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SOUTH KOREA Samsung lawyers yesterday denied all charges brought against Lee Jae-yong, the billionaire heir to Samsung, and questioned the legitimacy of the indictment in a massive corruption scandal that has ensnared the country's president.

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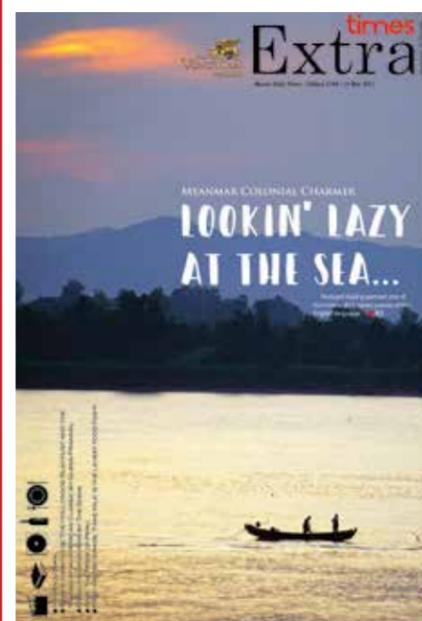
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THE Consulate General of Ireland in Hong Kong and Macau and the Irish Chamber of Commerce are jointly planning a series of events and activities to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Among these is the headline St. Patrick's Day parade, which will be held on Avenida da Praia, near the Taipa Houses-Museum, on March 18 at 4 p.m., the same location as its debut last year.

At sunset on the previous day, March 17, the Ruins of St Paul's will be officially "greened" with a lighting effect to celebrate the festival.

In conjunction with these two events, the Irish Chamber of Commerce has organized a variety of supplementary activities, including the bringing of Irish artists over to the MSAR

St. Patrick's Day parade to return next week

as part of a cultural exchange.

For example, on Tuesday, two Irish animation producers held a workshop in the city, while an Irish craft workshop is currently being planned for Monday next week.

"The combination of all of these events helps to introduce Ireland and our culture, music and F&B [food and beverage] to Macau," Niall Murray, Chairman of the Irish Chamber of Commerce, told the Times. "As the government is supporting the cultural and creative industries, we wanted to do a cultural

exchange and bring over some Irish artists."

Murray added that awareness of the cultural event is growing in Macau, especially among the local youth, many of whom study at schools that employ Irish teachers.

"A lot of teachers in Macau are from Ireland, so they may be teaching [St. Patrick's Day] in the curriculum – particularly the Catholic schools," he proposed.

According to organizers, there will also be an exhibition held at the Taipa Houses-Museum and

a treasure hunt activity starting from 1 p.m. on March 18.

St. Patrick's Day is a cultural and religious occasion that commemorates the death of

Ireland's foremost patron saint, Saint Patrick. The Roman-British missionary is thought to have heralded the arrival of Christianity in the Emerald Isle during the late-5th century.

According to popular tradition, St. Patrick is also credited with driving the snakes out of Ireland, though this account is treated as an allegory for his evangelizing of the indigenous pagan population and their druids.

A St. Patrick's Day parade was held in the Macau SAR for the first time last year and was well-attended by Irish and Anglophone expatriates.

Around 20 groups participated, including Chinese cultural performers and traditional Irish folk music and dance troupes. The occasion also warranted a visit from the then-Lord Mayor of Dublin, Criona Ní Dhálaigh.

"Last year, there was a wonderful turnout [...] we have involved so many groups this year, so we expect many people will turn up to the event," said Murray.

The multiple events are the continuation of a recent campaign to promote awareness of Ireland in the two SARs, spearheaded by the Consulate General of Ireland in Hong Kong and Macau.

"We have a lot of catching up to do in Macau, because for so long we didn't have an office here," Consul General Peter Ryan told the Times last year.

ROADHOUSE JOINS CELEBRATIONS

THE ROADHOUSE bar is joining the St Patrick's Day celebration on March 17, featuring a group of Irish performers and artists, including Declan Carruthers and Declan Greene. Barry Jazz Finnegan is a self-taught artist

specialized in photorealism with charcoal on a large scale, will be drawing a special portrait for The Roadhouse which will then be auctioned off with the proceeds going to the Drug Abusers Rehabilitation Association (ARTM).

Albergue SCM to host 'Across China by Bike' fundraising gala

ACROSS China by Bike 2017 Charity Fund Raising Gala, organized by Jack's Kitchen, is expected to commence tomorrow at 6.30 p.m. at Albergue SCM.

Co-organized by Albergue SCM and sponsored by the Macau Foundation, the event was founded by the chef of Jack's Kitchen, Jack

– as cited in a statement issued by Albergue SCM.

In 2007, Jack and his partners travelled from Zhuhai to Beijing by bike.

During the trip, he made a list of materials and items which were needed by the underprivileged groups of people he met in China.

The list was then sent to

the Macau team to acquire the items and send them back to China. The team also helped to restore old schools and bought bicycles for the children in need.

This year, Jack decided to travel again and launched the project "Across China by Bike 2017," where he will travel across Zhuhai, Shan-

ghai and Chongqing, a total distance of 3,600 kilometers for charity.

According to the statement, the French chef hopes to spread the spirit of the "Tour de France" bicycle race - sportsmanship, environmental friendliness, and love and care to the community - through the event.



The money raised from the project will be used to buy books and necessities for underprivileged in China.

"Across China by Bike 2017" will take place be-

tween April and May. The funds raised from the gala on Saturday will be used to acquire books, school supplies, and other necessities for people in need.

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CULTURE

Passion Cinematheque preparing for March 30 re-launch

Daniel Beittler

PASSION Cinematheque will have its grand opening at the end of the month to mark the venue's re-launch under the administration of a private institution.

The Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) awarded the cinema to CUT Ltd., a company affiliated with Associação Audio-Visual CUT, for a three-year tender beginning January 2017.

According to the cinema's new operators, the venue will host an opening ceremony on March 30 for local film-makers and representatives of Macau's cultural authorities. It will officially open to the public the next day.

Three local artists will showcase their film productions on the opening night, namely Antonio Faria, Chao Koi Wang and Tracy Choi. Choi recently exhibited her work at last year's International Film Festival & Awards – Macau (IFFAM).

According to Albert Chu, the film crews for all three movies are based in Macau with "some of them Portuguese, and others Chinese and Macanese."

The launch of the venue, which includes an intimate 60-seat cinema and a library space for storing a movie database and books on



Rita Wong and Albert Chu

film, aims to promote Macau film-making and nurture film knowledge among locals.

Passion Cinematheque chief executive officer Rita Wong describes the venue as "a space for people who love film and love art."

"This is a place for many people, including cinema-goers and the general public, where we will screen Macau movies and non-commercial, independent films. It will be a place for film appreciation and criticism and film marketing," she told the Times in an interview yesterday.

"Every month we will have screenings and workshops. Then later, we will have film director residences and they will stay for two or three weekends."

Three types of events will be held on a monthly basis. The first will be the screening of a new independent or non-commercial film. Se-

parately, special focus topics will be held with the first two, "local films" and a "Hong Kong residency", during the months of April and May, respectively.

"For the first month, April, we will be focusing on local talent and showcasing works from Macau over the last 20 years. These include short films – which are very popular in Macau – and feature-length films," explained Chu, chairman of the CUT association.

The cinema will also dedicate two weekends each month to re-screenings of local films from the past 20 years. Organizers have said that admission will be free and that the events are open to both locals and tourists.

"We are trying to build a film culture in the city. This is a place where young filmmakers can screen their films," said Chu.

"We are about bringing local peo-

ple with expertise together to grow the film society and knowledge in Macau."

In recent years, international film directors have commented that Macau may be in the early days of a film renaissance. Former IFFAM director Marco Müller and Macau-based Portuguese director Ivo Ferreira have both testified to the emergence of "a new movement in Macau film."

"I think film-making [in Macau] will be more diverse in the future," said Chu.

"Already, we have several platforms and competitions to grow the Macau film movement, and for training people, like [some activities] at the Macau Cultural Center."

"This cinema is more specialized," added Wong, "while other places are more general in their culture [promotion]."



Exterior façade of Passion Cinematheque

NPC Macau candidates must declare allegiance

The National People's Congress of China will amend a legal bill regarding the election of Macau NPC members. According to a report by Macao Daily News, NPC Secretary Wang Chen said that the number of Macau NPC representatives will remain at 12, although additional regulations will be added to the election procedures. Wang announced that all candidates must declare their allegiance and support to China and Macau in their registration form, as well as their support of both China's constitution law and the Basic Law. Candidates must also affirm that they do not receive any direct or indirect foreign financial support.

Zhuhai port to initiate renovation works

The Zhuhai port of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge will soon finish construction work and commence its renovation phase, according to a report by Macao Daily News. The city is currently calling for public tenders for the port's renovation. Over RMB500 million has been allocated for the initiative, including RMB275 million for renovations and RMB157.6 million for the installation of an intelligent system. The rest of the budget will be used to purchase and install elevators.

LAI CHI VUN

Tam denies lack of communication with Rosário



THE Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam, said in a media statement released yesterday that there are no communication problems between his own secretariat and that of the Transport and Public Works, which is headed by Raimundo do Rosário.

Due to safety concerns, the Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau (DSSOPT) started dismantling two of the shipyard lots on Wednesday. However, the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC)

plans to preserve the area and showcase the old shipyards as a heritage site.

Earlier, Tam had acknowledged that he first heard about the dismantlement on Thursday through media reports.

Previous statements indicate that DSSOPT and the IC have different plans for the Lai Chi Vun old shipyards. However, according to the statement, Tam agreed with the decision to proceed with the demolition for safety reasons, no-

ting that this had led to the apparent difference of opinions and was "not due to insufficient communication between the two Secretariats."

The secretary also reaffirmed the announcement by the Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau (DSSOPT) that it would organize a public tender for the planned study of the area, and said both the IC and the Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO) had been invited to participate, while maintaining close contact with other relevant departments.

Tam said he believes in sustainable development and that the old shipyards can be transformed into a quality space for locals and tourists alike. **RM**

'Tourist Police' are bilingual, says PSP

THE new police force that commenced operations this week comprises officers who are proficient in both Mandarin and English, the Public Security Police Force (PSP) told the Times.

"In order to fulfill the specialized functions of the 'Tourist Police', the officers selected for this task, besides having the professional knowledge in the police field, were all subject to specific language training, namely [in] Mandarin and English." The PSP added that such skills are necessary as these officers will be stationed "prominently in the busiest touristic sites of the city" and reaffirmed that the new force's mission is "to provide professional and quality services to citizens and tourists."

The PSP's public rela-



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tions department also said that the new force would be tasked with "general policing, preventing and fighting crime" and "paying particular attention to the people flow, diverting and managing them, and implementing crowd control measures."

The new force commenced operations on Sunday with 40 officers. They can be easily distinguished by their faction's unique uniform, which has a more informal design and a distinctive color scheme. **RM**

Former Party Secretary expelled

Li Jia, the former Communist Party Secretary of Zhuhai City, has been expelled from the Party and removed from public office, according to an announcement released on Wednesday by the CPC's Central Commission for Discipline Inspection (CCDI). CCDI said Li had used public funds to pay for expensive entertainment and to arrange trips for his relatives. Li had also reported false information, made unauthorized changes to his personal files, and promoted staff against regulations. Li accepted bribes and took advantage of his position to benefit other people, CCDI claimed. Li has been under investigation for serious disciplinary offenses since March 2016.



Leong Weng Pun to decide justification to TUI

Ho Chio Meng's former lawyer Leong Weng Pun is reportedly still deciding if he will issue a justification to the Court of Final Appeal (TUI) regarding the reasons which led him to recuse himself from Ho's defense. In response to Leong's withdrawal from the case on Wednesday, TUI issued a notice informing him of his obligation to notify the court of the reasons behind his decision to drop the case. Leong told Radio Macau that TUI's request is lawful but that he cannot fulfil the request at the moment. Ho had a five-day timeframe from the time of Leong's resignation to find a new lawyer or accept a court-appointed counsel. Before the session was interrupted on Wednesday, Leong himself was interrupted several times by the judge while questioning a witness. He later hinted that the court appeared to be siding with the prosecution.

Authorities searching for survivors of fishing boat

Authorities are searching for the crew and passengers of a fishing boat that sunk yesterday afternoon between Macau's Friendship Bridge and the Taipa Ferry Terminal. The Marine and Water Bureau (DSAMA) said that it found the boat and towed it to shore, but could not identify its owner. The whereabouts of all crew members and passengers are still unknown. DSAMA's land and water rescue teams are searching for survivors.

KIM JONG NAM MURDER

Two Malaysians leave North Korea after being stranded by travel ban

Eileen Ng, Kuala Lumpur

TWO Malaysian employees of the U.N.'s World Food Program who were stranded in North Korea because of a travel ban have left the country, the U.N. said yesterday. Nine other Malaysians are believed to still be stuck there after the two countries' diplomatic relations broke down over the killing of the estranged sibling of North Korea's leader.

The U.N. employees were among hundreds of ordinary citizens caught up in the escalating diplomatic battle.

The two arrived in Beijing yesterday, said Jane Howard, the WFP coordinator for global issues. "The staff members are international civil servants and not representatives of their national government," she said.

When North Korea issued its travel ban earlier this week, Malaysia responded in kind, barring North Koreans from leaving its soil. The nine Malaysians still believed to be there are three embassy workers and their family members.



Activists display a banner with a picture of Siti Aisyah, an Indonesian woman suspected of taking part in the fatal nerve agent attack on Kim Jong Nam

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.

Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak said the government was "in the process of establishing the reasons and motives" behind North Korea's drastic measure. He reiterated that diplomatic relations will not be severed to keep the communication line open for negotiations.

Najib said he spoke on the phone to Mohamad Nur Azrin, the counselor at the Malaysian Embassy in North Korea, who told him that all Malaysians there are safe.

"I have given him my assurance that the government will

do everything we can to ensure that they return home safely soon. The whole of Malaysia is praying for them," Najib said in a statement on Facebook. "The government will continue to work on reaching the best solution on this issue."

Malaysia has never directly blamed North Korea for the killing of Kim Jong Nam at the Kuala Lumpur airport Feb. 13.

In an attack caught on security camera footage, two women approached Kim as he waited for a flight and wiped something on his face. Malaysian authorities say the substance was VX nerve agent and the two attackers were recruited by a team of North Koreans. North Korea has denied any responsibility

and accused Malaysia of being swayed by the North's enemies.

The women, a Vietnamese and an Indonesian, have been arrested and charged with murder. They say they were duped into thinking they were taking part in a harmless prank.

Yesterday, dozens of Indonesian workers and activists protested the murder charge against the Indonesian suspect, Siti Aisyah, outside the Malaysian embassy in Indonesia's capital, Jakarta.

Men and women from a trade union and several Islamic groups called on the Indonesian government and the international community to investigate the killing of Kim Jong Nam and work to free Aisyah.

One of the speakers at the protest told the crowd it was impossible that a naive migrant worker such as Aisyah could be knowingly involved in the murder. Protesters waved green flags and held up banners such that read "Save Siti Aisyah" and "Siti Aisyah is only a victim of political conspiracy interests." **AP**

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Angkor Air launches Macau route

CAMBODIA'S national carrier Angkor Air launched a new Cambodia-Macau route, which will operate two weekly flights on Wednesday and Sunday, in a ceremony at the Macau airport on Wednesday.

The flight will connect Sihanoukville International Airport to Macau. It is the airport's second international route after Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam, and the airline's eighth international route after Bangkok, Danang, Chengdu, Guangzhou, Hangzhou, Ho Chi Minh City and Shanghai.

Angkor Air's marketing manager Eng Molina told the Khmer Times in Cambodia that "the airline added the route because of an increase in passengers wanting to travel between the destinations."

Molina said the airline has a partner to sell tickets in Macau, "which makes the route a good business opportunity" and added that Angkor Air expects most passengers to fly from Macau to Preah Sihanouk province, rather than in the opposite direction.

"There is high demand for seats from Macau to Preah Sihanouk province, so we will depend on customers from the Macau market," he said.



"We are also studying the possibility of a route from Phnom Penh to Macau, but we are not 100 percent sure because we are waiting to see how this route works [first]."

Angkor Air's Deputy CEO, Lim Kao, said after the inauguration that a flight to Siem Reap is a strong possibility, as the place is home to UNESCO heritage sites like Angkor Wat.

According to the Cambodian Tourism Ministry, about 830,000 Chinese tourists visited Cambodia last year, representing a 19.5 percent hike year-on-year. Chinese nationals are the country's second-largest group of visitors

after the Vietnamese, in a country that reported more than five million visitors last year.

The Cambodian government has said it hopes to increase the number of Chinese tourists from 830,000 at present to about two million by 2020. The new flights are a part of this initiative.

Sihanoukville is a coastal city on the peninsula, facing the Gulf of Thailand. The location is known as Cambodia's premier beach town, with long white sand beaches, excellent seafood and several tropical islands nearby. It has been compared to some of Thailand's most visited beach destinations. **RM**

Taiwan continues to ease visa regulations

CHINESE citizens who have worked for at least a year, or who study at universities in Macau, will be eligible to apply for Taiwan travel permits through an on-line application system starting on March 28.

This move is part of a series of measures that Taiwan is undertaking in a bid to attract more visitors from the territory.

As previously reported, Taiwan's National Immigration Agency has eased the administration burden for Macau and Hong Kong residents who intend to apply for a Taiwan visa.

The simplified procedure - which is currently under an experimental period until March 27 - allows residents to apply online, instead of having to visit the office in person.

The online system will shorten the time it takes to process a travel permit from two to three weeks, for a paper application, to five workdays, said the

head of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Macau, Lu Chang-shui, at an event promoting Taiwan tourism.

His remarks came in the wake of recent tourism growth between Taiwan and Macau, Focus Taiwan reported.

Lu recalled that Macau received some 1.07 million visitor arrivals from Taiwan in 2016, an 8.8 percent year-on-year increase; while about 140,000 tourists from Macau visited Taiwan in 2016, up 10 percent from the previous year.

As Taiwan is introducing a series of tourism promotions and measures to streamline visa procedures, the neighboring region is seeking to attract foreign visitors from a wider range of countries.

The move implies a particular focus on Southeast Asia, despite a decline in Chinese tourists due to strained relations between Taiwan and mainland China.

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Tap Seac Handicrafts Fair back in April

The Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) is planning another edition of the Tap Seac Handicrafts Fair. The fair, which took place for the first time in 2008, has been scheduled for April and is expected to have 200 stands for cultural and creative participants from Macau, mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Malaysia, as well as IC artists. The fair will also feature concerts and craft workshops, which will run for two consecutive weekends, from April 21 to 23 and April 28 to 30. The IC is currently accepting applications for local participants. The deadline for registration is March 27.

MAF tickets go on sale this Sunday

Tickets for the 28th Macau Arts Festival (MAF) go on sale via telephone and online bookings from midday on March 12 (Sunday), according to the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC). Queuing vouchers will be distributed on the same day from 9 a.m., according to the IC, "for the convenience of the public." The 28th MAF, which is themed "Heterotopia" and will be held from April 28 to May 31, features a variety of performances comprising music, theater and other performing arts. Various discounts will be offered, including 30 percent off early bird tickets as well as discounts for purchases via Bank of China, MasterCard, Visa and UnionPay cards from ICBC.

EUAP-M to hold seminar on EU citizenship today

The European Union Academic Programme in Macau (EUAP-M), under its Speakers' and Visiting Speakers' Seminar Series, will hold a seminar today at 3 p.m. at the University of Macau. Roel De Meu from the Institute for European Law in Leuven, Belgium, will discuss the nature and importance of EU citizenship in a talk titled "Citizenship of the European Union: A Dynamic Balance between EU and Member-States." The talk will also tackle topics such as the conceptualization and possible new directions for the ever-evolving case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU). Since its introduction in the Maastricht Treaty, EU citizenship has proven to be fertile ground for the development of CJEU case law, according to a statement by the organizer.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Bureau directors replace secretary as head of consultative bodies

Julie Zhu

THE Executive Council (ExCo) concluded its analysis of several administrative regulations for the public works and transportation sector, the council spokesperson announced at a press conference yesterday.

ExCo spokesman Leong Heng Teng introduced the amendment, which proposes that the Transport Advisory Committee be presided over by the director of the Transport Bureau (DSAT) and the vice president appointed by ExCo. The amendment also calls for the Logistics Industry Development Committee and the Fishing Industry Advisory Committee to be disbanded.

The Urban Renewal Committee will still be hosted and coordinated by the Secretary for Transport and Public Works.

The Urban Planning Committee will then be presided over by the director of the Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau (DSSOPT), while the DSAT's Director will become President of the Traffic Committee.

The Environment Consultative Council and the Public Housing Consultative Council will be presided over by the Director of the Environment Protection Bureau (DSPA) and by the Director of the Housing Bureau (IH), respectively.



Leong Heng Teng

These advisory committees were previously presided over by the Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Raimundo do Rosário.

The only committee which will remain under Rosário's leadership is the Urban Renewal Committee.

Leong noted that the changes do not downgrade any of the committees and are merely the authorities' own initiatives for public administrative reform.

The advisory organizations, according to Leong, are also seeking public opinion on suggestions for governmental policies.

"Some committees oversee work that requires specific expertise," said Leong, adding that bureau directors presiding over the committees will be more familiar with,

and better equipped to handle, issues in specific industries.

Leong pointed out that only the transportation and public works sectors underwent changes, but that other sectors will soon see changes in their advisory committees as well.

Since the secretary will no longer be President of the Urban Planning Committee, the committee will review its own composition with the Urban Renewal Committee.

Leong said that the authorities have "great hopes for the Urban Renewal Committee."

He also claimed that the change in leadership will make the committee's duties more detailed and that "it [the change] might be more favourable to their [the advisory committees'] development."

PRD delegation tours Brazil to research green energy

A delegation from Macau, Hong Kong and nine Chinese provinces – which together comprise the Pearl River Delta (PRD) region – is currently touring Brazil to exchange ideas on the development and application of green energy and on new resources.

In a statement from the Government Information

Bureau, Macau Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) president Jackson Cheong said the visit comes amid growing regional interest in environmental protection and eco-friendly business.

During a visit to the Operations and Management Center of the Amazonian Protection System, Cheong cited

the Brazilian government's use of technology such as data analysis to maintain the sustainability of the Amazon River area.

The delegation was briefed on the facilities and equipment used to manage water resources. Members also shared their insights, concerns, processes and challenges faced in similar projects



Jackson Cheong (second from left)

across the Pearl River Delta area.

The tour will run from March 5 to 12, and includes a visit to Portugal as well as Brazil.

The tour has been described as "an additional step in the ongoing effort to diversify trade and economic cooperation between mainland China, Portuguese-speaking countries and Macau." **RM**

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SÉRGIO GODINHO TO SING CLASSICS AT THE VENETIAN MACAO



Composer and singer Sérgio Godinho, one of the most influential Portuguese musicians to emerge in the last 40 years, will perform with pianist Filipe Raposo at The Venetian Theatre on March 15 at 8:30 p.m.

In a concert sponsored by Sands China Ltd, Godinho – who is also a poet and author – will sing his classics such as "O Primeiro Dia" and "Com um brilhoso nos olhos", along with recent hits like "O acesso bloqueado" and

"Sobe o Calor." The latter was composed together with Raposo.

His first album, "Os Sobreviventes," was released in 1971 and has been followed with 27 more records to date.

Godinho will also launch his debut novel, "A Heart Too Perfect" (Coração Mais que Perfeito), at the Macau Literary Festival.

Godinho's Portuguese lyrics will be displayed with Chinese and English subtitles during the concert. Tickets are on sale for MOP100 at Cotai Ticketing outlets, the Portuguese Bookshop and the Old Court Building.

TOP CHINA TECHNOLOGY BANKER RETIRES



Xiaoyin Zhang, the Goldman Sachs Group Inc. dealmaker who helped bring China's three largest Internet companies to market, is leaving the firm.

Zhang, a partner and head of the China technology, media and telecom group, is retiring after 15 years at Goldman, according to an inter-

nal memo obtained by Bloomberg. Connie Ling, a spokeswoman for the New York-based investment bank, confirmed the contents of the memo.

The banker, who joined Goldman in 2002 in Hong Kong, worked on the initial public offerings of the triumvirate of internet

firms known as BAT – Baidu Inc., Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. and Tencent Holdings Ltd. – that would go on to become China's largest technology companies. She also advised Lenovo Group Ltd. on its USD2.3 billion purchase of International Business Machines Corp.'s server business announced in 2014, according to Goldman's annual report that year.

Zhang was named managing director in 2008 and a partner in 2014, according to the memo. Goldman Sachs has worked on more than \$34 billion of first-time share sales from Chinese technology, telecommunications and media companies since the year Zhang joined, making it the No. 1 adviser during the period, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

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Andrew Patrick



A man uses a smartphone at the Shwedagon pagoda in Yangon

Myanmar is next Vietnam with 10pct growth, UK diplomat says

MYANMAR could be the next Vietnam or Thailand, with the economy having the potential of growing as much as 10 percent, a senior British diplomat said.

The Southeast Asian nation, which is opening its economy to investors after decades of military rule, has to overcome challenges including a shortage of power supply, lack of policy clarity and high cost of doing business, Andrew Patrick, the U.K.'s Ambassador to Myanmar, said yesterday at a Bloomberg conference in Yangon.

"Growth takes time," Patrick said. "The main thing is you've got to go at the fastest pace you can." He added that "6 percent to 8 percent, even 10 percent growth going forward is per-

Myanmar began democratic and economic reforms in 2011

fectly realizable."

Myanmar began democratic and economic reforms in 2011 in a country long controlled by state-owned firms. The International Monetary Fund estimates the economy was among the fastest growing in the world last year at 8.1 percent.

"On the financial sector, this is a

blank sheet," Patrick said. With few people owning bank accounts, the nation is "an untapped market. It's like Vietnam 20 years ago," he said.

Telenor Myanmar formed a joint venture with Yoma Bank to start Wave Money, which seeks to reach the country's unbanked population, CEO Lars Erik Tellmann said in a Bloomberg Television interview with Haslinda Amin in Yangon. Wave Money will tap rural areas where there's no access to physical banks, he said.

While growth may be accelerating, the country has some way to go before it can catch up with its neighbors. Poverty persists and the economy faces risks including a weaker currency and slowing investment. **Bloomberg**

Thai government, standing fast against Uber, offers taxi app

THAILAND'S government is cracking down on private car-hailing services such as Uber and plans to introduce its own taxi app to appease passengers.

Thai transport officials said yesterday that services using private vehicles to transport passengers, such as Uber or Southeast Asia's GrabCar, are illegal because the vehicles aren't registered for public transport.

Thai authorities have threatened repeatedly to shut down private car ride-sharing services, and recently have cracked down by fining individual drivers.

Services using smartphone apps that call licensed taxis — such as GrabTaxi, part of the same company that operates GrabCar — are legal.

The government plans to introduce its own cell-phone app, TAXI OK, for passengers to call govern-

ment-endorsed taxis featuring GPS tracking systems and closed-circuit cameras. It will also have an up-market variation called TAXI VIP.

"With this project, we're improving taxi standards by building trust, confidence, and safety," said Sanit Promwong, director-general of the Department of Land Transportation.

Most transport apps in Thailand allow users to call both taxis and private vehicles. The only exception is Uber, whose Thai operations rely solely on private vehicles.

Uber issued a statement saying it would continue to seek to have ridesharing legalized, saying it believes "it is time to amend the existing legal framework to accommodate this much needed new technology and realize the full benefits it is bringing to riders, drivers and cities." **AP**

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When it comes to petty crime, Macau is one of the safest places on earth.

However, the property boom has created new opportunities for scammers, some are simple and others are more complex.

Either way you stand less chance of being scammed if you recognize a potential set up, so we have listed some of the scams that you might encounter.

We must stress that these scams are still relatively rare in Macau, and it is not a widespread problem yet. But they are increasing in the frequency and complexity, and it pays to know the details of these scams.

It could never happen to me

Recently we dealt with a case where someone had impersonated an owner to collect rental income. The tenant was pre-occupied in a high paying job and had paid rent in good faith.

Scams are happening in Macau right now, and it's a big mistake to think that you are immune to this phenomenon. It does happen to other people, and it may also happen to you if you are not cautious and vigilant.

Scam: Not the real landlord

Renting an apartment should be straightforward, but beware; There are people out there posing as ow-

ners who are not the real owners! This scam starts with identity theft as the scammer uses false documents to identify himself or herself as the property owner.

Once the identity is established, the scammer poses as the owner and instructs the tenant to pay rent to a new bank account, and may often ask for advanced rental payments (three or six months in advance is not uncommon).

The tenant pays rent to the new account, only to be contacted by the real owner in due course when they discover rent has not been paid. Confusion ensues, both parties blame each other and meanwhile the missing funds are not recoverable.

What about the bank account, isn't it easily traced? In some countries it is easier to open accounts with false names and documents, and its rare that the fraudsters are caught.

How to avoid the "not the real landlord" scam

Obtain a copy of the official property document or Busca from the Public Notary, and then cross check the name against the owners ID document.

Ensure that the bank account into which you are paying the funds is either in the same name as the owner, or belongs to the real estate company who represents the owner. In both cases, ask for a receipt for each payment.

Scam: Get rich quick

The get rich quick investment scams come in two main varieties. The first is a 'Ponzi' scheme, in which the scammer entices you to invest in a real estate deal. Rather than use your money toward the purchase, he or she uses it to pay earlier investors.

The second is real estate investment seminars that promise to teach you the ins and outs of real estate investing, but do so through expensive materials and programs. Strictly speaking, whilst these are not scams, clients end up out of pocket by very large sums of money, so worth mentioning here.

How to avoid the "get rich quick" scam

Make sure that when you make a property investment, the details are handled through a lawyers office and registered by a Notary.

Going to real estate seminars and learning more about investment is a good thing, just be aware that you will be pressured to invest more money and usually the request is urgent.

Give yourself a week to think things through before making a commitment to any further programs or costs. We guarantee that the 'time sensitive' deal will still be available in a week, and in some cases the deal may have gotten better.



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Beijing says it followed law in approving 38 Trump trademarks

Erika Kinetz, Shanghai

CHINA yesterday defended its handling of 38 trademarks it recently approved provisionally for President Donald Trump, saying it followed the law in processing the applications at a pace that some experts view as unusually quick.

Democrats in Congress were critical of Trump after The Associated Press reported Wednesday that the potentially valuable trademarks had been granted, raising questions of conflict of interest and political favoritism. One senator said the issue “merits investigation.”

Trump has sometimes struggled to win trademarks from China; he secured one recently after a 10-year fight that turned his way only after he declared his candidacy for the presidency.

China’s foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said in a regular briefing with reporters that Chinese authorities handle all trademark applications “in accordance with the law and regulation.” He declined to comment on speculation about political influence on Trump’s trademark approvals.

Critics fear foreign governments might gain leverage from Trump’s global portfolio of brands.

Democrats in Congress have been pushing Trump to sever financial ties with his global businesses to avoid potential violations of the emoluments clause of the U.S. Constitution, which bars federal officials from accepting anything of value from foreign governments unless approved by Congress.

The monopoly right to a successful brand in a market like China can be worth huge sums. Former top ethics lawyers from the



Hong Kong-based intellectual property lawyer Dan Plane talks during an interview at his office

administrations of Barack Obama and George W. Bush say any special treatment from Beijing in awarding Trump intellectual property protection would violate the Constitution.

Concerns about political influence are particularly sharp in China, where the courts and bureaucracy are designed to reflect the will of the ruling Communist Party, and foreign companies and the lawyers that work for them regularly ask embassy staff for help lobbying Chinese officials.

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 government relations are an important part of trademark strategy in China. She said she has worked with officials from both the U.S. and Canadian embassies to help her clients. The key, she said, is “you should communicate closely with the government to push your case.”

Drawing on public records from the Trademark Office of the State Administration for Industry and Commerce, the AP compiled a detailed list of 49 trade-

marks Trump’s lawyers applied for in 2016, even as he railed against China on the campaign trail. On Feb. 22, seven of those marks were rejected, though public records do not indicate why. China granted preliminary approval for 38 marks on Feb. 27 and Mar. 6. Four applications are pending.

Matthew Dresden, a China intellectual property attorney at Harris Bricken in Seattle, said the rejections suggested that the trademark office hadn’t done Trump any special favors. “Some did not go through, that suggests it’s just business as usual,” he said.

Dan Plane, a director at Simone IP Services, a Hong Kong intellectual property consultancy, said it would be difficult to draw firm conclusions without in-depth research. However, he said the efficiency of China’s trademark office in handling Trump’s caseload suggested favor for a man whose decisions could have a powerful impact on China.

“For this many marks to all sail through to preliminary approval this quickly, with nary an issue in sight — that is unheard of to me, and I have been doing this for 16 years,” he said. “I wish my clients’

applications would be dealt with half as expeditiously and graciously.”

If no one objects, the new marks will be officially registered after 90 days, bringing the number of Trump’s trademarks in China to 115. Nearly all are in the president’s own name; a few are registered to a Delaware company called DTTM Operations LLC.

The new marks could lay the groundwork for an expanded range of branded businesses, including financial, insurance and real estate services, golf clubs, educational institutions, restaurants and bars. A number of the trademarks granted, including those for “social escort” and “body guard” services, appeared to relate specifically to hotels. Other international hotel companies whose documents were reviewed by AP sought similar trademarks.

It’s unclear whether any of these Trump-brand businesses will materialize in China. Many companies here register trademarks just to prevent others from using their name inappropriately. Trump has also said he will refrain from new foreign deals while in office.

Trump began to file trademark

applications in China in late 2005, an effort that accelerated in 2008 as Trump’s lawyers fought for control of Chinese variations of his name, public records show. Years of ambition in China, however, have yet to yield a single marquee development. And despite all the recent activity, Trump still doesn’t have a firm hold on his brand in China. More than 225 Trump-related marks are held or sought by others in China, for an array of things including Trump toilets, condoms, pacemakers and even a “Trump International Hotel.”

Trump Organization chief legal officer Alan Garten said the latest registrations were a continuation of efforts that long predate Trump’s presidential run. “Any suggestion to the contrary demonstrates a complete disregard of the facts as well as a lack of understanding of international trademark law,” he said in an email.

But a growing number of Democrats disagree.

After AP reported Wednesday about the sweep of new approvals, Senators Debbie Stabenow and Ben Cardin called a press conference to lambaste President Trump for his growing Chinese entanglements. Also citing AP’s report, Senator Richard Blumenthal said on the Senate floor that Trump’s intellectual property in China “merits investigation.”

“This President’s conflicts of interest are creeping into every corner of the world,” he said in an email to the AP. “The consequence is that he has done nothing to counter Chinese currency manipulation, trade rules violations, military buildup, and other aggressive Chinese actions. Standing up for a great America means putting our nation before personal profit.”

Democrats have also written to Trump and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson urging scrutiny of Trump’s intellectual property interests in China.

“It’s time for Republicans in Congress to join our efforts to hold President Trump accountable,” Senator Dianne Feinstein said in a statement Wednesday. “The Constitution demands it and the American people deserve it.” AP

Report: China developing advanced lunar mission spaceship

CHINA is developing an advanced new spaceship capable of both flying in low-Earth orbit and landing on the moon, according to state media, in another bold step for a space program that equaled the U.S. in number of rocket launches last year.

The newspaper Science and Technology Daily cited spaceship engineer Zhang Bainian as saying the new craft would be recoverable and have room for multiple astronauts. While no

other details were given in the Tuesday report, Zhang raised as a comparison the Orion spacecraft being developed by NASA and the European Space Agency. The agency hopes Orion will carry astronauts into space by 2023.

China’s Shenzhou space capsule used on all six of its crewed missions is based on Russia’s Soyuz and is capable of carrying three astronauts in its re-entry module.

China came late to crewed space flight, launching its first man into space in 2003, but has advanced rapidly since then. In its most recent crewed mission, two astronauts spent a month aboard a Chinese space station late last year.

A fully functioning, permanently crewed space station is on course to begin operations in around five years and a manned lunar mission has been suggested for the future.

Now firmly established among the big three in space travel, China last year moved ahead of Russia for the first time in number of rocket launches and equaled the United States at 22, according to Harvard University astrophysicist Jonathan McDowell. Russia had 17 launches, while the U.S. might have had several more if Space X’s Falcon 9 rocket fleet hadn’t been grounded following a Sept. 1 launchpad explosion. AP



In this June 16, 2012, file photo, the Shenzhou 9 spacecraft rocket launches from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in Jiuquan

Christopher Bodeen, Beijing

China looks ahead to fall party congress, leadership changes

As if any reminder were needed, delegates to China's ceremonial parliament were repeatedly told in no uncertain terms this week what job No. 1 is: "Follow the leadership of the Party Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core."

The exhortation carries added weight as China moves toward its most important political event in five years, the ruling Communist Party's 19th National Congress. The event, this fall, is expected to usher in a second five-year term as general secretary for Xi — China's most powerful leader in decades — along with a major infusion of new blood into the party's governing bodies.

Key among those is the Politburo Standing Committee, the apex of Chinese power led by Xi. All but two of its seven members are expected to step down, according to recent practice, and their replacements will define Xi's rule over the next five years, and possibly beyond.

While there's little blue sky between the party elites in terms of policies and ideology, the team that Xi assembles could point toward whether China is headed toward an even more authoritarian future or one of greater balance between rivals.

"Many in the establishment are uncomfortable with Xi coming out as a real strongman," said Steve Tsang, a long-time China watcher who directs the China Institute at London's School of Oriental and African Studies. "The stakes are therefore very high."

Impacting on the process are China's slowing economic growth, growing labor and environmental unrest, and the push-pull between the further opening up the economy and protecting major state industries and workers.

Then there's the Trump factor. President Donald Trump's gospel of economic nationalism has introduced new uncertainty into the crucial trading relationship between the sides, while his provocative statements regarding Taiwan, the South



Nuclear power: members of the Politburo Standing Committee. From left: Wang Qishan, Yu Zhengsheng, Xi Jinping, Li Keqiang, Liu Yunshan, Zhang Gaoli, and Zhang Dejiang, in front row

China Sea and China's relations with North Korea have set Beijing on edge.

Under those circumstances, the desire for an experienced, steady hand on the tiller could work to Xi's advantage, says Boston University China expert Joseph Fewsmith.

Tsang agreed: "What is clear is that Xi cannot afford to appear to be weak in the face of Trump."

While China's insular political system gives little away, analysts will begin looking in earnest for signs of the prevailing winds after next week's conclusion of the 10-day annual legislative session. New appointments and policy declarations may offer clues, along with the amount of coverage state media devote to key individuals.

Xi, 63, has already consolidated his hold on the party, government and military beyond that attained by either of his last two predecessors. In addition, he's taken on the chairmanships of a half-dozen party small groups that direct policy over areas from foreign policy to internet security, and also heads the newly formed National Security Committee and military Joint

Operations Command.

Crucially, he last year took on the mantle of "core" of the leadership, furthering a cult of personality that harkens back to the era of communist China's founder Mao Zedong.

The accumulation of titles and Xi's relative youth have stoked speculation that he will seek to retain power beyond the two five-year terms held by his predecessors Hu Jintao and Jiang Zemin. But to do so would require him to either placate or defeat rivals grouped around Hu and current Premier Li Keqiang, the party's No. 2 official.

The most likely outcome, say Tsang and other scholars, is "some sort of compromise."

Xi may also seek to retain key ally Wang Qishan, a renowned administrator who has spearheaded Xi's signature anti-corruption drive.

Also up for grabs are the memberships of the 25-member Politburo and the 200-plus member Central Committee, about 70 percent of whose members are due to retire.

Predictions are made more difficult because, rather than hard and fast rules, the criteria and

procedures for selecting new leaders are based on consensus and precedent that have helped "routinize competition," according to Fewsmith. While the country's constitution limits the president to two terms, the party constitution makes no such stipulations. Even the size of the Politburo Standing Committee can fluctuate, shrinking from nine to seven five years ago.

All but 2 of [Politburo's] 7 members are expected to step down [...] their replacements will define Xi's rule over the next five years, and possibly beyond

A total of 12 members of the Politburo are considered candidates to join Xi and Li on the Standing Committee, likely including their future successors. Chief among them are Hu Chunhua, the party secretary in the wealthy southern manufacturing center of Guangdong province, and Sun Zhengcai, who heads up the western megacity of Chongqing. Dark horse candidates include Xi's protégé Chen Min'er, the party secretary of the southern region of Guizhou.

Still, Xi will likely take his time making a decision, said Cheng Li, an expert on elite Chinese politics at the Brookings Institution think tank in Washington D.C.

"There's a 30 percent chance that he'll appoint a clear successor but more likely it will remain more ambiguous than that," Li said, adding Xi won't settle on a person until he's convinced the candidate is capable, won't undermine his legacy and has the support of the party rank-and-file.

A pair of powerful party bureaucrats seen as trusted Xi advisers — Li Zhanshu and Wang Huning — are believed to have the inside track for Standing Committee membership, while propaganda czar Liu Qibao, Vice Premier Wang Yang and Shanghai party boss Han Zheng are also considered leading contenders.

"My assumption is that Xi Jinping will emerge as even stronger following the party congress, so this is more about picking his team," Fewsmith said.

The outcome should have an impact on how strong of a mandate Xi has to pursue his agenda of reforming the economy and government institutions, as well as extending his yearslong crackdown on official corruption that is as popular with the public as it is loathed by bureaucrats.

A clearer picture may emerge after informal summer meetings at the beach resort of Beidaihe east of Beijing, but the final lineup likely won't come until the actual congress is held, the experts say. While Chinese politics can seem like a Byzantine power struggle, the results are significant for the country's direction, they say.

"Xi is clearly interested in and keen to leave his marks and make changes," said Fewsmith, of Boston University. "I don't think he made himself 'chairman of everything' just for the sake of it." AP

Legislature giving more seats to women, workers

INCREASINGLY known as a rich man's club, China's ceremonial legislature now plans to give more seats to women, farmers, workers and professionals.

The official Xinhua News Agency reported yesterday that changes to the makeup of the National People's Congress

would also reduce the proportion of delegates representing the ruling Communist Party and government departments, who now constitute about one-third of the roughly 3,000 members.

Xinhua gave no details on what the new quotas would be. When the current legislature was

seated in 2013, 23 percent of its members were women. No figures were immediately available on workers and others.

The NPC and its advisory body meet in full session just once a year for about 10 days. The day-to-day work of vetting legislation is handled by the NPC's much

smaller standing meeting that meets twice a month.

Over recent years, the two bodies have become known as the wealthiest assemblies in the world, with a recent study from the Shanghai-based Hurun Report saying that more than 150 billionaires are included within their ranks.

They include Ma Huateng of microblogging firm Tencent Ltd., with a net worth of USD24 billion, and Robin Li, chairman of internet search giant Baidu, who has a fortune of \$14



A group of female delegates from the PLA take photos before a plenary session of the NPC at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing

billion.

Xinhua quoted NPC Vice Chairman Wang Chen as telling delegates this week that the leadership of the ruling Communist Party was on guard against fraud and

vote buying in the selection of deputies by members of their provincial assemblies.

Last year, 45 deputies from the northeastern province of Liaoning were ejected for vote buying. AP

AUSTRALIA

Trial begins of man behind backpacker attacks

TWO backpackers were subjected to a terrifying ordeal on a remote Australian beach, where a man sexually assaulted one of the women before beating her friend in the head with a hammer and repeatedly ramming her with his four-wheel drive as she tried to flee for help, a prosecutor said yesterday.



AP PHOTO

Grim details of the attack emerged in South Australia's Supreme Court on the opening day of the trial of a 60-year-old man charged in the 2016 assault. The man, whose name has been suppressed by a court order, has pleaded not guilty to a series of charges including attempted murder, kidnapping and assault.

Prosecutor James Pearce said the man connected with the women, who are from Brazil and Germany, on a classified advertising website, where one of the women had been looking for a ride to the city of Melbourne.

He drove them to an isolated beach in the Coorong National Park in South Australia, where they set up camp, Pearce said. When one of the women fell asleep in the car, he suggested the other take a walk with him to look for kangaroos.

After they were away from the car, Pearce said, the man threw the woman to the ground, tied her up, cut off her bikini with a knife and sexually assaulted her.

In a bid to survive, the woman tried to reason with him, and suggested they go back to the tent, Pearce said. The man agreed and adjusted the ties binding her so she could walk. The woman then

screamed for help, waking up her friend, whom she told to run.

The man then attacked the woman who had been in the car, striking her several times in the head with a hammer, Pearce said. Despite blood streaming into her eyes, she fled across the sand on foot. The man then got into the four-wheel drive and chased after her, hitting her with the car and knocking her to the ground several times.

Realizing she couldn't outrun the vehicle, she then jumped onto the roof of the car and hung onto the roof racks as the man tried to fling her off, Pearce said.

The women eventually managed to escape.

There have been a string of high-profile attacks on foreign tourists in Australia in recent years. On Sunday, a British backpacker who officials say had been sexually assaulted and held captive for weeks in the Outback was rescued by police who pulled over the car she was driving.

The officers noticed the woman had facial injuries and appeared distressed, and subsequently found a man hiding in a storage alcove in the back of the vehicle. He has been charged with a string of offenses, including multiple counts of rape and strangulation. **AP**

INDONESIA

Court sentences reporter to 7 months in drug case



AP PHOTO
British national and former news correspondent David Fox (right)

AN Indonesian court sentenced a former Reuters war correspondent to seven months in prison yesterday for possessing hashish.

The sentence announced at the Denpasar District Court in Bali was less than the one-year prison term sought by prosecutors.

British national David Fox was arrested Oct. 8 along with Australian Giuseppe Serafino on the tourist island, where police confiscated a total of 10.09 grams of

hashish from Fox's clothing and house.

With time already served, Fox is due for release in May.

Through his lawyer, Fox thanked supporters and said he accepted the court's judgment.

"I am very grateful for this lenient sentence," he said.

Fox, 55, worked for Reuters for 20 years but was fired in 2011 for making an off-color remark in an instant-messaging system while covering the 2011 Japan tsunami and nuclear reactor meltdowns.

In his indictment, presiding Judge Erwin Djong noted Fox's testimony that he used hashish to cope with the trauma suffered from covering conflicts but said there was no justification for drug use, which was a negative influence on Indonesia's youth. **AP**

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AFGHANISTAN

Experts probe site of deadly Kabul hospital attack

HUNDREDS of mourners gathered yesterday at a graveyard on the northern edge of Kabul to bury a 37-year-old pharmacist — one of 31 people killed in an attack on a hospital in the Afghan capital the previous day that was claimed by the Islamic State group.

The brazen daytime assault saw four gunmen in white lab coats storm the military hospital in a highly secure part of the city Wednesday, setting off an hours-long gunbattle with security forces. Initially, the death toll was reported to be 30 but one of the wounded died overnight.

Behroz Behnam, who left behind three small children, was gunned down on the third floor of the hospital, said his brother, Behzad, also an officer in the Afghan army.

Behzad, who had been deployed with the military outside the hospital during the attack, said the gunmen went floor by floor in a killing rampage. When they came to Behnam, they opened fire at him and two other officers, said Behzad.

When he made it inside the hospital, Behzad found his brother dying from gunshot wounds to the chest and arm.

“When I finally got to him, it was just moments before he died,” Behzad said. “All that was left for me to do was to tell my family and bring his body home.”

All the attackers, including two who detonated their suicide vests, were killed by the time the assault ended.

Standing beside Behnam’s graveside covered with flowers, his father, Afghan army Gen. Jalandar Shah made an impassioned plea to the international community to help war-battered Afghanistan put an end to the fighting.

“As a father, as a human being I am calling out to the international community to please pay attention,” he said. “Stop the killing of Afghans. It is enough all this killing. It’s enough.”

Inside the hospital, experts were scouring every inch of the facility for evidence that IS was behind



the attack, which also wounded 53 people, said deputy defense ministry spokesman Mohammed Radmanish.

Radmanish told The Associated Press that even though IS claimed the assault, Afghan authorities “must do our own investigations to know who is responsible.”

Afghan forces have been under increasing pressure by the Taliban and also from Islamic State militants, mostly in the country’s east.

The attack reflected the Afghan militants’ capability to strike at the country’s heavily guarded capital despite government efforts to improve security for ordinary Afghans.

The U.N. Security Council condemned “the heinous and cowardly terrorist attack” in the strongest terms and underlined the need to bring perpetrators, organizers, financiers and sponsors to justice.

Council members reiterated that “any acts of terrorism are criminal and unjustifiable, regardless of their motivation, wherever, whenever and by whomsoever

committed.” They urged all countries “to combat by all means [...] threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts.”

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The assault lasted for several hours, with Afghan helicopters circling over the hospital building, troops rappelling onto rooftops and security forces going floor-by-floor in a gunbattle with the attackers. By mid-afternoon, the attack was over and a clean-up



Villagers stand at the grave of Behroz Behnam, a victim of the deadly suicide attack and shooting at a military hospital, in Kabul

operation was underway.

Abdul Qadir, a hospital worker who witnessed the attack, said an attacker in a white coat shot at him and his colleagues. Ghulam Azrat, another survivor, said he escaped through a fourth floor window after attackers killed two of his friends.

IS claimed the attack in a statement carried by its Aamaq news agency.

An affiliate of the extremist group has carried out a number of attacks in Afghanistan in the last two years, and has clashed with the more powerful and well-established Taliban, who carried out another complex attack in Kabul last week.

Mohammad Nahim, a restaurant worker in Kabul, said he worries that IS militants are getting stronger. “Daesh has no mercy on the humanity,” he added, using an Arabic name for the group.

Afghan security forces have struggled to combat both groups since the U.S. and NATO formally concluded their combat mission at the end of 2014, switching to an advisory and counterterrorism role.

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani condemned the attack during an address in honor of International Women’s Day, calling it “an attack on all Afghan people and all Afghan women.”

The foreign ministry in neighboring Pakistan condemned the Kabul attack, describing it as a “heinous terrorist attack” and expressing Islamabad’s condolences to the victims.

The acting U.N. humanitarian coordinator for Afghanistan, Adele Khodr, warned in a statement that hospitals, medical staff and patients “must never be placed at risk, and under no circumstances be subject to attack” and urged all parties in the conflict to abide by and “respect all medical workers, clinics and hospitals in compliance with international law.”

She said that in 2016, at least 41 attacks on health care facilities and workers were recorded across Afghanistan — “an appalling catalogue of attacks that ultimately further hinders delivery of essential and life-saving health care to all Afghans across the country.” **MDT/AP**

INDIA

Catholic diocese removes vicar accused of rape

ARoman Catholic diocese in southern India is considering using security cameras and other measures to curb sexual abuse by priests after a vicar was arrested on charges of raping a teenage girl, a spokesman said yesterday.

The bishop of the Mananthavady Diocese has also removed the Rev. Robin Vadakkancheril from his job as vicar of St. Sebastian church in Kottiyoor

and from conducting any priestly functions, said the Rev. Nobel Parackal, a media officer for the diocese in Kerala state.

Vadakkancheril was arrested late last month after a 17-year-old girl from his parish gave birth to a baby. Investigating officer Sunil Kumar said police are searching for at least five nuns who allegedly helped the priest cover up the rape and subsequent pregnancy.

Kumar said the girl, after initially refusing to name the father of the baby, said the priest had raped her in the place where the church provided computer lessons.

Kumar said the girl’s family was bitterly poor. Her child has been placed in a local orphanage and the girl is being looked after by the town’s child welfare committee, he said.

Parackal said there were no previous complaints on

record against Vadakkancheril.

Sexual violence against girls and women is endemic in India and the shame associated with such incidents makes victims and families hide the crime. The girl never told her family about the rape and when her pregnancy became apparent her parents never made a complaint. A child protection group tipped off the police after the teenager gave birth at a

local hospital, Kumar said.

The case is one of several in which Indian priests have been accused of abusing minors, indicating that scandals that have convulsed the Catholic Church in the United States, Europe and Latin America have not spared Asia. In 2011, the Asian bishops’ conference convened a special meeting on abuse and warned that “drastic and immediate measures” were needed to

deal with the issue.

The Vadakkancheril case has come to light as the Vatican tries to recover from the resignation of prominent abuse survivor Marie Collins from Pope Francis’ sex abuse advisory commission, citing frustration over resistance to the commission’s proposals within the Vatican.

It also comes ahead of Francis’ expected visit to India and Bangladesh later this year. **AP**

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Sinan Salaheddin, Baghdad

IRAQ

Twin suicide bombing kills 26 at wedding north of Baghdad

A twin suicide bombing struck a village wedding north of Baghdad as the wedding party gathered in the evening hours, killing at least 26 people and wounding dozens, a government spokesman said yesterday.

The attack, which took place yesterday [Macau time], began when one suicide bomber wearing an explosives-laden belt walked into the wedding party assembled in an open area in Hajaj, near the city of Tikrit, about 130 kilometers from Baghdad.

The bomber detonated his explosives, only to be followed by the second attacker who blew himself up when people had gathered to help the victims of the first explosion, provincial spokesman Ali al-Hamdani told The Associated Press. He said 26 people were killed, most of them children, and up to 67 were wounded.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack but suspicion is likely to fall on the Islamic State group, which has staged similar attacks in the past. The wedding party was for a family that had been displaced from Iraq's western Anbar province and that is affiliated with a major anti-IS tribe there.

IS had captured Tikrit during



Displaced Iraqis who fled their homes due to fighting between Iraqi forces and IS militants wait to be transferred to camps for displaced people, on the western side of Mosul

its blitz across Iraq in the summer of 2014 when the Sunni militant group seized nearly a third of the country's territory. Iraqi forces drove the militants from the city in April 2015, but IS has since then managed to launch deadly attacks in and

around Tikrit.

IS has also used large-scale attacks in an effort to distract from its losses as Iraqi forces battle to retake all of Mosul, the country's second-largest city, from the group.

Iraqi forces in Mosul have

over the past week fought their way into the heart of the western part of the city, separated by the Tigris River from the eastern sector, capturing a government complex and the city's antiquities museum where IS had destroyed price-

less relics.

Mosul also fell to IS in the summer of 2014, along with Tikrit and large swaths of northern and western Iraq, but now remains the militant group's last significant urban area in the country. AP

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A security camera warning sign is seen at the Muslim Association of Hawaii in Honolulu

USA

Hawaii becomes first state to sue over new travel ban

Jennifer Sinco Kelleher & Caleb Jones, Honolulu

HAWAII has become the first state to file a lawsuit against President Donald Trump's revised travel ban, saying the order will harm its Muslim population, tourism and foreign students.

Attorneys for the state filed the lawsuit against the U.S. government yesterday in federal court in Honolulu. The state had previously sued over Trump's initial travel ban, but that lawsuit was put on hold while other cases played out across the country.

Hawaii gave notice earlier this week that it intended to file an amended lawsuit to cover the new ban, which plans to go into effect March 16.

The revised executive order bars new visas for people from six predominantly Muslim countries and temporarily shut

down the U.S. refugee program. It doesn't apply to travelers who already have visas.

"Hawaii is special in that it has always been non-discriminatory in both its history and constitution," said Attorney General Douglas Chin, whose office has also asked for a temporary restraining order against the ban. "Twenty percent of the people are foreign-born, 100,000 are non-citizens and 20 percent of the labor force is foreign-born."

Chin, who noted the state has budgeted about USD150,000 for an outside law firm to help with the lawsuit, said people in Hawaii find the idea of a travel ban based on nationality distasteful because they remember when Japanese Americans were sent to internment camps during World War II. Hawaii was the site of one of these camps.

People in Hawaii know that the fear of newcomers can lead to bad policy, Chin said.

The move came after a federal judge in Honolulu said earlier yesterday that Hawaii can move forward with the lawsuit.

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DOUGLAS CHIN
ATTORNEY GENERAL

U.S. District Judge Derrick Watson granted the state's request to continue with the case and set a hearing for March 15 — the day before Trump's order is

due to go into effect. It bars new visas for people from the six predominantly Muslim countries and temporarily shuts down the U.S. refugee program.

Officials in heavily Democratic Hawaii previously sued to stop Trump's initial ban but that suit was placed on hold amid legal challenges around the country.

The U.S. Department of Justice declined to comment on the pending litigation.

The state will argue at the March 15 hearing that the judge should impose a temporary restraining order preventing the ban from taking effect until the lawsuit has been resolved.

Hawaii's complaint says it is suing to protect its residents, businesses and schools, as well as its "sovereignty against illegal actions of President Donald J. Trump and the federal government."

The order affects people from Iran, Syria, Somalia, Sudan, Yemen and Libya. It does not

apply to travelers who already have visas.

Imam Ismail Elshikh of the Muslim Association of Hawaii, a plaintiff in the state's challenge, says the ban will keep his Syrian mother-in-law from visiting.

Trump's "executive order inflicts a grave injury on Muslims in Hawaii, including Dr. Elshikh, his family, and members of his mosque," Hawaii's complaint says.

A federal judge in Seattle issued a temporary restraining order halting the initial ban after Washington state and Minnesota sued. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals refused to reinstate the order.

While Hawaii is the first to sue to stop the revised ban, the restraining order is still in place and could apply to the new one, too, said Peter Lavalee, a spokesman for the Washington attorney general's office.

University of Richmond Law School professor Carl Tobias said Hawaii's complaint seemed in many ways similar to Washington's successful lawsuit, but whether it would prompt a similar result was tough to say.

He said he expects the judge, an appointee of President Barack Obama who was a longtime prosecutor, to be receptive to "at least some of it."

Given that the new executive order spells out more of a national security rationale than the old one and allows for some travelers from the six nations to be admitted on a case-by-case basis, it will be harder to show that the new order is intended to discriminate against Muslims, Tobias said.

"The administration's cleaned it up, but whether they have cleaned it up enough I don't know," he said. "It may be harder to convince a judge there's religious animus here."

Tobias also said it is good that Hawaii's lawsuit includes an individual plaintiff, considering that some legal scholars have questioned whether the states themselves have standing to challenge the ban. **AP**

THE youngest son of U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine, who was Hillary Clinton's running mate last year, was one of six people arrested while protesting against a rally in support of President Donald Trump at the Minnesota state Capitol building last weekend.

The protesters clashed with hundreds of Trump supporters who gathered at the Capitol rotunda in St. Paul on Saturday for one of several pro-Trump rallies held throughout the country.

USA

Tim Kaine's son arrested protesting against pro-Trump rally

Linwood "Woody" Kaine, of Minneapolis, and four other people were suspected of lighting a smoke bomb inside the Capitol, St. Paul police spokesman Steve Linders said yesterday. He said he didn't know the circumstances surrounding the sixth arrest, which was made by sta-

te troopers.

Kaine, 24, ran from the scene and was arrested about a block away after he resisted arrest, was sprayed with a chemical irritant and was taken to the ground, according to police. Kaine was booked into the Ramsey County Jail on a recom-

mended second-degree riot charge.

The Ramsey County Attorney's Office declined to file criminal charges, finding insufficient evidence to substantiate the charge, spokesman Dennis Gerhardstein said. The St. Paul City Attorney's Office was reviewing

the case and didn't immediately reply to a message seeking comment.

Tim Kaine, a St. Paul native who is now a senator representing Virginia, and his wife, Anne Holton, released a statement following their son's arrest.

"We love that our three



Linwood Kaine, the youngest son of U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine

children have their own views and concerns about current political issues. They fully understand the responsibility to express those concerns peacefully," they said. **AP**

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13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:50	RTPi Live
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19:40	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:15	Miscellaneous
22:10	Labyrinth
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Champions League Highlights
23:50	Portuguese Movie
01:20	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
02:10	RTPi Live

SATURDAY

10:50	Comedy
11:20	Blaze Riders
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12:00	Miscellaneous
12:30	Miscellaneous
13:00	TDM News (Repeat)
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16:40	Miscellaneous
19:10	Miscellaneous
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21:00	Non-Daily Portuguese News
21:10	Drama
22:00	Revenge S.4
22:45	Miscellaneous
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Miscellaneous
00:10	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
00:45	RTPi Live

SUNDAY

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Offbeat

COLLEGE STUDENT'S JUGGLING ACT
CAUGHT ON POLICE CAMERAS

An Arkansas college student who moonlights as a magician showed off his juggling skills after he was pulled over for a broken brake light, and the act was captured on an officer's body camera and police cruiser video.

University of Central Arkansas police pulled over 21-year-old Blayk Puckett last week in Conway, about 25 miles northwest of Little Rock.

Police say Puckett was driving slowly and officers suspected that he may have been under the influence. UCA police spokesman Michael Hopper says the officers quickly saw that Puckett was sober and they agreed to give him a warning before Puckett revealed he was a magician.

Puckett, whose license plate read JUGGLER, volunteered to juggle some bowling pins. He quipped: "This is the new sobriety test in Conway."

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KONG: SKULL ISLAND

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

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02 MAR - 15 MAR



LOGAN

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

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Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 137min

this day in history



James Earl Ray

1969 MARTIN LUTHER KING'S
KILLER GETS LIFE

James Earl Ray has been jailed for 99 years by a court in Memphis, Tennessee, after admitting he carried out the murder of the American civil rights leader.

His guilty plea was made on the understanding he was spared the electric chair. It also brought a swift end to the trial, which otherwise might have lasted weeks.

Ray will not be eligible for parole until he is 90.

The verdict is unlikely to silence the speculation that Dr King's murder was the result of a conspiracy.

Until now, it had been assumed Ray's defence would be that he was involved in a plot to assassinate the civil rights leader, but did not fire the fatal shot.

Dr King, who preached non-violence, was shot dead by a sniper in the southern city of Memphis in April 1968 as he stood on a hotel balcony. He was in the city to lead a civil rights march.

He had come to Memphis to support striking dustmen, the majority of whom are black. The unresolved dispute meant feelings between black and white were running high in the city.

Immediately after the shooting, the Federal Bureau of Investigation was ordered to begin an investigation.

Ray had escaped from Missouri State Penitentiary in April 1967 where he was serving a 20 year sentence for armed robbery.

He was eventually traced to London in June 1968, where he was travelling under a false identity. He was arrested at Heathrow airport and charged with possessing a loaded firearm and false passport.

Today, Ray appeared in court wearing a dark suit. He spoke only to admit his guilt and in a brief statement he hinted there may have been some kind of plot to murder Dr King.

He showed little sign of emotion as sentence was passed.

Judge Preston Battle pointed out no-one else had so far been connected to the crime, but that was not conclusive evidence there had not been a conspiracy.

He added: "If this defendant was a member of a conspiracy, no member of that conspiracy can ever live in peace or security or rest his head in sweet dreams because in this state there is no statute of limitations for capital offences."

Courtesy of BBC

IN CONTEXT

The trial verdict was seen by some as a cover-up for a politically motivated conspiracy. However, federal authorities insisted there was no evidence of a cover-up.

Ray agreed to plead guilty so he could be spared the electric chair.

Ray was known to have a fanatical hatred of black people.

Even while serving his sentence in Missouri, he rejected a move to an open farm prison where conditions were better on the grounds he could not live with black inmates.

Three days after his jailing, Ray recanted his guilty plea. He claimed he had been set up by a gun dealer in Montreal known only as Raoul.

He spent the next 29 years fighting for the trial his guilty plea had forestalled - and won the support of the King family.

New forensic tests in 1997 on the gun said to have been used in the assassination proved inconclusive.

Ray died on 23 April 1998.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 You have a knack for saying whatever you feel you absolutely must in such an entertaining fashion that no one minds. Not a bit. And now you'll have the element of surprise to help make you even more interesting.

Taurus April 20-May 20 You have two options at this point. The first is to hand over the plastic and checkbook to someone who won't release them to you, even upon fear of death - or, even worse, permanent exile from your life.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 All that peace, quiet and privacy was nice while it lasted, and while you needed it, but you're on a different page now. You're ready for some excitement - and even though you know you've got to get up tomorrow.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Today's astrological menu calls for a great, big helping of intrigue, mystery and secrets - of only the most delicious kind. So if you're asked to keep quiet about a certain issue, you'll definitely do it.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 You may need to exhibit that quality on the spur of the moment today, and, as usual, you'll rise to the occasion beautifully. Does this mean that you'll get overly involved? Maybe, but that's just how you do business.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Surprises are en route - big ones - and they'll be coming to you via your career and the people involved in it. This could mean that the higher-ups you've been dealing with have been less than forthcoming.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 The phone will probably start ringing bright and early this morning - and you really shouldn't ignore it this time. Someone's due to call who has quite the news to share, and maybe even a romantic question to ask.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Contact the one person on this planet you trust most implicitly. Even if they're not a financial genius, you can at least be confident they'll find you someone dependable who is.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 It's a little-known fact that you are an expert caretaker. It's not just because you can make anyone laugh at any time - although laughter, after all, really is the best medicine.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You're a born leader - always have been, always will be. So when someone comes to you today, asking that you take charge of a difficult project that just isn't getting off the ground properly.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Someone interesting - no, absolutely fascinating - is right around the corner, just dying to meet you. You, of course, are always game for fresh and different folks, especially the kinds that have brains.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 You're going to have to learn the delicate art of multitasking over the next couple of days - but you're as flexible as could possibly be, so that won't be much of a problem for you.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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Easy Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9 in various positions.

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Easy+ Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9 in various positions.

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Medium Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9 in various positions.

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Hard Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9 in various positions.

WEATHER

Weather forecast table for China and World cities, including columns for MIN, MAX, and CONDITION.

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Barcelona's Sergi Roberto celebrates after scoring the sixth goal

FOOTBALL | CHAMPIONS LEAGUE ROUNDUP

Barcelona makes history with 6-1 comeback win over PSG

Joseph Wilson, Barcelona

BARCELONA needed a miracle to make history yesterday. Three, to be precise.

Just minutes away from elimination, Barcelona had to conjure up three instant goals and it was Neymar who stepped up.

The Brazilian striker first scored from a free kick in the 88th minute then a penalty two minutes later before floating a perfect pass for Sergi Roberto to score the dramatic winner in the fifth minute of injury time as Barcelona beat Paris Saint-Germain 6-1 to complete the biggest ever comeback in the Champions League.

Roberto's strike gave his team a 6-5 victory on aggregate, making Barcelona the first side to overturn a 4-0 first-leg defeat since the current format started in the 1992-93 season.

PSG seemed certain to go through after Edinson Cavani scored a valuable away goal following Barcelona's opening salvo of three goals, which included a Lionel Messi penalty, before Neymar turned it all around.

"This is the best match of my career," Neymar said. "It was difficult after the match in Paris. For the past week I have been crazy to play this match, and we have made history."

"I just told Sergi Roberto to get in the area, that he would score a goal."

The winner sent Barcelona's bench flooding onto the pitch as the stadium celebrated

the club's 10th consecutive appearance in the quarterfinals. Coach Luis Enrique, who announced he would leave the club this summer, embraced Neymar and any other player or staff member within reach.

"What defines this victory is faith, the faith of my players, the faith of our fans. No child or adult here at Camp Nou will forget this night," Enrique said. "I have never seen a better communion between team and supporters. We overran them, they didn't cross midfield."

PSG coach Unai Emery's strategy of not pressuring Barcelona backfired, as his team sat back and passively let the hosts hem them into their box.

"We wasted a great chance and we know it," Emery said. "The first half was more about our mistakes."

The visitors' entire backline was frozen when Rafinha's routine cross came into the box in the third minute, and Luis Suarez was able to nod a bouncing ball over goalkeeper Kevin Trapp.

Defender Layvin Kurzawa was at fault for Barcelona's second goal in the 40th, when he turned Andres Iniesta's back-heeled flick into his own net, delighting the 96,000-plus crowd.

Another PSG defender, right back Thomas Meunier, was the culprit behind Messi's penalty in the 50th after he clumsily thrust his shoulder into Neymar's legs while trying to recover his position in the box.

Emery finally ordered his players briefly forward and Ca-

vani responded for the French champions, rifling in Kurzawa's headed pass in the 62nd moments after he had hit the post in the visitors' only threats.

But Barcelona continued to press forward with Neymar leading the way.

He struck first with a curling free kick from the left flank that slipped inside Trapp's

near post.

Next, he took responsibility for converting the spot kick after Suarez was shouldered down by Marquinhos in the box.

The best was saved for last, when his pass was lofted over the defense and fell for Roberto to stretch out far enough and turn the ball into the net.

"I just threw myself forward," said Roberto, who went on in the 76th minute. "After the loss in Paris, we were all very down. But this team, if there is something it has proven, it's that it is made for nights like this."

Barcelona midfielder Arda Turan tweeted after the match: "You call it 'football team', we call it 'Barça'. You call it 'miracle', we call it 'normal' #ForçaBarça."

It was a demoralizing end for PSG. The French side was on the verge of avenging quarter-final exits to Barcelona in 2013 and 2015 and earning an elusive marquee victory that its Qatari owners were longing for.

"Three weeks after winning 4-0, we lose 6-1. That's very, very hard to accept," said PSG president Nasser Al-Khelaifi.

In the night's other second-leg match, Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang scored a hat trick and Christian Pulisic claimed his first Champions League goal as Borussia Dortmund overcame Benfica 4-0 to advance with a 4-1 win on aggregate. The draw for the quarterfinals will be held in Nyon, Switzerland on March 17. **AP**

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CLUBBING SESSIONS

It's once again this time of the year when the unique institutional design of the People's Republic of China displays its highest degree of sophistication: March corresponds to the convening of the "two meetings" or "two sessions", the gathering of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference that started last Friday, a purely consultative body that has been likened to a gentlemen's club, and the plenary session of National People's Congress, supposedly the highest organ of state power.

The CPPCC is the translation of what we call "united front work" in China, meaning in official speech a "multi-party [8 small parties] cooperation and political consultation led by the Communist Party of China", that is to say the closest thing to a ritualized form of consultation process under the very strict guidance of THE Party in lieu of any democratic undertaking, with no actual power. In this ceneacle of happy few — a bit more than 2,000 members — happenings are always possible though, as when Luo Fuhe, a vice-chairman of the CPPCC and the executive vice-chairman of the China Association for Promoting Democracy, breaks ranks and denounces openly the heavy hand of censorship over the internet as hampering scientific research and economic development in the country. He of course stops short of denouncing censorship for its adverse effects over freedom of speech, but then, can anyone imagine Edmund Ho or Tung Chee-hwa, both of them equally vice-chairmen, doing the same? After all, they represent the "second system", in which — fear not — liberal ideas are tolerated and alive, despite the very limited and ever-shrinking grounding of democracy.

The NPC is in another league, with its slightly less than 3,000 members. On paper it can amend the constitution, enact and amend laws, ratify and abrogate treaties. It also approves the state budget and plans for national economic and social development, and can elect as well as impeach top officials of the state (including the President) and judiciary, and supervise the work of the executive, the military and the judiciary. Zhang Dejiang, its chairman who will retire next year, ranks No. 3 of the all-powerful Politburo Standing Committee of the Party. Yet, in reality, the NPC plenary session serves mainly as a nationwide nod giving bonding ceremony that bestowed 80%+ approval rates to decisions already taken by the Communist Party — hence the "rubber-stamp" characterization.

Both congresses are in their twelfth installment, and mandates span over five years. Next year will see the swearing-in of supposedly renewed representatives.

Hong Kong and Macao do participate of course. Hong Kong sends 36 NPC deputies and 203 CPPCC delegates, and Macao respectively 12 and 29 — there are actually more CPPCC delegates from Hong Kong and Macao, but they represent other functional constituencies.

If we turn our eyes exclusively to Macao, there is no doubt that our CPPCC delegates describe perfectly what a former member equated to "a sort of chamber of commerce" for the rich and powerful to mingle, to the point where actually some NPC deputies and almost all our CPPCC delegates are members of the Macao Chinese General Chamber of Commerce — a venerable institution that counts more than 150 (!) members in leadership positions! All but one in the CPPCC, as Ng Lap Seng has been under house arrest on corruption charges in the United States since September 2015.

For the NPC, the Macao deputies can be best described as long-term Beijing loyalists. In that respect, they resemble their ancestors of the fourth National Congress (1975-1978), in which the first deputies for Macao were "great patriots" representing business (Ho Yin, the father of Edmund Ho), the central authorities (O Cheng Peng), trade unions (Liang Pei) and education (Sin Wai Hang). Today is about the same — tradition is a Macao thing — except that we also have the President of the Legislative Assembly and a serving Secretary of Economy and Finance! No such thing in Hong Kong of course, but in Macao, conflicts of interest(sss), actual or perceived, are part and parcel of the system.

THE BUZZ UBER TO BAN 'GREYBALL' TOOL USED TO STYMIE REGULATORS

Uber is dismantling a secret weapon it used against local regulators who have been trying to curtail or shut down its ride-hailing service in some cities around the world. The about-face announced yesterday comes less than a week after a report published in The New York Times exposed the existence of a technology feature nicknamed "Greyball" that identified regulators posing as riders while trying to collect evidence that Uber's service was breaking

local laws governing taxis. The program served up a fake version of Uber's popular app to make it appear the undercover regulators were summoning a car, only to have the ride never show up or canceled. Uber now says it will ban greyballing undercover regulators, although it may take time to block the program completely.

DOWN UNDER

Man allegedly posing as Bieber charged with 900 child sex crimes



Justin Bieber in a concert in Japan 2013

A 42-year-old Australian man who allegedly posed as Justin Bieber online to solicit explicit images from children has been charged with more than 900 child sex offenses, police said yesterday.

Bieber, a 23-year-old Canadian pop singer, is currently in Australia performing his "Purpose World Tour." Police have warned young fans and their pa-

rents to be extra vigilant when using the internet.

Gordon Douglas Chalmers, a law lecturer at the Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane, was charged in November with using Facebook and Skype to impersonate the star, after tip-offs from U.S. and German authorities. Chalmers was charged with using a carriage service to procure and

groom children for sex and to access child pornography. He was also charged with possessing child porn.

As a result of warrants issued in November to search his social media and messaging accounts and cloud servers, Chalmers was charged this week with another 931 child sex offenses dating back a decade, including rape and making child exploitation material, a police statement said.

"The fact that so many children could believe that they were communicating with this particular celebrity highlights the need for a serious rethink about the way that we as a society educate our children about online safety," Police Detective Inspector Jon Rouse said in a statement.

"The breadth of offenses committed in this instance is frankly horrendous," Rouse added.

Police have not said how many children had become victims or in what countries they live. But Rouse said the investigation showed "the global reach and skill that child sex offenders have to groom and seduce victims."

Chalmers has yet to enter pleas. It is not clear how long he could spend in prison if convicted. AP

Station	Air quality	
Roadside	60-80 Moderate	
High Density Residential Area	60-80 Moderate	
Ambient	65-95 Moderate	

SOURCE: DSI/MG

WORLD BRIEFS

INDIA A Roman Catholic diocese in southern India is considering using security cameras and other measures to curb sexual abuse by priests after a vicar was arrested on charges of raping a teenage girl, a spokesman said yesterday. [More on p12](#)

IRAQ A twin suicide bombing struck a village wedding north of Baghdad as the wedding party gathered in the evening hours, killing at least 26 people and wounding dozens, a government spokesman said yesterday. [More on p14](#)



TURKEY The United States risks major damage to its relationship with NATO ally Turkey if the U.S. includes Kurdish forces in the fight to retake Raqqa, the Islamic State group's de facto capital, Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim said yesterday.



FRANCE's ambassador to Japan has said publicly that he would refuse to serve as a diplomat if Marine Le Pen were elected president. The National Front shot back saying that Ambassador Thierry Dana should anticipate Le Pen's coming victory and "immediately leave public service."

US Hawaii has become the first state to file a lawsuit against President Donald Trump's revised travel ban, saying the order will harm its Muslim population, tourism and foreign students. [More on p15](#)

BRAZIL Women's groups in Brazil are reacting with anger after President Michel Temer praised females in his International Women's Day speech for taking care of homes, nurturing families and checking prices at supermarkets.

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