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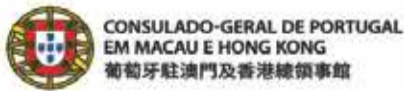
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WORLD BRIEFS

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US A U.S. interceptor scored a direct hit and appeared to result in the "complete obliteration" of a mock warhead over the Pacific Ocean in what the Pentagon said yesterday was a realistic test that mirrored the missile threat from North Korea and Iran. Vice Adm. Jim Syring, director of the Defense Department's Missile Defense Agency, told Pentagon reporters that the test included decoys and replicated a very specific scenario in the Pacific.

VIETNAM Courts in Vietnam have sentenced six men to death for drug-related offenses in two separate cases, including the trafficking of 102 kilograms of heroin.

AP PHOTO



PHILIPPINES About 130 people have been killed in the violence in the country, which erupted last Tuesday after soldiers launched a raid to capture militant leader Isnilon Hapilon, who has been designated leader of the Islamic State group's Southeast Asia branch. The unrest has boosted fears that the Islamic State group's violent ideology is gaining a foothold in the country's restive southern islands.

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Smelliest street reported to be in Iao Hon

A street near the Edificio Seng Yee, located in the Iao Hon area, has been reported to be the smelliest street in the city, according to a report by Macao Daily News. The street is plagued by a terrible hygiene environment. Several large trash cans have been placed in front of the gate of the building for a long time. In turn, the trash cans release a strong rotting smell which attracts rats and flies. The neighborhood residents have expressed the belief that the trash cans should not have been left near the gate, and blame those who simply dump rubbish on the street when the cans are already full.

IACM claims no responsibility for poultry sales ban

The President of the Civil and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM), José Tavares, said that the permanent ban on live poultry sales is "nobody's responsibility." The IACM president said that the government is not responsible for the loss, and neither is the poultry industry. Moreover, Tavares explained that the government banned the sales due to the difficulties in controlling outbreaks of avian influenza. Tavares expressed his sympathy for the industry's desire for more subsidies to compensate for their losses following the ban. However, he also noted that assigning more subsidies is not part of the government's policies, and that the government hopes to help members of the industry to make a living in other sectors.

CE claims HKZMB Macau section is qualified

Chief executive Chui Sai On said that the public should be assured of the construction quality of the Macau section of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge. Chui claimed that the Macau section of the bridge has been constructed efficiently and according to all quality requirements. He assured that the government has been paying close attention to the bridge's progress, whether it be the bridge's main body or the segment built by the Macau SAR. According to Chui, the government hopes that the Macau section can be finished by the end of this year. He also noted that the construction of the Macau section went over budget, but he did not provide further details.

AL ELECTION

Gaming operators should be neutral during campaign

Julie Zhu

THE Electoral Affairs Commission of the Legislative Assembly (CAEAL), the Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) and the Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau (DICJ) held a meeting with representatives of the six casino gaming operators and the junket promoter association.

During yesterday's meeting, the CAEAL and the CCAC reminded the casino operators and junket promoters to obey the newly amended election regulations which require the gaming operators to be neutral for the election.

Tong Hio Fong, chairman of CAEAL, noted in the meeting that gaming operators cannot

request that their employees sign lists in support of nominated lawmakers endorsed by gaming operators.

Additionally, government representatives and the gaming operators discussed the publicity materials and methods which the gaming operators must avoid displaying inside the casinos.

Fairness and impartiality are the CAEAL and the CCAC's requirements for the gaming operators and junket promoters during the election.

"Gaming operators cannot interfere in the election through their names or by means of their resources as to aid or compromise some candidates," said CCAC commissioner André Cheong. He emphasized that "it is cer-



tainly not allowed" to publicize materials or display them in the casinos, or to call people to support specific candidates, because it undermines the principle of neutrality.

Gaming operators and junket promoters are not the only ones who will be regulated. Employees from the gaming sector are also subject to these regulations. "Workers on-duty in the casinos are also restricted by the regulations," said Cheong, adding that "they cannot allow any candidate list to reap benefits or be compromised."

According to Cheong, Macau's law grants the CCAC the right to supervise the AL election. The bureau is currently inspecting locations across the city to confirm

that no electoral violations are occurring.

"If we consider that some places pose risks of election bribery, we will inspect them," declared Cheong. These inspections are expected to include casinos and casino VIP rooms.

A maximum of three years in prison can be used as punishment for breaking regulations on fairness and neutrality, according to Cheong. He additionally noted that the neutrality regulations do not affect candidates from the gaming sector. Cheong explained that if they obey the neutrality and fairness obligations, then "the law does not require the candidates to step down from their positions, [...] the law does not require them to quit their jobs."

DISPARATE VERSIONS OF THE LAW

DURING YESTERDAY'S event, the recent instance of misunderstandings in relation to the interpretation of the Electoral Law was addressed. The case was partly a result of disparate translations of the law in Chinese, Portuguese and English. This was brought to attention after the Electoral Affairs Commission for the Legislative

Assembly Election found two instances of individuals signing the nomination papers of more than one nomination committee and forwarded the cases to the police. The representatives said that the government has already met with the involved parties, and that further details will be disclosed in a report after the AL election.

CRIME

Malaysian worker found to have a small weapon arsenal

Renato Marques

A 43-year-old Malaysian national working as a casino manager in Macau was discovered to own a small weapon arsenal at his home by the Public Security Police Force (PSP), the force announced this week at a press conference.

The findings were made after airport security called the police upon finding a weapon while scanning luggage in the X-Ray machine on the morning of May 27.

The luggage contained a large knife and was about

to be sent on board a flight from Macau to Kuala Lumpur.

Upon further questioning and through investigation, it was revealed that the man's apartment housed another seven bladed weapons - three daggers, one penknife and three janbuiyas (curved blade daggers).

In addition to the bladed weapons, four imitation hand grenades, one rifle, four boxes of ammunition and four bottles of gas were also found.

The man told the police that his friends from

abroad had brought him the bladed weapons as gifts, and that the rifle was bought in Macau around 2012 in Areia Preta for MOP3,000.

He was presented to the Public Prosecutions Office on the accusation of illegal possession of arms and ammunition.

In a separate case, PSP added that two women, both holding Russian passports, had been detained following a dispute over the breakfast bill at the hotel where they were staying.

Hotel security called the

police when the women shouted at the hotel staff.

The police found out that the dispute was a result of miscommunication when the hotel staff asked the women to settle the breakfast bill. The women denied the request, preferring to add it to their room bill to pay when they checked out.

The dispute broke out

when they were barred from leaving the restaurant. Amid various verbal insults, one of the women lashed out and kicked the police officer. She was detained and charged with simple and aggravated offence to physical integrity.

The officer was admitted to the hospital and has been given three days of sick leave.

CASINO SWINDLING SCHEME

A MAINLAND Chinese man fell victim to a con in a casino on the Macau Peninsula, the Judiciary Police (PJ) announced. The victim told the PJ on May 24 that the conman had approached him in the casino, offering to help transfer the victim's winnings to his bank account in the mainland. The victim accepted, and was asked to deposit the money (HKD145,000) into a VIP account at the casino that would allegedly be used as an intermediary in the transfer. The victim did not receive the funds and subsequently pressed charges.

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AL PLENARY

Non-mandatory pension fund scheme barely approved



Alexis Tam pictured during yesterday's plenary session

Renato Marques

THE detailed discussion and approval of the bill that establishes the so-called second level of social security system (Non Mandatory Central Provident Fund Scheme) provoked yesterday a rare standoff and moment of doubt at the Legislative Assembly (AL) plenary session.

The bill, which had been approved last year in general terms and was awaiting detailed scrutiny, was finally approved after an extension of time at the AL session. The discussion generated several standoff moments between the government, represented by Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Alexis Tam and the director of the Social Security Fund (FSS), Chong Seng Sam, as well as several lawmakers who questioned essential parts of the document.

Among those who raised many questions yesterday was in fact the vice president of the AL, Lam Heong Sang, who expressed his concerns over the law since even "after so many [10] years of discussion" it still proposes a system that is "non mandatory."

Lam eventually resorted to requesting that the AL president mandate several articles of the bill to be voted on as separate motions. This opinion was endorsed by several other lawmakers, including Ella Lei, Ng Kuok Cheong, Gabriel Tong, Kwan Tsui Hang and Song Pek Kei.

In dispute were several fundamental principles laid out in the bill in relation to three

aspects of Macau law. Firstly, the bill employs the use of the "base salary" – as opposed to "base remuneration" as in the labor law – as a factor to calculate the size of the contributions required by both the employees and their employer.

According to the lawmakers, in some professions there is a substantial difference between the values of these two terms.

"In [some], such as in the gaming and the restaurant business, there is a significant gap between the two amounts," lawmaker Lei mentioned, adding: "We need to calculate [the amount to transfer to the fund] not based on base salary but on base remuneration in a way that we can pair it with the real monthly allowances [of the workers] including subsidies, tips and other kinds of extra income."

Secretary Tam replied to the objection by noting that the government had opted for the "base salary" with the purpose of "articulating the [Central Provident Fund] with private pension plans [already in place from several companies] that already include 70,000 workers."

"In these regimes, it is the base salary that is used as reference," he said, adding, "We have also opted for that because the basic salary is more stable and subject to less fluctuation." Tam also said that the base salary had the purpose of "not increasing the burden to the employers."

He advanced that it is "mostly in the croupier [profession] that there is an important slice [proportion of income] that comes from commissions and tips."

However, his response eventually led to a request by lawmaker Cheang Chi Keong for both legal advisors from the government and from the AL to be called to intervene in the plenary session, explaining the consequences of voting for some of the bill's articles separately.

■ The AL president made use of his vote - something he admitted that he was doing for the very first time

The legal experts explained that in the event of a clause-by-clause consideration of the bill, there was a risk that the entire document would become invalid. In the example they provided, if the first article of the bill was rejected, article 26 (which refers to the first article) would cease to make sense. "In the case that number 1 is not approved, number 2 stops making any sense," said one legal expert. "In fact the entire bill stops making sense."

Tam and Chong continued to try to convince the lawmakers that the bill merely established minimum standards and that "employers and employees could reach an agreement for better conditions."

Another source of strong dis-

agreement was in regards to the fund system, which mandates progressive levels. Workers that have contributed to the fund for less than three years are not entitled to receive any compensation when they retire. Moreover, after the initial three years, participating employees can only redeem a fixed proportion of their contribution depending on how many years they have been under the arrangement with their employer. The full amount is only redeemable after 10 years of contribution.

Since the fund is based with a single employer, the worker is required to remain with said employer during the entire period to redeem the full amount. This was a concern raised by many lawmakers, including Au Kam San, who said that it didn't make any sense given the current social characteristics of employment in the region.

Additionally, the current bill omits reference to workers on contracts of less than three years and those whose contracts are terminated before the three-year period. The government admitted yesterday that it does "not yet have solutions."

After a long discussion, the bill was finally sent to vote and approved, though not before the AL president, Ho Iat Seng, unusually made use of his vote - something he admitted that he was doing for the very first time.

In the most disputed voting, the bill passed with 18 votes in favor, seven votes against and one abstention.

The non-mandatory pension scheme will be enforced starting next year and subject to assessment within three years.

ON THE LAWMAKERS' AGENDA

SOLUTIONS FOR THE CANIDROME Chan Hong and Ho Ion Sang addressed the plenary asking the government to take a position regarding the land where the Macau (Yat Yuen) Canidrome currently operates ahead of its expected closure.

"Attending the educational development and needs of residents," Chan said, the government should use the land for an "educational complex composed of several elements, namely of social, cultural, artistic and leisure [kind]."

Chan expressed his hope that the government would materialize the idea in an "innovative mentality" to reach a "win-win-win" for all residents, schools and students.

As for Ho, he suggested the area could be used to remedy the lack of parking lots and green areas, noting the potential use of the area as a sports field by local schools. Ho suggested that the government find a way to include it in the "Blue Sky" project.

GREATER BAY AREA

Ma Chi Seng and Dominique Sio addressed the plenary to remark on the opportunities that are being offering with the creation of the so-called Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay area, namely for SMEs that have the chance to diversify their business and services and expand cooperation across borders. Sio specifically urged the government to assume the role of "perfect connection agent," highlighting the "imports and exports" of merchandise, funds, information and people among these regions as a solution to the economic adjustment difficulties.

LAWS WITH MISTAKES

Mak Soi Kun expressed concern over the recent news of reported inconsistencies in several laws between the Portuguese and Chinese versions. Giving the example of the electoral law, where penalties were clearly defined for the presentation of multiple applications in the Portuguese version of the law but not in the Chinese version, Mak remarked that there are many other examples where these kinds of mistakes, inconsistencies and bad translations occur. Blaming the low professional level and competence of the juridical translators, Mak said that there is "a need to intensify training [in these fields] in order to keep up with social development."

Expressing fears that the case reported might only be "the tip of the iceberg," the lawmaker suggested the government to create a committee in charge of verifying all versions of the law to ensure they match.

THE launch of the Summit on Chinese Central SOEs Supporting Macau as a Co-operation Platform between China and Portuguese-Speaking Countries took place yesterday in Macau.

The summit reportedly marks the first time China's state-owned companies are cooperating with local enterprises in Macau to explore business opportunities in Portuguese-speaking countries.

Seven cooperation agreements were signed between China's state companies and companies from Portuguese-speaking Countries.

One such agreement was for a solar photovoltaic project signed between China Triumph International Engineering Co. Ltd, and Portuguese company Solara 4 S.A.

Chinese state-owned enterprises also signed two cooperation agreements related primarily to tourism projects with companies and governmental departments from Angola.

Two engineering projects concerning transportation were signed between Chinese companies and Mozambique.

Chief Executive Chui Sai On said during his speech that the summit encourages actors to "build a platform to closely connect state-owned companies, Macau enterprises and enterprises from Portuguese-speaking countries, thus assisting Macau in practicing the implementation of developing the territory as a platform between China and the Portuguese-

State-owned companies explore Portuguese-speaking markets



se-speaking countries."

The summit has the support of the state-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council and the Liaison Office, according to Chui.

"Holding the summit reflects the support and attention of the central government and related departments in regard to Macau structuring itself as a platform between China and the Portuguese-speaking countries," declared Chui, adding that the summit also pushes forward the goal of diversifying Macau's economy.

Chui believes that China's

state-owned companies, along with the Macau government and other industries, are working effectively to make Macau a platform for Portuguese-speaking countries.

On the sidelines of the summit, the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lionel Leong, said that more than 20 Chinese state-owned companies visited the city during the summit. They came with the particular intent of signing cooperation agreements with companies from Portuguese-speaking countries within the sector of infrastructure, energy, and environmental protection. Leong

noted that these companies, "regardless of their total assets and annual turnovers, are huge." The Secretary then explained that cooperation with state-owned companies "is a

new proposition for Macau enterprises, especially for those with intentions of developing overseas."

The secretary noted that the scale of the enterprises should not be the only aspect Macau enterprises take into consideration, further indicating that Macau has its own advantages. Leong remarked that local enterprises have their own important qualities, such as their Portuguese language related skills, and their understanding of the Portuguese-speaking market's internet, laws, and regulations.

Leong expressed the hope that local enterprises can improve by collaborating with state-owned companies. He also mentioned that Macau welcomes state-owned companies to settle and open their businesses in Macau. **JZ**

FORUM SUPPORTING OFFICE DIRECTOR APPOINTED

MOK IUN Lei has been appointed as the director of the Supporting Office to the Permanent Secretariat to the Forum for Economic and Trade Co-operation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries (Forum Macau). The appointment was announced

yesterday in the government official gazette, according to a notice signed by the Chief Executive. Mok's appointment will come into effect on June 5, and will last for one year. Previously, Mok was the acting director of the Statistics and Census Service.

EDUCATION

USJ students' works depict city's diminishing heritage

Lynzy Valles

IN a bid to promote the region's traditional cultures and subcultures, Bachelor of Communication and Media (BCM) students from the University of Saint Joseph's Faculty of Creative Industries (FCI) are showcasing their final works, which include photos and videos about the region.

The multimedia exhibition "Our Perspective" aims to show that some of the territory's cultural aspects are slowly diminishing. The students behind the exhibition believe that it is their duty to capture and share images and videos depicting this phenomenon.

A documentary on E-series Civic Club Macau (ECCM) was one of the three documentaries showcased in this week's opening ceremony.

The students who directed and produced the short film

said they were telling the story of a group of local car enthusiasts who kept their Honda E-series engines, which were popular back in the 1970s and 1980s.

"We decided to talk more about the underground scene of modifying cars because it's actually pretty interesting what they do and how that subculture of Macau exists without us even knowing about it," said Daniel Velasco, a final-year BCM student.

According to him, the power of the digital age has made it easier to disseminate information.

"I think because of social media, it's easier to share what you want to share. If there is a certain culture in Macau that people think it's interesting, they have the power to document it or capture it," he added.

Echoing the same sentiments, another student who worked on the documentary, Joana San Jose,

noted that such documentaries would allow residents to stay informed of several subcultures in the region, particularly those which are not widely known.

"It feels good [to share this documentary] because more people will get to know that these kinds of subcultures exist," she said.

Thirty-three photos of traditional stores in Macau are also on display at Albergue SCM.

The exhibition is a requirement for all graduating students of FCI.

Alvaro Barbosa, dean of the Faculty of Creative Industries, told the Times that they are trying to focus on projects that they find more significant and which convey the essence of the program.

Since last year, the faculty has been narrowing down the specializations for the Communication and Media course, focusing instead on skills for which the universi-

ty will become well known.

"It's important that the programs and faculties in the universities find their own niche," said the dean.

"In the communication field, photography and journalistic documentary is one of the driving forces in the modern world, so we really want to specialize in that," he added.

The dean remarked that there had been a significant growth in the development of these specializations, and expects that the documentaries and photographs produced this year can be



From left: Joana San Jose, MGTO director Helena de Senna Fernandes and Daniel Velasco

submitted to international competitions.

In the coming academic year, 18 final year BCM students and 12 will specialize

in photojournalism and videography, respectively.

The exhibition "Our Perspective" is on display at Albergue SCM until June 7.

LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMS

THE UNIVERSITY of Saint Joseph (USJ) and the Rui Cunha Foundation are co-organizing a series of short lifelong learning programs related to legal studies. The first program is called "Environmental Law and Policy", held between June 13 and July 6. This program is designed by Professor Francisco Leandro, Coordinator

of the Institute of Social and Legal Studies in the Faculty of Humanities at USJ. The program is focused on topics such as environmental sustainability, international and regional policies in environmental matters, environmental law, and administrative regulations on various types of pollution in Macau.



The Taipa Grande Hill Project

In order to prevent rainwater inundation leading to flooding in the Old Taipa District, the Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau (DSSOPT) is currently constructing a new storm water drainage system from Taipa Grande Hill (Tai Tan Shan) along Estrada Almirante Magalhães Correia. Since the commencement of construction last year **the project has run on schedule** and is estimated to be completed this year.

Protecting the Old District

The Taipa Grande Hill storm water project will utilize the rainwater drainage system to collect part of the rainwater from Tai Tan Shan which will then divert the runoff into a newly built storm water drainage pipe and a large-scale rainwater box culvert. **The rainwater will then be discharged to the sea** through the outlet near the Friendship Bridge. This project aims to reduce the volume of water runoff along Olympic Road into Pai Kok pump station, thus the possibility of flooding in the Old Taipa District (around Rua do Regedor) will be minimal.

The Works

The total length of **drainage system will be about 1,100 meters**. The works consist mainly of constructing open drains on part of the slope of the Taipa Grande Hill and laying storm water drainage pipes of 1,500mm in diameter along Estrada Almirante Magalhães Correia. A large-scale reinforced concrete rainwater box culvert 2.8m in width will be built and asphalt roads will be repaved.

Impact on Traffic

The new drainage system is being constructed along the main artery leading to the Friendship Bridge. With the aim of reducing the impact on the traffic, **the project will be undertaken section by section**. Throughout the period of construction, the existing drainage system will continue to function normally.



The Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau
(DSSOPT)

Q&A ALEXANDRE FARTO, AKA VHILS
ARTIST

'That's what I was trying to dig and find: the essence of Macau'

Lynzy Valles

PORTUGUESE artist Alexandre Farto, aka Vhils, is back in Macau to showcase some 40 artworks at the Navy Yard No. 1 - Contemporary Art Center.

Titled "Debris - Works by Alexandre Farto aka Vhils," the artist told the Times that 20 of his showcased works were inspired by and dedicated to Macau.

The exposition has a broader content of creation and is related to the identity of the region, reflecting the relationship between time and history and construction and demolition.

The exhibition features new billboards made from local street posters, carvings on old doors collected in the region, and a slow-motion video capture of local streets.

Each place is unique because each has its own layers of history but for sure in Macau, you can feel that in every corner.

Vhils is also showcasing four new murals inspired by Macau in the public space.

The artist is the creator of a mural depicting poet Camilo Pessanha, which is displayed at the Portuguese Consulate.



Macau Daily Times (MDT) - This is your first solo exhibition in Macau, what new elements are you bringing to the public?

Alexandre Farto (Vhils) - Actually Macau gave me a lot [of inspiration]. A lot of the works that I do are based on things that I collect from the streets and the works for the Macau [exhibition], and all the imagery are collected from

the streets. There is a lot of Macau in these new works that I have produced.

MDT - How has the culture and history of Macau contributed to this exhibition?

Vhils - There was quite a lot of some research. I did a lot walls [carving and murals] and for me the concept that I worked on is always [part of] the elements in the city, as they have layers that absorb the history of the place.

With each wall that I carve and all the layers that I

exposed, they were kind of layers of time. With that, I'm playing with the layers of the walls that were built for years and years. The portraits that I drew in the city are [inspired] by the people that pass by. So those two elements are the ones from Macau that I wanted to connect; the carvings are part of the people that have been here.

MDT - With this exhibition and the murals installed in public places, what message do you wish to convey to the public?

Vhils - In the video, I tried to slow down everyday life in the city. With that, I'm trying to freeze some places, people and layers of history of the city to reflect on our condition, and the citizens that live in the city. Of course we are different in each part of the world. We have different layers of history, but what I'm trying to do is for us to go to the show [exhibition] and slow down the pace of

our everyday life, and reflect the impact that urbanization and globalization has on us. That's the aim of the work.

MDT - Do the works showcased here have some kind of a connection to the murals in public areas?

Vhils - I see them as part of the show. So the portraits that are presented here are inspired by Macau but also the works in the public too. They connect in a way. So for me, to see the whole show implies that people need to go and check every wall. So that, for me, is the whole show.

MDT - What is your favorite part about Macau that contributes to your inspiration as an artist?

Vhils - The contrast between the new and the old. The different vibes and also the underneath: not just the glimmering shining part of the buildings but the shadows that they cast in the city. Also, all the people that make Macau what it is.

So that's what I was trying to dig and find: the essence of Macau. That's what I really love, the contrast between the new and old that is very striking. Each place is unique because each has its own layers of history but for sure in Macau, you can feel that in every corner and that's very special.

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GAMING

Lawrence Ho says Packer was reckless in China

MACAU casino tycoon Lawrence Ho said in an interview with the Financial Times that his former business partner James Packer had upset the Chinese government by recklessly flaunting the promotion of gambling in mainland China, where the practice is illegal.

Although authorities on the mainland generally tolerate discreet marketing activities relating to gambling, in several instances they have cracked down. In the most notable examples, employees at Packer's Crown Resorts were detained last year allegedly in an overnight raid, and several South Korean casino employees were arrested in 2015.

"In all of those instances [Crown and the arrests of the South Korean casino employees], you had casino sales people running around offering credit, talking about collection... it wasn't discreet," he told the Financial Times in an interview.

"That's what caught their attention: like what the hell, you're deliberately spitting on our faces."

There are currently 14 Crown employees in detention on the mainland, although several junior workers have been released on bail. It is believed that Chinese authorities are preparing charges against the group,

but the exact nature of the charges will prove to be important.

According to the FT, Crown is hoping that any charges against its employees relate to the marketing of gambling on the mainland, rather than money laundering, which would likely result in harsher penalties.

Packer recently ended his partnership with Ho, leading to their joint venture, Melco Crown Entertainment, to dismantle. Packer's withdrawal completed its final stage with a sale of his remaining stake back to Melco for USD1.16 billion, leaving the Australian billionaire to his domestic market.

Now he will focus on the development of an AUD2 billion integrated resort in Sydney aimed at high-roller gamblers, including those from the mainland.

Although Packer has previously denied that his withdrawal is in any way linked to the detention of the Crown employees, Angus Gluskie, the managing director of White Funds Management, a shareholder in Crown, told the FT that they were "critical to Crown's retreat from Macau."

"When that happened, they felt it was becoming increasingly difficult to run a viable business due to the regulatory headwinds," he said.

Fast food chains continuously lure children in Macau and elsewhere

Lynzy Valles

THE presence of fast food restaurants in different locations funded by public money, such as hospitals and schools, has caused controversies in many countries.

In Macau, there are also cases where fast food chains are allowed prime space within locations devoted to children's education.

Such was the case recently at the multi-million Macao Science Center (MSC). The MSC relies on a publicly funded company (Macao Science Center S.A), in which the Macao Foundation, the Science and Technology Development Fund, and the Macao Productivity and Technology Transfer Center all have a stake. According to the company's website, the president of its board of directors is Lau Si Io, the former Secretary for Transport and Public Works.

The McDonald's "Memories Playland" promotion in Macau ended last month with great pomp at the Center, showcasing "happy meal toys" and other items related to the fast food chain. The promotion celebrated the 30th anniversary of the fast food chain's Macau branch. A statue of a large burger stood at the entrance of the Center (see front page picture), which also hosts a large McDonald's restaurant.

McDonald's has long been a tenant of the MSC, which aims to promote scientific education among children. "Memories Playland" was a public relations campaign organized by local franchisee Golden Burger (Macau) Food Company Limited, said MSC.

Questioned by the Times as to whether it was fair to promote fast food in an educational center, MSC said it rents out facilities as a source of income.

In the reply, MSC said that the Center aims to complement the development of tourism in Macau while also promoting science, and to provide a regional platform for science education, conventions and exhibitions.

"MSC has been renting the lobby exhibition gallery to a variety of public and non-profit event organizers. The rental charges,



in return, have also become a source of income for the Center," MSC wrote. The Center, completed in 2009, is largely funded by Macao Foundation. The Macao Foundation issued a telegraphic answer this week, claiming that MDT's questions had been "transferred to the Macao Science Center."

The prevalence of childhood obesity among Chinese children has increased from 4.1 percent in 2000 to 8.1 percent in 2010

The Times contacted the Golden Burger (Macau) Food Company and inquired as to how much McDonald's pays annually to have a restaurant at the Science Center and whether the company paid an extra value to have the 30th anniversary campaign there. The company replied claiming "those are confidential commercial terms that cannot be disclosed."

Some would argue that McDonald's presence in the Center – which is built to promote science education – is attracting children to high-calorie food: an issue that has caused controversy in several regions.

Children have become more enticed to consume fast food, particularly with the availability of "Happy Meals."

The rise in obesity in Macau is thought to be due to the socioeconomic changes, increased exposure to westernized diets, and fast food culture.

The Assessment of Dietary Pattern and Nutritional Status Survey Report in Macau School Children, together with The Youth Risk Behavioral Survey in Macau, highlighted the excessive consumption of energy-dense diets and inadequate consumption of fruits and vegetables as the main cause of obesity in children.

Angelina Vong, a registered dietitian at the Integrated Healthcare Division of Kiang Wu Hospital, told the Times that despite genetic factors, environmental factors could also contribute to how fast food is luring children.

According to Vong, the prevalence of childhood obesity among Chinese children has increased from 4.1 percent in 2000 to 8.1 percent in 2010.

"I believe there are a number of reasons which could explain this phenomena, [including] environmental temptation, [meaning] the location of 'unhealthy food' stores are often adjacent to the school area. This makes access to unhealthy food convenient for children and teenagers," Vong explained.

"[There are] behavioral and mass media influences [...] some fast food restaurants give out free toys as incentives and widely advertise on television to attract children. This might also attract some parents to purchase this meal for their children," she continued.

The dietitian said it is important for parents to teach their children to spend on healthy snacks in order to facilitate a practice of healthy eating in their daily lives.

She also reminded parents that it is vital for children to build a good habit of healthy eating as

early as the weaning stage for infants.

"The practice of eating healthily, particularly at a young age, [will] prevent future morbidities in our local society," said Vong.

Several years ago in the United States, a lawsuit alleged that the advertisements of the country's largest fast food chain manipulates children, as "children eight years old and younger do not have the cognitive skills and the developmental maturity to understand the persuasive intent of marketing and advertising."

It's hard to focus children on other food [...] but ultimately it's the parents' responsibility.

GORETI LIMA
MACAU-BASED PSYCHOLOGIST

Similar arguments have caused several regions, including Taiwan, to ban fast food advertising that targets children. Last January, Taiwan implemented limits on junk food advertising for children under 12 years old.

Dedicated television channels for children reportedly cannot

broadcast advertisements of foods exceeding set fat, sodium, and sugar content limits from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Conversely, Macau-based psychologist Goreti Lima argued that fast food restaurants are only trying their best to sell products, and that such restaurants market their food to children because they are the largest target audience.

Lima contended that parents should be responsible for what their children consume, but acknowledged that the prevalence of fast food in Macau is making this an increasingly difficult task.

"It's hard to focus children on other food if you have McDonald's waving a lot of interesting things, but ultimately it's the parents' responsibility," said Lima.

McDonald's Macau opened its first restaurant along Rua do Campo on April 11, 1987. Currently, there are 29 restaurants in the territory. According to the management, three more restaurants will be added this year, but they have yet to disclose the locations.

"This is an open market, they do whatever they want to do, and sell what they want to sell [but] this is making it hard for the parents. If it's fair or not, it's another thing," the psychologist Goreti Lima argued. "I'm not defending McDonald's but they're trying their best to make money, and children are a huge market in Macau; and they know exactly how to attract them," Lima clarified.

Lima also contended that it is difficult for parents to convince children to consume healthier foods, particularly when fast-food restaurants seem to be more likeable.

Echoing the same sentiments, Angelina Vong also acknowledged that parents might affect children's dietary patterns by influencing food provision and their social environment. She suggested that parents modify their children's eating habits and do their best to promote healthy food consumption in their families.

MSC PLEDGES TO REPAIR FAULTY EXHIBITS

THE TIMES visited the Macao Science Center (MSC) recently and noted that several pieces of equipment that enable visitors to conduct simple scientific experiments are faulty or non-functional. When questioned on the matter, MSC claimed that that the Center receives over 900,000 visitors annually, and thus the number of defaced or broken exhibits is reasonably high. "When the attendance usually peaks during public

holidays, so does the number of exhibits found damaged afterwards," the Center stated. The Center also added that it strives to "put in more effort in repairing the out-of-order exhibits." Such efforts include increasing the manpower for repair and maintenance after festivals and public holidays. "We will follow up closely with our Exhibits Department to ensure that all exhibits are functioning properly," MSC pledged.

CONTROVERSY AT THE HOLY SEE

EARLIER THIS year, a McDonald's restaurant was opened on the ground floor of a Vatican-owned building, causing outrage among some cardinals. The fast-food giant was also heavily criticized in the United States years ago for

setting up a branch in a children's hospital. The establishment was also reportedly sued for marketing "Happy Meals" to children, arguing that it exploits children by advertising unhealthy meals to them with a free toy.

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China Views

Andy Mukherjee, Bloomberg

HONG KONG AND MOODY'S ARE BOTH WRONG ON CHINA CONTAGION

After China, it's Hong Kong's turn to take Moody's Investors Service to task.

The city's financial secretary wrote a blog post on Sunday to express his displeasure with the recent one-notch cut in Hong Kong's sovereign rating to Aa2.

More than the downgrade, what seems to have really irked Paul Chan are the 16 references to "links" and "linkages," four mentions of "connect" and "connects," one occurrence of "interdependence," and as many as 13 allusions to "close," "closer," "tight" and "tightening" in Moody's press release. Those words, which the rating company used to characterize the city's relationship with China, must have grated all the more because Moody's pared Hong Kong's rating hours after it downgraded China for the first time since 1989.

In his post, Chan wanted to know why the rating company is punishing Hong Kong. After all, the rest of the world, too, is scrambling to align with the People's Republic.

The secretary's right on one point - Moody's evidence is indeed shallow, especially on potential risks to Hong Kong's banking system from lending more to China. These advances, as Chan argues, are mainly to large Chinese state-owned corporations and multinationals, and are stuffed with collateral. Moody's itself acknowledges that nonperforming China loans - substandard, doubtful and goners - are 0.8 percent of the total for Hong Kong banks.

A more persuasive case could have been made about money flowing the other way. Thanks to overabundant Chinese liquidity, Hong Kong's home prices are now stretching the limits of both affordability and credibility. Unlike Singapore, which has managed to rein in runaway speculation, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority's many efforts at cooling the market have gone nowhere. With shadow lenders stepping into the breach, even the recent move to tighten the screws on bank mortgages may not work.

Still, it's debatable whether the risks from an overheated property market are any higher in Hong Kong than in Australia, which is scored at the highest level by all three main rating companies. The Moody's downgrade, which puts Hong Kong two rungs below the city's AAA rating from S&P Global, does appear a trifle harsh.

At the same time, Hong Kong's rebuttal is not without holes. Chan's blog post chose to ignore Moody's assessment that the city's institutional strengths, a key reason to rate its debt higher than the mainland's, could converge with China's - a polite way of saying "weaken considerably" - in the latter phase of the 50-year period envisaged for the One Country, Two Systems policy.

Chan is understandably coy to argue that Hong Kong's exceptionalism is guaranteed. It's hard to bang the table on that point when the No. 3 state leader has just warned the city not to confront the central government over the "high degree of autonomy" it was promised when Britain handed the former colony back to China two decades ago.

The year 2047 is still far away. A more clear and present danger is from excess mainland liquidity. If a growing gap between Hong Kong and U.S. interest rates leads the city to jettison its currency's 34-year-old link to the greenback and seek a more sustainable peg with the yuan, that will be one "tight" and "tightening" embrace of China that could deserve a downgrade. Or two.

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Democrats ask Trump for answers on China trademarks

Erika Kinetz, Shanghai

A group of Senate Democrats has sent a letter to U.S. President Donald Trump requesting information about a raft of trademark approvals from China this year that they say may violate the U.S. Constitution's ban on gifts from foreign governments.

"China's rapid approvals after years of court battles have raised questions as to whether the trademarks will prevent you from standing up to China on behalf of American workers and their businesses," the eight senators, led by Michigan Democrat Debbie Stabenow and Connecticut Democrat Richard Blumenthal, wrote in the letter Tuesday.

China's most recent nod for a Trump trademark, covering clothing, came on May 6, bringing to 40 the number of marks China has granted or provisionally granted to the president and a related company, DTTM Operations LLC, since his inauguration. If there are no objections, provisional approvals are formally registered after 90 days. China has also rejected or partially rejected nine Trump trademarks since the inauguration.

Trademarks give the holder monopoly rights to a brand in a given market. In many jurisdictions, like China, they can also be filed defensively, to prevent squatters from using a name. Because trademarks are granted at the discretion of foreign governments and can be enormously valuable, they can be problematic for



Some of the Trump trademarks approved by the Chinese government are displayed on the trademark office's website in Beijing

U.S. officials, who are barred by the emoluments clause of the constitution from accepting anything of value from foreign states without congressional approval.

In their letter, the senators were particularly interested in any special efforts Trump, his Chinese lawyers, or the U.S. Embassy in China,

■ The trademark approvals from China may violate the U.S. Constitution's ban on gifts from foreign governments

which sometimes advocates for U.S. firms, may have made to secure approval for the president's trademarks. They cited an Associated Press report quoting one of Trump's lawyers in China, Spring Chang, who said that "government relations are an important part of trademark strategy in China."

Concern about favoritism is particularly sharp in China, where the courts and bureaucracy are designed to reflect the will of the ruling Communist Party. China has defended its handling of Trump's intellectual property interests, saying it followed the law in processing his applications, though some trademark lawyers viewed the pace as unusually quick and well-coordinated. In addition, China approved one trademark for Trump-branded construction services

after a 10-year legal battle that turned in his favor only after he declared his candidacy.

Alan Garten, chief legal officer of The Trump Organization, did not respond immediately to a request for comment. He has previously said that Trump's trademark activity in China predates his election and noted that Trump has stepped away from managing his company. However, the president retains an ownership stake in his global branding and real estate empire.

In April, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, a watchdog group, added "gratuitous Chinese trademarks" to its lawsuit against the president for alleged emoluments violations. Trump has dismissed the suit as without merit. AP

HONG KONG AUCTION

Birkin bag sells for record USD380,000

A luxury Hermes handbag shattered the world auction record in Hong Kong yesterday, fetching an eye-popping USD380,000, Christie's said.

The auction house didn't identify the buyer of the matte white "Himalaya" crocodile skin Hermes Birkin bag.

The handbag was

produced in 2014 and has 18 karat gold buckles and strap loops encrusted with 205 diamonds.

It fetched 2.94 million Hong Kong dollars (\$380,000), which Christie's says is a record for any handbag sold at auction. The price flew past the presale estimate of HK1.5 million-2

million (\$193,000-\$258,000) during 10 to 15 minutes of intense bidding in the auction room and from phone and online buyers, Christie's spokeswoman Gigi Ho said.

The price surpasses the record set a year ago when Christie's auctioned a similar Birkin bag for \$300,000. It had

identical specifications but was produced in 2008.

Christie's says Himalaya Birkins get their name from the bag's color, which fades from smoky grey to pearly white, evoking comparisons with the mountain range. The company says they're exceptionally rare, with only one or two believed to

be made each year because of a time-consuming process to dye the crocodile skin.

The highly coveted bag was created in 1984 by French luxury label Hermes in honor of British singer and actress Jane Birkin. It's famous for a stratospheric price tag, celebrity owners and a years-long waiting list. AP

IVANKA SHOES

Arrested, missing activists spark criticism of Trump

Erika Kinetz, Shanghai

THE arrest and disappearance of three labor activists investigating a Chinese company that produces Ivanka Trump-branded shoes in China prompted a call for her brand to cease working with the supplier and raised questions about whether the first family's commercial interests would muddy U.S. leadership on human rights.

The men were working with a U.S. nonprofit to publish a report next month alleging low pay, excessive overtime and possible misuse of student labor, according to China Labor Watch executive director Li Qiang, who lost contact with the investigators over the weekend. China Labor Watch has been exposing poor working conditions at suppliers to some of the world's best-known companies for nearly two decades, but Li said his work has never before attracted this level of scrutiny from China's state security apparatus.

The arrest and disappearances come amid a crackdown on perceived threats to the stability of China's ruling Communist Party, particularly from sources with foreign ties such as China Labor Watch. Faced with rising labor unrest and a slowing economy, Beijing has taken a stern approach to activism in southern China's manufacturing belt and to human rights advocates generally, sparking a wave of critical reports about disappearances, public confessions, forced repatriation and torture in custody.

China Labor Watch's investigation also had an unusual target: a brand owned by the daughter of the president of the United States.

"Ivanka's brand should immediately cease its work with this supplier, and the Trump administration should reverse its current course and confront China on its human rights abuses," Adrienne Watson, spokeswoman for the Democratic National Committee, said yesterday in an email. Ivanka Trump must decide, she added, "whether she can ignore the Chinese government's apparent attempt to silence an investigation into those worker abuses."

Ivanka Trump's lifestyle brand imports most of its merchandise from China, trade data show. She and her father both have extensive trademark portfolios in China, though neither has managed to build up a large retail or real estate presence here.



Li Zhao (left pic) and Hua Haifeng were blocked from leaving mainland China for Hong Kong in April and May



The sister of Jared Kushner, a Trump adviser and husband of Ivanka, travelled to China this past month to court investment from Chinese families for a real estate project in New Jersey.

"The eagerness of members of the family to do business in China while airbrushing very troubling human rights and labor rights records of the country is troubling," said Nicholas Bequelin, East Asia director for Amnesty International. We'll have to wait and see, he added, "to what extent business is trumping any kind of consideration of the diplomatic capital of the U.S. in promoting human rights, labor rights and democracy." Amnesty International called for the release of Hua Haifeng yesterday, as well as his two colleagues, who are feared to have been detained.

White House spokeswoman Hope Hicks referred questions to Ivanka Trump's brand. The Ivanka Trump brand declined to comment.

Abigail Klem, who took over day-to-day management when the first daughter became a White House presidential adviser, has said the brand requires licensees and their manufacturers to "comply with all applicable laws and to maintain acceptable working conditions."

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said at a regular press briefing yesterday that she was not aware of the arrest and disappearances. She said China welcomed international NGOs to carry out research, but added, "we also hope that NGOs can also obser-

ve Chinese laws and regulations and don't engage in any illegal actions or behavior."

Hua Haifeng was accused of illegal surveillance, according to his wife, Deng Guilian, who said the police called her Tuesday afternoon. Deng said the caller told her she didn't need to know the details, only that she would not be able to see, speak with or receive money from her husband, the family's breadwinner.

Li said China Labor Watch asked police about the Deng and the two other investigators, Li Zhao and Su Heng, on Monday but received no reply. Li added that a friend had tried to file a missing person report on Li Zhao in Jiangxi province, but was told he had to do so in the man's hometown.

AP was unable to reach the other investigators' families. China's Ministry of Public Security and police could not be reached for comment Tuesday, which was a national holiday in China. Calls went unanswered.

The men were investigating Huajian Group factories in the southern Chinese cities of Ganzhou and Dongguan. Su Heng had been working undercover at the Ganzhou factory since April, Li said.

In January, Liu Shiyuan, then spokesman for the Huajian Group, told AP the company makes 10,000 to 20,000 pairs of shoes a year for Ivanka Trump's brand — a fraction of the 20 million pairs the company produces a year. A current spokeswoman for the company, Long Shan, did not reply to questions.

Li said investigators had seen Ivanka Trump-brand merchandise, as well as production orders for Ivanka Trump, Marc Fisher, Nine West and Easy Spirit.

"We were unaware of the allegations and will look into them immediately," a spokeswoman for Marc Fisher, which manufactures Ivanka Trump, Easy Spirit and its own branded shoes, said in an email Tuesday. Nine West did not respond to requests for comment.

Li Zhao and Hua Haifeng were blocked from leaving mainland China for Hong Kong in April and May — something that had never happened to his colleagues before, Li said. Hua Haifeng was stopped at the border May 25 and later questioned by police, Li said. During their final phone conversation on Saturday, Hua told Li that police had asked him to stop investigating the Huajian factory — another turn of events that Li said was unprecedented.

Li said the men had documented excessive overtime, with working days sometimes stretching longer than 18 hours, and a base salary below minimum wage. They were working to confirm evidence suggesting that student interns — some of whom allegedly quit in protest — were putting in excessive hours on work unrelated to their field of study, in violation of Chinese law, Li said.

Hua's wife, Deng, meanwhile, has yet to tell the couple's children, ages 3 and 7, about their father's plight. But they seem to know anyway, she said.

"My son suddenly burst into tears. He said he missed Papa," Deng said by phone from her home in central China's Hubei province. "I said Papa would come home soon and buy you toys."

She said the child looked at her and answered: "Papa was taken away by a monster." AP

Beijing postpones portion of cybersecurity law

CHINA has postponed enforcement of part of a cybersecurity law that companies warn violates Beijing's free-trade pledges but says most of it will take effect today as planned.

Communist authorities say the measures are needed to prevent crime and terrorism and to protect privacy. Companies and foreign governments complain the law will hamper market access and is being rushed into force before Beijing has told companies how to comply.

"This certainly will be a huge impact," said Michael Chang, a vice president of the European Union Chamber of Commerce in China.

"The situation is still a lot of uncertainty and unclarified terms," Chang said. "We still see a lack of tangible rules for business to follow."

The latest version of measures sent to companies on regulation of cross-border movement of data says they take effect today but enforcement is postponed for 18 months to Dec. 31, 2018.

It gave no explanation for the postponement. But it followed appeals by a coalition of dozens of global business groups for a delay until the rules could be made consistent with World Trade Organization regulations.

Other measures including how to define important data and security standards for computer equipment take effect today, according to the Cyberspace Administration of China, the agency responsible for enforcing them.

The law will "protect the broad masses of people and effectively safeguard national cyberspace sovereignty and security," the agency said yesterday on its website.

A measure on how to define important data takes effect today, five days after it was released Saturday for a 30-day comment period.

Beijing has issued a series of measures over the past decade to tighten control over data, minimize reliance on foreign security technology and promote China's fledgling providers. Business groups and China's trading partners complain that violates its market-opening pledges.

President Xi Jinping's government has cast itself as a public defender of global free trade in response to U.S. President Donald Trump's promises to limit imports. But business groups say Beijing appears to be trying to squeeze foreign competitors out of promising fields including agriculture-related biotechnology, health products and data security. AP

■ **The arrest and disappearances come amid a crackdown on perceived threats to the stability of China's ruling Communist Party**

AFGHANISTAN

Bombing in diplomatic area of Kabul kills 90, wounds scores

Rahim Faiez & Amir Shah, Kabul

A massive explosion rocked a highly secure diplomatic area of Kabul yesterday morning, killing at least 90 people and wounding as many as 350, an attack that left a scene of mayhem and destruction and sent a huge plume of smoke over the Afghan capital.

The target of the attack — which officials said was a suicide car bombing — was not immediately known, but Ismail Kawasi, spokesman of the public health ministry, said most of the casualties were civilians, including women and children.

It was one of the worst attacks Kabul has seen since the draw-down of foreign forces at the end of 2014.

Associated Press images from the scene showed the German Embassy and several other embassies located in the area heavily damaged in the explosion. It wasn't known if any foreign diplomats were among the casualties but Germany and Pakistan said some of their embassy employees and staff were hurt in the explosion.

The explosion took place at the peak of Kabul's rush hour when roads are packed with worktime commuters. It went off close to a busy intersection in the Wazir Akbar Khan district, said Najib Danish, deputy spokesman for the Interior Ministry.

The neighborhood is considered Kabul's safest area, with foreign



Security forces inspect the site of a suicide attack where the German Embassy is located in Kabul

embassies protected by dozens of 10-foot-high blast walls and government offices, guarded by police and national security forces. The German Embassy, the Foreign Ministry and the Presidential Palace are all in the area, as are the British and the Canadian embassies. The Chinese, Turkish and Iranian embassies are also located there.

Local TV footage showed shocked residents soaked in blood stumbling about, then being ferried away to hospitals. Passers-by stopped and helped the wounded into their private cars, others congregated outside the nearby Italian-run Emergency Hospital.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the blast. Both

the Taliban and the Islamic State group have staged large-scale attacks in the Afghan capital in the past.

The Afghan Taliban later issued a statement denying any involvement in the bombing and condemning all attacks against civilians. Zabihullah Mujahid, spokesman for the Taliban, said yesterday's explosion had "nothing to do with the Mujahedeen of Islamic Emirate," as the Taliban call themselves.

But even though the Taliban claim they are only waging war against the Kabul government and foreign forces in Afghanistan, most of the casualties of their attacks have been civilians.

A statement from the Ministry of

Interior Affairs said it "condemns in the strongest terms the terrorist attack" that killed so many, including women and children. "These heinous acts go against the values of humanity as well values of peaceful Afghans," it added.

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani also condemned the attack, which came just days into the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. A statement from his office quoted Ghani as saying that "the terrorists, even in the holy month of Ramadan, the month of goodness, blessing and prayer, are not stopping the killing of our innocent people."

Germany's Foreign Minister Sigmar Gabriel said an unspecified number of German Embassy employees in Kabul were hurt in

the blast and an Afghan security guard outside the building was killed. Gabriel said all embassy workers were safe and offered his condolences to the family of the slain guard.

Pakistan also denounced the "terrorist attack in Kabul" and its Ministry of Foreign Affairs said it "caused damage to the residences of some Pakistani diplomats and staff, living in the close vicinity, and inflicted minor injuries to some."

China's foreign ministry said its Kabul embassy in Kabul was partly damaged but that all embassy staff were "safe and sound" and that there had been no reports of injured Chinese citizens.

Germany has had troops in Afghanistan for 15 years, primarily concentrated in the north in and around Mazar-E-Sharif. They're currently one of the biggest contributors to the NATO-led Resolute Support mission with around 980 soldiers on the ground to support and train Afghan security forces.

The explosion was so heavy that more than 50 vehicles were either destroyed or damaged at the site of the attack. "We don't know at this moment what was the target of the attack," said Danish.

Residents described a mushroom cloud over Kabul and windows were shattered in shops, restaurants and other buildings up to a kilometer from the blast site.

"There are a large number of casualties, but I don't know how many people are killed or wounded," said an eyewitness, Gul Rahim.

Kawasi, the health official, said the wounded were admitted to different Kabul hospitals.

Shortly after the explosion, all roads in Wazir Akbar Khan were blocked off by Afghan security forces and helicopters were deployed over the neighborhood. **AP**

Australian girl on vacation among 30 killed in Baghdad car bomb blast

THE death of an Australian girl in a Baghdad bombing underscored why Australia was fighting Islamic State militants in the Middle East, the Australian foreign minister said yesterday.

Zynab Al-Harbiya, 12, from Melbourne, went with her family to Baghdad to visit her sick grandfather when she was killed Tuesday when a car bomb exploded outside a popular ice cream shop, Foreign Minister Julie Bishop said.

More than 30 others were killed, Australian official Frances Adamson said. Dozens more

were injured, including Al-Harbiya's mother and an uncle, according to lawmaker Bill Shorten.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attack, which Iraqi officials said involved apparently remotely detonated explosives inside a parked car.

"This tragedy underscores the brutality of this terrorist organization. It shows no respect for religion, nationality, sovereignty, borders, no respect for humanity," Bishop told reporters.

She said it shows why the Australian government has continued to commit

defense personnel to support the Iraqi security forces "so that they can fight to defeat this terrorist organization within Iraq and to prevent its spread to other parts of the world including in our region."

The girl's cousin, Layla Al-Saabary, said the family had only been in Baghdad for a few days when the tragedy occurred and Zynab had been "scared of the bombs."

"She wanted to go and buy ice cream, so she insisted. Her mother gave permission and so they went to the main square and she was going to go buy ice cream and she

went and she never came back," Al-Saabary told Australian Broadcasting Corp.

Shorten told Parliament that Zynab, the Australian-born daughter of Iraqi refugees, had gone with her mother and an uncle to Baghdad while her father stayed in Melbourne. He said the mother's wounds were not life threatening but the girl's uncle was hurt seriously.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull described Zynab as "another innocent killed by this violent tendency, this violent terrorist movement that is gnawing away, seeking



to destroy and pervert and blaspheme one of the great regions of the world."

Australia is one of the biggest contributors to the U.S.-led military campaign against IS militants in Iraq and Syria, with 780 Australian military personnel in the Middle East and aircraft including six jet fighters striking Islamic State targets.

The holy Muslim mon-

th of Ramadan is often marked by an increase in violence in Iraq.

Last year, a huge truck bombing claimed by IS killed hundreds in a retail district in central Baghdad where people were shopping for clothes ahead of the holiday that marks the end of Ramadan. It was the single deadliest event in Baghdad since Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein was toppled in 2003. **AP**

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UNITED NATIONS

Guterres urges action on climate change as Trump debates withdrawal



U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres made an impassioned appeal yesterday [Macao time] for the world to intensify action to combat climate change and implement the Paris Agreement to limit carbon emissions as President Donald Trump debates whether the U.S. will withdraw from the accord.

Guterres never mentioned the American leader by name in his speech at New York University's Stern School of Business, his first major address on climate change since taking the reins of the United Nations on Jan. 1. But he said in response to a question afterward that the United Nations believes "it would be important for the U.S. not to leave the Paris agreement."

Even if Trump withdraws, Guterres said, "it's very important for U.S. society as a whole – the cities, the states, the companies, the businesses – to remain engaged."

Trump, who was critical of the deal during his campaign for the presidency, is expected to make an announcement this week on whether the United States will remain a party to the climate accord that his predecessor, Barack Obama, strongly supported and signed.

Nearly 200 nations agreed in 2015 to voluntarily reduce greenhouse gas emissions. As today, 147 nations had ratified the Paris Agreement, representing more than 82 percent of global emissions, the U.N. chief said.

Guterres said their pledges to limit the global temperature rise to below 2 degrees Celsius and as close as possible to 1.5 degrees Celsius "are historic – but still do not go nearly far enough to limit temperature rise."

"Commitments so far could

still see temperatures rise by 3 degrees or more," he warned. "So we must do our utmost to increase ambition and action until we can bend the emissions curve and slow down global warming."

First, Guterres said he will immediately press for ratification of the Kigali Amendment agreed to in October by nearly 200 nations on limiting the use of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) – greenhouse gases far more powerful than carbon dioxide that are depleting the ozone layer.

Unlike the Paris Agreement, the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer is legally binding.

It caps and reduces the use of HFCs in a gradual process starting with action by developed countries in 2019, including the United States, the world's second-worst polluter, and then by over 100 developing countries starting in 2024, including China, the world's top carbon emitter.

Guterres said he will also rally countries to raise the bar on efforts to limit temperature rise and the United Nations system to promote climate action.

He said solar power grew 50 percent last year, with China and the United States in the lead, and in both those countries "new renewable energy jobs now outstrip those created in the oil and gas industries."

Guterres also pledged to work with developing countries to mobilize resources to tackle the impact of climate change and strengthen efforts by small island states against "the existential threat" that global warming poses.

He said he will strengthen North-South, South-South and other partnerships to implement the Paris Agreement. AP

USA

Cellphone diplomacy raises security concerns

Vivian Salama, Washington

PRESIDENT Donald Trump has been handing out his cellphone number to world leaders and urging them to call him directly, an unusual invitation that breaks diplomatic protocol and is raising concerns about the security and secrecy of the U.S. commander in chief's communications.

Trump has urged leaders of Canada and Mexico to reach him on his cellphone, according to former and current U.S. officials with direct knowledge of the practice. Of the two, only Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has taken advantage of the offer so far, the officials said.

Trump also exchanged numbers with French President Emmanuel Macron when the two spoke immediately following Macron's victory earlier this month, according to a French official, who would not comment on whether Macron intended to use the line.

All the officials demanded anonymity because they were not authorized to reveal the conversations. Neither the White House nor Trudeau's office responded to requests for comment.

The notion of world leaders calling each other up via cellphone may seem unremarkable in the modern, mobile world. But in the diplomatic arena, where leader-to-leader calls are highly orchestrated affairs, it is another notable breach of protocol for a president who has expressed distrust of official channels. The formalities and discipline of diplomacy have been a rough fit for Trump — who, before taking office, was long easily accessible by cellphone and viewed himself as freewheeling, impulsive dealmaker.

Presidents generally place calls on one of several secure phone lines, including those in the White House Situation Room, the Oval Office or the presidential limousine. Even if Trump uses his government-

issued cellphone, his calls are vulnerable to eavesdropping, particularly from foreign governments, national security experts say.

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"If you are speaking on an open line, then it's an open line, meaning those who have the ability to monitor those conversations are doing so," said Derek Chollet, a former Pentagon adviser and National Security Council official now at the German Marshall Fund of the United States.

A president "doesn't carry with him a secure phone," Chollet



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said. "If someone is trying to spy on you, then everything you're saying, you have to presume that others are listening to it."

The caution is warranted even when dealing with allies. As German Chancellor Angela Merkel's learned in 2013, when a dump of American secrets leaked by Edward Snowden revealed the U.S. was monitoring her cellphone, good relations don't prevent some spycraft between friends.

"If you are Macron or the leader of any country and you get the cellphone number of the president of the United States, it's reasonable to assume that they'd hand it right over to their intel service," said Ashley Deeks, a law professor at the University of Virginia who for-

merly served as the assistant legal adviser for political-military affairs in the U.S. State Department.

The practice opens Trump up to charges of hypocrisy. Throughout last year's presidential campaign, he lambasted Democratic rival Hillary Clinton for using a private email server while she was secretary of state, insisting she should not be given access to classified information because she would leave it vulnerable to foreign foes.

The White House did not respond to questions on whether the president is keeping records of any less-formal calls with world leaders.

Trump's White House is already facing scrutiny for apparent efforts to work outside usual diplomatic channels. **AP**

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Offbeat

URINATING DOG STATUE BRIEFLY PLACED NEAR 'FEARLESS GIRL' ART

A New York City artist briefly placed a small statue of a urinating dog next to Wall Street's "Fearless Girl" sculpture as a form of counter protest.

"Fearless Girl" was installed in March by a financial firm as a statement about the lack of women on the boards of big U.S. corporations. It faces the famous "Charging Bull" statue.

The dog's sculptor, Alex Gardega, tells The New York Post (nyp.st/2qw0rs8) that he thinks "Fearless Girl" is a disrespectful publicity stunt and "has nothing to do with feminism."

"Fearless Girl" creator Kristen Visbal and a representative for bull creator Arturo Di Modica did not immediately respond to comment requests yesterday.

Di Modica has previously complained that "Fearless Girl" turns his bull's message of freedom, peace, strength, power and love into something negative.

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this day in history



1985 HIPPIES CLASH WITH POLICE AT STONEHENGE

More than 300 people have been arrested after an attempt by police to prevent a convoy of hippies reaching Stonehenge led to a violent confrontation.

The travellers were on their way to the ancient stone circle in Wiltshire for an illegal festival but were stopped seven miles from their destination by 500 police officers, who blocked a road and refused to let them pass.

Officers from six different forces dropped 15 tons of gravel onto the road and used council vehicles to block the path of the 140-vehicle convoy.

What happened next is hotly disputed. Police have said they came under attack, being pelted with lumps of wood, stones and even petrol bombs.

But those in the convoy insist that police "ambushed" their peaceful procession of vehicles, methodically smashing windows, beating people on the head with truncheons as they tried to surrender, dragging women along by their hair, and using sledgehammers to damage the interiors of their coaches.

Protesters have accused the police of reacting with extreme brutality to an essentially peaceful gathering.

After the initial police intervention some 200 people - including mothers with small children and babies - fled into a nearby field.

Four hours later, following an appeal by the authorities, some of the protesters left quietly.

Twelve injured people were taken to hospital and 200 were ferried away by police, leaving behind fires and damaged vehicles.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The Battle of the Beanfield, as it became known, was the first major test of an English Heritage ban on midsummer festivals at Stonehenge.

Two years later a Wiltshire police sergeant was found guilty of having caused actual bodily harm to a member of the hippy convoy.

Travellers sued the police for damages for alleged wrongful arrest, false imprisonment and damage to property, and in February 1991 a jury at Winchester crown court awarded a total of £24,000 to 21 hippies.

English Heritage's ban was lifted in 2000, and druids have since shared the site with young revellers who use it as a party venue.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19
Communication isn't a problem - you're able to make your points eloquently and succinctly.

Taurus April 20-May 20
You may find yourself taking long, aimless walks, or spending long periods of time standing still while contemplating your next move.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21
Don't pay so much attention to numbers and time constraints. You have so much energy today, petty little things like finishing what you start shouldn't even be a concern!

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22
You may have thought you spoke quite clearly and eloquently, but your words got twisted somehow and more than likely ended up causing a simple misunderstanding.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22
Enjoy being a member of the audience rather than a featured player just this once. Your friends have the best stories! You're mesmerized by the descriptive adjectives and surprising descriptions they use.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22
While everyone else has gotten into a habit of grasping for straws and adopting strange theories, you're able to boil down the problem and get to the heart of the matter in mere minutes.

Libra Sep. 23-Oct. 22
Everything is better if you have someone to share it all with. Call up your best friend, your partner, spouse, neighbor or relative and ask them to come out and explore the world with you.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
Even if you think you have everything under control, it always pays to go over it one more time. That goes double if you're dealing with anything legal or financial.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Your attitude can work wonders right now - especially if it's positive. Believe in yourself and your abilities. Right now, there's absolutely nothing standing in your way.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19
Something in the air is drawing all the flighty people to your corner of the world. Just because someone says they're going to do something, don't take them on their word. Forgive them and move on.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18
Flirting is easy when you know for sure the other person is interested; however, it's up to you to interpret correctly if the other person wants to take things to the next level or not.

Pisces Feb. 19-Mar. 20
If you have to do anything that requires a great deal of concentration, you might want to put your daydreams on hold. The line between what's real and what's not is blurred once again.

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1860 Munich in chaos after shame of relegation to third tier

Ciaran Fahey, Berlin

FORMER Bundesliga champion 1860 Munich's relegation to Germany's third division has plunged the club into chaos amid recriminations over who is responsible for its demise.

"Nobody around the club ever expected or wanted that we dropped to the third division," 1860 said on its website yesterday. "We know that this scenario is not acceptable for the whole 'Lions' family."

Equipped with the third most expensive squad in the second division after Stuttgart and Hannover, which both secured their return to the Bundesliga, 1860 finished third from bottom. It was relegated Tuesday after a playoff defeat to Jahn Regensburg, a team that had been playing fourth-tier football the season before.

1860's 2-0 defeat at home in the second leg was marred by violence from angry fans, shouting "we're fed up," as objects, including seats, were flung onto the pitch toward the end of the match. Around 1,000 riot police lined up



Police officers and orderlies secure the pitch at the 80th minute after Munich fans started to riot during the first half of the relegation match between TSV 1860 Munich and Jahn Regensburg

to prevent the situation escalating as the game was held up for 15 minutes. Munich police said 10 officers were slightly injured. "A shameful evening in Froettmanning," Kicker magazine said of the neighborhood where 1860 shares its stadium with city rival Bayern Munich.

1860, which won the Bundesliga in 1966 and had played in the top flight as recently as 2004, returned

to the third level for the first time in 24 years.

It's just the latest in a series of embarrassing setbacks for the club, funded primarily by Jordanian investor Hasan Ismaik, who had promised to lead it to the top levels of European football.

Those aspirations after years of mismanagement had fueled 1860's summer spending spree. Only Stuttgart spent more, thou-

gh that was offset by sales after its relegation from the Bundesliga. 1860 brought in players like Stefan Aigner from Eintracht Frankfurt and Brazilian forward Ribamar from Botafogo. Croatian veteran Ivica Olic joined on a free transfer from Hamburger SV, believing, like many, that 1860 was a club on the way up.

But the season didn't go as planned. Kosta Runjaic was fired as coach amid acrimony in November after seven defeats and just two wins from 12 league games. 1860 was also knocked out of the German Cup in the second round.

Sports director Thomas Eichin followed Runjaic out of the club; chief scout Peer Jaekel was next to go. All three subsequently brought proceedings against 1860.

Daniel Bierofka took over as interim coach, the latest at a club where no coach had seen through a whole season since Rainer Maurer from July 2010 to November 2012.

Former Porto coach Vitor Pereira was eventually appointed in December to turn 1860's sea-

son around, but even he had no answers when the worst was confirmed on Tuesday. "It pains me immensely that the project failed," the Portuguese coach said. "My conscience is clear that I did all I could." Pereira is unlikely to hang around in the third division.


1860 president Peter Cassalette resigned after the match. The club announced that chief executive Ian Ayre, the former Liverpool chief executive who only took up the position in April, had already tendered his resignation before the game.

Ayre was scathing in his criticism of 1860's backers, telling the Liverpool Echo newspaper: "Unfortunately, during my short eight week tenure I have found an organization in which the shareholders are not aligned in a common interest, nor have a shared vision for the future of the club."

The German football federation is investigating the disturbances that marred the end of the game and 1860 faces heavy consequences. "It's a catastrophe," 1860 midfielder Michael Liendl said.

Whether the club continues to share a stadium with unpopular neighbor Bayern remains open. TV revenues are also set to go down. To make matters worse, 1860's under-21, under-19, under-17 and under-16 teams were all also relegated this season. **AP**


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Arsenal hands Wenger new contract



ARSENE Wenger will stay on as Arsenal manager, earning a new two-year contract on Wednesday despite missing out on Champions League qualification.

Arsenal said the 67-year-old Frenchman secured the extension after a full review of the club's activities "to identify areas for improvement to build a sustained title challenge" was conducted with chief executive Ivan Gazidis.

"I love this club and I am looking forward to the future with optimism and excitement," Wenger said. "We are looking at what we do well and how we can be stronger everywhere. This is a strong

group of players and with some additions we can be even more successful. We're committed to mounting a sustained league challenge and that will be our focus this summer and next season.

Wenger's latest contract was due to expire this year but after holding talks with Arsenal owner Stan Kroenke, Wenger has signed a new deal that will extend his stay at the north London club to nearly 23 years.

Kroenke, who has increasingly been the target of abuse from fans, opted to keep the status quo — a decision that is sure to divide opinion. "Our ambition is to win the Premier League and other major trophies in Europe," Kroenke said.

"It's what the fans, players, staff, manager and board expect and we won't rest until that is achieved. Arsene is the best person to help us make that happen. He has a fantastic track record and has our full backing."

Wenger joined Arsenal in 1996, making him by far the longest-serving current manager in English football. He has won three Premier League titles and a record seven FA Cup titles — the most recent coming on Saturday with a 2-1 win over Chelsea. Arsenal qualified for the Champions League in every full season under Wenger until this year, when the team missed out after finishing fifth in the Premier League. **AP**

TENNIS | FRENCH OPEN

Serena's back at a Slam! OK, sort of; she watched Venus win

Howard Fendrich, Paris

SERENA Williams was back on the Grand Slam scene yesterday, only she was snacking on a piece of fruit while sitting in a shaded part of the stands at the French Open, watching her older sister win in straight sets instead of playing a match herself.

About six months pregnant, and off the WTA tour for the rest of this season, Williams was blase about attending a major tournament as a spectator rather than a participant.

"It feels fine. I don't feel anything," she said yesterday before leaving the Roland Garros grounds. "It's just a part of my life."

As everyone connected

to the sport acknowledges, tennis events simply are not the same without Williams in the draw. She generates attention and wins more than her share of trophies — the Australian Open championship in January, while she already was expecting, was her 23rd at a Slam.

She beat her sister Venus in that final. Now Venus is the only Williams who'll be in tournament brackets until 2018, when Serena vows to return.

"I'm sure she feels the excitement of being at a major and not having the pressure to play and prepare. Must be an interesting feeling, to say the least," the 10th-seeded Venus said after taking 11

of the last 12 games and beating Kurumi Nara of Japan 6-3, 6-1 to get to the third round. "But she knows exactly what it's like out there, and she's had a lot of success here."

Serena has won the French Open three times, in 2002 (Venus was her opponent in the final), 2013 and 2015.

So what's it like for her to be an observer nowadays?

"It's like any athlete: When you watch another player, you can see everything that they're not doing and you want to get out there and do it yourself. That's the way it is," said the sisters' mother, Oracene Price. "She can't wait to come back, though. Actually, she's working

toward it now."

Yes, Serena is not staying idle. Her coach, Patrick Mouratoglou, said Serena recently texted him "and she said: 'It's going to sound weird, but I'm going on the court. I don't want to lose my touch.' That was her joke, talking about losing her touch. But she wants to keep in contact with the racket and the ball. There is no doubt that she plans to come back."

Mouratoglou added that Serena already is talking about making it back in time to play the Australian Open next January.

"For anyone, it sounds impossible, because it's too short a time after you give birth," said Mouratoglou, who noted that he



Serena Williams of the U.S. (center) watches her sister Venus Williams' match against Japan's Kurumi Nara

is planning to continue as her coach whenever she is ready to return to competition.

"But Serena is Serena. There is no rule that you can apply to Serena. She has a body that is not anybody's body. She has a

will that is also completely unusual. She is one of a kind," he said. "I never see any limits for her and put any limits to her, because that would be wrong. So if she says Australian Open, it's going to be the Australian Open." **AP**

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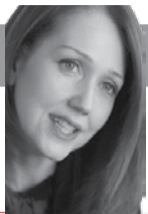
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THE DESK GRAB: OFFICE COLONIALISM

There's a lot to swallow in a modern office. Rage when logged out of a hot-desk. And Marks and Spencer miniature food in buckets.

I don't spend much time in offices. Never have done. Usually I've been an on-the-road TV correspondent or a columnist, which is a job by statute done in pyjamas. Recently this has changed, with my spending a couple of days a week down the corporate salt mines. (Or up the corporate salt mines, given most Hong Kong offices are in towers.)

This office stint is raising a philosophical question about hot-desking. Do you log other people out of computers and take a desk? Did Descartes ever write about hot-desking? Did Kant? The desk doctrine. Log-on logic.

The empirical experience happens when I am out filming. Upon return, there's a person at my elected hot-desk and my notepad, pen, and newspaper have been shunted aside. I hover, somewhat baffled, and hear a mutter the raider had to check something on a database and a subsequent mutter that he will move. He doesn't.

Sometimes this guy sits at the desk, sometimes I do. Evidently he wants to make it 'his desk', that grey area of hot-desking when a person seeks to establish seigneurial (sign-on-eurial?) rights over a computer.

There were different desks free, but he is marking his office turf.

I repair to another seat, which turns out to have fun neighbours: a nice dividend of my enforced migration. Nonetheless, the desk grab offends me. I feel displaced. Ousted. I finally begin to understand how the Chinese mainland felt about Hong Kong. Seizing someone's desk and logging on is a small-scale office version of colonialism.

What to do longer term? How to get my handover? Come in early - it would amuse me to do that on July 1 - retake the desk but endure sullen retaliation? This at least means I am standing up for my gender because, honestly, no woman would have logged someone out of a computer and taken a desk. We don't start wars over territory.

Whilst pondering, I snack. This raises another office issue relating to bums on seats; this time size not location. There was a study earlier in the year saying office snacks make you fat. I am seeing this potential.

Marks and Spencer are the tidbits culprits. They do buckets of mini snacks. Mini teacakes, mini granola bites covered in yoghurt, mini chocolate-drizzled cornflake bites, mini flapjacks, mini Swiss rolls. All in plastic pails which mean the snack table has more buckets than a sea-side 7-11.

M&S doesn't brand these 'office snacks' but they should, targeting Sunday late afternoon shoppers with a banner over the buckets: 'BACK TO WORK DEALS. TWO BUCKETS FOR HK\$88.'

From my distant hot-desk, I also enjoy the protocol of office snacks. Dainties. Itsy bitsy bites. Trifling but not trifle. No spoons, please. It has to be a mouthful, no bigger.

The packaging may not rustle— too much cardboard commotion or unwrapping fanfare and the regularity of your stops at the snack table will become office gossip. Snack silently. Marks & Spencer's buckets pass all of these tests: press on lid; 50 calories per snack; morsel-approved.

I speculate about asking the desk-grabber if he'd like to write his bucket list. The cover: I'm inquiring about his preferred mini-snacks. The reality: to sound mini-menacing.

Still, perhaps it's for the best. The desk being fought over is by the buckets. Better to sit elsewhere, than munch on mini-everything all day? Fewer calories. Alternatively, I will just hope it doesn't happen again. After all, the era of colonialism is over.

THE SOCIAL MEDIA RUSHES TO DEFINE TRUMP'S 'COVFEFE' TWEET

A midnight tweet from President Donald Trump has social media trying to find a meaning in the mysterious term "covfefe."

Trump tweeted just after midnight Eastern time yesterday: "Despite the constant negative press covfefe."

The tweet immediately went viral and became one of the president's more popular posts before it was taken down after nearly six hours online. Trump poked fun at the typo, tweeting around 6 a.m., "Who can figure out the true meaning

of "covfefe" ??? Enjoy!"

The term became a top trending item on Twitter, with many users supplying tongue-in-cheek meanings. One user joked that "covfefe" is already a popular name for babies in states that voted for Trump. Silicon Valley executive Andrew Crow went as far to change his last name on Twitter to "Covfefe."

Dictionary publisher Merriam-Webster checked in with an eye-rolling tweet about people looking up "covfefe" on its website.

HABITS DIE HARD

China struggles to kick world-leading cigarette habit



Matthew Brown, Beijing

MOST smokers in China, the world's largest tobacco consumer, have no intention of kicking the habit and remain unaware of some of its most damaging health effects, Chinese health officials and outside researchers said yesterday.

An estimated 316 million people smoke in China, almost a quarter of the population, and concerns are growing about the long-term effects on public health and the economy.

The vast majority of smokers are men, of whom 59 percent told surveyors that they have no plans to quit, according to a decade-long study by the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention and Canadian researchers with the International Tobacco Control project.

Such numbers have prompted efforts to restrict the formerly ubiquitous practice. Major cities including Beijing and Shanghai having recently moved to ban public smoking, with Shanghai's prohibition going into effect in March. In 2015, the central government approved a modest nationwide cigarette tax increase.

But Chinese and international health officials argue that more is needed, including a nationwide public smoking ban, higher cigarette

taxes and more aggressive health warnings. Such actions are "critically important," Yuan Jiang, director of tobacco control for the Chinese Center for Disease Control, said in a statement released with the study.

A public smoking ban appeared imminent last year. The government health ministry said in December that it would happen by the end of 2016, but that has yet to materialize.

"They have to figure out what's important as a health policy," said Geoffrey Fong of Canada's University of Waterloo, one of the authors of yesterday's study. "Every third man that you pass on the street in China will die of cigarettes. ...When you have cheap cigarettes, people will smoke them."

In line with global trends, smoking rates among Chinese have fallen slowly over the past 25 years, by about 1 percent annually among men and 2.6 percent among women, according to a separate study published in April in the medical journal The Lancet.

Yet because of China's population growth — 1.37 billion people at last count — the actual number of smokers has continued to increase. Rising prosperity means cigarettes have become more affordable, while low taxes keep the

cost of some brands at less than \$1 a pack.

Sixty percent of Chinese smokers were unaware that cigarettes can lead to strokes and almost 40 percent weren't aware that smoking causes heart disease, according to the study, which was released on World No Tobacco Day, when the World Health Organization and others highlight health risks associated with tobacco use.

Judith Mackay, an anti-tobacco advocate based in Hong Kong, said China has made strides with the public smoking bans in some cities and a similar ban covering schools and universities, but that's not enough.

"This is the first time there has been a report looking at the overall picture of where China stands," said Mackay, senior adviser at Vital Strategies, a global health organization. "The reality is, it's falling behind."

Mackay blamed behind the scenes lobbying by China's state-owned tobacco monopoly for impeding efforts to toughen tobacco policies. The State Tobacco Monopoly Administration did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Government agencies and research institutes in China, Canada and the United States funded the study. AP

Station	Air quality
Roadside	25-45 Good
High Density Residential Area	30-50 Good
Ambient	30-50 Good

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS

MALAYSIA A Malaysia Airlines plane was forced to return to Australia yesterday after a disruptive passenger attempted to enter the cockpit, the airline said. The airplane landed safely and the passenger was detained by airport security personnel, while the other passengers left the plane safely.



SRI LANKA The death toll from mudslides and floods in Sri Lanka has climbed past 200, with 96 others missing, the government said yesterday. Sri Lanka's army, navy and air force are continuing relief and rescue efforts, supported by divers and navy personnel who have arrived from India.

RUSSIAN warships in the Mediterranean Sea have fired four cruise missiles at the Islamic State group's positions in Syria, the Russian defense ministry said yesterday.

KENYA's president on Tuesday opened the country's largest infrastructure project since independence, a Chinese-backed railway costing nearly USD3.3 billion that eventually will link a large part of East Africa to a major port on the Indian Ocean as China seeks to increase trade and influence.



FRANCE President Emmanuel Macron yesterday justified his choice to back two ministers in his government whose past actions have clouded the new leader's effort to clean up politics. Macron said that only the justice system, and not media reports, can decide whether the two will be prosecuted.

BRAZIL President Michel Temer insisted he'll stay on the job until his term ends in December 2018 despite growing calls for his resignation over corruption allegations.