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### WORLD BRIEFS



**SOUTH KOREA's** Constitutional Court will rule tomorrow on whether impeached President Park Geun-hye should permanently leave office over a corruption scandal or be reinstated, a decision that could radically reshape the country's political landscape. [More on p13](#)

**JAPAN** Revised data show Japan's economy expanded at a slower than hoped for 1.2 percent annual pace in the last quarter of 2016. Abe has struggled to deliver on promises of sustained, stronger growth as frugal consumers and companies have opted to save rather than spend more.



**AFGHANISTAN** Gunmen wearing white lab coats stormed a military hospital in Afghanistan's capital yesterday, killing at least 30 people and wounding dozens in an attack claimed by the Islamic State group. The brazen assault reflected the capability of militant groups in Afghanistan to stage large-scale and complex attacks in the heart of Kabul.

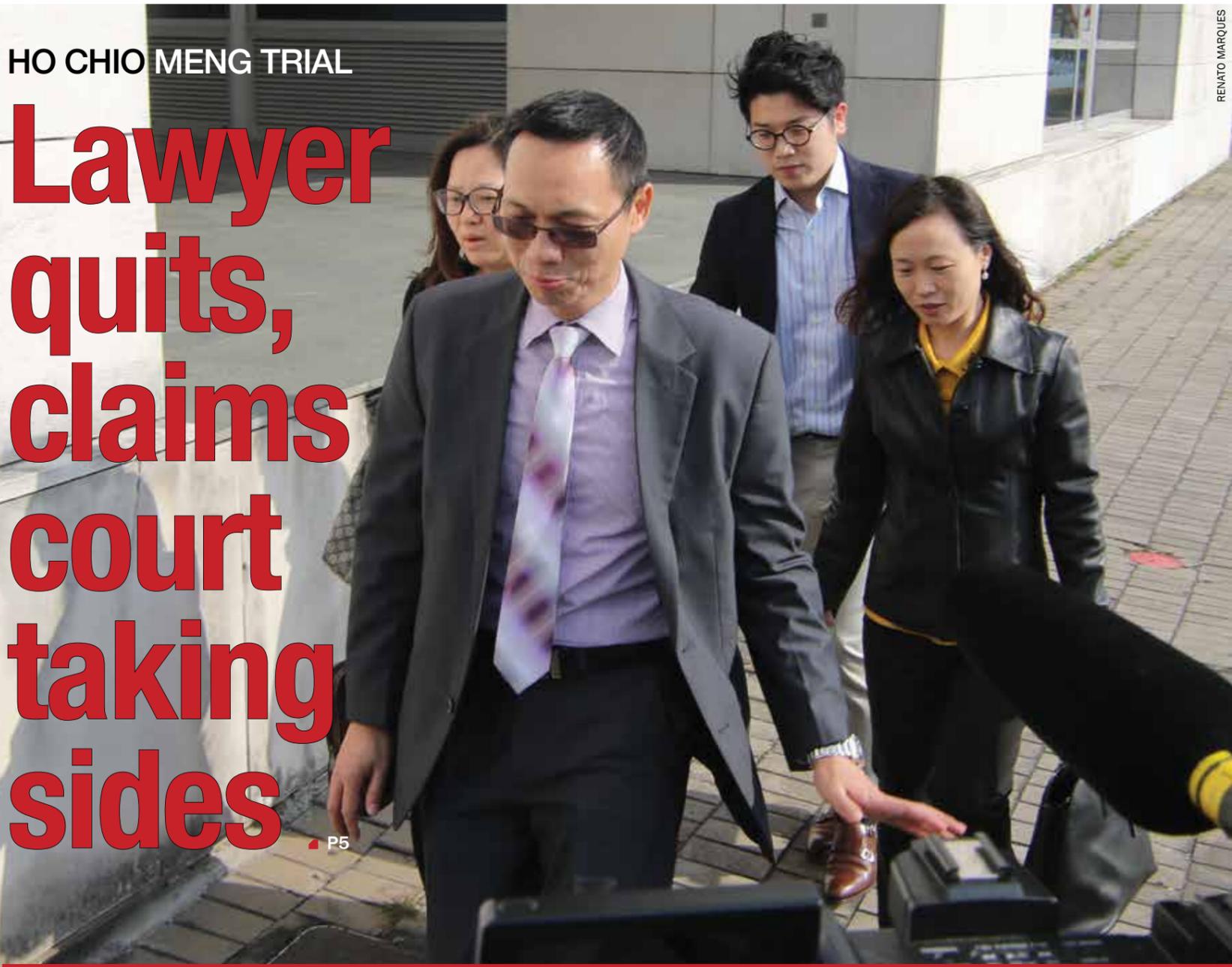
**IRAN** says a vessel from a joint U.S. and British naval fleet approached Revolutionary Guard boats in the Strait of Hormuz in an "unprofessional" manner aimed at escalating tensions in the region, through which 30 percent of the world's sea-borne oil is transported.

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# Two lots at Lai Chi Vun shipyards dismantled

**T**WO lots of the Lai Chi Vun shipyard area were dismantled yesterday because of their precarious state.

In a statement issued yesterday, the Marine and Water Bureau (DSAMA) said the demolition was necessary since the structures are "seriously damaged due to lack of maintenance, which led to the partial collapse of the main structure of their premises, creating a high security risk."

The bureau urged the company responsible for the demolition to ensure that the work would not affect the safety of any neighboring facilities and structures.

Additionally, the statement also informed that as a security precaution, the Housing Bureau (IH) advises residents of neighboring houses to temporarily vacate the area while works are being undertaken. The bureau will provide temporary accommodation in cases of urgent need.

The government reclaimed three properties in the Lai Chi Vun area in May 2016. Previously, the president of the Cultural



Affairs Bureau (IC), Ung Vai Meng, said discussion between the Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO) and the Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau (DSSOPT) had concluded that these properties – which include shipyards and two small wooden houses – will "serve to launch a display of traditions" showcasing the heyday of Macau's shipbuilding industry.

According to the DSAMA statement, from the 18 lots located at

Lai Chi Vun shipyards, only four have facilities that are in an acceptable condition and can thus have their licenses renewed.

As recently as the 1950s, coastal villages were thriving in Macau. Historical accounts indicate at that time there were around 10,000 fishermen and over 30 shipyards in Macau, many of them in Lai Chi Vun. Suffering from regional competition and the surge of the gaming industry in Macau, the industry collapsed in the 1990s.



Tourists take in the views from the rooftop observation deck of the Canton Tower in Guangzhou

## Proposal to allow SAR's residents' Guangdong residency

**C**HINESE People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) member, Chi Fulin, said that Guangdong should allow Hong Kong and Macau residents to be admitted into a Guangdong hukou (a record in a government system of household registration required by law in mainland China), according to a report by Wen Wei Po.

In doing so, Hong Kong and Macau's people would be given the possibility of enjoying Guangdong's education and healthcare as well as other public services.

Chi also called on Guangdong to encourage the SAR's innovative people to start entrepreneurship projects in the province.

Chi thinks that China should speed up the economic integration of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau area. According to Chi, this specific economic integration

consists of implementing an international standard free trade policy, whereby the three regions can achieve free movement of capital, cargo and information.

Chi, who serves as head of the China Institute for Reform and Development, voiced these suggestions towards Macau and Hong Kong and towards the country as well.

China's Hu Kou system has two statuses listed on each person's hukou, specifically rural and urban residency statuses.

Chi proposed the country to cancel the two different statuses and replace them with a unified national residency system before 2020.

Chi said that China should not just make minor changes over its hukou system. He hopes that by 2020, the Chinese nationals' ID card number can become the only necessary identification document.

## Region's travel alert system takes effect

**T**HE region's Travel Alert System, approved and published via Chief Executive Order number 26/2017, took effect this week.

The objective of establishing a Travel Alert System is to allow an accessible and timely dissemination of information about crisis situations, emergencies or catastrophes affecting different parts of the world.

The Travel Alert System covers 77 travel destinations categorized in three different levels and identified by the numbers 1, 2, and 3.

Based on situations including but not limited to new types of terrorism, adverse weather conditions, security issues, political conflicts or issues related to public health, the Tourism Crisis Management Office (GGCT) issues

Travel Alert – Level 1 to five countries and Level 2 to two countries.

Belgium, France, Israel, Nepal and Tunisia are currently listed at Level 1 on the GGCT's website. The office encouraged the public to exercise caution when traveling to these destinations, as there is an imminent threat to personal safety.

Egypt and Turkey are listed at Level 2. GGCT stated that the threat to personal safety is elevated, noting, "it is suggested to avoid non-essential travel to these destinations."

With the implementation of the Travel Alert System, the GGCT advised Macau residents to purchase comprehensive travel insurance before travelling, meaning a coverage option that acknowledges the MSAR Tra-

vel Alert System and provides international emergency medical evacuation coverage.

In a statement issued by the office, travelers are encouraged to verify with their insurers any doubts regarding the terms and conditions of their insurance coverage.

GGCT reminds that the Travel Alert System merely serves as an indicator of the emergency status in order to raise the awareness of each individual's need for self-protection. It does not constitute any form safety guarantee.

The Travel Alert System is not prohibitive in nature. Rather, it is up to individuals to decide or adjust their travel plans according to the information provided.

## 'Poster Design from Berlin' exhibition to open soon



**T**HE 'Anschlag Berlin - Poster Design from Berlin' exhibition, organized by the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC), will open at the Tap Seac Gallery on Tuesday at 6.30 p.m. and feature a total of 70 posters by 35 designers from several Berlin-based design studios.

To complement the exhibition, the Cultural Affairs Bureau will organize a seminar entitled "From Berlin to Macau: Designer's stage."

With its rich historical background and cultural uniqueness, Berlin provides an environment for designers to enhance their creativity by allowing the coexistence of multiple design ideas.

The posters featured in this exhibition are works inspired by the Zeitgeist Movement and contemporary Berlin, created by designers from renowned Berlin-based design studios, including Cyan, LSD, HeSign, EPS51, Ruddigkeit, Ariane Spanier, Fons Hickmann m23, and Surface, among others.

The exhibition includes posters relating to art exhibitions, festivals, concerts, performances and social issues. By sharing works that blend art and design, IC hopes to provide Macanese design professionals with a source of inspiration and an opportunity to exchange ideas. To allow for a more in-depth understanding of this exhibition and Berlin's graphic design world, IC will also organize a seminar titled "From Berlin to Macau: Designer's stage", which will be held on March 15 from 6:30pm to 9.30 p.m. at the Tap Seac Gallery. The seminar will be conducted in English with simultaneous translation into Cantonese.

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KIM JING NAM MURDER

# Malaysia: N. Korean's family may be scared to come forward

**M**ALAYSIA'S prime minister said yesterday that relatives of Kim Jong Nam, the long-exiled half brother of North Korea's ruler, may be too scared to come forward to provide DNA samples following his mysterious poisoning death in a crowded airport terminal in Kuala Lumpur.

Prime Minister Najib Razak spoke a day after a stunning breakdown in diplomatic ties between Malaysia and North Korea over the investigation into Kim's death on Feb. 13. Najib said his country still wants to negotiate with Pyongyang despite the increasingly bitter dispute.

"This is sensitive matter, best conducted in secrecy," he said, adding that authorities are still trying to get DNA samples from Kim's immediate family to formally identify his body.

"Maybe they are scared to come forward," Najib said. Two women swiped Kim's face with VX nerve agent as he waited for a flight home to Macau last month, Malaysian authorities say. The investigation has infuriated North Korea, which has dismissed the inquiry as politically motivated.

Many speculate that North Korea somehow orchestrated the attack, which it denies. Malaysia has never directly accused Pyongyang of being behind the hit.

The dispute took a surprising turn on Tuesday, when North Korea announced that it was blocking all Malaysians from leaving the country until a "fair settlement" of the case. Malaysia responded in kind and barred North Koreans from exiting its soil.

Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said yesterday that Malaysia is willing to negotiate. "So far, we believe they are going to act rationally," he said. "We believe what is important for us is



Police cordon off the North Korean embassy in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

to maintain our diplomatic relationship with them because I think what is important is the safety of our citizens in Pyongyang."

Najib has denounced North Korea's order "an abhorrent act, effectively holding our citizens hostage" and a violation of international law.

"I can't think of anything like this" happening for years, said Lalit Mansingh, a New Delhi-based scholar and longtime top Indian diplomat, said of North Korea's directive. "This is way out of normal diplomatic practice."

But North Korea has a long history of surprising the international community. "It's the North Ko-

rean way of doing things — dramatic intimidating gestures and then waiting for the other side to plead for some concessions," said Leszek Buszynski, a national security scholar at Australian National University who has written extensively on North Korean diplomacy.

Officials in Kuala Lumpur say there are 11 Malaysians currently in North Korea: three working at the embassy, two U.N. employees and six family members. About 1,000 North Koreans are believed to be in Malaysia, until recently one of the few countries where North Koreans could travel without a visa.

North Korea's surprise order

came Tuesday morning, when the official Korean Central News Agency said the country was banning Malaysians from leaving "until the safety of the diplomats and citizens of [North Korea] in Malaysia is fully guaranteed through the fair settlement of the case."

It was not clear, however, what would constitute a "fair settlement." North Korea said Malaysia's diplomats and citizens "may work and live normally" during the temporary exit ban.

Malaysia is searching for seven North Korean suspects in connection with Kim's assassination, including a North Korean diplomat. Police say three suspects are

believed to be in hiding at the North Korean Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, a hulking concrete mansion behind a wall streaked with water stains.

National police chief Khalid Abu Bakar said Malaysia would not raid the embassy, which is protected under diplomatic law, but would wait for the suspects to emerge.

"We will wait. We will wait, and if it takes five years we will wait outside. Definitely somebody will come out," Khalid said.

Malaysia has said the two women who poisoned Kim were recruited by a team of North Koreans. A Malaysian autopsy found that Kim was killed with VX, a nerve agent and banned chemical weapon that causes convulsions and leaves victims unable to breathe. North Korea is widely believed to possess large quantities of chemical weapons, including VX.

The women, one from Vietnam and the other from Indonesia, were quickly caught and have been charged with murder. Both say they were duped into thinking they were playing a harmless prank.

Custody of the body has become a flashpoint. Malaysia says it needs to conduct DNA tests to formally identify the body, but North Korea says it has no right to keep the body of a North Korean citizen.

Kim, who was in his mid-40s, had lived abroad for years and had reportedly never met younger half brother, North Korean ruler Kim Jong Un. AP

## Man claiming he's slain North Korean's son says he's safe

Kim Tong-Hyung, Hyung-Jin Kim

**A** man claiming to be the son of the slain half brother of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has appeared in a YouTube video saying he's safely with his mother and sister.

Kim Jong Nam was killed by two women who rubbed a prohibited nerve agent on his face at an airport in Malaysia on Feb. 13, according to Malaysian police. Kim Jong Un was widely suspected to be behind his brother's murder to eliminate a potential challenger to his rule. Subsequently, there have been worries about the safety of Kim Jong Nam's

son Kim Han Sol, who described his uncle Kim Jong Un as a "dictator" during a rare 2012 interview with Finnish television.

"My name is Kim Han Sol from North Korea, part of the Kim family," the man says in English in the 40-second YouTube clip uploaded yesterday. "My father has been killed a few days ago. I'm currently with my mother and my sister. [...] We hope this gets better soon."

An official at South Korea's National Intelligence Service said the NIS had determined that the man in the video is Kim Han Sol. The public affairs official, who spoke on condition of

anonymity, citing department rules, didn't explain how his agency confirmed the man's identity.

NIS officials gave the same confirmation to the office of a lawmaker who sits on South Korea's intelligence committee without saying how it reached such a conclusion, according to an aide to the lawmaker. The aide requested anonymity for both himself and the lawmaker, saying they weren't authorized to give the information to the press.

The NIS has a spotty record on reporting developments in North Korea. But a private voice analysis institute in Seoul said there was a "high

probability" that Kim Han Sol in the 2012 interview, which can also be found on YouTube, and the man in the latest video clip were the same speaker.

"It's right to determine they are the same person," said Lee Cheul-houng, head of the Transcription Analysis Laboratory.

The man in the latest video doesn't talk about the whereabouts of his family or how they were being protected. The video was posted on the YouTube channel of Cheollima Civil Defense, which describes itself as a group helping North Korean defectors.

The group said on its web-



People at a railway station in Seoul, South Korea, watch a TV news program displaying a video in which a man claims to be the son of the slain half brother of North Korea's leader

site that it responded to an "emergency request" last month by three members of Kim Jong Nam's family and relocated them to safety. The group expressed gratitude to the Netherlands, China, the United States and a "fourth government to remain unnamed" for providing assistance in protecting the three. South Korea's Unification Ministry said it had no knowledge of the Cheollima group.

Malaysia has never di-

rectly accused North Korea of killing Kim Jong Nam, though it is searching for seven North Korean suspects over the case. North Korea has denied any responsibility and accused South Korea of being behind the accusation.

The investigation into Kim's death has created a diplomatic battle between Malaysia and North Korea, which have banned each other's citizens from leaving their respective countries. AP

**CAEAL advice for election coverage generates confusion**

The president of Electoral Affairs Commission for the Legislative Assembly election (CAEAL) Tong Hio Fong, said yesterday that media companies should establish internal rules for coverage of the next elections. During a meeting with journalists yesterday, Tong said that CAEAL is advising journalists to avoid interviews and features on candidates in the time frame between publication of the public notice containing the list of candidates and the beginning of the electoral campaign. The advice generated confusion among many journalists who attended the meeting. Many questioned if merely interviewing a candidate could be seen as electoral propaganda. Tong said that CAEAL would not issue specific instructions and would analyze any infractions on a case-by-case basis. Later, the Government Information Bureau (GCS) issued a statement which referred to the Electoral Law: "Electoral propaganda is an activity organized to convey a message that directs the public's attention to one or more candidates and suggests, explicitly or implicitly, that electors should vote or not vote for that candidate or candidates."

# Albergue plans to organize women's art biennial

Lynzy Valles

**I**N celebration of International Women's Day, Albergue SCM held an art exhibition yesterday featuring works of female artists from Macau and lusophone countries.

In its second edition and attended by mostly women, the exposition features 28 artworks from 28 female artists. Last year, the exhibition only presented artworks from Chinese artists.

President of Albergue SCM, Carlos Marreiros, told the Times that the exhibition aimed to acknowledge the works of women from across the region.

"Because the ladies are so capable, clever and as good as us men in any kind of jobs," he said.

According to Marreiros, they are planning to organize an international women's art exhibition biennially.

"There are no established women's art biennial [events] - therefore it can add value



Carlos Marreiros (center) and guests pictured during yesterday's inauguration

to local culture, identity and tourism of Macau," he said.

Meanwhile, local artist Joey Ho is hoping that her artwork will encourage women to be proud of themselves no matter their race, appearance and size.

Speaking to the press, she

remarked that her artwork is selected from her previous collection titled "Fat is Power."

Ho's painting reflects the attitude of women during the Tang Dynasty.

"Nowadays we always mind other people's opinion of us.

We are always living in other people's opinions and being influenced by commercials but in that time, women are living in their own style," she explained.

The local artist also recalled that she took part in a collaboration a few years ago which aimed to express the real definition of power which can come in the form of women, gentleness and an equal contribution by men and women.

Commenting on the event, Ho cited her belief that Chinese families regard mothers as powerful in a family, citing a mother's tireless contribution to nurture the family.

"Mothers are powerful because they are the ones to always contribute [to the family]. They really care about others [so] we should bring this back in our mindset," Ho remarked.

"We need to go back to our humanity, which is the power of women, the power of gentleness and contribution," she concluded.

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# Defense lawyer steps down from Ho Chio Meng case



Leong Weng Pun

Julie Zhu

A surprising episode rocked yesterday's trial of former top prosecutor, Ho Chio Meng, when his defense lawyer, Leong Weng Pun, together with Ho's entire defense team, decided to exit the case.

In the morning, the trial finished earlier than usual. Leong was interrupted several times by the judge when he was questioning a witness. He even hinted that apparently the court was siding with the prosecution. Following those remarks, Leong expressed his desire to discuss with Ho whether his team should keep defending him, since he was constantly being interrupted.

In the afternoon, the court remained expectant during the approximately 15 minutes that followed 3 p.m.

It was then announced that since the defense lawyer had withdrawn from the case, the afternoon court would be adjourned.

After walking out of the Court of Final Appeal (TUI), Leong told the media that discontinuing Ho's appointment was not associated with the chances of winning, as he

noted he and his team expend all efforts in every case they take on. The lawyer noted that it was the first time in his career that he had to give up a case for not being able to defend a plaintiff. Asked if the court was impartial, Leong remarked: "That is a good question. You all saw what happened. We made an effort and gave our best... You know the rest, you know the details. It is not me who should comment. I leave that to each person's discretion."

Before the session was adjourned yesterday, only one witness, surnamed Chan, was called to the court. Chan serves as top investigator at the Commission Against Corruption (CCAC), and participated in investigations against Ho.

During the morning session, Chan said that the alleged shell companies would be quickly awarded Public Prosecutions Office (MP) service contracts upon adding new services to their portfolio.

For instance, one shell company registered themselves as a renovation company, listing air conditioning maintenance in their service portfolio shortly before having received the MP's air

## FIVE DAYS TO GET A NEW LAWYER

**REACTING TO** Leong Weng Pun's withdrawal from the case, TUI issued a statement indicating that Ho Chio Meng had a timeframe of 5 days to find a new lawyer, before the court would appoint a lawyer to

defend him. The statement added that the court sessions scheduled for March 10 and 13 were postponed. Leong Weng Pun is obliged to notify the court of the reasons behind his decision to drop the case.

conditioning maintenance contract.

In another instance, one of the shell companies illegitimately received a pest control service contract from the MP.

In a proposal written by another defendant, Chan Ka Fai who is department head at the MP, Chan stated that the relevant company possessed the latest machinery to be used for that service.

However, after the contract was awarded to this alleged shell company, it outsourced the service to another company, which effectively provided services to the MP.

Chan then revealed that the alleged shell companies would alternate with other shell companies to take over the MP's service contracts in order to avoid detection while providing the same range of services to the MP for a long period of time.

However, Leong adduced three documents bearing the same fax number as evidence that the companies were not trying to avoid detection.

Chan said that some of the contracts given to the shell companies by the MP were not implemented by the companies, because no signs whatsoever indicated that they had provided services to the MP.

Chan revealed that the companies would always outsource contracts to another company which would then provide services to the MP.

Leong went on to question whether some of the specific services were actually completed.

Chan emphasized that the works were not provided by the shell companies.

When Leong reiterated that he wanted to know whether these services were completed, the witness replied that the services were indeed completed but that he did not know by whom.

In Chan's testimony, he said that the shell companies had only four employees.

The defense lawyer pointed out that there were part-time employees in addition, na-

mely Wong Kuok Wai (the defendant who is accused of establishing the shell companies), and Lai Kun Pun (another defendant).

Leong also mentioned that one company which provided services to the MP had no employees, and questioned whether Wong Kuok Wai and Lai Kun Pun could be considered employees. However, judge Lai Kin Hong said that it was common knowledge that that company did indeed have employees.

In response, Leong remarked that the judge ought to adopt a neutral stance.

Later, Chan declared that the alleged shell companies would always provide the Public Prosecutions Office with higher-than-average quotations.

However, Leong observed that a document produced by Chan showed that the Prosecution Office had estimated it spent MOP10,000 to purchase computer software, and that these companies in fact offered a cheaper price to the MP that competitors.

Leong then told Chan that CCAC only compared offers made by companies if the offers were higher than the market average, not lower.

Judge Lai Kin Hong then stated that MP's estimated price could not be compared to the real market price and to the eventual price.

Lai also noted that the prosecution was looking for crimes committed by Ho Chio Meng, and he deemed it unnecessary to discuss what Ho did legally.

Leong argued that he was simply explaining all the facts to the court, elaborating that he hoped the court could adjudicate the case from the perspective of a neutral and balanced observer.

Afterwards, Leong said that he had been confronted with difficulties while defending his client, and notified the judges that his entire team needed to talk to Ho about whether they should continue defending him, requesting ten minutes for this discussion to occur.



## Japan's automated clearance system made available

The Identification Services Bureau (DSI) announced that MSAR passport holders are eligible for Japan's Trusted Traveler Program (TTP), where participants will be allowed to use Japan's automated immigration clearance system after registration. To be eligible, applicants must meet the relevant criteria, such as persons who intend to stay in Japan for a short period of time for commercial business, sightseeing or visiting relatives. Eligible applicants can lodge an online application and submit the required materials on the Immigration Bureau of Japan website prior to entering Japan. Upon receipt of the application, the Immigration Bureau of Japan will conduct a preliminary review and send the applicants an electronic notification of the result, according to a statement released by DSI.

## Galaxy announces salary adjustment

Galaxy Entertainment Group announced yesterday that their annual salary adjustment will be brought forward from July to April this year. Eligible team members who have joined the gaming operator on or before April 1 of this year and have demonstrated satisfactory performance will receive a performance-based salary increase ranging from 2.5 percent to 5.5 percent. In addition, Galaxy announced the "Special Reward Program" in 2014 where eligible full-time team members at Senior Manager grade and below were awarded with company shares equivalent to three months of their salary as of August 2014 as their "Special Share Award". The "Share Award" will be vested on December 31, 2017.

## EUAP-M to hold a talk on EU's current challenge

The European Union Academic Program in Macau (EUAP-M) is slated to hold a talk on "The European Union Between Nationalism and Multiculturalism" on March 13 at the University of Macau. The speaker, Henrique Raposo would address one of Europe's current challenges – how to deal and integrate Muslim communities. Raposo will argue that the possible answer to this challenge is on the revival of the classical liberal patriotism. The talk will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Teaching Building of the institution. Raposo is a writer and a media pundit in Portugal who has written extensively about the European Union.

## LAWYERS ASSOCIATION HEAD EXPRESSES CONCERN

**THE PRESIDENT** of the Macau Lawyers Association, Jorge Neto Valente, reacted to the stepping down of Ho's lawyer. Speaking to TDM, Neto Valente said that the incident was regrettable. "A case

where a lawyer is forced to take such a stance during a trial is not unheard of, but it is uncommon and, certainly regrettable. That leaves me concerned," Neto Valente said.

# Alvin Chau's money is no good in HK



Alvin Chau (left) presenting a cheque to the Macau Grand Prix organizers

A fund set up to support seven police officers convicted of assaulting an Occupy Central protester has rejected three donations totaling HKD2.5 million, including one allegedly from Macau-based junket owner and entertainment tycoon Alvin Chau.

On the weekend, 16 individuals from the entertainment industry in the two SARs donated a sum of HKD7,777,777 to the fund, however it quickly emerged that some donors had dubious backgrounds of criminal and gang connections.

It was speculated that Sun Entertainment Culture boss Alvin Chau made a donation amounting to around HKD1 million. Meanwhile, the other controversial HKD1.5 million donation may have originated from Charles Heung of China Star Entertainment

Group and Albert Yeung of Emperor Entertainment Group.

The controversy, which was extensively covered by Hong Kong's The Standard, prompted police authorities, legislators and the anti-corruption bureau in the neighboring SAR to recommend that the three questionable donations be rejected.

Hong Kong legislator Lam Cheuk Ting, who belongs to the pan-democrat bloc and was formerly the territory's anti-corruption chief investigator, initially criticized the donations and recommended that Hong Kong's Commission Against Corruption be consulted on the matter.

Later, founding chairwoman for the Junior Police Officers' Association, Maria Tam, informed The Standard that the donations were rejected to avoid contro-

versy after the dubious background of some of the donors came to light.

This revelation prompted lawmakers Lam and Ho Kwan Yiu to commend the fund's decision, with the latter describing it as a "prudent" approach and commenting that transparency by the fundraiser was highly desirable.

The fund apologized to the controversial donors for the decision in a statement, but did not identify them. Tam also said that, even without those donations, the fund has thus far raised around HKD20 million.

The fund was established for seven policemen who face charges after assaulting an Occupy Central protester in 2014, named Ken Tsang. They have been each sentenced to two years for the assault but are now appealing the ruling. **DB**

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## GAMING

# ABC documentary details Packer downfall

A documentary has been released by Australia's ABC network outlining the withdrawal from Macau of Crown Resorts owner James Packer and the downfall of VIP gaming promoters for the company on the mainland.

The report, titled "Crown Confidential: Packer's Losing Hand", recalls the 15 Crown Resorts' staff that were arrested in China last year for gambling-related crimes. Fourteen of them remain in detention on the mainland, waiting to find out if they will be charged.

The response of mainland authorities was to crackdown on the promoters in the same fashion as it had done previously with VIP promoters for Korean casinos.

In the documentary, Steve Vickers, who owns a specialist risk mitigation and security consultation firm, described the Central Government's response using the well-known Chinese idiom:



A screenshot of a scene in the documentary

"Killing a chicken to scare the money".

Speaking at a table with a visible copy of the Times newspaper, Vickers cited government concerns over foreign gaming promoters circumventing Chinese law as well as worryingly large sums of capital leaving China as the two causes behind the crackdown.

He also repeated claims that, at the high point in early- to mid-2014, gaming revenues may have been as much as six times

higher than that officially reported by Macau's gaming bureau.

Starting from last year, James Packer has been partially withdrawing from Crown Resorts' international assets to focus on developing his company within the domestic Australian market. The developments include a USD2 billion Barangaroo casino in Sydney that received its final green light in December after a legal bid from a community group was rejected. **DB**



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# Airbnb is said to explore expansion in long-term home rentals

Olivia Zaleski

**AIRBNB** has quickly become a favorite destination for travelers looking for somewhere to stay on vacation. Now the home-sharing startup is interested in doing the same for people who want to find a place to live.

Airbnb Inc. is considering an expansion in the long-term rental business and has asked McKinsey & Co. to research the market, said two people familiar with the matter. The consulting firm's work involves conducting competitive analysis of Craigslist, said the people, who asked not to be identified because the deliberations are private.

While Craigslist currently dominates rental markets in many cities with its "sublets/temporary" section, Airbnb believes there may be an opportunity to offer a safer,



identity-verified alternative, the people said. McKinsey is expected to present its findings to senior management at the San Francisco company next month.

Nick Papas, a spokesman for Airbnb, declined to comment on the project. He said at any given time, Airbnb is considering dozens of initiatives and new product categories, and many never see the light of day. "Examining different parts of the market is standard operating procedure, and we don't have any announcements to make," he said.

Craigslist's giant user base is an attractive target for Airbnb, which is on a mission to add new revenue streams and justify a private market valuation of USD31 billion. Craigslist boasts about 60 million U.S. visitors a month, according to internet research firm ComScore. Despite being one of America's most trafficked online destinations, the classifieds website looks and behaves much like it did when it debuted more than two decades ago. In most places, users can post for free and anonymously. Craigslist doesn't police listings.

The laissez-faire approach has made Craigslist a haven for hustlers and scammers. A March 2016 study from New York University found that Craigslist fails to identify and remove more than half of scam rental listings. Early on, Airbnb used Craigslist's leniency toward spam to its advantage. In 2009, an Airbnb founder devised a system to email thousands of Craigslist users encouraging them to migrate their home and apartment listings to Airbnb, according to *The Upstarts*, a book by Bloomberg's Brad Stone.

Airbnb has offered a sublet section on its site since 2011, listing houses and apartments to rent by the month. Some cities, including New York, only allow Airbnb to offer long-term rentals. The company collects a 9 percent to 12 percent fee from each booking. According to the Airbnb Sublets page,

monthly rentals are currently available in more than 5,000 cities.

However, the feature isn't advertised on the homepage and lacks basic functions. For example, it requires bookers to input an end date for their stays, something a person living month-to-month may not know. In addition to addressing that issue, the company would likely build options for long-term renters to pay utilities and other recurring service fees, such as electricity, water and internet, said a person familiar with the matter.

A push deeper into local subletting is in contrast to Airbnb's recently articulated strategy to become a full-service travel company. Brian Chesky, Airbnb's chief executive officer, said the company is building on the trip itinerary options, tours and other travel experiences it introduced in November. The company is also developing a flight-booking tool. Last month, Airbnb made its biggest acquisition, spending about \$300 million on Luxury Retreats, a platform for high-end travel rentals and tourism services. And it's been looking at acquiring other travel-related startups. **Bloomberg**

## INNOVATION

# Boeing 'paper plane' wins over a skeptic as United takes a peek

**UNITED** Continental Holdings Inc. has taken a close look at an all-new jetliner that Boeing Co. engineers are developing for trans-Atlantic flying, and the airline likes what it sees.

"What we've seen so far is very, very interesting to us," Andrew Levy, United's chief financial officer, said in an interview Tuesday. "We certainly hope Boeing launches the airplane. We think there is a need for it."



An endorsement from United, a large Boeing customer, would go a long way toward making the business case for so-called middle-of-market jetliners. While the airplane concept exists only on paper

so far, Boeing has honed the design to seat between 225 and 260 passengers and worked to bring production costs in line with prices that airlines would be willing to pay.

"I wouldn't be surprised if there is a decision to offer by this year," John Plueger, chief executive officer and co-founder of Air Lease Corp., said of the first step in Boeing's process to formally introduce a new plane. "That

might be a bit early, a bit aggressive. But that would not surprise me."

United had been among the skeptics of the jets that Boeing has spent years developing to fill the gap in its product line-up between the largest of the narrow-body 737 models and the smallest 787 Dreamliners. As Boeing is designing a twin-aisle aircraft with the range to fly from London to New York, budget carriers are shifting

more mid-range flying to relatively inexpensive narrow-body jets such as Airbus Group SE's A321neo.

After delving deeper into the Boeing design, "we're convinced, we get it. We understand the economics," Levy said in an interview at the ISTAT annual conference in San Diego. "We thought a twin made no sense, but we walked through it and had our questions answered. From what we've seen, we like it. But it's a paper airplane. Hopefully they'll launch it."

Timing and price are two of the critical elements that Boeing must consider in its high-stakes chess match with Airbus for market dominance. Billions of dollars of investment are at

stake, and the payoff can be thwarted by factors ranging from cheap oil to supplier stumbles. Boeing has been planning its new family of mid-range aircraft, while Airbus has been marketing upgrades of existing jetliners: the A321, its largest narrow-body, and A330 wide-body jets.

Boeing's jet, which would probably be known as the 797, may begin flying in 2025, said Steven Udvar-Hazy, who co-founded Air Lease and is influential in shaping product strategy for Boeing and Airbus. The engine technology and breakthrough design of the new aircraft will be critical since it may fly through 2060, he said. **Bloomberg**

## corporate bits

### PRISCILLA CHAN TO PERFORM AT THE VENETIAN



Cantopop queen and Hong Kong singer Priscilla Chan will present a new concert when she brings her "Priscilla-ism Concert in Macau" to the Cotai Arena at The Venetian Macao on July 1.

Since 1984, Priscilla has released dozens of albums in Cantonese, Mandarin, English and Japanese.

Renowned for her delicate, emotive voice, her Cantonese hits "Fallen Snow" and "Silly Woman" have become household anthems, according to press release by Sands China.

Fans can expect to

hear all of Priscilla's classics, but given a twist with newly composed melodies, performed against a stage that shows visuals of Broadway and timeless Chinese themes.

A highlight of her concert will be her costume changes, with as many as ten outfits throughout the show. All outfits are styled by designer Kenneth Chan, which the renowned diva will wear as she sings and dances to all-new choreography.

Tickets go on sale today and are available at all Cotai ticketing box offices as well as Hong Kong Ticketing and Kong Seng Ticketing.

### MGM PRESENTS NEW DELICACIES



MGM Macau is presenting food-lovers with an array of Western and Chinese delicacies in March with the authentic Macanese Dinner Buffet at Rossio, and the Supreme Giant Garoupa Deli-

ght at Imperial Court Chinese Restaurant.

Rossio presents a selection of authentic Macanese classics and local favorites, including Portuguese octopus salad, bacalhau ball,

crispy suckling pig with hoisin sauce and stuffed squid. To round off the feast, sweets such as Serradura ice-cream and Portuguese egg tart are not to be missed.

Available only on two weekends, Imperial Court presents a giant garoupa feast in March. Fish fans can savor the finest cut based on own preference, with the chef-recommended culinary arts to highlight the sea treasure.

Meanwhile, head and bone are the best ingredients for Double boiled soup with Chinese dates and herbs, which can boost one's overall health. Other signature dishes such as Garoupa congee with conpoy and fried rice with garoupa, organic black garlic and egg white are also available.

**C**HINA is considered a priority market in the work plan of the Brazilian Trade and Investment Promotion Agency (Apex), said the chairman, Ambassador Roberto Jaguaribe.

In this context, exchange with the Pan Pearl River Delta can help to improve the relationship between Brazil and China, the diplomat said during a meeting with a delegation of about 50 representatives of the nine provinces of the region, as well as Macau and Hong Kong, who arrived on Monday in Brasilia.

Although China has been Brazil's largest trading partner since 2009, and an important investor, there are still many challenges, said the diplomat, who pointed out, for example, the fact that Brazilian exports to China are concentrated on a small group of basic, low value-added products.

Brazilian investment in China remains very low, at around USD500 to 600 million, while Chinese investment in Brazil totals over USD15 billion so far.

"As leaders of trade and investment promotion agencies and as members of the Brazil and China governments it is our duty to seek creative solutions to help put the relationship between the two countries on a new, even higher level than this," said Jaguaribe, adding that it is necessary to expand, diversify and improve the

# Brazil wants to expand trade partnership with China



Roberto Jaguaribe

quality of bilateral trade.

As part of this strategy, Apex, which works in a similar way to the Macau Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM), created Unidade China, which began operating in January 2017.

The agency's chief executive Augusto Castro, said that bilateral relations are still in their "infancy" and that the potential path for growth is exponential.

With the creation of the hub, the proposal, according to Castro, is to work towards increasing investments between the two countries in the coming years, and he noted

the environment, infrastructure, technological and business innovation, agri-business, image and promotion of culture and e-commerce as priority areas.

In the agri-business sector a great bilateral alliance should be created to expand cooperation, said the head of Apex, noting that Brazil is the second largest supplier of products in this segment to China and the biggest meat supplier.

The proposal is to expand to other products, given that China, as an increasingly prosperous economy and an ever higher per capi-

ta income, will demand more food and drinks and "no country in the world is as well positioned to meet that demand as Brazil."

In the technological and business innovation area, there is a cooperation program for technology parks in China and Brazil, which may enable the production of goods with higher added value and higher technological content, which are points of interest for the two countries.

With regard to environmental issues -this region's biggest focus of interest - the director recalled that Brazil has modern environmental legislation and cited the Brazilian Forest Code, which requires farmers to set aside between 20 percent and 80 percent of their property for native vegetation.

Brazil has seen great progress in reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 41 percent between 2005 and 2012, said Castro, recalling that the participation of renewable energy in Brazil's energy structure is the highest in the world, or about 42 percent.

One of the areas in which Brazil saw major advances in the use of

these energies is in transport, with the expanded use of ethanol produced from sugar cane. The representative of the Sugar Cane Industry Association (UNICA), Alfred Szwarc - which brings together 136 private companies - recalled during the meeting with the Chinese delegation that greenhouse gas emissions have been reduced quite significantly since 1975 due to the launch of the program to incentive national ethanol production.

The President of IPIM, Jackson Chang, who leads the mission to Brazil, said the delegation was interested in finding out about the development of green industries and fostering interaction with both the Brazilian government and corporations.

The delegation will also have meetings in Brasilia with representatives of the Operations and Management Centre of the Amazonian Protection System (Censipam) with the Ministry of Defense and the Ministries of Environment and Planning, Development and Management. **MDT/Macauhub**

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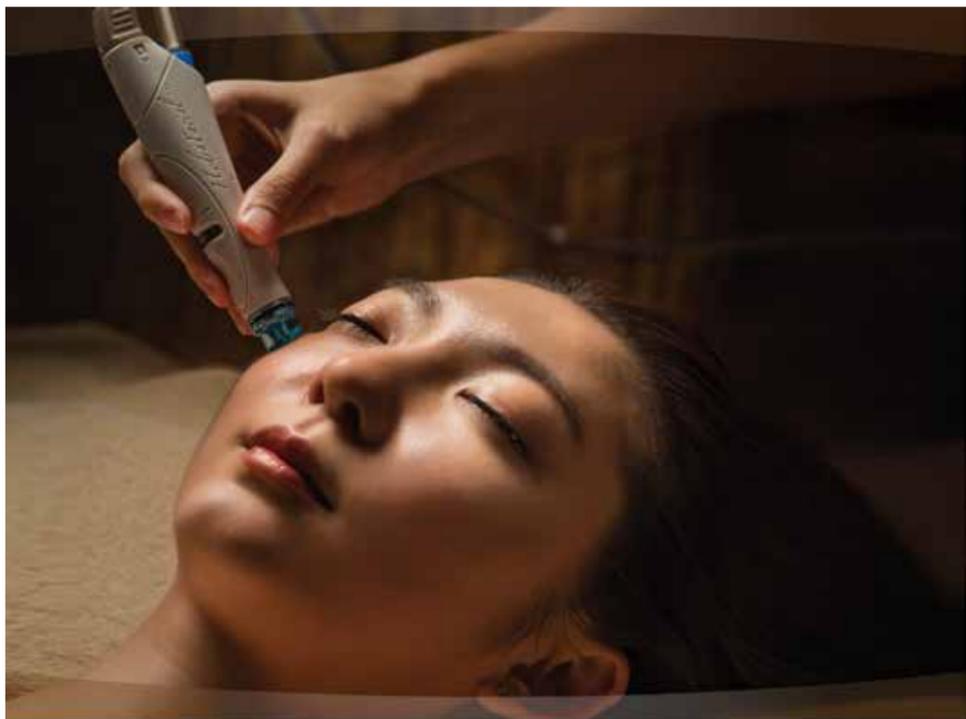
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# China grants preliminary approval to 38 new Trump trademarks

Erika Kinetz, Shanghai

CHINA has granted preliminary approval for 38 new Trump trademarks, paving the way for President Donald Trump and his family to develop a host of branded businesses from hotels to insurance to bodyguard and escort services, public documents show.

Trump's lawyers in China applied for the marks in April 2016, as Trump railed against China at campaign rallies, accusing it of currency manipulation and stealing U.S. jobs. Critics maintain that Trump's swelling portfolio of China trademarks raises serious conflict of interest questions.

China's Trademark Office published the provisional approvals on Feb. 27 and Monday.

If no one objects, they will be formally registered after 90 days. All but three are in the president's own name. China already registered one trademark to the president, for Trump-branded construction services, on Feb. 14.

If President Trump receives any special treatment in securing trademark rights, it would



■ **Dan Plane, a director at a HK intellectual property consultancy, said he had never seen so many applications approved so quickly**

violate the U.S. Constitution, which bans public servants from accepting anything of value from foreign governments unless approved by Congress, ethics lawyers from across the political spectrum say. Concerns about potential conflicts of interest are particularly sharp in China, where the courts and bureaucracy are designed to reflect the will of the ruling Communist Party.

Dan Plane, a director at Simone IP Services, a Hong Kong intellectual property consultancy, said he had never seen so many applications approved so quickly. "For all these marks to sail through so quickly and cleanly,

with no similar marks, no identical marks, no issues with specifications — boy, it's weird," he said.

The trademarks are for businesses including branded spas, massage parlors, golf clubs, hotels, insurance, finance and real estate companies, retail shops, restaurants, bars, and private bodyguard and escort services.

Spring Chang, a founding partner at Chang Tsi & Partners, a Beijing law firm that has represented the Trump Organization, declined to comment specifically on Trump's trademarks. But she did say that she advises clients to take out marks defensively, even

in categories or subcategories of goods and services they may not aim to develop.

"I don't see any special treatment to the cases of my clients so far," she added. "I think they're very fair and the examination standard is very equal for every applicant."

Richard Painter, who served as chief ethics lawyer for President George W. Bush, said the volume of new approvals raised red flags.

"A routine trademark, patent or copyright from a foreign government is likely not an unconstitutional emolument, but with so many trademarks being granted over such a short time period, the question arises as to whether there is an accommodation in at least some of them," he said.

Painter is involved in a lawsuit alleging that Trump's foreign business ties violate the U.S. Constitution. Trump has dismissed the lawsuit as "totally without merit."

China's State Administration for Industry and Commerce, which oversees the Trademark Office, and Trump Organization general counsel Alan Garten did not immediately respond to requests for comment. **AP**

## ECONOMY

# Exports rise in first two months of the year



CHINA'S imports and exports grew in the first two months of this year after weakening toward the end of 2016.

Exports rose 4 percent from a year earlier in January and February to USD302.8 billion, rebounding from a 6.1 percent contraction in December, customs data showed yesterday. Imports rose 26.4 percent to \$260.6 billion, accelerating from De-

cember's 3.1 percent growth.

Analysts often look at January and February together to screen out the impact of the two-week Lunar New Year holiday, which begins on a different date each year.

"The latest trade data suggest that, seasonal distortions aside, both exports and imports strengthened at the start of 2017," Julian Evans-Pritchard of Capital Eco-

nomics said in a report.

Last year, exports shrank by 7.7 percent. Weak global demand is a drag on Beijing's efforts to nurture self-sustaining economic growth based on consumer spending instead of trade and investment. Those plans call for keeping exports steady to avoid job losses in industries that employ millions of people.

"We expect external demand to remain fair-

ly strong during the coming quarters," said Evans-Pritchard.

"However, we doubt that the current pace of import growth can be sustained," he said. "With growth in China currently running above trend and both monetary and fiscal policy being tightened, it is only a matter of time before we see a slowdown in domestic demand."

The country's top economic official, Premier Li Keqiang, on Sunday trimmed this year's official growth target to "around 6.5 percent," down from last year's expansion of 6.7 percent. If achieved, that would be China's weakest rate since 1990 but among the world's strongest this year.

The premier warned China faces growing uncertainty due to rising global pressure for trade controls.

Chinese leaders have defended free trade in response to U.S. President Donald Trump's promises to raise duties on Chinese goods, though Beijing's trading

partners complain China is the most closed major economy.

China's global trade surplus for January and February contracted by 56 percent to \$42.1 billion.

Its surplus with the United States declined 12.1 percent to \$31.8 billion, while that with the 28-nation European Union, its biggest trading partner, shrank 23.3 percent to \$18.7 billion.

China's import bill has been boosted by higher prices for metals and other commodities for which its factories are among the biggest buyers. That has helped to shrink its trade surpluses.

For the month of February, exports shrank 1.3 percent to \$120.1 billion. Imports jumped 38.1 percent to \$129.2 billion.

China ran a trade deficit of \$9.1 billion in February, as it usually does early in the year as factories replenish raw materials and components following their holiday shutdown. **AP**

## Chinese goods fraud through UK costs EU some USD2.1 billion

THE European Union's anti-fraud office says that customs fraud on goods from China, through Britain and into mainland Europe has cost EU states some USD2.1 billion.

The OLAF office said that customs duties were lost on textiles and shoes shipped from China, with Britain being the first EU-landing post over the period 2013-2016.

The OLAF office recommended that the EU Commission try to rectify the situation, as custom duties go into the EU budget. It said the Commission and Britain must now agree on how to deal with the investigation.

OLAF said in a statement that it kept Britain informed over the years about the fraud investigation.

Christopher Bodeen & Gillian Wong,  
Beijing

# Beijing says N. Korea could suspend nukes for halt in US drills

CHINA'S foreign minister said yesterday that North Korea could suspend its nuclear and missile activities in exchange for a halt in joint U.S.-South Korea military drills, in an unusually public proposal that analysts said showed Beijing's growing alarm over the tensions.

Foreign Minister Wang Yi said frictions between the North and Washington and Seoul were like "two accelerating trains" headed at each other, with neither side willing to give way.

"The question is: Are the two sides really ready for a head-on collision?" Wang told reporters. "Our priority now is to flash the red light and apply the brakes on both trains."

Wang said China has proposed that as a first step to defusing the looming crisis, the North might halt its nuclear program development and missile testing if the U.S. and South Korea suspended their military drills.

"This suspension-for-suspension can help us break out of the security dilemma and bring the parties back to the negotiating table," Wang said, describing the approach as trying to address all parties' concerns in a "synchronized and reciprocal" manner.

North Korea first floated the proposal in 2015, but it was swiftly dismissed by Washington and Seoul, who say the two issues are unrelated. Their view is that North Korea's nuclear and missile program is in violation of U.N. resolutions whereas the joint U.S.-South Korea drills are a long-standing practice, analysts say.

Chinese scholars said Beijing has privately discussed this proposal with the countries involved but Wang's move to make it public could be a sign that China plans to take a more aggressive approach to the issue to prevent it from spinning out of control.

**The question is: Are the two sides really ready for a head-on collision?**

WANG YI

"China is becoming an utterly important victim of the turbulent situation on the Korean Peninsula, therefore it has unprecedentedly expressed its views in public," said Guo Rui, international relations expert at Jilin University.

China has been stepping up pressure on North Korea, its once-close Communist ally, to give up its nuclear and ballistic missile programs. Last month, Beijing suspended all coal imports from North Korea for the rest of the year, a move that deprives the North of an important source of foreign currency. Beijing wants the U.S. in return to restart long-stalled negotia-



U.S. battle tanks prepare to cross the Hantan river as part of an annual joint military exercise between South Korea and the United States in Dec 2015

tions with North Korea.

Wang's move to publicize Beijing's proposal could also be directed at Washington ahead of Secretary of State Rex Tillerson's visit to China later this month.

"Raising such a proposal without seeking the views from the U.S. and South Korea will likely bring pressure to Tillerson's upcoming visit to China," said Cheng Xiaohe, an international relations expert at Renmin University in Beijing. "Talking about it publicly also indicates that China is hoping to have some achievement."

A White House official

downplayed Wang's suggestion, saying China has made similar proposals in the past. The official was not authorized to discuss the policy publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The South Korean government had no immediate response to Wang's comments.

Wang likely renewed the dual suspension proposal in the hopes that President Donald Trump might see it as an alternative approach, said John Delury, a North Korea expert at Yonsei University's Graduate School of International Studies in Seoul.

"Wang Yi is putting it out there

for Trump, saying 'here's an off-ramp to the current tensions,'" Delury said in a telephone interview from Seoul.

With tensions rising again, attitudes among officials and North Korea watchers are now diverging over how to approach the North, Delury said. While some want greater engagement, others are calling for stronger measures, possibly including military action, he said.

Trump, meanwhile, has yet to articulate a clear policy toward the North, other than to tweet that he wouldn't let it obtain nuclear weapons to attack America.

"The proposal is the same, but the context is different," Delury said.

Wang, who answered a range of questions at a briefing on the sidelines of China's annual legislative sessions, also urged South Korea to suspend deployment of a U.S. anti-missile system, saying Seoul had made a "wrong choice."

Washington and Seoul say the system is defensive and not meant to be a threat to Beijing. China is opposed to the system, saying it would allow U.S. radar to peer deep into its territory and monitor its flights and missile launches.

"We urge some forces in South Korea not to keep insisting on taking this path, otherwise the result can only be damage to others and harm to yourself," Wang said. AP

## Guangdong firm ZTE pleads guilty to breaking Iran sanctions



CHINESE cellphone equipment maker ZTE Corp. will plead guilty and pay the United States nearly USD900 million for shipping sensitive U.S.-made technology to Iran in violation of U.S. sanctions, the Justice Department

said yesterday [Macau time].

The corporation violated export controls that are designed to keep sensitive American technology out of the hands of hostile regimes and lied to federal investigators about their

actions, Attorney General Jeff Sessions said.

ZTE pleaded guilty to three felonies and also settled charges with the Commerce and Treasury departments. It has also agreed to pay another \$300 million, suspended during a seven-year-period, if it does not meet the terms of the agreement, which includes the appointment of a corporate compliance monitor.

The settlement marks the largest civil fine ever imposed in a Commerce Department export control case. An official who requested anonymity to discuss the terms of the

agreement said it was also largest Justice Department criminal fine in an export control or sanctions case.

The Trump administration sought to portray the settlement as a sign it intended to get tough on those who violate sanctions.

"Those who flout our economic sanctions and export controls will not go unpunished," Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said in a statement.

But much of the investigation was conducted under the Obama administration. The departments of Justice and Homeland Security started looking into reports of illegal con-

duct by ZTE in 2012.

"It's a big deal — it sends a really strong message," said Amanda DeBusk, chair of the international department at the law firm Hughes Hubbard & Reed. "The U.S. isn't going to be shy about going after companies connected to the Chinese government."

Several of ZTE's top shareholders are corporations owned by the Chinese government.

According to court documents, ZTE obtained the banned goods, including cellular network equipment, over a six-year period and shipped them to customers in Iran, knowing that the sales violated the sanctions. The company also made 283 shipments of cell phone equipment to North Korea in violation of U.S. embargos in that country, the Commerce Department

said.

"ZTE acknowledges the mistakes it made, takes responsibility for them, and remains committed to positive change in the company [...] We are committed to a new ZTE, compliant, healthy and trustworthy," ZTE CEO Zhao Xianming said in a statement.

Officials from the departments described an elaborate scheme by the company to ship about \$32 million worth of U.S.-made equipment to Iran while lying to federal investigators. ZTE hid the data related to the transactions from a forensic accounting firm.

Founded in 1985, ZTE is based in Guangdong. It is one of the world's biggest telecommunications companies with subsidiaries in the U.S., Asia, Europe and South America. AP

Eileen Ng & Kristen Gelineau,  
Kuala Lumpur

## ANALYSIS

# Two challenging mysteries have one thing in common: Malaysia

**T**WO of the world's most intriguing mysteries are in the hands of Malaysian investigators. Will they ever find all the answers to either?

One of them — the fatal poisoning of the half brother of North Korea's ruler with a banned nerve agent — happened long after the other — Malaysia Airlines Flight 370, which vanished three years ago yesterday. Investigators have far more evidence in the death of Kim Jong Nam, including his body and two suspects in custody, than they do in the disappearance of the plane, whose 239 passengers and crew could be forever lost in the Indian Ocean.

Yet there are reasons to wonder whether Kim's death may prove just as difficult to solve completely. While seven North Koreans are suspected of involvement in the apparent assassination, Malaysian authorities may be unable to arrest any of them.

Here's a look at the challenges investigators face in each case.

### MALAYSIA AIRLINES FLIGHT 370

Hopes that the world's greatest aviation mystery would soon be solved crumbled in January, when officials called off the years-long, deep-sea search for Malaysia Airlines Flight 370. The USD160 million search of a remote stretch of the Indian Ocean off Australia's west coast failed to find any trace of the Boeing 777, which vanished on March 8, 2014, on a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing.

For the families of the 239 people on board, the decision to suspend the search was devastating. For the wider aviation industry and the flying public, it was unsettling. Would there ever be a resolution to the tornado of questions about how the plane vanished and why?

Still, while the deep-sea search has ended, the wider investigation into the plane's disappearance continues. In Australia, an international team of experts is studying whether an area north of the previous search zone could be the plane's final resting place. On Saturday, Malaysian Transport Minister Liow Tiong Lai said there was an "85 percent" chance that the aircraft is in the new 25,000-square kilometer area.

An important caveat: Investigators previously expressed confidence that the plane was in the original search area — and it wasn't.

A search of the area to the north would also require



A man with a painted face attends the Day of Remembrance for MH370 event in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



Vietnamese suspect Doan Thi Huong (left) in the ongoing assassination investigation of Kim Jong Nam

fresh funding. Australia, Malaysia and China — the countries that paid for the original search — have said they have no plans to fund a new one unless they receive evidence of the plane's exact location. So the families of those on board have launched an effort to come up with the money themselves. Some of the victims' relatives initially said they had a goal of raising at least \$15 million for the search, but others later said they had not agreed on an exact figure.

Investigators in Australia are also analyzing the way a recovered wing part known as a flaperon could have drifted through the ocean. The flaperon that washed ashore on Reunion Island off the African coast in July 2015 was the first piece of wreckage to be found. Investigators are conducting drift analysis on a different flaperon, hoping that will help pinpoint where the wing part from the Malaysian plane originated.

Malaysia, which is leading the investigation into the plane's disappearance, said authorities would also boost efforts to look for parts of the plane along the African coast. More than two dozen pieces of debris believed to

have come from Flight 370 have been found so far, including two new pieces found off Africa about two weeks ago. Investigators are clinging to hopes the debris will yield clues to the main wreckage's whereabouts.

Finding the main wreckage — and the all-important "black box" data recorders — is the key to unraveling the mystery of Flight 370. Yet given the limited information available to investigators and the vastness of the Indian Ocean, the prospects of finding the devices without a major breakthrough in data analysis or advancement in underwater search technology are slim.

Malaysia expects to release a final technical report on what happened to the plane based on the available data and evidence sometime this year.

### KILLING OF KIM JONG NAM

Kim, the estranged half brother of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, died less than 20 minutes after he was accosted Feb. 13 by two women in the budget terminal of the Kuala Lumpur airport, officials say. Malaysian authorities have learned much since

then, but they've hit a North Korean brick wall that could prevent them from fully solving an apparent assassination by chemical weapon.

Two women charged with murder — one Vietnamese, one Indonesian — are accused of smearing Kim Jong Nam's face with the nerve agent VX. No one else is in custody, but police are seeking seven North Koreans. Four left Malaysia the day of the attack, but the other three are believed to still be in the country. They include a North Korean Embassy official and an employee of Air Koryo, North Korea's state airline, and police believe they may be hiding in the embassy.

North Korea has scoffed at the VX claims, saying it would be impossible for the women to have poisoned Kim without sickening or killing themselves or others. It opposed the autopsy work the Malaysians have done and has not complied with Malaysian requests to interview suspects.

Lawyer Sankara Nair said it would be a tall task for Malaysia to get hold of the four North Koreans who returned to Pyongyang, as well as the North Korean diplomat still in Malaysia. Malaysia has sought Interpol's help to put

the four men on its wanted list, but they would be vulnerable to arrest only if they leave their homeland, Nair said.

The embassy official is protected by diplomatic immunity and is untouchable unless North Korea waives his immunity, the lawyer said.

Nair said police can arrest the Air Koryo employee if he is still in Malaysia. If he is hiding in the embassy, police cannot enter the embassy compound and must wait for him to step out, Nair said.

In the absence of these suspects, the case against the two women would depend on the evidence that police have. The women have reportedly said they believed they were taking part in a prank.

"If evidence is lacking and there is a need for further corroborative evidence, then the case could be weak," Nair said. "The women's story is simple: prank. You must show that there's motive. You must show beyond reasonable doubt that there's intention to kill."

If prosecutors can't prove intent, the charge could be reduced to causing death by a "rash or negligent act," which is punishable by a two-year jail term and a fine. AP

## SOUTH KOREA

# Court to rule tomorrow to remove or reinstate Park

AP PHOTO



A supporter of impeached South Korean President Park Geun-hye

Kim Tong-Hyung, Seoul

**S**OUTH Korea's Constitutional Court will rule tomorrow on whether impeached President Park Geun-hye should permanently leave office over a corruption scandal or be reinstated, a decision that could radically reshape the country's political landscape.

If the court formally unseats Park, a presidential election must be held within 60 days. For Park to be removed, at least six of the court's eight remaining justices need to support the impeachment motion filed by lawmakers, which accuses the president of a wide range of charges including extortion, bribery, abuse of power and leaking government secrets. One judge's term ended in January.

The opposition-controlled parliament voted to impeach Park in December, following weeks of massive protests over suspicions that she conspired with a longtime confidante to extort money and favors from companies and allowed the friend to secretly manipulate state affairs.

Fierce rallies by opponents and supporters of Park have divided the streets of the capital, and the court's ruling is likely to further

polarize the electorate, already sharply split along generational and ideological lines.

The main opposition Democratic Party said in a statement that it will respect the ruling, whatever it is, but also that it expects the court to "make the logical decision supported by 80 percent of the people," referring to public opinion polls that show a majority of respondents back Park's impeachment.

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Park's office had no comment after the court's announcement yesterday of when it would rule. Her lawyers have vehemently denied what they call the groundless accusations against her.

Park's powers were suspended after she was impeached by parliament, and Prime Minister Hwang Kyo-ahn became government caretaker. If the court rules to remove Park, she will be stripped of her powers and lose her immunity from prosecution, making it possible for prosecutors to indict her on criminal charges. Her single five-year term was originally due to end in February 2018.

Park has apologized for putting trust in her jailed friend, Choi Soon-sil, but has denied any legal wrongdoing.

Investigations into the scandal have led to arrests of former government officials, top aides and businessmen, including Samsung scion Lee Jae-yong, who is suspected of bribing Park and Choi in exchange for business favors.

Park has denied prosecutors' requests for interviews and a search of her presidential office. She also refused to appear at the impeachment trial, which finished arguments on Feb. 27.

After South Korea's last presidential impeachment, of liberal President Roh Moo-hyun in 2004, the court reinstated him after two months, saying allegations of minor election law violations and incompetence weren't enough to justify his removal.

Some experts believe the court is more likely to uphold Park's impeachment because the charges against her are more serious.

If she is forced from office and an election is triggered, the Democratic Party's Moon Jae-in, who lost the 2012 race to Park, is favored in opinion polls to become South Korea's next leader. **AP**

## BANGLADESH

# Acid victims redefine beauty in Dhaka fashion show

**T**WEEN model Shonali Khatun strutted the catwalk as the audience cheered at a fashion show in Bangladesh's capital.

But Shonali is no ordinary model, and this was no ordinary show.

She and the 14 other models are survivors of acid attacks, common in this South Asian country, where spurned lovers or disgruntled family members sometimes resort to hurling skin-burning acid at their victims.

The fashion show, held Tuesday night in Dhaka and attended by fashion lovers, rights activists and diplomats including the U.S. ambassador to Bangladesh, aimed to redefine the notion of beauty while calling at-

tention to the menace of such attacks.

For 14-year-old Shonali, the event was nothing short of empowering. She was attacked just days after she was born amid a property dispute involving her parents, and was left with burn scars on her face and arms. She spent nearly three years in a hospital and underwent eight operations. Her attacker has never been caught.

"I am so happy to be here," she said. "One day I want to be a physician."

The models, including three men, walked the catwalk, dancing and showcasing woven handloom Bangladeshi designs. The show was choreogra-

phed by local designer Bibi Russel.

Organizers said they hoped to highlight the fact that acid victims, too often overlooked, are a vital part of society. They deliberately chose to hold the event on the eve of International Women's Day.

"We are here today to show their inner strength, as they have come a long way," said Farah Kabir, country director of ActionAid Bangladesh, which organized the show. "I often take inspiration from them. Their courage is huge."

Bangladesh has struggled to deal with acid attacks in recent decades, and has instituted harsh punishments for the perpetrators, inclu-

ding the death penalty. The country has also trained doctors to treat such sensitive cases and attempted to control the sale of acid, but has failed to eliminate the scourge entirely.

In 2016, some 44 people were attacked with acid in Bangladesh — an annual number that has remained relatively stable.

"I am ashamed of having such things in the country," Kabir said. "Unfortunately, in Bangladesh we do have acid victims because of either gender discrimination or violence, or because of greed. And we want to remind everyone the kind of injustice that has been meted out to them." **AP**

AP PHOTO



A Bangladeshi acid attack survivor gets her make up applied during the event 'Beauty Redefined' in Dhaka

Nataliya Vasilyeva, Moscow

HE visited imperial palaces and construction sites. He presided at a Miss Universe pageant. He hobnobbed with city officials at gala functions and seemed to particularly enjoy dining on Russian sausage.

But Donald Trump did not strike any real estate deals here.

The New York real estate tycoon has his name on hotels, resorts and other properties from South Korea to Turkey to Panama, but none in Russia, though he repeatedly said he wanted to build a Trump tower in Moscow and discussed various deals in three visits dating back to 1987.

He has spoken glowingly of Moscow and President Vladimir Putin. Now that Trump is in the White House, his relationship with Russia is coming under increased scrutiny, especially since U.S. intelligence agencies have concluded that the Kremlin meddled in the 2016 election in his favor. Critics speculate that Trump may let potential business interests in Russia influence his foreign policy.

Although Trump is said to have shown broad interest in a deal with Russia that would include cooperation in fighting the Islamic State group in Syria and would address Russia's interference in Ukraine, his administration has signaled that now may not be the time for such deals.

Investing in the post-Soviet real estate market was a high-risk gamble, with many businessmen put off by the uncertainties of the legal system amid an atmosphere of organized crime.

It appears Trump made only one deal, and it wasn't in real estate: While a co-owner of the Miss Universe beauty pageant, he signed an agreement with billionaire Aras Agalarov to hold the event in Moscow in November 2013. Agalarov told the Russian edition of Forbes that his company spent about USD20 million on the pageant.

Real estate did come up, however, while Trump was in Russia for the pageant.

"He was thinking of building the Trump tower in Moscow," Agalarov told The Associated Press. "We offered him our site [...] and showed him how it all looked on the map. He was considering this, but it didn't come to signing any deals."

White House spokeswoman Hope Hicks and Trump Organization spokeswoman Amanda Miller did not answer questions from the AP about why he had decided not to do business in Russia. They said in separate emails that the president has never had anything to do with Russia. Trump himself also said at a recent news conference that he's never made a business deal or taken out a loan in Russia.

"The president has nothing to do with Russia and never has,"

# Russian real estate deals never materialized for Trump



Moscow, Nov 5, 1996. American real estate mogul Donald Trump (left) checks out sites in the Russian capital for luxury residential towers – which never materialized

Hicks added.

The issue of Trump's connections to Russia has dominated his fledgling presidency and ensnared top officials, including Michael Flynn, who was fired as national security adviser last month after misleading officials about the content of his conversations with Russia's ambassador to the U.S. during the transition between presidents. Now, U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions has withdrawn from any investigation that touches on Trump campaign contacts with Russian officials. Sessions is facing calls to resign after he failed to disclose his own meetings with the envoy.

Trump's first visit to the country took place in 1987 when Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's perestroika reform program was in full swing, although private property was still outlawed. The brash real estate mogul was one of many Western celebrities including Billy Joel and Robert De Niro who came to peek behind the Iron Curtain four years before the collapse of the Soviet Union. Photos from the visit show Trump and his first wife, Ivana, squinting in the sunlight at the Peterhof Palace outside St. Petersburg, then called Leningrad.

In November 1996, Trump made his second visit. He spent three days looking for a site for a "super-luxury residential tower, which I think Moscow desperately wants and needs," he told The Moscow Times. The main story was a former tobacco fac-

tory in northern Moscow where the cigarette company, Liggett-Ducat, had built an office block and was planning another.

The decision raised eyebrows among real estate professionals because the site was far from Moscow's landmarks – not a normal place for a luxury hotel.

Scott Antel, a former senior partner and head of the hospitality and leisure sector at a law firm in Moscow from 1993 to 2015, said he saw the move more as a play for publicity than a serious effort.

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"Most hotel groups don't want any press until the deal is finally signed," said Antel, who advised hotel owners and developers in emerging markets.

In the freewheeling 1990s, Russian officials were very welcoming to foreigners – some

were simply star-struck – although not necessarily willing to help them do business.

Trump visited construction sites in 1996, met with city officials and was feted at a banquet, said Igor Tabakov, a photographer who covered the event and added that Trump seemed partial to Russian sausage.

Trump's representative told reporters that he and Moscow's deputy mayor held very preliminary discussions on investing in two of the city's famous but troubled hotels. One of them was the Mosvka, next to Red Square, which would need renovations costing about \$200 million, according to the respected business daily Kommersant.

Alexander Khomenko, an assistant to the deputy mayor, told the newspaper in 1997 that Trump said he did not have enough money to renovate the property.

"Trump told us: 'I'm really interested in this project but I don't have enough funds and I will need to look for outside investment.' He has a big name and people normally give him money for his name," Khomenko was quoted as saying.

That nothing came of the deal was not surprising: The hotel business was one of the most mob-riddled sectors of Russia's nascent economy. Those who eventually succeeded came to the market poised to roll up their sleeves and tackle a rough-and-tumble environment.

"If you do a project here, you have to have a very long hori-

zon, invest a very large amount of time, be willing to appoint a very professional team," Antel said. "That doesn't sound like it could match up with Trump and his approach."

Antel also said Trump's "zero-sum approach" – negotiations that leave only one clear winner – must have rattled the Russians, many of whom used the same tactic.

Kommersant reported that Trump was essentially offering only to license his name instead of investing in real estate projects in Russia. In the late 1990s, the Moscow market was booming and needed investors to provide cash to build properties, rather than high-profile foreigners helping to sell them.

When Trump returned to Russia in 2013 for the Miss Universe pageant, he was hosted by Agalarov, the Azerbaijan-born billionaire with whom he had forged a close friendship.

The Moscow meeting with Trump was moderated by German Gref, chief executive of Russia's largest bank, Sberbank, which sponsored the 2013 pageant. Neither Agalarov nor Gref would give details of the meeting or the guests.

Gref, a former government minister whose relationship with Putin dates back to the 1990s, told the Vedomosti daily in December that he had a "very positive" impression from talking to Trump, whom he called "a president of change."

Agalarov offered a detailed itinerary of Trump's Nov. 7-9 visit to Moscow, which appeared to be an attempt to show that his American friend had no time for the activities described in a dossier compiled by a former British spy that was published in January.

The dossier contained unproven information alleging close coordination between Trump's inner circle and the Russian hacking of Democratic email accounts, as well as unsubstantiated claims about sexual activities by Trump in Moscow attributed to anonymous sources.

The AP has not authenticated any of the claims, which Trump has dismissed as "fake news" and "phony stuff."

On Nov. 9, the final day of the pageant, Trump was Agalarov's guest at an after-party and unveiled his star on a "walk of fame" after midnight before heading for the airport.

When he arrived home, Trump tweeted: "I just got back from Russia-learned lots & lots. Moscow is a very interesting and amazing place! U.S. MUST BE VERY SMART AND VERY STRATEGIC." AP



# WikiLeaks reveals CIA files describing hacking tools

Jack Gillum, Raphael Satter,  
Washington

**W**IKILEAKS published thousands of documents yesterday [Macau time] described as secret files about CIA hacking tools the government employs to break into users' computers, mobile phones and even smart TVs from companies like Apple, Google, Microsoft and Samsung.

The documents describe clandestine methods for bypassing or defeating encryption, antivirus tools and other protective security features intended to keep the private information of citizens and corporations safe from prying eyes. U.S. government employees, including President Donald Trump, use many of the same products and internet services purportedly compromised by the tools.

The documents describe CIA efforts — cooperating with friendly foreign governments and the U.S. National Security Agency — to subvert the world's most popular technology platforms, including Apple's iPhones and iPads, Google's Android phones and the Microsoft Windows operating system for desktop computers and laptops.

The documents also include discussions about compromising some internet-connected televisions to turn them into listening posts. One document discusses hacking vehicle systems, indicating the CIA's interest in hacking modern cars with sophisticated on-board computers.

WikiLeaks has a long track record of releasing top secret

government documents, and experts who sifted through the material said it appeared legitimate.

The chairman of the House intelligence committee, Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Calif., said he was very concerned about the release and had asked the intelligence community for more information about it.

Former CIA Director Mike Hayden told MSNBC he had undertaken only a cursory review of the documents, but that if they were what they were purported to be, it would amount to a "very extensive file of the tactics, techniques, procedures, targets and other political rules" under which the CIA hacks targets. "If it is that, it would be very, very damaging," he said.

Jonathan Liu, a spokesman for the CIA, said: "We do not comment on the authenticity or content of purported intelligence documents." White House spokesman Sean Spicer also declined comment.

Missing from WikiLeaks' trove are the actual hacking tools themselves, some of which were developed by government hackers while others were purchased from outsiders. WikiLeaks said it planned to avoid distributing tools "until a consensus emerges" on the political nature of the CIA's program and how such software could be analyzed, disarmed and published.

The disclosure left anxious consumers who use the products with little recourse, since repairing the software vulnerabilities in ways that might block the tools' effectiveness is the responsibility of leading technology companies. The revelations threatened to upend

confidence in an Obama-era government program, the Vulnerability Equities Process, under which federal agencies warn technology companies about weaknesses in their software so they can be quickly fixed.

It was not immediately clear how WikiLeaks obtained the information, and details in the documents could not immediately be verified. WikiLeaks said the material came from "an isolated, high-security network" inside the CIA's Center for Cyber Intelligence but didn't say whether the files were removed by a rogue employee or whether the theft involved hacking a federal contractor working for the CIA or perhaps breaking into a staging server where such information might have been temporarily stored.

"The archive appears to have been circulated among former U.S. government hackers and contractors in an unauthorized manner, one of whom has provided WikiLeaks with portions of the archive," WikiLeaks said in a statement.

Some technology firms said they were evaluating the information. Microsoft Corp. said it was looking into the report, while the maker of secure messaging app Signal said the purported CIA tools affected users' actual phones and not its software design or encryption protocols.

The manufacturer of the popular Telegram mobile messaging app said in a statement that manufacturers of cellphones and their operating systems, including Apple, Google and Samsung, were responsible for improving the security of their devices. It said the effort will require "many hours

of work and many security updates" and assured its customers that "If the CIA is not on your back, you shouldn't start worrying yet."

The tools described in the documents carried bizarre names, including Time Stomper, Fight Club, Jukebox, Bartender, Wild Turkey, Margarita and "RickyBobby," a racecar-driving character in the comedy film, "Talladega Nights."

**■ If the authenticity is officially confirmed, it would represent yet another catastrophic breach for U.S. intelligence at the hands of WikiLeaks**

That RickyBobby tool, the documents said, was intended to plant and harvest files on computers running "newer versions of Microsoft Windows and Windows Server." It operated "as a lightweight implant for target computers" without raising warnings from antivirus or intrusion-detection software. It took advantage of files Microsoft built into Windows since at least 10 years ago.

The files include comments by CIA hackers boasting in slang language of their

pro prowess: "You know we got the dankest Trojans and collection tools," one reads.

The documents show broad exchanges of tools and information among the CIA, NSA and other U.S. intelligence agencies, as well as intelligence services of close allies Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

WikiLeaks claimed the CIA used both its Langley, Virginia, headquarters and the U.S. consulate in Frankfurt, Germany, as bases for its covert hackers. The AP found that one purported CIA hack that imitates the Domain Name System — the internet's phone book — traced to an internet domain hosted in Germany.

In an unusual move, WikiLeaks said it was withholding some secrets inside the documents. Among them, it said it had withheld details of tens of thousands of "CIA targets and attack machines throughout Latin America, Europe and the United States."

WikiLeaks also said its data included a "substantial library" of digital espionage techniques borrowed from other countries, including Russia.

If the authenticity of the documents is officially confirmed, it would represent yet another catastrophic breach for the U.S. intelligence community at the hands of WikiLeaks and its allies, which have repeatedly humbled Washington with the mass release of classified material, including from the State Department and the Pentagon.

The documents purported to be from the CIA's "Embedded Development Branch" discuss techniques for injecting malicious code into computers protected by the personal security products of leading international antivirus companies. They describe ways to trick anti-virus products from companies including Russia-based Kaspersky Lab, Romania-based BitDefender, Dutch-based AVG Technologies, F-Secure of Finland and Rising Antivirus, a Chinese company.

In the new trove, programmers also posted instructions for how to access user names and passwords in popular internet browsers like Microsoft Internet Explorer, Google Chrome and Mozilla Firefox.

Some documents were classified "secret" or "top secret" and not for distribution to foreign nationals. One file said those classifications would protect deployed hacks from being "attributed" to the U.S. government. The practice of attribution, or identifying who was behind an intrusion, has been difficult for investigators probing sophisticated hacks that likely came from powerful nation-states. **AP**

## what's ON



EXHIBITION AT UNESCO CENTRE OF MACAO  
 TIME: 10am-7m  
 UNTIL: March 15, 2017  
 VENUE: UNESCO Centre of Macau, Alameda d'Assumpção NAPE  
 ADMISSION: Free  
 ENQUIRIES: (853) 2872 7066

AD LIB- RECENT WORKS BY KONSTANTIN BESSMERTNY  
 TIME: 10am-7pm (no admission after 6:30 pm, closed on Mondays)  
 UNTIL: May 28, 2017  
 VENUE: Macau Museum of Art, Av. Xian Xing Hai, s/n, NAPE  
 ADMISSION: MOP5 (free on Sundays and public holidays)  
 ENQUIRIES: (853) 8791 9814

THE STAMP FESTIVAL  
 TIME: 9am-5:30pm (no admission after 5pm, closed on public holidays)  
 UNTIL: April 7, 2017  
 VENUE: Communication Museum of Macao / Estrada D. Maria II, No. 7  
 ADMISSION: MOP10  
 ENQUIRIES: (853) 2871 8063 / 2871 8570

SAILING FOR DREAMS - WORKS BY KWOK WOON  
 TIME: 10am-7pm (Closed on Mondays)  
 UNTIL: April 23, 2017  
 VENUE: Navy Yard No.1, Rua de S. Tiago da Barra  
 ADMISSION: Free  
 ENQUIRIES: (853) 8988 4000

BETWEEN GAZE AND HALLUCINATION - BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPHY BY JOÃO MIGUEL BARROS  
 TIME: 2pm-7pm (Closed on Sundays)  
 UNTIL: March 25, 2017  
 VENUE: Creative Macau, G Floor, Macao Cultural Centre, Av. Xian Xing Hai, s/n, NAPE  
 ADMISSION: Free  
 ENQUIRIES: (853) 2875 3282

SOLO EXHIBITION BY HO SI MAN  
 TIME: 11am-10pm  
 UNTIL: March 26, 2017  
 VENUE: Lakeside Gallery, Anim'Arte Nam Van  
 ENQUIRES: (853) 2836 6866

TRANSIENCE: DAREDEVILS AND TOWERING WEBS  
 TIME: 12pm-8pm (Closed on Mondays)  
 UNTIL: March 31, 2017  
 VENUE: Taipa Village Art Space, 10 Rua dos Clerigos, Taipa  
 ADMISSION: Free  
 ENQUIRIES: (853) 2857 6118

## Offbeat

## PARKING SPOT IN BROOKLYN HIT MACAU-LIKE PRICES

A parking space at a garage in Park Slope, Brooklyn, is on the market for USD300,000.

NBC New York ([bit.ly/2IXUNsi](http://bit.ly/2IXUNsi)) says the last one there sold for \$280,000.

A neighborhood resident, Julie Hollar, says the sky-high parking costs more than her parents paid for their house.

Julia Kite of the advocacy group Transportation Alternatives says it's also around the current price of a condo in another part of Brooklyn.

But it's the new normal since developers tore down a 300-space garage to build new homes.

Karen Ratner says she paid more than \$100,000 for her spot a few years ago.

She says there's just "no other parking available."

## TV canal macau



13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:50	RTPi Live
16:00	Champions League: Dortmund - Benfica (Repeated)
17:40	Criminal Minds S.8
18:20	Labirint (Repeated)
19:10	Non-Daily Portuguese News (Repeated)
19:40	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	TDM Talk Show
21:30	Castle S6
22:10	Labirint
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Champions League Highlights
00:40	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
01:15	RTPi Live

## cinema



## CINETEATRO

02 MAR - 08 MAR



## KONG: SKULL ISLAND

ROOM 1  
 (2D): 2:30, 4:45, 9:30pm  
 (3D): 7:15pm

Director: Jordan Vogt-Roberts  
 Starring: Tom Hiddleston, Samuel L. Jackson, Brie Larson  
 Language: English (Chinese)  
 Duration: 118min

## THE FOUNDER

ROOM 2  
 2:30, 4:45, 9:30pm

Director: John Lee Hancock  
 Starring: Michael Keaton, Nick Offerman, John Carroll  
 Language: English (Chinese)  
 Duration: 115min

## LA LA LAND

ROOM 2  
 7:15pm

Director: Damien Chazelle  
 Starring: Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone  
 Language: English  
 Duration: 128min

## THE GIRL WITH ALL THE GIFTS

ROOM 1  
 2:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:30pm

Director: Colm McCarthy  
 Starring: Gemma Arterton, Glenn Close, Sennia Nanua  
 Language: English (Chinese)  
 Duration: 111min

## MACAU TOWER

02 MAR - 15 MAR



## LOGAN

2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30pm

Director: James Mangold  
 Starring: Hugh Jackman, Patrick Stewart, Dafne Keen  
 Language: English (Chinese)  
 Duration: 137min

## this day in history



## 1995 QUEEN MARKS PEACE IN BELFAST

The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh have made a symbolic visit to Northern Ireland - their first since the IRA and Loyalist ceasefires came into effect last year.

It was also the first meeting between the Queen and the Roman Catholic Primate of all Ireland, Cardinal Cahal Daly, as well as his Anglican counterpart, Archbishop Robin Eames.

The BBC's Northern Ireland correspondent says the historic trip is intended as a gesture to reassure the province's unionists - while at the same time trying not to alienate the nationalist population.

The Queen was invited to Armagh by the authorities to present the royal charter renewing Armagh's status as a city.

In her speech she addressed all the people of Northern Ireland. She said: "For many difficult years the people of Northern Ireland have shown courage and compassion of an extraordinary kind.

"Today as they begin to look towards a more peaceful future, Armagh with its two great cathedrals standing so close together presents a powerful symbol of the strength spirit and hopes of people across Northern Ireland."

Cardinal Cahal Daly said the Queen's visit was a tribute to the progress made in the peace process since the IRA ceasefire came into effect on 31 August last year.

Archbishop Robin Eames said: "Look how far we've come in a year. It's a message of symbolism. Be patient, we've a long, long way to go but today is one little part of that jigsaw."

The Queen also visited Belfast, where she met the city's lord mayor and she shook hands with a representative of the most extreme unionist party, the Democratic Unionist MP Peter Robinson as well as MP Joe Hendron from the mainly nationalist SDLP party.

Mr Hendron said: "Things are different now. People must stand up and be counted. You can't hide in your home. There are two communities here and I think it's important to go out and shake hands with people like the Queen and from my point of view, she's very welcome."

The Queen's day ended with a visit to Hillsborough castle.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

The IRA ceasefire ended in February 1996 with the bombing of Docklands in London, in which two people died.

Eighteen months later, the IRA agreed another ceasefire.

Under the terms of the Good Friday agreement, signed in April 1998, plans were made for a new Northern Ireland assembly with some devolved powers from London.

In May 1998, the first all-Ireland poll since 1918, voted to accept the principles of the agreement and the Assembly came into being in June 1998. Since then, it has had a turbulent history. Disputes over decommissioning and policing led to the suspension of the Northern Ireland Assembly twice in 18 months - in February-May 2000 and in August 2001.

It was suspended again in October 2002 over allegations of IRA spying within the Northern Ireland Office.

Nevertheless, elections were held in November 2003 and the two largest parties that emerged in the assembly were the Democratic Unionists and Sinn Fein.

A Transitional Assembly was set up to prepare for restoration of devolved government and first met on 24 November 2006, but proceedings were suspended due to a bomb threat by Michael Stone.

The British and Irish prime ministers have set a deadline of the end of March 2007 for the return of a power-sharing government at Stormont with control over the devolved Northern Ireland departments.

YOUR STARS

Aries

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Pay attention to all subtle signals today, especially if they seem to be arriving in little groups. The universe is trying to make a point - to direct your attention to the center ring, where your prize is waiting.

Taurus

April 20-May 20

Trust your intuition above all else right now. No matter what else happens, it's the one thing you can be sure of. After all, has it ever let you down before? Focus on your goals.

Gemini

May 21-Jun. 21

You're in the mood to do something completely lavish for a loved one - something they'd never expect. You love them, and you enjoy doing things for them, so go ahead.

Cancer

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

You'll be amazed right now at just how many long-distance folks will contact you. All kinds of people: high school and college friends, people you used to work with and family members who may have moved out of town.

Leo

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

For the moment, your charm will be exceeded only by your suddenly magical ability to attract just about anyone and anything you want. It won't be the usual fire-sign tactics you'll employ, either.

Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

For the moment, you can expect to be a veritable magnet for the attention of new admirers of the most interesting variety. The fun starts today, with the possibility of a visit from someone.

Libra

Sep.23-Oct. 22

When it comes to meeting someone new, you're always game. It's your astrological job, and you're good at it. Your social skills may be a bit taxed now, however. Not because you won't want to be nice...

Scorpio

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

For the moment, it's going to feel like there's a veritable team of guardian angels on duty, all of whom are silently guiding you in the right direction at the right moment. In short, better listen carefully to your intuition.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

For the next few weeks - and for today, in particular - you'll definitely have your share of great fortune. Expect your luck to arrive through amazing situations, coincidental meetings and odd circumstances.

Capricorn

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Don't be afraid if they get quiet for a little while. They're not sizing you up - they've already done that, and they're probably quite happy with what they've seen. They're just getting a kick out of you pleading a case you've already won.

Aquarius

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Guardian angels don't always show up in white robes, and they definitely don't always have wings. They tend to blend in with real folks - otherwise, how would they get close enough to you to do their jobs?

Pisces

Feb.19-Mar. 20

So you probably have quite the collection of fascinating friends, don't you? Well, don't be surprised if at least one new friend crosses your path and they're quite unlike anyone you've ever known. Enjoy them.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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WEATHER

Weather forecast table for China and World cities, including min/max temperatures and conditions.

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Interlock; 5- Caesar's wings; 9- Sun-dried brick; 14- 'The Clan of the Cave Bear' heroine; 15- Breather; 16- Borge's countrymen; 17- Cancer's critter; 18- Opera highlight; 19- Ant, in dialect; 20- Part-time player; 22- Postpone; 24- Characteristic; 26- Old Ford; 27- Cafe order; 30- Nevertheless; 35- Muse of poetry; 36- Banned apple spray; 37- Dixie pronoun; 38- For instance; 39- Subscription continuation; 42- Ten of these equal one dong in Vietnam; 43- Leaf with Sanscrit writing?; 45- Waterfall; 46- Foe; 48- Writer of Hebrew prayers; 50- Gadget; 51- Make lace; 52- Examines closely; 54- Taro; 58- Like some jacks; 62- Pungent bulb; 63- Rights org.; 65- Ballet leap; 66- Pelvic bones; 67- Amoeba-like alien; The \_\_\_\_; 68- Pearl Buck heroine; 69- Rise to one's feet; 70- Trig ratio; 71- Diner orders;

DOWN: 1- PC alternatives; 2- Fictional Jane; 3- Shut with force; 4- Natural environment; 5- Turkey's highest peak; 6- Vive \_\_\_\_; 7- \_\_\_\_ was saying...; 8- Greek vowels; 9- \_\_\_\_ Fideles; 10- Partly anhydrate; 11- Treater's words; 12- 'It's \_\_\_\_ real'; 13- Cornerstone abbr.; 21- Earlier; 23- Extreme; 25- Abilities; 27- Greek fabulist; 28- Russian range; 29- 1972 Derek and the Dominos hit; 31- Young deer; 32- Oohed and \_\_\_\_; 33- Alpaca's cousin; 34- Christopher of 'Back to the Future'; 36- Black cuckoos; 40- Best of a group; 41- Sierra \_\_\_\_; 44- Tenor saxhorn; 47- Rhinoplasty; 49- Frenzied woman; 50- River in a Strauss waltz; 53- Part of the large intestine; 54- Crash wherever convenient; 55- Med. school class; 56- Director Vittorio De \_\_\_\_; 57- Apprehends; 59- Holler; 60- Coup d'\_\_\_\_; 61- Reading rooms; 64- Second-century date;



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FOOTBALL | CHAMPIONS LEAGUE ROUNDUP

# Madrid beats Napoli 3-1, Bayern trashes Arsenal 1-5

Daniella Matar, Naples

**T**WO quick-fire goals saw Real Madrid survive an early scare to win 3-1 at Napoli yesterday and reach the Champions League quarterfinals for a seventh successive time. Trailing 3-1 from the first leg, Dries Mertens gave Napoli hope with a 24th-minute strike to send a packed San Paolo stadium into raptures. But Madrid captain Sergio Ramos headed in a Toni Kroos corner early in the second half and had another header deflected in by Mertens six minutes later to effectively end

the contest. Alvaro Morata wrapped up the 6-2 victory on aggregate for the holders by tapping in a rebound in stoppage time after Pepe Reina had denied Cristiano Ronaldo. "We really suffered a lot in the first half, we couldn't do what we wanted to do, they were pressing us very high," Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane said. "Then we made changes in the second half and we were much better. It was completely different. We are happy. "We knew the beginning of the match would be very hard [...] but a match is 90 minutes and I think we did very well in

the second half." Napoli was left to rue its first-half profligacy which saw Mertens hit the post. Ronaldo, who is two goals short of becoming the first player to score 100 times in European competition, was also denied by the woodwork. "We weren't only equal to Real Madrid for the first 55 minutes, we were better than them," Napoli coach Maurizio Sarri said. "We put them in a lot of difficulty and that's something to be proud of. We're very disappointed above all for the fans, because these fans deserved something more."

Ramos acknowledged that Madrid has a lot of work to do if it is to become the first side to successfully defend its Champions League title. "I'm happy that I scored in a critical moment of the match, when we were suffering. But above all it was as a team that we got through," Ramos said. "We need to reflect now on things, they dominated for nearly the entire first half. We really suffered. We'll take time now to think about things calmly." The other return fixture in the Round of 16 also ended with the same scoreline as the first leg as Bayern Munich in-

flicted another 5-1 rout on Arsenal, which collapsed to its heaviest loss at the Emirates Stadium after having captain Laurent Koscielny sent off. Needing to win by at least two clear goals, Napoli applied the pressure right from the start, with Mertens having a shot deflected over the bar in the opening minute. Marek Hamsik also fired inches wide, while Lorenzo Insigne had a 30-yard snapshot turned around the post by Keylor Navas. Madrid appeared to have weathered the early storm and Gareth Bale threatened but the Spanish side was undone by a moment of brilliance from Napoli. Insigne and Hamsik combined, with the latter threading a delightful pass for Mertens to rush into the area and slot into the bottom right corner. It was Mertens' 17th goal in his past 16 matches and his fifth in the Champions League this season. Madrid almost leveled five minutes later when Ronaldo rounded Reina but his attempt came off the near post from a difficult angle. Napoli also hit the post in the 38th minute as Mertens' diagonal effort crashed off the base of the left upright. Madrid had scored in its past 46 matches and it leveled six minutes after the break. Hamsik gave the ball away in the middle of his own half and Elseid Hysaj was forced to head out the danger at the far post, with Ramos nodding in the resulting corner. "The match changed after their goal. Continuing with that rhythm, that intensity, that drive was impossible because our whole mentality changed," Sarri said. "It removed all hope of qualifying." Madrid doubled its lead from another corner to all but extinguish Napoli's hopes, before Morata rounded off the scoring. **AP**

**RYAN** Lavarnway hit a two-run homer in the third inning and Nate Freiman added a three-run shot in the ninth to help Israel beat Taiwan 15-7 this week and improve to 2-0 in the World Baseball Classic.

Israel's batters chased Taiwan starter Chun-Lin Kuo from the game before he could secure his third out, opening the top of the first with four straight hits and tagging Kuo for four runs in the frame.

Corey Baker went 4 2/3 scoreless innings, scattering three hits

BASEBALL

# Israel beats Taiwan 15-7 at World Classic

and striking out three. The 27-year-old right-hander is in the St. Louis Cardinals' organization and reached Triple-A last season. Israel had 10 different players record a hit, including four players with three hits and two others with multiple hits. Freiman drove in four runs, Tyler Krieger drove in three, and Ike Davis and Lavarnway each

contributed two RBIs. After beating Pool A host South Korea and Taiwan in its first two games, Israel can clinch a spot in the second round with a win over the Netherlands yesterday. "One of the goals is to not put the cart before the horse," Israel manager Jerry Weins-tein said. "We're not in the second round yet. We're preparing for the game with the

Netherlands and that's what we're thinking about right now. Taiwan scored four runs in the ninth, but the game was already out of reach by then. Israel entered the tournament ranked No. 41 by the World Baseball Softball Confederation and has already beaten third-ranked South Korea and fourth-ranked Taiwan. **AP**



Israel's Nate Freiman hits a three-run home against Taiwan's pitcher Lo Kuo Hua during the 9th inning of their first round game of the World Baseball Classic at Gocheok Sky Dome in Seoul

opinion

**Made in Macau**  
 Jenny Lao-Phillips



**ONLY FACEBOOK**

Social media has not only become a big part of our lives but a modern buzz word. There are language classes specifically on writing for social media; teachers talk about incorporating social media in their lesson plans – not to mention the number of business people and business students who consider advertising on social media a solution to all marketing problems.

Obviously, the creation of Facebook has changed the world into one in which social media is perceived as the solution to everything. No matter how many times I explain in marketing classes that merely creating a Facebook page does not help advertise one's business, I still receive many marketing proposals in which the sole advertising effort is creating a Facebook page. It would be just like opening a retail shop on the 19th floor of a 50-floor building hoping consumers would somehow pass by. At least there may only be a hundred shops in a 50-floor building – how many businesses are on Facebook again?

Of course, social media is a very useful way to communicate. Nowadays, having a Facebook page is not just an advertising effort for businesses, but a necessity. Consumers are accustomed to checking opening hours, phone numbers, addresses, and product updates via Facebook. In fact, as young consumers spend much of their day on Facebook, it is not surprising that businesses targeting young consumers need to have a virtual presence. Yet with such popularity, I was surprised to know there are still quite a number of young people who do not use Facebook.

One main reason people are not joining the Facebook club is technophobia, which happens more among the older generation, but a few young people experience this as well. The idea of having to learn how to control and update a page from time to time, no matter how easy it could be, may cause an anxiety attack. However, for the sake of promoting one's businesses, or in my case, urged by friends from different places to keep in touch, cases of technophobia can be overcome. So, non-users afflicted with technophobia perhaps will not stay out of the club long.

Another reason I hear most among non-Facebook users is the privacy issue. To my surprise, it is not about worrying that one's personal information will be stolen on Facebook – we are smart enough not to put information we do not want people to know on our profile. It is the worry that people will know what we are doing all the time. Well, "mighty" as Facebook is, I do not think it can automatically know what we are doing all the time, not unless we post our lives on Facebook. So, here, social media is not at fault. The solution is self-control.

In fact, I have not yet heard anyone choose not to use Facebook because they do not need Facebook to connect to anyone. A quick informal survey reveals to me that quite a few young people's Facebook friends are all people they know in Macau. So, is there really a need to use social media to be kept posted on what's happening to our friends in a city where news travels faster than light? Okay, this may be a bit of an exaggeration, but we do sometimes hear rumors before they even happen.

It is true that Facebook is very useful for connecting with friends afar, and to share and receive news of people, products, events around the world. The disadvantages of using Facebook can also easily be overcome. But just as it should only be one part of a marketing campaign for businesses, we should ensure that Facebook is only one part of our communication with people whose lives we care about.

**THE DRIVER OWES NEARLY USD51,000 IN UNPAID TOLLS, FEES**

Transit police say they've arrested a New Jersey man who owes nearly USD51,000 in unpaid tolls and fees.

Port Authority of New York and New Jersey police say Tai Denunzio was arrested earlier this week at the Lincoln Tunnel in Weehawken, just outside New York City.

The 50-year-old man from West New York, New Jersey, is charged with theft. It wasn't known yesterday if he's retained an attorney.

Authorities say Denunzio owes \$10,850 in tolls and \$40,100 in fees as the result of 802 electronic toll payment violations.

**NYC landmarks Art Deco interiors of Waldorf Astoria**



Verena Dobnik, New York

NEW York City landmarks some lavish public interiors at the Waldorf Astoria to save them as the hotel's Chinese owners start a renovation that will produce hundreds of private condominiums.

Nine members of the Landmarks Preservation Commission voted unanimously to preserve two dozen original spaces of the grand Park Avenue hotel that opened in 1931. The commission must approve any future changes.

China's Anbang Insurance Group Co. bought the Waldorf in 2015 for

nearly USD2 billion from Hilton Worldwide Holdings Inc. The makeover involves converting hundreds of guest rooms into condominiums, while Hilton will continue to run a diminished hotel when it reopens in two to three years.

The landmarks vote protects parts of the first three floors of the 47-story building, including the grand ballroom and balconies, the entrance floor mosaic assembled with 140,000 marble tiles, and the lofty lobby with its chiseled tower supporting a small Statue of Liberty.

Also landmarked are vestibules, foyers, lounges and arcades graced

with gilded plaster reliefs, metalwork and exotic wood paneling.

Anbang issued a statement praising the commission's action.

**China's Anbang Insurance Group bought the Waldorf in 2015 for nearly USD2 billion**

"Anbang knows the Waldorf Astoria's history is a large part of what makes this hotel so unforgettable. That is why we fully supported the commission's recommendations for designation of the Waldorf Astoria's most important public spaces and applaud the commission on achieving landmark status for them."

The Waldorf's exterior was landmarked in 1993.

The hotel hosted U.S. presidents, royalty and celebrities for eight decades before closing on March 1. AP



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High Density Residential Area	40-60 Moderate	☹️
Ambient	45-65 Moderate	☹️

SOURCE: DSMG

**WORLD BRIEFS**

**UKRAINE's** foreign minister told U.S. senators that sanctions against Russia shouldn't be eased and possibly should be ratcheted up as Moscow escalates its military aggression against its western neighbor.



**NATO-KOSOVO** NATO and the United States warned yesterday they could scale back cooperation with Kosovo's security services if the government goes ahead with plans to transform its lightly-armed security force into an army without the required constitutional changes.

**EUROPEAN UNION** The EU's police agency says an international operation has dismantled a crime network smuggling live eels to China, describing it as the organization's biggest success in recent years against trafficking in endangered species.

**USA** WikiLeaks has published thousands of documents described as secret files about CIA hacking tools the government employs to break into users' computers, mobile phones and even smart TVs from companies like Apple, Google, Microsoft and Samsung. More on p15



**ARGENTINA's** most powerful unions brought tens of thousands of people into the capital's streets to protest government job cuts, the lifting of restrictions on imports and other policies of President Mauricio Macri.

**PERU-VENEZUELA** Peruvian President Pedro Pablo Kuczynski is calling his ambassador to Venezuela back home for consultations to protest a barrage of attacks by Venezuela's socialist government.