

# Chad's ex-dictator Habre found guilty, sentence to life for abuses

Carley Petesch, Dakar

**C**HAD'S former dictator Hissene Habre was found guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment for abuses during his time in power, Judge Gberdao Gustave Kam said yesterday at the end of the trial that began in July 2015.

Cheers, whoops of joy and tears greeted the judge's ruling from scores of Habre's former prisoners who hugged each other in the courtroom.

Habre's trial by the Extraordinary African Chambers in the Senegalese cour-

ts began in July last year. It is the first trial in which the courts of one country are prosecuting the former ruler of another for alleged human rights crimes. More than 90 witnesses testified.

Habre was convicted of being responsible for thousands of deaths and tortures in prisons during his rule from 1982 to 1990. A 1992 Chadian Truth Commission accused Habre's government of systematic torture, saying that 40,000 people died during his rule. It placed particular blame on his political police force.

The ex-dictator, who has

lived in Senegal's capital, Dakar, since fleeing Chad in 1990, has denounced his trial as being politically motivated. He and his supporters have disrupted proceedings several times with shouting and singing. He refused legal representation but the court appointed him Senegalese lawyers.

Chad's government, led by President Idriss Deby, who served as Habre's military adviser before pushing him from power, supported the trial.

The trial of Habre was forged by many of those who

had been jailed by Habre's government and who have campaigned for his prosecution for more than 15 years.

"This case was not started by a prosecutor in the Hague, or by the Security Council. The architects, the visionaries of this case, are the Chadian victims themselves and their supporters," said Reed Brody, counsel for Human Rights Watch who has been working on the case since 2000. The work by the survivors to bring Habre to justice influenced all aspects of the trial including



Chad's former dictator Hissene Habre raises his hand during court proceedings in Dakar

the way the charges were framed, he said.

Habre was first indicted by a Senegalese judge in 2000, but legal twists and turns over a decade saw the case go to Belgium and then finally back to Senegal after unwavering pursuit by the survivors.

In 2001, the police force's archives were discovered on the floor of its headquarters in Chad, records which went back to Habre's rule and mention more than

12,000 victims of Chad's detention network.

The extraordinary court was formed by Senegal and the African Union to try Habre for the crimes that took place during his rule.

A second set of hearings on damages for the more than 4,000 registered civil parties will take place in the coming days. The defense has about 15 days to appeal. If they do, an appeals court must be set up. **AP**

Darlene Superville, Washington

USA

# Obama's pets Bo and Sunny living the good life

IT'S hardly a dog's life of just eating and sleeping for President Barack Obama's pets, Bo and Sunny.

The pair of Portuguese water dogs — Bo with his distinctive white chest and front paws, and the all-black Sunny — are canine ambassadors for the White House, very popular and so in demand that they have schedules, like the president.

"Everybody wants to see them and take pictures," Michelle Obama said. "I get a memo at the beginning of the month with a request for their schedules, and I have to approve their appearances."

The dogs have entertained crowds at the annual Easter Egg Roll, and Bo has been at Mrs. Obama's side when she welcomes tourists on the anniversary of the president's inauguration. The dogs also have cheered wounded service members, as well as the hospitalized children the first lady visits each year just before Christmas. In a sign of just how recognized Bo and Sunny are, authorities in January arrested a North Dakota man who they say came to Washington to kidnap one of the pets.

Bo, now 7, joined the Obama family in April 2009. He was a



Bo (right), and Sunny

gift from the late Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., a key supporter of Obama's 2008 presidential campaign who became close to the family. Bo helped Obama keep a promise to daughters Malia and Sasha

that they could get a dog after the election.

Sunny, nearly 4, came along in August 2013.

Bo already had a job as a "helper" to Dale Haney, the head groundskeeper at the

White House, which happens to be a national park.

"He leaves every morning and he goes down with Dale [...] and he's with all the National Park Service guys. And you'll see him, and he's like walking around with them and looking at the plants," Mrs. Obama said. "I think he thinks he has a job because he takes it very seriously. So if I go out and see him, he kind of ignores me when he's with his worker crew people."

The dogs have a pretty nice life. "They can sit on my lap, they sit on my chair, they cuddle with me," Mrs. Obama said. "I like to lay on the floor with them and blow in their face. I like to make them run and chase each other. But they're so cute, I just love to just cuddle them and massage them."

Presidential pets are always popular and many presidents kept dogs as companions. Pre-

sident Harry S. Truman famously advised: "If you want a friend in Washington, get a dog."

President George H.W. Bush's English Springer Spaniel, Millie, "wrote" the best-seller "Millie's Book."

President Bill Clinton's chocolate Labrador Retriever, Buddy, helped Clinton weather the scandal over his affair with White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

President George W. Bush's Scottish Terrier, Barney, had an official web page and starred in "Barneycam" videos that were filmed from a camera hung around his neck. Like Mrs. Obama, first lady Laura Bush was involved with the video scripts and the taping schedule.

President Lyndon B. Johnson angered animal lovers by lifting his pet beagle, Him, by the ears in front of news photographers. AP

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## Offbeat

## NO LIKES FOR UTAH APARTMENT COMPLEX'S FACEBOOK REQUIREMENT

Tenants at a Salt Lake City apartment complex are not giving "likes" to a Facebook-centric condition to their lease.

KSL-TV reports ([bit.ly/1XH25il](http://bit.ly/1XH25il)) that tenants at City Park Apartments received a notice on their doors late last week about a contractual add-on involving Facebook.

According to the document, a new lease agreement mandates that residents "friend" the complex on Facebook within five days of signing or be found in violation.

The document also has a release that permits the property to post pictures of tenants and their visitors on its Facebook page.

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(3D) 7.15 pm

Director: Bryan Singer

Starring: James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender,

Jennifer Lawrence

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 144min



## THE JUNGLE BOOK

ROOM 2

(2D) 2.30, 4.30, 9.30 pm

(3D) 7.30 pm

Director: Jon Favreau

Starring: Neel Sethi, Bill Murray, Ben Kingsley

Language: Chinese (Cantonese)

Duration: 106min



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ROOM 3

2.30, 4.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Park Hyun-gene

Starring: Lee Mi-yeon, Yoo Ah-in, Choi Ji-woo

Language: Korean (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 120min

## MACAU TOWER

19 MAY - 1 JUN

## X-MEN: APOCALYPSE

1.15, 4.00, 6.45, 9.30 pm

Director: Bryan Singer

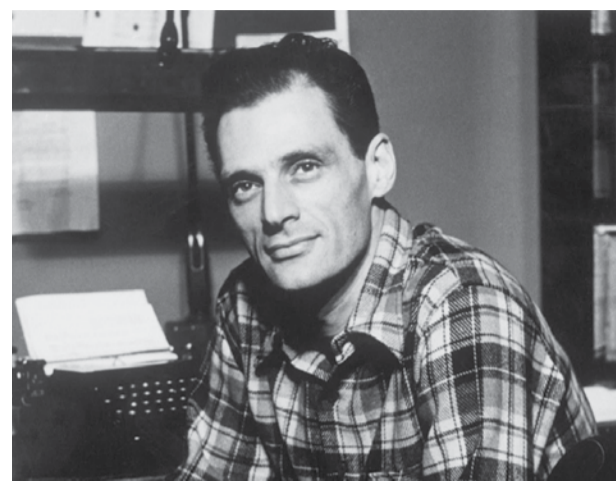
Starring: James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender,

Jennifer Lawrence

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## this day in history



## 1957 ARTHUR MILLER GUILTY OF CONTEMPT

US playwright Arthur Miller has been convicted of contempt of Congress.

The conviction relates to an investigation last year by the House of Representatives' Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) into a Communist conspiracy to misuse American passports.

During the investigation 41-year-old Mr Miller, who is married to Hollywood movie star Marilyn Monroe, refused to reveal the names of alleged Communist writers with whom he had attended five or six meetings in New York in 1947.

He was said to be co-operative in all other aspects of the hearing but told the committee his conscience would not permit him to give the names of others and bring possible trouble to them.

The guilty verdict was announced in a 15-page "opinion" today by Federal Judge McLaughlin who presided over a six-day trial, which ended last week.

During the trial Mr Miller's counsel, Joseph Rauh, had claimed that the questions his client had refused to answer had no reasonable connection with a passports inquiry.

He argued that the committee had simply wanted to expose the playwright and that "exposure for exposure's sake" was illegal.

But Judge McLaughlin found that HUAC did have a valid legislative purpose in looking into the passport regulations and that Mr Miller had indeed experienced his own difficulties in obtaining a passport from the State Department.

The trial was told by the government that Mr Miller had joined the Communist party in 1943 but this was denied by the defendant who said that to the best of his belief he had never been a party member.

He did, however say that "there were two short periods - one in 1940 and one in 1947 - when I was sufficiently close to Communist Party activities so that someone might honestly have thought that I had become a member".

Mr Miller was not in court when the guilty verdict was announced. The maximum punishment for contempt of Congress is one year in jail, a fine of £357 or both.

No date was fixed for sentencing but it is understood the case will automatically go to appeal.

After the trial Mr Miller, who will remain on bail pending the next legal step, said through a spokesman: "I have no comment to make, nor has my wife."

The case is now bound to call into question the whole system of Congressional inquiries and their impingement on individual rights.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

The House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) was set up in 1938 to investigate fascists as well as communists within federal government.

In 1947 it turned its attention to the arts. A group of writers, directors and actors known as the Hollywood Ten were subsequently convicted of contempt of Congress for refusing to answer questions about their political beliefs.

They were blacklisted by Hollywood and over the course of the next 10 years some 320 people were barred from work in the film studios over their alleged membership of the Communist party.

A few weeks after the Miller case, John Watkins won an appeal in the Supreme Court quashing a similar conviction.

On 7 August 1958, after a two-year legal battle to clear his name, Washington's Court of Appeals quashed Miller's conviction for contempt of Congress.

As more convictions of contempt were quashed by the courts of appeal, the committee's influence declined and it was abolished in 1975.

Arthur Miller, the creator of *The Crucible* and *Death of a Salesman*, died in 2005 at the age of 89.



YOUR STARS

Aries

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Your creative powers are peaking today, so make sure that you're dealing with old problems in new ways. It's a really good time for you to brainstorm with your colleagues or family members.

Taurus

April 20-May 20

Try to adopt an air of humility today — even if you couldn't be prouder of your accomplishments. Things are looking up, but people are watching out for signs of ego. Just let it play out.

Gemini

May 21-Jun. 21

Argument is play to you today — though some others may not feel the same way. Still, you should be able to express your opinions without too much trouble as long as you use some care.

Cancer

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Your impulsive side is making waves today, and you should find that you're in a very different place by the time night rolls in. Live it up and enjoy every minute of it. It's back to business soon.

Leo

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

Try to endure the throngs of admirers that have gathered in person or online to celebrate your achievements. Your great energy should help you somewhat, but it's possible you may need some down time later on.

Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

It's a busier day than you would like, but that doesn't mean that you need to work yourself to death. Put off whatever you can until you feel you have room to breathe — you can handle it another day.

Libra

Sep. 23-Oct. 22

Your ambitions are coming alive today — and that's a good thing! Make sure that you're pushing yourself in a bold new direction and asking for any help you need along the way.

Scorpio

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Your boss at work — or anyone else who styles themselves your superior — may be a problem today. This isn't a good time to rock the boat, though, so do what you can to just chill out.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

A surprise upgrade or other kind of improvement brightens your day — and it could come at any time. You may find yourself up in first class, dating that new crush or even promoted to a new job.

Capricorn

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Work is still difficult — or your job search, for that matter. Try to persevere, but it may be a good idea to try a strategic retreat so you can recharge your emotional batteries and come back ready to go!

Aquarius

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

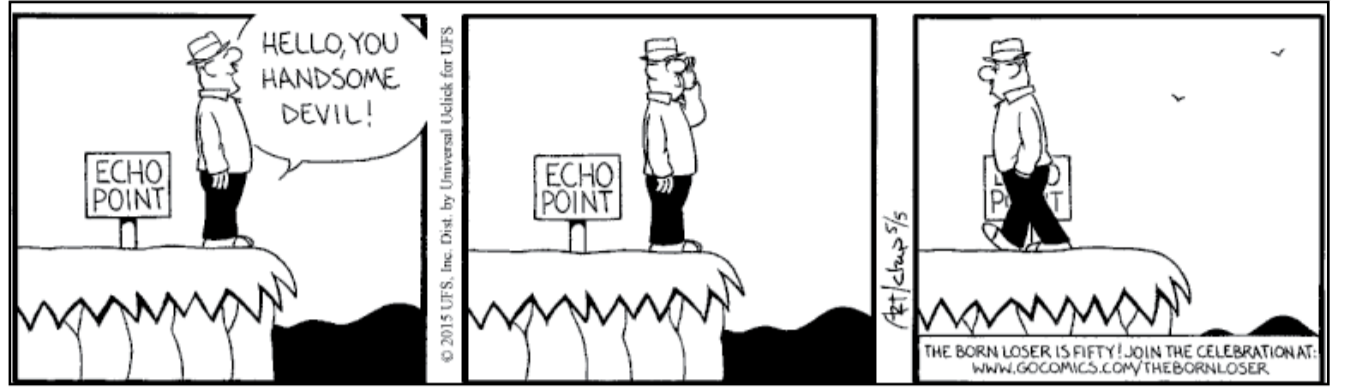
You need to mix it up at work or in whichever group is suffering from in-fighting. Things are looking up — but they aren't likely to improve until this struggle has been put behind you.

Pisces

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Your opinions are important, of course, but you need to either keep them to yourself or go very easy on others today. You may find that people see you as more aggressive than you really are.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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9x9 grid for Easy+ Sudoku puzzle with some numbers filled in.

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9x9 grid for Medium Sudoku puzzle with some numbers filled in.

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9x9 grid for Hard Sudoku puzzle with some numbers filled in.

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Table of weather conditions for various Chinese cities including Beijing, Harbin, Tianjin, etc.

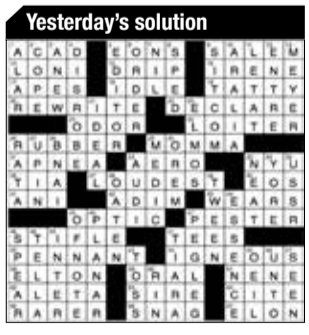
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Table of weather conditions for various world cities including Moscow, Frankfurt, Paris, etc.

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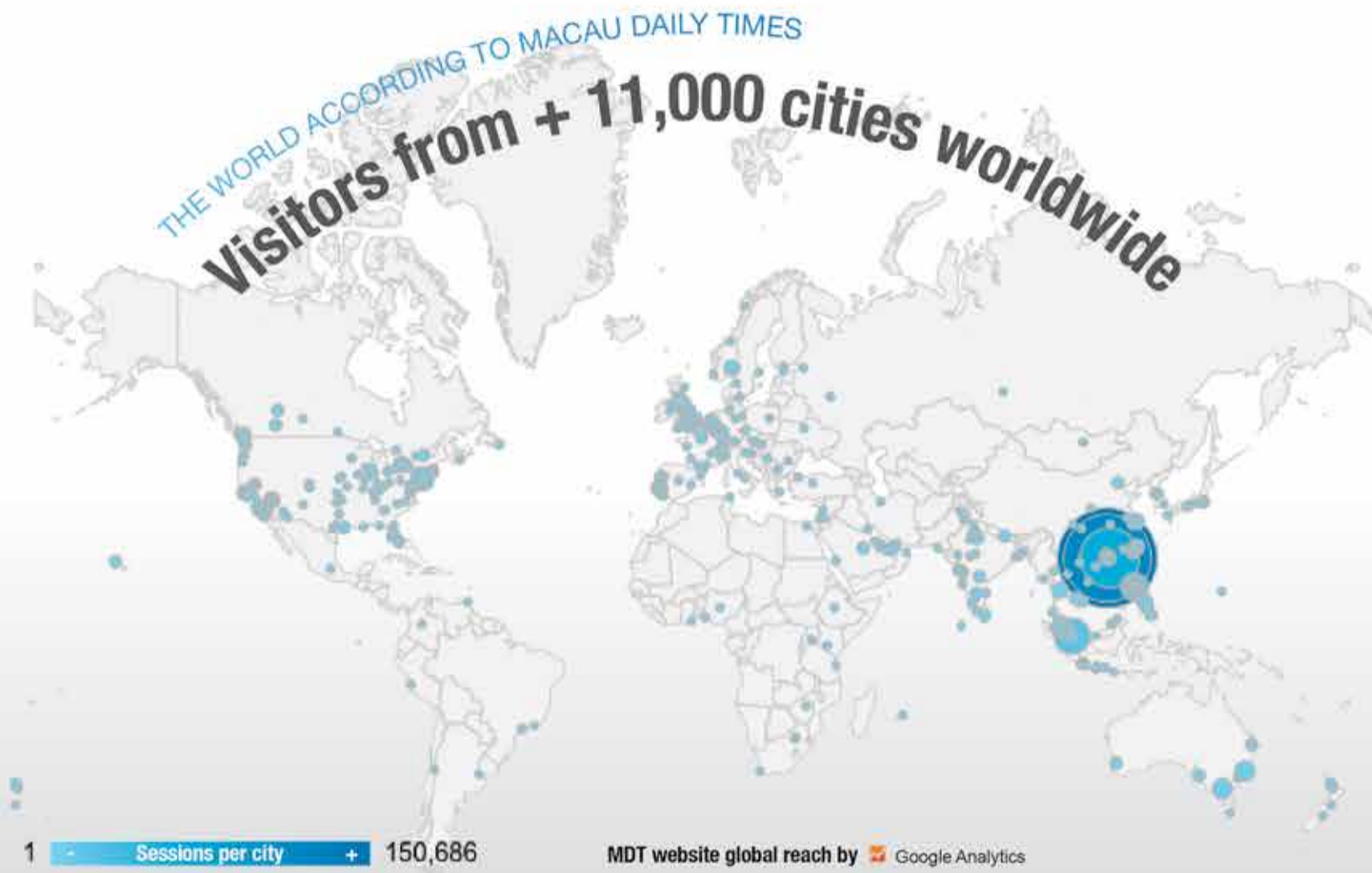
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FOOTBALL | ANALYSIS

# Serial winner Mourinho hired to revive fading Man United

**M**ANCHESTER United needed a serial winner to restore the team's status as a European powerhouse. Jose Mourinho craved an iconic stage like Old Trafford to remind the world of his rare talent as a coach.

It's been inevitable for some time that England's most prestigious club would come calling for soccer's most successful current manager, and confirmation arrived Friday.

United announced the long-awaited hiring of Mourinho on a three-year deal, ushering in an exciting era not just for a club that has slumped as a domestic force since Alex Ferguson's retirement in 2013 but for the soap opera that is the Premier League.

"Jose is quite simply the best manager in the game today," said United executive vice chairman Ed Woodward, after enticing the Portuguese coach on a reported annual salary of 12 million pounds (USD17.5 million).

The stats might just back it up: Mourinho is a two-time Champions League winner, with FC Porto and Inter Milan. He has won eight league titles since 2002 across four countries (Portugal, England, Italy and Spain), three of them coming in the Premier League with Chelsea.

For all his faults, he is as close as it gets in soccer to being a guaranteed trophy winner. And, these days, that is all United wants.

For a club of United's global standing, it has been a disappointing three years since Ferguson's trophy-filled 26-year tenure ended. David Moyes, Ferguson's hand-picked successor, lasted 10 months and Louis van Gaal was fired last week after an underwhelming two years in charge. The 20-time English champions have finished seventh, fourth and fifth in the Premier League and won't even be in the Champions League next season, the biggest factor behind the decision on Monday to terminate Van Gaal's contract early.

Mourinho, with his win-at-all-costs attitude, is the perfect quick fix for United.

"I prefer to forget [United's] past three years and focus on the giant club I have in my hands now," Mourinho said. "I think what the fans are expecting me to say is that I want to win. I think what the players need to [hear] is, I want to win [...] I think we can really, yes."

Mourinho said United has "a mystique and a romance about it which no other club can match," and that he "always felt an affinity with Old Trafford."

"I think I am in the right moment of my career," he added. "United is one of these clubs you need to be prepared for it because it is what I used to call a giant club and giant clubs must be for the best managers."

The 53-year-old Mourinho has been out of work since Decem-



AP PHOTO  
Jose Mourinho

ber when he was fired by Chelsea after a tainted second spell at Stamford Bridge that brought another Premier League trophy but ended with his departure for "palpable discord" with his players. That tenure unraveled in its third year, which is not uncommon for Mourinho. A dynasty builder he is not.

Mourinho's appointment likely will not be universally welcomed by United fans. United has a long-held tradition of giving youngsters and academy graduates a chance, but Mourinho has established a reputation of only looking at the here and now.

His soccer philosophy — win, whatever the style, even if that involves "parking the bus" —

may also be at odds with United's preference for free-flowing, attacking play. Immediate success would change everything, though, and some of Mourinho's teams have been richly entertaining for periods of seasons. Real Madrid's league-winning team of 2011-12 under Mourinho scored 121 goals, for example, blowing away the mighty Barcelona that season.

Away from the field, Mourinho can be a spiky character, and his confrontational and abrasive style with soccer authorities, media and even his own players has courted controversy at times.

He is currently entangled in a legal case with former Chelsea team doctor Eva Carneiro, whom

Mourinho undermined by accusing her of being "naive" for treating an injured player on the field during a Premier League game.

Carneiro is suing Mourinho individually while pursuing a constructive dismissal case against Chelsea that is set to be heard by a public tribunal in June. It could be his first public appearance as United manager.

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"Mourinho is a really good coach, but that's as far as I would go really," United great Bobby Charlton, who is also a director and ambassador at the club, said in 2012.

The hiring of Mourinho could also spell the end for club great Ryan Giggs after nearly 29 years at Old Trafford. Since retiring as a player in 2014, Giggs has been United's assistant coach but that role is set to be given to Mourinho's long-time No. 2, Rui Faria. There was no immediate news on the make-up of Mourinho's backroom staff.

United backed Van Gaal with more than \$350 million in the last two offseasons — money that was largely wasted by the Dutchman. Mourinho should get similar financial support to make additions to a squad that has some obvious deficiencies.

United needs a world-class striker to back up the raw talent of Anthony Martial and Marcus Rashford. Sweden striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic is a likely marquee signing. The team needs a creative playmaker, a fresh central midfield unit and Mourinho also must decide what to do with Wayne Rooney. United's captain was once its stand-out striker but appears to have been reinvented as a deep-lying midfielder.

Mourinho's arrival also puts the spotlight on Manchester next season. Across town, Pep Guardiola will start a three-year contract at Manchester City, ensuring a renewal of a coaching rivalry that started in Spain from 2010-12 when Mourinho was at Real Madrid and Guardiola at Barcelona.

Mourinho first came to global prominence in 2004 when, as Porto coach, he charged down the touchline at Old Trafford in celebration of a winning goal by his team against United in a Champions League match. Twelve years later, he returns to the stadium as United's manager. **AP**

## An Iberian duel in England

**T**HE rivalry between Jose Mourinho and Pep Guardiola is about to be renewed.

After years of spats and high-profile games between the two rival coaches in Spain, they are set to face off again — this time in England.

Guardiola, who used to thrive with Barcelona, will begin his stint at Manchester City next season. Jose Mourinho, who succeeded with Real Madrid, is on his way to Manchester United after his appointment on a three-year contract.

There was plenty of controversy when the two met while coaching the Spanish powerhouses in the early 2010s, with incidents on and off the field.

Barcelona was doing well under Guardiola when Mourinho arrived at Real Madrid in 2010, and in the first game between the two, Barcelona thrashed Madrid 5-0 at the Camp Nou.

In the Copa del Rey final later that year, Real Madrid won the title and Mourinho took his first stab at Guardiola.

After the Barcelona coach lamented a close offside call that ruled out a goal by forward Pedro, Mourinho said that a "new era in football was beginning, one in which coaches criticize the correct de-



AP PHOTO  
Pep Guardiola

isions made by referees, not the wrong ones."

Guardiola said he knew Mourinho well and the Portuguese coach was only trying to provoke him. He said such antics would not work, and he would answer them at an appropriate time.

The response came before Barcelona and Real Madrid played in the semifinals of the Champions League in 2011.

"The teams will meet tomorrow on the pitch, but off the field he has already won, he has won his own Champions off the field," Guardiola said of Mourinho, using an expletive. "In this press conference room, he is the [big] boss, he is the one who knows it all. I don't want to even start competing against him here."

Guardiola said he was surprised by Mourinho's animosity toward him considering they worked together for four years at Barcelona, when Guardiola was a player and Mourinho an assistant coach.

"He knows me and I know him," Guardiola said. "If he prefers to pay more attention to the point of view of the [Madrid-friendly] media and not to the relationship that we had, then he can do it. It's his decision and it's his right."

Later in 2011, during a brawl in a Spanish Super Cup game between the rival teams, Mourinho was caught by television cameras poking the eye of Tito Vilanova, then an assistant to Guardiola at Barcelona.

Guardiola's Barcelona won most of the "clasicos" against Mourinho's Madrid during the three seasons the Portuguese coach was in Spain.

In addition to winning the league in 2011-12, Mourinho also won the Copa del Rey and the Spanish Super Cup titles before ending his stint with Madrid. He and the club parted ways after what Mourinho called his worst season ever in 2012-13.

He was without a job since December after leaving Chelsea following a poor start to the season.

Guardiola won nearly every title possible with Barcelona before leaving the club to join Bayern Munich in 2013.

opinion

**Our Desk**  
 Renato Marques



**WHO CARES... FOR MONEY?**

For those who have brought up conversation topics about local issues, the expression "Who cares?" is certainly not an unfamiliar one...

The fact is, many do not care, or they may avoid doing so. This happens often regarding social and political issues, government decisions and/or policies but the exception seems to be when the topic is about MONEY.

And increasingly, money is such a great thing that it is (apparently) the only thing that cannot be defined as really bad.

For instance, on that topic, the Mexican Bishop Ramon Godinez Flores argued a few years ago that, "Bad money shouldn't be burned. It should be transformed."

The idea of the transformation of this so-called "bad money" into a potentiality can be applied to all sectors of society across the planet, and Macau is no exception. In fact, I dare to say that is "quite a good example."

At least for me, our major industry - Gaming - is exactly that: "a sort of money making machine" or better to say, a "money transformation machine."

I wonder if all that money also has the ability to transform societies, too?

For the societies living in (not around) this "factory," it is difficult not to care about money and its transformations.

Recently, hundreds marched through the streets of the territory once more, because of "money." In this particular case, in opposition to a donation of the MSAR's of RMB100 million (around MOP123m) to Jinan University.

The high level of concern in the population about the topic was due to the fact that they were asking not only for the withdrawal the donation but also the immediate resignation of the chief executive.

What was considered by many as a "large-scale demonstration," was only surpassed by the protests which occurred 2 years ago when thousands surrounded the Legislative Assembly to protest against the so-called "retirement package bill," where the issue was... money!

No other topic seems to gather so much support in a society that seems to be divided (or just not care) about all the other things while being so united about money.

Meanwhile, another phenomenon arose during these times of unusual gathering and consensus on locals about a problem, a phenomenon that I used to call the "gwai lo syndrome."

As most of you are familiar with, the "gwai lo" is the Cantonese term used to address "westerners." Literally it means "ghost person" and although it is considered an improper way to address people, it is widely used as part of the Cantonese vocabulary.

The "gwai lo syndrome," is something I can relate to, as an extreme feeling of non-belonging and/or not relating to the problems of the society in which you are living. It is frequently expressed by the similar "who cares?" and often gets even worse. Its most frequent habitat is social media platforms and comes as an angry and frustrated criticism to the problem that "others" related to, or cherished.

I do not always necessarily agree with the ideas transmitted by the medieval quote "when in Rome, do as the Romans do," but I am pretty sure that to publicly repudiate the values that a society cherishes is most probably the fastest way to reach the stage where nobody "cares"... about you!

**THE BUZZ CHINA: CLIMBERS WHO FOUND REMAINS OF RENOWNED MOUNTAINEER RETURN**

A Swiss climber who found the long-lost bodies of a renowned mountaineer and his cameraman on one of the world's tallest mountains said it took days for him and his climbing partner to realize whom they had found.

Mountaineer Ueli Steck said he and David Goettler were attempting to climb China's Mount Shishapangma and saw the bodies

on a glacier at a height of 5,900 meters (19,350 feet).

It was only when they got back to base camp after their failed attempt that they thought the bodies may have been of Alex Lowe and David Bridges, who were swept away by an avalanche in 1999 and had been attempting to climb the world's 14 highest mountains.

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**WORLD BRIEFS**

**PHILIPPINES** Officials say days of intense military operations have killed 54 Muslim militants from a largely unknown group that authorities say have ties with Islamic extremists from Indonesia and have carried out beheadings apparently influenced by the Islamic State group. The military says the death count is based on intelligence reports.



**CAMBODIA** Police are blocking opposition activists from staging a protest march, as both sides spar over intensifying government pressure on its critics. [More on p13](#)



**RUSSIA-TURKEY** Turkish Deputy Prime Minister Numan Kurtulmus said after a Cabinet meeting yesterday: "I am of the opinion that there is no problem that cannot be overcome. I hope that it will be possible for the countries to resolve the problem through dialogue."



**SENEGAL** Chad's former dictator Hissene Habre was found guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment for abuses during his time in power, Judge Gberdao Gustave Kam said yesterday at the end of the trial that began in July 2015 in Senegalese courts. [More on p14](#)



**MEXICO** International football player Alan Pulido has been rescued in north-east Mexico hours after he was kidnapped, officials say. Pulido, 25, appeared with a bandaged hand and told reporters he was "very well". Officials said the rescue operation was carried out yesterday night [Macau time], without giving more details.

**Woman fails to save friend in Australian crocodile attack**



A woman struggled in vain to drag her friend from a crocodile's jaws off a northeast Australian beach, police said yesterday.

The pair were in shallow water at Thornton Beach in the World Heritage-listed Daintree National Park in Queensland state when the 46-year-old woman was taken by the crocodile late Sunday, Police Senior Constable Russell Parker said.

"Her 47-year-old friend tried to grab her and drag her to safety but she just wasn't able to do that," Parker told the Australian Broadcasting Corp.

Police said the women were swimming in waist-deep water, while paramedics reported they were wading in knee-deep water when the crocodile struck.

A rescue helicopter fitted with thermal imaging equipment failed to find any

trace of the missing woman Sunday night, Parker said, with the search resuming yesterday with a helicopter, boat and land-based search teams.

The missing woman is from Lithgow in New South Wales state.

The survivor from Cairns, 93 kilometers south of Thornton Beach, was taken to a hospital in Mossman suffering from shock and a graze to her arm inflicted as the crocodile brushed against her, Queensland Ambulance Service spokesman Neil Noble said.

"The report that we have from the surviving woman is that they felt a nudge and her partner started to scream and then was dragged into the water," Noble told ABC.

The two women might not have been aware that the area was well known as a crocodile habitat, Parker

said.

But Warren Entsch, who represents the area in the Australian Parliament, said the beach was beside a creek where tourism operators run crocodile-spotting tours. Entsch said the two tourists had to have seen plentiful crocodile warning signs in the region.

"You can't legislate against human stupidity," Entsch said. "If you go in swimming at 10 o'clock at night, you're going to get consumed."

The attack occurred near where a 5-year-old boy was taken and killed by a 4.3-meter (14-foot) crocodile from a swamp in 2009 and a 43-year-old woman was killed by a 5-meter (16-foot) croc while swimming in a creek in 1985.

Darwin-based crocodile expert Grahame Webb said while most crocodiles were found in rivers, swamps and other protected waterways, open beaches in northern Australia were not safe.

"There've been quite a lot of attacks off beaches and off coral reefs where people are snorkeling," Webb said.

Crocodile numbers have boomed across Australia's northern tropics since they became a protected species under federal law in 1971, and they pose an increasing threat to humans. **AP**

**THE DECISIVE MOMENT**

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**Wanda vs Disney.** A security guard opens the entrance doors for the grand opening of the Wanda Mall in Nanchang, Jiangxi province. China's largest private property developer, the Wanda Group, opened an entertainment complex over the weekend that it's positioning as a distinctly homegrown rival to Disney and its USD5.5 billion Shanghai theme park opening next month.