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MALAYSIAN authorities said yesterday that another two Indonesian fishermen have been abducted by armed men off eastern Sabah state on Borneo island, the second such case this month and the latest in a spate of sea attacks.

INDONESIA A collision between a Vietnamese freighter and an Indonesian sailboat left 15 people missing off Indonesia's East Java province. The cargo ship MV Thaison 4 and the KM Mulya Sejati, which was carrying 27 people, collided before dawn Saturday off Tuban district.



INDONESIA More than 10,000 Indonesians took to the streets of their capital to call for tolerance and unity in the world's most populous Muslim nation, after police opened a blasphemy investigation into the city's Christian governor.



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Former reporter shares involvement prying on gang lords



In 1999, Wan Kuok-koi was sentenced to 15 years in prison as he was convicted of money laundering, loan sharking, telephone tapping and being a gang leader

A former journalist from Hong Kong, Henry Mong, revealed how he has mingled with triad bosses, drug lords and murderers including Wan Kuok-koi.

Mong, who is now a fiction writer, recalled his involvement as an investigative crime reporter in some of Hong Kong's most notorious and barbaric crimes such as the kidnapping and disappearance of Chinachem founder Teddy Wang Teh-huei and the Hello Kitty murder.

Detailing his story to the South China Morning Post, Mong recalled his connection with a local gangster and 14k triad boss Wan Kuok-koi, also known as "Broken

Tooth."

Wan served more than 14 years in prison for his role in the region's 90's turf wars before being released on December 2, 2012. According to Mong, the triad boss put a considerable amount of trust in him.

"I was writing about him up until his arrest [in 1998]. I interviewed him so many times, I managed to finish a 14-page story about his crimes in just two days," said Mong. "In the '90s, when he was sometimes away from Macau and out of the police's reach, I had a way to contact him and he would reply, informing me of his next move." The former re-

porter said that Wan Kuok-koi told him he longer wanted to be in the spotlight or have his story told.

In 2009, Mong was sentenced to five-months' imprisonment after magazine East Week, where he worked as chief editor, published naked photos of former abductee Carina Lau, taken years earlier during her abduction ordeal.

Two years ago, Mong started his Chinese-language "Chief Editor Detective" series, which tells stories of the crimes he had covered as an investigative reporter.

Mong recalled that working on the crime beat was dangerous, revealing that they rented a secret space and had a steel office door for extra protection. He also noted that he socialized with thousands of policemen for a trade of information.

"Sometimes, it was a trade-off. For example, they might want something published to help them get a promotion, but it was of no news value. I would help them get it published as a favor, to be repaid later."

According to him, the current press can no longer follow major crimes the way they used to as the Hong Kong authorities communications systems went digital in 2004. Thus meddling on the police radio transmissions is "no longer possible."

ECONOMY

Outlook for restaurant revenues still dim, say owners

ACCORDING to a survey conducted by the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC), which included recent financial results from restaurants and similar establishments, 21 percent of respondents reported a year-on-year increase in revenue in September 2016, up from the 20 percent that reported an increase in August.

This did not offset the 63 percent of interviewees that reported a year-on-year decline in revenue, up by 2 percentage points from the previous month. Some 62 percent of "Local Style Cafes, Congee & Noodle Shops" recorded a decrease, up by a considerable 14 percentage points over August.

The results show that the general outlook in September for restaurant revenues was pessimistic.

DSEC said the survey results show that the categories of "Western Restaurants" and "Japanese & Korean Restaurants" experienced a 21 percent and 6 percent year-on-year revenue growth respectively.

Interviewees said they expected business prospects to improve in October. Around 19 percent of those interviewed anticipated year-on-year growth in revenue, up by 4 percentage points from the previous month.

Nevertheless, 42 percent of interviewees said that they expected a decrease of year-on-year revenue in October, down by 5 percentage points from those that expressed the same opinion in August.

The survey also interviewed retail bu-

sinesses, which showed more improvement than in the restaurant sector. About 40 percent of interviewed retailers reported year-on-year growth in sales, up by 14 percentage points over August. Meanwhile, the proportion of retailers that recorded a year-on-year decrease in sales dropped by 13 percentage points to 57 percent.

Analyzed by industry, retailers in the DSEC categories of "Leather Goods", "Adults' Clothing", "Department Stores and Supermarkets" showed an overall increase in year-on-year sales. "Motor Vehicles", "Cosmetics & Sanitary Articles" and "Watches, Clocks & Jewelry" showed an overall year-on-year decline.

Retailers were also more optimistic about business prospects for October. The proportion of retailers that anticipated a year-on-year increase in sales rose by 6 percentage points from the previous month to 23 percent. On the other hand, 52 percent of interviewed retailers anticipated a year-on-year decrease in sales, down by 5 percentage points from August.

The results stem from the "Business Climate Survey of Restaurants & Similar Establishments and Retail Trade", where DSEC said 167 respondents were selected.

DSEC added that the recipients from the restaurant component accounted for around 53 percent of the whole sector's receipts, while retailers (135 in total) comprised about 70 percent of the sector's total receipts. **DB**

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hong Kong: 'Joshua Wong's visit to the US will do more harm than good'

Dear Editor,

Last week, the 20-year-old activist Joshua Wong visited Washington as part of an event held by the US congressional panel co-chaired by Senator Marco Rubio.

Not only was Wong's picture with Senator Rubio of very bad taste, it did also send a clear message to the world that Hong Kong's pro-independence movements might be backed by the Americans. Thus, giving more credibility to those who previously accused him of being America's puppet.

Such brainless actions are giving more ground to the controversial implementation of article 23 of the Basic Law (Hong Kong's mini constitution) which would prohibit local political organizations from establishing ties with foreign bodies. Nevertheless, such a measure is unlikely to take place.

Isn't it paradoxical to advocate 'self determination' when at the same time, you are flattering a warmonger who cares about anything but Hong Kong's well being? Isn't it

contradictory for an 'independence' advocate to pose with someone who supported America's invasion of other countries?

Joshua Wong should consider hiring an adviser or make background researches prior to his meetings so as not to come under fire.

The young activist might not know that, but Rubio as well as his fellow colleagues support anything but democracy and freedom: they support wars, conflicts and supranational submission. Rubio's only hope being to boost US military presence in the South China Sea by destabilizing the region, including Hong Kong.

One might argue that a photo isn't necessarily representative. Well, as we commonly say, 'a picture speaks a thousand words'.

I am not attacking Wong's person, I am instead attacking his action by pointing out his lack of political maturity which makes him easily manipulable and corruptible.

Some might perceive Wong's visit to the US positively and see it as a way to put Hong Kong's issues on the US agenda. Alas, with or

without Wong, Hong Kong is on the US agenda. In other words, his visit to Washington will have no positive impact on Hong Kong's future.

Moreover, most of us understand that foreign interventions of all kinds have led to anything but peace and democracy. There is no more need for me to remind you about the number of crimes committed by the Bush administration under the name of 'democracy', thanks to local facilitators like Joshua Wong.

In addition to this, the panel recommended Congress to 'seek its support to US non-governmental organisations operating in Hong Kong, which are assisting local civil society and political groups'.

The so-called 'conspiracy' which consisted of saying that American organizations in Hong Kong were used as political and influential tools might be reality.

We have to assume that some American organizations such as the Fulbright Program have a strong influence in Hong Kong, particularly in tertiary education.

Since 2012, the US Fulbright program played an important role in the setting-up of university curriculums around the territory and came under criticism by some academics and members of the public, including myself.

Many Hong Kong citizens are aware and opposed to any kind of US interferences in Hong Kong's local affairs. Unfortunately, it seems that making such a criticism is enough to cast them on the other side of the political spectrum, thanks to double standards.

All this to say that YES, there is US interference in Hong Kong and that it will only do more harm than good.

Joshua Wong should come back to rationalism, stop this nonsense and apply for US citizenship through the online lottery if that's really what he wants instead of flattering warmongers.

Only by looking at both sides of the coin can we improve the situation.

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Macau-style teashop aims to bring back love of beverage

AT a new, quaint teashop in the Historic Center of Macau, Rui Rocha, the store owner and current director at the Department of Portuguese at City University of Macau, sips green tea while he recounts how his fascination with the plant boomed decades earlier while on a mission in the Azores.

Sent by Portuguese authorities to comply with best practices set by the International Labor Organization, Rocha was on a mission to classify and detail the workers of the tea industry on the Portuguese Atlantic islands. What he found, to his surprise, were Chinese characters dotted about the tea production process.

"The first time that I went there, I noticed water tanks with Chinese motifs inscribed on their side," he said. "I wondered 'why?' [... It turned out that] in the nineteenth century [the islanders] had recruited two tea experts from Macau to take care of the plantations."

Explaining that his mother was from Macau, Rocha said that from an early age he used to drink Chinese tea in Portugal, which had been transported from the then-Portuguese-administered enclave.

Indeed, true to the Macanese style, Rocha's shop – "Casa



Aspect of the new teashop

da Rocha" – fuses elements of Chinese and Portuguese cultures, in a sense following on from the tradition he spotted during that early visit to the tea plantations.

Located on the corner of Calçada da Rocha and Rua de Santa Filomena, Casa da Rocha opened only in September, though preparations began in earnest in December last year. It mixes Chinese teas with Portuguese sweets and snacks such as Ovos Moles de Aveiro (Yolks of Aveiro), Tortas de Azeitão (Azeitão Tarts) and Queijadas de Sintra (Sintra Cheesecake). They come directly from Portugal, he told the Times, and go down well with both the Portuguese and Chinese living in the city.

"There are some myths about the Chinese in Macau [among the non-Chinese communities] and one of them is that they do not like things that are too sweet. I am not so sure about that," he said. "I am not finding that."

The shop fuses elements of Chinese and Portuguese culture, and Rocha noted that this is, in some ways, reflective of the city itself.

"Looking at Macau, you have this 3 percent [which is the] Portuguese community and 97 percent Chinese community," he postulates, "so it is nice to have the same traditions in this space."

The wooden tables at which tea is served are formed in a distinctly Chinese shape, including the symmetric right angle patterns commonly found in historic Chinese design. On the table's surface lies a five-by-five grid of traditio-

nal blue and white Portuguese tiles, depicting paintbrush illustrations of mostly birds and flowers. Rocha informed the Times that they were purchased from the Casa de Portugal in Macau.

Although it sells traditional Portuguese sweets and snacks, the main focus of Casa da Rocha is, of course, tea. Rocha's shop offers around two dozen different types of tea

The shop fuses elements of Chinese and Portuguese culture

including green, white and red teas, as well as two varieties of oolong and two types of pu'erh (Cantonese: po-lay).

He wants his shop to be somewhere that locals and tourists alike can discover different types of tea as well as socialize with their friends and family. Rocha also believes that it can help to elevate tea consumption into becoming a social activity in itself.

"I think that this is becoming a social place for locals on Saturdays and Sundays – not only for the Portuguese but for everyone who passes through," he said.

To promote this agenda and put the shop truly on the map of Macau, Rocha said that he doesn't always charge customers for tea – unless they consume a lot of it, he quickly added. "I think it is better this way because it helps to attract people."

Once they like the atmosphere, Rocha is betting that they will want to come back.

Nevertheless, putting the shop on the map is still more a figurative intent, rather than an actual one to have it listed on Macau's Cultural and Creative Map. This is a possibility for the future, Rocha said, but he wants to be careful with attracting tourists due to the store's size and inability to serve large numbers of customers daily.

"I am interested in having both locals and tourists come to the shop, but I need to be a bit careful about this," he warned. "We have [in Macau] 30 million tourists every year, so I need to be careful with the publicity [...] because if 1,000 people came here, I would not have enough [products] to sell them."

Tea culture better preserved elsewhere

RUI Rocha told the Times that the way in which tea – as a cultural institution – has been preserved in China differs greatly with other parts of the world, as does the way it is enjoyed. The shop owner said that tea in China is often consumed out of large decanters, which allow the leaves to brew for too long, spoiling the taste in his opinion.

Nevertheless, the consumption of tea in China is very much for the sole purpose of enjoyment. Contrast that with Japan, which has managed to preserve its 'tea heritage' through traditional and ritualistic tea ceremonies dating back in part to the late-Tang and Song dynasties of China, when the beverage made its way across the East China Sea.

"The traditions in Japanese tea ceremonies are to me very ritualistic. The Chinese nowadays have a much more simplified tea ceremony, with a lot more focus on the flavor, the color and the taste. [...] I think [for the Japanese] the end is not to drink the tea, but rather the concept of this kind of mystic ceremony. [...] It is more ritualistic and less about the enjoyment."

"I am not fundamentalist about tea," jokes Rocha, taking a step back from the seriousness of the Japanese ceremonies, "because, you know, we are not monks."

It is not just Japan that has managed to imbue tea as a part of its national culture in a way that seems to still elude the Chinese. Britain too, is rising in popularity as an exporter of Chinese tea, with a renaissance in interest among Chinese tourists for what is essentially



Rui Rocha

their own cultural product repackaged in British warehouses.

According to data from Britain's revenue and customs institution, British tea exports to Hong Kong nearly tripled in the first five months of 2016 when compared with two years earlier, while they doubled in the mainland China market.

The phenomenon prompted Rocha to recall an instance shortly after he arrived in Macau and was offered tea from a well-known British manufacturer of beverages; a brand called "Tetley."

"I think that is quite unusual, but is probably due to [globalization]," said Rocha. "These new concepts and ideas coming from the West are part of an exchange [...] if you can find Buddhist temples in Switzerland, it is really not surprising to find Tetley tea in China."

MGS ENTERTAINMENT SUMMIT

Vietnam, Cambodia head-to-head on casino plans

CASINO investors and planners in Vietnam and Cambodia were seen battling it out at the MGS Entertainment Summit, which was held in Macau last week, as they announced plans for new developments in the two countries. Both countries are vying to compete with Macau's mass and VIP gaming market.

Vietnam's draft gaming decree, which is now only awaiting the prime minister's approval, looks set to be approved by the end of this year, or early next year, said Professor Augustine Ha Ton Vinh, president and CEO of Stellar Management, which has been involved in the development of the legislation, cited by Asia Gaming Brief for comments made during a panel session at the MGS Entertainment Summit.

However the government will not be making the decision to cut the tax rate for gaming as it is intending to tap into the estimated USD800 million in tax revenue lost each year from Vietnamese residents crossing into Cambodia to gamble.

Vinh suspects that the effective tax rate will be about 39 to 40 percent. However, deductions will



Phnom Penh, the capital and most populous city of Cambodia

be allowed that will make the rate more competitive, especially in the VIP sector. This segment could see an effective tax rate of as little as 13.8 percent.

Ben Lee, managing director of iGamingX Consulting, also a panelist at the MGS Entertainment Summit, said that Vietnam's proximity to China might give the country an edge over other competitors slightly further away.

"Vietnam is a fantastic opportunity as it has the one thing that Macau has, that very few [other] countries

have – not Japan, not Korea, not the Philippines – it has a common border with China," he said as cited by Asia Gaming Brief. "The mass market can literally walk across the border and they do."

Lee also said that the addition of two proposed resorts could add a further USD1 billion in annual gross gaming revenue to the country.

Meanwhile, NagaCorp, which operates the NagaWorld casino in Cambodia, announced that it is planning to add a third phase of its resort expansion in the future, focusing on non-gaming attractions.

Speaking at the summit, Naga Chairman Tim McNally said that the extension will include "additional hotel facilities and may be a water park or a theme park because in the long run, Cambodia is a reasonable cost destination."

"It cannot just be gaming, or a normal integrated resort as you have to compete with others in the region, so our masterplan will include non-gaming attractions that will draw a large number of people from the surrounding region," he added, as cited by Asia Gaming Brief. **DB**

UM scholar receives National Outstanding Youth Paper Award

LI Haifeng, an assistant professor from the University of Macau's (UM) Institute of Applied Physics and Materials Engineering (IAPME), received the 2016 Outstanding Youth Paper Award at the Fourth National Conference on Neutron Scattering and Workshop on Applications of National Neutron Facilities, in recognition of his contributions to neutron scattering research.

Professor Li's research, which revealed the origin of ferroelectricity and the nature of magnetism in triply-ordered chromium-based perovskites, was highly praised by the Special Committee on Neutron Scattering of the Chinese Physical Society, as well as experts and scholars from related fields.

Professor Li is one of two recipients of the award. He holds a PhD in Condensed Matter Physics from the Juelich Center for Neutron Science (JCNS) and the RWTH Aachen University, Germany.

The conference was co-organized by the Special Committee on Neutron Scattering of the Chinese Physical Society, the China Spallation Neutron Source, the China Institute of Atomic Energy and the Research Institute of Nuclear Physics and Chemistry under the China Academy of Engineering Physics.

It was co-hosted by the China Spallation Neutron Source and the Southern University of Science and Technology.

Approximately 200 research scientists from more than 20 universities and research institutes attended the conference to discuss neutron scattering and diffraction, scattering technologies, and related issues. Fifty-six academic reports were presented at the conference.

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Two civil servants allegedly defraud bureau over public housing

THE Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) has revealed details of a case involving two civil servants who allegedly defrauded the Housing Bureau (IH) when applying for economical housing.

The two individuals, who were husband and wife, worked in the Office of the Prosecutor General and the IH respectively, and bought an economical unit in Seac Pai Van under the price of some MOP600,000.

In 2013, when they made an application to the bureau for economical housing, they deliberately concealed the fact that they had purchased a flat in Zhuhai, not long beforehand when completing the application form with intent to pass the assets test smoothly.

This means they allegedly committed the offences of document forgery and fraud involving relatively high value assets under the Penal Code, according to a CCAC statement.

The CCAC received the report early this year, which stated



that someone had allegedly concealed the fact that they owned a property in Zhuhai with intent to deceive the IH in order to obtain economical housing.

At the request of the CCAC, the IH conducted an assets test again for the said application and requested the two

persons to submit evidence concerning assets outside Macau.

The two suspects falsely declared to the staff of the IH that they did not own any property in Zhuhai.

Furthermore, they rushed to sell the property in Zhuhai and applied to the real estate

registry in Zhuhai for documentation that would show that they did not own any property, so they could submit it to the Bureau.

During the investigation, it was also found that when the two civil servants declared their assets and interests in 2013 and 2015, they deliberately concealed their ownership of the said Zhuhai property in the declaration forms.

These acts also allegedly constitute offences of making false declarations.

The civil servants sold the property in Zhuhai and then applied for documentation to show that they did not own any property in order to cover up their illegal acts. However, through the collaboration and assistance mechanism with the Chinese mainland's enforcement departments, the CCAC acquired information that the involved persons had owned and sold the property in Zhuhai.

The case has been referred to the Public Prosecutions Office for the next stage in the prosecutorial process.

Zhuhai customs handed over 182 seized relics to museum

Zhuhai's Gongbei customs gave a total of 182 relics to the city's museum, according to mainland reports. The relics are all items seized by the department over recent years. Buddha sculptures, from the time when mainland China was still called the Republic of China and a vase from the Qing Dynasty are some of the elements included in the collection. Zhuhai Museum is arranging schedules to display these relics to the public. In 2010 and 2012, Gongbei customs handed over 3,749 and 15,573 relics, respectively, to Guangdong's cultural authority.

Passenger attempts to jump off bus because of traffic jam

The traffic jam, a consequence of the Macau Grand Prix, is responsible for many complaints made by the public. A passenger reportedly tried to jump off a bus last Thursday after waiting for a long period inside the bus. According to a report by Jornal Cheng Pou, around 10 a.m. on the said day, the passenger had been waiting for approximately 20 minutes at the R. de Tribuna bus stop. Unhappy with the traffic outside, the passenger tried to jump off the bus from a window, but was stopped by the driver. This incident was first posted on online social websites. The bus involved was from Transmac.

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Barrier Gates Removal Schedule for the Macau Grand Prix

To minimize any inconvenience caused to the public, the Macau Grand Prix Organizing Committee will begin removal of the barrier gates immediately after the end of the event. The first stage of deconstruction will be completed early the next morning. It is expected the entire deconstruction work will conclude on 1st December.

Date	Time	Location
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21-26/11/2016	08:00 to 20:00	To remove all barrier gates from Avenida da Amizade to Reservoir Bend
24/11/2016 – 01/12/2016	08:00 to 20:00	To remove all barrier gates from Rua dos Pescadores to Reservoir Bend
26/11/2016 – 01/12/2016	08:00 to 20:00	To remove all barrier gates at the upper part of the Guia Hill

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MSAR to strengthen ties with Jinan University

CHIEF Executive Chui Sai On met with the President of Jinan University, Hu Jun, to exchange views on the tertiary education sector and on talent development on Friday.

The CE was on a two-day visit to Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, following an invitation from Jinan University to participate in the celebrations of the institution's 110th anniversary.

According to the Government Information Bureau, Chui acknowledged that students who graduated from the university had made great contributions in different sectors of the region's community.

Chui claimed that a great number of talented people in Macau had been educated at the University, thus such residents provided a basis for the further development of the MSAR.

The government would continue to strengthen its partnership with the Jinan University, in a bid to provide more opportunities for Ma-

cau's young people to study there, and to support the city's development by ensuring it had a supply of talented people.

Meanwhile, Jinan University will increase the quota of local youths admissible to the institution, while continuing to cooperate with the MSAR and people from different sectors of the community in Macau, in order to foster talent development and the training of a greater number of professionals.

During the meeting, Chui and Hu spoke highly of the efforts to promote closer ties between the local government and Jinan University.

Earlier this year, there was a controversy over the RMB100 million donated by the Macau Foundation to Jinan University. The New Macau Association claimed that Chui Sai On had a conflict of interest in the donation, since he is the president of the Council of Trustees of the Macau Foundation and also a Vice Chairman of the Jinan University Council.

ECONOMY

Visitor spending halts 7-quarter decline

ACCORDING to information released by the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC), total visitor spending (excluding gaming expenses) increased by 17.4 percent year-on-year to MOP14.64 billion in the third quarter of 2016, putting to an end the seven consecutive quarters of year-on-year decline. The third quarter also showed an expansion of more than 25 percent over the second quarter of 2016.

Total spending of overnight visitors during the quarter amounted to MOP11.92 billion, while that of same-day visitors reached MOP2.72 billion, rising by 21.5 percent and 2.1 percent year-on-year respectively.

Per capita spending of visitors increased by 17.3 percent year-on-year to MOP1,806 in the third quarter, while per capita spending of overnight visitors expanded by 11.5 percent to MOP2,809 year-on-year.

Analyzed by place of visitor origin, those from mainland China spent about 18.2 percent more



in the third quarter (MOP2,100 per capita) than they did in the comparable period last year. The spending of those from Guangdong Province (MOP1,672) and Fujian Province (MOP1,411) rose by 16.2 percent and 27.6 percent year-on-year respectively.

Meanwhile, per capita spending of visitors from Singapore (MOP1,912), Hong Kong (MOP1,092) and Taiwan (MOP1,638) all saw double-di-

git growth, increasing by 17.1 percent, 19.7 percent and 16.9 percent respectively.

Among long-haul visitors, per capita spending of those from the United States (MOP1,177) dropped by 13 percent year-on-year, while Australians and British visitors spent on average MOP1,421 and MOP1,183 respectively, rising by 8.3 percent and 7.2 percent.

According to DSEC, visitors to the territory spent mainly on shopping (43.4 percent), accommodation (27.3 percent) and food and beverage (21.3 percent). Per capita spending on shopping increased by 16.8 percent year-on-year during the third quarter to MOP783.

Additionally, the results of the Visitors' Comments Survey for the third quarter of 2016 indicate that 90.5 percent of surveyed visitors were satisfied with the services and facilities of hotels, up marginally by 0.4 percentage points quarter-to-quarter.

Visitors who expressed satisfaction with services of retail shops (85.0 percent), gaming establishments (83.5 percent) and tourist attractions rose by 2.5, 1.7 and 5.5 percentage points respectively. On the other hand, visitors satisfied with public transport (67.4 percent) saw a quarter-to-quarter decline of 3.3 percentage points.

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Fosun to pay USD185m for 16.7 percent stake in BCP

Kana Nishizawa

FOSUN International Ltd. agreed to pay 174.6 million euros (USD185 million) for a stake in Banco Comercial Portugues SA, Portugal's biggest publicly traded lender by assets.

A unit of Fosun will subscribe to about 157.4 million Banco Comercial shares at 1.1089 euros each through a private placement, equivalent to about 16.67 percent of the expanded share capital, according to a statement from Fosun on Sunday to the Hong Kong stock exchange. The investment will help the Chinese group extend its business in Europe and Africa, it said.

Fosun aims to increase the stake to about 30 percent in the future and additional directors will be nominated on the board of Banco Comercial by Fosun's unit, according to the statement. Fosun's proposal to invest in Banco Comercial was initially disclosed in July 2016

Fosun has been one of the most acquisitive Chinese firms in the past three years -- buying foreign assets such as French resort chain Club Mediterranee SA and Canadian circus operator Cirque du Soleil -- as part of plans to focus its businesses on tourism, healthcare and wealth. Fosun shares were down 7.3 percent this year in Hong Kong, compared with a 2 percent gain in the Hang Seng Index.

Portuguese banks including Banco Comercial and state-owned Caixa Geral de Depositos SA have been trying to boost capital as they address regulator's requests and the burden of non-performing loans. **Bloomberg**

Ben Fox, Lima

FACEBOOK CEO Mark Zuckerberg urged world leaders meeting in Peru on Saturday to help get more people online to improve global living standards while separately announcing new measures to cut down on fake news stories on the social network that some suggest could have helped sway the U.S. presidential election.

The Facebook founder took on the role of an evangelist for "connectivity" as he spoke at an Asian-Pacific trade summit, lamenting that half the world has no access to the online world and is being deprived of its economic potential as well as advances in science, education and medicine. He urged leaders to work with his company and others to close that gap.

"If we can connect the 4 billion people who aren't connected we can lift hundreds of millions of people out of poverty," Zuckerberg said as he addressed business and government leaders at the 21-nation Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum.

But as he was promoting the benefits of the online world in the speech, he took to his Facebook page to address one of the downsides of the internet: the rapid dissemination of bogus news stories on social networks.

Zuckerberg said in a post late Friday that his company was taking measures to curb what he said was a "relatively small" percentage of deliberately false stories. The measures include developing new tools to detect and classify "misinformation" and to make it easier for users to report the material.

He said the company also is looking into the possibility of working with established fact-checking organizations to

Facebook fixing fake news problem with CEO at trade summit



Mark Zuckerberg

evaluate content and into the feasibility of warning labels for stories flagged as false.

Critics have complained that a surge of fake news stories on Facebook may have swayed some voters to back President-elect Donald Trump. The company said last week that it was clarifying its advertising policy to emphasize that it won't display ads -- thus cutting revenue -- for sites that run information that is "illegal, misleading or deceptive, which includes fake news." That followed a similar step by Google, which acknowledged that it had let a false article about the election results slip into its list of recommended news stories.

"The bottom line is: we take misinformation seriously," the Facebook CEO said in his post. "Our goal is to connect

people with the stories they find most meaningful, and we know people want accurate information.

Zuckerberg's comments came after President Barack Obama, who is also attending

Obama called bogus stories disseminated on Facebook and other social media platforms a threat to democracy

the APEC summit, and others have been sharply critical of the spread of fake news online.

In a news conference Thursday in Berlin, Obama called bogus stories disseminated on Facebook and other social media platforms a threat to democracy. The president decried "an age where there's so much active misinformation and it's packaged very well and it looks the same when you see it on a Facebook page or you turn on your television."

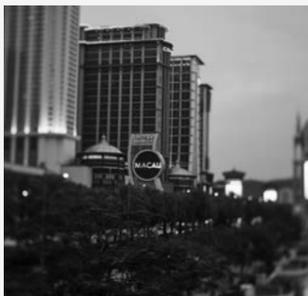
Zuckerberg called the problem "complex, both technically and philosophically." It is also sensitive issue for a company that does not want to censor content such as legitimate political satire that some people find offensive. Facebook sees itself not as a traditional publisher, but as a facilitator of global communication.

It was that lofty vision of the company that was on display as Zuckerberg spoke at the APEC forum.

He described Facebook efforts in artificial intelligence programs that could lead to advancements in medicine and education, as well as a high-altitude solar-powered drone, still in the development stage, to provide online access to places with none. He also described a program to work with local operators around the world to provide free basic internet. **AP**

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SANDS CHINA PROPERTIES INCLUDED IN 'CHINA'S TOP 100 HOTELS'



The Venetian Macao, Conrad Macao, Cotai Central and Four Seasons Hotel Macao have been named among China's Top 100 Hotels at the prestigious China Travel Awards 2016, held by the Chinese edition of leading travel magazine, Travel + Leisure.

In this year's edition, an im-

pressive seven of the 100 hotels across Greater China named in the authoritative list are based in Macau, three of which are Sands Resorts Cotai Strip's properties. These three resort hotels also made the Top 100 last year.

Inspired by Travel + Leisure's World's Best Awards, the annual China Travel Awards recognize leading operators in the travel industry, including hotels, airlines and cruise operators, as well as leading destinations. The magazine undertakes an exhaustive evaluation process to come to a transparent decision on the tourism industry's best performers, incorporating an industry-judging panel alongside media and reader votes, as well as a "mystery judge."

WYNN TO ORGANIZE SME PROCUREMENT PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Wynn Resorts Macau is partnering with the Macau Chamber of Commerce to organize the third Wynn Local SME Procurement Partnership Meeting -- Business Matching Session for Small and Micro Enterprises, 'Made in Macau' Enterprises and Young Entrepreneurs on December 13.

The partnership meeting, which will be held at the Grand Theater Ballroom of Wynn Palace, will be held with appointments arranged in advance, with local Small and Micro Enterprises, "Made in Macau" enterprises and Macau Young Entre-

preneurs invited to send representatives to attend the meeting.

The meeting aims to develop mutually beneficial business partnerships, according to a press release issued by the resort.

Wynn has previously organized two partnership meetings covering two major categories -- Food & Beverage and Facilities.

The third partnership meeting will further expand the procurement items to Hotel Operations and other categories such as Cleaning Chemicals, Floral Decorations and Garment and Uniform Supply, among others.

ST. REGIS AWARDS RESORT'S TOP BUTLERS

St. Regis Hotels & Resorts recognized the brand's top butlers in the Greater China region at the inaugural St. Regis Butler Award Ceremony held at its resort.

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St. Regis Butler Award Ceremony

Beverage Service, Garment Pressing, Service Desk and eButler, as cited in the company's press release.

The bespoke pins that were presented to winning butlers are inspired by the iconic St. Regis logo, combined with Bao Bao Wan's personal and modern take on the brand's personality. Each gold-plated pin is handcrafted, paying homage to St. Regis Butlers.

AP PHOTO



The Dalai Lama (left), speaks at the Janraiseg Temple of Gandantegchinlen monastery in Ulaanbaatar

Dalai Lama preaches in Mongolia, risking Beijing's fury

Ganbat Namjilsangarav

THE Dalai Lama preached to thousands of Buddhists in Mongolia despite demands from China that the visit by the exiled Tibetan spiritual leader be scrapped, at a time Mongolia seeks a critical aid package from its powerful neighbor.

The Dalai Lama addressed followers at the Gandantegchenlin monastery on Saturday and spoke about materialism at

the start of a four-day visit that Mongolia says is purely religious in nature and won't include meetings with officials.

Yesterday, the Dalai Lama is scheduled to chant special sutras at a large sports facility built by Chinese companies through Chinese aid.

The trip could have repercussions for land-locked Mongolia's relationship with China, which protested previous visits by the Dalai Lama by briefly

closing its border in 2002 and temporarily canceling flights from Beijing in 2006.

China's Foreign Ministry had demanded that the Dalai Lama's visit be canceled. Spokesman Geng Shuang said Friday that the Dalai Lama is a "political exile who has long been engaging in splitting China activities in the name of religion with the aim of alienating Tibet from China."

Geng appealed to Mongolia to

maintain "the general picture of a sound and steady development of bilateral ties [and] earnestly stick to its commitment on Tibet-related issues."

The Dalai Lama has been based in India since fleeing Tibet during an abortive uprising against Chinese rule in 1959.

His visit comes as Mongolian leaders are seeking a USD4.2 billion loan from Beijing to pull the country out of a deep recession. With commodity prices

slumping, Mongolia is running out of hard currency to repay foreign debts and is seeking help from a neighbor that accounts for roughly 90 percent of its exports.

Mongolian Buddhism is closely tied to Tibet's strain and many in the heavily Buddhist country revere the Dalai Lama, who made his first visit in 1979.

Mongolian religious figures say the visit could be the last for

Mongolian leaders are seeking a USD4.2 billion loan from Beijing

the 81-year-old spiritual leader, and some of his followers traveled hundreds of miles to see him while braving the coldest November temperatures in a decade.

Daritseren, an ethnic Mongolian from Russian Siberia, said she only heard on Friday that the Dalai Lama was visiting and traveled with 40 other people for 15 hours overnight to make it just in time for the sermon.

Boldbaatar, a 75-year-old herder, said he rushed from 200 kilometers away. "I'm an old man," he said. "Maybe I'm seeing His Holiness, the incarnation of Lord Buddha, for the last time."

Religious scholars said the Dalai Lama is expected to offer input on the search for the 10th reincarnation of the Jebtsundamba Khutuktu, a top-ranked lama in Buddhism. **AP**

NY police: 2 men killed Chinese student in drug deal robbery

TWO men have been accused of killing a Syracuse University student from China during a drug deal robbery in upstate New York, authorities said Friday.

Onondaga County Sheriff Gene Conway said Cameron Isaac, 23, and Ninimbe Mitchell, 20, are charged with second-degree murder, robbery and criminal possession of a weapon in connection with the shooting of Yuan Xiaopeng.

During a news conference, Conway said the three men agreed to meet for a drug deal behind at an apartment complex in su-

burban DeWitt on Sept. 30. He would not say who initiated the meeting, what drugs were involved or whether the robbery was planned.

"This was a drug transaction that went bad," Conway said. "There were drugs left in the victim's car."

District Attorney William Fitzpatrick said the main charge could be upgraded to first-degree murder if it's determined Isaac and Mitchell intended to kill Yuan as part of the robbery. He said the murder weapon hasn't been recovered.

Yuan, 23, was a junior studying mathe-

matics when he was found shot to death. He was from Qingdao on China's east coast and had been in Syracuse since 2011.

Authorities said Isaac and Mitchell were arrested Thursday by investigators who raided and searched their homes in Syracuse and North Syracuse. Both men are being held without bail. The names of their lawyers weren't immediately available from authorities.

Fitzpatrick said Yuan's family, some of whom came to Syracuse to meet with authorities earlier in the fall, have been told about the arrests. **AP**

Hong Kong, Chile ink investment deal at APEC meeting



From left to right: Peru's President Pedro Kuczynski, Brunei's Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah, Chile's President Michelle Bachelet, and Hong Kong's Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying

HONG Kong and Chile have signed a bilateral investment agreement on the sidelines of an Asian-Pacific summit in Peru.

The Hong Kong government said Saturday that the deal provides for investment disputes to be settled under internationally recognized rules.

The deal also allows for compensation if investments are expropriated, and gives investors the right to freely transfer abroad their investments and returns.

Hong Kong Commerce Secretary Gre-

gory So and Chilean Foreign Minister Heraldo Munoz signed the deal at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum on Friday.

It follows a free trade agreement that the Chinese financial hub and Latin American country signed in 2012.

More than 1,000 delegates from 21 countries, representing nearly two-fifths percent of the world's population, are in Lima for the APEC forum aimed at easing global commerce.

China's African population declines amid slowdown, crackdown

Louise Watt, Guangzhou

DREAMS are fading in China for African traders like Mouhamadou Moustapha Dieng, who in 2003 was among the first wave of Africans to set up homes and companies in this port city and forge trading links between China and the African continent.

Young African traders who want to follow in the footsteps of Dieng's generation complain of difficulties getting visas, police crackdowns and prejudice, which come amid rising nationalism and slowing economic growth. Guangzhou is believed to have the largest African population in Asia, but many are leaving as long-time traders struggle against a slowdown in the Chinese economy and increased competition from Chinese traders and the internet.

"Now the trade is almost finished," said Dieng, 54 and from Senegal. His profits are down 40 percent from a decade ago. In the absence of a Senegalese consulate in the city, newly arrived 20-somethings on tourist visas head directly to his office for advice on how to do business in China.

"They come with their bags, they sit down, they don't have anywhere to sleep, they don't have money," said the father-of-four. "Most of them, after 10, 15 days, they go back."

Over recent decades, Chinese companies and entrepreneurs have spread out across Africa building stadiums, roads and other large projects, cultivating land, running hotels and opening restaurants. Less well-known are the thousands of Africans who live in or regularly visit the southern trading port of Guangzhou, which neighbors Hong Kong. Estimates of this population of residents and floating traders vary, and the police's entry-exit administration declined to comment or offer data. The city's vice mayor said in 2014 that there were approximately 16,000 Africans in Guangzhou, of which 4,000 were residents. Guangzhou's population is 13.5 million.

The first African traders started arriving in Guangzhou in the late 1990s, attracted by its annual international trade fair, China's economic boom and the ease of doing commerce in the city thanks to its wholesale markets, factories and low prices. Guangzhou had benefited from being one of the first Chinese cities allowed to open up to business in the 1980s, gi-



Mouhamadou Moustapha Dieng poses for a photo during an interview in Guangzhou

ving it a head start in attracting exporters.

Now that rosy picture has faded. Traders have to compete with online companies like Alibaba that allow customers to order from their offices rather than going to markets. They also have more competition from Chinese, like Dieng's former employee who started her own business targeting his clients after picking up the Senegalese language Wolof.

The Associated Press spoke to 15 Africans in Guangzhou, both residents and traders who travel back and forth. Some long-timers reported that the city had become more welcoming over the years as mutual understanding increased between Chinese and Africans. But others spoke of hostility from locals and authorities, which comes amid a growing wariness of foreigners promoted by President Xi Jinping's administration. Observers say the Communist Party is leaning on nationalism to distract from slowing economic growth.

Claudia Thaiya, 30, who sends electronics, furniture, clothes and shoes back home to Kenya, says when she went to look at an apartment recently, the advertised price went up when the landlord saw her. In some shops, she says, she hears derogatory comments about her skin color. "It shows that we're seen as dirty," said Thaiya, a former teacher.

Benjamin Stevens had a business selling liquor in Zambia before coming to study Chinese and civil engineering two years ago. He says he sees Africans being stopped by police to have their papers checked every day, and Chinese move away from him on the subway.

"Now what I plan is to get what I want and that's the knowledge, about civil engineering, and go and put it into practice in my country," he said.

Dieng, who lives close to the center of Xiaobei, an urban village nicknamed "Little Africa," said that for the past year, he has had to register at the local police station every month, rather than annually as in the past.

"It seems they want the Africans to leave this area," Dieng said. "Every month now, I have to go to the police station, every month. I feel like I'm in jail."

An officer at the Jianshe police station, who did not identify himself, said that it "depends on different cases" as to how often foreigners should register.

Heidi Haugen, who researches Africans in China at the University of Oslo, said that the government wants to appear "in control to their local constituents — although they're not elected, that's an all-important part of legitimizing the government."

"So if the immigrant population becomes too large and too visible, then that can become a political problem in itself," she said.

City authorities are attempting to move foreigners out of Xiaobei. For years it has been filled with African traders, along with Middle Eastern and Chinese Muslim shops and restaurants, and is within walking distance of several provincial and city government offices.

Authorities are hoping African businesses will relocate to a development, Guangda Business City, a 40-minute drive away.

"Xiaobei is a very small and crowded downtown area, where so many African residents mingle with local Chinese, so there are some problems, if not conflicts, owing to their different cultures and lifestyles," manager Deng Qiangguo said.

The city government declined to comment.

Africans in Guangzhou organize themselves into unofficial

■ The first African traders started arriving in Guangzhou in the late 1990s, attracted by its annual international trade fair

communities according to nationality. These communities, which offer members mutual support, report membership has declined over the past two years. The head of Guangzhou's Tanzania community, John Rwehumbiza, said numbers had gone down "tremendously" this year from about 200.

"Many are going back," said Rwehumbiza. "Number one because of the competition. Number two most of them feel they will do better back home than here."

Chuka Jude Onwualu, of the Nigerian business group Association of Nigerian Representative Offices in China, or Anroc, said they had lost up to a quarter of their members since their peak of 80, and business visas were harder to get.

"If you haven't been to China before there's every likelihood you will be denied a visa, so for new people it's really very difficult," he said.

Dieng, who became a trader in China after a career as a pilot and engineer in the Senegalese army, has sold sports shoes, jeans, T-shirts, electronics and buildings materials during his 13 years here. He employs more than 20 Chinese and a handful of Africans. Now, he's putting his last hopes into shipping, and, if that doesn't work, his plan is to move back to Senegal and open a small factory.

"It's near the end," he says of his time in Guangzhou. AP

Malaysians rally at anti-Najib protest as he vows to stay on

Chong Pooi Koon, Choong En Han

THOUSANDS of Malaysians gathered in the country's capital demanding the resignation of Prime Minister Najib Razak as his critics sought to maintain pressure on the premier over a funding scandal.

Protesters in yellow shirts marched through downtown Kuala Lumpur on Saturday amid heavy police presence as pro-government supporters threatened to disrupt the activities. Police said both sides didn't have permissions to gather and closed roads ahead of the fourth major rally by the Coalition for Clean and Fair Elections, or Bersih, since Najib came to power in 2009.

Bersih estimated 50,000 people attended the rally, including former Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad who has been a leading critic of Najib in the past year. The police, which deployed 7,000 officers to maintain public order and prevent clashes, didn't immediately provide a figure on the crowd size. Bersih's protest in 2015 drew an estimated 300,000 people.

Najib has already weathered more than a year of scandals over multi-million dollar political donations and alleged embezzlement at a state investment company, and strengthened his grip on power by silencing detractors. He has denied wrongdoing and said he wouldn't step down, while the attorney general cleared him of graft earlier this year.

"It's time to topple this go-



vernment," Mahathir told protesters who gathered at an intersection beside the world's tallest twin towers after police blocked access elsewhere. "Najib doesn't deserve to be the prime minister. We are forced to wait until the next general election, but we can do something to shorten his term as a prime minister. We must all stand united."

Najib called the Bersih movement "deceitful" and said the group is being used by opposition parties to pressure the government to step down before its term is over, according to a posting on his blog.

"The silent majority of peo-

ple are fed up with the tactics of the opposition," Najib said. "They just want the government to deliver for them, and that is what my team and I will continue to do."

The rally comes amid whispers Najib, with one state election and two by-election wins under his belt this year, could hold a vote as soon as March. A ballot is due by 2018.

Bersih protesters last year were mainly Chinese. There were more Malays seen at the protest this year amid what was "still largely" an urban Chinese crowd, said Ibrahim Suffian, an analyst at the Merdeka Center for Opi-

nion Research. Malays make up the nation's majority and while Najib counts them as his power base, a new party formed by Mahathir's asso-

ciates is targeting them too.

"The organizers have tried to reach out to more Malay crowd and that has translated in a slightly better attendance" of Malays, Ibrahim said. "At the same time it also indicates that the opposition still needs to work on getting the Malays to come on board."

Najib's party leads the Barisan Nasional coalition, which has ruled since independence in 1957. UMNO has for decades propagated policies that provide favorable access to education, jobs and housing for Malays and indigenous people, known collectively as Bumiputeras. It also lost the popular vote for the first time in 2013.

The opposition has sought to lure Malays discontented at living costs and disillusioned over allegations of graft surrounding Najib.

"Life is getting increasingly hard," said Ruzlan Abdul Rahim, a school bus driver and father of 11 from the northern state of Penang, who traveled to Kuala Lumpur to protest. "I don't have enough to eat, I have a big family."

Najib has managed to shrug off the scandals surrounding him in part by increasing handouts to farmers, government workers and low-income Malaysians. He retains the backing of his party's powerful division heads - the bulk of whom have stood by him in the past year. **Bloomberg**

POLICE DETENTIONS

POLICE DETAINED Bersih Chairwoman Maria Chin Abdullah on Friday and also arrested the head of the so-called Red Shirts, a pro-government group whose chief is a division leader from Najib's United Malays National Organization. The Red Shirts had attacked Bersih motorcades as they were traveling to rural and semi-urban towns in recent weeks trying to drum up support for

Saturday's rally. "It is unlawful for any parties to try to unseat a democratically-elected government via street protests," Azalina Othman Said, a minister in the Prime Minister's Department, said in a statement on Saturday. "They should play by the rules of our democracy and wait until the next election so that the majority of Malaysians can again choose their government via the ballot box."

Train derails in north India, killing 115; many trapped

Rajesh Kumar Singh

At least 115 people were killed when 14 coaches of an overnight passenger train rolled off the track in northern India early yesterday, with rescue workers using cutting torches to try to pull out survivors, police said.

Daljeet Chaudhary, a director general of police, said the death toll was likely to rise because rescue workers had yet to gain access to one of the worst-damaged coaches. About 150 people were in-



Rescuers and policemen walk near debris after 14 coaches of an overnight passenger train rolled off the track near Pukhrayan village, Kanpur Dehat district

jured, he said.

The train derailed at around 3.10 a.m., jolting

awake passengers who had settled in for the long trip. The bodies were re-

trieved from mangled coaches that had fallen on their side.

One of the passengers, Satish Kumar, said the train was traveling at normal speed when it stopped suddenly.

"It restarted, and then we heard a crash," said Kumar, whose coach remained standing on the track. "When we came out of the train, we saw a few coaches had derailed."

Some of the coaches crumpled when they crashed into others, trapping hundreds of people

inside.

The cause of the derailment was not immediately clear. Accidents are relatively common on India's sprawling rail network, which is the world's third largest but lacks modern signaling and communication systems. Most crashes are blamed on poor maintenance and human error.

Rescue workers, soldiers and members of India's disaster management force pulled 104 bodies from the wreckage, said Chaudhary, inspector-general

of police in Uttar Pradesh state.

Rescuers used cutting torches to open the derailed train cars to try to reach those trapped inside, while cranes were deployed to lift the coaches from the tracks. However, they were moving cautiously because some of the coaches were precariously tilted, and there was a danger of the coach toppling over, possibly injuring those trapped inside.

"We are being very careful in using the cutting torches," Chaudhary said. **AP**

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Merkel's to seek fourth term



Angela Merkel will seek a fourth term as Germany's chancellor in general elections next year, the German news agency dpa reported yesterday. Citing sources at the Berlin headquarters of Merkel's Christian Democrat party, the agency reported that the 62-year-old chancellor also will run to be re-elected as the party's chairwoman when it holds its national convention next month.

Footage shows airstrike hitting Aleppo hospital

Footage obtained by The Associated Press shows the moment a children's hospital in northern Syria was hit by an airstrike. The exclusive CCTV video shows the interior and exterior of the pediatric facility in rebel-held eastern Aleppo, as it was hit by the bomb on Friday. The Syrian government has stepped up its bombardment of besieged eastern Aleppo — an onslaught that began last week when Syria's ally Russia announced its own offensive on opposition-controlled parts of the country. Since then, more than 100 people have been killed across northern Syria.

Maduro's nephews found guilty in cocaine case

Two nephews of Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro were found guilty of conspiring to traffic 800 kilograms of cocaine into the U.S., in a politically fraught case that links the country's ruling family to the corruption plaguing its economy. Efraim Antonio Campo Flores, 30, and Franqui Francisco Flores de Freitas, 31, could face 10 years to life in prison after a jury delivered a guilty verdict in Manhattan court Friday. The men are nephews of Cilia Flores, Maduro's wife, and Venezuela contends they were kidnapped, showing that the Drug Enforcement Administration has operated illegally in Venezuela, in contravention of a 2005 decree.

Trump children's roles blur line between transition, company

Jonathan Lemire, New York

NEARLY every morning since their father's stunning victory on Election Day, three of Donald Trump's grown children walk through the Trump Tower lobby and board an elevator. But are Don Jr., Ivanka and Eric going to the campaign office on the 5th floor? Their business offices on the 25th floor? The president-elect's penthouse on the 56th floor?

That uncertainty highlights the multiple roles the children play for their father. For the past year, the lines were constantly blurred between political campaign and business empire, raising questions about a possible conflict of interest between Trump's White House and his sprawling business interests.

The children are poised to wield incredible influence over their father, even if they don't follow him to Washington. Trump said consistently during the campaign that if he won, those children would stay in New York and run his business. But the three — plus Ivanka's husband, Jared Kushner — were all named to the transition team's executive committee.

So far, they've been heavily involved in shaping the new administration. They've sat in on meetings and taken late night calls from their father. They advocated for making Reince Priebus, the Republican National Committee chairman, the White House chief of staff. They counseled against bringing back Corey Lewandowski, Trump's first campaign manager, who was fired in June on their advice.

On Thursday, Ivanka Trump and Kushner were present for the president-elect's meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at Trump Tower.

Trump has insisted he will build a wall between his White House and his company by placing his holdings into a blind trust, but with his children as its trustees. Federal requirements are that independent outsiders run such trusts.

"We are in the process of vetting various structures with the goal of the immediate transfer of management of The Trump Organization and its portfolio of businesses to Donald Jr., Ivanka and Eric Trump as well as a team of highly skilled executives," Trump spokeswoman Hope Hicks said. She said the structure "will comply with all applicable rules and regulations."



Donald Trump, together with his family. From left: Donald Trump Jr., Eric Trump, Trump, Melania Trump, Tiffany Trump and Ivanka Trump, cut the ribbon during the grand opening of Trump International Hotel in Washington

Trump's company is the largest business portfolio to belong to a modern sitting president. Federal ethics rules would allow Trump to run his business interests from the White House, or, perhaps more likely, influence decisions made by his children.

That raises conflict of interest concerns: For example, Trump could set domestic policy while making deals abroad that could affect his corporation, even if it were technically in his children's hands.

Kellyanne Conway, a senior adviser, disputed the idea that the Trump children's involvement in the transition could lead to a breach of trust.

"You're presuming that they are doing certain things that they should not be doing," Conway said. "They are his children. And they've been his business colleagues for a long period of time. They obviously will support their father as president."

But the potentially problematic entanglement revealed itself

■ Trump has insisted he will build a wall between his White House and his company

this past week when Ivanka Trump's company promoted a USD10,800 bracelet she wore during a "60 Minutes" interview on CBS. The spokeswoman for the company later apologized.

The children — who were not made available for interviews — are limited in what formal role they could take in a Trump administration.

Congress passed an anti-nepotism law in 1967 that prohibits the president from appointing a family member to work in the office or agency they oversee. The measure was passed as a reaction to President John F. Kennedy appointing his brother Robert as attorney general.

But the law does not appear to prevent the children — or Kushner, who is one of Trump's closest aides and is said to be weighing a White House role — from serving as unpaid advisers or providing informal counsel.

The three grown children — whose mother is Ivana Trump, Trump's first wife — delivered well-received speeches at this summer's Republican National Convention in which they tried to humanize their father.

Don and Eric Jr. were staples on conservative radio and on the road, trekking to campaign offices and small rallies across battleground states like Ohio and North Carolina. Ivanka Trump, meanwhile, was utilized in some of the campaign's biggest moments, including introducing her father before his

convention speech, unveiling his family leave plan and campaigning across the crucial Philadelphia suburbs.

Another daughter, Tiffany Trump, a recent college graduate whose mother is Trump's second wife, Marla Maples, also made appearances on her father's behalf. Trump's youngest child, 10-year-old Barron, whose son is the president-elect's current wife, Melania, is enrolled at a private Manhattan school.

There were bumps in the road.

Eric and Ivanka were the subject of some embarrassing headlines when it was revealed that they were not registered to vote in time for their father in the New York primary. An African big-game safari Eric and Don Jr. took drew criticism from animal rights activists. And Don Jr. has received criticism for tweeting images likening Syrian refugees to a poisoned bowl of Skittles candy and a cartoon character appropriated by white supremacists.

But now they stand poised to be the most influential presidential children in decades, as recent White House offspring have been far younger than the eldest Trump children, who are all in their 30s. During the campaign, Eric Trump insisted that the children's main "focus was the company," but "We'd always be one phone call away if needs it," the younger Trump told The Associated Press in May. "We'd do anything for the man." **AP**

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Since 2011, he's photographed people from 185 of the world's 196 countries, all of them immigrants who live in the state and have become naturalized U.S. citizens.

Chester's collection of more than 350 photographs has been exhibited around Massachusetts. He is now in the process of putting them into a book he plans to distribute free to schools and libraries around the state.

He said his project has taken on new meaning since Republican President-elect Donald Trump has said he would build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border and temporarily ban Muslims from entering the country. **AP**

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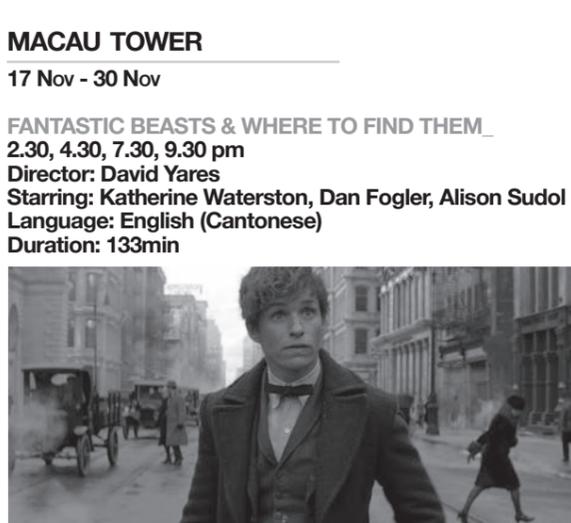
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this day in history



1979 MOB DESTROYS US EMBASSY IN PAKISTAN

A mob in the Pakistani capital, Islamabad, has burned the US Embassy to the ground, killing a US marine.

The five-hour siege began as an organized student protest outside the locked gates of the embassy compound.

But the demonstration grew violent as protesters pulled down part of the outer wall and broke into the compound itself. Gunfire broke out, and the marine, who was standing on the roof of the building, was shot.

The attacks are believed to have been triggered by a radio report from the Iranian leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, saying Americans were behind the occupation of Islam's holiest site, the Great Mosque in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, yesterday.

The US State Department has described the broadcast as "irresponsible, outright, knowing lies." The Saudi Arabian authorities have also issued statements saying the Mecca incident was the work of Muslim fundamentalists and no Westerners were involved.

American relations with Pakistan are already at a low point after the US cut off aid in April over Pakistan's nuclear ambitions, and criticized the human rights record of Pakistani leader General Mohammed Zia ul-Haq.

As the protesters began smashing windows and setting fire to the building, more than 100 embassy staff took refuge in a steel-lined and windowless vault on an upstairs floor.

Those trapped in the room included US diplomats, Pakistani staff members and a visiting journalist from Time magazine. The Ambassador, Arthur W Hummel Junior, was outside the building when the attack began.

Staff inside were able to contact him, and it was Ambassador Hummel who raised the alarm and requested help from Pakistan's government.

Meanwhile, protesters found their way onto the roof of the building, and staff members later said they began firing bullets down ventilation shafts.

General Zia ordered the Pakistan Army to rescue the trapped Americans, and soldiers brought the situation under control at about 1800 local time (1300 GMT), about five and a half hours after the attack began.

Several other American institutions in Pakistan were also targeted in what appears to have been an orchestrated day of anti-American violence.

Tensions are running high since 66 American citizens were taken hostage by Iranian radical students, who seized the US embassy in Tehran just over two weeks ago.

President Carter yesterday threatened the use of force for the first time after the Ayatollah Khomeini accused the American hostages of being "spies" - effectively handing down a death sentence on them.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

During the search of the embassy compound following the siege, a further five bodies were found. One was an American, two were Pakistani staff members, and two were protesters. Relations between the US and Pakistan remained uneasy until 2001, when Pakistan agreed to support the US-declared "war on terror", and helped overthrowing the Taliban regime in Afghanistan.

Pakistan has also captured more than 500 members of al-Qaeda and handed them over to the US.

However, extremist groups within Pakistan continue to target US establishments there. In 2002 alone, there were seven attacks against the small American community which still lives and works in Pakistan.

The American embassy in Islamabad is now one of the most heavily-fortified in the world. US intelligence officials and diplomatic security staff analyse as many as five potential attack threats a day.

The Iranian hostage crisis caused a breakdown in diplomatic relations between Iran and the US in 1980.

The remaining 52 American hostages remained in captivity for 444 days, until their release on 21 January 1981.

YOUR STARS

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Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Now is the time for you to follow up on that one old email or task that you've been putting off for too long.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Your desires may stretch a little further than reality will allow today, but that just means you've got to find ways to stick closer to the truth.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Go out somewhere new and strange and wonderful tonight - your energy demands a change of pace!

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 It's just way too easy for you to freak out over a seeming abandonment today - but if you can let it happen you should soon find that it's just a test of freedom.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Sometimes you are rigid, and then there are days like today. You can tell that if you're not flexible, things are unlikely to go your way.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 A new responsibility comes your way - are you ready for it? You may have to deal with a little backlash, but you are sure to take to it with relish once the adjustment period is over.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 A pervasive sense of fun suffuses the day - no matter what else is happening. Somehow, your good energy lifts your spirits and you find yourself smiling, at least on the inside.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 It's time for a change - but not one of your famous radical shifts. This is a good day for something small and progressive, just enough so that people take notice but not so much that they get nervous.

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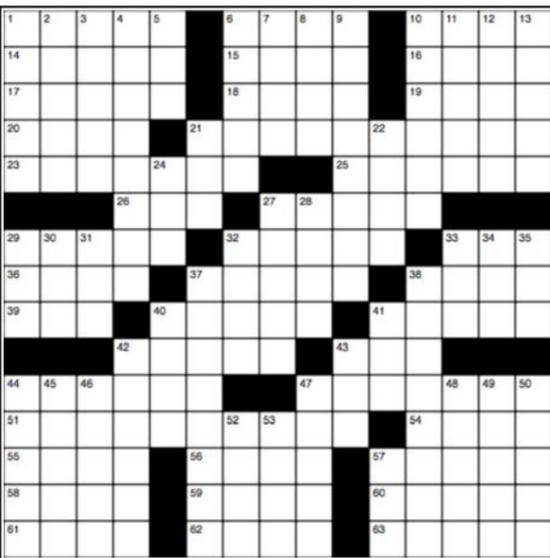
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SERGEY Kovalev kept coming, and Andre Ward never stopped battling. With the crowd roaring in approval, they put on a fight that lived up to its advance billing.

In the end, Ward won a narrow decision Saturday night in Las Vegas to take Kovalev's light heavyweight titles in a battle between two unbeaten boxers.

Ward survived a second-round knockdown and relentless pressure from Kovalev, doing just enough to win by a point on all three ringside scorecards. He remained unbeaten in his last 20 years in the ring, but it wasn't without some moments of worry.

"This was a beautiful thing. We did it baby," Ward said. "I'm a five-time world champion in two different weight classes. Man, it's amazing."

All three ringside judges had Ward winning 114-113. The Associated Press had Kovalev ahead 116-111.

"It was a fight of my life," Kovalev said. "I am disappointed in the judges' decision. He got maybe a few rounds, I agree with that. I kept control. I lost maybe three rounds the whole fight."

Kovalev knocked down Ward in the second round and chased him around the ring much of the early part of the fight. But Ward dug deep and managed to land some good punches of his own in a fight that built to a climax in the later rounds.

The crowd of 13,310 at the T-Mobile Arena was on its feet in the late rounds as the two fighters went after each other, neither giving an inch. In the end, the judges favored Ward's counter punching against the aggressive style of Kovalev.

BOXING

Ward pulls off decision win over Kovalev for title



Andre Ward celebrates after defeating Sergey Kovalev during their light heavyweight boxing bout in Las Vegas

"We were a little careless with that knockdown in the second round," said Ward's trainer, Virgil Hunter. "But we landed the cleaner punches"

Both fighters were unbeaten

with almost identical records. Ward was 30-0 with 15 knockouts and Kovalev was 30-0-1 with 26 knockouts.

It was a classic boxer versus puncher battle, and it looked

like the puncher would prevail as Kovalev won the early rounds. But Ward kept punching and landed some good shots of his own in the middle rounds, and there were plenty of close

rounds that could have gone either way.

"I knew it was going to be a tough fight — it was the first time in my career I was dropped," Ward said. "He did everything I expected him to do. He started to fight like I expected."

■ It was classic boxer versus puncher, both unbeaten with almost identical records

Kovalev's promoter, Kathy Duva, said she would use the rematch clause in the contract for a second fight.

"He won the first six rounds so I don't know how he could lose a decision," Duva said. "I'm happy we had a great fight. Boxing needed a great fight."

The fight was billed as a matchup of U.S. and Russian fighters, with the 2004 Olympic gold medalist Ward against a Russian who lives mostly in the Los Angeles area.

Ward earned USD5 million, while Kovalev was paid \$2 million plus a percentage of pay-per-view. MDT/AP

OLYMPICS

WADA to Russia: Accept doping blame, stop being obstructive

RUSSIA'S failure to acknowledge it operated a state-sponsored doping program, continued obstruction of testing and cyberattacks on the World Anti-Doping Agency were denounced yesterday.

WADA officials warned that Russian sport will struggle to regain the trust of the sports world if leaders continue to refuse to accept key findings from investigation reports which exposed deep-rooted corruption.

The public criticism in front of Vladimir Putin's anti-doping troubleshooter at the WADA Foundation Board meeting came

as it was disclosed that investigator Richard McLaren's final report into Russian state-sponsored doping will be published on December 9.

Vitaly Smirnov, the former Soviet sports minister now heading Russia's state-backed anti-doping commission, responded defiantly: "Russia has never had a state-sponsored system of doping."

That unwavering stance drew a sharp response from WADA deputy director general Rob Koehler.

"There needs to be an acceptance of the findings of the McLaren report [...] because they are factual,"

Koehler said.

"Can they move on?" he added. "We've said from the beginning cultural change is one of the biggest things that needs to happen. Part of cultural change is the admittance of some of the facts."

Vitaly Mutko, who was recently promoted from sports minister to deputy prime minister, was banned from attending the Rio de Janeiro Olympics in August after being accused by McLaren of ordering the cover-up of a failed drug test by a foreign soccer player.

WADA pushed unsuccessfully for Russia's entire delegation to be ban-

ned from the Rio Games, exacerbating divisions with the International Olympic Committee.

"If a certain person is a criminal, it doesn't mean the whole country is," said Smirnov, a former Soviet sports minister and IOC member. When asked if Mutko was a criminal, he responded: "Don't push me."

In an earlier presentation, WADA's Koehler criticized Mutko for claiming McLaren's report was "falsified" and threatening to prosecute those assisting the investigators. Koehler also pointed to cyberattacks on WADA that "we are told are led



Vitaly Smirnov, a former IOC member from Russia who has been accused of running a government-backed doping commission

by Russian espionage groups."

Russia's anti-doping body was declared non-compliant last year when former WADA president Dick Pound detailed widespread cheating in track and field and led the IAAF to ban Russia's entire athletics team.

"The problems that we had are re-occurring," Koehler said. He detailed how officials are being denied access to so-called closed cities where athletes are training and a sealed-off laboratory in Moscow, preventing international federations accessing stored samples. MDT/AP

opinion

Rear Window

Severo Portela



NEGATIVE PERFECTION

The charges brought up against the former Prosecutor General Ho Chio Meng seem to substantially and formally have the potential, if not to dwarf, at least to equal in controversy and social alarm the uber case of jailed Secretary for Transport and Public Works. Ironically, Ho was then the PG who oversaw a trial of one hundred counts (Ao was found to be guilty on more than 40 counts of bribe-taking) and an outcome of 27 year incarceration plus the confiscation of HKD800 million.

The same court, the Court of Final Appeal - better known by its Portuguese acronym TUI - announced in mid-November that Ho is being charged with over 1,500 crimes or rather counts of crimes such as unlawful economic advantage (434), money laundering (56) plus 75 in complicit activities, 69 counts of abuse of power, forgery, and 19 counts of fraud involving large amounts of money. The list is long, long enough to mention one count of damaging public property. MOP44 million is the amount allegedly pocketed by Ho and culprits, amassed from a bulk of MOP160 million worth of public works contracts or procurement... all along, an apparently busy decade.

Over 1,500 crimes is something to shake the public ("si man") into awe and disbelief, including none-other than the legal expert such as the president of the Lawyers Association. Valente described the irrational nature of the accusation as shocking such as may be considered a conspiracy theory, and pointed to the "great injustice" brought to the defendant's lawyer who has only 20 days to read the case(s) - ten to thirty-thousand pages - and prepare a reply. We could mention other worrying quotes on the matter but our aim is truly to highlight the unusual statement that TUI issued to address "the concerns of some Macau lawyers" about the trial to begin early in December. It addresses in a refined manner the question of the pace, from detention on February 27 to the top court on December 5, and the question of the alleged lack of timely access to the case's ten to thirty thousand pages, but does not justify the astonishing number of crimes much less the grounds of its complexity. Other than the thousand-page indictment on the many counts for which Ho Chio Meng will be on trial.

And that makes one shiver... until the TUI judgment is delivered to the public. Until then, one not familiar with the Law will understandably wonder if distractedly taking a pair of socks is enough to face two counts of theft or one of stupidity, and apologies for the example chosen and the wry tone. And probably the doubts troubling the good judgment of the common people include the apparent trivialization of the serious crime of money laundering... ad lucem.

Perhaps, the MSAR system has to sail through troubled waters to be reinforced and to prevail. But nothing can prepare us to understand Secretary Chan's mysterious decision to erase legislation already erased. It looks like a mere and unnecessary liquidation of the past.

Finally, a note on how Macau seems unprepared to evaluate the decision to interpret the Basic Law in order to draw a red line across Hong Kong's highly charged politics. Scott Chiang thinks the decision to prevent localists Sixtus Leung and Yau Wai-ching to take their LegCo seats is proof enough that the breathing space for democracy is getting smaller and smaller: this way, ignoring that a red line is a frontier, not a sign unto scorched earth.

Macau seems happy to pretend that containing or scrapping democracy and restricting the concerns of the public to housing and transportation is the key to business as usual. It is not... Macau long knows how to live on "tableaux vivants" and has the human resources to cast suitably costumed actors carefully into such poses. The problem is the actors excel when the job is window dressing - "make something appear deceptively attractive or favorable" - but cannot cope when the job description looks like 'dressage.'

THE BZZ THREE LOCALS ARRESTED FOR OPERATING FAKE BASE STATION

Three local men have been arrested for operating a fake base station near the Border Gate, as announced last Friday by the Judiciary Police (PJ).

The suspects are aged 26, 29 and 30 years old. The PJ says that the case was first reported to the police back in April.

The PJ then found out that the group consisted of mainly local men, whereas the heads of the

group are all located in Mainland China.

Police revealed that this marks the first time an operation was conducted inside vehicles.

During the investigation, the police inspected 11 residence units in Macau before they eventually detained the three suspects.

They claimed they were paid between MOP150 to MOP200 per day to send fake messages to people passing by their controlling area.

NYC exhibit brings focus to temporary homes and their design



A family inside a Better Shelter housing unit at Kawergosk Refugee Camp in Erbil, Iraq



A Container Camp in Turkey on the Syrian border

Katherine Roth, New York

WHEN it comes to the design of homes and interiors, ideas can have surprising origins.

The origins of Modernism's spare functionalism can be traced to housing solutions created to solve Europe's severe housing crisis in the aftermath of World War I. And once-radical concepts like open flow plans, Pyrex glassware and linoleum flooring were initially designed for corporate or industrial settings.

A contemporary example of that flow of ideas from crisis to general use is Pritzker Architecture Prize recipient Shigeru Ban's use of thick paper tubes in the quick and efficient construction of temporary housing for disaster victims. The tubes have also been employed by Ban to build innovative museums, churches and other structures around the world.

In the other direction, IKEA's expertise in inexpensive flat-packed fur-

niture has been applied to shelters, which can be rapidly and cheaply transported around the world and assembled - and disassembled - within a matter of hours.

A new exhibit at the Museum of Modern Art invites visitors to take an entirely new look at the concept of home and design, this time through the lens of migration and global refugee emergencies, in which temporary shelters, organizers say, are being deployed on a scale akin to that after World War I.

The exhibit "Insecurities: Tracing Displacement and Shelter," on view through Jan. 22, brings together both artists' ideas of home and what it represents and also a range of designs of shelters and refugee settlements.

"These shelters and camps are, in reality quasi-permanent," said Sean Anderson, associate curator in MoMA's Department of Architecture and Design, who organized the show with Arielle Dionne

-Krosnick. Shelters are de facto homes to hundreds of thousands of people throughout the world, Anderson points out, and the average time a displaced person remains in such a situation is over 20 years - longer than many people remain in one home.

The exhibit is divided into sections on borders, shelters as a conceptual as well as built phenomena, and settlements, and features a Better Shelter structure, designed by the U.N. refugee agency UNHCR and the IKEA Foundation, to give a sense of one type of structure many displaced people call home.

It also includes examples of designs meant to help displaced peoples, including a UNICEF "School-in-a-Box," containing materials needed to set up a makeshift school for about 80 students, and "Adolescent Kits for Expression and Innovation," featuring plastic boxes filled with colored markers and other craft materials.

"A refugee settlement is a reality where ingenuity and repurposing of resources is brought to the max, and the values and use of technologies are accelerated," explained Marte Terne, head of marketing and communication for the Sweden-based Better Shelter.

Explaining the way the minimalist temporary housing structures evolve once in use, she said: "Textiles and rugs are used to make the space cozier and softer, personal items are hung up on the walls, a television is in and certain corners or areas are dedicated to specific tasks or storing of certain items.. A home emerges."

The "Insecurities" exhibit is juxtaposed with a larger MoMA show "How Should We Live: Propositions for the Modern Interior," one floor above it, which traces design solutions created to address Europe's post-World War I housing crisis to their eventual evolution into the streamlined functionalism what later became Modern design. AP

Station	Air quality
Roadside	35-55 Good
High Density Residential Area	35-55 Good
Ambient	50-70 Moderate

SOURCE: D5M/G

WORLD BRIEFS

UK Britain's Treasury chief says the economy could face a slowdown because of the uncertainty caused by the U.K.'s decision to leave the European Union. Philip Hammond said yesterday that "we're going to have an unprecedented level of uncertainty, and that's one of the factors causing many commentators to predict that there will be a slowing of economic growth."



USA An air-ambulance plane taking a heart-disease patient to a Utah hospital crashed in a parking lot in northern Nevada, killing all four people aboard and sending up explosions and flames. Three crew members and a patient were killed in the Friday night crash in Elko, American Medflight said Saturday in a statement.



FRENCH conservatives voted in a nationwide primary for the first time yesterday to choose their nominee for next year's presidential election, after a campaign marked by concerns about immigration and Islamic extremism.



GERMANY Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaueble evoked Germany's Nazi past to warn modern-day populists against the dangers of mimicking the harsh rhetoric used in the U.S. election. Schaueble said during a panel discussion on the U.S. election and populism in Europe: "We've had enough of this in Germany, we don't need this any more. We mustn't make minorities the scapegoats of problems we can't solve ourselves. Whoever starts this, ends up where we once were in Germany, at the end of German history."