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**VIETNAM** has agreed to give Czech citizens visa exemptions for up to 15 days to boost tourism between the two countries under an agreement reached in Hanoi yesterday.

**INDONESIA** Six Islamic militants accused by Indonesian police of plotting to fire a rocket at downtown Singapore from a nearby island were sentenced to prison yesterday on charges of harboring and training extremists. More on p14

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**JAPAN** Five workers at a Japanese nuclear facility that handles plutonium have been exposed to high levels of radiation after a bag containing highly radioactive material apparently broke during an equipment inspection, the Japan Atomic Energy Agency said yesterday.

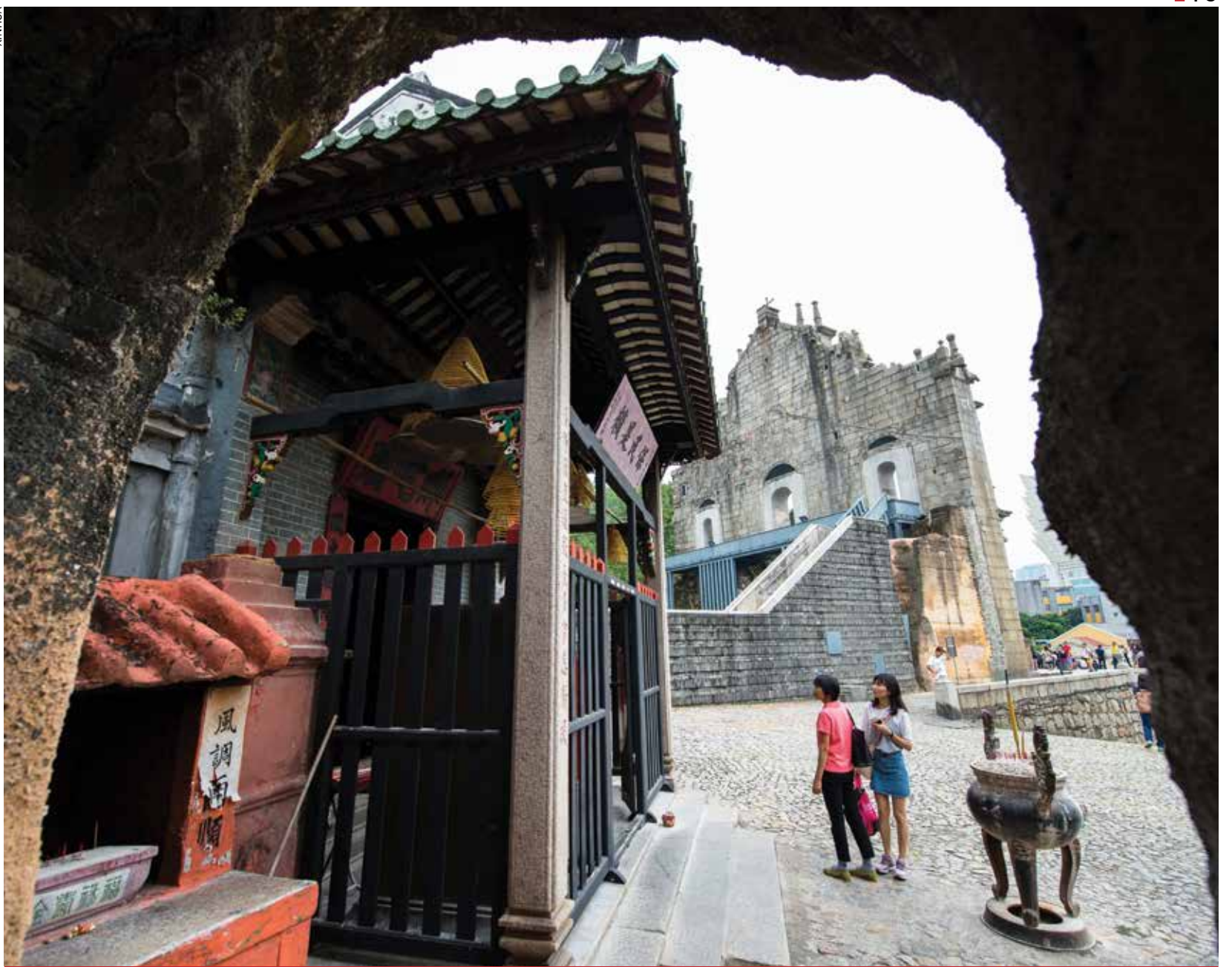
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## ON THE FRONT LINE

# Contenders trade blows on last day of campaign

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Prime Minister Theresa May speaks during a campaign visit to Norwich



Labour party leader Jeremy Corbyn speaks at an event in Runcorn

Jill Lawless, London

BRITAIN'S political leaders crisscrossed the country on the last day of the general election campaign yesterday, with security dominating the agenda in the wake of the London Bridge attack.

The main contenders are battling over who will keep Britain safer from an ever-morphing terrorist threat.

Conservative Prime Minister Theresa May has promised to crack down on extremism if she wins Thursday's vote — even if that means watering down human rights legislation.

Her main opponent, Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn, said the real danger comes from Conservative cuts to police budgets.

"We won't defeat terrorists by ripping up our basic rights and our democracy," Corbyn said.

May began the day with an early morning visit to Smithfield meat market in London, where she was heckled by some butchers shouting "vote Labour."

She called the snap election in a bid to boost the Conservative majority in Parliament, which May says will strengthen Britain's hand in divorce talks with the European Union.

"Get those negotiations wrong and the consequences will be dire," she said.

Labour has had a better campaign than many expected, with opinion polls showing a narrowing of the gap between the party and the Conservatives. Corbyn, widely written off at the start of the campaign, has drawn

## ■ The election outcome may depend on the turnout among young people, traditionally the least likely to vote

thousands of people to upbeat rallies and energized young voters with his plans to boost public spending after years of Conservative austerity.

Corbyn planned to address six rallies in England, Scotland and Wales, ending in his north London constituency on Wednesday night.

He said Thursday's vote offered a clear choice between "another five years of a Tory government, underfunding of services all across the UK [...] or a Labour government that invests for all, all across Britain."

Attacks in Manchester on May 22 and London on Saturday have put the threat from international terrorism at the center of the campaign.

Corbyn has criticized cuts to the police under the Conservatives, which saw the number of officers fall by almost 20,000 between 2010 and 2016.

The Tories, meanwhile, have increased their attacks on Corbyn's security record. He opposed British military interventions in Afghanistan, Iraq and Libya, wants to scrap Britain's nuclear arsenal and shared platforms with Irish republicans in the years when the IRA was setting off bombs in Britain.

Conservative-supporting newspapers went on the attack against Corbyn yesterday. The Daily Mail branded him and senior colleagues "apologists for terror," while the Daily Express exhorted: "Vote

May or we face disaster."

It's unclear whether Britain's anxiety about terrorism will benefit May, as the incumbent prime minister, or whether criticism of her record in government will hit home.

"I was going to vote Labour and I'm still going to vote Labour," said Tom Lewis, an insurance broker walking in Borough, the London neighborhood hit in Saturday's attack.

"I think that the idea of the Tories being strong on security is a bit of a red herring because they are unwilling to pay for more police. Fundamentally that's what you need for security. Cutting human rights doesn't necessarily increase security — it can very often decrease security."

The latest opinion polls vary between a solid Conservative lead and a dead heat. The difference depends largely on the predicted size of turnout among young people, traditionally the least likely to vote.

One of Corbyn's top allies, Diane Abbott, stepped down temporarily because of illness, the party said yesterday.

Abbott, Labour's spokeswoman on law and order, has been ridiculed by opponents for poor performances in interviews during the campaign. In one she said Labour would hire more police officers at a cost of 30 pounds (USD39) each. She amended that with a larger but also incorrect figure. AP

## UK GENERAL ELECTION

# British nationals

Daniel Beitler

ON the two biggest issues of the U.K. general election, the country's withdrawal from the European Union and the threat of Islamic terrorism, Brits living in Macau told the Times yesterday that they think incumbent Prime Minister Theresa May is slightly more suited for the job.

But only slightly, they insisted, recalling a similar political climate around the U.S. presidential election last year, when presidential candidates Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton were both broadly unpopular with the public.

A very recent poll conducted in the U.K. by Opinium showed that some 42 percent of respondents think that May would make a better prime minister, with just 26 percent preferring Corbyn. As in the case of Trump and Clinton, the leading contenders in Britain have been beset by their low personal approval ratings in the run-up to today's vote.

Suzanne Watkinson, managing director of Ambiente Properties, told the Times last night that her "burning issue" in the campaign was how the Brexit negotiations will be handled and whether that will impact Brits living and retiring in the European Union. She thinks that Theresa May is marginally better suited for the task of leading the negotiations.

"Better the devil you know than the devil you don't," said Watkinson. "Better stick with May."

"Brexit will still be central, but terrorism will also be a major deciding factor. These threads will be woven together in peoples' minds as they head to the polls," she added, but hinted that her vote of confidence would go to the incumbent.

Watkinson's compatriot, Eileen Stow, the chief executive of Lord Stow's Bakery, admitted that she thought May would negotiate a more advantageous withdrawal from the EU than Corbyn, but said that it pained her to admit that.

"I'm the daughter of a Labour man, brought up Labour, and I would probably vote Labour if I could. However, although I regret to say it, I think that Theresa May probably has a better chance of getting us a better deal out of Brexit," said Stow. "In terms of security, I also have to take Theresa May's view that 'enough is enough'. That's what everyone is saying and I stand with the [Labour] Mayor of London [Sadiq Khan], who is a Muslim himself."

Meanwhile, University of Macau professor Glenn Timmermans is divided between the two leading candidates and suggested that, were he to vote, it would be for Britain's Liberal Democrat party, which is likely to come third or fourth among nationwide parties in the election.

"I've never liked the Liberal Democrats but I would have voted Lib Dem in the election, if I could vote," said Timmermans. ►

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# in Macau prefer May, but only just

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British PM Theresa May

Up to three million Brits living abroad, including Watkinson, Stow and Timmermans, will not be permitted to cast their ballot in tomorrow's election, because they have lived overseas for more than 15 years. The prohibition is in place despite a Tory pledge to give foreign nationals votes for life.

In a statement issued by the U.K. government in April, a cabinet spokesperson said that there was not sufficient time before the election to enfranchise all British expats and scrap the 15-year time limit.

"A month ago, it was just a for-

## NO FOLLOW-UP AFTER CALL FOR LOCAL TRADE NEGOTIATION HELP

AT A celebration event for the 10th anniversary of the British Business Association of Macau (BBAM) in July last year, former U.K. Consul General Caroline Wilson said that Hong Kong and Macau would remain a "priority market" for the U.K. The celebration, which was held less than a month after the Brexit referendum, was also an occasion for the British community in Macau to come to terms with the decision, which they had overwhelmingly

opposed in interviews with the Times. Speaking alongside the British Trade Commissioner for Hong Kong and Macau, Frances Moffett-Kouadio, Wilson said that the government would be reaching out to British expatriates in Macau to seek on-the-ground knowledge ahead of potential trade negotiations. Eileen Stow, a founder member of BBAM, told the Times yesterday that, to the best of her knowledge, there has been no outreach as of yet.

mality, with Theresa May expected to get a thumping [significant] majority," Timmermans told the Times yesterday, expressing his frustration. "It's really amazing how she has just [expletive] this up... It's extraordinary that we might go to the polls and [elect] a hung parliament."

A hung parliament is an expression used to describe a situation under a parliamentary system where no one political party controls an absolute majority.

With regards to security, Timmermans echoes the sentiments of Watkinson in that the two options can be reduced down to a

choice of the lesser evil.

"Although May might be slightly damaged by her reputation as Home Secretary – like cutting police numbers – Corbyn has also had affiliations with the IRA [Irish Republican Army] and Islamic terrorism. [...] I think that this could make him a liability, and with the country nervous, we don't want to trust an unknown entity," he said.

On the other hand, "May has come across very badly in this campaign because she took [over] the leadership by default and has shown a general unwillingness to engage [in election debates]," the UM professor continued.

"I think that she has lost stature by calling the election. Like Brexit, which was a Tory party squabble, it was a mistake. Had she not called the election, she would be in a better, stronger position. I think she miscalculated."

Now, in order to justify having called the election, the incumbent prime minister will need to attain a significant victory and expand on the 12-seat majority she currently controls, inherited from her predecessor, David Cameron in his, unexpected electoral success in 2015.

But even then, that may not be enough to save her job.

May's campaign strategy has seen the Conservative leader, once commanding a position of unassailable strength, reduced to a mere participant in a contest that has become increasingly narrow. According to some of the latest polls, just 6 percentage points now stand between them.

"I regret to say it, but I think Theresa May will win," remarked Stow when pressed for an opinion, despite the narrowing of the polls. "When given a choice between two [options], it will always be close. If you had a strong choice between three – a real choice – it wouldn't be so close."

"I suppose the smart money is still on May getting a respectable majority," Timmermans complemented, but speculated that it would be her last election as Tory leader whatever the outcome. "Unless she gets a triumph in the election and with the Brexit negotiations, she will not be there in five years' time."

## ANALYSIS

# UK's strange election about nothing

BRITAIN'S vote today is set to be a textbook example of the limits of elections. When choices are clear, and articulated by strong leaders, elections can move politics forward. When choices aren't clear, and parties don't know what they stand for, votes resolve nothing.

Six weeks ago, U.K.

Prime Minister Theresa May's call for a snap election made sense. With her popularity high and her Labour Party opponents in disarray, she hoped to strengthen her position in Parliament, undercutting her party's euroskeptic hardliners and making it easier for her to negotiate the terms of Britain's

divorce from the European Union.

Things haven't gone according to plan. New terrorist atrocities have sidelined discussion about Brexit, such as it was. May has waged a weak campaign and seen the once-commanding lead of her Conservative Party evaporate. A Labour win still looks

unlikely, but anything less than a big Tory victory will leave May diminished, and the outlook for Brexit even more muddled.

Fact is, on the two main issues – Britain's exit from the EU and the persistent threat of Islamist terrorism – there isn't much difference between the main par-

ties. The Labour opposition isn't promising to reverse Brexit, only to make it less disruptive. (It hasn't said how.) On counterterrorism policy, both parties have deplored the attacks with equal conviction and run up against the same familiar, intractable trade-offs between security and civil liberties.

All of which has lent a strange air of near-irrelevance to Thursday's vote. Issues of world-historical import bear down on British voters

– and the election has had almost nothing to say about them. Instead, the parties have been squabbling about May's so-called dementia tax and Labour's half-baked economic plan.

Taking the parties' programs at face value, the Tories make a far better case. Yet it's come down to a confidence vote on the two leaders, May and Jeremy Corbyn. At a moment of great political stress, Britain finds it has little confidence in either. **Bloomberg**





## Committee: New terminal size 'appropriate'

Ho Hoi Leng, assistant coordinator of the Social Services Advisory Committee of the Islands, said that the new Taipa Maritime Terminal is not as large as commonly perceived. "Maybe it is due to us seeing a temporarily low usage rate, which makes us feel that the new terminal is relatively big," explained Ho, adding that she disagreed with the proposition. "We must not see just what is in front of us. When speaking from a perspective in terms of long-term development, Macau really needs a ferry terminal of a scale capable of meeting further social developments." Ho made her comments during a visit her committee paid to the new terminal.

## Restaurant closed after second food safety violation

The restaurant Lakeport Party Paradise, which previously provided unsafe food to a party held by the Centro Hospitalar Conde de São Januário (CHCSJ), has been found to have provided unsafe food to the Public Security Police Force detention center. Last week, the PSP immigration department detention center served food ordered from the aforementioned restaurant to five people who were awaiting deportation from Macau. The five people, after eating the food, showed symptoms of a gastroenteritis, and were admitted to a local hospital. They have since returned to the PSP detention center. The Civil and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) has closed Lakeport Party Paradise in response.

# CESL Asia to host sports day this Saturday

CESL Asia is slated to hold its CESL Asia and Friends Sport Fun Day this coming Saturday at the Workers Stadium, with this edition expected to feature a greater number of participants and supporting entities than previous ones.

The event is expected to gather partners in government, the private sector and community groups in Macau, all united by their common interest in promoting social integration and the harmonious development of the community.

The funds raised from CESL Asia contributions and event participants will be donated to the Macau Special Olympics (MSO) to support its local charitable undertakings.

The annual sports day aims to promote healthy activities among MSO students.

"We believe that [...] the

community can give [the students] more opportunities to work as it's really hard for them to get a job," said CESL Asia's chief financial officer Pamela Chow.

"This is why we hope we can influence the community and even our clients [to] help support MSO," she added.

This year's edition aims to attract a greater number of participants by including a bocce ball tournament alongside the annual football tournament.

The bocce tournament is designed to foster face-to-face interactions among participating teams of MSO athletes and families, and also to cultivate mutual understanding. According to the organizer, the event will also feature a kids' corner.

There will be about 50 individuals expected to play football and bocce during the event, along

with about 100 volunteers.

According to Chow, CESL expects between 200 and 300 people to attend the event.

The chief financial officer also noted that this year's event is expected to attract a growth in the number of participants, compared to previous editions.

"There's a growth [in participants]. There's so many more people that are joining in. Those companies are well-known companies [and] we hope that we can bring a good message to the community," Chow said.

Supporting entities of this event include local banks, gaming operators, universities and local associations.

The annual sports day event is part of the "CESL Asia Social Investment" scheme, which commenced 20 years ago.



Pamela Chow

Chow said that the company aims to invest in the local community in a bid to help "grow a city" – the company's motto.

"Apart from growing the city, we hope build up relationship with all the companies, especially those companies that contribute to Macau's community. That's why we try to connect everyone together," Chow said. LV

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# New Macau slams gov't for failing to respond to UNESCO

Renato Marques

**T**HE New Macau Association (ANM) is echoing UNESCO's concerns about the "slow progress" for a comprehensive urban plan to protect the world heritage sites in Macau.

During a press conference held yesterday, the association's resigning president Scott Chiang noted that the government had published a "management plan" for public consultation but "stopped there. "Nothing went beyond the consultation and we don't see any solid scheduling on when it will materialize," he said.

UNESCO's World Heritage Committee (WHC) published some of the working documents online, which will be addressed during the 41st session its World Heritage Committee (WHC), scheduled to be held from July 2 to 12 in Krakow, Poland.

The concerns include the impact of high-rise buildings on the Guia Lighthouse area, Area B of the new reclamation land that might impact the integrity of the Penha Hill and lastly the abandoned high-rise project at Calçada do Gaio.

Those issues, according to UNESCO, pose a serious threat to the integrity of the historic center of Macau.

"We have been talking about this for years and we have seen very little substance from the Macau government," Chiang said.

The WHC document states in its analysis and conclusions, "The possible impact of high-rise developments on the landscape of Guia Lighthouse and Penha Hill, as well as growing concerns about the lack of a Protection and Management Plan could have serious consequences" for the classification of the histori-

## ■ UNESCO warns of 'serious consequences' for the classification of the historical center of Macau as part of World Heritage

cal centre of Macau as part of World Heritage, which was obtained in 2005.

"The current issue of height restrictions concerning the project at Macau Fisherman's Wharf, the proposals for land reclamation around the property, and possible developments involving high-rise buildings all raise serious concerns," the document reads.

Furthermore, "information on the expected timescale for the completion of the Management Plan [requested by February 1 2015] has not been provided," which raises concerns due to the "slow progress with the completion of the comprehensive Urban Plan, which was requested on several occasions."

UNESCO requested that the MSAR submit an updated report on the state of the conservation of the property and the implementation of the above to the World Heritage Centre, which will be examined at its 43rd session in 2019. The deadline for submission is December 1, 2018.

During yesterday's press conference, the president of ANM compared the Macau government to a "school boy that is very late in turning in his homework."

Remarking on the possibility of justifications from the government on the delays, Chiang said, "I don't know what you can say to the profes-

sor when you are so late – two years late in turning in your report – but whatever words might come out from their honorable mouth might not be a remedy for this situation."

According to Chiang, the first thing the government should do is to "acknowledge their lack of responsibility [in addressing the issue] in the past." He recalled when Macau managed to have the heritage sites listed by UNESCO in 2005, when the incumbent Chief Executive was the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture and "whatever we promised at that time to the international community was promised by him and we clearly failed [to deliver] that promise."

"What are we going to do now, from today on, to actually satisfy the requirements? It would be good if [the Macau government] could make a solid promise that would make the committee change their mind and flex a little the final report," said



Chiang. "We [don't want and] are not looking for the humiliation of Macau and of the Macau people."

When questioned on what the association proposes should be done, Chiang responded, "The UNESCO report is quite clear in stating the problems and what should be done [by the government], and we agree with that."

The New Macau Association met with the director UNESCO's World Heritage Committee in December last year.

## Cultural Affairs Bureau acknowledges concerns

**T**HE Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) addressed the WHC report during a press conference yesterday, informing that the bureau will be attending the July meeting in Poland, along with a delegation from the People's Republic of China State Cultural Heritage Administration.

Contrary to what ANM stated, the president of the IC, Leung Hio Ming, said: "The wording from WHC isn't that hard. It is just a formal way to address the issue," he said, stating that he has been in contact with the organization.

"It is an important issue and we are concerned with it, but as they [WHC] mentioned to us, it is just a list of points in which we have to work with a given deadline until the end of 2018."

Leung also mentioned that after the report was acknowledged by the IC on May 22, a delegation from the IC travelled last



week to Beijing to attend a meeting with the central authorities on the matter and discuss the preparation of the July meeting in Poland with China's experts. The president of the IC also acknowledged that this meeting was suggested by the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam.

Leung also recalled that Macau is included in the Cultural Heritage of China, who is the formal member, adding, "If we need to address the members, it can't be us [Ma-

cau] doing it, [it must be] the central government authorities."

When questioned on how Macau will justify the delays in the delivery of the requested documents, the chief of the Cultural Heritage Department of the IC, Leong Wai Man, responded: "The heritage law was only approved in 2013 and was only in force from 2014." He added that the government plan that was open for public consultation will "this year enter its second phase."

Leung further said that the IC "is confident to have the work on the administrative regulation for the plan of safeguarding the historical center done, to be submitted during the mid-term of next year," reaffirming that the region "will comply with the requests of WHC as soon as possible."

"We are doing our very best to protect all our heritage," he added.

## Scott Chiang to keep leading New Macau until elections



**O**N the sidelines of New Macau Association (ANM) press conference regarding the UNESCO World Heritage Committee report on Macau heritage, Scott Chiang admitted he will postpone his departure from the association until after the elections.

"I was asked to reconsider on my decision [to leave the Association] and my answer was no! I will still leave but in order to make it easier on everybody work I'll stay in charge until after the election," Chiang said reaffirming that he will not be "on the [elec-

tion] ticket. That is very clear."

Regarding the leadership of the association, Chiang also said that there are two options to be taken by the general assembly in order to find a new leading team.

He also remarked that while he will be leaving

ANM, he will not be fully disconnected from it, justifying the decision with the need of taking the helm of Macau Concealers – which will lose Jason Chao, who is preparing to leave the region in late September or early October.



# Five election nomination applications approved

**T**HE Electoral Affairs Commission for the Legislative Assembly Election (CAEAL) confirmed that as of yesterday, it has approved five applications for legal status as submitted by respective nomination committees.

Speaking to reporters after the Commission meeting, Commission chairman Tong Hio Fong said a total of eight applications for legal status of nomination of committees have been submitted. Additional documentation is required for the three pending applications, he added.

Applications for the 2017 election nomination committees will close on June 20. The election will be held on September 17. A nomination committee must contain at least 300, but no more than 500 voters. Voter names can be drawn only from the official list of natural person voters.

Tong said the CAEAL has so far identified 14 cases of an individual signing nomination papers for more than one nomination committee. The Secretariat of the Commission has since met with seven of the 14 to gain a better understanding of the reason for their duplicated signatures, and will meet with the remaining seven in the near future.



Aspect of yesterday's meeting

According to Tong, the Commission intends to conduct a more comprehensive analysis of the issue once the nomination committee formation phase had been concluded. The CAEAL has stepped up efforts in educating voters that they are only entitled to endorse a single nomination committee,

he added.

The controversy surrounding the multiple nominations was sparked last month when the CAEAL found two instances of individuals signing the nomination papers of more than one nomination committee and forwarded the cases to the police. It later surfaced that the case was partly a result of disparate translations of the Electoral Law in Chinese and Portuguese.

# Sao Tome appoints representative to Forum Macau

**S**ÃO Tomé and Príncipe has appointed Gualter Vera Cruz as the representative to the Forum for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries (Forum Macau), according to Xu Yingzhen, the Secretary-General of the institution.

With the appointment of Cruz, who is an advisor to the São Tomé and Príncipe minister of finance, trade, and economics, Forum Macau will have delegates from the eight Portuguese-speaking countries: Angola, Brazil, Cape Verde, Guinea Bissau, Mozambique, Portugal, São Tomé and Príncipe, and East Timor.

Vera Cruz will take office during the next regular meeting of the organization's permanent secretariat.

São Tomé and Príncipe was admitted to Forum Macau in March 2017 after re-establishing diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China in December 2016.

Forum Macau is undergoing a phase of internal adjustment and restructuring to provide faster and more effective responses to its role linking Chi-

na with Portuguese-speaking countries.

In addition to the 2016 nomination of the new Secretary-General, Xu Yingzhen, the Ministry of Commerce of China has also appointed Ding Tian as Deputy Secretary-General this year. Ding joins Echo Chan and Mozambican diplomat Vicente Manuel, who both hold the same title, but were appointed by the Macau government and the Portuguese-speaking countries respectively.

Manuel will soon retire from his role and will be replaced by Portuguese economist Rodrigo Brum.

As part of the restructuring of Forum Macau, and as the Times reported earlier this week, the local government has appointed Teresa Mok as coordinator of the Support Office of the Permanent Secretariat.

The coordinating structure of Forum Macau also includes Hu Huajun as the coordinator of the Management Office and Timor-Leste representative Danilo Henriques as the liaison office coordinator representing the Portuguese-speaking countries. **MDT/Macauhub**

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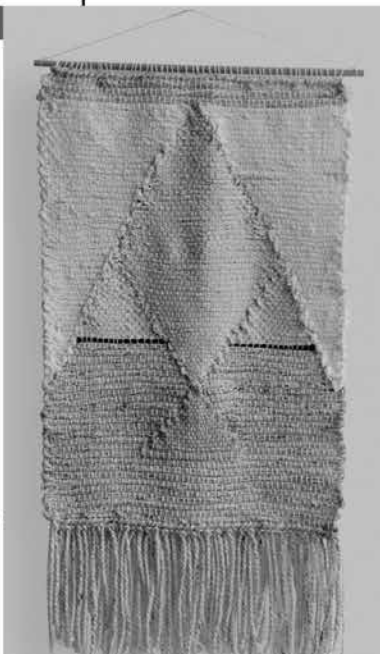
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## EDUCATION

# Mainland-Macau youth exchange to be expanded

Julie Zhu

**T**HE Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ) will expand youth exchange programs between mainland China and Macau. This information was revealed during a DSEJ press conference organized yesterday.

The bureau also conducted a plenary meeting during which several topics in relation to youth affairs were discussed.

Chan Un Peng, a division chief at the Department of Youth of DSEJ, said that enhancing youth exchange activities between mainland China and Macau means that a greater number of young people will be involved.

Additional exchange programs of different types will be added, with the mainland side launching more enterprise programs for youths from Macau, Hong Kong and Taiwan.



Local students pictured during a graduation ceremony

The Chief of the Department of Youth of DSEJ, Un Hoi Cheng, explained that enriching mainland and Macau youth exchange programs “allows the Macau youth to understand the development of the country as well as its history and culture.” Un further noted that Macau’s education instruction has requirements in relation to this topic.

In regard to the exact number of participants in previous exchange programs with the

Mainland, and the students who will be included in the future, Un claimed that the bureau currently has no data or information.

“There are many options and ways for the youth to go to the mainland, as many organizations offer such programs, but [DSEJ] temporarily has no data,” said Un, who also noted that “they [the aforementioned exchange programs] are not a project proposed by Macau,” reminding that the overall pro-

ject was advocated by mainland China.

In addition to these programs, the Youth Indicators of Macau will also be undergoing various changes.

The Youth Indicators of Macau, established in February 2003, covers 10 areas of research – including marriage and family, physical and mental health, civic duties and social participation, youth crime and deviant behaviors, values, and 80 additional indicators.

DSEJ noted that as society undergoes changes, new indicators should be established to reflect these changes.

Another important issue addressed during meeting was life education.

Chow Pui Leng, Director of the Centre of Psycho-pedagogical Support and Special Education of DSEJ, claimed that her service has always focused on life education, in particular by organizing training sessions for parents and funding associations to hold related events to aid local youth.

According to Chow, Macau currently has about 210 student consultants assigned across the region’s schools, half of whom hold psychology degrees. Multiple consultants are assigned to each school.



## WiFi street to cover Rua do Cunha

The Macau International Industrial Technology Development Association will launch another WiFi Street in mid-June to cover several areas in Taipa, including Rua do Cunha. Those who intend to access WiFi in the area should connect to the “wifiguide.mo” network. Currently, this network is available from the Istmo F. Amaral to the Lin Zexu Memorial Museum, next to the Amigos do Jardim Triângulo, spanning 1 km in total. A second WiFi Street is located on the central and southern area of Macau. The program has recorded 2.6 million users since its launch.

## SMJ to build building next to Lotus Square

According to a notice published in the Official Gazette yesterday, three land plots near Lotus Square will be used to construct an 18-story building. The lands has been allocated to the Sociedade de Turismo de Diversões de Macau (SMJ). In total, the three lands occupy an area of 3,876 square meters. The lands’ temporary concession is valid until December 20 2019, which means that the company must complete construction before this deadline.

## API calls for curb on illegal inns

The Alliance for Common People Building Up Macau (API) is calling for the government to combat illegal accommodation, urging them to amend the relevant laws because it is “severely affecting the security of communities.” Lawmaker Song Pek Kei noted that Macau law does not feature sufficient punishments for offences relating to illegal accommodation. She also noted that the Secretary for Social and Cultural Affairs, Alexis Tam, promised to improve the laws, but that no progress has been made thus far. Song added that it is necessary for the government to rethink how to more effectively combat illegal accommodation.

## FDCT launches subsidies targeting ‘smart city’ projects

**T**HE Science and Technology Development Fund (FDCT) has launched a new subsidy program for the region’s tech specialists to allow them to contribute to Macau’s development into a “smart city.”

The FDCT announced the program yesterday during a press conference.

The program’s first application period will be between June 15 and September 15. Individuals, enterprises, and research entities are eligible to apply.

Chan Wan Hei, member of the Administration Committee of the FDCT, spoke to the Times about the differences between this new program and the FDCT’s other programs.

According to Chan, applicants must deliver projects that are related to the concept of “smart cities,” addressing such topics as “smart traveling,” “smart medical care” or “smart government.”

“The projects that the applicants eventually submit must be feasible,” said Chan, adding that the development of apps or cloud-based solutions

are some of the possible ventures. “There are no requirements in terms of innovation, as long as the projects bring advantages to customers and residents,” said Chan, adding that “the projects should have market expectations.”

He also noted that the projects should allow designers to profit from using them, and should help Macau undergo industry transformation and create business opportunities.

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CHAN WAN HEI

The program has no restrictions regarding quotas, but the FDCT hopes that at least five subsidies can be given to applicants. However, as the number of offers is not fixed, the FDCT may not offer any subsidies if no projects

meet the quality requirements.

According to Chan, there had previously been a lack of funds supporting the development of technologies. He also added that this specific program is expected to support SMEs.

The largest subsidy available amounts to MOP500,000, and the longest research period will be 18 months. Only Macau residents and Macau companies are eligible to apply.

Regarding other FDCT subsidy projects, around 200 subsidies have been awarded so far, including programs which grant less than MOP500,000 and others that grant more than MOP500,000.

Half of each subsidy will be given to the selected applicants before they initiate their project development, with the other 50 percent being given after a final project report is delivered to the FDCT.

The FDCT emphasized that this program is not aiming at supporting applicants to only produce a paper, but those who can offer something applicable and deliverable. **JZ**

## IPIM starts ‘Conference Ambassador’ program

**T**HE Macau Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) has launched its “Conference Ambassador” program and invited six people from mainland China and abroad to be Macau’s “Conference Ambassadors”, who will jointly promote the development of the local MICE industry.

The “Conference Ambassador” program was launched by the MSAR jointly with experts from different fields in a bid to boost the local MICE industry.

The program is in line with the MSAR’s policy of giving “Priority to Conventions,” in a bid to drive the growth and development of Macau’s different business sectors.

It also aims to support the development of the professional sectors through the professional influence of “Ambassadors” in Mainland China and abroad, in addition to the co-operation of related entities within Macau.

According to IPIM, the MSAR will co-operate with the “Ambassadors” in several ways by combining efforts to attract a greater number of national and international conventions to Macau.

The six experts were invited from different sectors: medicine, construction, sport, information technology, and chemistry.

The experts include Orlando Monteiro da Silva, former president of FDI World Dental Federation, Zhu Lilan, former Minister of Science and Technology of the People’s Republic of China, He Jingtang, member of the Chinese Academy of Engineering and Li Ning, a former athlete of the Chinese Gymnastics Team.

Tsui Lap-Chee, a specialist in molecular genetics, and Liu Chung Laung, a member of the Advisory Board of the Macau Science and Technology Development Fund have also been named as ambassadors.



# International Conference on Belt and Road and Macao's Development

Date : 8-9 June 2017 Venue : Convention Center, the Macao Science Center  
Organisers : Policy Research Office of the Government of the Macao Special Administrative Region, The Macao Foundation, Grand Thought Think Tank

The conference will commence at 09:30 on 8 June. Under the theme of Belt and Road and Macao's Development, there will be an opening ceremony, a keynote address session and four sessions of dialogues, including:

1. Constructing the Belt and Road with Provinces of Guangdong and Fujian
2. The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, Southeast Asia and the "21st Century Maritime Silk Route"
3. Constructing the Belt and Road with Portuguese-Speaking Countries
4. Assisting the Belt and Road through People-to-People Connectivity

Speeches will be given by former political figures from China, Portugal, Thailand and Brazil, leaders from the business and overseas communities from home and abroad, international, mainland Chinese and Hong Kong experts and academics in the relevant fields, as well as several relevant local personalities.

\*Admission to this Conference by invitation letters only.

## International Conference on Belt and Road and Macao's Development List of Speakers and Guests

### Thursday, 8 June

Opening Ceremony (09:30-10:40)	
Mr. MA Chi Seng (Moderator)	Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Macao Special Administrative Region; President of Grand Thought Think Tank
President Li Zhaoxing	Honorary President of Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs; President of China Public Diplomacy Association; Former Foreign Minister of the People's Republic of China
Mr. WANG Bingnan	Assistant Minister of Commerce of the People's Republic of China
Mr. Paulo de Saaduna Cabral PORTAS	Chairman of International Strategic Council of Mota-Engil for Latin America and Africa; Former Deputy Prime Minister and Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Portuguese Republic
HE Professor Dr. SURAKIART Sathirathai	Chairman of Asian Peace and Reconciliation Council; Former Deputy Prime Minister and Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand
Mr. WANG Jing	Vice Chairman and President of CITIC Group Corporation
Keynote Speech (10:40-12:15) Topic: Belt and Road and Macao's Development	
Prof. HAO Yulan (Moderator)	Dean of Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Macau; Director-General of Grand Thought Think Tank
Arb. Rubens Antonio BARBOSA	President of the Institute of International Relations and Foreign Trade; Former Brazilian Ambassador to the United States of America
Prof. ZHENG Yongnian	Director of East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore
Prof. Richard ROBEY	Executive Director of China Institute in Australian National University; Former Australian Ambassador to Israel
Dr. Richard VUYLSTEKE	President of East-West Center, the United States of America
Prof. Gilmar MASIERO	Professor of the Faculty of Economics, Administration and Accounting, University of São Paulo
Prof. Maria Fernanda Pargana ILHEU	Coordinator of ChinaLogos of the School of Economics and Management of the University of Lisbon
Dr. Doug SANDOW	Senior Fellow at the Cato Institute, the United States of America
Dialogue I (14:30-15:45) Topic: Constructing the Belt and Road with Provinces of Guangdong and Fujian	
Prof. HAO Yulan (Moderator)	Dean of Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Macau; Director-General of Grand Thought Think Tank
Prof. WANG Jun	Dean of the Guangdong Academy of Social Sciences
Prof. CHEN Guanghan	Deputy Director and Principal Expert of the Institute of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao Development Studies, Sun Yat-sen University
Dr. GUO Wanda	Executive Vice-President of China Development Institute
Prof. ZHENG Xiangmin	Director of the Institute for Fujian and Macao Studies and Dean of the Institute of Tourism Safety, Huaqiao University
Prof. FANG Chuan	Vice President of the Macao University of Science and Technology; Dean of Graduate School

Dialogue II (15:45-17:00) Topic: The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, Southeast Asia and the "21st Century Maritime Silk Route"	
Dr. JEONG Tou Hong (Moderator)	Associate Director of the Institute of Macao Studies, the Macao Foundation
Prof. LING Kar Kar, JP	Honorary Professor, the University of Hong Kong; Former President of Hong Kong Institute of Planners
Prof. CHEN Dingding	Deputy Dean of 21st Century Silk Road Research Institution, Jinan University
Dr. CHAN Man Hung	Director of the One Belt One Road Research Institute, Chu Hai College of Higher Education, Hong Kong
Mr. SIO Chi Wai	Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Macao SAR; President of the Macao Development Strategy Research Center
Dr. VONG Chuk Kwan	President of the Institute for Tourism Studies, Macao
Dr. LAO Chi Ngai	Director of the Rector's Office of the University of Macau; Director-General of the Macao Economic Association

### Friday, 9 June

Dialogue III (09:30-11:00) Topic: Constructing the Belt and Road with Portuguese-Speaking Countries	
Prof. QIU Xiaohua (Moderator)	Director of the Institute of Economic Research, City University of Macau
Mr. LAI Xiaomin	Chairman of China Huarong Asset Management Co., Ltd.
Mr. FU Jiaqiao	Chairman of the Board of Nam Kwong (Group) Co., Ltd.
Mr. WANG Shaojun	President of the Macao Association of Banks; Branch Manager of the Bank of China Macau Branch
Prof. LEI Heong Lok	President of the Macao Polytechnic Institute
Prof. ZHANG Shuguang	Rector of the City University of Macau
Dialogue IV (11:00-12:15) Topic: Assisting the Belt and Road through People-to-People Connectivity	
Arb. LU Shumin (Moderator)	President of The United Nations Association of China; Council Member of Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs; Former Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the Macao SAR
Mr. MA Iao Lai	President of the Macao Chamber of Commerce
Mr. LAO Ngai Leong	President of the Association of Returned Overseas Chinese Macao
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# Air China swoops into Zurich in wake of Chinese takeover spree

Alice Baghdjian

AS Chinese appetite for Swiss companies grows, so is demand for flights between the two countries.

Air China Ltd. is seizing on an opportunity to jet more executives to Zurich by introducing its first direct flights from Beijing to the financial hub yesterday. Airbus SE A330-200s will ferry as many as 227 passengers between the cities four times a week.

"More and more Chinese companies are interested in investing in Switzerland," Chen Ge, general manager of Air China's Swiss branch, said in an interview in Zurich. "That's helpful for our operations because it means there are more businessmen traveling to Switzerland."

The start of the route follows on the heels of a string of Chinese takeovers

## ■ The start of the route follows on the heels of a string of Chinese takeovers in the central European country

in the central European country, the biggest of which was China National Chemical Corp.'s USD43 billion purchase of pesticide maker, Syngenta AG. Smaller deals have taken place in the aviation, energy and waste management industries.

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also stands to benefit from the new service. The company in September said it's setting up a commercial joint venture with Air China that allows the partners to coordinate schedules and prices on routes covered, which will include the German airlines' Swiss and Austrian arms.

Swiss and Air China already code-share on the airlines' twice weekly Geneva-Beijing route, meaning each carrier sells tickets for those flights. The cooperation will also include the new service offered by Air China to Zurich, and the companies will share the revenues generated from these flights once the joint venture is fully implemented.

The flights will not only haul executives to Switzerland, but also big-spending tourists seeking luxury goods. Some of the most

popular Swiss watch brands can be purchased at a lower price in continental Europe than in mainland China. Chinese consumers accounted for as much as half of the world's spending on Swiss timepieces in past years, according to Citigroup.

Swiss luxury-goods maker Richemont last month disclosed a 5 percent stake in Dufry AG, the world's largest travel retail company, after Chairman Johann Rupert predicted Chinese tourists will buoy the economic prospects of France, Italy and the rest of Europe.

While Air China's direct flights to Zurich are targeted mainly at business travelers, Chen Ge said he is also expecting a significant increase in the numbers of tourists.

"Switzerland is still a dream destination for the Chinese," he said. **Bloomberg**

## Electric car market goes zero to 2 million in five years

Jessica Shankleman

THE number of electric vehicles on the road rocketed to 2 million in 2016 after being virtually non-existent just five years ago, according to the International Energy Agency.

Registered plug-in and battery-powered vehicles on roads worldwide rose 60 percent from the year before, according to the Global EV Outlook 2017 report from the Paris-based IEA. Despite the rapid growth, electric vehicles still represent just 0.2 percent of total light-duty vehicles.

## ■ The Electric Vehicle Initiative will set a goal for 30pct market share for battery power cars by 2030

"China was by far the largest electric car market, accounting for more than 40 percent of the electric cars sold in the world and more than double the amount sold in the United States," the IEA wrote in the report published yesterday. "It is undeniable that the current electric car market uptake is largely influenced by the policy environment."

A multi government program called the Electric Vehicle Initiative will set a goal for 30 percent market share for battery power cars, buses, trucks and vans by 2030, according to IEA. The 10 governments in the initiative include China, France, Germany, the U.K. and U.S.

India, which isn't part of the group, said last month that it plans to sell only electric cars by the end of the next decade. Countries and cities are looking to electric vehicles to help tackle their air pollution problems.

In order to limit global warming to below 2 degrees Celsius, the target set by the landmark Paris Agreement on climate change, the world will need 600 million electric vehicles by 2040, according to the IEA. **Bloomberg**

## corporate bits

### MGM LAUNCHES ART WORKSHOPS



MGM Macau is launching a series of art workshops with the theme of "Gold" throughout this summer, celebrating its ongoing exhibition "A Golden Way of Life –



Très'Ors."

A total of four art workshops will be conducted by local artists and professionals, who will share their artistry and creativity with art enthusiasts,

according to a press release issued by the gaming operator.

A "Recycled Wine Bottle Craft Workshop" will be conducted on June 17, 18, 24 or 25. The workshop will allow participants to repurpose empty wine bottles and turn them into decorative vases with gold paint, gold powder and other golden touch-ups. "Midas Touch – Gilding Workshop," which will be held in July, will allow participants to learn how to use the various tools in this specialized craft.

MGM Macau is also hosting "More Broken, More Beautiful – Kintsukuroi Workshop" and "Tiny Golden World – Creative Frames Workshop" in July and August.

### CITY OF DREAMS' 'THE TASTING ROOM' REOPENS WITH NEW CHEF AND MENU



Two-Michelin-starred "The Tasting Room", at City of Dreams is reopening with a new head chef and an all-new menu of delights.

The French dining destination – which holds a Forbes Five-Star rating and is one

of two Macau restaurants to feature in the 2017 Asia's 50 Best Restaurants list – will now be helmed by Chef Fabrice Vulin.

Chef Fabrice draws upon his close relationships with artisanal food suppliers in

France and beyond to source exclusive and premium ingredients, according to a statement issued by Melco Resorts & Entertainment.

Chef Fabrice's new menu of classic and contemporary French dishes, available for a limited time, is the vintage Blonde d'Aquitaine beef from sixth-generation Parisian master butcher Alexandre Polmard.

Among the other menu highlights are white caviar by Kaviari of Paris, the 'Rolls-Royce of Oysters', fine cheeses including a 48-month Comté from world-class fromager Bernard Antony and multi-award-winning olive oil from Morocco.



# Six Filipino billionaire heirs rise with Duterte shift to China

Blake Schmidt

**S**EVEN decades ago in Manila, one of Henry Sy's first bonanzas was buying cigarettes off of American soldiers and selling them in the city plaza at a markup.

Now, heirs of the retail and property mogul behind Southeast Asia's largest fortune may have found a jackpot of their own: They're building a supermall in China that's almost the size of the Pentagon.

The project signals increased exposure to the world's biggest consumer market, in line with the foreign policy shift towards Beijing by President Rodrigo Duterte. Investors have come around to the tough-talking populist since his election last May, supporting a rally for Philippine equities and a surge for the stocks owned by Sy's SM Investments Corp as the company undergoes a generational shift. That's made billionaires of his six children, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index.

"Henry Sy was one of the more forward-looking and canny tycoons in the Philippines in that he paid attention to succession issues probably better than most," said Alejandro Reyes, a Manila-born visiting professor at University of Hong Kong's politics department. "The Philippines is an oligarchy where you have a limited number of families who benefit when the economy is doing very well, and who control an inordinate amount of the economy."



Heir: Teresita Sy-Coson, vice chairperson of SM Investments Corp.

The heirs collectively have direct stakes of around 44 percent of SM, which has holdings in retail, property development, banking and logistics. The siblings - Teresita, Elizabeth, Henry Jr., Hans, Herbert, and Harley - have a combined net worth of USD10.7 billion, according to the index. Henry Sy, 92, is credited with the remainder of the clan's share of the conglomerate, held directly, with his wife and through family-owned holding companies.

The family's \$17.6 billion fortune amounts to more than 5 percent of the island nation's annual GDP and has risen more than \$3 billion since Duterte's victory,

more than any in Southeast Asia, according to the Bloomberg index.

The conglomerate is viewed by investors as a proxy for the fast-growing Philippines economy, according to Frederic DyBuncio, who assumed the presidency of SM Investments in April. Indeed, logistics company 2GO Group Inc., which counts Sy's group among its largest stakeholders, has tripled in the past year, while property company SM Prime Holdings Inc., lender BDO Unibank Inc. and holding company SM Investments are each up more than 19 percent.

Teresita Sy-Coson, the eldest of the heirs, lauded Duterte in a

recent interview with CNBC or his laissez-faire approach to the economy, even as he faces scrutiny for thousands of drug war killings that watchdog Human Rights Watch has called a calamity. She declined to comment on the family's net worth, and the family declined requests for additional comment sent through the holding company's investor relations department.

Teresita and her brother Hans have been in delegations that went with Duterte to China for talks with President Xi Jinping, a sign that the descendants of the conglomerate's China-born founder are well-positioned to benefit from the detente, Reyes said. Visits from Chinese tourists grew by more than one-third last year, a boon for the Sys' tenant at the City of Dreams Manila casino resort.

Seven of the group's more than 60 malls are in China. The conglomerate is building a residential project in Chengdu, with plans for Xiamen and Jinjiang, the latter being the birthplace of Henry Sy, who spearheaded the group's push into China. A supermall in the works in Tianjin would have more than 500,000 square meters of floor space, rivaling that of the Pentagon. It was designed like a blossoming flower to symbolize growth and new opportunities, according to the company's website. Still, China only accounts for about 2 percent of the group's total revenue.

The expansion in China brings the fortune back to the founder's homeland, and comes as Henry

Sy attempts to execute an orderly handover of his wealth to a new generation, which includes the appointing of professional managers from outside the family. By involving all of his children as managers and giving them an ownership stake, he's been more proactive than some - even if he hasn't publicly designated a successor.

That transition was pushed forward in April when Henry stepped down as chairman of SM Investments and gave up a casting vote that gave him the power as a tiebreaker in cases of deadlock on the board. The company replaced him with longtime chief financial officer Jose Sio, who holds an MBA from New York University, and named 57-year-old DyBuncio, a former JPMorgan banker, to take over Harley's role as president.

"The family has learned to deal with decisions very professionally," said Corazon Guidote, senior vice-president for investor relations at SM Investments. She said that while the clan is handing management to professionals, each of the siblings still gets a vote on strategic decisions.

Even so, the odds may be against a smooth transfer, which remains a challenge for many of the world's richest families. Joseph Fan, a professor at the Chinese University of Hong Kong who studied 214 family-run firms in Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Singapore, found that their stock prices dropped by almost 60 percent on average in the eight years surrounding a change of power at the top.

"We have to wait and see how the relationships of his offspring evolve," Fan said in an e-mail response to questions about Sy. "The real test of the family's governance is typically when the founder approaches the end stage of life." **Bloomberg**

## Hong Kong steals Tokyo's crown as priciest Asian city for expats

**H**ONG Kong overtook Tokyo as the most expensive city in Asia-Pacific for expatriates, and is second globally, according to consultancy firm ECA International. Thanks to the pound, London is now cheaper than Bangkok.

Hong Kong climbed to its highest position ever on the rankings. Tokyo maintained its No. 7 spot globally while Singapore fell to 24th place. London, at 132nd, is now cheaper than Thailand's capital, Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires. Luanda in oil-rich Angola climbed to the top spot.

"Over the past few years, the Hong Kong dollar has

appreciated against most major currencies, owing to its peg to the U.S. dollar, which has pushed up the price of goods and services relative to those in locations whose currencies have weakened against the greenback," Lee Quane, a

regional director for Asia with ECA, said in a statement yesterday.

While local prices have risen in Singapore, the city state's currency has weakened against counterparts over the past 12 months making relative costs cheap-

per than a year ago, Quane said. For Luanda, goods' costs -- already high due to poor infrastructure -- have risen as the Angolan kwanza becomes increasingly overvalued.

ECA conducts two surveys a year to help companies calculate cost-of-living allowances for expat employees. The surveys compare a basket of like-for-like goods and services bought from more than 460 locations worldwide, according to the company. The survey doesn't include rent, utilities, car purchases and school fees, which are tracked separately.

"Much of the movement

Country	Location	Global Ranking 2017
Angola	Luanda	1
Hong Kong	Hong Kong	2
Switzerland	Zurich	3
Switzerland	Geneva	4
Switzerland	Basel	5
Switzerland	Bern	6
Japan	Tokyo	7
South Korea	Seoul	8
Venezuela	Caracas	9
Sudan	Khartoum	10

in the rankings amongst Asian locations in the past 12 months has been strongly influenced by currency movements, with Yanguon falling in the regional rankings on account of depreciation of its currency in the past year," said Quane.

An ECA survey published in May also found the value of expat pay and be-

nefits packages continued to decline last year in both Hong Kong and Singapore. A package for a middle manager in Hong Kong, including salary, tax and benefits, has fallen 2 percent in U.S. dollar terms over the past five years to around USD265,500, while the typical package in Singapore dropped 6 percent to \$235,500. **Bloomberg**

### MACAU 11 IN ASIA-PACIFIC RANKING

**ACCORDING TO** the Cost of Living survey, Macau ranked as the 11th most expensive city for expatriates in the Asia-Pacific region, moving up one place from the previous year. That puts the MSAR slightly ahead of Guangzhou (13), Taipei (14)

and Shenzhen (15), also beating out the South Korean city of Ulsan (12). According to the authors of the survey, it is less expensive for expats than Beijing (8), Busan (9) and Singapore (10). In the global index, Macau ranks as the 25th most expensive city in 2017.



Christopher Bodeen, Beijing

## SOUTH CHINA SEA

**B**EIJING says it is “firmly opposed” to a Pentagon report that highlighted China’s construction of military facilities on man-made islands in the disputed South China Sea and speculated that Beijing would likely build more bases overseas.

The annual report made “irresponsible remarks on China’s national defense development and reasonable actions in defending our territorial sovereignty and security interests in disregard of the facts,” foreign ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying told reporters yesterday.

“China is firmly opposed to that,” Hua said, adding that her government was a force for safeguarding peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region and the world.

While Hua declined to comment on possible overseas bases, she said China and Pakistan — one of the countries considered most likely to host a Chinese military presence — were close friends that conduct mutually beneficial cooperation in a variety of fields.

China is now building its first overseas base in Djibouti, which it says will help facilitate its participation in anti-piracy patrols in the Gulf of Aden and U.N. peacekeeping

operations in the region. The base is near Camp Lemonnier, the U.S. base in the Horn of Africa nation, although American military leaders have said they don’t see it as threatening U.S. operations.

“China most likely will seek to establish additional military bases in countries with which it has a longstanding friendly relationship and similar strategic interests, such as Pakistan, and in which there is a precedent for hosting foreign militaries,” the Pentagon report said. “This initiative, along with regular naval vessel visits to foreign ports, both reflects and amplifies China’s growing influence, extending the reach of its armed forces.”

The assessment also focused on the military buildup in the Spratly Islands in the South China Sea, which China claims virtually in its entirety.

It said that as of late last year, China was building 24 fighter-sized hangars, fixed-weapon positions, barracks, administration buildings and communi-

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An airstrip, structures and buildings on China’s man-made Subi Reef in the Spratly chain of islands are seen from a Philippine Air Force C-130 transport plane

cation facilities on each of the three largest outposts — Fiery Cross, Subi and Mischief Reefs. Each has runways that are at least 2,700 meters long.

China claims the bases are there to improve navigation safety and assistance for fishermen. But it also says they help reinforce China’s sovereignty claims and that China is fully entitled to provide them with defensive capabilities.

“That we develop national defense is to safe-

guard China’s independent sovereignty and territorial integrity. It is a legitimate right of a sovereign state,” Hua said, without mentioning the islands directly.

While China objects vocally to U.S. naval operations in the South China Sea, it is eager not to be

seen as a threat, and its criticism of the annual Pentagon assessment is part of a drive to avoid being perceived as attempting to seize the mantle as the region’s dominant military force. It has also engaged in a series of dialogues and exchanges with the U.S. military, although the two continue

to view each other warily. “We hope the U.S. side will put aside the Cold War mentality, view China’s military development in an objective and rational manner, and take concrete actions to maintain steady growth of the military relationship between the two countries,” Hua said. **AP**

## FINANCE

## Foreign reserves rise for fourth month

**C**HINA’S foreign currency reserves rose in May for a fourth month ahead of a possible U.S. interest rate hike that might put new pressure on Beijing’s exchange rate controls.

The reserves, the world’s biggest, increased USD24 billion to \$3.05 trillion, according to government data released yesterday.

A sharp decline last year prompted Beijing to tighten controls on the outflow of money from the world’s second-largest economy.

The Chinese controls could face a new test if the U.S. Federal Reserve decides at a meeting next week to raise interest rates. That would draw money out of China in search of higher returns, which could require Beijing to raise its own interest rates or further tighten controls.

The Fed has signaled it expects to raise rates a total of three times this year to ensure tighter labor markets do not trigger inflation pressures.

The central bank spent reserves to shore up the yuan’s exchange rate after expectations that the Chinese cur-

rency would decline prompted investors to move money out of the country starting in 2015.

The reserves declined from a peak of \$3.99 trillion in June 2014 to just under \$3 trillion late last year. Late last year, the net outflow was tens of billions of dollars a month, which prompted Beijing to step up scrutiny of proposed foreign investments and ban some activities by individual investors.

“Though the large capital outflow appears to have eased notably, the authorities have no intention to loosen capital control yet,” said Citigroup economists Li-Gang Liu and Xiaowen Jin in a report.

In its latest tactic, the foreign currency regulator announced Friday that Chinese banks must report all overseas automatic teller or credit card transactions above 1,000 yuan (\$150) by their customers beginning Sept. 1.

The tighter controls have temporarily set back Beijing’s gradual moves to encourage more use of the yuan abroad for trade. **AP**

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## MYANMAR

## Military plane with 120 aboard goes missing

A military transport plane with 120 people on board went missing yesterday on a flight from southern Myanmar to Yangon, a military spokesman said. There were fears it may have crashed into the ocean, since its route would have taken it over the Andaman Sea.

Gen. Myat Min Oo said the Chinese-made Y-8 turboprop aircraft was carrying 106 passengers — mostly families of military personnel — and 14 crew members when it went missing yesterday afternoon. In an earlier statement, the number of passengers was said to be 90. It is not unusual for such flights to carry civilians to offset transportation costs for military families stationed in the somewhat remote south.

“The military plane went missing and lost contact after it took off from Myeik, and now the military has started a sea and air search with naval ships and military aircraft and is preparing for rescue operations,” he said.

It was raining at the time, but not heavily, he said. Myeik, also known as Mergui, is a city in southeastern Myanmar on the Andaman coast.

An announcement posted on the Facebook page of the commander

of the military, Senior Gen. Min Aung Hlaing, said the flight took off from Myeik at 1:06 p.m. and contact with it was lost at 1:35 p.m., when it was believed to be about 32 kilometers to the west of Dawei, formerly known as Tavoy.

The area is about 700 kilometers north of the last primary radar contact with Malaysia Airlines Flight 370, which vanished on a flight from Malaysia to Beijing on March 8, 2014, with 239 people on board. That plane is believed to have flown far off course and crashed into a remote area of the Indian Ocean.

The military announcement said Myanmar received the Y-8 plane in March last year, and since then it had logged 809 flying hours.

In a second announcement yesterday night, the commander's office said six navy ships and three military aircraft were searching for the missing plane. AP



A Myanmar Air Force Shaanxi Y-8

## HAWAII

## Retired Navy commander pleads guilty to fraud

A retired U.S. Navy commander in Hawaii charged in a growing corruption scandal pleaded guilty yesterday [Macau time] to lying about his relationship with a Malaysian defense contractor known by the nickname “Fat Leonard.”

As part of a deal with federal prosecutors, David Kapaun entered the plea to a count of fraud and false statements in federal court in Honolulu involving his relationship with Leonard Francis, who prosecutors describe as “the center of a colossal bribery and fraud scandal.”

Kapaun said in court that he omitted Francis from a security clearance update form because he knew “I did have a past association with him that was unfavorable.”

He also didn't disclose receiving dinners, hotel stays and prostitutes from Francis, said his defense attorney, Victor Bakke.

Francis has acknowledged bribing Navy officials with cash, prostitutes and other gifts in exchange for classified information to help his company, Singa-



U.S. Navy Commander Dave Kapaun, right, is seen in this 2001 photo provided by the U.S. Department of Defense

pore-based Glenn Defense Marine Asia. The company provided services such as trash and sewage removal, food, water, security and fuel to U.S. Navy ships, according to prosecutors. He's awaiting sentencing.

“He played a minor role in the overall scheme that was conducted by Fat Leonard,” Bakke said of Kapaun. “He's remorseful. He realizes he should have used better judgment. But just like the number of other Naval officers that are involved in this case, he was seduced by this guy.”

Twenty-one current and former Navy officials have been charged so far in the scandal. Kapaun is the 11th to plead guilty.

The allegations prompted Kapaun to resign earlier this year from his civilian position as deputy chief of staff for U.S. Special Operations Command Pacific.

Kapaun could face up to five years in federal prison when he's sentenced on Sept. 11. The terms of his plea agreement will require Kapaun to pay USD50,000 restitution and a \$25,000 fine, Bakke said.

Kapaun retired and was honorably discharged in 2008 after a 25-year Navy career, Bakke said.

“Even though he's retired, they could pull him back to active duty and court-martial him if they wanted to,” Bakke said. AP

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## AFGHANISTAN

# Letter points to power struggle within IS affiliate group

Kathy Gannon, Islamabad

A letter drafted by a senior Islamic State militant and obtained by The Associated Press points to a growing power struggle within the group's Afghan affiliate, pitting notoriously fierce Uzbek fighters against Pakistanis seen as too close to that country's powerful intelligence service.

The rumblings of discontent come as the IS affiliate, which refers to itself as the Khorasan Province, is at war with both the U.S.-backed government and the more well-established Taliban, with which it differs on tactics, leadership and ideology.

The IS affiliate emerged in 2014 and refers to itself as the Khorasan Province, an ancient term for an area that includes parts of Afghanistan, Iran and Central Asian states. It has pledged allegiance to the IS group in Iraq and Syria but consists mainly of disgruntled former Taliban and other insurgents from South and Central Asia.

The letter, obtained by a jihadi fighter with ties to the IS affiliate and then provided to AP, was signed by Moawiya Uzbekistani, the apparent nom de guerre of an Uzbek militant, who claims to have become the leader of the IS affiliate after the death of Abdul Hasib, who was killed in a joint U.S.-Afghan operation in April.

Uzbekistani rejects reports that another fighter, who he identifies as Sheikh Aslam Farouqi, has been chosen to lead the group and suggests Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence is behind the rumors.

"Even if this information is true, then it's the IS of Pakis-



Security forces stand next to a crater created by a massive explosion that killed over 150 according to the Afghan president, in front of the German Embassy in Kabul on May 31

tan behind this function and we don't accept it, because we all fight for Allah and his religion," the letter says, warning against "infidels, intelligence services and the deceitful" acting from "behind the scenes."

Militants belonging to allied groups said Central Asian fighters as well as Afghans want the leadership of the group taken out of Pakistani hands, even though the founder of IS in Afghanistan, Hafiz Saeed Khan, was a Pakistani tribesman. Khan was killed in a U.S. drone strike in July 2016.

The rift seemed to widen with a recent IS meeting in Pakistan's Orakzai tribal belt, from where Khan originates, according to two people familiar with the meeting, which was said to have been attended by 40 senior IS commanders.

The council appointed Saif-ul Islam, a close Pakistani ally of

Saeed, as the new leader. With the many names used by insurgents it wasn't immediately clear if Aslam Farouqi and Saif-ul Islam were the same person. Sheikh Abdul Qadir Khorasani, an Afghan from the eastern Kunar province, was appointed deputy, they said. The militants all spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to brief reporters.

There has been no official IS confirmation of a new leader and in Washington intelligence officials refused to comment.

More than 16 years after the U.S. invaded Afghanistan to end Taliban rule and flush out al-Qaida, the mountainous regions along the Afghan-Pakistani border are still home to an array of extremist groups. Pakistan's spy service is said to have connections to some, including the Afghan Taliban, even as it battles other groups that threaten its

own citizens.

The growing assertiveness of the Uzbek militants within the IS affiliate is particularly worrying.

Uzbek fighters were so vicious in Pakistan's South Waziristan province that they drove the area's fractious tribesmen to unite to push them out in 2015. They then based themselves in North Waziristan before being driven across the border by a Pakistani military offensive. They have since clashed with the Taliban in different parts of Afghanistan and claimed responsibility for brazen and deadly attacks in Kabul, including a daytime assault and siege of an Afghan military hospital that killed 50 people earlier this year.

Arkady Dubnov, a Moscow-based expert on Central Asian militants, says the Uzbeks' reputation for brutality is likely rooted in the fact that they are "aliens"

in much of Afghanistan and Pakistan, which are dominated by other ethnic groups.

That may also explain their tensions with the Afghan Taliban. While both IS and the Taliban are determined to overthrow the Afghan government and impose a harsh version of Islamic law, the former views itself as part of a global movement, while the latter confines its operations to Afghanistan.

## Militants belonging to allied groups said Central Asian fighters as well as Afghans want the leadership of the IS group taken out of Pakistani hands

Dubnov also noted that the son of Tahir Yuldashev, the powerful Uzbek leader of the outlawed Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, who was killed in a U.S. missile strike in Pakistan in 2009, is leading efforts to help expand IS influence in Afghanistan.

Central Asian fighters are now a key pillar of support for the IS affiliate, according to Anatol Lieven, a regional expert at Georgetown University's Qatar campus.

"They have been encouraged to move to IS because of the longstanding Taliban declaration that they are not an international jihadi force," he said.

"The estimates of the number of Uzbeks, Tajiks, Turkmen and other fighters from the former U.S.S.R. living in Afghanistan that I heard ranged from 6,000 to 25,000," said Lieven adding many have intermarried with Afghans of a similar ethnic background. AP

## INDONESIA

# Court sends Singapore rocket plot militants to prison

SIX suspected Islamic militants who Indonesian police accused of plotting to fire a rocket at downtown Singapore from a nearby island were sentenced to prison yesterday on charges of harboring other extremists.

Judge Tarigan Mudalimbong said there wasn't enough evidence to prove the rocket plot.

Instead the court found the militants guilty of hiding two Chinese Uighurs who were trying to join an

extremist group in Poso on the Indonesian island of Sulawesi and of setting up a jihadi training camp.

The six men were arrested last year on Batam island, about 25 kilometers southeast of Singapore. Police said instant messaging chats between them and Bahrin Naim, an Indonesian fighting with the Islamic State group in Syria, indicated they planned to fire a rocket at the predominantly Chinese city-state.

Naim has been linked to numerous plots and attacks in Indonesia, including a May 24 double suicide bombing in Jakarta that killed three police officers and the two bombers.

Mudalimbong said the six men had pledged allegiance to Islamic State group leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi and set up a jihadi training camp in Batam in an attempt to expand their extremist group, which was known as Katibah

Gonggong Rebus.

The group's leader, 32-year-old Gigih Rahmad Dewa, was sentenced to four years in prison and the other men were each sentenced to three years.

Police were tipped to the whereabouts of the militants on Batam by another Chinese Uighur who had been arrested on suspicion of plotting to attack Jakarta's minority Christian governor and minority Shiite Muslims. AP



Suspected militants attend their sentencing hearing at East Jakarta District Court in Jakarta yesterday





An armed man stands in a window of the parliament building in Tehran

## IRAN

# IS-claimed attacks on parliament, shrine kill 12

Amir Vahdat &  
Nasser Karimi, Tehran

**G**UNMEN and suicide bombers attacked Iran's parliament and the shrine of its revolutionary leader yesterday, killing at least 12 people, wounding dozens and igniting an hours-long siege at the legislature that ended with four attackers dead.

The Islamic State group claimed

the attacks, marking the first time the Sunni extremists have taken responsibility for an assault in Shiite-majority Iran. The militants are at war with Iranian-backed forces in Syria and Iraq, and view Shiites as apostates.

The attacks began midmorning when assailants armed with Kalashnikov rifles stormed the parliament building. One of the attackers later blew himself up inside, where a session had

been in progress, according to a statement carried by Iran's state TV.

Deputy Interior Minister Mohammad Hossein Zolfaghari told Iran's state TV the apparently male attackers wore women's attire. The semi-official Tasnim news agency later reported the siege had ended with four of the attackers killed.

Mizan Online, an Iranian state-run news website, said 12 people were killed and 42 woun-

ded in the two attacks. It quoted Pirhossein Kolivand, the head of Iran's emergency department.

The IS group's Amaq news agency released a 24-second video purportedly shot inside the parliament building during the siege. The video, circulated online, shows a gunman and a bloody, lifeless body of a man lying on the ground next to a desk.

A voice on the video praises God and says in Arabic: "Do you think we will leave? We will remain, God willing." Another voice repeats the same words. The two appeared to be parroting a slogan used by IS spokesman Abu Mohammad al-Adnani, who was killed in Syria last year.

An Associated Press reporter saw several police snipers on the rooftops of buildings around the parliament. Shops in the area were shuttered, and gunfire could be heard. Witnesses said the attackers were shooting from the fourth floor of the parliament building down at people in the streets below.

"I was passing by one of the streets. I thought that children were playing with fireworks, but I realized people are hiding and lying down on the streets," Ebrahim Ghanimi, who was around the parliament building when the assailants stormed in, told The Associated Press. "With the help of a taxi driver, I reached a nearby alley."

Police helicopters circled over the parliament building and all mobile phone lines from inside were disconnected. The semi-official ISNA news agency said all entrance and exit gates at par-

liament were closed and that lawmakers and reporters were ordered to remain in place inside the chamber during the siege.

Iranian Parliament Speaker Ali Larijani called the attack a cowardly act.

"Iran is an active and effective pillar in the fight against terrorists and they want to damage it," he said.

Soon after the parliament attack, a suicide bomber and other assailants targeted the shrine of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini located just outside the capital, Tehran, according to Iran's official state broadcaster. It said a security guard was killed and that one of the attackers was killed by security guards. A woman was also arrested.

Khomeini, who died in 1989, is a towering figure in Iran. He led the 1979 Islamic revolution that toppled the Western-backed shah and became Iran's first supreme leader.

An Associated Press reporter saw security forces, some uniformed and others in plainclothes, around the large and ornate shrine.

The IS group often claims attacks around the world, even when links to the group cannot be confirmed and appear dubious. Iranian security officials have not said who they suspect is behind the attacks, though state media has referred to the attackers as "terrorists."

The unusual attacks prompted the Interior Ministry to call for an urgent security meeting. Officials at one point urged people to avoid using public transportation until further notice. **AP**

**Q&A** MONICA DUFFY TOFT  
TUFTS UNIVERSITY

## How does IS claim responsibility for an attack?

**N**EW outlets have reported that the Islamic State claimed responsibility for a terrorist attack on a London Bridge June 3. But how do they know? And how reliable are such claims? We asked Monica Duffy Toft, an international security expert and director of the Center for Strategic Studies at Tufts Fletcher School to explain.

### - How does media know when IS is behind an attack?

IS generally claims responsibility in one of two ways.

First, IS has its own Amaq News Agency. Amaq acts like an official state news agency, similar to North Korea's Korean Central News Agency. It pushes out breaking news reports, both text and video, through an encrypted mobile Android

app. You must be invited or know someone in the network to be able to download it. Its reports are then tweeted by people interested in IS like supporters, the media and analysts.

The second route is less common: IS issues a statement directly via its official channel, the Nashir Media Foundation. While Amaq also publishes statements and stories by Islamists and jihadists other than IS, Nashir is considered the direct voice of IS leadership.

IS' use of limited and strictly controlled outlets for claims of responsibility for its operations allows it to stop rivals from faking claims of responsibility on IS' behalf.

### - What does a claim of responsibility mean?

IS claims responsibility both for attacks it delibera-

tely planned and executed, and also those inspired by its propaganda.

According to the Long War Journal's Thomas Jocelyn, IS calls formal members of the group "soldiers of the caliphate." They also use that term for lone wolves such as the San Bernardino, California and Orlando, Florida attackers.

When IS is directly responsible for a planned attack, a claim of responsibility tends to mention specifics about the attacker and to be released in about 24 hours, according to Jocelyn. If the claim takes longer to appear and offers no details about the attacker, the attack was likely not known to IS in advance.

Rita Katz of SITE Intelligence Group says her group has yet to catch IS claiming responsibility for attacks they had no part in, althou-

gh they frequently exaggerate the number of casualties.

### - Why does IS bother to claim responsibility?

According to recent research by terrorism experts Justin Conrad and Max Abrahms, only one in seven terror attacks is actually claimed by the terrorist group responsible.

Given that the act of violence itself is meant as a performance – a way to remind the apathetic or ignorant of a group's grievances and the costs of ignoring them – that number is surprisingly high.

Conrad and Abrahms argue that groups like IS are composed of two kinds of agents. One is rational leaders with strategic, political objectives. The other is operational foot soldiers, some of whom are not ra-

tional. IS' leaders claim responsibility only when they calculate a political benefit; they refuse to claim responsibility when an attack might hurt the group's objectives. Conrad and Abrahms analyzed hundreds of cases and conclude that this method is true not just for IS, but for other terrorist groups too.

If this theory is correct, IS claimed responsibility for both the recent Manchester bombing and the London Bridge assaults because its leaders calculated that it would result in a net benefit – like cash from its sympathizers or overreaction from its targets.

### - Aren't we giving IS too much credit? Do they really think strategically?

One of the most important insights to emerge in



Prof. Monica Duffy Toft

social science research on ethnic, religious and terrorist violence since the early 1990s, including my own, has been the recognition that groups representing hyper-violent operators do tend to act rationally and strategically. That means their actions and interests can be judged, patterned and predicted. **AP/The Conversation**



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**Offbeat**



**PEACOCK TAKES OUT USD500 IN WINE AFTER CRASHING LIQUOR STORE**

A female peacock has ruffled more than just feathers at a Los Angeles-area liquor store.

Without a peep, the peahen strutted into the open door of the Royal Oaks Liquor Store in Arcadia this week. Store manager and college senior Rani Ghanem said he didn't even know it was there until a customer walked in and asked him about "el pollo," Spanish for "the chicken."

Ghanem, a 21-year-old San Bernardino resident whose family owns the store, said he then tried to guide the sharp-clawed bird outside but that she spooked, at one point flying directly toward him and then up onto a top shelf of the store. And that spooked Ghanem.

An animal-control officer responded after Ghanem called 911, approaching the peahen with gloves and a fishing net. That's when the hilarity ensued, Ghanem said.

"He was trying to get it with the fishing net, and (the bird) jumped on the first wine bottle. When that happened, I was like, 'Aw, this is about to be a big mess,'" Ghanem said. "He tried to get it again with the net ... It just went straight diving into all the bottles. The more he kept on trying to use the net, the more it kept on flapping its wings and knocking everything over."

At one point, cellphone video taken by Ghanem shows the officer catching a wine bottle in the net as the bird crashes through a shelf and a dozen bottles shatter to the ground.

Unable to watch more destruction, Ghanem puts on a sweat-shirt to protect himself from the bird's claws and helps the officer ensnare it. He said they took the bird outside and that it was unharmed.

In all, Ghanem said the peahen was in the store for 90 minutes and broke USD500 worth of the family store's best bottles, including champagne.

"Yeah, he's got expensive taste," Ghanem joked in the store. "I'm like, 'You break, you buy, dude.' But clearly he didn't. He got away with it."

Peacocks are common to Arcadia, Los Angeles at the base of the San Gabriel Mountains. They were introduced after the city's founder imported them from India in the early 1900s.

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**this day in history**



**1963 WARD CHARGED OVER 'IMMORAL EARNINGS'**

A key figure in the Profumo affair has been charged with living on immoral earnings.

Dr Stephen Ward, a London osteopath and friend of Christine Keeler, was arrested in Watford and taken to Marylebone Lane police station.

The arrest comes three days after the resignation of the Secretary of State for War, John Profumo.

He admitted he had lied to parliament after MPs accused him of having a relationship with Miss Keeler, a 21-year-old call girl.

MPs also allege that Miss Keeler had relations with a Russian naval attache and that the affair posed a risk to national security.

Prime Minister Harold Macmillan described the resignation as a "great tragedy".

Dr Ward has not been allowed bail but his literary agent, Pelham Pound, said he was "confident" he would be freed after his court appearance scheduled for Monday 13 June.

Mr Pound visited Dr Ward at the police station and described him as "extremely cheerful". He had earlier collected some of Dr Ward's belongings from his Bryanston Mews home in Marylebone.

Last night detectives searched his former flat at Wimpole Mews and took away some items in a brown paper parcel.

Dr Ward has been charged with living on the "earnings of prostitution" at 17 Wimpole Mews since 1 January 1961.

The son of the late Canon Arthur Evelyn Ward, Canon of Rochester Cathedral, Dr Ward has treated such illustrious names as Sir Winston Churchill, Paul Getty, Douglas Fairbanks and Elizabeth Taylor.

He is also an artist and has had members of the Royal Family and politicians sit for him.

Courtesy BBC News

**IN CONTEXT**

The Profumo affair was the biggest political sleaze story of the decade and threatened to topple the Conservative government under Harold Macmillan.

It also scandalised the nation, especially after sordid details of Dr Stephen Ward's lifestyle and his relationship with Christine Keeler and her friend Mandy Rice-Davies came out at his trial.

Keeler, who lived with Ward at his Wimpole Mews flat, said he had introduced her to Lord Astor at his Cliveden stately home where she first met John Profumo.

On the last day of the trial on 31 July 1963, Ward took an overdose of sleeping tablets. He was found guilty while in a coma and died three days later.

Less than two months after his death, an official report produced by Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, concluded Profumo's affair with Keeler had not endangered national security.

Shortly after this, the prime minister resigned, his ill health exacerbated by the scandal. He was replaced with Earl Home, who renounced his peerage to become Sir Alec Douglas-Home in order to take up office.



YOUR STARS

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Mar. 21-Apr. 19

As long as your mind is employed in the service of some great problem, you're not available for more casual pleasures. When working with others, keep a smile on your face

Gemini

May 21-Jun. 21

Have you been preparing to bring all your issues to the table? . You may want to take some downtime and figure out other methods of expressing yourself

Leo

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

Tired of constantly being in the spotlight lately? Now's your chance to take a break and let someone else take center stage while you catch your breath. Let someone else lead the usual suspects on their merry chase.

Libra

Sep.23-Oct. 22

Focus your energy on the important people in your life right now. Someone very dear to your heart expects the world from you at this moment. Partial delivery may be all you can manage right now.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Did you dive straight into a delicious dish only to find out you've bitten off more than you can chew? Your heart might have been in the right place, but now you're in a bind

Aquarius

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

There's nothing more dangerous than assuming you know everything. If you listen carefully, someone's forthright manner is liable to stop you in your tracks -- but not in the way you expected.

Taurus

April 20-May 20

Good times enter back into your life -- revel in the fun! This is a time to reunite with friends and rejuvenate your spirit. Enjoy the effortlessness that comes to you today

Cancer

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

You like lending a helping hand, but it's time to concentrate on yourself for a change. Don't feel guilty about possessing skills or assets that others only dream of having

Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

You have the map, so it's up to you to decide where to go next. Be as adventurous as you like. You may not have exact directions, but you know you want to chart a new course for all those who want to come along.

Scorpio

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

As everything in your life evolves, you feel the urge to jump into something with both feet. You're always eager to do unto others in the most generous ways.

Capricorn

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Choose carefully, and be judicious before you give your final seal of approval since your integrity is the glue that holds a complex system together -- namely, yourself! Being at the center of things merits extra rewards.

Pisces

Feb.19-Mar. 20

The last thing you need is to be shy or inflexible -- instead, you need to be ready and willing to repeat your stellar performance in case someone needs to see it again.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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WEATHER

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CHINA			
Beijing	17	34	cloudy
Harbin	13	24	cloudy
Tianjin	21	34	clear/overcast
Urumqi	12	21	moderate rain/shower
Xi'an	20	28	thundershower/overcast
Lhasa	11	24	overcast/thundershower
Chengdu	22	28	drizzle/overcast
Chongqing	24	33	cloudy/overcast
Kunming	16	28	cloudy/clear
Nanjing	19	31	cloudy
Shanghai	21	31	cloudy
Wuhan	19	31	clear/cloudy
Hangzhou	21	32	cloudy
Taipei	25	32	overcast/thundershower
Guangzhou	27	35	cloudy
Hong Kong	28	33	cloudy

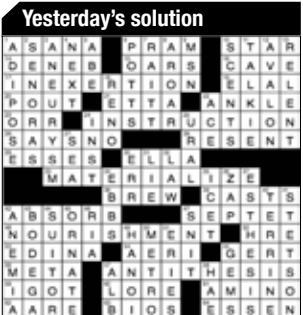
WORLD

Moscow	10	23	cloudy
Frankfurt	12	17	drizzle/overcast
Paris	11	20	cloudy/overcast
London	13	18	drizzle
New York	12	20	cloudy/clear

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Inner layer of a quilt; 5- Roast host; 10- Cpls.' superiors; 14- What there oughta be; 15- Claw; 16- Singer Amos; 17- Farm structure; 18- Drupe; 20- Israeli seaport; 22- Young \_\_\_\_; 23- Do not disturb; 24- Flaming; 26- Golly!; 27- Offensive; 30- Most orderly; 34- Continues a subscription; 35- Sawbucks; 36- "The Simpsons" bartender; 37- \_\_\_\_ Three Lives; 38- California-Nevada lake; 40- Maize; 41- Guido's high note; 42- Memory unit; 43- Firmly implanted; 45- Pleasing; 47- Gloom; 48- \_\_\_\_ Dawn Chong; 49- Walked back and forth; 50- Bit of wisdom; 53- Trick ending?; 54- Food and water; 58- Disclosure; 61- Final Four org.; 62- Yale students; 63- Biscuitlike quick bread; 64- Auctioneer's cry; 65- Hey!; 66- Cut into small pieces; 67- Waiting for the Robert \_\_\_\_;

DOWN: 1- Beat up; 2- Inter \_\_\_\_; 3- Anklebones; 4- Deceitful; 5- Aliens, for short; 6- Ripe; 7- Duplicate; 8- Ages and ages; 9- Vane dir.; 10- Thoroughfare; 11- Joint problem; 12- Chicago paper, for short; 13- Web locale; 19- Dog biters; 21- Not many; 25- Fashionable; 26- Nonproprietary; 27- Corbeled bay window; 28- Attorney Melvin; 29- Move stealthily; 30- "The Matrix" hero; 31- Ham it up; 32- Sensitive spots; 33- Looks after; 35- Definite article; 39- Munched on; 40- Abridge; 42- Hoops; 44- Sign of things to come; 46- Take into custody; 47- The beginning; 49- Earlier; 50- Type of school or cook; 51- Long fish; 52- National competitor; 53- \_\_\_\_ - a -Sketch; 55- Earth Day subj.; 56- Roy's "singin' pardner"; 57- "Smooth Operator" singer; 59- Horse-like animal, term of insult; 60- Beatty of "Superman";



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Exposição de pintura portuguesa  
**ALFREDO LUZ,  
CRUZEIRO SEIXAS  
E JOÃO PAULO**  
Clube Militar de Macau  
8 a 24 de junho



Exposição do cartoonista  
**RODRIGO DE MATOS**  
Espaço expositivo do  
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Exposição "O MAR"  
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Galeria da Casa Garden  
7 de junho a 31 de agosto



Lançamento do CD  
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Pequeno Auditório do CCM  
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Encontro com o escritor  
**JOAQUIM FURTADO**  
Café Oriente - IPOR  
13 de junho | 18:30



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Concerto com  
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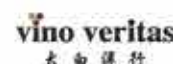
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## RUGBY

# Lions beaten 22-16 by Blues in Auckland in 2nd tour match

**T**HE British and Irish Lions conceded a late try and lost 22-16 yesterday to the Auckland-based Blues in their first-ever match against a New Zealand Super Rugby team.

After an unconvincing tour-opening win over the Provincial Barbarians, the Lions were beaten three tries to one by the Blues, who are in last place in the New Zealand Super Rugby conference.

Replacement flyhalf Ihaia West scored and converted his own try after bursting at pace onto an offload from Sonny Bill Williams in the 73rd minute to overturn a fleeting 16-15 lead held by the Lions, delivering an early defeat to Warren Gatland's touring squad and a significant setback ahead of the three-test series against the All Blacks.

The Lions' tour becomes immeasurably more difficult



Auckland Blues Akira Ioane, right, fends off British & Irish Lions Rhys Webb during their match at Eden Park in Auckland yesterday

from Saturday when they face the Christchurch-based Crusaders who are unbeaten in 14 matches.

The match pivoted in favor of the Blues when All Blacks star Williams scored a try in a goalline scramble on the

tick of halftime, sending the Blues to the break with a 12-10 advantage.

The Lions reclaimed the lead with two penalties to Wales fullback Leigh Halfpenny — their only second-half points — before Williams combined

with West for the match winner.

The tourists hoped that the match had been saved when Halfpenny's third penalty put them ahead 16-15 with 10 minutes remaining. But the Blues backed their attacking rugby style and Williams handed off a pass to West, who weaved through the defense at speed and touched down near the posts.

The Lions now face the realization that the easiest part of their tour is behind them and they have failed to lay down any marker for the future. They were unconvincing and lucky to escape with a 13-7 win in the opening match; their second performance was better but they were still not good enough to test a Super Rugby team.

"We're hugely disappointed," captain Ken Owens said. "We came here to build on Saturday's performance. 'We were coming here to get

another victory but unfortunately we got a defeat. All credit to the Blues, they took their chances.

"I think we're going to have to tidy up slightly on our discipline and be a bit more clinical."

Owens pointed to the Lions' set piece as a positive but said inability to retain possession let them down. While the Lions had a footing in the match through their scrum, they made few attempts to play attacking rugby and were vulnerable to the counter-attacking style of the Blues.

Unless they can rapidly improve, especially in their ability to create try-scoring chances, the Lions face the prospect of more losses on a long tour.

They struggled again in a game played at pace and were unable to dictate the pace of the game through their control of possession. They were forced under pressure to kick the ball into the Blues' hands and that furnished opportunities to the home team.

Williams likely sealed his test place with his performance. He returned to the Blues lineup for this match after a lengthy break with a knee injury and was unaffected by his fast during Ramadan. **AP**

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opinion

Made in Macao

Jenny Lao-Phillips



LOTUS FLOWER: LUCK, PURITY OR A FLASH IN THE PAN

The last public holiday, Dragon Boat Festival on May 30, seemed to have brought about some significant postholiday blues among us working class. Not that it was an exceptionally long holiday, but it was the last public holiday we are going to have in a long time. Scanning through the calendar, one would notice there are no more red dots until October 1. Here, we are in the summer months – the longest months of the year.

However, there are still some interesting festivals going on to refresh a rather long and dull summer. One of those is the Lotus Festival. Unlike other festivals, there are no public holidays on which we can enjoy the view of lotus flowers, but our little city is brightened up a bit with blossoms of lotus. Moreover, this is not a festival for mere flower appreciation. The lotus is special to Macao, as it is also known as the “Land of Treasure Lotus” 「蓮花寶地」. Understandably, it has been chosen as the flower emblem of the city, the most noticeable symbol on our Special Administrative Region flag. So, in celebration of the Lotus Festival, we may reflect on the significance of the flower to us “Macaoians”, while appreciating the view.

One reason for the connection between Macao and the lotus flower, I have heard, was the shape of the peninsula. Approximately fifteen years ago, before all the land reclamation, Macao was shaped like a lotus flower with the Macao-Taipa and Taipa-Coloane bridge looking like the stem. I was told that this was the reason Macao got the romantic name of the “Land of Treasure Lotus”. The name may also have come from the large number of lotus flowers seen around town, though they are getting fewer - I imagine there were once more lakes and ponds where the flowers could be seen, given the names of hills and temples named with the Chinese name of lotus ‘蓮 = lin’.

Aside from the physical aspect of the flower, there is a connection between Macao and the lotus in relation to the symbolism of the lotus flowers within the Chinese saying: 「出淤泥而不染」 meaning “growing out of mud, but remains untainted”. This could be understood in different ways, but the general idea seems to grow around the fact that Macao was never affected by crisis or wars from the time of the revolution at the end of the Ming Dynasty and the beginning of the Ching Dynasty, to the Anti-Japanese war, making Macao a safe haven for refugees. Even typhoons that have caused destruction in nearby places seemed to be bounced off or weakened before hitting Macao. This little city seems to be untainted by bad luck. But the ‘mud’ in the saying refers not only to bad luck. The lotus flower is more generally used to signify purity and integrity in our culture, which in this era is really put to the test in Macao. In its continuous economic development, and the fact that we are reaching the highest number of casinos built in this town, can the peaceful tradition of this former fishing village remain untainted, or will Macao be turned into a sin city? Perhaps now is a time to prove if Macao is worthy of the lotus symbol.

Aside from purity and integrity, I have also heard friends from the Western world saying that they perceive the symbolic nature of lotus flowers to relate to the fact that beauty blossoms but only for a short time. In this instance, we can only see lotus blossoms in the summer. Does this symbolism befit more the current situation of Macao? Is all of the shining development in Macao a flash in the pan, and will winter come soon? During the Lotus Festival in June, perhaps we can see what insight the appreciation of the lotus flowers may bring us.

THE BUZZ EMIRATI DIPLOMAT: ‘NOTHING TO NEGOTIATE’ WITH QATAR

A top Emirati diplomat said “there’s nothing to negotiate” with Qatar over a growing diplomatic dispute about the energy-rich nation’s alleged funding of terror groups, signaling Arab countries trying to isolate it won’t back down.

Emirati Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Anwar Gargash told AP that Qatar has “chosen to ride the tiger of extremism and terrorism” and now needed to pay the price.

Gargash said Qatar “absolutely” should expel members of Hamas, stop its support of terror

groups “with al-Qaida DNA” around the world and rein in the many media outlets it funds, chief among them the Doha-based satellite news network Al-Jazeera.

While applauding a Kuwaiti effort to mediate the crisis, Gargash said Emirati and Saudi officials planned to concede nothing to Qatar, now cut off from some of the skies around it and blocked from receiving the trucks of food it relies on to feed its citizens.

Their “fingerprints are all over the place” in terror funding, Gargash said. “Enough is enough.”

PARIS IN A MINUTE

What a rush! AP sports writer zip lines off the Eiffel Tower

John Leicester, Paris

WHAT could possibly go wrong?

I was 122 meters up on the Eiffel Tower, with Paris spread out in all its glory in miniature beneath me. And it was my turn to jump.

Gulp. The opportunity to zip line from the world’s most-visited tower seemed too good to turn down. Until I tried it.

Yes, I had a sturdy, tightly strapped safety harness. And, yes, the steel cable strung from the famous tower’s second floor across to a small platform 800 meters away looked rust-free and taut enough. Still, it was a long, long, long way down.

Best not think about it. Let’s just cross this off the bucket list. One, two, three. Go!

Into the void. Only my screams drowned out the thumping of my heart in my ears.

What a buzz. Not quite the raw adrenaline high of parachuting, but a very decent second-best.

After the initial rush of fear, there was time on the way down to fall in love all over again with Paris: its stunning tapestry of grey roofs and landmarks simply magnificent under the blue skies and gray-white clouds. There, above Montmartre, the Sacre-Cour basilica! And over there, the golden dome of the Invalides where Napoleon is entombed! The Seine River glittered in the sun like a diamond necklace.

What, from the second floor of the 128-year-old tower, looked like colonies of colored ants far below turned out to be people, soaking up the sun on the green grass of the Champ de Mars park that stretches away from the tower’s giant iron feet.

I flew right over them, with the zip line — and me — both emitting high-pitched squeals. Looking up at the noise, people chee-



red. Thanks for the encouragement!

The minute or so of flight, reaching a top speed, organizers said, just shy of 100 kph zipped past in what felt like the blink of an eye.

At the bottom, my first thought: Please, can I do that again?

Jean-Luc Wong, a 20-year-old student from Paris, said it was the best thing he has ever done, “something I’ll never forget.” He won a tweeting contest for the right to jump. Others signed up via the website of the sponsor, fizzy water firm Perrier, and were lucky enough to be picked in a draw.

“The adrenaline, the speed, the surroundings. Fantastic,” Wong said. “It’s a bit scary but once you’ve launched off, you just soak it up and admire. Incredible.”

Organizers said people had previously zip lined from the first floor of the

324-meter-tall tower — meaning they leaped from a more pedestrian 57 meters up — but that this was the first time a line had ever been strung from the second floor, where the sensation of height is more powerful.

Others, in the past, have been far more daring. A British couple parachuted from the tower’s top deck, 276 meters up in 1984. A New Zealander bungee-jumped off the second floor in 1987. Some stunts ended tragically. Franz Reichel, a mustachioed Austrian tailor, leapt from the first deck in 1912 to test a tent-like parachute coat he had invented and is said to have died of fright before hitting the ground, gouging a deep hole.

Glad I didn’t think about him when my turn came.

The zip line opened Monday and will operate for just one week until Sunday, with 100 flights planned per day. AP

Station	Air quality	
Roadside	15-30 Good	
High Density Residential Area	20-40 Good	
Ambient	20-40 Good	

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS

**BANGLADESH** The European Union has slapped a new security screening requirement on imports from Bangladesh, a move that is likely to make it costlier for businesses in the South Asian country to sell products to EU nations.



**ZIMBABWE**’s president is angering some back home with his latest trip overseas, this time to a U.N. conference on oceans even though his country is a landlocked state. The 93-year-old leader Robert Mugabe has been criticized as a “non-resident president” for globe-trotting while the economy crumbles.

**TURKEY**’s parliament has begun debating legislation for increased military cooperation with Qatar in an apparent move to support the country amid its dispute with Saudi Arabia and other regional nations.



**UKRAINE** The government says at least one soldier was killed and seven others were injured in an apparent uptick in fighting in the country’s east. Fighting between government forces and Russia-backed separatists has claimed some 10,000 lives and displaced over a million people since the conflict began in April 2014.

**GREECE** Colombian organized crime rings were behind a string of heists involving costly medical diagnostic equipment stolen from hospitals in Greece and another 11 European countries, Greek authorities said yesterday.

**BRAZIL** Judges on Brazil’s top electoral court argued yesterday whether to accept new evidence of alleged illegal campaign contributions that stem from a sweeping probe of graft in Latin America’s largest nation as they consider a case that could force President Michel Temer from office.