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## WORLD BRIEFS



**CHINA** A tornado and hailstorm killed at least 98 people as it swept over a city's outskirts of the city of Yancheng in Jiangsu province, destroying buildings, smashing trees and flipping vehicles on roofs. More on p11

**THAILAND** Rescuers are searching for an air force helicopter a day after contact was lost during heavy rains. Radar contact with the Bell UH-1 helicopter with three crewmen aboard was lost Saturday afternoon and an initial search was suspended due to the rains. Air force spokesman Air Vice Marshal Pongsak Semachai said yesterday that the helicopter was on a mission to resupply a radar station in Chanthaburi province, 215 kilometers east of Bangkok.

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## Wushu school performed for the public



The Escola de Wushu Juvenil de Macau organized a youth fellowship festival yesterday at the international Shooting Range. The school's students performed the basic Wushu movements for the public. The Wushu show, performed by both parents and children, was presented in addition to some games that were available at the venue. According to a Sports Bureau statement, the students' parents were invited to watch the outcome of their children's learning process. In addition, the school wanted the public to know more about the school's daily training and about its current operation.

## Hockey association celebrates Olympic Day



The Macau Hockey Association has organized the "Women's Hockey 7s Cup" to celebrate the Olympic Day and promote field hockey to the local community, making it the first event of its kind to be held in Macau. The participating teams included St. Paul School, Rotaract Club of Macau and Hockeies, attracting nearly 40 female players. According to the association's statement, the competition is an opportunity to reach out and attract new people to share in the love for field hockey. The association also said there will be several new activities to follow that will contribute to the development of women's, youth, and school hockey in Macau.

## Macau Legend project cleared

The Cape Verde General Prosecutor's Office has cleared casino services firm Macau Legend Development from accusations that its gaming project in the country does not comply with legal requirements. Cape Verdean authorities found no sign of illegality concerning the USD282.3 million (MOP2.26 billion) resort. This decision is the culmination of a probe launched earlier this year after a former chairman of the Cape Verde Architects Order filed a petition. The casino, which began construction in March after a groundbreaking ceremony presided over by the company's CEO David Chow, will include hotel and tourism facilities. Macau Legend has been awarded a 25-year gaming license in Cape Verde that will remain exclusive for the first 15 years.



### EDUCATION

## EPM and MAC win school touch rugby competition

**T**he International School of Macao (TIS) hosted Macau's first touch rugby competition on Saturday.

According to a statement sent to the Times by the organizers, the winner of the boys' competition was the Portuguese School of Macau (EPM) team, which remained unbeaten throughout the day. Two teams from TIS and one from Macau Anglican College (MAC) also represented their schools.

The girls' competition was between MAC and TIS, with the scores tied after two matches. In a thrilling playoff, members from each team were gradually removed, until MAC scored the winning try.

The event was sponsored by the Macau Bats Rugby Club, which is more commonly known for playing contact rugby. Club President Simon Carrington said: "This has

been a great event and the children have really enjoyed it, despite the heat. Although our club only offers touch rugby for 5-8 year olds, touch rugby is a great way for children to start learning ball skills and to keep fit. Our aim is to promote all forms of rugby in Macau, both inside and outside schools."

Last year the Asian Rugby Football Union appealed to all Asian rugby associations to get more schools playing touch rugby. Since then, touch rugby has been offered at three international schools in Macau. The School of the Nations has also agreed to add touch rugby to its sports curriculum from next term, and the Macau Rugby Club offers support and training to other schools wishing to join in.

However, according to the statement sent to the Times, the process has not been en-



tirely smooth. One of the coaches at Saturday's competition explained that government-owned playing fields can only be used by schools for football. Although TIS has its own full-sized grass pitch, other schools do not, meaning that they are unable to play field sports other than football. One teacher was asked about how they held the training sessions for the competition. "We tried to use the astroturf pitch at the Taipa stadium but were turned away when the security guards saw the shape of the

ball. Some of our players had never even touched a rugby ball until today's competition," he said.

Simon Carrington criticized the local Sports Bureau (ID): "The motto of the ID is 'Sport for All', however in reality it is 'no field sports except for football' for our school children. This is really disappointing not just for rugby, but what about field hockey, softball, and other sports? Not all school children are gifted at football, and other field sports need to be made available to them. I would ask the government to urgently review this facilities usage policy, and to add more all-weather pitches."

Carrington said that the Macau Bats Rugby Club resumes rugby training (for boys and girls born in 2011 and earlier) in mid-September.

### WHAT IS TOUCH RUGBY?

**TOUCH RUGBY** refers to games derived from rugby in which players do not tackle each other in the traditional way. In the Macau tourna-

ment, teams of 12 players attempted to get the oval-shaped ball into the end zone without being touched by the opposition.

## Gov't expects limited 'Brexit' impact

**T**he government says it is paying close attention to developments unfolding since the United Kingdom opted for a "Brexit" in its referendum last week, though it believes the decision will have a limited impact on Macau. According to the Government Information Bureau (GCS), a "response mechanism" has been established to address any potential economic impact of Britain's exit from the European Union on the MSAR.

Despite the response, GCS says that the government is expecting "only a limited impact" on Macau to follow, since the MSAR has "little direct trade with the UK." Furthermore, Macau's economy is unlikely to be significantly affected by changes in stock markets that are responsive to conditions in the UK.

The Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lionel Leong, visited the headquarters of the Macau Monetary Authority on Friday to gain a better understanding of Macau's strategy to minimize economic risk to the city due to external events. According to GCS, Leong has already briefed the Chief Executive on the MSAR's arrangements regarding these risks.

The government would take all necessary measures in order to ensure the stability of Macau's economy and finances, Secretary Leong said on Friday, as cited by GCS.

Around 0.35 percent of Macau's MOP150.5 billion foreign currency reserves is denominated in GBP, minimizing the impact on the city of the 11 percent drop in the price of the pound that oc-

curred on Friday. Macau's fiscal reserve is larger, estimated to be in excess of MOP430 billion, not including the government surplus from 2015.

The government is closely monitoring occurrences in the international economy in order to update its investment portfolio. Likewise, members of the public are urged to pay extra attention in the near future regarding risk management, in particular when investing in stock markets.

The region's sound public finances, well-established fiscal reserve system, stable linked exchange rate system and healthy financial system would shelter the city from such volatility in international markets, according to an analysis published by GCS. **DB**

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TRANSPORTATION

# Local airport continues to grow

**F**ROM January until mid-June of 2016, the number of passengers and of aircraft movements handled by the Macau International Airport (MIA) increased by 16 percent and 6 percent, respectively, when compared to the same period last year, according to a statement by MIA.

Air passenger traffic in mainland China, Taiwan, and Southeast and Northeast Asia expanded by over 3 percent, 25 percent and 22 percent respectively, against the same period last year.

These increases indicate that MIA maintained steady growth. Until mid-June of the current year, MIA recorded around 830,000 passengers using Macau-Taiwan aviation services. This figure represents a jump of 25 percent when compared



against the same period of the previous year. On average, the load factor is 75 percent. The main source of passengers is Taiwan residents who account for 55 percent of the total. In turn, residents in mainland China account for 30 percent, while Macau residents comprise most

of the remaining 15 percent. Thailand remains a popular tourist destination. As of mid-June, the number of passengers flying to Thailand increased 28 percent over the same period. The source of passengers is mainly mainland China, accounting for 60 percent, followed by

Macau and Thailand residents. Recently, TransAsia Airways and Thai Smile made a formal announcement to indicate that they will suspend their entire Taiwan-Macau services, effective from the end of October.

MIA states that the withdrawal is expected to be temporary and not have any significant impact on passengers.

The airport adds that some China Taiwan-Macau operators have planned to increase their flow of passengers along the Macau-Taiwan route in the fourth quarter of 2016 in order to meet market and passengers' demands. The current frequency of flights between Macau and Bangkok should be able to satisfy the needs of passengers, according to claims from the airport's spokespeople. **Staff reporter**

## Xu Yingzhen to be the new Forum Macau head

Xu Yingzhen will be the new Secretary-General of the Permanent Secretariat of Forum Macau, according to weekly Catholic newspaper "O Clarim." Xu's appointment was reportedly disclosed by China on Wednesday during a meeting between the Chinese Minister of Commerce, the ambassadors of the Portuguese-speaking countries in Beijing, and a delegation of Forum Macau. Xu Yingzhen is currently working at the Chinese Ministry of Commerce as a department head for Latin America. The replacement of the current Secretary-General, Chang Hexi should take place during the coming fifth Ministerial conference schedule for November this year.

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# More child abuse cases are being reported

**T**HE Against Child Abuse (Macau) Association Child Protection Centre organized a ceremony on Saturday to commemorate its 10th anniversary. During the event, the association revealed that the center received 66 consultation inquiries last year, and that 30 of them were suspected of being related to child abuse, according to a report by Macao Daily News.

Twenty seven inquiries were from mothers, while 8 were from relatives; the rest were from social workers, neighbors and other parties. From all inquiries, 15 were linked to physical abuse, 4 cases were related to more than one kind of abuse, and 3 reported sexual abuses.

Twelve mothers were

found to be the abusers in these reported cases, while in another six cases fathers were found to be the abusers. In four reported cases, both parents were the abusers. 4 cases made accusations against domestic helpers and teachers. A total of 62 children were involved, evenly divided by gender.

According to the center, last year it received the highest

number of assistance requirements since its opening in 2006. Regarding the current year, the number of cases that it has dealt with is already close to 50 percent more than last year's total.

The association urges parents and schools to pay closer attention to children in order to increase the prevention of child abuse.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES SURGE IN THE REGION

**THE SOCIAL** Welfare Bureau (IAS) revealed that the reported number of domestic violence surged in the first quarter of this year, saying that there are already 14 cases of such violence on children recorded during

Q1. The number of reported cases is equivalent to the total number of such acts recorded last year. IAS believes that this can be attributed to the fact that residents have become more accustomed to reporting such crimes.



## ARTS

# IC launches painting exhibition by French artist

**T**HE Cultural Affairs Bureau launched the exhibition "Plis & Replis 3 - Works by Noël Dolla" on Friday at Tap Seac Gallery, showcasing 32 works by French artist Noël Dolla.

As part of Le French May Festival 2016, the exhibition is organized by the bureau and co-organized by the Consulate General of France in Hong Kong and Macau, the Alliance Française de Macau and the Bernard Ceysson Gallery.

In the early 1960s, Dolla participated in the process that led the new phase of the avant-garde art movement, said IC in a statement. Breaking with the traditional form

of the picture, his works were then made of mundane materials, discarding the usual materials and structures, using abstract painting to represent his reflections and studies on the essence of painting.

The exhibition, which features Dolla's works over 40 years of his creative career, also comprises photographs of a wide array of other works exhibited by the artist around the world. It is hoped that this will introduce to the public the painter's diversity of works and creative ideals. The exhibition also aims to share the vitality and creative thinking of the French artist, said the statement.

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**T**HE Macao Community Development Initiative (MCDI) has sharply criticized the government's Five-year Development Plan. Ng Kuok Cheong, who is a member of the association together with Au Kam San, said during a press conference held on Friday that the plan is merely, "a promotional booklet from the local government without any real value."

Ng noted that the region's first five-year plan is different from similar plans that have been implemented for a long time in mainland China. "In China, the 5-year plan is a real plan expressing what they propose to do in the 5-years' time period. They plan, draft and they announce and when the time is up the plan must be finished," the lawmaker said. "In Macau it is different. This plan is only

a promotion booklet because the Macau government sent officials to Central Government to learn about their 5-year plan and once they got back they wanted immediately to show that they did their 'homework' to please the Central Government," he concluded.

During the press conference, the association stated that the government's five-year plan is "insubstantial, vain and with a serious lack of objectively measured goals and milestones." He added that "it doesn't address Macau's major problems or present any solutions" for the same problems.

According to lawmaker Ng, one of the main topics to be addressed in a mid-term plan was the topic of democratization of the region, following what is stated in the territory's Basic Law.

With that in mind, the association is presenting an alternative plan,

NG KUOK CHEONG

# 'Five-year plan is merely a promotional booklet'



Aspect of Friday's press conference

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As Ng Kuok Cheong said, "Our proposal is according to Macau's Basic Law that allows changes on the proportion of the directly elected, indirectly elected and appointed legislators. We want to do this step by step, by firstly cutting down the appointed legislator seats to the minimum, and then trying to persuade the indirect election sectorial groups to change their political participation."

Ng added that the association's proposal allows sectorial groups to have political participation; however, they argue that the participation should not be through indirect elections but instead through direct elections as well as the participation in other committees and groups according to the sectorial area of expertise.

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which included a development plan regarding the elected seats at the Legislative Assembly (AL) from the current date until 2025. The aim

is to reach (in 2025) a system where 32 out of the 33 lawmaker seats are occupied by directly elected lawmakers. The result would be achieved

by a gradual reduction on the indirectly elected lawmakers who would be successively replaced by those elected by the population.

## 'Police are testing the decision of the new prosecutor-general'

**QUESTIONED** by journalists on the sidelines of the press conference organized by the Macao Community Development Initiative (MCDI), lawmaker Ng Kuok Cheong commented on the case that involves New Macau Association president Scott Chiang.

Chiang was questioned by the police and named suspect in a case of disorderly conduct regarding the May 15 protest against a RMB100 million (MOP123 million) donation to Jinan University.

"Police are [testing] some new ways to deal with the pro-

tests. In the past years, similar behavior didn't lead to any investigation," Ng said.

According to Ng Kuok Cheong "there are two reasons for this [change in police attitude]: The change of the [public] prosecutor-general led them to try the new decision;

and second, the decision of the final appeal court (TUI) has been strengthening them since they have already won the case relating to the route of the protest. The lawmaker added: "The police want to input more limitations on the protest, they have been doing this for the last few years, but now they think that there is a new opportunity. They are trying to do more in terms of limitations and it is easier to justify an accusation." RM

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# São João Festival growing bigger every year

Renato Marques

**T**HE 10th edition the São João [Saint John] Festival that took place over the weekend in the St Lazarus district, had more space, more diversity and more visitors when compared to those of previous years.

This trend was confirmed to the Times by one of the organizers, Maria Amélia António, the president of Casa de Portugal (House of Portugal).

"[The festival] started slowly on Saturday afternoon and grew over the evening. I can say there were more people this year, a lot more in fact," she said, adding that the 10 new booths added to this year's edition also contributed for an additional diversity and quantity of products available.

The organizer said the street party, which includes folklore music performances and stands that sell Portuguese products, is "on the right path" and has set goals to spread out along the adjacent streets. "To expand is always the goal but we can't do it without new things, new people and new entities joining," António remarked.

To get "more youngsters to join and to get involved leading them to understand that this party is for the whole city and everyone in it" is also one of the aims of the event, she said.

However, the law on noise control that establishes a closing time of 10 p.m. is creating obstacles. Regarding the topic, Amélia António, recognized that "people are aware and were warned for that. We know it's the way things work and we can't change the law."

Axel, a tourist from Germany visiting the event, told the Times: "I had no idea this was going on, I just bumped into it while visiting the area."

"We had researched about the area and we were interested in the heritage and historical monument," he mentioned.

Regarding the party he said it was "very interesting" and although he was not fully aware of the reasons behind it, he easily realized it had some "Portuguese related motivations" and his wife couldn't resist buying some Portuguese delicacies in one of the food stalls.

Another visitor, Eva, is a mainland China resident currently working in the territory. Like Axel, she said she discovered

the event "by chance while showing the city to a friend."

Being at the event for the first time, her first thoughts were that it "is something special" and a "good idea," adding that it "should happen more often."

Donald and Kitty, a couple of Macau residents also at the event for the first time, admitted that they heard about it "through a friend's social network post" on Saturday night and decided to go to it. They were hoping to find "good food and nice music," they said to the Times.

As for the party, the lively ambience, the live music and the grilled sardines kept drawing fans around for a glass of beer or sangria.

## 'Visitors exceeded expectations'

**O**NE of the organizers of the street festival, Miguel de Senna Fernandes, the president of the Macanese Association (ADM) said the outcome of this year's "São João" is "excellent," adding, "although we were expecting more people to join the party this year, the participation exceeded our expectations."

As for the aims of future editions, Fernandes has no doubts in saying that "to gather participants from the Chinese community is the goal," adding that this year's edition saw an effective effort undertaken to meet this goal.

The organizer admitted that the idea to move the festival to another location "was evaluated in the past," but now concludes that the St Lazarus district is definitely the best place to hold the event because "there is no other place in the city with the same spirit."

Pleased with the added space, the organizer said: "Now we have more space and we need to fill it with meaningful activities," adding that now it is necessary to "sustain and branch off the festival into other streets." In order to achieve that, he remarked, they will need "a lot of support from the Chinese community that so far has been only a visitor and a bystander."

"We want them [the Chinese community] to fully come to the festival and effectively participate and 'give color' to the event," he concluded.

## Int'l trade event kicks off at CCM



The first session of the Pearl River Delta Academy of International Trade and Investment Law (PRAIA) event will be hosted at the Macao Cultural Center (CCM) from today until Friday. The series of seminars aims to provide education and training on areas such as international investment law, international trade, investment treaty interpretation and dispute settlement, and selected current issues of transnational law and policy. It focuses particularly on Asian countries but its coverage is worldwide. It is designed for postgraduate students, early-career academics and researchers, and early-career lawyers working in the government or private sector. PRAIA, supported by the Macao Foundation, is based on cooperation between the Institute of European Studies of Macau, Peking University Shenzhen Graduate School and Peking University School of Transnational Law, where the second and final sessions will take place between July 4 and 8.

## Taipa slope listed as highly dangerous

The Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau (DSSOPT) listed T-127 slope at Estr. Lou Lim Ieok as highly dangerous. The department opened bidding yesterday for the contract for renovation and reinforcement projects to be undertaken on the slope site. According to a report by Jornal Cheng Pou, the project is likely to start in the fourth quarter of this year, and to be in operation for a period of around 240 construction days. The slope is estimated to be 12 meters high, 250 meters long, to have an area of 2,600 square meters, and it consists of a man-made part. In recent years, small-scale stone fallings have been reported over the area.

## PSP intendant crashes while driving drunk

While driving his own private vehicle, an intendant of the Public Security Police Force (PSP) bumped onto a traffic island in the middle of a crossing at the Estr. Alm. Marques Esparteiro on Saturday. The suspect is aged between 50 and 60. The PSP has stated that the driver had a blood alcohol concentration above the legal limit at the time the accident took place. The man's hands and head were injured, but no other parties were injured in the incident.

### TOURISM

## IACM launches virtual guide to its headquarters

**L**OCATED in the city's historical center, the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) headquarters are found in one of the most emblematic buildings of Macau – the ex-Loyal Senate – which is a reference for both the Macau residents and tourists. The bureau decided to launch a "virtual guide" to the IACM headquarters building.

According to a press release issued by IACM, the system is



accessible via smart phone or other mobile devices and allows "virtual visitors" to learn more about the history of the building as well as take part in a tour of the building.

The decision of IACM acknowledges that the use of mobile devices is a current trend that will allow visitors to explore and learn in more detail about the different parts of the building as well as its historical value and importance.

The application divides the building into four areas: entrance, courtyard, garden and lounge. In each of those it is possible to find the layout of the area as well as lists of items of interest, images and recordings that allow visitors to enjoy a more personalized guided tour.

The system is available in four languages: Cantonese, Mandarin, Portuguese and English. The app will be accessible through a QR code.

# HK stocks tumble most in four months as HSBC leads losses

Kana Nishizawa, Kyoungwha Kim

**H**ONG Kong stocks plunged on Friday, led by HSBC Holdings Plc and Standard Chartered Plc, after the U.K.'s vote to leave the European Union spurred global market turmoil.

The Hang Seng Index slumped 2.9 percent at the close, its biggest drop since Feb. 11, on volumes that were more than double the 30-day average. It earlier sank as much as 5.8 percent. HSBC, which gets a third of its revenues from Europe and has the second-largest weighting on the Hong Kong stock gauge, declined 6.6 percent. London-based Standard Chartered capped its biggest slump in almost four years. The pound plunged the most ever as a final tally showed 52 percent of U.K. voters opted to leave the EU.

Many companies in the former British colony have strong ties to the former ruling power, including parts of Li Ka-Shing's empire, according to Partners Capital International Ltd., while the broader impact of a so-called Brexit would also hurt European firms listed in the city, said Jefferies Group LLC.

Friday's declines come after the Hong Kong benchmark measure climbed for the past five days, with HSBC jumping almost 10 percent, as polls boosted speculation the U.K. would vote to remain in the European bloc.

"There's been some panic," said Jackson Wong on Friday, associate director at Huarong



The flag of the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Ltd. (HKEx) (left) flies from a mast outside the Stock Exchange buildings

International Securities Ltd. in Hong Kong, who received selling orders from concerned investors once the results tilted towards Britain's exit. "It was pretty much a sure thing that Britain would remain, and even this morning the polls were showing that remain was slightly leading at one point. But it all went downhill from there."

The Hang Seng Index fell to 20,259.13, snapping a five-day, 4.1 percent advance. The Hang Seng China Enterprises

Index, a measure of mainland companies traded in Hong Kong, retreated 2.9 percent. The Shanghai Composite Index dropped 1.3 percent, extending its loss this year to 19 percent. The offshore yuan slid 0.8 percent, its biggest decline since January.

While Hong Kong markets were being sold off, mainland investors piled in through a stock link program with Shanghai, using up more than half the available daily quota - the most since April last year. The

flows didn't reciprocate, with foreigners being a net seller of mainland stocks.

The unexpected Brexit outcome buckled global markets. Sterling tumbled as much as 11 percent, the euro slid by the most since it was introduced in 1999 and the yen surged. Oil sank almost 4 percent to about USD48 a barrel and industrial metals slumped. Gold soared with U.S. Treasuries as investors piled into haven assets.

Hong Kong has made pre-

parations and has adequate liquidity for whatever the result is of the Brexit vote, Radio Television Hong Kong reported, citing Financial Secretary John Tsang.

"Hong Kong is a very open market so if anyone wants to exit, it's very easy," said Ronald Wan, chief executive at Partners Capital in Hong Kong. "It's more vulnerable than other markets."

Billionaire Li's Cheung Kong Infrastructure Holdings Ltd., which received 28 percent of its revenue from the U.K. last year, sank 5.5 percent, the second-biggest loss on the Hang Seng Index and its biggest decline since 2012.

Li, Hong Kong's richest man, had this week called for Britons to vote in favor of staying in the EU. As one of the U.K.'s biggest investors, Li has much at stake. He said three months ago he would scale back investments in the country if Britain broke away.

"If Brexit happens, it will be detrimental to the U.K. and it will have a negative impact to the whole of Europe," Li told Bloomberg Television's Angie Lau in an interview. "Of course I hope that the U.K. doesn't leave the EU."

PetroChina Co. declined 4.4 percent in Hong Kong to lead losses by energy producers as oil tumbled. Galaxy Entertainment Group Ltd. paced declines by Macau casino operators. Li & Fung Ltd., the sourcing company that supplies clothes and toys to U.S. retailers such as Wal-Mart Stores Inc., sank to a 12-year low.

While investors have focused on Brexit this week, concerns about China's economic slowdown helped send bearish bets on the largest exchange-traded fund tracking the nation's shares in Hong Kong to the highest level since March 2015. Data on the nation's industrial profits and manufacturing are expected next week. **Bloomberg**

## corporate bits

### WYNN AND ACM ORGANIZE SME PROCUREMENT PARTNERSHIP MEETING



Wynn Resorts Macau is partnering with the Macau Chamber of Commerce (ACM) to organize the "2016 Second Quarter Wynn Local SME Procurement Partnership Meeting - Facilities Session" on July 11 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Wynn Macau's grand ballroom.

The "Second Quarter Wynn Local SME Procurement Partnership Meeting" will focus on "Facilities", a major procurement category. Small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) that run related businesses can register on or before July 1.

According to Wynn Resor-

ts' press release, the second quarter procurement partnership meeting will focus on the facilities category, which includes Carpentry and Painting Supplies; Construction Materials; Hardware and Tools; Facility Service and such.

In order to support the local government's policy of giving priority to local suppliers and cultivating local small and medium enterprises (SMEs), the Programme developed by Wynn and ACM aims to target local enterprises. Through this program, Wynn will provide a list of procurement items in 36 categories, with each quarter to focus on one major area ranging from food & beverage to hotel operation, facilities and other categories.

### MELCO CROWN, DFS GROUP EXPAND CITY OF DREAMS' RETAIL AREA

Melco Crown Entertainment Limited and DFS Group unveiled together the expansion of City of Dreams' retail area, which is managed and operated by T Galleria by DFS.

In addition to being three times larger than the former retail space, the new shopping precinct represents a strategically designed luxury shopping experience in the city.

According to Melco Crown's press release, City of Dreams and DFS have created a "luxurious, contemporary and inviting atmosphere" within City of Dreams' expanded retail area.

The expanded retail space links dining areas, casinos, retail stores, entertainment attractions and hotels.

Moreover T Galleria is set to



introduce its signature customer services exclusively to City of Dreams' customers, including the first-ever shoe salon (to be opened in the third quarter) as well as a multi-brand lifestyle shopping area dedicated to men's fashion and grooming between June to December.

"Today, we are pleased to announce the expansion plan of the retail precinct of City of Dreams, which will bring to our

flagship property many firsts in town. Through our partnership with DFS Group, City of Dreams features the largest collection of luxury brands in Cotai and creates an exciting luxury shopping scene for all aspirational, sophisticated and cosmopolitan leisure seekers in the region," said Lawrence Ho, chairman and CEO of Melco Crown Entertainment Limited.



# China tightens Internet rules for Baidu and other search engines



**CHINESE** authorities will require Baidu Inc. and other search engines to report banned content and verify advertisers' qualifications in its latest attempt at Internet regulation.

Under rules to take effect Aug. 1, search engines operating in the country will be prohibited from providing banned information in various formats including links, summaries, cached pages, associative words, related searches and relevant recommendations, the Cyberspace Administration of China said in a statement. They will also be required to report websites and applications that contain prohibited content when spotted, the regulator said.

Baidu, China's biggest search engine, has been criticized recently for misleading users with search results. The Cyberspace Administration launched an investigation earlier this year after the death of Wei Zexi, a 21-year-

old computer science major, who sought out a controversial treatment advertised among search results. Baidu said it would restrict the number of sponsored posts to 30 percent of a results page and establish a 1 billion yuan (USD151 million) fund to fight fraud after the death of the student.

Baidu will comply fully with relevant laws and regulations as outlined by the Cyberspace Administration of China and work closely with government agencies, Internet users and the community to uphold a healthy Internet environment, the company said in an e-mailed statement.

Search engines that offer paid results will need to verify advertisers' qualifications, specify the ratio of paid results and distinguish between natural search results and advertisements, the administration said in the statement. **Bloomberg**

# Beijing-led development bank approves first loans

Joe McDonald

**A** new Chinese-led development bank has approved its first loans and expects to suffer no impact from Britain's vote to leave the European Union, the bank's president said Saturday at its first annual meeting.

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, launched in January with 57 member governments, already has received expressions of interest from possible additional members, said Jin Liqun at a news conference. He said observers from 24 other nations attended the meeting.

The bank reflects China's rapidly growing financial might and desire for a bigger voice in global finance, which is dominated by the United States and Europe.

Despite initial U.S. opposition, the AIIB attracted unexpectedly wide support from American allies including Britain, France, Australia and South Korea. Washington and Japan have refrained from seeking membership.

The bank's board approved a total of USD509 million in loans Friday for a power project in Bangladesh, slum-upgrading in Indonesia and road-building in Pakistan and Tajikistan, according to Jin, a former chairman of China's sovereign wealth fund. **AP**

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## SANDS CHINA NEWS

Sands China Organises Community Event with The Philadelphia Orchestra

Master class series at Macao Conservatory School of Music

With The Philadelphia Orchestra in town for performances at The Venetian Macao May 28-29, Sands China Ltd. organised a community event Saturday, May 28, featuring some of the orchestra members and supported by the Macao SAR Cultural Affairs Bureau (ICM).

The Philadelphia Orchestra is recognised as one of the most preeminent orchestras in the world and is one of the most travelled American orchestras. It is a global ambassador for the United States and has a rich history – in 1973 it became the first American orchestra to perform in the People's Republic of China.

In the morning, musicians from The Philadelphia Orchestra held a master class series at the Macao Conservatory School of Music, focusing on four instruments: violin, cello, oboe and trumpet. Elite students from the conservatory were selected to learn from the musicians, who shared their musical advice and experience after hearing pieces played by the students. Parents of the students were also invited to attend the class as supporters and observers, as were additional student musicians from the conservatory.

The master classes were held concurrently, each attended by a few elite students from the conservatory – nearly 20 in all. Participating musicians from The Philadelphia Orchestra were Dara Morales, assistant principal violin; Yumi Kendall, assistant principal cello; Jonathan Blumenfeld, oboe; and David Bilger, principal trumpet. The conservatory presented each participating student with a certificate signed by the orchestra musician from their respective master class.

In addition, Sands China invited students from the conservatory to enjoy the full orchestra experience at The Venetian Theatre, where The Philadelphia Orchestra performed that weekend.

"This was such an awesome opportunity for me as a music student," said one of the participating students from the conservatory. "I'm always hoping to get better as a musician, so I'm very excited that I got to be in one of the master classes today. The best part is that I got to learn from a professional musician from a famous orchestra! And I'm really looking forward to seeing the whole orchestra perform."

The community event was an initiative of the Sands China Community Academy, which utilises Sands China's superstar and cultural events – that often feature some of Asia's and the world's biggest names from the worlds of music, sport and screen – to organise community outreach activities in Macao. Sands China Community Academy events are a way for the company to give back to the Macao community, by providing opportunities for locals to interact with incredibly talented and accomplished individuals, offering them inspirational and educational experiences.

The world-renowned Philadelphia Orchestra performed at The Venetian Theatre Saturday, May 28 and Sunday, May 29, led by Music Director Yannick Nézet-Séguin. The first night's performance featured acclaimed Chinese pianist Lang Lang and the second featured Japanese-American violinist Ryu Goto.



Students from the Macao Conservatory School of Music participate in a master class series at the conservatory Saturday, May 28, led by musicians from The Philadelphia Orchestra, who were in town for performances at The Venetian Macao May 28-29. The community event was organised by Sands China Ltd. and supported by the Macao SAR Cultural Affairs Bureau (ICM).



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# Beijing cuts contact with Taiwan liaison body over Tsai

**B**EIJING said Saturday it had cut off contact with the main Taiwan liaison body because of President Tsai Ing-wen's refusal to endorse the concept of a single Chinese nation, ratcheting up pressure on the new Taiwanese leader.

In a statement posted on the website of the Cabinet's Taiwan Affairs Office, spokesman An Fengshan said contacts between bodies responsible for ties had been suspended starting from Tsai's May 20 inauguration.

"Because the Taiwan side has been unable to confirm the '92 consensus that embodies the common political foundation of the one-China principle, the mechanism for contact and communication between the two sides has already been suspended," the statement quoted An as saying.

The '92 consensus refers to an arrangement made in 1992 under which both sides acknowledged the existence of a single Chinese nation comprising both Taiwan and the mainland. That understanding underpinned dialogue between the sides that allowed them to build ties and partially overcome enmity stemming from their bitter split amid the Chinese civil war in 1949. Tsai has neither formally endorsed nor repudiated the construct.

The Chinese statement, which



Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen

came after Taiwan protested Cambodia's deportation of 25 Taiwanese internet scam suspects to China, appears to signify a significant step in retaliation for Tsai's pro-Taiwanese independence stance.

Although China says Taiwan

has been part of its territory since ancient times, the sides have only been unified for four of the past 120 years. Taiwan functions as an independent country and does not acknowledge Beijing's claim of authority over it.

Speculation has been rife since

Tsai's inauguration that China would take measures to compel her to endorse the "one-China principle" that Beijing says underpins all political contacts between the sides.

Tsai departed Friday on her first overseas trip since taking

office last month, amid speculation that China may seek to tighten its diplomatic stranglehold over the island.

Tsai left on separate visits to allies Panama and Paraguay, stopping in Miami on the way out and in Los Angeles on the way home. She is due to attend the formal opening of new ship locks on the Panama Canal before delivering a speech to Paraguay's parliament tomorrow.

Taiwan has formal diplomatic relations with just 22 nations as a result of Chinese imposed isolation. Most allies are in Central America, the Caribbean, Africa and the South Pacific.

A renewed effort to win away Taiwan's remaining allies would further indicate China plans to get tough on Tsai's administration.

China in March established formal diplomatic ties with the small African nation of Gambia, which had severed relations with Taiwan in 2013. That was seen as a move toward abandoning the unspoken diplomatic truce between the sides that lasted for eight years under Tsai's China-friendly predecessor. **AP**

# Rescuers search rubble in east China after tornado kills 98

Paul Traynor, Christopher Bodeen

**R**ESCUERS in eastern China searched Friday for survivors of a tornado and hailstorm that killed at least 98 people as it swept over a city's outskirts, destroying buildings, smashing trees and flipping vehicles on their roofs.

The tornado hit a densely populated area of farms and factories Thursday near the city of Yancheng in Jiangsu province, about 800 kilometers south of Beijing.

Jiangsu Governor Shi Taifeng said Friday that the death toll had risen to 98 people, with 800 others injured, according to the official China News Service. Earlier, the state-run Xinhua News Agency had said 200 people were critically injured.

On Friday, rescuers worked to carry injured

villagers into ambulances and deliver food and water to others, Xinhua reported, although state broadcaster CCTV said that roads were blocked with trees, downed power lines and other debris. Heavy rain and the possibility of further hailstorms and more tornadoes complicated rescue efforts.

In badly hit Xintu village, survivors grieved over lost relatives and surveyed the damage wrought on their homes.

"The people inside tried to run outside, but the wind was too strong so they couldn't," villager Wang Shuqing told an Associated Press reporter. "My family members were all inside, they all died. The police then came and took the bodies out, I can't bear it."

The disaster has been declared a national-level emergency, and on a trip

to Uzbekistan, Chinese President Xi Jinping ordered central government bodies to provide all necessary assistance.

Tents and other emergency supplies were being sent from Beijing, while schools and other facilities were used to shelter survivors, CCTV said.

The network showed people carrying the injured to hospitals, cars and trucks lying upside down, street light poles snapped in half, and steel electricity pylons crumpled and lying on their side. Power and telephone communications were knocked out over a broad area.

"I heard the gales and ran upstairs to shut the windows," Xinhua quoted Xie Litian, 62, as saying. "I had hardly reached the top of the stairs when I heard a boom and saw the entire wall with the windows on it torn away."

The roof then collapsed

as he raced downstairs, Xie said. After sheltering in a corner for 20 minutes, he emerged to find the neighborhood transformed into a wasteland. "It was like the end of the world," he said.

Jiangsu is a coastal province north of Shanghai. Yancheng is an ancient city with more than 8 million people.

The Jiangsu provincial fire and rescue service said on its microblog that the storm was accompanied by hail. Crews were dispatched to evacuate workers and secure chemicals and other potentially dangerous items at a sprawling solar panel factory in a Yancheng suburb, it said. No chemical leaks have been reported, CCTV said.

Photos showed a wrecked three-story school with large trees strewn on its playing field. Its windows had been blown



A policeman stands near a damaged building in Funing county in Yancheng city in eastern China's Jiangsu Province

out and its roof and upper floor torn off, along with those of numerous other buildings.

Bodies were shown lying in the open or buried in rubble. At least one hog farm was hit, its livestock covered in bricks and roofing material.

The reports said the tornado struck at about 2:30 p.m. and hit Funing and Sheyang counties on the city's outskirts the hardest, with winds of up to 125 kph.

Tornados occasionally strike southern China during the summer, but rarely with the scale of death and damage cau-

sed by the one on Thursday.

This year, southern and eastern China have experienced weeks of torrential rain and storms that have caused widespread flooding and dozens of casualties.

The southern part of the country is hit every year during the May-July monsoon season, but this rainy season has been particularly wet. Water levels in some major rivers have exceeded those of 1998, when China was hit by disastrous floods that affected 180 million people, according to state media reports. **AP**

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# Indonesia tries to steer convicted militants to new lives

Stephen Wright, Niniek Karmini

**I**N the heart of Solo city, not far from the Islamic boarding school founded by the radical cleric who inspired the 2002 Bali bombings, the staff of an unremarkable-looking restaurant prepare for another day serving the humble staples of the Indonesian diet to hungry locals.

The manager, a slightly built man with quick lively gestures, darts about the narrow kitchen, dropping ingredients into sizzling hot pans to make the bistik and other fare that customers including the local police crave. With a wife and two children to support, he also runs a car hire business and a laundry service on the side.

One of the millions of small-time business owners that keep the world's most populous Muslim nation ticking, 40-year-old Mahmudi Haryono is also a poster boy for the transformation of a bomb maker and jihadist into a productive member of society.

To be sure, his extensive jihadi history doesn't inspire easy trust. It includes being a combatant with the rebel Moro Islamic Liberation Front in the Philippines for three years, where he honed bomb making skills, and fighting in sectarian conflicts between Muslims and Christians in Indonesia. He was arrested less than a year after the 2002 Bali bombings that killed 202 people and convicted of hiding materials used to make the bombs.

"The fact is that I trained in the Philippines as a jihadist fighter to defend Muslims and I did jihad only when Muslims were oppressed in conflict regions. It was part of my past," Haryono said in an interview. "Today, my priority in life is taking care of my family and business and preaching a path to help reform radical inmates."

A private foundation has worked intensively with Haryono since his release from prison in 2009, and holds him up as an example of how hardened militants can be reformed. The need for such success stories is great in Indonesia, where several hundred men imprisoned for terrorism offenses have been paroled in the past several years, including 97 last year alone.

Since 2002, Indonesian authorities, with U.S. and Australian help, have vastly improved their intelligence gathering and counterterrorism operations. The imprisonment of nearly 800 militants and the killing of more than 100 in raids have weakened the groups under the



Mahmudi Haryono, 40, who is also known by his militant alias "Yusuf Adirama" tries on a prayer cap as he arrives at a mosque for an evening prayer in Solo

al-Qaeda-linked Jemaah Islamiyah network responsible for the Bali tragedy and dozens of other plots and attacks.

But efforts to de-radicalize militants in prison have been less successful, partly because the Islamic State group inspires them to hold to extremism. Two perpetrators of the IS-inspired Jan. 14 suicide bombing in the Indonesian capital had been released from prison shortly before the attack.

"We have to admit the de-radicalization programs by the non-state groups, and the government, are not enough," said Taufik Andrie, executive director of Yayasan Prasasti Perdamaian, an institute that helps paroled militants and established the restaurant where Haryono works and now owns a stake in.

Andrie estimates that 40 percent of the more than 400 militants released as of December last year returned to their radical networks.

He said some of those people may want a normal life, but few Indonesians want to employ them, or even have them living in their neighborhoods. Back in their radical circles, they would be welcomed as heroes.

"When they are released, they are on their own. For them, society is a second prison because of the stigmatization," Andrie said.

In the Solo neighborhood of Ngruki, former militant Joko Purwanto, who uses the alias Handzollah, said he has slowly gained acceptance from the devout Muslim community that shunned him when he was re-

leased from prison two years ago.

The village of narrow lanes and tightly packed houses is dotted with shops selling hijabs and famously is home to the fundamentalist Al Mukmin Islamic boarding school founded by Abu Bakar Bashir, the aging spiritual leader of the Bali bombers, who is now languishing in prison for his role in funding a jihadist training camp in Aceh.

Handzollah, a former student at Al Mukmin, fought alongside Haryono and was arrested in a 2010 raid on Bashir's training camp. After his release, he said, neighbors ignored his greetings, and at the mosque a worshipper called him a terrorist who should be ostracized.

"I responded by doing good," the 41-year-old said. "I didn't avoid them. Instead I tried to approach mainstream society."

"Gradually, they realized that I've changed."

Nowadays, Handzollah is popular as a preacher and often travels. Numerous children from two wives are supported by one wife's business making snack foods for restaurants and shops.

He now says violent jihad is not justifiable within Indonesia because Muslims aren't under attack. In common with other parolees, he denounces IS for killing Muslims who reject its extreme interpretation of Islam.

"What I did in the past was a mistake. Many tenets of Islam were violated to do jihad, by doing bombing attacks in peaceful places like hotels, markets or other public areas that killed innocent people," he said.

Prized for his skill in repairing weapons, Handzollah said IS supporters have attempted to recruit him since he left prison. He said he has persuaded at least 10 young men not to travel to Syria to join the IS group.

Like Haryono and other former Jemaah Islamiyah militants interviewed by The Associated Press, he still believes Indonesia should be governed by Islamic Shariah law, not a secular government, but says that goal should be achieved through peaceful methods.

Yet Handzollah does not unequivocally rule out a return to militancy.

"Of course the ideology of jihad remains inside me, because it's part of Islam," he said. "I believe in Shariah law and an Islamic state, so, if someone is able to convince me with certain arguments — but this is very unlikely to me now — it may make me go back" to violence.

For those who support de-radicalization efforts, Handzollah represents a form of success but also underlines a dilemma

for the government: Will doing more to support released militants join mainstream society help prevent future attacks, or provide the cover for militants to rebuild and plot?

Brig. Gen. Hamidin, director of prevention at Indonesia's counterterrorism agency, said there are limits to what the government can do. It can't provide former radicals small-business loans, for example, since that could create a perception there's a financial incentive for terrorism, he said. Instead, it plans to mentor released militants and help them get national ID cards, which are needed to apply for jobs, opening bank accounts and conducting other essential tasks.

Hamidin, who uses one name, says the government already has had some success. Government figures show that less than 10 percent of released militants have been re-arrested or killed in anti-terrorism operations. He concedes, however, that the number who returned to radicalism is much higher.

The recidivism figure doesn't include those who joined IS in Syria, for instance. It's not illegal for Indonesians to join conflicts abroad, though Parliament is considering a revamped law.

Andrie, from the institute, said it has been successful with most of the 30 men it has been involved with in the past five years. It finds ways to draw individuals into their communities and focuses on persuading them to repudiate violence, rather than trying to try change core beliefs such as support for a caliphate.

The group has learned on the job, including from its mistakes.

In one case, a paroled militant was provided with USD500 to start a T-shirt business. Soon the group discovered the venture had failed, partly because the business didn't engage the man with regular people.

As for the T-shirts? They were emblazoned with either the face of Osama bin Laden or an AK-47 and given away within the man's radical circle. **AP**



Mahmudi Haryono, 40, who is also known by his militant alias "Yusuf Adirama" carries a tray of food for customers at his restaurant in Solo

# EU calls for UK to 'Brexit' quickly; Britain wants more time

Jill Lawless, Kirsten Grieshaber

**T**HE European Union wants a quickie divorce, but Britain wants time to think things over.

Senior EU politicians demanded Saturday that the U.K. quickly cut its ties with the 28-nation bloc — a process Britain says won't begin for several months — as the political and economic shockwaves from the U.K.'s vote to leave reverberated around the world.

"There is a certain urgency [...] so that we don't have a period of uncertainty, with financial consequences, political consequences," French Foreign Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault said at a meeting in Berlin of the EU's six founding nations.

EU Commission chief Jean-Claude Juncker warned that the split was "not an amicable divorce" but noted it was never "a tight love affair anyway."

Britons voted 52 to 48 percent Thursday in favor of ending their country's 43-year membership in the 28-nation bloc.

But no country has ever left the EU before, so no one knows exactly how the process will play out. Britain must, at some point, unambiguously notify the bloc of its intentions and set a two-year clock ticking for negotiating its departure. Until then, Britain remains an EU member.

In contrast to the clamoring of EU officials, the leaders of Britain's "leave" campaign, who had reassured voters that the EU would offer Britain good terms for a new relationship, were largely silent Saturday.

England's 300-year-old union with Scotland could be another casualty of the referendum, since most people in Scotland voted to remain in the EU but were outvoted by a majority in much-larger England.

Scottish leader Nicola Sturgeon said Saturday that her semi-autonomous administration would seek immediate talks with EU nations and institutions to ensure that Scotland could remain in the bloc.

"[We will] explore possible options to protect Scotland's place in the EU," she said after meeting with her Cabinet in Edinburgh, adding that a new referendum on Scottish independence is "very much on the table."

Scotland voted in 2014 to



A demonstrator wrapped in the EU flag takes part in a protest opposing Britain's exit from the European Union in Parliament Square

remain a part of the U.K., but that decision was seen as being conditional on the U.K. staying in the EU.

The victorious "leave" campaigners have said there's no rush to trigger Article 50 of the EU's Lisbon Treaty, which will begin a two-year exit process to renegotiate trade, business and political links between the U.K. and what will become a 27-nation bloc.

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British Prime Minister David Cameron announced his resignation Friday and said his successor, to be chosen by October, should be the one to navigate the tricky process of withdrawing from the bloc.

The favorite to succeed him, former London Mayor Boris Johnson, has said there's "no need for haste" — but EU leaders are saying the opposite,

in insistent tones.

Juncker said Saturday the British had voted to leave and "it doesn't make any sense to wait until October to try and negotiate the terms of their departure."

"I would like to get started immediately," he said.

French Economy Minister Emmanuel Macron expressed the frustrations that many EU politicians feel, accusing Britain of taking the EU "hostage" with a referendum called to solve a domestic political problem: challenges to Cameron from right-wing euroskeptics.

"The failure of the British government" has opened up "the possibility of the crumbling of Europe," Macron said at a debate in Paris.

Top diplomats from the European Union's six founding nations — France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg — met in Berlin for hastily arranged talks and stressed that the exit process should be speedy.

"There must be clarity," Luxembourg Foreign Minister Jean Asselborn told reporters. "The people have spoken and we need to implement this decision."

France's Ayrault suggested Britain could name a new prime minister within "several

days" — but that is likely instead to take several months. The process calls for Conservative lawmakers to winnow candidates down to two choices who will then be voted on in a postal ballot of party members.

Legally, there is little the EU can do to force Britain's hand, since Article 50 must be triggered by the country that is leaving. But political pressure and economic instability may force British politicians to act more quickly than they had hoped.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel struck a conciliatory note, saying it "shouldn't take forever" for Britain to deliver its formal notification of leaving.

"There is no need to be particularly nasty in any way in the negotiations. They must be conducted properly," Merkel said at a news conference in Potsdam, outside Berlin.

Britain's "leave" campaigners have been accused of lacking a plan for the aftermath of a victory.

Dominic Cummings, director of the "Vote Leave" group, said it would be "unthinkable" to invoke Article 50 before a new prime minister was in place. He tweeted: "David Cameron was quite right. New PM will need to analyze options and

have informal talks."

Britain will remain an EU member until the divorce is finalized, but its influence inside the bloc is already waning. Leaders of the bloc will hold a summit in Brussels next week, and the second day, Wednesday, will take place for the first time without Britain.

On Saturday, Britain's representative on the EU's executive Commission, Jonathan Hill, stepped down, saying he was disappointed by the referendum result but "what's done cannot be undone."

Juncker transferred Hill's portfolio of overseeing financial services to Latvian commissioner Valdis Dombrovskis — costing Britain a key voice in a sector that is hugely important to London, whose status as Europe's financial capital is threatened by Britain's EU exit.

The referendum has already triggered financial turmoil around the world. Stock markets plummeted Friday, with the Dow Jones industrial average dropping 611 points, or 3.4 percent, its biggest fall since August. It's not clear what will happen in the markets today.

The pound on Friday dropped to its lowest level since 1985, plunging more than 10 percent from about USD1.50 to \$1.35 before a slight recovery, on concerns that severing ties with the EU single market of 500 million people will hurt the U.K. economy and undermine London's position as a global financial center.

Credit rating agency Moody's downgraded the U.K.'s economic outlook from stable to negative, saying Britain faces "a prolonged period of uncertainty [...] with negative implications for the country's medium-term growth outlook."

The vote to leave the EU has upended British politics. The deeply divided Conservatives are facing a leadership battle to replace Cameron, and some members of the opposition Labour Party hope to oust their leader, Jeremy Corbyn, who they accuse of failing to promote the "remain" side strongly enough.

"[Corbyn] clearly isn't the right person to actually lead the party into an election because nobody thinks he will actually win," said Labour legislator Frank Field.

Corbyn said Saturday he would not resign and said Britain must react "calmly and rationally" to the divisive referendum result. **AP**

Esteban Duarte and Maria Tadeo

# Spain begins to vote as Rajoy confronts Podemos in ballot

**S**PANIARDS began voting yesterday in the second election in six months as the U.K. decision to leave the European Union adds to the uncertainty as the nation seeks to break a political deadlock.

About 37 million voters are eligible to cast ballots with polls open until 3 a.m. [Macau time].

Polls are signaling no single party will win a majority. Acting Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy, whose party is on track to win the most seats, is seeking a showing strong enough to persuade rivals to offer the support he needs to stay in office.

As European leaders try to come to grips with an unprecedented crisis – anger over immigration and economic malaise rattled EU governments before helping to trigger Brexit – Spain has its own problems. The country's next premier will have to rein in the euro region's second-biggest budget deficit while dealing with a 20 percent unemployment rate that's four times that of the U.K.

"Brexit is far from a one-off: it's part of a wider European scenario in which populism is on the rise," said Jose M. Areilza, a professor at Esade business school in Madrid and a former government adviser on European affairs. The next prime minister will need to push to make the EU appear more caring, "especially for those who feel they've been left behind," he said.

Rajoy's People's Party is on track to win as many as 120 seats in the 350-member parliament, according to a Gesop survey published by El Periodic d'Andorra on Sa-



Spain's acting Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy votes in Spain's general election

turday. That's down from 123 in December and would be the party's worst result since 1989, according to the survey, which was conducted from June 22 to June 25.

Podemos is running neck-and-neck with the Socialists, the PP's traditional rivals, for second place. Podemos, formed in 2014, could win as many as 87 seats, as

many as the 137-year-old Socialist party, according to Gesop. In December, the Socialists had 90, compared with Podemos's 71. Ciudadanos, the pro-market party that emerged alongside Podemos in December, is seen maintaining its 40 seats.

On Friday, all four main candidates ended their campaigns with a final plea to voters after a roller-coaster week dominated by the Brexit decision and leaked recordings that appeared to show a minister asking an official to help him dig up dirt on political rivals.

Rajoy said his party was the only force that could guarantee a stable, moderate government and urged voters to put aside their ideological differences. Pablo Iglesias of the anti-establishment party Podemos told Spaniards they have an historic chance to replace the old, failed politics of the past.

The prime minister set out his commitment to reviving the economy, keeping the Catalan independence movement in check, promoting EU integration and defeating terrorism.

"Vote for the PP because we're the only ones that can win the election and continue this path," he said.

Amid a global Brexit selloff on Friday,

Spanish assets took a beating. The extra yield investors demand to hold Spanish 10-year bonds instead of safe-haven German securities jumped 31 basis points to 168 points, the highest in two years, while Spanish stocks slumped 12 percent.

The prime minister has struggled to get his message across in the final days of campaigning as the media focused on the leaked recordings of acting Interior Minister Jorge Fernandez Diaz discussing potential evidence against Catalan separatists. That story reminded voters of the long list of scandals involving the government.

"This is historic, but a little shameful at the same time because of the ineffectiveness of our politicians," Pablo Frias, a 39-year-old Madrid resident, said minutes after voting.

Spain has been without a proper government since December's election, when the collapse of support for traditional parties and an established policy consensus produced political deadlock in parliament. A new generation of leaders is demanding sweeping reforms to address the flaws in Spain's labor market, its education system and, perhaps most importantly, the checks and balances on its politicians. **Bloomberg**

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## Offbeat

## ZOMBIE DOG? COYOTE? MYSTERY ANIMAL SEEN IN CEMETERY

Police in New Hampshire say a macabre mammal spotted in a town cemetery is likely a mangy fox — not a “zombie dog” or mythical beast as some have speculated.

A photo taken this week by the Merrimack Police Chief Mark Doyle and posted on Facebook attracted much speculation about the nearly hairless brown animal with a long tail and square jaw. Many guessed it was a rabid coyote, or perhaps a chupacabra, a purported gargoyle-like creature that drains the blood of goats and other victims. Others suspected a hoax.

“I believe the correct name for this critter is Photoshopicus compositus,” one person joked.

Lt. Matthew Tarleton acknowledges the animal looks “like something out of a horror movie,” but said a game officer believes it is a fox afflicted with mange.

“It’s no mythical beast. It’s no exotic pet that escaped from someone’s condo and is now terrorizing the neighborhood. It’s nothing like that at all,” he said. “It’s most likely a sick fox.”

Police were called about the animal on Tuesday morning. The police chief happened to be nearby and took a picture. Tarleton arrived in time to see it trotting into the woods.

“It definitely looked sick,” he said Thursday.

Tarleton said anyone who sees it should call police, who will decide whether it should be killed.

“I know some people have suggested that we nurse it back to good health, but it’s not realistic,” he said. “For an animal this sick, it probably needs to be put down.” AP

## TV canal macau

13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
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14:40	UEFA EURO 2016 - Round of 16: Germany - Slovakia (Repeated)
16:30	UEFA EURO 2016 - Round of 16: Hungary - Belgium (Repeated)
18:20	Helena's Shadow (Repeated)
19:10	Contraponto (Repeated)
20:10	Sports
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Non-Daily Portuguese News (Repeated)
22:00	Miscellaneous
22:10	Helena's Shadow
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Fillers
23:50	UEFA EURO 2016 - Round of 16: Italy - Spain (Live)
02:00	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
02:30	Sports (Repeated)
02:50	UEFA EURO 2016 - Round of 16: England - Iceland (Live)

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23 JUN - 29 JUN



## INDEPENDENCE DAY: RESURGENCE

ROOM 1

(2D) 2.30, 4.45, 9.30 pm

(3D) 7.15 pm

Director: Roland Emmerich

Starring: Liam Hemsworth, Jeff Goldblum,

Bill Pullman

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 120min

## ALICE THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

ROOM 2

(2D) 2.30, 4.30, 9.30 pm

(3D) 7.30 pm

Director: James Bobin

Starring: Mia Wasikowska, Johnny Depp,

Helena Bonham Carter

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 113min

## KIDNAP DING DING DON

ROOM 3

2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm

Director: Wilson Chin

Starring: Ivana Wong, Alex Fong, Kabby Hui,

Bill Chan

Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 98min

## NOW YOU SEE ME 2

ROOM 1

2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm

Director: Jon M. Chu

Starring: Jesse Eisenberg, Mark Ruffalo,

Woody Harrelson

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 129min

## MACAU TOWER

23 JUN - 07 JUL

## INDEPENDENCE DAY: RESURGENCE

2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Roland Emmerich

Starring: Liam Hemsworth, Jeff Goldblum,

Bill Pullman

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 120min

## this day in history



## 1957 SMOKING 'CAUSES LUNG CANCER'

The link between smoking and lung cancer is one of ‘direct cause and effect’, a special report by the Medical Research Council has found.

The report, published today, studied the dramatic increase in deaths from lung cancer over the past 25 years and concluded the main cause was smoking.

But tobacco firms have rejected the findings saying they are merely a ‘matter of opinion’.

The government has indicated that an educational campaign to raise awareness on the dangers of smoking will be launched via local health authorities.

The report states that in 1945 the mortality rate from lung cancer was 188 deaths in every million. Ten years later the figure had almost doubled to 388 in every million.

The report, which looked at evidence from 21 investigations in six countries, found cigarette smoking to be the predominant cause for this rise.

Mr Vaughan-Morgan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health said: “The government feels that it is right to ensure that this latest authoritative opinion is brought effectively to public notice, so that everyone may know the risks involved.”

But he made it clear that people, armed with the facts, would be able to make up their own minds and smoking would not be banned.

The prohibition of smoking in theatres, cinemas and public transport is not on the agenda, he added.

It is estimated that between £600m and £620m in revenue is generated by the sale of cigarettes.

The Conservatives have questioned what alternative taxes the government would introduce to cover that figure should cigarette smoking now be eliminated.

Members of the general public, asked by the BBC for their reaction to the findings, appeared unphased.

One smoker said that, although he was not considering giving up smoking himself, he thought the younger generation would be well advised not to start.

Another man said he was “not frightened at all” by the findings and may even consider increasing the number of cigarettes he smokes each day.

These views were reflected on the stock market where shares in leading tobacco companies remained largely unaffected by the news.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

Since the 1957 report suggested a link between smoking and lung cancer, the connection has been firmly established.

Lung cancer now kills 20,000 people every year and health experts predict that life-time smokers have a 50% chance of dying of a smoking-related illness in middle-age.

It is also been established that tobacco smoking causes 25 different diseases including heart disease and strokes.

By 2020, the World Health Organisation expects the worldwide death toll to reach 10 million, causing 17.7% of all deaths in developed countries.

There are believed to be 1.1 billion smokers in the world, 800 million of them in developing countries.



YOUR STARS

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Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Are undercurrents at the office keeping you awake at night? Use that energy as motivation. Get in to work, if only to see who else is there...

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 You may need to deal with something, no matter how ensconced you may be at home. If nothing else, showing up should earn you some serious points...

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Making a good impression is half the battle at work. And that means you should appear rested and happy. Make good use of this time...

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Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You're not alone in being focused on making money, but even you need a break. That doesn't mean working from home, either. Have a relaxing time...

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 If you assess how successful you have been, you may find a few accomplishments you'd forgotten about. If nothing else, you should be impressed...

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Discipline and restrictions are for the office. Go ahead, flail away all day if that's what floats your boat. Have fun all day long and don't stop until you're tired...

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 Why feel like you don't belong? You know what you'd do if coworkers needed assistance. The same goes for your friends. Don't waste time wondering if it's appropriate. It is...

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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

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# Parisian tower premieres light show



Senior executives from Sands China Ltd. officiated at The Parisian Macao's exclusive Eiffel Tower illumination event held June 23



Urban Drum Crew wowed audiences at The Parisian Macao's exclusive Eiffel Tower Illumination Event held June 23



Dr. Wilfred Wong, President of Sands China Ltd. officiated at The Parisian Macao's exclusive Eiffel Tower illumination event held June 23

**AN EIFFEL** Tower illumination ceremony was held last week at the Sheraton Grand Macao hotel, where the iconic structure's lighting show was premiered. The ceremony also showcased French-themed mime artists, an "urban drum crew" and other performers who are expected to remain at the resort after its opening.

President and chief operating officer of Sands China Wilfred Wong, who officiated the ceremony, said that the tower will be illuminated every night from Thursday onward. "Already in the last few weeks I have seen people going to our footbridges to take photos [of the Parisian tower]," said Wong. "Everyone is asking me when it [the resort] is going to open, and I always say 'soon.' Lately I say 'very soon.' Our chairman now says one day in September [...] and we will adhere to that," he added. "After we open, there will be a light show every night for all the citizens and visitors of Macau."

The Parisian Macao was inspired by the famed "City of Lights" Paris, and features a replica of the Eiffel Tower, which is as tall as a 38-storey building, approximately one-half times the height of the Parisian original. After the official launch of the property, visitors will be able to take two elevators to the top observation deck of the tower, which will take approximately 40 seconds according to a statement from Sands China.

The property is expected to have approximately 3,000 guestrooms and suites, and more than 150 boutique stores for the latest luxury fashion designers, couture and lifestyle brands. Additionally, the new resort will offer an array of integrated facilities and daily entertainment from French-themed "Streetmosphere" characters, including street artists, mimes and buskers, and shows at the 1200-seat Parisian Theatre.

"As Macau moves toward diversifying its tourism industry, The Parisian Macao and its iconic Eiffel Tower will provide visitors with a new variety of non-gaming and family-friendly attractions," said Wong, adding that the company "is pleased to contribute to that development [of Macau's tourism] with our integrated resort city in Cotai."

Steve Douglas, Nice

EURO 2016 | PREVIEW

England 1.57, Draw 3.9, Iceland 8.8, Oddschecker.com

# Iceland takes on England, the team it's cheered from afar

**B**ROUGHT up on a regular supply of the Premier League, Iceland's players are used to cheering on England at major soccer tournaments. Now, they're trying to eliminate them.

In what appears to be the biggest mismatch of the European Championship's round of 16, Iceland — the smallest nation ever to appear at the tournament — will attempt to deliver yet another shock by beating England in Nice today [tomorrow, 03:00].

Elimination would be an embarrassment, and surely cost Roy Hodgson his job.

"Iceland has to have the perfect game," said its joint-coach Heimir Hallgrímsson, who also runs a dentist surgery in his home town in Iceland. "And we know that even when Iceland has the best performance they have ever had, we can still lose against nations like England."

The two teams have had strikingly similar tournaments so far. Both advanced as runner-up in their groups after two draws and a win secured by a stoppage-time goal. But that's about the scale of the similarities.

England is one of the big names in international soccer — albeit an underperforming one — with globally recognized players.

In contrast, the casual soccer fan would barely be able to name one Iceland player. Only



Iceland's supporters cheer during the Euro 2016 Group F soccer match between Portugal and Iceland on June 14

perhaps goal-scoring midfielder Gylfi Sigurdsson, who has played in the English league for most of his career.

"It's purely and simply [about] preparation now," Hodgson said this week, "making sure the players know as much as we can tell them about Iceland and the type of game they're likely to face."

That won't be a problem for

Iceland, which has a population of about 330,000 people.

"They [England] won't know much about the Iceland players," Hallgrímsson said, "but we know everything about the England players."

In the last 10 years, England has won just one game in the knockout stage of a major competition — against Ecuador in the last 16 of the 2006 World

Cup. It's a sorry record for a country of England's standing, and Hodgson is highly unlikely to get a new contract if his team gets knocked out today.

"We're doing our best for the team, for him [Hodgson] and for our country," striker Harry Kane said.

Iceland, which is appearing at its first major tournament, has been relying on a ro-

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bust defensive unit and quick counter-attacks in France. So far, it has worked, neutralizing Cristiano Ronaldo's Portugal and then beating Austria 2-1 at the Stade de France to clinch a last-16 spot.

"This is the biggest achievement in Iceland's sports history," Iceland defender Ragnar Sigurdsson said. "We have a world-class handball team. They have always been the main guys in Iceland. But now football is a bigger sport and we are here."

"In the moment we are the heroes, but people also forget quickly."

They won't if Iceland pulls off another stunning result.

The winner plays either France or Ireland in the quarterfinals. AP

EURO 2016 | ROUNDUP

# Ronaldo, Portugal beat Croatia 1-0

**C**RISTIANO Ronaldo and Portugal seized their chance to stay in the chase for an elusive first title together on Saturday.

Ronaldo's only shot created a rare scoring opportunity and substitute Ricardo Quaresma finished it off, helping Portugal to beat Croatia 1-0 on Saturday and advance to the European Championship quarterfinals.

Portugal settled a poor game in the 117th minute with its only serious attack,

when Ronaldo's one shot all match was parried by goalkeeper Danijel Subasic across the goalmouth in the second half of extra time. Quaresma stooped to head the ball into an unguarded net from close range.

They were the only shots or headers on target in the entire game, and ended a fast counter attack just after Croatia forward Ivan Perisic had struck the post with a header.

Portugal will now play Poland in the quarter-

finals on Thursday in Marseille. It is clearly in the weaker half of the bracket, avoiding Spain, Italy, Germany and France until the final on July 10.

Somehow, Portugal and 31-year-old Ronaldo can still win a first major trophy despite three draws in the group stage and looking incapable of scoring in a cautious, mistake-filled match in the round of 16.

Days after beating two-time defending champion Spain, Croatia is heading home.

"Croatia is the team that played the best football in the group stages," Portugal coach Fernando Santos said through a translator. "Today we were the lucky ones, but I think it

was fair."

The match only sparked into life in the closing minutes, and Croatia's best chances fell to defender Domagoj Vida. His header from a corner in extra time flew over an unguarded goal, and — in a frantic final push — his hooked shot flew just wide.

Nothing so clear fell to Luka Modric, and the Croatia playmaker left the field in tears. A third straight European Championship ended for him without winning a knockout match.

"Everything was perfect, but we didn't score," Croatia coach Ante Cacic said through a translator. "Sometimes the better team doesn't win and that's the case tonight."



Portugal's Ricardo Quaresma celebrates after scoring during the Euro 2016 round of 16 soccer match between Croatia and Portugal at the Bollaert stadium in Lens

Two technically gifted teams, which were among the best attacking forces at Euro 2016, disappointed in the 90 minutes. It ended with whistles from the crowd.

Portugal's caution could perhaps be explained by having just two full days rest after a 3-3 draw with Hungary last week. That match in Lyon was a standout thriller of an underwhelming tournament.

Ronaldo stays on in France as another team leader, whose most decisive and unselfish acts in the 90 minutes were two clearances in his own penalty area.

Still, after being so prolific in the group stage — Ronaldo's 32 goal attempts had been more than eight team totals, including Italy's — his first attempt in Lens helped Portugal into the last eight. MDT/AP

LATEST RESULTS

Switzerland	1 (4)	1 (5)	Poland
Wales	1	0	N. Ireland
Croatia	0	1	Portugal
France	2	1	Ireland

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**World Views**

Chris Hughes, Bloomberg

**THE DEALS TO WATCH AFTER BRITAIN VOTED TO LEAVE THE EU**

CEOs and bankers had been preparing to push the button on deals and fundraisings after Britain voted to remain in the European Union. Those hopes have been dashed overnight.

The referendum is the biggest threat in a generation to London's position as Europe's pre-eminent financial center. If the U.K. capital is to defend that position, it could really do with staging an impressive IPO very soon.

Brexit will upend the math behind many deals. Stock-market volatility will thwart the ambitions of companies looking to raise equity capital and of private-equity firms seeking to exit their investments. Some companies may now rethink plans to go public, whether in London - or elsewhere in Europe.



Activity had already been muted in the run up to the referendum: companies had announced USD3.2 billion of IPOs in Britain so far this year, compared with USD9 billion in the year-earlier period, according to Bloomberg data. But in the weeks ahead of the referendum a handful of IPO successes in continental Europe - notably Philips Lighting - had turned the mood more positive.

A big IPO in coming months would have huge symbolic resonance. The obvious candidate would be Telefonica's U.K. mobile business, O2, which has been weighing a listing. There are other candidates. Blackstone, for example, is exploring a sale of Logica, in a deal that could value the European industrial property group at \$11 billion. Or there's oil storage business Puma Energy. Trafigra, owner of a 49 percent stake, has talked to banks about a possible share sale valuing it at more than 4 billion pounds (\$4.5 billion), Sky News reported last month.

In mergers and acquisitions, the bellwether will be London Stock Exchange's merger with Deutsche Boerse. While both companies reasserted their commitment to their union in the hours after the referendum, the German exchange may be subject to domestic pressure to leave London to go it alone. If the deal falls apart, it may be taken as a powerful sign that the Brexit vote has diminished London.

The fact that the referendum has hurt the value of the euro as well as sterling means the terms of many major pending deals haven't been radically changed. Brewer AB InBev's 44 pounds-a-share cash offer for London-listed SABMiller is denominated in a currency that has now been substantially devalued. But the share-based alternative being offered in AB InBev's euro-denominated shares isn't worth much more.

As for future activity, a sustained market sell-off combined with sterling weakness could leave many U.K. stocks looking cheap to foreign acquirers. British companies with large international businesses may be the most attractive because they may be least hurt by post-Brexit uncertainty. Boards of London-listed companies will want to be on guard to defend against opportunistic bids.

London's dealmakers may still be busy in the second half - but not doing the work they expected.

**THE STATE BROADCASTER SAYS 35 PEOPLE DIED IN BUS FIRE**

Local authorities say a long-distance bus has smashed into a guardrail in central China, sparking a fire that killed 35 people and injured 20 others.

A total of 55 people were aboard the bus when it crashed into the barrier along a highway in Hunan province at around 10:20 a.m. yesterday. No other vehicles were involved and the cause of the crash

was unclear.

The Hunan provincial highway police bureau said on its microblog that the driver Liu Dahui, 41, was being held for questioning. Exhausted drivers, poorly maintained vehicles and road obstructions are generally blamed for frequent road accidents in China.

**Retrial pending for ex-gang leader in Nevada casino shootout**

Scott Sonner, Reno

A lawyer for an ex-motorcycle gang leader who has been granted a retrial on murder charges in a 2011 shootout with a rival gang at a Nevada casino wants to revisit the original plea deal prosecutors cut with a co-defendant who was the lone witness to testify the killing was an orchestrated hit.

Ernesto Gonzalez, 58, appeared in court in Reno last week for the second time since the state Supreme Court reversed his conviction in December in the fatal shooting of Jeffrey Pettigrew, the head of the Hells Angels chapter in San Jose, California.

Washoe District Judge Connie Steinheimer said she's not ready to set a retrial date or schedule a formal arraignment because she hasn't decided whether Gonzalez, the ex-president of the Vagos' chapter in Nicaragua, should be represented by a public defender now that he qualifies as indigent.

The state Supreme Court overturned Gonzalez's conviction on murder and conspiracy charges based partly on faulty instructions to jurors who had a question about what constituted a conspiracy under Nevada law.

Steinheimer had sentenced Gonzalez to life in prison.



One of the signs posted at the Eldorado hotel-casino in Reno

He's being held in the Washoe County Jail on \$2 million bail pending the retrial.

Gonzalez insisted at the original trial that he shot Pettigrew only because Pettigrew was kicking a fellow Vagos in the head so hard he thought it would kill him.

Prosecutors argued it was all part of an assassination plot. Their star witness was another Vagos, Gary "Jabbers" Rudnick of Los Angeles, who testified that he and Gonzalez met with the Vagos international president, who authorized the killing of Pettigrew in a running feud between the two gangs in the San Francisco Bay Area.

The prosecution and defense agreed the melee that turned the Sparks casino floor into a shooting gallery began when Rudnick repeatedly taunted Pettigrew and Pettigrew punched him in the face. But Gonzalez denied a conspiracy was formed in the hou-

rs before that confrontation.

The alleged conspiracy will be central to the pending retrial.

Rudnick, who originally faced the equivalent of a first-degree murder charge as an indicted co-conspirator, was sentenced in August 2013 to two to seven years in prison after he plead guilty to a reduced charge of second-degree murder. He was paroled from prison in November 2015.

David Houston, a prominent Reno defense attorney who represented Gonzalez at the original trial and currently is handling his retrial, said in court papers filed earlier this week he intends to call as a witness Rudnick's then-public defender, Jennifer Lunt. He wants her to explain contradictory statements he says she made regarding whether Rudnick was "supposed to receive a benefit from the state in the form of a negotiated sentence if, in fact, Mr. Rudnick supported the theory of the state's case against Mr. Gonzalez."

Houston argued at the original trial that jailhouse telephone recordings showed Rudnick lied to appease investigators who suggested he could be spared jail time by testifying. "No other witnesses testified to the conspiracy to kill Pettigrew," he wrote in the new filing on Tuesday. AP

**THE DECISIVE MOMENT**

Vincent Costales



This picture captured yesterday shows large quantities of rubbish found in Hac Sa beach

Station	Air quality
Roadside	10-30 Good
High Density Residential Area	25-45 Good
Ambient	25-45 Good

SOURCE: DSMG

**WORLD BRIEFS**

**INDONESIA** Suspected militants in the southern Philippines boarded an Indonesian tugboat and abducted seven of 13 crew members in a third such attack in the volatile region, the Indonesian foreign minister said Friday. The crewmen were believed to be taken by two separate groups to a jungle camp in Sulu, a predominantly Muslim province about 950 kilometers south of the Philippine capital, Manila, Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi told a news conference in Jakarta.



**USA** Presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump said on Saturday that he wouldn't characterize his immigration policies as including "mass deportations," drawing a sharp retort from the campaign of Democrat Hillary Clinton. Trump, in an interview at his golf course in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, said that rather than a blanket ban on Muslims coming to the U.S., a position he took in late 2015, he'd focus on those from countries with links to terrorists.

**SPAINIARDS** headed to the polls yesterday for an unprecedented repeat election that aims to break six months of political deadlock after a December ballot left the country without an elected government. More on p15

**ITALY's** second most sought-after fugitive, a convicted, ruthless 'ndrangheta crime syndicate boss, was captured Sunday as he slept in his bed in a hideout in the rugged Calabrian mountains, police and prosecutors said. Ernesto Fazzalari "went from his sleep to the handcuffs of the Carabinieri" paramilitary police after 20 years on the run, Col. Lorenzo Falferi told reporters in Reggio Calabria.

**SOMALIA** A Cabinet minister is among the 15 killed in an Islamic extremist attack on a hotel in the capital, police say. Four attackers also died in the assault which was claimed by al-Shabab, Somalia's militant rebels who are allied to al-Qaida. At least 34 people were injured, according to police and hospital sources.