



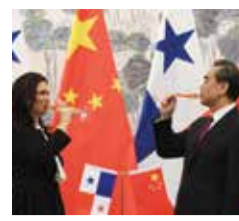
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BANGLADESH
 Heavy rain triggered landslides that killed at least 68 people in southeast Bangladesh, officials said yesterday. Rains that began early Monday had cleared by yesterday, allowing rescuers to work faster in searching for survivors. But the firefighters, police and soldiers deployed to help were having trouble reaching some affected areas, said a senior disaster management official. More on p14

CAMBODIA An Australian woman charged with providing commercial surrogacy services in Cambodia said yesterday she launched her business only after consulting three local lawyers who assured her that her clinic was legal.



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THAILAND Police said they have seized more than 1 million methamphetamine tablets this month, as trade in the illicit drug shows little sign of abating.

KOREA A suspected North Korean drone photographed a U.S. missile defense system in South Korea before it crashed near the border where it was found last week, Seoul's Defense Ministry said yesterday. More on p14

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Q&A MITSU HARU TSUMURA
CHEF

'We want to do something Peruvian Japanese'

COMBINING traditional Peruvian cuisine with Japanese techniques, Chef Tsumura will open the first authentic Nikkei restaurant, Aji, at MGM Cotai in Macau.

Aji, meaning "chili pepper" in Peru and "taste" in Japanese, is a contemporary Nikkei restaurant that packs an exquisite flavor punch.

Chef Mitsuharu Tsumura, widely known as "Chef Micha," is of Japanese origin, born in Lima, Peru. Chef Tsumura was encouraged by his father to turn his passion for cooking into a profession. After studying culinary arts in the U.S., he went to Japan to learn about his cultural and culinary heritage. He took a job at an international hotel on returning to Lima and in 2009 opened Mado, which rose to number two in Latin America's 50 Best Restaurants 2016 and currently ranks number eight in San Pellegrino World's 50 Best Restaurants 2017.

Talking to the Times, Chef Tsumura expressed his enthusiasm for opening his first restaurant in Macau, and explained what he envisages will be the expectations from his customers.

Macau Daily Times (MDT)
- What do you expect from your first restaurant in Macau?

Mitsuharu Tsumura (MT)
- First of all, I think it is very interesting to open here in Macau inside the MGM, because we share the same philosophy. [...] We have the perfect partnership to do something unique because we are all focused on excellence. We want to do something - maybe new - for the local market. [...] We want to do something Peruvian Japanese.

When I come to Macau and I eat here, I feel sometimes that I am eating at home for many reasons, for the flavors, for the way the condiments are used. With Peruvian flavors and techniques, I think it's going to be exotic in a way, but it's going to be something very familiar to the local [customer base].

MDT - How do you see the restaurant competing with



Mitsuharu Tsumura



Aji restaurant rendering at MGM Cotai



Ceviche Nikkei

other types of cuisine Macau already offers?

MT - The exotic part, maybe. We are going to use many ingredients that people in Macau haven't tried before. We are going to be bringing, for exam-

ple, many different kinds of Ajis, or chilies. We are going to be using a lot of Peruvian chilis. We are going to be using those ingredients. I think that's going to make the difference. Also many Peruvian fruits, using

the Pisco drinks. It's going to be unique. As I said before, there are many things that local people have tried, but there are many other things that are totally new. [...] We are going to be bringing the seasonings

from Peru, which I am going to say is one of the tastiest foods in the world.

MDT - What reaction do you anticipate from your customers?

MT - I think they would say the same thing they say in Peru. [...] I like to refer to my cuisine as slapping your face. Besides all the visual stuff, you know, the plating and everything, I like strong flavors. I hope they become addicted to what we do.

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MDT - How does Japanese cuisine play its role in your food?

MT - Techniques. Mostly techniques. For example, techniques like curing with combo, fish [...] with Peruvian sauces, using all the sushi techniques but giving Peruvian flavors. That is very strong in what we do - we do Peruvian-style sushi a lot. That's when the Chinese and Japanese influence comes.

MDT - You studied in the US, how did it help with your cooking?

MT - Most of my teachers were from other countries. They were French, they were from the Philippines, Thailand, China and from Japan. So I learned a little bit of the basics of [each] cuisine; the way to use a knife, the correct way to cut a fish. I think in school you learn the basics of the cuisine you are going to develop afterwards. [...] I learnt how to manage myself in a kitchen, how to make simple things good.

MDT - What attracted you to come to Macau and open a restaurant here?

MT - First of all, Macau, [...] I believe it is one of the cities with this kind of merging of cultures - a fusion - and maybe one of the first cities in the world to have this kind of merging of cultures. So having said that, I think nowadays Macau is growing, the tourism in Macau is growing a lot. [...] I think everything is coming into place right now, and it is a good moment to show our cuisine to China and Asia.

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Crown employees charged in China with promotion of gambling

CROWN Resorts Ltd. said its staff held in China have been charged with gambling-related offenses, the most significant development in the case since the employees were rounded up by mainland authorities in October.

"Crown Resorts Ltd. announced today that all its detained employees in China as well as those employees released on bail have now been charged with offences related to the promotion of gambling and their cases have been referred to the Baoshan District Court" in Shanghai, the Melbourne-based company said in a statement to the Australian Securities Exchange.

"As the matter is now before the court, no further comments will be made," yesterday's statement added.

Crown's head of international high-roller operations, Australian Jason O'Connor, Malaysian national Alfred Gomez and 17 others are due to appear in court on June 26 at 9:15 a.m., according to a notice on the Shanghai court's website.

It's illegal to gamble or promote gambling in China, other than in



Lawrence Ho (left) and James Packer

Macau, and the detentions raised concern of a renewed clampdown on overseas casino operators that woo Chinese citizens offshore to gamble.

The case's progression may mark the beginning of a resolution for Crown after the crackdown triggered a slump in high-roller gambling at the company's Australian resorts and upended the company's international operations. Billionaire James Packer, who's the biggest shareholder, returned to the board, replaced the chief

executive officer, and made resolving the situation in China his top priority.

The case is key not only because it might shed light on why Crown's staff were targeted, said Ben Lee, Macau-based managing partner at Asian gaming consultancy IGamiX. Gaming authorities in Australia are also likely to assess the outcome to determine whether Crown is allowed to continue holding casino licenses at home, he said.

The Chairman and CEO of Mel-

■ The three Australians include the head of Crown's VIP International team, Jason O'Connor, who was visiting China from Melbourne

co Resorts & Entertainment, Lawrence Ho, said in a recent interview that his former business partner James Packer had upset the Chinese government by recklessly flaunting the promotion of gambling in mainland China. "In all of those instances [Crown and the arrests of the South Korean casino employees in 2015], you had casino sales people running around offering credit, talking about collection... it wasn't discreet," he told the Financial Times. "That's

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

Crown shares fell 0.2 percent to AUD12.84 at 1:32 p.m. in Sydney. The shares have jumped 11 percent this year as the company pulled out of Macau, announced a special dividend and pushed on with a stock buyback.

The case is Australia's highest profile corporate clash with Chinese authorities since 2010. Stern Hu, the Australian who led Rio Tinto Group's iron-ore unit in China, was found guilty in March of that year of bribery and stealing commercial secrets and sentenced to 10 years in prison by a court in Shanghai.

Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade said Tuesday it continued to provide three detained Australians with consular assistance.

Crown's high-roller gaming in Australia cratered as the crackdown deterred VIP gamblers from visiting its casinos. Packer scrapped a spinoff of overseas assets and sold Crown's stake in Macau casino operator, formerly known as Melco Crown Entertainment Ltd. Also binned: a proposed initial public offering of a trust holding Crown's Australian hotels.

Under John Alexander, who replaced Rowen Craigie as CEO in February, Crown is focusing on its hotels and casinos in Australia, including a new AUD2 billion (USD1.5 billion) luxury resort on Sydney's waterfront. **MDT/Agencies**

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Flights and ferries canceled due to storm

A total of 10 flights were canceled at the Macau International Airport in the last two days due to the influence of the tropical storm Merbok. The 10 flights, concerning Air Macau and China Eastern Airlines, affected passengers travelling to outbound destinations in Shanghai, Guiyang, and Vietnam. The ferries between Macau and Hong Kong were also canceled last Monday. On the Zhuhai side, 54 flights were canceled and eight flights were delayed due to the weather conditions. Furthermore, all ferries running between Zhuhai and Shenzhen, Zhuhai and Hong Kong, and Zhuhai and other islands, were canceled last Monday afternoon.

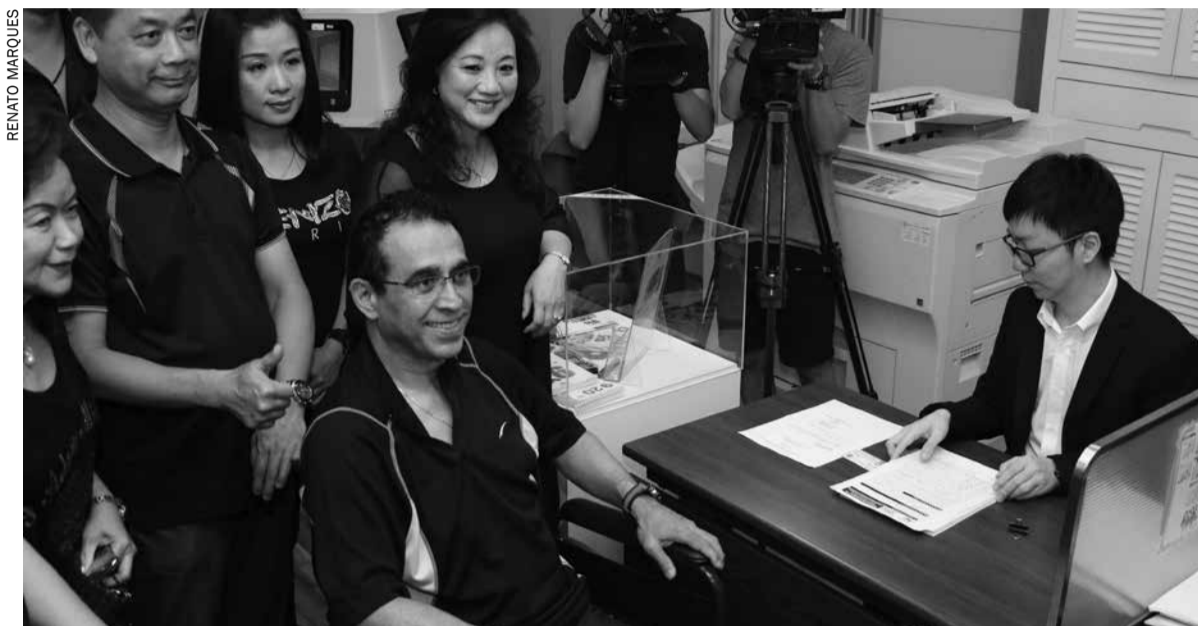
Zhuhai records above average organ donation

Zhuhai has an above average organ donation rate in mainland China when compared to the country's national average donation rate. According to a report by *Jornal Va Kio*, since last year, the organ donation rate in Zhuhai city has exceeded three percent for every million people, while the mainland's national average rate sits slightly below at two percent. Last year, over 130 people registered to donate their organs, a number that marks a historical peak in Zhuhai. In recent years, Zhuhai has been enhancing organ donation training publicities in order to improve the development of the city's health system.

2,700 missed civil servant exam

Earlier this week, nearly 2,700 people missed the government's civil servant recruitment exam, which was organized by the government to recruit people to the 163 vacancies for technical assistant positions. The Public Administration and Civil Service Bureau (SAFP) said that somewhere around 75 percent of the job applicants attended the exams, which corresponds to approximately 8,300 people. SAFP revealed that some of those who did not show up for the tests were either late or went to the wrong exam halls. The results of the exams will be announced in one month.

'New Hope' with low expectations for elections



Pereira Coutinho (center)

Renato Marques

THE list "Nova Esperança" ("New Hope") headed by the lawmaker and candidate José Pereira Coutinho officially formalized its candidacy to the Legislative Assembly (AL) Elections yesterday.

Pereira Coutinho, who has again been chosen ahead of another current lawmaker Leong Veng Chai as number two, said he has low expectations for this year's election turnout. "It will be difficult even to elect one [lawmaker]," Coutinho said, saying that the high number of lists presented to contest the seats will make that task even harder due to the distribution of votes among the many lists.

Still, he says that whatever the results, he will be happy with them and a sense of accomplished duty "after a cycle of 12 years as lawmaker."

Contributing to the difficulties to elect more list members, he also claimed there was a recent episode of interference from China's Liaison Office, namely a dinner offered by the Liaison Office to the Macanese community. "This lack of fairness is already affecting the run," he said.

"There is no margin for doubts [that there is interference from Central Government in the AL elections] and this isn't the first time this has happened. [...] In the past, the members of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and of the People's National Assembly at the election season were rounded up to vote in a certain list," Coutinho mentioned. "I was very sad to realize that [such a dinner] was organized specifically in a way that one of the candidates to the elections could address the community. When the Central Government

pays for this, I consider that this is a serious matter because we see the infringement to the principle that elections must be fair."

Nevertheless, Coutinho does not think that there is a direct "hand" from the Central Government, instead he points the finger to the local representatives from Beijing accusing them of supporting "these kinds of events in exchange for benefits when they leave the chair."

Remarking on the lack of a true political education in Macau, the candidate referred to the fact that cases like the reported one occur because of a

lack of political knowledge and maturity.

"The political maturity of the Portuguese community is different from the Chinese community. We need to be realistic; those who deal with these issues every day and for almost 20 years (since the establishment of the Macau SAR) know how things run," he commented noting that he had, several times before, called attention to the need for political education in both secondary schools and universities.

Addressing another case of circulating rumors - that people who subscribed to a certain

list were being obligated to vote for that same list - he said that a letter from Rita Santos (the list trustee) had already been sent to the Electoral Affairs Commission for the Legislative Assembly Election (CAEAL).

"This shows that the level of maturity of some social sectors is still a bit tawdry. And our letter comes in the way to push the CAEAL to do more in the field of informing the population that the vote is free and secret," he remarked. He added, "free dinners will continue, the same way that the free airfares will continue to bring in the [Macau] students from Taiwan to vote on the Election Day and the supermarket vouchers, all this makes these elections unfair."

On the other hand, Coutinho expressed happiness for the ease with which the list was able to gather the necessary subscriptions to run a list for the elections, saying; "We are happy because it wasn't difficult to find 500 signatures to propose the list application... but [we are] aware of the responsibility that is to continue to perform the full-time duties of being a lawmaker at the Legislative Assembly."

On the matter, Coutinho remarked, "One of the harder steps was in fact to enter these facilities [of the Public Administration and Civil Service Bureau (SAFP)] where the office from the CAEAL is located. The candidate is moving with the help of a wheelchair after a surgery to one of his knees, remarking, "the fact that I'm in this situation now made me see how difficult it is for people with handicaps to move around the city and even access public services."

Younger generation's concerns to be addressed in political platform

AT the official formalization of its candidacy to the Legislative Assembly (AL) Elections yesterday afternoon, the leader of "New Hope" addressed some of the main topics that will be present on his political program.

"Youngsters have a great difficulty in accessing a position of lawmaker in Macau because there isn't a 'springboard' (like there is in Hong Kong regarding the communitarian and neighborhood work) that allows people to have a direct contact with the population and their daily problems," Pereira Coutinho said. "[Doing] this work also contributes to their experience and knowledge that will allow them to perform better when reaching the assembly."

Another of the concerns he expressed stemmed from the work he has done with Leong Veng Chai at the AL defending many causes, such as the "defense of the Portuguese language that has been badly taken care of inside the public services." He noted that he cannot understand why the Secretaries in charge of the education affairs have not noted before now that there would be a lack of translators and interpreters.

"Now, after 17 years of the establishment of the MSAR, the Chief Executive has arrived at the conclusion that there are 200 interpreters/translators missing," Coutinho said. He noted that it is necessary to address daily problems that are not solved by

"puffed up" speeches on celebratory days.

He also notes that in the public services, there are a few Portuguese staff and that most of the times they are not put in duties where they could be valuable but treated like "decorative items."

He said that another serious matter that specifically affects the Macanese and Portuguese communities is the lack of jobs available to such communities that are targeted with several forms of discrimination.

"In the public services, when they see that the name is in Portuguese, they put [the candidate] immediately to the side, nevertheless many of these people learned Chinese. There is a discrimination problem," he said claiming that there is a need in the Office to specifically address these problems and their resemblance to existing problems in Hong Kong.

The issues on the incapacity to acquire a house and the high rentals were also mentioned.

Regarding the AL, Coutinho said that changes are needed. "It needs to open its doors, namely of the six committees, to be more transparent and we are going to continue to campaign for that. [...] This is a problem that comes directly from us [lawmakers]. We can't ask transparency from the government and at the same time continue being opaque to the outside."

Daniel Beittler

A celebration was held last night at the Macau Tower to mark the official birthday of Queen Elizabeth II, Head of the Commonwealth and Queen of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

The U.K. consul general for Hong Kong and Macau was in attendance, marking one of Andrew Heyn's first public appearances in Macau since he assumed the role in October 2016. Heyn formerly held senior positions in countries such as Myanmar, Portugal and Ireland.

Having been only in the role for around nine months, Heyn claimed to be a regular visitor to Macau.

"What an extraordinarily unique place Macau is," he said yesterday in a short speech prior to toasting to the Queen's health. "I have been [surprised] by the unique nature of Macau; it really is something special."

Heyn also expressed his optimism yesterday for an information-sharing agreement between the U.K. and the MSAR on matters of taxation intelligence.

"We are working with [Secretary Chan's] colleagues on a free exchange of tax information between [our two territories]," he explained. "We're hoping that, in the coming months, the U.K. will

Queen's birthday celebrated with new British consul general



Andrew Heyn (left) and Sonia Chan

be one of the first financial arrangements that Macau reaches to enable the exchange of tax information."

With regards to British people in Macau, Heyn estimated that there could be as many as 1,000 Brits residing within the territory. He also said that British tourists are the most numerous among visitors to Macau out of all European Union countries.

The consul general was joined on stage by Secretary for Administration and Justice Sonia Chan, who was herself escorted by three members of the First Battalion of the Welsh Guards.

"The historic decision [Brexit] is expected to lead to numerous political and economic changes in the U.K., the EU and even the rest of the world. There is a famous saying: Progress is impossible

without change. The Queen emphasized this repeatedly in Her Majesty's first televised speech six decades ago; the importance of embracing change," she said. "This holds true for the U.K. and for the Macau SAR as well."

The Macao Orchestra Brass, directed by Professor Kevin "Kit" Thompson of the University of Macau, performed the national anthems of both China and the

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SONIA CHAN

U.K. during the celebratory evening.

"I think that tonight has been very successful," Thompson told the Times. "We're only a small community here in Macau - by Hong Kong standards - but we are a very engaged community. And I think the good thing about Macau is, because we are so small, it's very easy to do things like this."

Gov't collects opinions for Greater Bay Area development

Julie Zhu

STARTING from yesterday until June 28, the local government is calling the public to share their opinions with the government in regard to the cosmopolitan development plans for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area.

Earlier, in March, China's premier Li Keqiang endorsed a plan to turn the area around the Pearl River estuary into a "cluster" of cities and promised a strategic plan for the development to be unveiled in the future.

development and opening up," said Li.

During a press conference organized yesterday at the government headquarters, Kou Chi Hung, consultant of the chief executive, noted that this specific calling for public opinions is different from the city's previous public consultations as the MSAR government will not be the party responsible for drafting a conclusive scheme regarding the development plan.

According to Kou, after the government receives opinions from the local communities, it will deliver all collected opinions to the central government, which will in turn refer to these opinions when writing the final version of the development plan of the Greater Bay Area.

In particular, the central government will refer to these opi-

nions to draft a part of the final report that directly concerns Macau.

The Greater Bay Area involves both SARs and nine cities in Guangdong.

Kou noted that the Greater Bay Area concept will fall under the China's Belt and Road strategy and he claimed that the Portuguese aspects will unquestionably be included in the Greater Bay Area development.

As explained by Kou, Macau can participate in the development of the Greater Bay Area either independently or jointly with other parties, for instance the Portuguese-speaking countries. Moreover, according to Kou, the government expects Macau residents who live in Guangdong to reap equal benefits as the Guangdong residents.

Kou declared that the government looks

forward to "Macau residents being regarded as [Guangdong's] local residents."

In addition, Kou expressed no concern about whether the Greater Bay Area development will merge Macau with the mainland excessively.

Previously, the government called for public opinions regarding the development of the Greater Bay Area, assigning a 15-day time window for collecting opinions.

Lao Pun Lap, director of the Policy Research Office (GEP), revealed that the government will issue a statement in different stages regarding the development plan.

He also informed that anyone interested in sharing their opinions can visit the GEP website or the Chief Executive office's website where they can enter their opinions as comments.

DSAL inspects construction sites

THE Labor Affairs Bureau (DSAL), starting from yesterday, has been sending officers to inspect all construction sites in Macau which are conducting similar engineering projects to the one that caused two deaths earlier this week.

DSAL noted that once the bureau notices situations which put construction workers' lives at risks, the bureau will issue a suspension order to the contractors overseeing unsafe work sites.

On Monday morning, an accident took place in a construction site located at the Avenida Dr. Rodrigo Rodrigues, resulting in the death of two workers and the injury of two others.

An iron beam weighing approximately six tons, of six meters in length, yielded accidentally during its testing period, hitting the workers, aged between 40 and 50 years old.

All of the workers are blue card holders.

Yesterday, DSAL organized a meeting with the constructor responsible for construction site where the accident occurred on Monday. The objective was to further educate the managers of that construction site, as well as safety officers



and workers with the sole purpose of preventing similar tragedies from happening again.

Meanwhile, the Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau (DSSOPT) has suspended the operations at the construction site where two employees died earlier this week.

Currently, the constructor responsible for the engineering work at that site is required to conduct an overall inspection of the construction site and to make a safety evaluation of all the facilities, in addition to enhancing the safety knowledge training of its own workforce.

The construction can only resume operations after DSSOPT and DSAL grant it an approval upon site inspection.

IC: Ox Warehouse to close for renovation works

THE Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) informed the Times in a statement yesterday that it is temporarily closing the site of the Ox Warehouse gallery so that it can renovate the building on Avenida do Coronel Mesquita.

After assuming responsibility for Ox Warehouse in 2016, the IC said that the bureau discovered several wooden beams on the building's roof to be damaged. The revelation resulted in temporary reinforcement works in the area so as to meet safety standards, as well as several building assessments.

"An overall restoration plan was made in accordance with the test results [...] and] maintenance and restoration works of the roof will be carried out in the short-term."

Earlier this year, the IC determined that the building holds "architectural interest," therefore the renovation works are also designed to "ensure the safety of the [building as a] cultural relic."

Ox Warehouse will be forced to vacate the site before the year is out. Exhibitions currently showing at the gallery will conclude around October, a repre-



sentative from the association told the Times this week.

Meanwhile, after the renovation works are complete, the IC said it will open a public tender, whereby local associations can submit their proposals for the site.

The bureau affirmed that the site would still be used for "promoting the development of local arts."

With regards to claims made by Ox Warehouse that the IC had made minimal communication regarding the eviction, the bureau told the Times that the renovation plan has been explained to the association.

"The association is also welcome to participate in the public tender," the IC noted in the state-

ment. "The IC hopes that, through the open and fair way, it can allow the association that intends to use this space to explore its vitality and creativity, showing the diversity of the city's arts." **DB**

WE CORRECT

In the article, "Ox Warehouse to be evicted by year-end", published on June 13, the Times incorrectly attributed ownership of the site of the Ox Warehouse gallery to the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM), when it is in fact operated by the Cultural Affairs Bureau. Our sincere apologies to the IACM and to our readers for the mistake. The online version of the article has been corrected.

CRIME

Drug mule caught in city center

THE Public Security Police Force (PSP) caught a man, aged over 50 years old, from mainland China, while he was acting suspiciously in the city center. Later, he was found to be a drug courier operating in between the mainland and Macau, the PSP spokesperson informed during a press conference this week.

The case started to unfold when the man was initially approached by the officers at the Av. Almeida Ribeiro in Macau's city center and was asked to show his identity documents, which he did.

There was no problem with any of the documents however he was acting suspiciously and nervous which led the police to perform a body search.

In his pockets were found six pills and four small bags containing a total of 4.84 grams of "ice", known also as crystal methamphetamine.

Further questioning led to the information that he was operating under the orders of a man that he had met in China that hired him to sneak drugs into the region paying him the amount of MOP150 for each transport.

He claims his last trip was on June 7 as he had several orders to deliver. He admitted to having already made two successful deliveries and what was found with him was allegedly the third one.

A search to the apartment where he was staying in Rua de Bruxelas (in the NAPE area) found also another two pills as well as another 11 bags of "ice" weighing a total of 14 grams and a tissue with traces of ketamine.

When taken to the hospital, he also tested positive for drug consumption. He will be presented to the Public Prosecutions Office on June 10, charged with drug trafficking and consumption. **RM**

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MEDIA

News Corp. says 'enough is enough' on phone-hacking evidence

Jeremy Hodges

NEWs Corp.'s U.K. publishing unit asked a judge to put an end to excessive disclosure requests made by lawyers representing phone-hacking victims as regulators prepare to rule on the controversial takeover of Sky Plc.

News Group Newspapers Ltd. is being sued by dozens of people who say their voicemail was illegally intercepted by tabloid journalists. The group includes television stars and a former professional football player. The publisher has settled hundreds of hacking claims since the allegations first emerged six years ago. But a trial of a handful of the hacking claims is scheduled for October, with vast amounts of potential evidence still being pored over.

"We are well beyond the point of vastly diminishing returns," Anthony Hudson, News Corp.'s lawyer, said in court yesterday. "Enough is enough." The publisher has sifted through some 830,000 documents for the trial and, since September, the cost of the exercise has hit 7 million pounds (\$8.9 million), Hudson said in court and in documents prepared for the London hearing.

The court case may become a hurdle for 21st Century Fox Inc. in its 11.7 billion-pound bid for Sky. Lawmakers in the U.K. have asked the government to consider past wrongdoing in Murdoch family controlled companies when deciding whether to approve the merger. James Murdoch, who was executive chairman of the U.K. publishing unit from 2008 to 2012, now runs 21st Century Fox as CEO.

The new disclosure proves "illegal information gathering was rife" at the Sun tabloid, David Sherborne, a lawyer for the hacking victims, said in court documents. The vic-

tims asked a judge to order the publisher to provide more information on emails written by Rebekah Brooks, the now chief executive officer of News Corp.'s U.K. unit, and James Murdoch as well as all invoices relating to any private investigators the newspapers used.

"The disclosure does not show, contrary to claimants' hopes and anticipation, that journalists at the Sun were engaged in voicemail interception either on a widespread or individual basis," Hudson said.

Ofcom, the U.K. telecommunications regulator, is reviewing the Sky deal and will report its findings to the Department of Culture, Media & Sport on June 20.

The final decision rests with U.K. Culture Secretary Karen Bradley, who can approve the deal, attach conditions, or refer it to the Competition and Markets Authority for further review. Ofcom is studying whether the transaction is in the public interest, including the deal's impact on media plurality and broadcast standards.

The regulator is also assessing whether Sky would continue to be a "fit and proper" holder of a broadcasting license following the Fox takeover, a standard that involves reviewing potential misconduct by executives. Failing that test would effectively block the deal. While this assessment is separate from the public-interest considerations, Ofcom is conducting both reviews simultaneously.

The phone-hacking scandal scuppered News Corp.'s previous attempt to buy Sky in 2011. The discovery that journalists at the News of the World newspaper listened to message on the phone of a murdered schoolgirl led to multiple criminal and judicial probes into the company and the eventual conviction of Andy Coulson, a former editor of the tabloid. **Bloomberg**



HK property has surged since British rule

AS the Union Jack fluttered over Hong Kong's Victoria Harbor for the last time on June 30, 1997, home prices were hovering near record highs and sellout crowds at new projects were the norm.

Twenty years on, property price have hit fresh records and buyers are still thronging to buy new apartments. This time around, the boom has been accompanied by demand from another source: mainland developers.

Chinese companies have dominated Hong Kong's land sales this year, adding to a spate of acquisitions since the beginning of 2016. HNA Group, the firm led by tycoon Chen Feng, has been among the splashiest of them, splurging on residential property sites near Hong Kong's old airport. Mainland companies have rapidly grown more active in recent years,

■ It would take more than eighty years for a person making the median monthly income to pay for a 500 square-foot flat

after being virtually absent from the market prior to 2011, according to data from CIMB Securities Ltd.

Record sums paid by developers at land auctions could translate into even higher home prices down the road in a city that is already the least affordable in the world. Home prices have soared 76 percent

since the previous market peak in 1997, according to data from Jones Lang LaSalle Inc.

For people at the lower end of the income ladder, buying a home can be a daunting challenge. It would take more than eighty years for a person making the median monthly income of HKD15,000 to pay for a 500 square-foot apartment on Hong Kong island, provided they earmark half of their monthly income for home payments, according to Bloomberg calculations based on data from the Census and Statistics Department.

The ever-escalating property market has posed a headache for the city's leaders and prompted warnings from Hong Kong's de facto central bank. The Hong Kong Monetary Authority tightened property lending twice last month as it seeks to rein in risks. **Bloomberg**

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SHANGRI-LA CONFIRMED FOR MELBOURNE'S DEVELOPMENT



Malaysian property developer, S P Setia Berhad Group and Shangri-La Hotels and

Resorts announced yesterday that the Shangri-La hotel will be central to the

planned landmark development in Melbourne's central business district.

The hotel will be a two-tower development located at 308 Exhibition Street, overlooking Melbourne's world heritage-listed Carlton Gardens.

According to a press release by Shangri-La, the hotel will feature an estimated 500 guest rooms with three levels of amenities including a sky lobby, fitness center and pool among others. The second tower will include around 200 residential apartments as well as office space.

A sky bridge will connect the two towers and retail space will occupy the lower levels of the development. The project is expected to be completed in 2022.

OPEL CEO STEPS DOWN AHEAD OF SALE TO FRENCH RIVAL

The head of France's PSA Group, the maker of Peugeot and Citroen cars, says his goal is to see Opel make money by 2020 — but he'll be doing it without Opel's CEO Karl-Thomas Neumann.

Neumann is stepping down ahead of the completion of the unit's sale by General Motors to PSA.

Opel said in a statement that Neumann was leaving his post as CEO immediately but would remain a member of top Opel management until the sale goes through. Neumann was replaced by the chief financial officer, Michael Lohscheller. The company said Lohs-

cheller's appointment would "ensure continuity" and a "seamless managerial transition" as Opel builds a new strategic plan for its future under PSA Group ownership. PSA Group CEO Carlos Tavares was quoted as saying by the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung daily that Opel had to become profitable by 2020 in order to generate the cash needed to invest in new models, markets and ideas. The goal is to have Opel reach PSA's levels of profitability — 6 percent operating profit margins — by 2026.

Tavares stressed that Opel needed to remain a



Opel manager Karl-Thomas Neumann

German brand, and likewise with its right-hand-drive Vauxhall models sold in Britain. "The more German Opel is, and perceived to be, and the more British the sister company Vauxhall is, the more they complement our brands Peugeot, Citroen and DS," he was quoted as saying.



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Angola gives tax breaks to Chinese real estate projects

THE China International Fund (CIF) has invested USD694 million in two real estate projects on the outskirts of Luanda that have allowed the construction of thousands of homes, according to a presidential dispatch that approves the tax breaks.

The presidential order from the end of May, quoted by Portuguese news agency Lusa, regulates the investment made by the China International Fund, the largest Chinese group based in Angola and with interests in a number of sectors.

The two real estate projects in which CIF has invested are the Vila Pacífica residential condominium in Viana and

5,800 homes in the KK project, near the Kilamba urbanization, also on the outskirts of Luanda.

Under the presidential order, which approves the contract between CIF and the Technical Unit for Private Investment (UTIP), the Chinese group will benefit from a reduction of 42.5% in industrial, investment and real estate transfer tax (Sisa) payments over six years.

The China International Fund is a Hong Kong-owned investor group that describes its business as "large-scale projects of national reconstruction and infrastructure construction in developing countries."

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MOZAMBIQUE

Nyusi seeks investments on visit to the United States

THE president of Mozambique began a three-day working visit to the United States of America, which is seen as an opportunity to strengthen political, economic and business relations, Mozambican news agency AIM reported.

On this visit Filipe Nyusi will take part in the 11th Biennial US-Africa Business Summit, an initiative of the Corporate Council on Africa (CCA) and hold official talks with Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and other members of the American government, as well as with economic, financial and scientific institutions.

During the US-Africa Biennial Summit, Mo-



Filipe Nyusi

zambique will showcase its potential in various areas of activity, such as the extractive industry, agriculture and agricultural processing, tourism, among others considered crucial to boost economic growth and accelerate the country's

development.

During the three-day visit, Nyusi will hold other meetings, notably those scheduled with Trade Secretary Wilbur Ross, as well as the presidents of Anadarko Petroleum, RA Walker and General Electric Africa, Jay Ireland,

groups that involved in projects in Mozambique.

The visit of the President of the Republic to the United States is the second in a little less than a year, as in September 2016 Nyusi was in the country on a working visit ahead of his participation in the United Nations General Assembly.

In addition to Nyusi's efforts to attract foreign investment, a group of 30 Mozambican business people who have travelled to the US capital on a mission organized by the Confederation of Economic Associations of Mozambique plan to establish partnerships with companies from the US and other countries that will be in Washington.

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ANALYSIS

Former ambassadors see Xi gaining at Trump's expense

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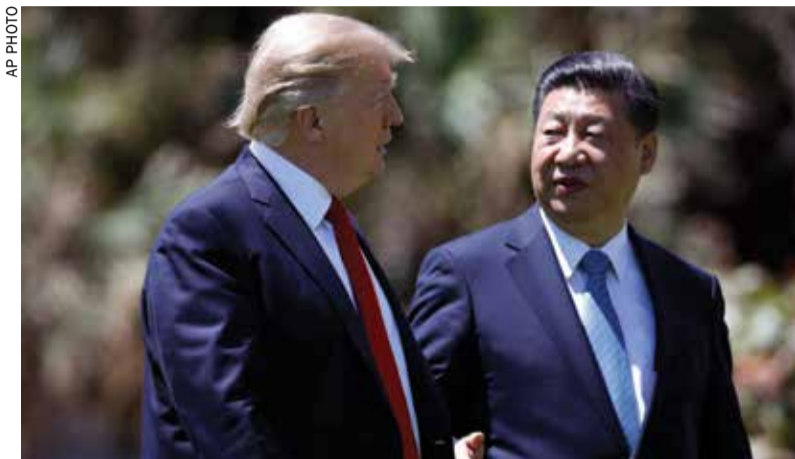
U.S. President Donald Trump has been weakened on the international stage by political dramas at home, while Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping's clout is growing, according to former diplomats at a symposium on U.S.-China relations.

J. Stapleton Roy, who was an envoy to China under the administration of George H. W. Bush, told the conference yesterday [Macau time] in Des Moines, Iowa, the U.S. "is mired in an emerging political crisis that could that could have far reaching implications."

Roy, who has met every top Chinese leader since Mao Zedong's designated successor, Hua Guofeng, said later in an interview that Trump could find it harder to make international deals because of ongoing investigations into Russian involvement in the 2016 election and, potentially, his administration.

"It weakens a national leader when there is a brewing crisis that could affect his position, both in the world and his domestic position," he said.

Iowa is the home state of the new ambassador to China, former Governor Terry Branstad, who didn't attend the forum but has a long-standing relationship with Xi. They met in 1985 on Xi's first trip to Iowa, when Xi was a



Xi Jinping with Donald Trump at Mar-a-Lago, Florida

young agricultural official from Hebei province.

Since coming to power Trump has signaled a more protectionist stance on trade and pulled the U.S. out of a 12-nation Pacific pact. That has given Xi an opening to tout China's globalization credentials on the international stage and present his country as a defender of free trade and the Paris climate accord. Trump has also indicated a less predictable approach to foreign policy that raises doubts about the U.S. strategic commitment to Asia.

Xi, widely seen as China's strongest leader since Deng Xiaoping in the late 20th century, has slowly reoriented foreign policy. Burnishing his image overseas may also help him boost his grip on power at home ahead of a twice-a-

decade leadership reshuffle that will determine his ability to enact a politically fraught economic overhaul.

Julia Chang Bloch, a Chinese immigrant and former U.S. envoy to Nepal, said Trump's decisions to withdraw from international agreements helped China's clout. She cited the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade pact and Paris agreement.

"In effect, he has left the field open for Chinese leadership," said Bloch, who was also appointed by Bush.

Still, she said conversations with business and political leaders during a recent trip to China revealed an appreciation for Trump's willingness to deal.

"Many of them think they can work with him much better than

Ties between China and the US are likely to remain solid as long as the US sticks to the longstanding 'One China' policy

President Obama," she said. "Already, there is suspicion that Trump may give up on the South China Sea or make concessions on trade in exchange for China's help with North Korea."

Among the most pressing and sensitive challenges facing Trump in his relationship with China is to get Xi's help in containing North Korea, with the isolated regime recently repeating its claim to be progressing on an intercontinental ballistic missile capable of carrying a nuclear warhead to the U.S. west coast.

The Chinese believe that Trump is willing to deal and overlook non-transactional matters, Bloch said.

"This is also good for China, as Chinese, I think, much prefer a

U.S. president who cares more about business and business deals than promoting ideological values such as democracy and human rights," she said.

The Chinese had a much rosier view of the summit in April between Xi and Trump at his Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida than many Americans, Bloch said. While the U.S. media stressed the lack of tangible accomplishments, she said the Chinese took pride in the fact Trump treated Xi with respect.

"Mar-a-Lago burnished President Xi's place on the global stage and ended the U.S.-China, teacher-student relationship," she said.

Tensions between the world's two largest economies have grown in recent years, and Trump delivered heated rhetoric about China on the campaign trail, especially blasting trade deals that generated U.S. deficits. After Trump's election - and before being sworn into office - he abandoned almost four decades of diplomatic protocol in December by speaking directly with the leader of Taiwan, which Beijing considers a province.

Still, ties between China and the U.S. are likely to remain solid, Roy predicted, as long as the U.S. sticks to the longstanding "One China" policy framework.

"It was so destabilizing when President-elect Trump talked about using the One China position as a bargaining chip with China to deal with trade and other issues," he said. "Since then, of course, he has recognized that was not a viable approach to managing our bilateral relationship, and he has indicated in conversations with President Xi that we would be guided by our traditional One China policy." **Bloomberg**

ECONOMY

Ivanka brand applies for, wins more trademarks

Erika Kinetz, Shanghai

THE Ivanka Trump brand is pushing to protect intellectual property in China, winning approvals for four more trademarks since April 20 despite repeated questions from lawmakers about whether she is using her position in the White House to help her company.

Democratic lawmakers on the House Judiciary Committee said the new trademark approvals illustrate how President Donald Trump's daughter - who also serves as a White House adviser - could use her official position for personal benefit.

"We remain concerned that Ivanka Trump may have used and may continue to use her official position within the White House to benefit her private

interests," the lawmakers wrote in a letter to Abigail Klem, president of Ivanka Trump's brand.

All told, Ivanka Trump Marks LLC has at least 24 trademarks that were granted provisional or full approval in China, plus 43 pending marks and three invalid marks, according to Trademark Office database records.

At least seven of those provisional approvals were published after March 29, when Ivanka Trump announced she would become a federal employee, serving as an adviser to her father. Four preliminary approvals were published on April 20, May 13 and May 27. If there are no objections, those marks - covering wedding dresses and jewelry among other things - will be registered after 90 days.

Three additional trade-

marks for jewelry, bags and spa services were initially published in China's Trademark Gazette on April 6, the same day Ivanka Trump dined with President Xi Jinping at Mar-a-Lago, her father's resort in Florida, as reported previously by The Associated Press. The record of initial approval for one of them has subsequently disappeared from the database. It was not immediately clear why.

Ivanka Trump Marks LLC also applied for at least 14 new trademarks in China on March 28, the day before she announced her official White House role. A 15th application, with a small typo in the Chinese version of the name of the company, was filed on the same date. The applications, which were first reported by the Wall Street Journal, cover a wide ran-

ge of goods and services, including real estate and financial services, construction, furniture, carpets, and alcohol. Detailed records of these filings were not available Monday on the Trademark Office's public online database.

In their letter yesterday [Macau time], the Democrats on the House Judiciary Committee demanded information about the timing of the company's applications in China.

"Did Ms. Trump's decision to join the staff of the White House play any role in the company's decision to file those applications or the timing of that decision?" the lawmakers wrote in response to information already provided to the committee by the company.

China has defended its handling of trademarks for both Ivanka Trump and



Donald Trump as fair and in line with normal legal practice.

Ivanka Trump's brand has said the 2017 Chinese trademarks were filed defensively, to protect against squatters using her name.

"The brand has filed, updated, and rigorously protected its international trademarks over the past several years in the normal course of business, especially in regions where

trademark infringement is rampant," Klem said in a statement.

To address ethical concerns, Ivanka Trump shifted the brand's assets to a family-run trust valued at more than USD50 million and pledged to recuse herself from government issues that present conflicts. She has stepped back from day to day management, but retains her ownership interest in the company. **AP**

Taipei down to 20 allies as Beijing steps up the pressure



Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen (left) and Vice President Chen Chien-jen

PANAMA'S switching of diplomatic relations from Taiwan to China deprives Taipei of one of its most important and influential allies.

Taiwan now is left with just 20 countries that extend it diplomatic recognition, providing symbolic support for its claim to sovereignty as well as a conduit into international society that China has increasingly sought to choke off. Below is a look at recent developments in Taiwan's diplomatic relations:

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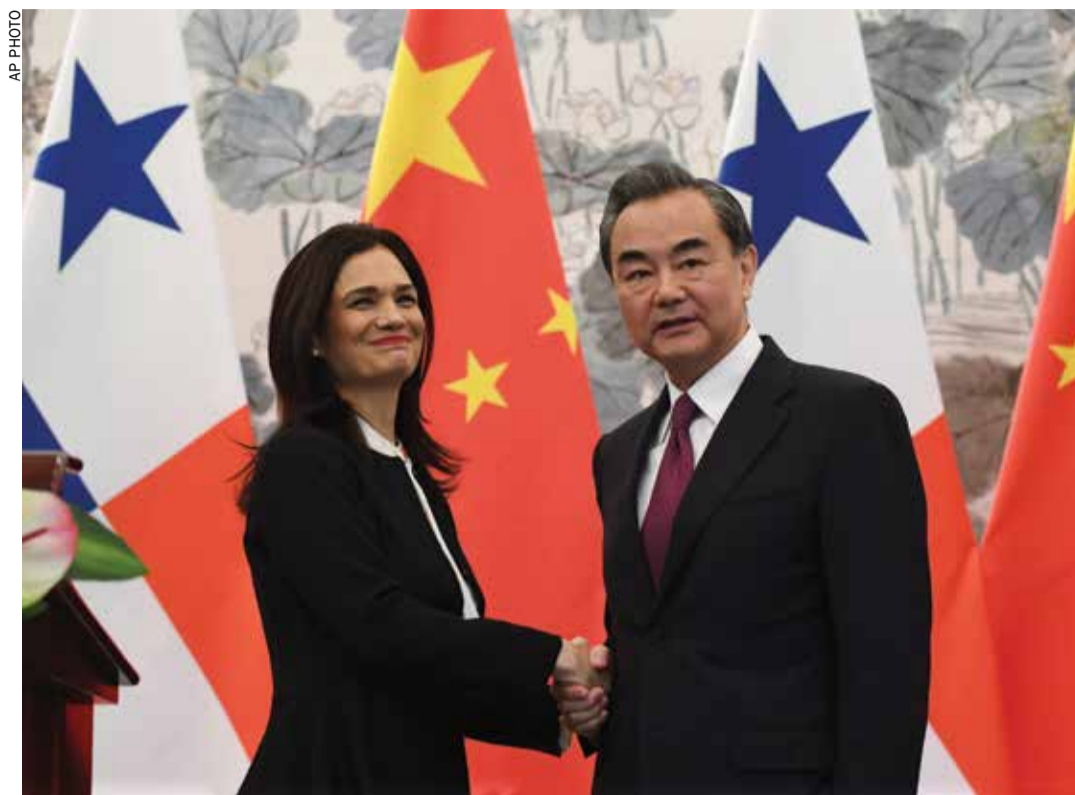
China lessened the diplomatic pressure on Taiwan during the 2008-2016 term of China-friendly President Ma Ying-jeou, but its overall strategy of narrowing the island's global breathing space has continued unabated. In 2007, Costa Rica became the first of Taiwan's Central American partners to switch allegiances. That was followed by the southern African nation of Malawi in 2008, with Gambia in West Africa following suit in 2013, although formal relations with Beijing weren't formed until 2016. Also in 2016, tiny African state Sao Tome and Principe switched ties, marking a warning shot across the bow of Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen's ship of state.

SCATTERED FRIENDS

The steady attrition has left Taiwan with just two allies in Africa: Burkina Faso in the west and the Kingdom of Swaziland in the south. Taiwan's relations with its remaining Central and South American allies — Belize, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Paraguay — are partly a legacy of their former shared right-wing politics and partly of Taipei's generous aid programs. In the Caribbean, Taiwan's allies are Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. Taiwan is also allies with a number of fellow Pacific island nations and American allies, namely Kiribati, Nauru, the Marshall Islands, Palau, the Solomon Islands and Tuvalu.

SOLE EUROPEAN ALLY

Taiwan's only diplomatic partner in Europe is the Holy See, a relationship that endures against a steady stream of conjecture about the Vatican's plans to switch relations to Beijing. Successive popes have reached out to China hoping to find an accommodation over management of the Catholic Church in the country, but agreement has proven elusive: Beijing insists on the right to appoint bishops, as well as to tightly manage the church's activities and its role in public life. Although few Taiwanese are Catholics, the church has a lengthy history on the island, and Taiwan's democracy and open society allow it a far greater degree of activity than found in China.



Panama's Foreign Minister Isabel de Saint Malo (left) poses with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi for a photo during a joint press briefing in Beijing yesterday

Panama switches diplomatic recognition from Taiwan to China

Louise Watt & Juan Zamorano, Beijing

PANAMA switched diplomatic relations from Taiwan to China, dealing a major victory to Beijing in its drive to isolate the self-governing island it claims as its own territory.

In Panama, President Juan Carlos Varela announced the change, which entails breaking off formal relations with Taiwan, saying in a televised address that it represents the "correct path for our country."

A joint statement released yesterday [Macau time] in Panama said Panama and China were recognizing each other and establishing ambassadorial-level relations the same day.

"The Government of the Republic of Panama recognizes that there is but one China in the world, that the Government of the People's Republic of China is the sole legal government representing the whole of China, and that Taiwan is an inalienable part of China's territory," the statement read.

"The Government of the Republic of Panama severs 'diplomatic relations' with Taiwan as of this day and undertakes not to have any more official relations or official exchanges with Taiwan," it continued.

Panama had been among the largest economies to have maintained diplomatic rela-

tions with Taiwan. The island now has just 20 formal diplomatic partners, 11 of which are in Latin America and the Caribbean. The island is also excluded from the United Nations and many other multinational bodies at China's insistence.

At the Diaoyutai state guesthouse in Beijing yesterday, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi and Panamanian Vice President and Foreign Minister Isabel de Saint Malo signed a joint communique establishing diplomatic relations, followed by a champagne toast.

Wang said he was sure relations between the two countries would have a "bright future."

Saint Malo said she hoped the new relationship would lead to trade, investment and tourism opportunities, in particular "exporting more goods from Panama to China."

China and Taiwan split amid civil war in 1949 and Beijing has vowed to take control of the island by force if necessary.

While the sides had maintained an undeclared diplomatic truce for much of the past decade, relations have dete-

riorated under current Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen, who took office more than a year ago but has declined to endorse China's view that Taiwan and the mainland are part of a single Chinese nation.

The past year has seen China ratcheting up the diplomatic pressure on Taiwan, barring its representatives from attending the World Health Organization's annual conference and other international gatherings.

Beijing cut off contacts with Taiwanese government bodies a year ago, and in recent months has also sailed an aircraft carrier strike force aground the island in a display of its growing military power.

Panama may be the first of several Taiwanese diplomatic allies to switch to China as Beijing steps up pressure on Tsai to recognize its "one China" principle, said Tang Yonghong, director of the Taiwan Economic Research Center at Xiamen University in southeastern China.

"Many Latin American countries want to have stronger ties with China for their national interests," Tang said.

Although China refused to

■ **'Both nations are betting on a more interconnected world,' President Varela said [alluding] to Chinese involvement in the Panama Canal**

form such ties during the previous administration of China-friendly president Ma Ying-jeou, it no longer has any such qualms, Tang said.

"Now this trend could continue for a while," Tang said.

Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement that in breaking ties, President Varela had ignored the friendship between their countries and the efforts that Taiwan had made to help Panama's overall development. Panama had "submitted to the Beijing authorities for economic benefits" and "lied" to the government of Taiwan, the statement said.

Taiwan will immediately cut ties, cease all bilateral cooperation projects and pull its diplomatic staff and technical advisers out of the country, the ministry said, adding that it will not "engage in competition for money diplomacy with the Beijing authorities."

"We express our strong protest and condemnation over the Beijing authorities luring Panama into breaking ties with us, oppressing our diplomatic space to maneuver and harming the feelings of the Taiwanese people," the statement said.

Beijing and Taipei have long competed with each other to win diplomatic recognition, at times enticing small or poor countries to switch with the promise of millions of dollars for public works projects.

Varela had suggested the possibility of switching diplomatic recognition during his presidential campaign in 2014, for historic, economic and strategic reasons.

"Both nations are betting on a more interconnected world," Varela said in a possible allusion to Chinese economic involvement in the Panama Canal. He mentioned that it was a massive Chinese vessel that was the first to pass through the canal's expanded locks when they opened in June 2016.

China is the second-biggest client of the Panama Canal and the leading provider of merchandise to a free-commerce zone in the Panamanian city of Colon, on the country's Caribbean coast.

The loss of Panama is intended to show Tsai that continued defiance of Beijing will harm Taiwan's overall interests, said Zhang Baohui, director of Center for Asian Pacific Studies at Lingnan University in Hong Kong.

"Panama was one of the more significant countries that still maintained diplomatic relations with Taiwan," Zhang said.

"By taking away Panama, it once again teaches Tsai's government the lesson that if she doesn't accept the 'one China' principle [...] there will be consequences. AP

NORTH KOREA

Former NBA player Dennis Rodman arrives in Pyongyang

Eric Talmadge, Pyongyang

DENNIS Rodman, the former NBA bad boy who has palled around with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, flew back to Pyongyang yesterday for the first time in Donald Trump's presidency. He said he is "just trying to open a door" on a mission that he thinks his former "Celebrity Apprentice" boss would support.

Rodman, one of the few people to know both of the nuclear-armed leaders, sported a black T-shirt advertising a marijuana cybercurrency as he talked to reporters briefly before his flight from Beijing to the North Korean capital.

Asked if he had spoken to Trump about his trip, he said, "Well, I'm pretty sure he's pretty much happy with the fact that I'm over here trying to accomplish something that we both need."

Rodman has received the red-carpet treatment on four



Former NBA basketball star Dennis Rodman is greeted by North Korea's Sports Ministry Vice Minister Son Kwang Ho (right) upon his arrival at Sunan International Airport

past trips since 2013, but has been roundly criticized for visiting during a time of high tensions between the U.S. and North Korea over its weapons programs.

His entourage includes Jo-

seph Terwilliger, a professor who has accompanied Rodman on previous trips to North Korea.

Rodman said the issue of several Americans currently detained by North Korea is "not

my purpose right now."

In Tokyo, a visiting senior U.S. official said Rodman is making the trip as a private citizen.

"We are aware of his visit. We wish him well, but we have issued travel warnings to Americans and suggested they not travel to North Korea for their own safety," U.S. Undersecretary of State Thomas Shannon told reporters after discussing the North Korean missile threat and other issues with Japanese counterparts.

A North Korean foreign ministry official said Rodman would stay until Saturday. He spoke on condition of anonymity because the ministry had not issued a formal statement.

Any visit to North Korea by a high-profile American is a political minefield, and Rodman has been criticized for failing to use his influence on leaders who are otherwise isolated diplomatically from

the rest of the world.

Americans are regarded as enemies in North Korea because the two countries never signed a peace treaty to formally end the 1950-53 Korean War. Thousands of U.S. troops are based in South Korea, and the Demilitarized Zone between the North and South is one of the most heavily fortified borders in the world.

A statement issued in New York by a Rodman publicist said the former NBA player is in the rare position of being friends with the leaders of both North Korea and the United States. Rodman was a cast member on two seasons of Trump's "Celebrity Apprentice."

Rodman tweeted that his trip was being sponsored by Potcoin, one of a growing number of cybercurrencies used to buy and sell marijuana in state-regulated markets.

North Korea has been hailed by marijuana news outlets and British tabloids as a pothead paradise and maybe even the next Amsterdam of pot tourism. But the claim that marijuana is legal in North Korea is not true. The penal code lists it as a controlled substance in the same category as cocaine and heroin. **AP**

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"CASTELOS NO AR"
Pequeno Auditório do CCM
9 de junho | 20:00



Encontro com o escritor
JOAQUIM FURTADO
Café Oriente - IPOR
13 de junho | 18:30



Exposição "DEBRIS" de **VHILS**
Oficinas Navais nº 1
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31 de maio a 13 de junho



MOSTRA DE **INDIELISBOA**
CINEMA PORTUGUÊS
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30 de junho, 1 e 2 de julho



Exposição coletiva dos alunos
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da Casa de Portugal em Macau
Espaço expositivo da Residência Oficial
do Consul-Geral de Portugal
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Clube Militar de Macau
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Teatro D. Pedro V | 4 de junho | 20:00



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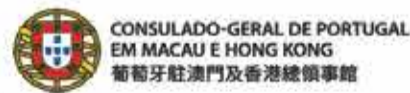
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17 de junho a 2 de julho



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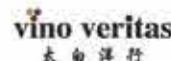
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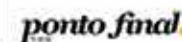
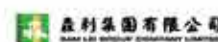
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BANGLADESH

Rain-triggered landslides kill at least 68

HEVY rain triggered landslides that killed at least 68 people in southeast Bangladesh, officials said yesterday, as police and soldiers struggled to reach the remote districts with aid.

It was not immediately clear if any villagers were still missing after large chunks of mud swept over thatched homes and settlements in three hilly districts on Monday.

Reports said scores of people were injured and the death toll could rise.

Military spokesman Rezaul Karim said several soldiers were killed while clearing debris and mud from a highway. Five injured soldiers were flown to a military hospital in Dhaka.

"Two officers and two soldiers have died, and two others remain missing in the incident," Karim said by telephone.

Rains that began early Monday had cleared by yesterday, allowing rescuers to work faster in searching for survivors. But the firefighters, police and soldiers deployed to help were having trouble reaching some

affected areas, said Reaz Ahmed, a senior disaster management official.

"The death toll could rise since many areas remain cut off," he said.

Bangladesh is in the middle of monsoon season but Monday's downpour was caused by a depression in the Bay of Bengal.

Officials said at least 35 were dead in Rangamati, one of the worst-hit districts, and 23 were killed in Chittagong. At least 10 others died in Bandarban, according to fire official Tarikul Islam.

Extensive devastation was reported in the region.

In Rangamati's remote Kawkhali area, one of the worst-hit, about 5,000 homes were either destroyed or damaged, police chief Addul Karim said. He said authorities opened six temporary shelters.

Bangladesh, a delta nation of 160 million people, is prone to natural disasters such as cyclones, floods and landslides. Many people in hilly regions ignore authorities' calls to avoid constructing homes on slopes. **AP**

AP PHOTO



TERRORISM

Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines to join forces vs militants

INDONESIA says it's looking to set up joint patrols with the Philippines and Malaysia to prevent Islamic militants who have laid siege to a city in the southern Philippines from entering its territorial waters.

Indonesia's military chief, Gen. Gatot Nurmantyo, said that he and Defense Minister Ryamizard Ryacudu would meet next week with their counterparts from Malaysia and the Philippines on Indonesia's Tarakan island in northern Borneo, just across the border from Sabah, Malaysia. He said they'll discuss increasing security and signing an agreement to step up joint patrols.

The conflict in the city of Marawi has raised fears that the Islamic State group's violent



Displaced residents ride a mini-truck with their belongings while fleeing to safer areas as government troops battle with Muslim militants in Marawi, Southern Philippines, in late May

ideology is gaining a foothold in the Philippines' restive south, where Muslim separatists have fought for greater autonomy for decades.

Nurmantyo, speaking with reporters and military officials in the capital, Jakarta, said Indonesia needs to be aware of the movement

of IS-aligned militants in the Philippines who assaulted Marawi three weeks ago because Indonesia already has sleeping cells that most likely have been long embedded in the country. He said IS-affiliated cells exist in all of Indonesia's provinces except Papua.

Authorities in Indo-

nesia, the world's most populous Muslim-majority nation, have carried out a sustained crackdown on militants since the 2002 bombings by al-Qaida-affiliated radicals that killed 202 people in Bali. In recent years, it has faced a new threat as the rise of the Islamic State group in the Middle East has breathed new life into local militant networks and raised concerns about the risk of Indonesian fighters returning home.

Marawi is located about 500 kilometers north of Sangihe island in Indonesia's North Sulawesi province.

Maj. Gen. Ganip Warsito, the regional military chief overseeing the closest areas to neighboring Philippines said Indonesia army, navy and air force have deployed extra troops to boost security in the region.

"So far, we have not found any indication of Islamic militants infiltrating from the Philippines to our territory," Warsito said. "We have conducted intelligence, territorial and combat operations to anticipate it." **AP**

KOREA

Suspected North Korea drone photographed US missile defense site

A suspected North Korean drone photographed a U.S. missile defense system in South Korea before it crashed near the border where it was found last week, Seoul's Defense Ministry said yesterday.

The finding came four days after North Korea tested new anti-ship missiles in a continuation of weapons launches that have complicated new South Korean President Moon Jae-in's push to improve ties frayed over the North's nuclear ambitions.

The drone was found in a South Korean border town last Friday and South Korean investigators have discovered hundreds of photos in its Sony-made camera, a Defense Ministry official said, requesting anonymity because of department rules.

Ten of the photos were of U.S. missile launchers and a radar system installed in the southeastern town of Seongju earlier this year, while the rest were mostly of residential areas, agricultural fields and other less-sensitive areas in South Korea, the official said.

Under a deal with Moon's conservative predecessor, the United States deployed key compo-

AP PHOTO



A suspected North Korean drone is seen in a mountain in Inje

nents of the so-called Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense system this spring to cope with a potential North Korean nuclear threat. North Korea called the system a provocation aimed at bolstering U.S. military hegemony in the region. China also opposes the deployment because it worries that THAAD's powerful radar system can peer into its own territory.

The drone was believed to have crashed because it ran short of fuel while returning to North Korea. The official said more analysis was being conducted, including trying to determine if the drone had already transmitted the 10 photos of the THAAD site. **AP**

IRAQ

Mass food poisoning, two die at Mosul camp for displaced people

Balint Szlanko & Sinan Salaheddin,
Hassan Sham U2 Camp

A mass food poisoning at a camp for the displaced near the northern city of Mosul killed at least two people and sickened over 700, Iraq's health minister said yesterday, becoming the latest battleground in the crisis engulfing Qatar and a string of other Arab nations.

A woman and a girl died and at least 200 people were rushed from the desert tent camp to hospitals in the nearby city of Irbil.

An Iraqi lawmaker who visited the camp overnight and Saudi state television quickly accused a charity from Qatar of providing the tainted food. The claims could not be independently confirmed and Qatari officials did not immediately answer calls for comment.

In Baghdad, Health Minister Adila Hamoud told The Associated Press that 752 people became ill after a meal the previous evening at the Hassan Sham U2 camp, about 20 kilometers east of Mosul.

The food was meant for an iftar, a meal with which Muslims break their dawn-to-dusk fasting during the holy month of Ramadan. Hamoud said at least 300 people remain in serious condition. She refused to speculate whether the poisoning might have been intentional.



In this frame grab from video, a boy and his brother receive treatment for suspected food poisoning at a medical tent in the Hassan Sham U2 camp for displaced people

Amira Abdulhaliq, from the United Nations' refugee agency, said it remains unclear at which point in preparing, packaging, transporting or distributing the meals, the food became contaminated.

"So far, we have received around 800 cases, around 200 have been transported to the hospitals in Irbil," she said.

At midday, medics were treating patients in a large tent at the edge of the camp. About 20 to 30 patients, mostly small children, lay on blankets on the floor as several more serious cases were being ferried away by ambulances. At least one new patient was brought in during the day. Most of those afflicted were suffering from stomach cramps and dehydration, resulting from vomiting and diarrhea.

Iraqi lawmaker Raad al-Dahlaki, who chairs the parliament's immigration and displacement committee and who visited the camp overnight, said the meal contained rice, a bean sauce, meat, yoghurt and water. He put the number of sickened people at 850.

Al-Dahlaki said the food was distributed by a Qatari non-governmental organization, a charity known as RAF. The Doha-based charity did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

At a joint press conference later in the camp, Irbil police chief Abdulhaleq Talaat said seven people were arrested in connection with the incident. Irbil Governor Nawzad Hadi said only one person — a child — had died. The different death tolls could

not immediately be reconciled.

Talaat and Hadi said the food was prepared in an Irbil restaurant by a local NGO, Ain el Muhtajeen, under a donation by RAF. Dr Sabur Ahmed, head of Irbil children's hospital, said 22 children remained in hospital while the rest have been discharged.

■ The food was prepared in an Irbil restaurant by a local NGO under a donation by Qatari-based RAF

On Twitter, Saudi state television accused RAF of supplying the tainted meals and posted images it said showed the camp's children "poisoned by the terrorist Qatari RAF organization."

Since a diplomatic crisis between Qatar and other Arab nations led by Saudi Arabia began June 5, Arab media across the greater Persian Gulf have daily unleashed a series of highly critical reports on Qatar. Those reports include highly provocative stories about Qatar allegedly trying to undermine regional security, often presented without

attribution or evidence.

RAF is the acronym for the Qatar-based Thani Bin Abdullah Al Thani Foundation for Humanitarian Services, a charity that collects donations to do aid work around the world, including providing meals to needy families during the holy fasting month of Ramadan.

Qatari government officials also did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

RAF is also among 12 organizations and 59 people put on what Saudi, Emirati and Bahraini officials described as a list of terror entities and individuals on Friday.

On Qatari state television meanwhile, a repeatedly aired program has discussed how the ongoing diplomatic dispute has stopped it from providing meals to Syrian refugees at a major camp in Jordan.

The Hassan Sham U2 camp houses thousands who have fled their homes in and around Mosul after a U.S.-backed Iraqi offensive was launched to dislodge the Islamic State group from the city last October. According to the U.N. refugee agency, it is home to 6,235 people.

Iraq's second-largest city, Mosul, fell to IS in the summer of 2014 as the militants swept over much of the country's northern and western areas. Weeks later, the head of the Sunni extremist group, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, announced the formation of a self-styled caliphate in Iraq and Syria from the pulpit of a Mosul mosque.

Months after the start of the Iraqi offensive, IS militants now only control a handful of neighborhoods in and around the Old City, located west of the Tigris River, which divides Mosul into its western and eastern sectors. **AP**

USA

Mattis blames Congress for poor state of US combat readiness

DEFENSE Secretary Jim Mattis blamed the inability of Congress to deliver an annual defense budget for what he called a shockingly poor state of combat readiness as the United States faces fierce rivals, including

what he described as an "urgent and dangerous threat" from North Korea.

Testifying yesterday [Macau time] before the House Armed Services Committee, Mattis took aim at lawmakers for repeatedly approving short-term spending measures that provide too little money and lack the authority the service branches need to prepare their troops

for the battlefield. He also faulted Capitol Hill for not repealing a law that strictly limits defense spending even though there is widespread support for doing away with the measure.

Congress has "sidelined itself from its active constitutional oversight role," Mattis said. "It has blocked new programs, prevented service growth, stalled industry initiative and placed troops at greater risk." Despite support from the committee, Mattis said "Congress as a whole has met the present challenge with lassitude, not leadership."

Mattis, who appeared

before the panel with Marine Corps Gen. Joseph Dunford, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said North Korea's "continued pursuit of nuclear weapons and the means to deliver them has increased in pace and scope." He called Pyongyang's programs to build weapons of mass destruction "a clear and present danger to all."

The defense secretary warned that a war with North Korea would be "very, very serious" and be unlike anything the world has seen since 1953 when the Korean war ended. Dunford said the U.S. and its allies would

win, but the casualties would be "unlike anything we've seen" in decades.

The committee called Mattis and Dunford to field questions about President Donald Trump's proposed military budget for the 2018 fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1. Trump requested USD639 billion for the Pentagon, including \$65 billion for ongoing military operations. Yet Republican lawmakers are pressing for upward of \$30 billion more to be added to the budget. They argue the extra money is needed to rebuild the military degraded by years of war and erratic budgets.



Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Joseph Dunford (left) Defense Secretary Jim Mattis (center) and Defense Under Secretary and Chief Financial Officer David Norquist

"The world is not stopping and waiting on us to get our act together," said Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-Texas, the committee chairman. "It moves on, and it is moving in a dangerous direction."

During the wide-ranging hearing, Mattis sought congressional approval to shutter excess military bases — a move the Pentagon concludes will save billions of dollars but one that lawmakers have previously rejected.

Mattis proposed a new round of base closings starting in 2021. He said the department "currently has more infrastructure capacity than required for operations." That outlook won't change even if the service branches grow in size, he said. Closing the unneeded bases would save \$10 billion over a five-year period, Mattis said, which could be used to acquire four nuclear submarines or dozens of jet fighters. **AP**

what's ON



A GOLDEN WAY OF LIFE – TRÈS' ORS
TIME: 12pm-9pm (Closed on Mondays, open on public holidays)
UNTIL: September 3, 2017
VENUE: Level 2, MGM Art Space (via Grande Praça)
ADMISSION: Free
ENQUIRIES: (853) 8802 8888

SOU LENG FONG CERAMIC ART EXHIBITION
TIME: 11am-10pm
UNTIL: June 25, 2017
VENUE: The Lakeside Gallery, Anim'Arte Nam Van
ADMISSION: Free
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CONSTELLATION – WORKS BY NICOLAS DELAROCHE
TIME: 10am-9pm (Open on public holidays)
UNTIL: October 8, 2017
VENUE: Tap Seac Gallery
ADMISSION: Free
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STORY OF CANNON MAKING – CHILDREN EXPERIENCE
TIME: 10am-6pm (Last admission at 5:30pm, closed on Mondays)
UNTIL: August 20, 2017
VENUE: Exhibition Gallery, 3rd floor of Macau Museum
ADMISSION: Free
ENQUIRIES: (853) 2835 7911

THE ART OF ZHANG DAQIAN
TIME: 10am-7pm (Last admission at 6:30pm, closed on Mondays)
UNTIL: August 13, 2017
VENUE: Macau Art Museum
ADMISSION: Free
ENQUIRIES: (853) 8791 9814

Offbeat

MAN! MADRID BUSES MOVE TO CURTAIL 'MANSREADING' PRACTICE

If you're taking a bus in the Spanish capital, be sure to keep your legs to yourself.

Madrid authorities this week started putting up signs banning the practice of 'mansreading' — opening one's legs so wide you invade other's seating space — on city buses as part of their new etiquette guidelines.

EMT municipal transportation company says the sign is designed to discourage physical postures that bother people.

The sign features an illustration of a man with splayed legs with a red 'X' above. The text beneath urges passengers to "respect the space of others."

There are no sanctions or fines for those indulging in the practice.

The bus company incorporated the ban following an internet signature campaign by a woman's group, Mujeres en Lucha (Fighting Women).

In their campaign petition, the women said it was a "very common practice."

"It's not difficult to see women with their legs closed and very uncomfortable because there's a man beside them who's invading their space with their legs," it added.

The group said women were taught to sit with their legs together whereas men are ingrained with "the idea of territorial hierarchy, as if the space belongs to them."

EMT said it felt its initiative, which also includes asking passengers not to eat or drink on buses, to keep their backpacks on or put their feet up on seats, was being well received. Again, there are no sanctions for any of these other requests.

"When a person opens their legs so wide it disturbs others, this is rude," said Alvaro Gomez Jordana Moya, 60, as he waited for a bus in Madrid. "It's also uncomfortable having to ask someone, 'Please, can you close your legs.'"



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21:00	Non-Daily Portuguese News
21:30	Grimm
22:10	Now Generation
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Miscellaneous
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THE MUMMY

ROOM 1

2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30pm

Director: Alex Kurtzman

Starring: Tom Cruise, Sofia Boutella, Annabelle Walls

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 141min

WONDER WOMAN

ROOM 1

2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45pm

Director: Patty Jenkins

Starring: Chris Pine, Connie Nielsen, Robin Wright

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 141min



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ROOM 3

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Director: Ben Younger

Starring: Miles Teller, Aaron Eckhart, Katey Sagal

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 116min

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this day in history

**1961 PANDA REPLACES ZEBRA AT ROAD CROSSING**

A new type of road crossing with push button controls for pedestrians is to be introduced next year.

The announcement by the Ministry of Transport confirmed the new 'panda' crossings would be installed on a 12 month experimental basis because of the rising number of accidents on uncontrolled zebra crossings.

In the first half of last year, 533 people were killed or injured on zebra crossings - compared with 447 for the same period in 1959.

The new push button-controlled crossings will be introduced at between 40 and 50 sites in England and Wales.

Half the crossings will be installed where there are none in existence at all at the moment. The remainder will be placed in Guildford in Surrey where all 13 crossings will be converted to the new push button variety, and Lincoln, Lincolnshire, where 10 will be converted.

Transport Minister Ernest Marples - who announced the initiative - said he hoped by imposing an element of control over pedestrian crossings, "some of the dangerous uncertainties of the present system would be eliminated".

The new crossings will consist of triangular black and white stripes - instead of the current rectangular stripes at zebra crossings.

There will be a push button on either side of the road which will control a set of flashing lights. After pressing the button, a flashing light will tell the user to wait. Drivers will be warned to slow by an amber flashing light, which will then turn to red. At the same time, a 'walk' sign will be illuminated for pedestrians. After a specified time period the 'walk' sign will begin to flash, warning the user that the traffic lights are about to change back to green and it is unsafe to cross.

Zebra crossings were introduced in 1951 when there were two million cars registered on the roads of Britain. There are now ten million cars on Britain's roads and the figure is rising all the time.

The new crossing scheme will begin in April next year.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The Tufty Club - initially aimed at pre-school children - was also launched in 1961. It was a road safety campaign, which used a series of puppets including Tufty the squirrel to get its message across. Panda crossings were introduced in April 1962 - but initial confusion over the sequence of flashing lights led to some swift modifications.

The scheme later had to be abandoned as pedestrians and motorists alike complained it was too confusing and the system was also beset with mechanical failures.

The pelican crossing - another system using a push button and flashing lights - was introduced in 1969 and proved more successful.

In the 1990s pelicans were succeeded by puffin crossings - which used sensors to detect the passage of people and cars and thus control the traffic.

By 1998 there were 21.6 million cars registered on the roads of Britain, with 70% of households owning at least one car.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Excessive? Unwilling to stop at just one of anything? You bet. The sky's the limit for you.

Taurus April 20-May 20 Do some investigating into your recent financial ventures, and you may find that someone hasn't been entirely on the up-and-up in the accounts payable department.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 A very intense situation that comes up at work could lead you to wonder if you should say what you know or just keep quiet -- and isn't that always a dilemma?

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 The stars are encouraging you to think of far more interesting topics. But now, you can't think of anything you'd rather do than apply the pants to the chair and the nose to the grindstone.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 This may be just the start of the fun, but you're ready to dive in -- and that feeling probably started late last night. If you made it through the day you definitely deserve congratulations.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Big, messy emotions are on the agenda today, most unlike your meticulous, detail-oriented and choosy self. This could well leave you feeling a bit on the deranged side -- but only if you try to fight it.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 It's not easy to get you down. In fact, you're better at seeing the bright side of things than almost every other sign. That trait will be running on high now, and there's definitely someone who'll be able to benefit from it.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Excessive when it comes to shopping? Well, not usually. But every now and then, you do tend to have your days. This may be one of them. If you're not financially up for it, try channeling this energy into another direction.

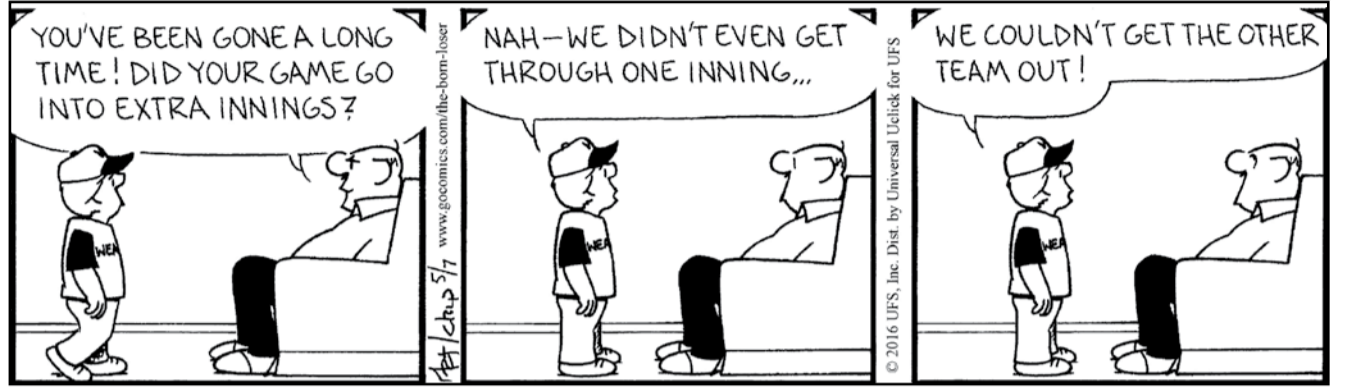
Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Oh, this is just prime time to be you. The rest of the world is feeling as extravagant as you normally do, just this once. You're feeling lucky, frisky and likely to go overboard in all the categories of fun.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 On the one hand, you're feeling just about uncontrollably excessive and lavish and extremely (uncharacteristically) unconcerned with a bill that will inevitably arrive next month.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 That higher-up who seems to have it in for you? The one who seems to have you constantly under a microscope? You may be right about them watching you carefully.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 You won't be in the mood to put up with anyone who doesn't see things the way you do, and you will be in the mood, for once, to let them know they're flat-out wrong.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles categorized by difficulty: Easy, Easy+, Medium, and Hard. Each category contains a 9x9 grid with some numbers pre-filled.

WEATHER

Weather forecast table with columns for MIN, MAX, and CONDITION. It lists weather for various cities in CHINA and the WORLD.

CROSSWORDS

Crossword puzzle with clues for Across and Down. Includes a 'Yesterday's solution' grid and a grid for the current puzzle.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

List of useful telephone numbers including Emergency calls, Fire department, Police (PJ), Customs, S. J. Hospital, Kiang Wu Hospital, Commission Against Corruption (CCAC), IACM, Tourism, and Airport.



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Ronaldo accused of tax fraud

A Spanish state prosecutor accused Real Madrid forward Cristiano Ronaldo of defrauding Spain's tax office of 14.7 million euros (USD16.5 million) in unpaid taxes yesterday. In a statement, Madrid's regional state prosecutor accused Ronaldo of four accounts of tax fraud from 2011-14. It said the Portugal forward "took advantage of a business structure created in 2010 to hide from fiscal authorities income generated in Spain from image rights." The statement said Ronaldo used what it deems a shell company in the Virgin Islands to "create a screen in order to hide his total income from Spain's Tax Office." The prosecutor also said that Ronaldo "intentionally" did not declare income of 28.4 million euros (\$31.8 million) made from the cession of image rights from 2015-20 to another company located in Spain. Additionally, the prosecutor accused Ronaldo of declaring 11.5 million euros (\$12.8 million) earned from 2011-14 in a tax return filed in 2014, when the prosecutor said Ronaldo's real income during that period was almost 43 million euros (\$48 million). It added that Ronaldo falsely claimed the income as coming from real estate, which "greatly" reduced his tax rate. Ronaldo's agency had previously said he was up to date on his taxes.

Kevin Durant, Stephen Curry lead Warriors to NBA title

As a fresh NBA champions cap sat a tad off-kilter on his head, Kevin Durant embraced mother Wanda. Then he moved across the podium and hugged Stephen Curry before accepting his shiny MVP trophy, holding out his arms and hoisting it for everyone to see.

Durant capped his spectacular first season with the Warriors by bringing home that coveted NBA championship he joined Golden State last July so determined to get. He scored 39 points in a fast-and-furious, Finals-clinching 129-120 victory over LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers in Game 5 on Monday night.

"You can talk about whatever you want to talk about, but nobody comes in and cares about the game or loves the game as much as I do or works as hard as do I at the basketball game. You can talk about whatever happens on the outside, but inside those lines, I come to bring it every day," Durant said. "I work hard, I believe in myself, I believe in the game, I respect the game, I love the game, and



Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James (center) shoots against Golden State Warriors forward Kevin Durant during the second half of Game 5

I knew at some point in my life that it will come around for me."

Stephen Curry added 34 points, 10 assists and six rebounds as Golden State closed out its second title in three years after squandering a 3-1 lead a year ago. That stung ever since, and even Durant understood, because he gave up the same lead to the Warriors a round earlier with Oklahoma City.

James, who in 2012 with Mia-

mi beat the Thunder in Durant's only other Finals, wound up with 41 points, 13 rebounds and eight assists.

"I left everything on the floor every game," James said after averaging a triple-double in his eighth Finals.

Kyrie Irving followed up his 40-point gem in Game 4 with 26 points but shot 9 for 22.

This time, King James gave way to KD, who was the NBA Finals MVP 10 years after being

picked second in the NBA draft behind Greg Oden.

Durant drove left, right and down the middle, knocked down 3-pointers, dished and dunked. He hit a 17-foot fadeaway over James early in the fourth quarter, then assisted on a 3-pointer by Andre Iguodala the next time down as the Warriors pulled away.

Iguodala, the 2015 Finals MVP, came up big again with his 2017 postseason-best 20 points off the bench in a testy, tightly called finale to this trilogy Finals that everyone had stamped on the calendar from the moment Durant departed Oklahoma City to join Curry and Co. last July.

The Warriors won in 2015 before the Cavs made their historic comeback last year. Then it was Golden State's time again, with Durant as the prized addition.

Sure, the Warriors missed becoming the first undefeated champion, but 16-1 still gave Golden State the best winning percentage of any title team. AP

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Gripped by cricket fever, Bangladesh facing its biggest game

Steve Douglas

AS the city's 18 million inhabitants will attest, Dhaka — the densely populated capital of Bangladesh — is known as the “traffic capital of the world” for good reason.

Expect roads there to be deserted at about 3:30 p.m. local time on Thursday, though.

“A journey that would take one hour to get to your destination, will take five minutes,” predicted Habibul Bashar, one of Dhaka's more famous residents.

Bashar is the former captain and currently a national selector of Bangladesh's cricket team, which will be taking part in the biggest game in its history on Thursday. “The Tigers” — as the team is also known — play India in Birmingham, England, in a semifinal match in the ICC Champions Trophy, one of the world's leading cricket tournaments.

“This is big, very big,” Bashar said. “The most important day of Bangladeshi cricket ever. This is what we have been dreaming for.”

Once regarded as the minnows of high-level cricket, Bangladesh's players are on a remarkable journey to the top of the game. At the Champions Trophy, they managed to finish — partly by luck, partly by skill — above 2015 World Cup finalists Australia and New Zealand in group play to qualify for the semifinals of an ICC tournament for the first time.

Cricket is Bangladesh's most important sport — “the people, they eat and sleep cricket; they do everything for cricket,” Bashar says — so the country



with a population of 160 million cannot wait for Thursday.

“Literally, when a cricket match is happening, there's nothing else in Bangladesh,” Bashar said in a phone interview from Dhaka after returning from the Champions Trophy. “I think no one will miss this. Each and everyone will see this game.”

Bangladesh was only granted full membership of the ICC, cricket's governing body, in 2000, which allowed the country to play matches against the world's top teams on a more regular basis.

There have been some dark days since then: They went nearly five years (May 1999-March 2004) without a victory in one-day cricket, a run that took in 45 losses and two no results because of washouts. But being expo-

sed to the game's best players, combined with improved domestic structures and coaching, saw Bangladesh gradually pick up significant wins here and there.

An ODI win over Australia in Cardiff in 2005, when Bashar was captain; a group-stage victory over India — under the leadership of Bashar — at the 2007 Cricket World Cup that helped the team reach the Super Eights; a first overseas test series success over a top-tier team, against West Indies in 2009; the famous group-stage win over England at the 2015 Cricket World Cup as the Tigers reached the quarter-finals.

On Friday, Bangladesh beat New Zealand in Cardiff, Wales, to give itself a chance of qualification to the last four of the

Champions Trophy and progress was sealed by Australia losing to England in Birmingham the following day.

“I think everyone has contributed to what we are today,” Bangladesh captain Mashrafe Mortaza said. “The whole nation will be with us, as they were in our desperate times and good times.”

These days, players like Shakib Al Hasan, Tamim Iqbal, Mushfiqur Rahim, Mahmudullah and Mortaza are established names even to the average cricket fan — and icons to kids in Bangladesh. Shakib and Mahmudullah put on a national-record partnership of 224 in the win over New Zealand.

“This is one of the big things; in Bangladesh, everyone wants to play cricket now,” Bashar said.

“A long time ago, when I was dreaming of playing cricket, my parents didn't want me to. They wanted me to do something else.

“But now I can see every child wants to play cricket and every parent wants to take them to the grounds. So we have more players available for cricket. And we have good structure now. Our system is very good, our age-level cricket is fantastic now they have the opportunity to play cricket.”

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Given Bangladesh's population, its passion for cricket and the new-found opportunities, the Tigers are a growing force in the game. Shakib and Mustafizur Rahman played in the lucrative IPL this year, and Bashar predicts more will do so in the coming years.

The immediate future is the game against India on Thursday, though.

“We took our fans through some really hard days: I can feel it, I saw it,” Bashar said. “Those days, I used to dream about what is happening to Bangladesh cricket now. I couldn't finish what we started back then [...] but I'm very happy the boys are doing what I used to dream about. **AP**”

IOC 'very happy' with Beijing prep for 2022 Winter Olympics

THE International Olympic Committee is “very happy” with Beijing's preparations for the 2022 Winter Games, amid assurances yesterday that the main venues will be completed three years before the events are held.

Beijing is drawing largely on its success staging the 2008 Summer Olympics, including reusing much of the original infrastructure. Organizers say the main venues and supporting facilities will be in place by

the end of 2019.

The chairman of the IOC coordinating committee, Alexander Zhukov, said he has full confidence in Beijing's ability to successfully hold the games.

The IOC is “very happy with progress made by Beijing 2022,” Zhukov said yesterday at a news conference following a second round of visits to facilities and organizers' offices.

“This visit has given me full confidence that this

mission will be realized and I look forward to being back for our next visit next year,” Zhukov said.

Beijing is the first city to have been awarded both the Summer and Winter Olympics. The main skiing and sliding events will be held far from the city because of a lack of snow, although organizers say a high-speed rail line now under construction will keep travel times to a minimum.

Cai Qi, Beijing's top official and the newly-appointed president of the organizing committee, said Chinese President Xi Jinping fully supports the organizing work.

“We will complete the construction of the main venues and infrastructural facilities by the end of 2019,” Cai said.

During the visit, the coordination commission visited four sites in Beijing; the new National Speed Skating Oval; the



IOC Coordination Commission chairman Alexander Zhukov of Russia (second right) shakes hands with Beijing mayor Cai Qi

Capital Indoor Stadium; the Wukesong Sports Center that hosted the 2008 men's basketball events, and the Shougang Industry Park where the organizing committee is located.

On a visit last year, Zhukov praised Beijing for getting “off to a fast start” in preparing for the games.

In 2015, Beijing was awarded the games ahead of Almaty, Kazakhstan. **AP**

opinion

Macau Matters

Richard Whitfield



MY NEW LEFT HIP – PART II

A week ago I talked about some of the technical issues relating to joint replacement surgery. Here I would like to talk about hospital issues.

However, there is one more technical issue to address – blood clots after surgery. I am told that the human body naturally makes your blood “stickier” for several months after surgery, which significantly raises the risk of blood clots forming. Moreover, these clots mostly form in the lower leg, especially when blood flow is restricted while you are sitting. If these clots detach and cause heart, lung, brain or other organ blockages you can be in big trouble. While in hospital after my hip surgery I wore special stockings that continually massaged my legs to reduce the risk of clotting. My sister, a former hospital intensive care registrar, is also adamant that I do not sit in a car for more than 1 hour at a time for 2-3 months after my operation. She also wants me to delay my trip back to Macau for as long as possible and to break my flight into a few legs. In my experience, doctors in Macau, Hong Kong, Thailand or Malaysia are much less nervous about blood clots after surgery.

As my surgeon said to me, “hospitals are BAD, and you need to be in and out of them as quickly as possible”. By their nature they are full of diseases and you can catch stuff. To minimize the risks, my surgeon had me shower using anti-bacterial soap 2-3 times/day for several days before my operation, so that at least I would go into hospital relatively germ free. All the hospital beds had anti-bacterial lotion that all the staff used before touching me. With my somewhat limited experience of Macau hospitals, I am not convinced that all the staff working in them have such a clear priority on limiting the spread of germs.

I have the rich people conditions – high cholesterol, high blood pressure and type II diabetes – and this makes the hospital especially nervous because they make me more susceptible to disease. They were especially concerned with my blood sugar levels. Unfortunately, even in Australia there seems to be a lack of communications between hospital departments, because the kitchen did not seem to know about my diabetes and kept offering me sugary drinks and sweet biscuits. Luckily, they knew enough to warn me which meal dishes were “diabetes friendly”. On the other hand, there were no warnings about salt levels in dishes and they gave me salt with every meal, which is a “no no” for high blood pressure sufferers. I would expect similar problems in Macau hospitals.

My existing medications brought up another issue – the drugs that I take have different names in Australia, and my blood pressure medication is not even used there. I just take the pills the doctors prescribe for me, and do not really know which pill is for what – this was embarrassing and ill-informed of me when I was questioned about my existing medications, and I am going to rectify this situation when I return to Macau and really question my doctor and not use language barriers as an excuse.

Australian medicos seem to be much more helpful in giving me copies of test and scan results and much happier explaining them than my Macau doctors. Even simple things like telling me what my blood pressure is every time they measured it and explaining if the result was high, low or good. My Macau nurses never tell me my blood pressure test results, or explain them.

My Australian experience confirms my belief that Macau hospitals need to improve, and I hope that they are regularly getting internationally respected advice on how to achieve improvements.

THE BUZZ **THAI POLICE RAID ‘CLICK FARM,’ FIND 347,200 SIM CARDS**

Thai police have arrested three Chinese men who they say operated a so-called “click farm,” using hundreds of cellphones and several hundred thousand SIM cards to run up “likes” and views on WeChat, a Chinese social media mobile application.

Immigration Police said the men said yesterday they were paid according to how many likes and views they generated, each earning 100,000-

150,000 baht (USD2,950-4,400) per month. Click farms are hired to inflate an online site’s viewership for prestige and profit.

Police seized 476 cellphones and around 347,200 SIM cards during the arrests Sunday in Sa Kaeo province, about 200 kilometers east of Bangkok. The men were charged with working without a permit and importing the phones without paying taxes.

Casino industry ramps up effort to repeal sports betting ban

Regina Garcia Cano, Las Vegas

THE casino industry’s largest lobbying group in the U.S. is ramping up its efforts to repeal a 25-year-old federal law that bans sports betting in most states.

The American Gaming Association yesterday announced the creation of a coalition involving organizations of attorneys general and police, policymakers and others to advocate for the repeal of the ban that the industry says has fueled the USD150 billion illegal sports betting market.

“The American Gaming Association believes a perfect storm is aligning and now is the time to repeal a failing law,” Geoff Freeman, the association’s president and CEO, said during the announcement. He cited a recent survey commissioned by the organization that found there is strong bipartisan support nationwide for legal sports betting, as well as Oxford Economics research showing that legalizing sports betting in the U.S. could support more than 150,000 jobs.

The Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act of 1992 bans sports betting in every state except Delaware, Montana, Nevada and Oregon. Legal sports gambling is allowed in those states because they had approved some form of wagering before the



federal law went into effect.

Congress gave New Jersey a one-time opportunity to become the fifth state before the ban was enacted, but the state failed to pass a sports betting law in the required time window. The state has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to hear arguments in favor of legalizing sports betting and expects a decision by the end of the month.

The survey commissioned by the association found that 57 percent of independents, 58 of Republicans and 52 of Democrats support ending the ban.

Freeman said the group has hosted sessions with members of Congress to show the technology from European companies specialized in data integrity that that wasn’t available when the ban was enacted.

“They are tracking [...] how

much is being bet, who is betting it, where the bet is taking place, what is the betting history of these individuals, what games are they betting on, who’s playing in those games, who’s coaching those games, who are the trainers in those games, who are the officials in those games,” Freeman said. “All of that input goes into these algorithms that they built so that it is very easy for them to identify when there is an anomaly.”

The association has also met with the players unions of the NFL, NBA, NHL and MLB. The executive directors of those unions have met multiple times over the past several months to discuss the challenges that legalized sports betting could create for players, including potentially being put under pressure for any fixing of matches. **AP**

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

AP Photo/Petros Giannakouris



High performance. Extreme Aerial dance artist Katerina Soldatou performs on a 34 meters high bridge at the city of Chalkida about 80 kilometers north of Athens yesterday.

Station	Air quality	
Roadside	15-35 Good	
High Density Residential Area	15-35 Good	
Ambient	20-40 Good	

SOURCE: D5IMG

WORLD BRIEFS

IRAQ Food poisoning at a camp for displaced residents of Mosul killed at least two people and sickened over 700, Iraq’s health minister said yesterday. Some officials accused a Qatar-based charity of providing tainted food – a claim that could not be confirmed. [More on p15](#)



ISRAEL-NEW ZEALAND Israel’s prime minister says the diplomatic crisis with New Zealand over a U.N. resolution condemning Israeli settlements is over. Benjamin Netanyahu (pictured) said yesterday he spoke with the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Bill English, and that Israel’s ambassador will now return to New Zealand.

KENYA An eight-story building has collapsed in a low-income area of Nairobi and 10 people are missing, witnesses and officials in Kenya said yesterday.



GREECE Authorities in Greece have declared a state of emergency on the island of Lesbos after a 6.2 magnitude earthquake left one woman dead and more than 800 people displaced.

GERMANY A police officer was shot in the head at a Munich subway station yesterday after a man grabbed a colleague’s service pistol and opened fire, also wounding two bystanders.

VENEZUELA’s Supreme Court has rejected the chief prosecutor’s motion to stop President Nicolas Maduro’s push to rewrite the constitution as the restive nation continued to be rocked by protests and a transit strike.

UNITED NATIONS The World Health Organization said yesterday that Bhutan and the Maldives have eliminated measles, becoming the first countries in their region to stop the highly contagious disease.