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**PHILIPPINES** Back-to-back earthquakes cracked small buildings and blocked roads with minor landslides Saturday in a Philippine resort province south of Manila where jittery tourists left and patients were evacuated from a hospital amid aftershocks.

**THAILAND** Suspected Muslim insurgents have set off dozens of bombs in southern Thailand, bringing down power lines and setting tires on fire to block roads. Security officials said there were no reports of deaths or injuries.



**AUSTRALIA-PAPUA NEW GUINEA** The future of hundreds of asylum seekers languishing at an Australian-run detention center in Papua New Guinea remained in doubt on Saturday, with the leaders of both countries declining to provide details about what will happen to the men if a deal to resettle them in the United States falls through.

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## Anima's president charged for sharing video of dog abuse

Albano Martins, president of Anima - Society for the Protection of Animals (Macau), has been charged for sharing a video of a man abusing a dog on social media. The man in question was later identified as a Judiciary Police officer. Anima is an NGO that has been actively fighting for animal rights in the region. The video was shared in mid-January this year, and was circulated via social networks by multiple users, including the NGO. Martins has been charged for breaching personal data protection laws. "I went in as a witness and came out as a defendant," Martins told TDM. "I had the duty to expose the crime. All I did as president of Anima was to share something [which] Anima and I believe breaches the law. This denouncing of abuse against an animal has breached another law."



## Macau applies for UNESCO 'City of Gastronomy' status

Macau has officially applied to be a member of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network as a "City of Gastronomy", Chinese media reported. Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Alexis Tam was quoted by Macao Daily as saying that joining the network would establish Macau as one of the most popular choices for food and restaurants, boosting the city's reputation as a global tourist destination. MGTO listed the UNESCO "City of Gastronomy" application as one of four major goals in 2017, with the SAR government even organizing a special committee to address this issue.

## More public restrooms suggested in tourist areas

Members of a consultative council for community services have suggested that local authorities increase the number of public restrooms and breastfeeding rooms in areas with high tourist traffic. Cheong Sok Leng, one of the members, stated that the ratio of female to male restrooms should be adjusted, as queues for female restrooms are typically longer. Another member, Cheong Chi Hong, voiced his opinion that the local government could learn from other countries, such as Germany, in order to improve the design and demand of public restrooms.



## Air Macau to train ten more local Cadet Pilots

Renato Marques

**A**IR Macau has opened its local Cadet Pilot Program for another round.

Following the program's debut last year, the company has moved to the second edition of the program, which aims to train an additional 10 cadet pilots.

According to an Air Macau representative, the program has not undergone any significant changes from last year's edition,

which also recruited 10 cadets to be trained at France's Civil Aviation University (ENAC, École nationale de l'aviation civile).

The program began in September last year and is expected to take 30 months.

This year, eligible applicants must hold a Macau Permanent ID with a valid passport, as in the previous year's amended criteria.

The program initially required applicants to hold a Macau SAR passport. This

excluded residents not of Chinese nationality, even though the program has been primarily advertised in the Chinese language.

The company also claims to be investing around MOP20 million in the program to address the airline's future needs.

Chen Hong, President of the Executive Committee and Chief Executive Officer of Air Macau, previously stated that he expects Air Macau to expand from the current 17 aircraft to

a total of 25 after 2020, a prediction that "justifies a significant expansion in the training of new pilots to take part in the company's plans for growth."

During last year's departure ceremony for the program's first 10 cadets, Chen also stated that "Air Macau will continue to recruit more local pilots for training in Macau. The program is expected to be held once a year. At the same time, Air Macau will also provide diversified development opportunities to the ambitious young men who want to join the aviation industry."

An Air Macau spokesperson added that they expect this year's program to be more efficient and comprehensive than last year.

## Beijing pushes for flights from Macau to Portuguese-speaking countries

**T**HE Deputy Director of Central People's Government Liaison Office in Macau, Yao Jian, aired the idea that Macau should explore the opportunity to organize air routes to the Portuguese-speaking countries.

The suggestion came during the annual meeting of the

Joint Working Committee on Tourism to Support Macau's Aspirations to Build a World Centre of Tourism and Leisure, held last week in the region.

"Macau is an important platform between China and the Portuguese-speaking

countries and so should develop activities involving exchange between the mainland and these countries," Yao said, as quoted by the newspaper Hoje Macau.

"[Macau] should study the possibility of developing direct flights with the Por-

tuguese-speaking countries in a way to attract more visitors from these countries and, at the same time, give a chance for these tourists to transfer to other destinations in China."

The suggestion seems to have come as a surprise for the local authorities. The

Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam, commented, "it is a good idea but it's necessary for [further] analysis. We didn't address [the topic] during the meeting but that doesn't mean we aren't going to do that in the future." **RM**

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# Suicide attempts increased significantly in 2015, says PJ



**T**HE Judiciary Police (PJ)'s Crisis Negotiation Team has conducted more than ten negotiations each year in rescuing people who attempted to commit suicide, according to a report published this week by Macao Daily News.

Cheong Kin Wa, head of the Judiciary Police School and a crisis negotiator, said the number of attempted suicides or critical personal problems increased significantly in 2015 compared to previous years.

Many cases involve labor disputes, and primarily concern mainland residents. Cheong added that the negotiators are normally investigators from different departments.

The PJ recruits those who know two or more languages, such as English, Portuguese, Mandarin or Fujian's dialect, in order to handle different situations.

Established in 2001, the team comprises volunteers from the police force. While the team initially comprised just ten people,

it now has 27 members.

The PJ also trains negotiators to deal with situations where terrorism is involved. Cheong also said that negotiations are relatively unique when compared to other daily investigation duties.

The Crisis Negotiation Team commenced operations in Macau in the 1980s. Prior to the team's establishment, the PJ invited Hong Kong negotiators to train the local team, and later chose local negotiators to be trained in Hong Kong after 2001. **JZ**

## AUTISM AWARENESS

### Fuhong Society, Macau Tower collaborate on events

**A** new social enterprise project titled "Happy Corner @ Macau Tower" was officially launched last week during an event at the Macau Tower. The project is the latest collaboration between Fuhong Society of Macau and the Macau Tower.

This is the fifth social enterprise established by Fuhong Society of Macau, following the launch of several other initiatives at Anim'Arte Nam Van and the Taipa-Houses Museum, among other key locations in the MSAR.

The latest collaboration is the first joint charitable endeavor between a Macau private entity and an NGO involving a long-term retail venue sponsorship, according to the organizers.

Under the terms of the collaboration, the Macau Tower will provide Fuhong Society of Macau with a free venue for individuals with disabilities to sell souvenir products which they

designed, produced or packaged.

This will act as a platform for the disabled to practice their sales techniques and customer service skills through communicating with customers.

The collaboration aims to give participants the opportunity to solve problems independently and prepare themselves for the workplace in the future.

April 2 has been recognized as the annual "World Autism Awareness Day" by the United Nations. Coinciding with this annual event, Fuhong Society of Macau has launched a microfilm titled "Singing Man" to "promote positive attitudes towards autistic people."

Two complementary events will be held to further mark the internationally-recognized day: an exhibition from an autistic artist that the organizers did not identify, as well as a concert.

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# Wife of detained Taiwanese activist to leave for Beijing today



Lee Ching-yu (third from right)

**T**HE wife of detained Taiwanese human rights and pro-democracy advocate Lee Ming-che is scheduled to depart for Beijing today to meet him in China, the Taiwan Association for Human Rights said yesterday.

Lee, a former Democratic Progressive Party worker and a staff member at Wenshan Community College in Taipei, has been detained by China for 22 days after entering the country via Macau on March 19. Chinese authorities have not issued any official response to the matter, CNA news agency reported.

Lee's wife, Lee Ching-yu is hoping to meet representatives from China's Taiwan Affairs Office and the semi-official Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Straits (ARATS) to hear an explanation for Lee's detention. She will be accompanied by staff from ARATS Taiwan counterpart - the Straits Exchange Foundation (SEF), according to the association.

Most importantly, Lee Ching-yu wants to personally meet her husband and ensure that he is safe, the association said.

According to the agency, Taiwanese non-government organizations will convene a press conference at Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport upon Lee Ching-yu's departure to express support for her mission.



CE Chui Sai On (center right) meets with Macau lawmakers

# Chui gathers with lawmakers to seek Pearl Horizon solution

**T**HE Chief Executive (CE), Chui Sai On, met with 11 out of 19 lawmakers who had previously addressed the Pearl Horizon development in a letter to the CE.

The meeting, held on Saturday at the government headquarters, aimed to facilitate an exchange of views on possible solutions, as well as "analyze the complexities of the situation and difficulties that might arise from it," a statement from the Government Information Bureau said.

During the meeting, Chui said several authorities have devoted themselves to examining viable and appropriate solutions to the matter, which includes granting the rights and interests of the buyers who have

**■ The lawmakers think the Pearl Horizon case can be resolved without reviewing the Land Law**

acquired units in pre-sale. Chui reaffirmed that the government would solve the matter "in a balanced manner and taking into account several principles; namely, compliance with the law, respect for the rule of law, consideration of general

interests and the degree of acceptance of society."

The proceedings concerning the declaration of forfeiture of the concession of the Pearl Horizon land plot are currently pending in the Court of Second Instance. Several high-ranking government officials have stated that the government will await a court ruling on the case.

In the abovementioned letter delivered to the CE, the lawmakers expressed the opinion that the Pearl Horizon case can be resolved without reviewing the Land Law. They have submitted several proposals for resolution to the government for an assessment of feasibility.

During the meeting, the lawmakers said that they

"hope, through this meeting, to find a solution to the case within the current legal framework."

The CE highlighted the complexity of the case and its consequences, thanking the legislators for their help in finding a solution.

He also noted that he is aware of and acknowledges the public's interest in the case, stating once again that "the government will try to solve the case in a balanced manner between the general interests of society and of the legal rights of the buyers."

The CE added that Secretary Sónia Chan will keep in close contact with both the lawmakers and the juridical team responsible for analyzing the lawmakers' proposals. RM

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CNN

## Taipa Village listed amongst Asia's underrated places

**M**ACAU'S Taipa Village was placed second on CNN's list of Asia's underrated places, out of nine "unheralded spots worth visiting."

CNN noted that efforts have been made to preserve aspects of the former fishing village's heritage, despite the region's changing face amid a booming casino industry.

"With its restored colonial facades and quaint alleyways, it's home to museums, churches, temples and impressive villas," the article repor-

ted.

The article recommended that travelers visit sightseeing locations in the area, such as the food street Rua do Cunha.

While the report did not suggest any additional sites, the article linked the Macau Government Tourism Office's "Walking Tour Routes" official website, which

features tourist locations such as the Taipa Houses, Museum of Taipa and Coloane History, and nearby temples.

Hong Kong's Sharp Island was listed as the fifth most underrated location worth visiting.

Also known as Kiu Tsui Chau, the island is just a short boat ride from the popular tourist destination and fishing port of Sai Kung.

CNN noted that few travelers visit the area on weekdays, meaning that visitors often have the island's three beaches to themselves.

Meanwhile, Pulau Ubin, Singapore topped the list with its traditional village beauty.

The 10-square-kilometer island boasts a unique ecosystem, marine wildlife, as well as endangered bird species and coral reefs at the Chek Jawa Wetlands.

"Excellent homemade local cuisine is another big draw," CNN stated. **LV**

### ASIA'S UNDERRATED PLACES CNN

1. Pulau Ubin	Singapore
2. Taipa Village	Macau
3. Dalat Vietnam	Vietnam
4. Ko Adang	Thailand
5. Sharp Island	Hong Kong
6. Yakushima	Japan
7. Majuli India	India
8. Plain of Jars	Laos
9. Koh Rong	Cambodia

## PokerStars Championship down to final two



Elliot Smith (left) and Tianyuan Tang

**A**FTER more than 260 hands, the PokerStars Championship Macau Main Event is down to just two players – China's Tianyuan Tang and Canadian Elliot Smith – with the pot roughly split between them at the last count.

As of midnight, Tang was leading by about 1.3 million chips out of a combined total of around 16 million. However, the lead had been flip-flopping between the two remaining players all Sunday evening.

The two finalists beat out four

other competitors earlier in the day, and 10 more on Saturday in the LIVE Macau poker room in the City of Dreams integrated resort.

According to Poker News, first-place in the competition play-off rewards the winner HKD3.13 million and the title of PokerStars Champion.

On Saturday, it took less than seven hours for the six competitors to be weeded down to just two. But even while the other players remained, Tang and Smith were battling it out all day.

NG LAP SENG

## Assistant Yin pleads guilty in UN bribery case



Ng Lap Seng (left)

**A** former assistant to a Chinese billionaire charged in a United Nations bribery scheme pleaded guilty to a single tax charge last week, the Associated Press reported.

The plea to a conspiracy charge by Jeff C. Yin came with an agreement by Yin and the government that a sentence of less than 30 months in prison was likely. He is free on bail and the sentencing is set for July 21.

As previously reported by the Times, the plea deal has been on the table and under consideration by Yin and his lawyers for around two weeks.

Having taken the deal and pleaded guilty in the Manhattan federal court last week, Yin has admitted to failing to pay taxes on a roughly USD54,000 salary for two years.

Yin earned the salary from a United Nations-focused media company, called South-South News. According to Reuters, he admitted last week to having requested that the company pay him in the form of cash and checks made out to "petty cash".

"Between 2013 and 2015, I agreed with others to not pay taxes to the IRS," he said in court, according to Reuters.

After two weeks of nego-

tiations, the agreement between prosecutors and the defendant left the 31-year-old without admitting to have bribed anyone.

Instead he will plead guilty only to tax evasion and will not appeal a prison sentence of 30 months or less.

The same cannot be said for his former employer, Ng Lap Seng, who is still standing trial over bribery charges.

Yin was chief assistant to Macau billionaire Ng Lap Seng when both were arrested in September 2015 over several charges including attempting to bribe UN officials, money laundering and tax evasion.

Ng is accused of paying USD500,000 in bribes to former UN General Assembly President John Ashe, who died in June under mysterious circumstances while awaiting trial.

The objective behind the alleged bribery was to secure Ashe's support for a U.N.-backed conference center in Macau, which would be constructed by Ng's real estate company, Sun Kian Ip Group, and would allegedly serve as his legacy in the MSAR.

The real estate tycoon is awaiting trial next month on bribery charges and has pleaded not guilty. **DB**

Early in the day, Tang stole the chip lead from Ayman Hata when the two engaged in a drawn-out pre-flop betting war that resulted in Hata folding. Shortly after, Smith challenged Tang and took the chip lead himself.

### SATURDAY'S CLOSING TABLE

Player	Chips
Elliot Smith	4,585,000
Tianyuan Tang	4,500,000
Ayman Hata	1,970,000
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Avraham Oziel	1,735,000
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### Jardim Lameiras Taipa

(Ref: 17030643)  
720sq. ft. HKD 13,800  
Modern two bedroom apartment recently decorated throughout. Two double size bedrooms with built-in mirrored wardrobes providing great storage. Two shower rooms, one en suite. Lovely bright living area with small dining table for two. Galley style kitchen is well laid out with further storage in the hallway. Great location behind CuppaCoffee by the Taipa Square roundabout, a stone's throw from Cotal with shops, cafes, banks close by as well as a bus stop below.



### Camellia Court, Hellene Gardens, Coloane

(Ref: 17020639)  
1,663sq. ft. HKD 13,800  
Lovely three bedroom apartment with green mountain views. All bedrooms are doubles, one with en suite shower room. Good layout with spacious living/dining area and small balcony. Modern kitchen with plenty of storage and large enough for second dining table. Simply furnished throughout with one car park included in the asking price.



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ENTERTAINMENT

# Korean musical 'Bibap' returns to Macau

Lynzy Valles

**K**OREAN food and comedy musical Bibap returned to Macau at The Parisian Macao Theatre last week for their second performance in the region.

Blending martial arts, singing, street dance and hip-hop, the performance includes elements of Korean pop music, culture and food. It was created to celebrate bibimbap – a kind of spicy rice dubbed Korea's unofficial national dish – and to promote Korean cuisine.

The interactive show tells the story of a cooking

competition between two master chefs, "Green Chef" and "Red Chef," at the fictitious Bibap Restaurant. It features six other performers also dressed as chefs, and incorporates 'a cappella' singing, beat-boxing, breakdancing and acrobatics.

Speaking on the sidelines of a media preview, show director Choi Chul Ki said that he looked forward to bringing Macau a taste of Korean culture once again.

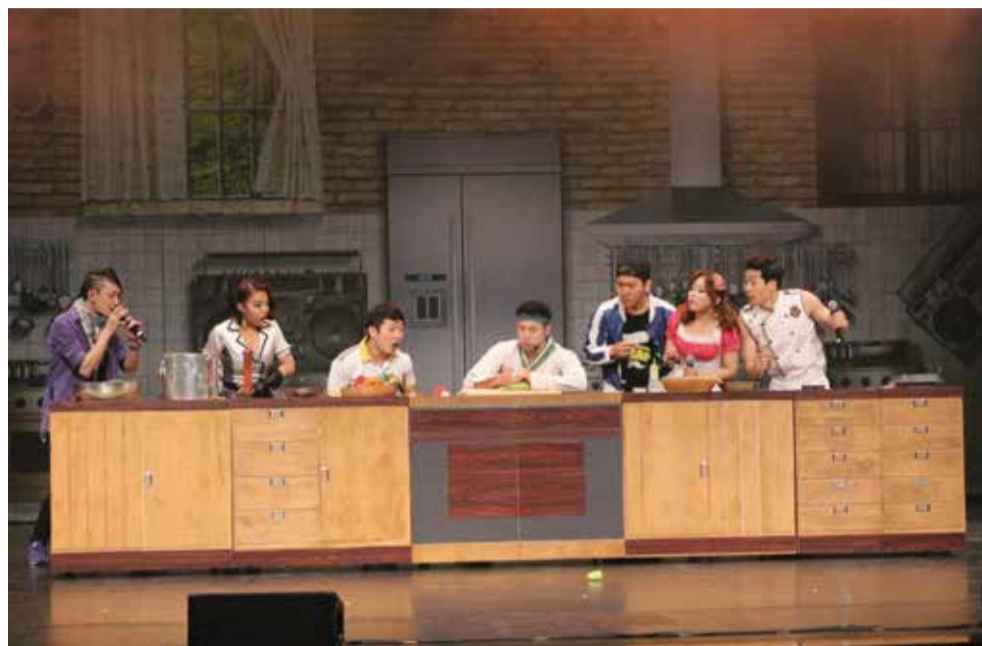
"This is a show made by both the audience and the actors, and we are sure that there will be a great

response at The Parisian Theatre," he said.

The two performers who specialize in beat boxing mimic the different sounds of the kitchen, while the other entertainers mime cutting ingredients, frying vegetables and meat, and washing dishes.

Bibap has performed in 25 countries and regions since its debut in 2009, and was also invited to perform at the 2010 Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

The Korean musical will run until April 23 at The Parisian Theatre.



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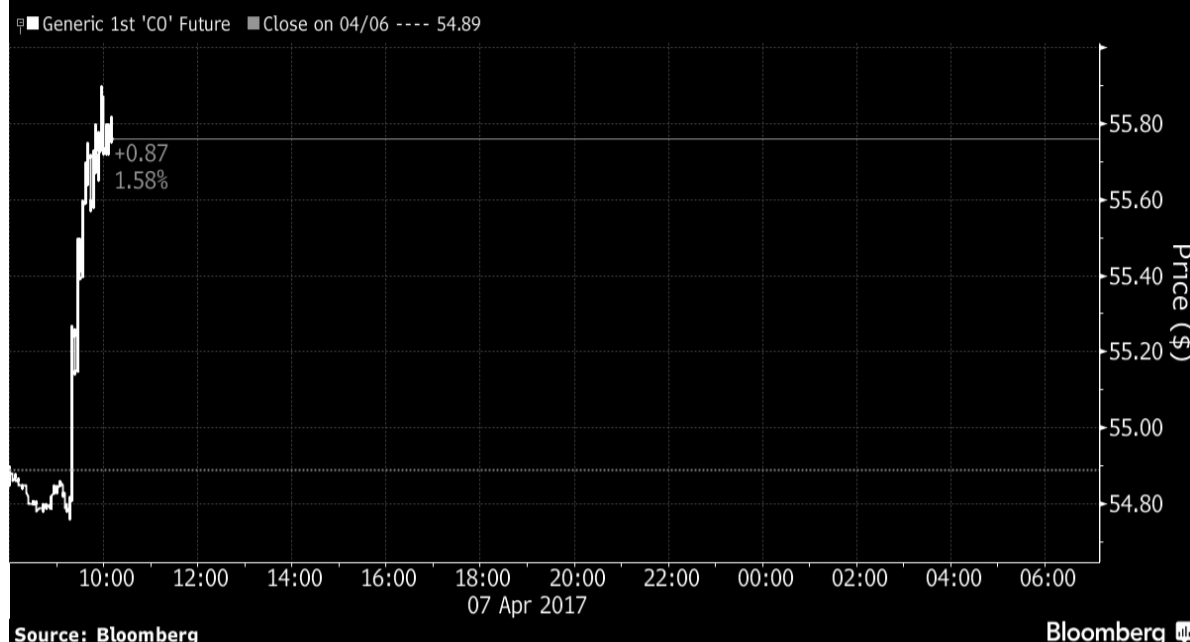
**A**LBERGUE SCM is calling for participants for its "Design and Art Field Trip 2017 - Shenzhen", which will be held between April 20 to 22.

Sponsored by the Macao Foundation, the tour is intended to promote cultural exchanges of art and design professionals from Macau and Shenzhen.

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MARKETS WRAP

**Dollar rises, treasuries retreat as stocks slip**

**U.S.** stocks ended a volatile session lower, while the dollar advanced with Treasury yields as investors looked past a U.S. military strike in Syria and worse-than-forecast hiring data.

The S&P 500 Index slipped amid volume 15 percent lower than the 30-day average, while the greenback capped its best week in two mon-

ths. Comments from the Fed Bank of New York president bolstered speculation it bank won't slow the pace of rate hikes as it trims its balance sheet. The 10-year Treasury yield topped 2.35 percent after falling as low as 2.28 percent amid a weak jobs report and the first military strike undertaken by President Donald Trump's administration. Financial markets showed resilience in the face of

weaker-than-forecast hiring in the world's largest economy and a ratcheting up of geopolitical tensions, with demand for haven assets abating. Volatility across equity markets came down from highs reached overnight. New York Fed President William Dudley's comments come two days after Fed meeting minutes signaled officials discussed the timing for shrinking the central bank's balance

sheet as it tightens monetary policy.

"I would think we'd be seeing more risk off with everything that could happen into the weekend with Syria, to the continued lengthening of the tax plan timeline, as well as Dudley's comments," Andrew Brenner, head of international fixed income for National Alliance Capital Markets, said by phone. "But there's a short base out there and people are under-invested in equities and very negative, which always keeps a bid into the market."

What investors will be looking out in the coming days:

**U.S.** Secretary of State Rex Tillerson will today [Macau time] attend the Group of Seven gathering in Italy and next week meet with Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov in Moscow. Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile and South Korea are among countries setting interest rates next week. U.S. banks will start reporting first-quarter earnings, led by Citigroup Inc., JPMorgan Chase & Co., and Wells Fargo & Co.

**Stocks** - The S&P 500 fell 0.1 percent to 2,355.58 as of 4 p.m. in New York. Futures fell as much as 0.7 percent in the hour after the attack in Syria. The CBOE Volatility Index rose 3 percent, paring a gain that topped 6 percent. The Stoxx Europe 600 Index added 0.1 percent. Volatility measures from Hong Kong to Europe increased.

**Currencies** - The Bloomberg Dollar Spot Index advanced 0.3 percent, rebounding from earlier losses as it

heads for a weekly advance of 0.6 percent. The ruble dropped 1.5 percent. The currency has been trading near the highest since July 2015. President Vladimir Putin believes the U.S. airstrikes caused "considerable damage" to relations with Russia, a Kremlin spokesman said. The yen weakened 0.4 percent to 111.198 after erasing gains of as much as 0.6 percent. The euro slipped 0.3 percent, the British pound dropped 0.6 percent. South Africa's rand touched the weakest level this year after Fitch Ratings became the second company to cut the country's credit assessment to junk. It traded at 13.809 per dollar, lower by 0.4 percent.

**Bonds** - The yield on 10-year Treasuries rose four basis points to 2.38 percent after falling as low as 2.28 percent. The yield on the 10-year German benchmark fell four basis points to 0.23 percent.

**Commodities** - West Texas Intermediate crude added 1 percent to settle at USD52.245, after touching the highest in a month. Oil rose about 3 percent for the week. Gold futures rose 0.3 percent to \$1,256.90. The metal climbed more than 1 percent earlier in the session to the highest since November, following two days of declines.

**Asia** - Japan's Topix index climbed 0.7 percent, rebounding after erasing a rally of as much as 1.2 percent during the morning session. The Shanghai Composite Index rose 0.2 percent, giving it a 2 percent gain for the holiday-shortened week. **Bloomberg**

INSIDER TRADING

**Phil Mickelson's gambler pal convicted: 'I'm in total shock'**

**A** Las Vegas gambler linked to golfer Phil Mickelson saw the jury verdict convicting him of insider trading charges as only a gambler could.

"I just lost the biggest bet of my life," William "Billy" Walters said outside Manhattan federal court minutes after the jury returned its verdict after two days of deliberations.

"To say I was surprised would be the biggest understatement of my life," Walters said in the Southern drawl that reflects his Kentucky birth and considerable time spent in Texas. "Frankly, I'm in total shock."

Prosecutors said Walters made over USD40 million illegally from 2008 to 2015 trading on the stock of Dean Foods Co. Tho-

mas Davis, a former Dean Foods board chairman, testified that he fed Walters tips about major developments involving the company before they became known publicly. The Dallas-based Dean Foods is one of the nation's largest processors of milk for retailers.

As the verdict was returned on 10 counts of conspiracy, securities fraud and wire fraud, Walters shook his head repeatedly.

U.S. District Judge P. Kevin Castel set sentencing for July 14 and agreed to prosecution demands that Walters submit to electronic monitoring and give up use of his private plane. Over a prosecutor's objection, Castel permitted Walters to return with his family on his plane to

southern California, where he will reside until sentencing.

His lawyer, Barry Berke, promised an appeal.

The verdict capped a three-week trial. Mickelson never testified, though he had been on a list of prospective witnesses.

A prosecutor had said Mickelson earned nearly \$1 million after Walters told him to buy Dean Foods stock in 2012. The prosecutor said Mickelson gave the profits to Walters to cover gambling debts. The Securities and Exchange Commission cited Mickelson for the trades in a lawsuit and Mickelson agreed to repay the money. Mickelson was not charged.

During the trial, Berke used Mickelson as proof

that his client was innocent, saying that if Walters had inside information, "the last thing you would do is give it to Phil Mickelson, one of the most famous athletes in the world who is going to attract regulatory scrutiny."

Walters, 70, has built a sprawling business of auto dealerships, car rental agencies and golf courses worth hundreds of millions of dollars. Berke said he routinely makes multimillion-dollar bets on companies in the stock market.

Davis testified under a cooperation deal that he met Walters while golfing. He has pleaded guilty to insider trading charges and is likely to receive leniency at sentencing as a result of his testimony. **AP**



William "Billy" Walters (right) leaves Manhattan federal court in New York, with his attorney, Barry Berke

Frank Eitman, New York

A popular Chinese comedian and former judge on the "China's Got Talent" television program is facing weapon and drug charges on Long Island in New York.

Zhou Libo appeared playful and jovial, joking with more than a dozen reporters from Chinese media outlets before and after a brief appearance in a Nassau County courtroom on Friday. At one point before he went into court, Zhou smiled broadly as he joined other reporters in taking cellphone video of his attorney's briefing to reporters.

He has pleaded not guilty to charges stemming from a Jan. 19 arrest in the exclusive village of Lattingtown, east of New York City on what is known as Long Island's "gold coast."

Police said officers stopped a black Mercedes Benz that Zhou was driving shortly after midnight because "it was being driven erratically and the operator was using a cellphone." They said the 49-year-old Zhou had a passenger with him.

Officers said they noticed a shoulder holster in the back seat and found a loaded pistol and two plastic bags containing crack cocaine inside a backpack. He and the passenger were arrested.

Attorney Hugh Mo declined to

# Chinese comedian faces weapon, drug charges in New York

comment on the allegations after the case was adjourned to June 9.

"He's taking the charges seriously," the attorney said. "He does have confidence in the judicial system; he does have confidence in his lawyer; he does have confidence in the fact that hopefully at the end of the day we're going to come out and hopefully resolve this to his satisfaction."

Authorities have not disclosed why the popular Chinese comedian was in the ritzy community near Long Island Sound on the night of his arrest. He is believed to have a residence in Alpine, New Jersey.

Last July, the Shanghai native performed his standup routine at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

The Carnegie Hall website noted he is a pioneer of political parody in mainland China. It said in 2012, he received the Starlight Award, the highest honor in China's television arts, for the "Chinese Dream Show."

He served as a judge on the popular "China's Got Talent" program in 2010 and 2011. AP



Chinese comedian Zhou Libo (center) is surrounded by reporters from Chinese media outlets



Xiang Junbo, chairman of the China Insurance Regulatory Commission

## China's insurance regulator under investigation

THE head of China's top insurance regulator is under investigation by the Communist party's corruption watchdog in the midst of an insurance industry crackdown that he has spearheaded.

Xiang Junbo, chairman of the China Insurance Regulatory Commission, is "suspected of severe disciplinary violations" according to a brief statement on the website of

the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection, which has tackled official corruption under President Xi Jinping.

The CCDI gave no further details.

Mr Xiang, who rose to prominence after taking on some of the largest players in China's insurance industry, was last seen in public last week attending a CIRC official ceremony. He has headed the

CIRC and held a seat on the prestigious monetary policy committee of the central bank since 2011.

The CIRC under Mr Xiang battled a risky trend in the industry - the financing of risky foreign acquisitions and corporate raiding using high yielding policies that are effectively wealth management products rather than insurance for protecting policyholders. These policies

provide guaranteed payouts on maturity, rather than protection against specific risk events.

China's insurance sector has grown massively in terms of premiums on the back of these wealth management product sales.

In February the CIRC under Mr Xiang's leadership banned China's fourth-richest man, Yao Zhenhua, chairman of financial conglomerate Baoneng Group, from the insurance industry for 10 years as part of an effort to rid the sector of risky behaviour. The government wants the industry to focus on genuine insurance products, such as health insurance and pensions.

At a press conference in February, Mr Xiang said the agency "will never allow the insurance industry to be turned into a rich boys' club" or become a "sanctuary of large financial crocodiles". Mr Xiang previously warned that insurers cannot be "ATM machines" for corporate raiders.

Mr Xiang also promised to curb "aggressive" pricing and "unreasonably" high returns on some insurance products. He said insurers should not interfere with the management of listed companies. Instead, the industry should focus on its core function of providing risk protection.

MDT/FT Exclusive

## GDP to grow 6.8pct in Q1

CHINA'S economy is likely to remain solid in the first quarter of this year, growing 6.8 percent from a year earlier, Goldman Sachs forecasted in a report.

The bank said in a research report that purchasing managers' index (PMI) readings from both official and private surveys have implied firm activity growth overall. It expected China's GDP growth to reach 6.6 percent during 2017.

Goldman Sachs expected China's industrial production to rise 6.4 percent in March, slightly higher than the 6.3 percent growth for January and February.

Fixed asset investment growth is likely to remain strong, expanding 8.9 percent in the first three months of the year, unchanged from that in the first two months.

It expected weaker auto sales to continue weighing on the country's retail sales, which may increase 9.4 percent in March, slowing from the 9.5 percent growth registered in the first two months.

The bank said growth of the country's consumer price index (CPI), a main gauge of inflation, may rebound to 1.3 percent in March from 0.8 percent in February as distortions from the Chinese New Year effect disappeared.

In the fourth quarter of 2016, China's economy grew 6.8 percent year on year. The Chinese government has targeted growth of around 6.5 percent this year.

The country is scheduled to release its first-quarter economic data, including GDP growth, fixed asset investment, industrial output and retail sales, on April 17. MDT/Xinhua



President Donald Trump (left) and Chinese President Xi Jinping walk together after their meetings at Mar-a-Lago

CHINA-US RELATIONS

# Trump, Xi showdown fails to materialize

Vivian Salama and Matthew Pennington, Florida

**W**HAT was billed as a showdown between the leaders of the United States and China over trade and North Korea ended with little sign of confrontation Friday — or of concrete progress in resolving their differences.

President Donald Trump had predicted a “very difficult” meeting with Chinese President Xi

Jinping. After their first face-to-face at the Mar-a-Lago resort, he trumpeted they had developed an “outstanding” relationship.

U.S. officials said the two sides agreed to increase cooperation on trying to get North Korea’s to abandon its nuclear weapons program, and China acknowledged the need for more balanced trade with the U.S.

But the two days of meetings appeared heavier on optics than substance. The most powerful message for the Chinese leader

may have been Trump’s decision to launch U.S. missile strikes at Syria.

Those strikes added weight to Trump’s threat last week to act unilaterally against North Korea’s weapons program — although a much heavier risk would be required to take military action against the nuclear-armed North, which has its artillery and missiles trained on a key U.S. ally, South Korea.

The U.S. administration’s first recourse is very likely to be eco-

nomie — pushing China to crack down on Chinese banks and companies said to provide North Korea access to the international financial system.

In a possible harbinger of the kind of punishments Washington could inflict, a leading Chinese telecoms company, ZTE, was fined nearly USD900 million in March for shipping sensitive U.S.-made technology to Iran in violation of U.S. sanctions.

“They recognize that shows our clear determination to crack down on this sort of activity,” Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross told reporters.

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said the U.S. and China “agreed to increase cooperation and work with the international community to convince the DPRK to peacefully resolve the issue and abandon its illicit weapons programs.” DPRK stands for North Korea’s official name,

the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea.

Tillerson said Trump and Xi noted the urgency of the threat of North Korea’s weapons program and that they reaffirmed their commitment to a denuclearization of the divided Korean Peninsula.

On trade issues, Trump called for China to “level the playing field” for American workers, stressing the need for reciprocal market access. He also noted the importance of protecting human rights, and asked China to adhere to international norms in the seas of East Asia, Tillerson said.

As a candidate and president, Trump has taken an aggressive posture toward China, labeling Beijing a “tremendous problem” and arguing that lopsided trade deals with China shortchange American businesses and workers. Some \$347 billion of the \$502 billion trade deficit recorded by the U.S. last year was with China.

Trump said in a brief appearance before reporters Friday that he and Xi made “tremendous progress” in their talks and that he believes “lots of very potentially bad problems will be going away.” He did not elaborate.

For Xi, who is entering a twice-a-decade Communist Party congress in the fall, the meeting with Trump was more about stabilizing the critical U.S.-China relationship and burnishing his foreign policy credentials than achieving a breakthrough. The only other foreign leader to be hosted at Mar-a-Lago during Trump’s presidency so far is Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, a close U.S. ally.

Speaking alongside Trump, Xi said the two delegations discussed important topics and established a good friendship and working relationship. He noted the historic responsibility of both countries — the world’s largest economies and emerging military rivals — to work toward peace and stability. **AP**

## Xinhua describes meeting as ‘positive and fruitful’

**U.S.** officials said President Donald Trump’s first meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping this week was an opportunity for the leaders of the world’s two largest economies to get to know each other and set up future meetings.

China’s official news agency Xinhua said Saturday that the “positive and fruitful” meeting has sent a “clear-cut” message that Washington and Beijing can become great cooperative partners.

The presidents didn’t mention the Syria attack,

and even steered clear in their public remarks of issues like trade that were supposed to dominate the summit.

They remarked generally about “progress” in their relationship and optimism about the future. That could indicate that the relationship between the two countries remains stable, despite Trump’s fiery accusations during his campaign, and afterward, that China has stolen U.S. manufacturing jobs.

“The relationship developed by President Xi and myself, I think, is outstan-

ding,” Trump said Friday during a meeting between the two countries’ delegations. “I believe lots of very potentially bad problems will be going away.”

“We have been treated unfairly and have made terrible trade deals with China for many, many years,” Trump told reporters aboard Air Force One last week as he flew to Palm Beach. “That’s one of the things we are going to be talking about.”

His Cabinet secretaries said that Trump indeed confronted Xi.

Meanwhile, in a posting

on its website on Saturday, China’s foreign ministry said the countries had agreed to “properly” deal with issues of trade friction.

“President Trump noted the challenges caused by Chinese government intervention into its economy,” Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said. “The president underscored the need for China to take concrete steps to level the playing field for American workers, stressing repeatedly the need for reciprocal market access.”

**MDT/Bloomberg**

‘ONLY TIME WILL TELL’ ON TRADE

**PRESIDENT DONALD** Trump says his meetings with China’s President Xi Jinping went well but as for any progress on trade “only time will tell.” Trump tweeted Saturday that “It was a great honor to have President Xi Jinping and Madame Peng Liyuan of China as our guests in the United States. Tremendous... goodwill and friendship was formed, but

only time will tell on trade.” Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin said Friday that the two sides would report back in 100 days on ways to make U.S.-China trade more balanced. Trump has repeatedly hammered China for exporting more to the U.S. than it buys. He’s also criticized China for grabbing jobs that could otherwise go to Americans.

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Iran's long-exiled Crown Prince Reza Pahlavi

## Iran's long-exiled prince wants a revolution

Jon Gambrell, Dubai

**I**RAN'S exiled crown prince wants a revolution.

Reza Pahlavi, the son of the last shah to rule before the 1979 Islamic Revolution, has seen his profile rise in recent months following the election of U.S. President Donald Trump, who promises a harder line against the Shiite power.

Pahlavi's calls for replacing clerical rule with a parliamentary monarchy, enshrining human rights and modernizing its state-run economy could prove palatable to both the West and Iran's Sunni Gulf neighbors, who remain suspicious of Iran's intentions amid its involvement in the wars in Iraq, Syria and Yemen.

But the Mideast is replete with cautionary tales about Western governments putting their faith in exiles long estranged from their homelands. Whether Pahlavi can galvanize nostalgia for the age of the Peacock Throne remains unseen.

"This regime is simply irreformable because the nature

of it, its DNA, is such that it cannot," Pahlavi told The Associated Press. "People have given up with the idea of reform and they think there has to be fundamental change. Now, how this change can occur is the big question."

Pahlavi left Iran at age 17 for military flight school in the U.S., just before his cancer-stricken father Mohammad Reza Pahlavi abandoned the throne for exile. The revolution followed, with the creation of the Islamic Republic, the takeover of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and the sweeping away of the last vestiges of the American-backed monarchy.

Yet the Pahlavis and the age of the monarchy have retained their mystique in Iran, even as the majority of its 80 million people weren't alive to experience it. Television period pieces have focused on their rule, including the recent state TV series "The Enigma of the Shah," the most expensive series ever produced to air in the country. While incorporating romances or mobsters into the tales, all uniformly criticize

the royal court.

But Pahlavi, 56, insists young Iranians increasingly look toward Iran's past. He pointed to recent demonstrations at the tomb of the pre-Islamic King Cyrus the Great, which have been claimed by a variety of anti-government forces as a sign of unrest. Under his father's secular and pro-Western rule, Iran experienced a rapid modernization program financed by oil revenues.

"If you look at the legacy that was left behind by both my father and my grandfather [...] it contrasts with this archaic, sort of backward, religiously rooted radical system that has been extremely repressive," Pahlavi said.

Since the U.S. election, Pahlavi has given a growing number of media interviews, including with Breitbart, the far-right website once run by Trump's chief strategist, Steve Bannon. Pahlavi also has sent letters to the Trump administration.

Gauging national sentiment toward restoring the monarchy in Iran is impossible, especially after the crackdown

that followed the country's disputed 2009 election. Iranian state media routinely refer to the Pahlavi monarchy as "despotic," but there has been some reassessing of history in other quarters.

A book published last year, "The Fall of Heaven: The Pahlavis and the Last Days of Imperial Iran," offered a revisionist view of the shah. While acknowledging the abuses of his feared SAVAK intelligence service and the corruption surrounding his rule, the book portrays him as a fatalist in an era of disappearing Mideast monarchies.

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REZA PAHLAVI

"The regime has repressed discussion of the Pahlavis for so long that it has had the opposite effect of making young Iranians inside the country curious about what they don't know," said historian Andrew Scott Cooper, the book's author. "There's an interesting generational divide going on here to where

young Iranians are saying to their parents and grandparents, the same people who marched against the shah and Pahlavis, 'Why did you get rid of that system and put this one in place?'"

He added: "The family name still retains a lot of magic, more than ever today among Iranians. How that translates practically into support for Reza as a credible alternative leader, I just don't know."

Asked how his envisioned peaceful revolution could play out in Iran, Pahlavi said it would need to begin with labor unions starting a nationwide strike. He said members of the hard-line Revolutionary Guard, a paramilitary organization established to protect the clerical system, would be assured they wouldn't be "all hung and shot."

Most importantly, he said Western governments need to keep their distance and not threaten military action.

That's an exceedingly optimistic vision, especially considering the amount of power the Guard and other hard-liners wield in Iran's economy. It also largely ignores the concerns many in Iran have about Western meddling. Pahlavi's father took power following a 1953 coup engineered by Britain and the U.S.

Pahlavi, who still resides in the U.S., said he hasn't had any "side occupation" since 1979, and has received financial support from his family and "many Iranians who have supported the cause."

"My focus right now is on liberating Iran, and I will find any means that I can, without compromising the national interests and independence, with anyone who is willing to give us a hand, whether it is the U.S. or the Saudis or the Israelis or whomever it is," he said.

Pahlavi said he had yet to meet with the Trump administration despite his letters. Another Iranian exile group, the Mujahedeen-e-Khalq, previously paid a member of Trump's Cabinet USD50,000 for giving a speech. However, the MEK's siding with Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein during the Iran-Iraq war in the 1980s and its killing of Americans before the revolution, which the group now denies, makes it an unsuitable partner, Pahlavi said.

"It's pretty much a cult-type structure," he said.

For now, Pahlavi said he looks forward to meeting with Trump and his administration. But he pins his hopes on Iran's sense of history, something Cooper also acknowledged.

"For many Iranians, the revolution is unfinished business," the author said. **AP**

# US carrier strike group heads toward Korea

**U**.S. aircraft carrier the USS Carl Vinson has been diverted to the Western Pacific instead of sailing from Singapore to Australia, the U.S. navy said, amid escalated tensions on the Korean peninsula over North Korea's nuclear weapons program.

The strike group includes the Carl Vinson, several guided-missile destroyers and a guided-missile cruiser, according to a statement on the navy's website. It did not specify a destination.

"U.S. Pacific Command ordered the Carl Vinson strike group north as a prudent measure to maintain readiness and presence in the Western Pacific," Pacific Command spokesman Dave Benham said yesterday.

"Third Fleet ships operate forward with a purpose: to safeguard U.S. interests in the Western Pacific," he said. "The number one threat in the region continues to be North Korea, due to its reckless, irresponsible, and destabilizing program of missile tests and pursuit of a nuclear weapons capability."

Reuters reported the carrier will move near the Korean peninsula, citing a U.S. official it did not identify. Pacific Command declined to provide the precise location the carrier strike force will be deployed.

U.S. President Donald Trump sent a message to North Korea and its ally China during his meeting with Chinese Presi-



The USS Carl Vinson

dent Xi Jinping in Florida that he was willing to take action over Kim Jong Un's nuclear program, said Lee Ho-ryung, chief of North Korean studies at the Korea Institute for Defense Analyses.

"The U.S. is proving itself that it can really take action if you play with chemical weapons like Syria," Lee said. Still, "the Carl Vinson's move toward the Korean peninsula is probably a decision they made some time ago as part of the Foal Eagle joint military drills. In that sense, it's not a special move."

The strike group has participated in numerous exercises with Japan and the South Korea and conducted routine patrol operations in the South China Sea since its Jan. 5 deployment

from San Diego, California, the Navy statement said.

North Korea conducted another ballistic missile test on April 5, shortly before Xi and Trump met. Kim has said previously his regime is close to

developing a ballistic missile capable of carrying a nuclear warhead to the continental U.S.

Many weapons experts say the North could have a functioning nuclear-tipped missile capable of reaching the continental U.S. within a few years.

## Third Fleet ships operate forward with a purpose: to safeguard U.S. interests in the Western Pacific.

DAVE BENHAM  
PACIFIC COMMAND SPOKESMAN

However, last week an Air Force general said she was extremely confident the United States could intercept a ballistic missile fired by North Korea.

During a congressional testimony, Gen. Lori Robinson said North Korea "can't reach our homeland" right now. Robinson told the Senate Armed Services Committee. **MDT/AP**

### WHAT IS IN THE STRIKE GROUP?

**THE STRIKE** group includes the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, with support from two guided-missile destroyers and a guided-missile cruiser. The group, headed by Admiral Nora Tyson, has the military capability to intercept ballistic missiles. The USS Carl Vinson is the third Nimitz-class supercarrier operated by the U.S. Launched in 1980, the ship is one of ten nuclear-

powered aircraft carriers named after former U.S. Admirals, Chester Nimitz. Deployed from San Diego to the western Pacific since Jan. 5, the strike group has participated in numerous exercises with the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force and Republic of Korea Navy, various maritime security initiatives, and routine patrol operations in the South China Sea.

## Japan's Abe agrees for unity over North Korea

**U**.S. President Donald Trump and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe agreed that the two nations and South Korea must maintain unity in dealing with North Korea launching ballistic missiles.

The two spoke by phone for about 45 minutes, exchanging views on Kim Jong Un's regime and Syria, Japan's national broadcaster NHK reported yesterday in Tokyo. Abe said he's watching closely how China will react to the North Korea issue, according to NHK, after Trump held his first meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping in Florida.

"We completely agreed that it's very important for Japan and U.S. to cooperate and work together closely and the unity among Japan, U.S. and South Korea is important," Abe told reporters, according to NHK.

The phone conversation between Trump and Abe took place as a ballistic missile test by North Korea drew condemnation from countries in the region and a U.S. missile strike in Syria ratcheted up tensions with Russia.

Trump also explained to Abe that he conducted the missile attack in order to prevent chemical weapons from being used again after many civilians including women and children were harmed, according to Kyodo news service. **Bloomberg**

# Pyongyang says Syria airstrikes prove its nukes justified

Eric Talmadge, Pyongyang

**N**ORTH Korea has vowed to bolster its defenses to protect itself against airstrikes like the ones President Donald Trump ordered against an air base in Syria.

The North called the airstrikes "absolutely unpardonable" and said they prove its nuclear weapons are justified to protect the country against Washington's "evermore reckless moves for a war."

The comments were made by a Foreign Ministry official and carried yesterday by North Korea's state-run Korean Central

News Agency. The report did not name the official, which is common in KCNA reports.

The airstrikes, announced shortly after Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping wrapped up dinner at a two-day summit in Florida last week, were retaliation against Syrian President Bashar Assad for a chemical weapons attack against civilians caught up in his country's long civil war.

"Some forces are loud-mouthed that the recent U.S. military attack on Syria is an action of warning us but we are not frightened by it," the report

said, adding that the North's "tremendous military muscle with a nuclear force as its pivot" will foil any aggression by the U.S.

"We will bolster up in every way our capability for self-defense to cope with the U.S. evermore reckless moves for a war and defend ourselves with our own force," it said.

North Korea has long claimed that the United States is preparing to conduct similar precision strikes against its territory or even launch an all-out invasion. It claims its nuclear weapons are a necessary deterrent to the U.S. military threat.

Washington denies it has any intention of invading the North.

Tensions have been even higher than usual over the past few weeks because annual war games between the U.S. and South Korean militaries are underway. The exercises this year are the biggest ever and have included stealth fighter training and other maneuvers that are particularly sensitive to North Korea.

For its part, the North test-launched a ballistic missile just ahead of the Trump-Xi meeting and has been rumored to be preparing for a possible



In this image provided by the U.S. Navy, the guided-missile destroyer USS Porter (DDG 78) launches a tomahawk land attack missile as the United States blasted a Syrian air base with a barrage of cruise missiles

nuclear test.

The Korean Peninsula remains technically at war since the 1950-53 Korean conflict ended with an armistice, not a formal peace treaty.

North Korea considers Syria an ally. But unlike Syria, experts warn that North Korea has a means

of striking back if provoked.

Along with its rapidly advancing nuclear and long-range missile capabilities, the North has its artillery and short-range missiles trained on Seoul, the capital of U.S. ally South Korea and a city of more than 10 million people. **AP**

# Lithium reviving centuries-old Czech mining tradition

A surge in global use of lithium, a key component in electric batteries, is leading to the revival of a centuries-long mining tradition in the Czech Republic's Ore Mountains.

Demand for the light metal, which is already used in smartphone batteries, is expected to triple in the next decade as it is used in far greater quantities in electric cars and electric storage systems.

With major car manufacturers increasingly focused on electric cars, Goldman Sachs calls lithium "the new gasoline." Others say it's the oil of the future.

The potential of lithium's boom is already having a knock-on effect for the small village of Cinovec on the Czech border with Germany, which has a tin and tungsten mining tradition dating back to 1378. Its mines were abandoned in 1991 because they ceased to be economically sustainable following the collapse of communism, but recent explorations have found the biggest deposit of lithium in Europe.

Jaromir Stary, the head of the



A border sign is placed in a former mine located at the border with Germany near the village of Cinovec

Department of Mineral Resources at the Czech Geological Survey, said the lithium resources in the Czech Republic could amount to 1.2 to 1.4 million metric tons, mostly in the Cinovec area. Only Serbia has a similar deposit in Europe, estimated at 1 million metric tons.

Australia's European Metals

Holdings, or EMH, has had an exclusive license to explore the resources and the right to seek permission to mine since 2014 when it acquired Czech exploration company Geomet, which first confirmed the presence of the ore.

"You can have a splendid idea but you need money to make it

reality," said Otto Janout, a prospector and one of Geomet's four founders. EMH is listed at the London Stock Exchange and the Australian Securities Exchange in Sydney.

Speculation that EMH is seen the company's share price spike eight-fold in the past year alone.

EMH Managing Director Keith Coughlan said it was planning to open a mine at Cinovec within the coming years to produce over 20,000 metric tons of lithium carbonate (about 3,800 tons of lithium) a year.

That would place the country among the top five lithium producers in the world.

"I believe it is a danger for Europe to continue to think that it can rely on Asia for its supply chain of battery related materials and in particular lithium," Coughlan said. "I think it is a very significant asset from a European perspective."

According to a report by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Australia was the leading lithium producer with 14,300 metric tons

in 2016, followed by Chile with 12,000 metric tons. Argentina is third with 5,700, while China, the biggest consumer, was fourth with 2,000 tons.

Global output was 35,000 metric tons in 2016, 12 percent more than the previous year, the report said. A Deutsche Bank study in 2016 forecast global battery consumption growing threefold in the next ten years.

Unlike most other deposits in the world, the Czech variant is located in an area with functioning infrastructure, including a rail track. Potential customers are located nearby, and not just car manufacturers.

U.S.-based A123 Systems recently opened a new plant in the eastern Czech city of Ostrava to make lithium-ion car starter batteries for luxury auto brands. Prague-based HE3DA has recently started a trial production of lithium batteries suitable to store energy from renewable electric sources, using nanotechnology. It plans to open a new factory in eastern Czech Republic next year.

The company has already signed a memorandum about the future cooperation with EMH, HE3DA president Jan Prochazka said.

"It means stable supplies for us," Prochazka said. "There'll be a fight over lithium, no doubt."

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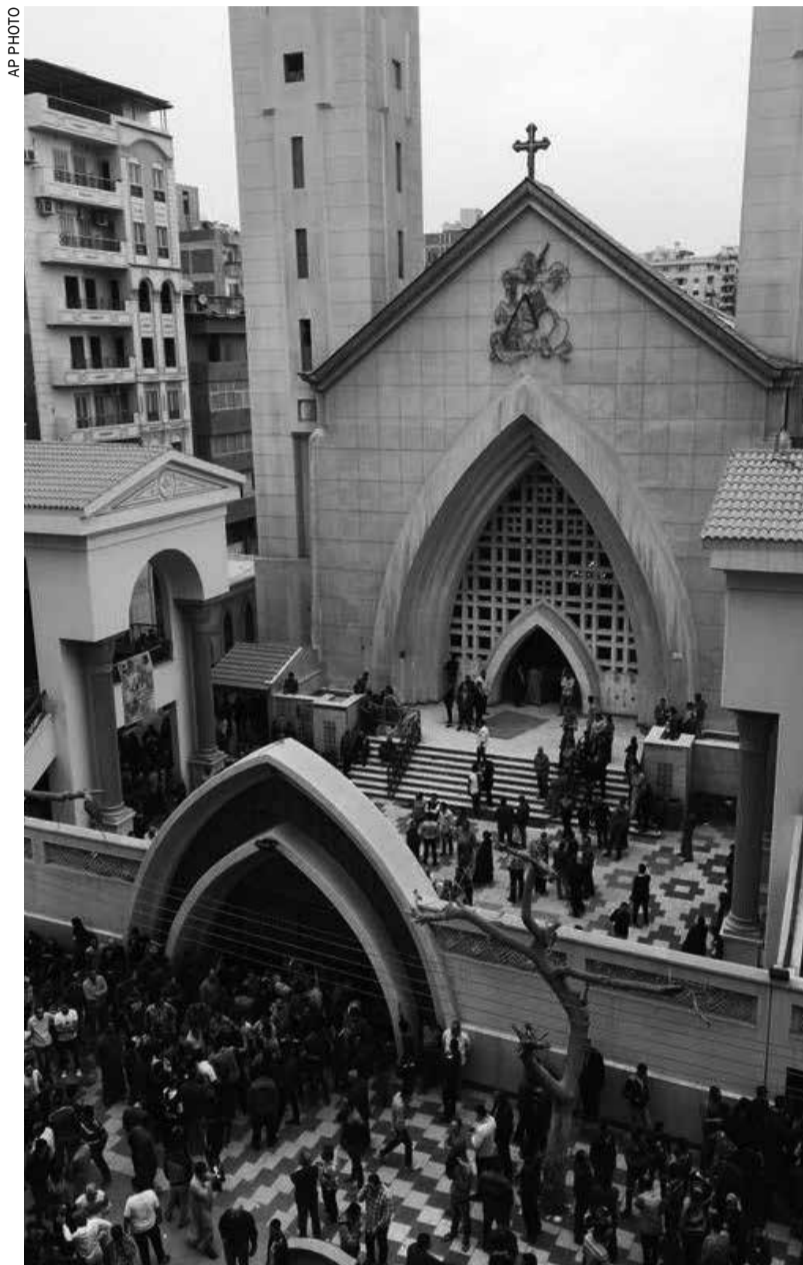
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EGYPT

# Church bombings kill 37, wound dozens



Relatives and onlookers gather outside a church after a bomb attack in the Nile Delta town of Tanta

Hamza Hendawi, Tanta

**B**OMBS tore through two Egyptian churches in different cities as worshippers were marking Palm Sunday, killing at least 37 people and wounding around 100 in an assault claimed by the Islamic State group.

In the first, attack, a bomb exploded at Saint George church in the Nile Delta city of Tanta, killing at least 26 people and wounding over 70, officials said.

Later, an explosion hit Saint Mark's Cathedral in the coastal city of Alexandria, the historic seat of Christendom in Egypt, killing at least 11 people and wounding 35 just after Pope Tawadros II finished services. His aides later told local media that he had escaped unharmed.

IS claimed the attacks via its Amaq news agency, after having recently warned that it would step up attacks on Egypt's Christians.

The blasts came at the start of Holy Week leading up to Easter, and just weeks before Pope Francis is due to visit the Arab world's most populous country.

CBC TV showed footage from inside the church in Tanta, where a large number of people gathered around what appeared to be lifeless, bloody bodies covered with papers. Regional Deputy Health Minister Mohammed Sharshar confirmed the toll.

Across the street, neighbor Su-

san Mikhail, whose apartment has a clear balcony view of the church and its front yard, said the explosion violently shook her building midmorning, at a time when the church was packed.

"Deacons were the first to run out of the church. Many of them had blood on their white robes," she told The Associated Press. Later, the more seriously wounded started to come out, carried in the arms of survivors and ferried to hospitals in private cars, she said.

Pope Francis decried the bombings, expressing "deep condolences to my brother, Pope Tawadros II, the Coptic church and all of the dear Egyptian nation." Word of the attacks came as Francis himself was marking Palm Sunday in St. Peter's Square.

Grand Sheikh Ahmed el-Tayeb, head of Egypt's Al-Azhar — the leading center of learning in Sunni Islam — likewise condemned the attacks, calling them a "despicable terrorist bombing that targeted the lives of innocents."

Both Israel and the Islamic Hamas movement ruling neighboring Gaza also condemned the bombings.

The bombings add to fears that Islamic extremists who have long been battling security forces in the Sinai Peninsula are shifting their focus to civilians.

An Islamic State affiliate claimed a suicide bombing at a

Cairo church in December that killed around 30 people, mostly women, as well as a string of killings in the restive northern Sinai that caused hundreds of Christians to flee to safer areas of the country.

The group recently released a video vowing to step up attacks against Christians, who it describes as "infidels" empowering the West against Muslims.

Egypt has struggled to combat a wave of Islamic militancy since the 2013 military overthrow of an elected Islamist president.

The Sinai-based IS affiliate has mainly attacked police and soldiers, but has also claimed bombings that killed civilians, including the downing of a Russian passenger plane over the Sinai in 2015, which killed all 224 people on board and devastated Egypt's tourism industry.

Egypt's Copts are one of the oldest Christian communities in the Middle East. They have long complained of discrimination and that the government does not do enough to protect them.

Egyptian media had previously reported that the church in Tanta had been targeted in the past, with a bomb defused there in late March.

The Copts were largely supportive of the military overthrow of Islamist President Mohammed Morsi, and incurred the wrath of many Islamists, who attacked churches and other Christian institutions after his ouster. **AP**

VENEZUELA

# Thousands pour into Caracas streets in anti-Maduro protest

**V**ENEZUELA'S government fired tear gas and rubber bullets at some of the thousands of opponents of President Nicolas Maduro who poured into the streets of Caracas Saturday amid a weeklong protest movement that shows little sign of losing steam.

The demonstrations in the capital and several other cities came a day after Maduro's government barred top opposition leader Henrique Capriles from running for office for 15 years.

The ban capped a tumultuous 10 day-crackdown that saw pro-government groups rough up several opposition leaders and

another seek refuge in a foreign embassy to escape arrest.

The protests were triggered by the Supreme Court's decision to gut the opposition-controlled legislature of its last vestiges of power, a move that was later reversed amid widespread international condemnation and even dissent within Maduro's normally disciplined socialist leadership.

"Nobody can disqualify the Venezuelan people," an emotional Capriles said from a stage Saturday as he called on protesters to march to the ombudsman's office downtown.

As the sea of protesters approached the head-

quarters of state-run PDVSA oil company, they were met by rubber bullets and a curtain of eye-scorching tear gas, some of it a never-before-seen red color. Mayhem ensued, with riot police racing down windy streets, dodging objects thrown from tall apartment buildings as they deployed to squash the unrest.

Later, a small group of youths unsuccessfully tried to set fire to a Supreme Court office building.

The violence was condemned by the opposition leadership, who nonetheless blame Maduro's obstinacy for fueling the unrest.

They had called for ano-

ther protest later today. But with Caracas shutting down for the Easter holiday — which Maduro extended by decree for three extra days — they appeared to be saving their strength for a major demonstration called for April 19.

As the most dominant figure in the opposition over the past decade, Capriles has been at the forefront of the protests, the most combative since a wave of anti-government unrest in 2014 in which dozens of people were killed, many at the hands of security forces.

The almost-daily churn of events in what the opposition calls an "on-



going coup" by the government has energized and united the normally fractious opposition.

While opposition leaders have insisted on peaceful protest, frustration built up over 17 years of

polarizing socialist rule in Venezuela is running high on both sides.

Leaders in the ruling socialist party have accused the opposition of trying to provoke a bloodbath and its own coup. **MDT/AP**

## what's ON

## MONKEY KING

TIME: 8pm daily (no performances on Thursdays)  
 VENUE: Sands Cotai Theatre  
 ADMISSION: MOP420, MOP520, MOP780,  
 MOP1080, MOP1580  
 ENQUIRIES: (853) 2882 8818

## A DRAGON IS HERE, OR MAYBE NOT

TIME: 8pm  
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 ADMISSION: MOP150  
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 UNTIL: May 7, 2017  
 VENUE: Intersection of Av. do Coronel Mesquita  
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STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF THE BACHELOR  
OF ARTS IN DESIGN OF MACAU POLYTECHNIC  
INSTITUTE

TIME: 11am-10pm  
 UNTIL: April 15, 2017  
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 ADMISSION: Free

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TIME: 12pm-7pm (Closed on Tuesdays)  
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## Offbeat

INDIA NEWS PRESENTER LEARNS OF  
HUSBAND'S DEATH ON LIVE TV

People across India are hailing the composure of a television news anchor who learned of her husband's death as she delivered a breaking news report on live TV.

Supreet Kaur was reading the morning news bulletin for India's IBC24 channel in Chhattisgarh state on Saturday when a reporter called in a story about a fatal road crash.

Although the reporter didn't name the three victims, Kaur realized her husband, Harsad Kawade, was among the dead from the details of the story.

"For a moment her voice trembled, but she collected herself and carried on reading the news till the bulletin got over 10 minutes later," Ravikant Mittal, IBC24's editor-in-chief, said yesterday.

Once the broadcast was over, Kaur emerged from the studio and broke down in tears. She called the reporter for more details from the accident site before informing her family about the accident, Mittal said.

Kaur and Kawade had been married for just over a year and lived in Raipur, Chhattisgarh's capital.

Mittal said Kaur has been working with IBC24 since its inception nine years ago.

She already was a popular news anchor, and many people took to social media to post their admiration for her after seeing the composure and professionalism she displayed on Saturday.

"Amazing grace" was one of the many comments posted on Twitter to describe Kaur's composure.

## TV canal macau

13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:50	RTPi Live
17:10	Criminal Minds S.9
17:50	Now Generation (Repeated)
18:40	Non-Daily Portuguese News (Repeated)
19:40	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Documentary Series
21:10	TDM Sport
22:20	Now Generation
23:10	TDM News
23:40	Champions League Magazine
00:15	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
00:50	RTPi Live

## cinema

## CINETEATRO

10 APR - 12 APR

## A SILENT VOICE: THE MOVIE

ROOM 1  
 2:15, 7:15pm  
 Director: Naoko Yamada  
 Starring: Miyu Irino, Saori Hayami, Aoi Yuki  
 Language: Japanese (Chinese)  
 Duration: 129min

## SWORD ART ONLINE THE MOVIE: ORDINAL SCALE

ROOM 1  
 4:45, 9:45pm  
 Director: Tomohiko Ito  
 Starring: Ryan Bartley, Christine Marie Cabanos  
 Language: Japanese (Chinese)  
 Duration: 119min

## GHOST IN THE SHELL

ROOM 1  
 (2D) 2:30, 4:30, 9:30pm  
 (3D) 7:30pm  
 Director: Rupert Sanders  
 Starring: Scarlett Johansson, Takeshi Kitano  
 Language: English (Chinese)  
 Duration: 106min



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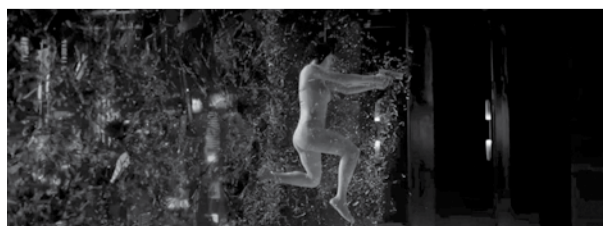
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 Starring: Douglas Smith, Lucien Laviscount  
 Language: English (Chinese)  
 Duration: 96min

## IN THIS CORNER OF THE WORLD

ROOM 3  
 7:15pm  
 Director: Sunao Katabuchi  
 Starring: Megumi Han, Yoshimasa Hosoya  
 Language: Japanese (Chinese)  
 Duration: 118min

## MACAU TOWER

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GHOST IN THE SHELL (3D)  
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 Director: Rupert Sanders  
 Starring: Scarlett Johansson, Takeshi Kitano  
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## this day in history



British Prime Minister Tony Blair at the signing of the Good Friday Agreement

1998 NORTHERN IRELAND  
PEACE DEAL REACHED

The Northern Ireland peace talks have ended with an historic agreement.

The accord - dubbed the Good Friday Agreement - was reached after nearly two years of talks and 30 years of conflict.

Negotiations on the final day dragged on more than 17 hours after the deadline for an agreement passed.

The agreement is a triumph for British Prime Minister Tony Blair and the Republic of Ireland's leader, Bertie Ahern, who have succeeded where all their predecessors failed.

Speaking at a news conference after the deal was announced Tony Blair said he hoped it marked a new beginning.

"Today I hope that the burden of history can at long last start to be lifted from our shoulders," Mr Blair said. Bertie Ahern said he hoped a line could now be drawn under the "bloody past".

The proposals in the agreement include plans for a Northern Ireland Assembly, new cross-border institutions involving the Irish Republic and a body linking devolved assemblies across the UK with Westminster and Dublin.

A copy of the proposals will be posted to every household in Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic and then put to a referendum in May.

The chairman of the talks, former US Senator George Mitchell, paid tribute to all those who had taken part.

But Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams said there was still a huge gap of distrust between nationalists and unionists.

"It must be bridged on the basis of equality. We are here reaching out the hand of friendship," he said.

Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble added: "I see a great opportunity for us to start a healing process."

The peace agreement was also welcomed by the UDP and PUP parties, which represent loyalist paramilitary groups.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

A referendum held in May 1998 on both sides of the Irish border, returned a resounding "yes" vote for the Good Friday Agreement. The first three years of the agreement's implementation saw accusations and counter-accusations from both sides.

Unionists said the republicans had not complied with the spirit of the agreement's requirement for the decommissioning of arms. Disagreement over decommissioning and policing led to three suspensions of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

In October 2002 it was also suspended after allegations of IRA intelligence gathering inside the Northern Ireland Office.

Devolved power was restored to the Assembly on 8 May 2007. DUP leader Ian Paisley and Sinn Fein's Martin McGuinness - age-old opponents - took office as first and deputy first ministers ending five years of direct rule.



YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19
A lot of ideas and experiences from your past are going to be coming back into your life today...

Taurus April 20-May 20
You're entering a very intuitive phase right now, where you can see the underlying meaning behind empty words...

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21
All the stimulation you've been adding to your life has been great, but the cost of those experiences is adding up to create quite a sum total on your credit card statement!

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22
Be careful about how much you rely on your instincts today. Because they are based so much on emotions - and your emotions right now are rapidly fluctuating - they could be somewhat unreliable.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22
You have controlled your extravagant impulses very well, and should be proud of yourself for how well you are sticking to your budget!

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22
You might not like it, but living on a budget really can make a difference in your life. Besides helping you save money, it's a great way to organize your life and get better focus on your priorities.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22
An unwanted voice will chime in on your plans today, but having your routine disrupted won't be annoying at all - it will be a blessing in disguise!

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
Think about the next steps you want to take in a relationship - is it time to push things forward? Weigh the pros and cons, and be prepared to arrive at an answer you don't really like.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21
You're wicked charming right now, but that might not be enough to move a certain relationship forward. Today, you're going to have to go in deep and let yourself be a little bit more vulnerable.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19
If you think that a few problems at home have been affecting your work or school life, don't worry - they haven't been causing you nearly as much distraction as you fear.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18
Today, all signs point to the fact that one of your relationships might be reaching a turning point. You need to see things as they really are and make that decision that you have been dreading. Is it time to let them go?

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20
Today, you'll have much more fun just running along and living your life than you will analyzing every little word out of every person's mouth. It's not the right time to get all serious about your life.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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Q30# BORNTOCHALLENGE

# Lewis Hamilton coasts to fifth title at Chinese Grand Prix

**W**ITH Lewis Hamilton and Sebastian Vettel starting side-by-side on the front row at the Chinese Grand Prix yesterday, the stage was set for a wheel-to-wheel duel between long-dominant Mercedes and a newly competitive Ferrari.

A chaotic start to the race on a wet track, however, scuttled the highly anticipated showdown as Hamilton coasted to victory for his fifth title in Shanghai and first of the new Formula One season.

Starting from pole position, Hamilton led from beginning to end to capture the race in 1 hour, 37 minutes, 36.158 seconds and pull even with Vettel atop the driver's standings with 43 points.

"I'm fighting up against a four-time world champion [and] he is at his best and he is phenomenally quick. And Ferrari are at their best in years," Hamilton said. "And we're at our best as a team and I feel like I'm at my best."

Red Bull's Max Verstappen drove a masterful race through traffic to move up from 16th



position on the starting grid to third place, fighting off a spirited challenge from teammate Daniel Ricciardo on the final lap.

Ricciardo finished fourth, followed by Ferrari's Kimi Raikkonen and Mercedes' Valtteri Bottas in sixth.

The drama-filled start after a

rainy morning set the stage for Hamilton's victory and Mercedes' recovery after Vettel surprisingly triumphed in Australia and signaled that Ferrari had the pace this year to challenge the silver cars.

The drivers had barely left the starting grid when Williams'

Lance Stroll bumped against Sergio Perez of Force India and spun off the track into a bed of gravel. A short time later, on the fourth lap, Antonio Giovinazzi hit a wet patch and slammed into the wall, severely damaging his Sauber car and bringing the race to a halt again.

During the safety-car slow-downs to remove both cars from the track, the top drivers pitted to change to softer tires, reshuffling the starting order. Hamilton emerged from the fray with a hold on the lead, but Vettel and Bottas slipped back several places and had to fight to catch up.

After Vettel's victory on the Albert Park street circuit in Melbourne, Ferrari showed it can also match Mercedes' pace on a traditional track with long straights following the off-season F1 rule changes that ushered in faster cars with wider tires, better aerodynamics, bigger fuel loads and increased downforce.

"If we can challenge Mercedes again [going forward], that's very good news," Vettel said. "They've had a very, very strong run the last couple of years. This year, as well. If we can be close, that's good."

Verstappen, meanwhile, made clear that Red Bull isn't that far behind. The young Dutch driver passed nine cars on the opening lap and was even threatening Hamilton at one point, but fell back and eventually lost second place to Vettel.

"I had a good start and I got a bit of luck," he said. "Nine cars is quite a lot in one lap, but of course very happy that it worked."

Also earning points were Carlos Sainz of Toro Rosso in seventh, Kevin Magnussen of Haas in eighth, and the two Force India cars, Sergio Perez and Esteban Ocon, in ninth and 10th. **AP**

# Neymar sent off in Barca loss, Atletico draws at Real Madrid

**NEYMAR** dealt a self-inflicted blow to Barcelona's Spanish league title defense when he was sent off with 25 minutes left in its 2-0 loss at Malaga on Saturday.

Barcelona failed to take advantage of the opportunity Atletico Madrid gave it to pull level with leader Real Madrid, where Antoine Griezmann's late equalizer grabbed a 1-1 at the Santiago Bernabeu hours earlier.

Barcelona's setback in Malaga meant Real increased its lead to three points despite the disappointing finish to the Spanish capital derby.

Real, which has a game in hand, still faces matches against Barcelona and fourth-place Sevilla over the final two months as it seeks its first Liga title in five years.

"The league is a bit more difficult now. But [...] we have to fight for it," Barcelona coach Luis Enrique said.

Nothing went right for Barcelona.



Messi (left) and Neymar

Lionel Messi sent free kicks well over the bar, Andres Iniesta lost an easy ball in midfield, and Neymar got booked for not giving enough space for a free kick while tying up his laces.

"I had said that Real Madrid doesn't need our help to be champion," said Malaga coach Michel Gonzalez, a former Real player. "But a Malaga fan from Madrid has given them a hand." **AP**

# Fiji wins Hong Kong Sevens title for 17th time

**FIJI** won the Hong Kong Rugby Sevens for a record-extending 17th time yesterday, beating South Africa 22-0 in a lopsided final to win their first tournament since the Rio Olympics.

Still rebuilding after several senior players and their former coach Ben Ryan left after winning the Olympic gold medal, the South Pacific Islanders ended their lean run this season in spectacular fashion by claiming the most prestigious event on the World Series circuit for the third year in a row.

Running their opponents ragged with a combination of power, pace and improvisation, Fiji opened up a 10-0 at half-time after tries from Sevuloni Mocenacagi and Mesulame Kunaavula then put the



result beyond doubt when Kalione Nasoko crossed twice more in the second half.

"There's been a lot of pressure," said Fiji captain Oseo Kolini-sau. "At the start of this tournament, I told the boys let's not think about the threepeat, let's chase it like we're gunning for our first Hong Kong title."

The relief was evident too for new coach Gareth Baber, though the Welshman said the result

would not reduce the expectations on Fiji to keep winning.

"There are always huge expectations on. They are the world champions and the Olympic champions for a reason," he said. "And even though we've got Olympians in there, they're still humble enough to know they can still add to their skill set."

For South Africa, the current World Series leaders, the long wait for their first Hong Kong title goes

on after the Blitzboks finished runners-up for the fourth time.

They almost came unstuck in the semi-finals against the United States when they blew a 17-point lead before beating the American 29-24 in extra-time but were unable to raise their game in the final.

"We knew playing against Fiji in the final in Hong Kong that they were always going to up their performance by 10 to 15 per cent and that's what they did," South African coach Neil Powell said.

"That's not an excuse. We needed to absorb that pressure and not make mistakes [...] so credit to Fiji, they played better than us and deserved to win."

Australia, beaten 33-12 by Fiji in the semi-finals, defeated the United States 26-19 to win the third-place playoff, their best result of the season. **AP**

opinion

**World Views**  
 The Editors, Bloomberg

**How TRUMP CAN MAKE HIS SYRIA STRIKES REALLY COUNT**

In the span of just a few days, U.S. President Donald Trump appears to have met both his first true foreign policy crisis and his most challenging bilateral summit more smoothly than many had feared he might. Whether this turns out to be anything more than a symbolic victory, and whether it has an effect in the fight against terrorism and the effort to rein in North Korea, will depend on what he and his administration do next.

Trump was clearly justified in the decision to order cruise missile strikes on Syria's Shayrat airbase, from where the regime had launched a sarin gas attack on civilians earlier in the week. As a somber Trump noted, the world could not let such a violation of the Chemical Weapons Convention - not to mention civilized norms - go unpunished. The strikes themselves were targeted and proportional; the U.S. military says that Russian personnel at the airbase were warned ahead of time to avoid sparking a wider clash. Allies welcomed the move, and it should go some way toward deterring any future use of chemical weapons on the Syrian battlefield.

More broadly, the strikes should bolster U.S. credibility in dealing with other threats, including Iran and North Korea. Whatever one thinks of the previous administration's decision not to bomb Syria after its earlier use of chemical weapons, it was widely read as a sign of weakness. The leaders of both North Korea and its sponsor China - Chinese President Xi Jinping happened to be at dinner with Trump moments before the strike - must now consider more seriously the possibility that the U.S. could use force on the Korean Peninsula if its red lines are crossed.

The U.S. reportedly reminded the Chinese on Friday that they would go their own way if China chose not to be more helpful with North Korea. It would be better for everyone if both sides instead worked out a coordinated strategy, with the burden on China to tighten the sanctions noose around North Korea until it returns to the negotiating table in a more amenable frame of mind. At that point, the U.S. should be willing to discuss a freeze of the North's weapons programs, even if it doesn't lead immediately to full denuclearization. Trump has learned the value of missiles. He should know their limits, too.

Yet the strikes haven't changed one thing. The U.S. still lacks a strategy for achieving its stated goals in Syria: defeating Islamic State, ending the civil conflict and easing Assad from power. Further pinprick attacks will achieve little, while deeper U.S. military involvement would be widely unpopular in the U.S. - and arguably illegal without congressional authorization. Russia, Syria's most powerful backer, knows this well.

When he visits Moscow next week, U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson will need to present a credible plan not only to eradicate the Islamic State threat, but to create a limited safe zone for Syrian civilians and accelerate Assad's transition from power. Tillerson's mission will be to convince Putin that any hope of a U.S.-Russia rapprochement will depend on how helpful the latter proves to be in Syria.

**THE SPANISH HOTEL TRASHED BY 1,200 PARTYING PORTUGUESE TEENS**

Spanish police say 1,200 Portuguese students have caused tens of thousands of euros in damages during a stay at a hotel on the country's southern coast. A local police officer in Torremolinos says officers had to intercede on several occasions over the past two days at the Hotel Pueblo Camino Real near the city of Malaga. Police say the group of about 1,200

Portuguese students between 14-17 years old caused damages to rooms and engaged in fighting. The officer says the hotel has reported damages of 50,000 euros (USD53,000) to its rooms and facilities to police. The police officer spoke anonymously in line with police policy. The hotel confirmed the incident but declined to comment.

Station	Air quality
Roadside	20-40 Good
High Density Residential Area	20-40 Good
Ambient	25-45 Good

SOURCE: DSI/MG

**Manny Pacquiao to fight Jeff Horn in Brisbane on July 2**

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**M**ANNY Pacquiao will extend his illustrious boxing career with a fight against a little-known former schoolteacher who never expected he'd get a shot at such a legend of the ring.

Pacquiao will take on Australian Jeff Horn on July 2 at Brisbane's 52,500-capacity Suncorp Stadium in a defense of Pacquiao's WBO welterweight title.

Promoters for Horn, a 29-year-old and the No. 2 contender, had been working on a possible deal to fight Pacquiao since January, and finally made the announcement yesterday with state government officials in attendance.

Pacquiao and his camp had attempted to line up a higher-paying fight with Britain's Amir Khan in the Middle East which never eventuated, stalling the negotiations for several months.

The 38-year-old Pacquiao is an 11-time world champion over eight weight divisions and is now a senator in the Philippines. He has a record of 59-6-2 while Horn is 16-0-1.

The bout, being dubbed by organizers as "Australia's biggest-ever fight," is expected to be held at the open-air stadium around midday or early afternoon Sunday, July 2, coinciding with a prime-time television audience back in the United States on the Saturday night, July 1.



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And although Brisbane has a subtropical climate, July is right in the middle of the southern hemisphere winter, where temperatures should be in the low 20s Celsius.

"Pacquiao and his managers sound a bit confident and cocky," Horn, who fought at the London Olympics in 2012, said at the press conference Sunday which Pacquiao did not attend.

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"It's like 'we will just take this fight, come to Brisbane, knock over Jeff Horn, make their millions and go do the Khan fight'. I hope he keeps feeling that way."

There was no immediate reaction from Pacquiao via a statement or on social media. His last Twitter comment on

April 1 included a photo of himself, his wife and five children wishing everyone a "Happy Sunday."

Horn said he may be not well-known but believed the Pacquiao fight would allow him make a name for himself.

"Amir Khan is a big name even though he has been knocked out so many times," Horn said. "But this is my chance to make a name for myself."

"I never thought Pacquiao would still be around when I got my world title shot. He is getting a bit older, I am still young. I am ready to take this shot and I am ready to take it off Pacquiao."

The fight was secured by the Queensland state government and the city of Brisbane.

"Up to 55,000 boxing fans from across Australia and the world are expected to fill Suncorp Stadium to see the local teacher taking on one of the biggest names in boxing history, on his home turf," said Queensland Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk. AP

**THE DECISIVE MOMENT**



AP/Kin Cheung

Three's a crowd. Impersonators of U.S. President Donald Trump, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and former U.S. President Barack Obama (from left to right) wave on a street in an event to promote the Hong Kong Rugby Sevens.

**WORLD BRIEFS**

**INDIA** Security forces in the Indian-controlled part of Kashmir opened fire yesterday on crowds of people who attacked polling stations where voting for a by-election was taking place, killing five and injuring at least a dozen, officials said.



**RUSSIA's** emergency services ministry says 15 people have been hospitalized after a long-distance passenger train slammed into a commuter train in western Moscow. The accident Saturday night occurred when a commuter train, which was empty except for its crew, applied its emergency brakes and a passenger train heading for Brest hit it from behind.



**IRAN-SYRIA** Iranian President Hassan Rouhani affirmed his support for Syrian President Bashar Assad's government yesterday, following last week's U.S. missile strike on a Syrian air base. In a phone call with Assad, Rouhani called the strike on Friday a "blatant violation" of Syrian sovereignty, Syrian state media reported. Assad accused the U.S. of trying to boost the morale of "terror groups" in Syria.

**EGYPT** Bombs exploded at two Coptic churches in different cities in northern Egypt as worshippers were celebrating Palm Sunday, killing at least 43 people and wounding about 100 in an assault claimed by the Islamic State group.

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**ITALY** The long-delayed project to extend Rome's subway system has brought treasures of the past to the surface. Rome city officials this week unveiled the Metro C archaeological exhibit, which features amphora, marble panels, coins and even peach pits dating back to the Roman era.

**BRITAIN** The body of a police officer killed in last month's attack in London has been brought to lie in a chapel at Parliament, an honor usually reserved for senior politicians.