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## WORLD BRIEFS



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**Thailand Friends and foes** alike of former Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra are anxiously awaiting a verdict today by the Supreme Court on charges she was criminally negligent in implementing a rice subsidy program that is estimated to have cost the government as much as USD17 billion and could send her to prison for 10 years. **More on p14**

### VIETNAM-TURKEY

Turkey's prime minister said he wants to double trade volume with Vietnam to USD4 billion in the next three years as his country seeks to boost cooperation with the Southeast Asian country.



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**PAKISTAN's** top political and military leaders yesterday offered a stark response to Donald Trump's accusations earlier this week, telling the American president that scapegoating Pakistan will not bring about peace in Afghanistan.

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A large photograph showing a flooded street with debris, including a car and a sign. The water is murky and reflects the surrounding environment.

# City in shock as death toll rises to eight

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A small inset photograph of a man, likely the weather chief mentioned in the headline, speaking into a microphone.

## Weather chief resigns over worst storm on record

## Scholar highlights role of youth in election

Kwong Kam Kwan, Associate Professor from the Department of Government and Public Administration of the University of Macau, said that the Legislative Assembly election's first-time voters have relatively little desire to vote in the election. Kwong noted that these first-time voters registered for voting at the end of last year, and that after nine months since the closing of said registration, their interest might have already faded away. He also stated that the sense of citizenship of people within Macau is relatively lower than in neighboring regions. In Kwong's opinion, tapping into the youth vote and encouraging young people to participate in the election should be a key element of any election candidate's strategy.



## 70 percent of phone scam victims under 35

Seventy percent of the city's phone scam victims are young people 35 years old or younger, according to the Judiciary Police (PJ). Until now, local victims have lost some MOP30 million to phone scams in total, the police informed. Nearly 50 percent of the victims are holders of a university degree. This year, a large number of phone scams have been reported, especially in March and from the beginning of July until now. From July 20 to August 22, the PJ, the Customs Service, and the Public Security Police Force received a total of 2,931 reports and inquiries from the public regarding phone scams.

THE value of retail sales in the second quarter of 2017 rose by more than 10 percent year-on-year to MOP14.48 billion, the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) noted in a statement published yesterday, but registered a sharp fall of 12.2 percent from the first quarter of this year.

Meanwhile, the value of retail sales for the first half of this year came in at just under MOP31 billion, up by 10.8 percent year-on-year.

Watches, clocks and jewelry accounted for about 22 percent of the total value of retail sales, followed by good in departments stores (14.8 percent), adults' clothing (12.1 percent), leather goods (12 percent) and goods in supermarkets (7.3 percent).

Starting from this second quarter of 2017, DSEC will now use a new retail sales volume index rebased to the period between April 2015 and March 2016.

After adjusting for price changes, the volume of retail sales rose by 10.5 percent year-on-year in the second quarter. Volume of retail sales for the first half of 2017 increased by 10.7 percent year-on-year.

DSEC also shared their accumulation of retailers' comments and outlook for the

# Q2 retail sales register 12 percent drop from previous quarter



next quarter, between July and September 2017. Some 53.2 percent of surveyed retailers anticipate a year-on-year decrease in sales volume in the third quarter, while

just under 40 percent expect the volume to remain steady. Only 7 percent forecast an increase.

Meanwhile, about 68 percent of the surveyed retailers

expect the retail prices to stay stable year-on-year in the third quarter. Some 27.8 percent expect a decrease and just 4 percent predict an increase.

## Lotus flower exhibition open until Sep 17

AN exhibition titled "The Glamour of Jao's Lotus - Touring Exhibition of Lotus-themed Artworks by Professor Jao Tsung-I" is currently showing at the Special Exhibition Gallery of the Handover Gifts Museum of Macau. The exhibition is one of the activities marking the 100th birthday of Professor Jao Tsung-I.

The exhibition will showcase 39 sets of lotus flower paintings by the professor.

This is not the first time that Macau has held an exhibition featuring Professor Jao Tsung-I's work. On the

90th birthday of Professor Jao Tsung-I, the Macau Museum of Art held a special exhibition titled "Immortal Lotus" at the Handover Gifts Museum of Macau. This year, Macau once again will pay homage to the scholar with this exhibition.

Jao Tsung-I is an internationally renowned Chinese scholar. For over 70 years, he has dedicated his study and teaching to 13 major areas including ancient history, oracle bone script, silk and bamboo manuscripts, Confucian classics, religious studies, and Chinese art history. He

has published over 100 books and 1000 essays, opening numerous and innovative fields of investigation.

The artist advocates the "synergy between art and academia" in the art field and has dedicated many of his latest artworks to the lotus flower, further using the artworks as a starting point to develop new techniques. He takes the lotus flower as the object of expression, symbolizing his constant exploration of painting as an art and his continuous vitality.

The exhibition will run until September 17. Admission is free.

## APDCGM celebrates anniversary, inviting 20 local artists

THE Macau Guia Circuit for Promotion and Development Association (APDCGM) will be commemorating its anniversary by hosting two local art exhibitions with the theme "Macau Guia Circuit to the World Heritage of UNESCO".

The association aims to promote the rise of Macau's racing street circuit as part of the territory's heritage.

The two exhibitions will feature more than 20 local artists, who will present works in a variety of artistic media, including photography, painting, video, ceramics, jewelry and installation.

The first exhibition will

open on Saturday, August 26 at the RITZ Building Gallery in Senado Square at 6:15 p.m. and will end on, September 6.

The second and larger exhibition will be held at the Mount Fortress Corridor Gallery, which is situated on the eastern slope of the famous historic site and is connected to the Tap Seac Square and St Lazarus Parish by the pedestrian path of the Historic Center of Macau.

The second exhibition will open on, September 16 at 6:15 p.m. and will be on display until, September 25.

Admission to both exhibitions is free. RM

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## Cinematheque to feature film noir series

**CINEMATHEQUE** Passion has collaborated with Comuna de Han-Ian to bring "The Good, the Bad and the Ambiguous - A Film Noir Series" to Macau from September 9 to 24. The series will present to the public a total of 10 classic films from Europe, the USA, Japan, South Korea and Hong Kong.

'Film noir' is a cinematic term used primarily to describe stylish Hollywood crime dramas, which were popular between the early 1940s to the late 1950s.

This genre is associated with a low-key, black-and-white visual style that has roots in German expressionist cinematography, combined with elements from French Poetic Realism, New York style street photography and detective novels.

Six of the featured films are black and white productions from the 1940s to the 1960s. The remaining four are variations and



neo-film noir. Some films include: The Maltese Falcon (1941), highly-regarded as the first film noir in the 1940s; Le Samouraï (1967), starring French actor Alain Delon (1967); Chinatown (1974), directed by Roman Polanski; Old Boy (2003) by Park Chan-wook, and The Secret (1979) by Ann Hui.

In addition, a talk titled "There is a kind of film - dark film" will be held on September 9. **LV**

## Visitor arrivals register increase in July

**VISITOR** arrivals increased by 22.7 percent month-to-month to 2,917,953 in July 2017 and increased by 4.4 percent year-on-year, according to the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC).

Overnight visitors (1,609,426) rose by 10.6 percent year-on-year while same-day visitors (1,308,527) dropped 2.3 percent.

Visitors from Mainland China increased by 9.6 percent year-on-year to 2,016,066 in July, with those travelling under the Individual Visit Scheme (991,560) rising by 12.8 percent.

Mainland visitors mainly came from Guangdong Province (839,456), Hunan Province (97,016) and Fujian Province (84,239).

Visitors from Korea (74,129) surged by 42.6 percent, while visitors from Hong Kong (559,421) and Taiwan (102,990) dropped by 9.6 percent and 0.3 percent respectively.



Moreover, visitors from the United States (16,169) and Canada (5,300) increased year-on-year, while visitors from Australia (6,430) and the United Kingdom (4,594) decreased.

Analyzed by mode of transport, visitor arrivals by land increased by 3.8 percent year-on-year, with those arriving through the Border Gate rising by 3.1 percent. Visitor arrivals by sea increased by 2.9 percent year-on-year, with those disembarking at the Outer Harbour Ferry Ter-

minal (632,233) and the Tai-pa Ferry Terminal (412,624) increasing by 4 percent and 1.4 percent respectively. Visitor arrivals by air grew by 15.8 percent year-on-year, with those arriving at the airport increasing by 15.7 percent.

In the first seven months of 2017, visitor arrivals totaled 18,482,256, up by 5.3 percent year-on-year. Overnight visitors (9,706,921) rose by 12.6 percent while same-day visitors (8,775,335) dropped by 1.8 percent.

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reported varying levels of damage.

The Public Security Police Force reported that several associations and companies volunteered their equipment to help the bureau clean the city.

The public works department has already inspected a few construction sites, with more than 30 in need of immediate repairs.

Both the Macau Ferry Terminal and the Taipa Ferry Terminal have sustained damage. Limited ferry services are being operated at both terminals.

The Civil and Municipal Affairs Bureau will collect dangerous and large piles of trash across the city, with different associations helping to collect small pieces of trash.

**It is heartbreaking that eight people died [...] and more than 200 are injured.**

CHUI SAI ON

# Gov't to issue compensation for deceased, injured, damages

Julie Zhu

**T**HE government organized a press conference yesterday to report the latest updates regarding Wednesday's typhoon. Led by Chief Executive Chui Sai On, Secretary for Administration and Justice Sonia Chan, Secretary for Security Wong Sio Chak, and Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Alexis Tam, senior government officials reported on the latest updates from their departments.

A compensation scheme with four categories is being coordinated by the government, via the Macao Foundation, for injured or deceased people, and household damage.

Families of the deceased will be compensated with MOP300,000 each. Injured people who required hospital treatment during the typhoon can apply for a maximum of MOP30,000 to cover their medical expenses.

The owners of houses where damages have been recorded - including broken windows - can apply for a maximum of MOP30,000 in subsidies from the government. Evidence that the damage occurred during the typhoon will be required.

In addition, households affected by the shortage of water and electricity will be granted a MOP2,000 reduction in their water and electricity bills.

The city's top leaders stood yesterday during a minute of silence to honor the eight people who died during the typhoon. "It is heartbreaking that eight people died in the typhoon and more than 200 are injured," said Chui.

The chief executive expressed his apologies to the public after saying that there are steps the local government needs to take in order to improve its response to such disasters.

He praised residents who voluntarily took the initiative to help the city recover from the disaster, and praised cleaning staff, firefighters, and police officers, as well as others who

worked tirelessly at the frontline to get the city back to normal.

"We are expending all efforts to minimize the harm," said Chui.

The city's public departments are permitting flexible day-off schedules for civil servants who are in need of help, according to Sonia Chan.

Wong Sio Chak remarked that Typhoon Hato was the strongest typhoon to strike Macau since 1964. The security head said that all members of the security force had canceled summer holidays and the relevant departments are now fully-staffed to confront the aftermath of the disaster.

The Judiciary Police (PJ) will increase night inspections

across the city, and the police force will increase inspections at casinos, in addition to help providing backup support to frontline workers in cleaning up the streets.

The police force will also issue timely notifications in order to prevent false rumors.

A few sports fields are damaged and will need several days to be fixed, Alexis Tam informed at the conference. According to Tam, the sports fields can only be used after Macau's water supply is resumed and the fields are repaired.

Tam noted that several schools might not be ready to open on September 1, as campuses have

The Health Bureau clarified that Kiang Wu Hospital and the Centro Hospital Conde de São Januário (CHCSJ) did not sustain a severe shortage of water, although there was a period when the water supply was running low.

The bureau noted that it will continue to conduct pest control in the city as infectious diseases normally spread after natural disasters.

Chui noted that the government is expending "all efforts" to resolve the typhoon's aftermath, noting that it is the first time the Macau government is facing the consequences of such a strong natural disaster. "We send our sincere apologies," he said.

The Chief Executive also noted that the government "does not have enough time to calculate economic losses," and that their "first task is the public's safety."

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Renato Marques

**A**S rescue operations continue after the passage of super-typhoon Hato, the number of casualties continues to rise. Authorities have confirmed another three deaths, which increases the previously announced death toll from five to eight.

The three new deaths, caused by drowning, were discovered during the ongoing search and rescue operations in parking lots of four residential buildings and in several private business establishments, the Civil Protection Operations Center (COPC) informed.

The official noted that the previous day, the flooded streets and parking lots made it very difficult to attend some of the calls for help. As such, it was impossible for the rescue works to be performed faster. In such situations, he noted that the COPC relies on the Customs Service (SA) to send teams of divers to perform underwater searches to find bodies of missing persons suspected to have drowned. A total of five bodies were uncovered this way.

According to the latest update, the Health Bureau's (SSM) director Lei Chin Ion said that none of the 200 injured victims presented life-threatening conditions, although there were two cases considered worrying as one victim presented a bone fracture and another a bleeding eye. Lei added that most of the injuries were caused by glass cuts and falling objects.

According to the Civil Protection authorities, as of yesterday evening, a total of 432 incidents related to Typhoon Hato were registered, with the majority of them resulting from falling trees and objects from buildings. The COPC also registered a total of nine cases related to the partial fall of scaffolding structures.

Up until 11:30 a.m., traffic conditioners were used in several streets to facilitate cleaning and repair operations and the securing of structures, which also led to the temporary opening of the Governador Nobre de Carvalho Bridge to private vehicles.

According to information provided by TurboJet and Cotai Water Jet, ferry services between Macau (Outer Harbor and Taipa Ferry Terminal, respectively) and Hong Kong (Sheung Wan and Kowloon) were resumed in the early hours of yesterday with some limitations.

As for connections to and from the HK International Airport (HKIA), Turbojet was still suspended, while

# Death toll rises to eight as rescue operations continue



Cotai Water Jet (HKIA-Taipa) resumed at 10:15 a.m.

Ferry connections from both companies between Macau and the mainland are still suspended.

In a press conference on Wednesday evening, the director of the Macau Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau (SMG) Fong Soi Kun said that Typhoon Hato was "a special typhoon to Macau. The strongest one ever (since we started to have records)," with wind speeds exceeding 200 Km/h and an average wind speed recorded by several weather stations of around 140 Km/h.

## Another typhoon may approach Sunday

**SOME** weather applications and storm monitoring services are showing that another typhoon might start forming in the South China Sea on Saturday night.

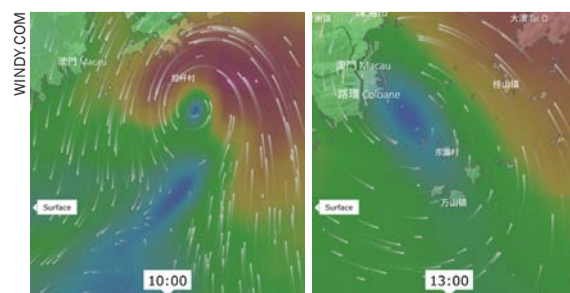
The typhoon, which is still technically a "tropical depression" and is likely to be considerably smaller and weaker than Typhoon Hato, is currently projected to sweep into the Macau-Hong Kong area, and either make landfall or subside in the Pearl River estuary.

By 10 a.m., the typhoon is projected to be south of Hong Kong SAR, drifting along a westward trajectory. At 1 p.m., the eye of the typhoon might be just kilometers southeast of Coloane.

The eye is a region of mostly calm weather at the center of strong tropical cyclones. Strong winds may still be felt on the Macau peninsula

and also in Hong Kong.

The website of Macau's Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau contained no warnings of a tropical depression as of last night. Hong Kong's Observatory shows the path of the Tropical Depression means it is likely to pass by the city on Sunday morning. **DB**



# Residents raid fire hydrants in search of water

Daniel Beittler

MACAU experienced a water crisis yesterday which saw much of the city left without a stable water supply, even as the electricity provision was gradually restored. Due to the lack of an immediate response from authorities, residents were seen pumping water from fire hydrants, even though doing so is illegal. Local residents hurried to various public water sources across the city to extract as much water as possible.

They were first seen queuing up on some streets on Wednesday night, buckets in hand, appropriating water. By yesterday afternoon, water raiding had become endemic on the streets and broadly discussed on social media.

A group of people in the Costa area accessed water through a Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau garden hose which is normally used for watering plants. Others were spotted showering on the street.

Macao Water Co., the city's public water provider, issued a statement yesterday with updates to the state of water supply in the territory.

The company said that the city is facing "the worst situation since the establishment [of Macao Water], leading to the suspension of three water treatment plants yesterday."

The public has been advised not to use fire hydrants or firefighting hoses for their water supply as "it could have negative effects on the water pressure" and the company could not guarantee the "quality of the water" for drinking purposes.

A source familiar with the matter told the Times yesterday "the water supply is very poor." The source advised keeping water at home but "beware of consumption without boiling [first]; the water may be contaminated."

Some supermarkets and convenience stores were out of stock of bottled water yesterday morning. Empty shelves were an astonishing sight for many residents, who had not experienced such a shortage within their lifetimes.

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The Times attempted to contact private water suppliers in the territory but repeated calls went unanswered.

Subsequently, there were reports that individuals were hoarding water bottles and selling them at overpriced rates. Some reports said two bottles of water were selling for a combined price of MOP150.

Macao Water said its staff have been carrying out remedial works since Typhoon Hato subsided to try to fix the "serious damage" to the pump room and coagulation system of the Ilha Verde Water Treatment Plant. Late yesterday afternoon, the provider said it would seek to restore the water supply of the plant by the end of the day.

The company also notified the public that it had set up six temporary supply points for water distribution, however most of them were located in close proximity to Avenida de Horta e Costa.

In addition, two temporary water supply vehicles were tracking a circular route around the peninsula to serve public demand.

The company did not specify any emergency service provisions for Taipa or Coloane.

For the immediate future, Macao Water is asking the public to conserve as much accessible water as possible. The company urged the public to "reduce unnecessary use of water - for example, landscaping - in order to maintain the water pressure."

Part of the reason for the disruption of water services was a lack of electricity available to the water treatment plants in Macau, caused by the city-wide blackout on Wednesday.

Yesterday, the electricity supply was gradually restored to the city, but 30,000 CEM customers, located in areas severely damaged by the flooding, were still without power. In the early hours of this morning, 20,000 customers were

without power.

"CEM is making every effort to repair the power facilities damaged by the floods and strives to restore the power supply to all affected customers today," the company wrote in a statement yesterday.

Almost the entire city was plunged into temporary darkness around midday on Wednesday as a power cable supplying electricity from Zhuhai was ruptured and storm clouds casted a shadow over Macau. The city relies on the neighboring mainland city for as much as 80 percent of its total power supply.

Due to the cut in electricity supply, there were more than 60 reports of people being trapped inside elevators, according to the coordinator of the Civil Protection Operation Center. Of these, about one-third were resolved by building management services and 18 cases were resolved by emergency services.

At a government press conference yesterday evening, there was no update on the other cases, meaning some people might have been trapped in elevators for as long as eight hours. No further information has been provided on the situation.

Daniel Beittler

THE Macau Red Cross is on standby to provide disaster relief efforts should Macao Water not have the water situation under control by this morning, the organization told the Times yesterday.

Joao Manuel Ambrosio, vice-president of directive council of Macau Red Cross, said a contingency plan has already been

## Macau Red Cross on standby

drafted to import water from organizations outside of Macau that are prepared to help.

"We hope and believe that the water situation will improve by 9 or 10 p.m. tonight," said Ambrosio yesterday. "We haven't taken any immediate action yet because we are confident that

Macao Water will solve the situation satisfactorily."

"We have a contingency plan in place to supply water to vulnerable people," he continued, "since we have already contacted organizations outside Macau [who are] prepared to answer our appeal."

A decision will be made early this morning on whether to implement the contingency plan.

The Times also contacted the charity's Hong Kong branch who said that they are keeping in close contact with several Macau organizations. Hong Kong Red Cross has thus far provided

some clothing to affected residents and home cleaning services to elderly people.

Other organizations in Macau were assembling volunteers to help with other relief efforts, such as cleaning the streets.

The Young Macanese Association is organizing a volunteer group through

their Facebook page, with a 'cleanup event' planned for this afternoon, starting at 3 p.m. They will gather at the HSBC near Red Market to allocate teams to the city's various districts.

The Times has also received reports of individuals taking it upon themselves to clean the streets of debris and assist the police and other public services on an ad hoc basis.



Fong Soi Kun



# Weather bureau chief resigns following heavy criticism

Lynzy Valles

**T**HE long-criticized Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau (SMG) head, Fong Soi Kun, has resigned from his post, following criticism from residents and lawmakers regarding the bureau's failure to raise typhoon signals to an appropriate level.

The announcement was made last night by chief executive Chui Sai On at a press conference organized to update the public on the disaster relief measures of the government.

Chui said that the deputy director of SMG will temporarily operate as the bureau's chief. He said Fong had retired but was not exempt from an investigation.

Residents have been slamming the bureau since August last year, after it failed to raise Signal 8 when Typhoon Nida stuck Macau.

The criticism continued this week after SMG predicted that a maximum speed of 118 km/hour was recorded for Typhoon Hato, yet only raised Signal 3 around 3 a.m. Wednesday.

SMG then raised the tropical cyclone signal to Signal 8 at approximately 9 a.m. Wednesday morning, while Hong Kong had already issued T8 by midnight the previous night.

Signal 10 was issued shortly before midday; a warning that was deemed too late for residents who were already on their way to work.

Lawmakers this week also called for Fong's resignation, with Ho Ion Sang and Si Ka Lon saying that "SMG did not perform their predictive functions at all."

Ho argued that Hong Kong and Zhuhai consistently predicted the destructive power of the typhoon the day before, while the MSAR, which is in the middle of the two

regions, was unprepared.

Si Ka Lon stated that the Civil Protection Operational Center did not issue sufficient warnings in advance, noting that it failed to remind residents to be prepared for storms.

**Fong has admitted that his bureau's forecast was 'not perfect'**

Si considered that government officials, who are criticized by the public, should be accountable for failures to meet their responsibilities.

In August last year, Fong reasoned that the weather was not rough enough to justify the high

typhoon warning signal, noting that hoisting Signal 8 requires an average wind speed above 63 km/hour.

Back in October, SMG also incorrectly declared a Signal 8 for Typhoon Haima, when the wind speed on that day in Macau was weaker than forecasted.

Fong this week has admitted that his bureau's forecast was "not perfect," and that it was "slightly wrong."

Fong argued that the bureau could not compare the effects of the typhoon in Hong Kong or Zhuhai with Macau.

Since August, residents have been calling for Fong to resign over his decisions, which also led the Macau Civil Servants Association, led by lawmaker José Pereira Coutinho, to submit a petition to the office of the chief executive to launch an investigation into SMG's operations.

The lawmaker stressed that the bureau's problems and operations are highly important, not just for SMG staff, but for the general public.

Typhoon Hato has wrought massive damage to the city, leading to the absence of water and electricity to thousands of residents until yesterday.

In a press conference on Wednesday night, Fong was questioned whether the bureau downplayed the typhoon - causing poor disaster coordination efforts and responses.

However, the bureau head responded, "We knew that there are some differences between [us] and what the majority of the [weather] centers [predicted]. So, we released some of the information in advance."

Fong said that despite issuing the Signal 8 warning at 9 a.m., the information was available to the public as early as 6 a.m.

Meanwhile, several netizens are slamming the bureau for failing to coordinate with relevant authorities to disseminate safety measures to citizens. Others criticize the region for holding road construction projects during the city's typhoon season.

**T**YPHOON Hato has left at least eight people dead in Guangdong Province. According to the Zhuhai government's official announcement and other mainland reports, four of the deceased were from Zhuhai, two were from Zhongshan and one was from Jiangmen. It is not clear where the eighth victim was from.

On the evening of August 23, in Zhongshan, a man died after being crushed by a car which was flipped over by the force of the typhoon. On the same day, a woman died after being hit by a tree, also in Zhongshan.

According to the official Weibo account of the Zhuhai People's Government's news office, as of 5 p.m. on August 23, two people had died in Zhuhai, 275 houses had collapsed, and more than 2,000 hectares of land were devastated.

Electrical and water supplies across the city went down in most areas.

In the morning of August 23, parts of the water treatment plants did not have electricity. By noon, 12 water plant factories in Zhuhai stopped providing water, which affected the supply of the resource in three regions in Zhuhai.

By 4 p.m., 681 circuit breakers were off, and 39 transformer substations were

down, leading to power cuts in 680,000 households. Eight sewage treatment plants also ceased operations.

More than 130 flights were canceled at the Zhuhai airport.

In Shenzhen, the typhoon had severely injured two people as of 3 p.m., with an additional 14 reporting minor injuries.

More than 300 flights were canceled at the Shenzhen airport.

All trains had suspended operations during the day of the typhoon.

According to a report by Sina Guangdong, the typhoon formed a tornado in Guangxi Province, causing damage in Guangxi village and injuring inhabitants.

By 11 a.m. yesterday in Zhuhai, 50 percent of the households were still experiencing a water shortage, and water supply for some 30 percent of the city's households were not expected to resume that day.

Several roads in Zhuhai were flooded. A tower crane on the Hengqin financial island fell from a construction

AP PHOTO



A man paddles a kayak along a flooded street in Guangzhou

site, and glass windows of many properties were shattered. In both Zhuhai and Huizhou, seawater had also

washed back into the cities.

The Times contacted multiple Zhuhai authorities, including the fire services author-

ity, the Zhuhai government, and the city's propaganda departments, but no further updates have been released. JZ

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JULIET RISDON

Wednesday's Typhoon Hato was the largest to hit Macau for over 50 years by all accounts. It turned Macau into a disaster zone. By now you have no doubt seen the pictures of the devastation caused. The flooding and the extreme winds were terrifying and horrific, and the loss of life yesterday was a tragedy. Social Media as usual has transcended into a 'witch-hunt', assigning blame to different parties but mostly the government. Hmmmm...

Amazing We are breaking from property this week to say THANK YOU to the emergency services who worked through the night and did an AMAZING job cleaning up and enabling relative normality within 24 hours after the very height of the disaster. Having lived in Macau for 24 years, this was the worst storm I have ever experienced. If you lost windows or a roof yester-

day you will also have felt a level of terror that was completely unexpected. As soon as the eye of the storm had passed, fireman were already clearing the roads, police were battling the dangers outside as they coordinated rescue operations, directed traffic and calmed people down.

There will be plenty of criticism as this disaster is dissected. In the immediate aftermath it is clearly a time for the Macau community to pull together and do whatever we can to help our friends, colleagues and neighbours.

Next week: The new laws, and what they mean to you

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## E-COMMERCE

## Shopping by voice on Amazon or Google device could cost you

**S**HOPPING by voice means giving orders to the Alexa assistant on Amazon's Echo speaker and other devices, even if your hands are tied up with dinner or dirty diapers. And next month, Walmart will start offering voice shopping, too, with the Google Assistant on the rival Home speaker.

Such voice shopping hasn't really caught on yet, but if it does, look out — you might never know if it's offering you the best deal. Because these devices can't say much without tiring your ears, voice shopping precludes some of the savvy shopping practices you may have relied on to find the best bargains — in particular, researching products and comparing prices.

You'd be leaving much of the buying decision to Amazon, Walmart or other retailers.

## HOOKED ON AMAZON

Amazon has had more than a year's head start, and dominates voice shopping. Google introduced shopping to Home in February, letting people order essentials from more than 40 retailers like Target and Costco under its Google Express program. Its partnership with Walmart means hundreds of thousands of items will be available to customers in late September.

With websites and apps, many customers place items in the cart, but change their minds before completing the order, said Lauren Beitelspacher, a marketing professor at Babson College in Massachusetts. Voice shopping eliminates those intervening steps.

And with Amazon so far ahead, voice shopping with Alexa is another way of getting you hooked on Amazon. Although Amazon allows some third-party ordering through Alexa, including pizza from Domino's and hotels through Kayak, general shopping is limited to Amazon's own store. If Alexa orders diapers for you just as you run out, for instance, Amazon locks in the order before you have a chance to visit Walmart.

"You can't get away from Amazon," Beitelspacher said. "I don't know if gimmick is the right word, but [voice shopping] is part of a strategy to be omnipresent in consumers' lives."

## ASSISTANT IN CHARGE

Ask Alexa to buy something, and it presents you with something you've bought before or an educated guess based on some undisclosed mix of price, satisfaction rating and shipping time. Amazon won't

provide more details. You can get a product's average customer-satisfaction rating, but not specific reviews, even on screen-equipped Echo Show devices.

Brian Elliott, general manager of Google Express, says that with most affiliated retailers, personalization occurs as the assistant learns shoppers' preferences, but the integration with Walmart will happen more quickly.

In some ways, shopping by voice assistant is a throwback to the days when you were largely limited to what sales representatives recommended at a physical store.

Amazon's website gives you a lot of information about most products, from color options and sizes to the specific reasons other customers hated a product you're considering. You're able to compare similar items and choose something cheaper if you're willing to sacrifice some features or take a chance on an unknown manufacturer.

And, of course, you can also compare Amazon's prices with those of other online

merchants.

But with Amazon's voice shopping, it's back to what the company's representative recommends. Alexa can handle only a portion of Amazon's full catalog, and its interactions with shoppers are constrained by the fact that listening and speaking can be a lot slower than reading and clicking.

And while Amazon's website won't necessarily list the cheapest option first either, the alternatives are easier to view on a screen.

Justin Evans, an engineer in Whitman, Massachusetts, bought oatmeal and smart plugs using Alexa to claim exclusive discounts, but he prefers browsing and reviewing products for general shopping. "I'm a less impulsive shopper than I think their target market is," he said.

## SHOPPING OUT LOUD

Companies are aware that voice shopping takes getting used to. "It's not natural to shout out a purchase desire and have it be fulfilled," said Ryne Misso of the Market

Track retail research firm in Chicago.

Jenny Blackburn, Amazon's director of voice shopping, believes it will catch on once people get used to it.

To get people started, Amazon has been offering exclusive deals through Alexa and a USD10 credit on the first order. For its annual Prime Day promotion in July, Amazon gave voice shoppers a head start of two hours.

Amazon says voice shopping has grown in the year-plus it's had it, though it wouldn't release figures. "We're really just getting started with it," Blackburn said in an interview.

## VOICE'S LIMITED RANGE

You can use Alexa for most items that come with free shipping through Amazon's Prime loyalty program, but Blackburn said it works best for products with "lightweight decisions," such as batteries, cat food and paper towels. Sure, Alexa can order you a TV, but you'll probably want to do some research first.

Nels Romerdahl, a student

at the University of Hawaii in Maui, said Alexa can be a big improvement over Amazon Dash buttons — plastic gadgets that can you place around the house and press anytime you need to reorder a specific item. But he doesn't use either Alexa or Dash for recurring items — he stocks up when his parents visit Costco every few weeks.

To prevent inadvertent orders, like the widely circulated report of a 6-year-old girl who had Alexa order a dollhouse and sugar cookies for Christmas, Amazon lets you set up a PIN you can recite to the assistant.

To boost comfort, Amazon promises free returns on voice orders; normally, Amazon charges a shipping fee for returns unless the company's at fault.

That might not satisfy everyone. Los Angeles attorney Pam Meyer, who bought some dog treats through Alexa to claim her \$10 credit, said she'd want something like a cash-back guarantee when Alexa doesn't offer the best price. **AP**

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## Beijing-backed Singapore bourse is said to get regulator's nod

**A**SIA Pacific Exchange Pte, has received in-principle approval from the Monetary Authority of Singapore to start a third derivatives exchange in the city, according to people with knowledge of the matter.

Apex is now working on getting final approval from the

city's regulator, according to the people, who asked not be identified because the information is confidential. The company, which has about 40 staff, plans to open its exchange with refined palm oil contracts, the people said. The commodity will be priced in dollars and physical

delivery will be in Malaysia and Indonesia.

Apex would be a new rival for Intercontinental Exchange Inc. and Singapore Exchange Ltd., who already operate in Southeast Asia's biggest derivatives market. The firm, which changed its name from Asia Investment

Pte on Aug. 17, has also been filling out its board, adding KKR Inc. senior adviser Lim Hwee Hua as a director, according to corporate filings. Lim was Singapore's first female minister and second finance minister until 2011.

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Asia head Wong Chong Fatt and Mimi Ho, an ex-Monetary Authority of Singapore official who oversaw securities and futures supervision, have also joined the board, the records show.

"As a matter of policy, MAS does not comment on our dealings with individual parties," the regulator said in an emailed response. A representative for Apex declined to comment.

Palm oil is the world's most widely consumed vegetable oil, found in goods such as ice cream, instant noodles and lipstick. Indonesia and Malaysia are the world's top producers of the agricultural commodity, and futures on crude palm oil are most actively traded at Bursa Malaysia Derivatives Bhd. About 850,000 contracts traded in July with open interest of 207,000 contracts, according to bourse data.

The total number of all derivatives traded on exchanges globally reached 25.2 billion contracts in 2016, setting a new annual record, according to figures from FIA, an industry group.

Apex said in an Aug. 14 letter to Singapore's Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority that it was in the process of working with the city's financial regulator to get a license as an approved exchange.

The company is majority-owned by Eugene Zhu Yuchen, a China markets veteran who's served as head of the China Financial Futures Exchange and Dalian Commodity Exchange, as well as president of Shanghai Pudong Development Bank. Chinese hedge fund manager Ge Weidong's firm holds a minor stake, according to filings. **Bloomberg**

## Family of abducted Chinese scholar speak of helplessness

**F**amily and friends of a Chinese woman who was abducted while studying at the University of Illinois said this week they won't give up on finding the missing woman.

The boyfriend of Yingying Zhang expressed frustration at the pace of the search. With the missing 26-year-old woman's parents standing nearby during a news conference, Xiaolin Hou said her family and friends "feel helpless" because they don't know when their ordeal will end.

Authorities believe she's dead, though her

body has not been found.

"Yingying is a kind, optimistic, diligent and brave girl," Hou said. "She would not give up on anything or anybody as long as there was a glimmer of hope. So we will never give up on her, either."

Hou said investigators shared "good news" about the evidence they've collected, but no details and no breakthrough yet on where Zhang may be.

During the news conference, Zhang's mother, Lifeng Ye, cried quietly on the shoulder of her son, Xinyang, who tra-

veled with her to Champaign from China. She did not speak to reporters.

Zhang, the daughter of a working-class factory driver from China, disappeared on June 9, just weeks after arriving at the Urbana-Champaign campus in central Illinois where she was doing research in agricultural sciences and was expected to begin work on her doctorate in the fall.

Brendt Christensen is accused of kidnapping Zhang in Urbana, 225 kilometers southwest of Chicago. Investigators said Zhang was abducted after she left campus

to sign an apartment lease. They believe Christensen lured her into his car.

Christensen, 28, who earned a master's degree in physics from the university this year, has pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Hou said Zhang's father walks to his daughter's old apartment and stays there for hours.

"I never asked him why. But I think this is the only way he has now to cure his wound," Hou said.

The family has raised USD137,000 toward the cost of a private investigator to find Zhang's



Lifeng Ye (seated-center) is comforted by her son Xinyang Zhang, left, and Xiaolin Hou, right, after a news conference at the I-Hotel in Urbana, Illinois, this week

body, which Hou estimates may cost up to \$1 million. He said the family hasn't hired a

private investigator yet because it doesn't want to interfere with police investigation. **AP**

# China criticizes US trade probe as protectionism; new sanctions on N. Korea

**CHINA'S** Commerce Ministry yesterday criticized a U.S. decision to launch a trade probe of Beijing's technology policy as an attack on the global trading system and said it will "resolutely defend" Chinese companies.

Trade groups welcomed President Donald Trump's Aug. 14 order to look into whether Beijing improperly requires companies to hand over technology as a condition of market access. U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer announced a formal investigation this week.

The action improperly applies U.S. law instead of international rules and is "the destruction of the existing international trade system," said a ministry spokesman, Gao Feng, at a news briefing.

"We are strongly dissatisfied with this unilateral and protectionist practice and will take all necessary measures to resolutely defend the legitimate rights and interests of the Chinese side and Chinese enterprises," said Gao.

Beijing requires automakers and other foreign companies in China to work through joint ventures, usually with state-owned partners. They often are required to give technology to partners that might become competitors.

More than 20 percent of 100 American companies that responded to a survey by the U.S.-China Business Council, an industry group, said they were asked to transfer technology within the past three years as a condition of market access.

Foreign business groups complain companies are being squeezed out of promising Chinese markets or pressured to hand over technology for electric cars and other emerging industries.

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Trump said in April he was setting aside trade disputes while Washington and Beijing worked together to persuade North Korea to give up nuclear weapons development. But American officials have resumed criticizing Chinese policy in recent weeks.

Earlier in the week, China urged the U.S. to withdraw new sanctions it imposed on Chinese companies that Washington says are supporting North Korea as it carries out increasingly ambitious missile tests.

On Tuesday, the Trump administration imposed sanctions on 16 mainly Chinese and Russian companies and people for assisting North Korea's nuclear and ballistic missile programs and

**The action improperly applies US law instead of international rules**

helping it to make money to support those programs.

Chinese foreign ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying on Wednesday told reporters at a regular briefing that China opposes unilateral sanctions and "the long-arm jurisdiction taken" by the U.S. against Chinese entities and individuals.

Among those sanctioned are six Chinese companies, including three coal companies.

Hua said Chinese authorities will follow their own regulations and laws to investigate and pu-

nish if necessary the companies in question.

China has been "earnestly and comprehensively" implementing U.N. Security Council sanctions on North Korea, and "our efforts are there for all to see," Hua said. Washington says its own sanctions are intended to complement the U.N. ones, including the latest ones which were imposed after North Korea tested two intercontinental ballistic missiles last month that may be able to reach parts of the U.S. **AP**

## Xi says willing to work on differences with Seoul

**CHINESE** President Xi Jinping said yesterday he's willing to work with his South Korean counterpart Moon Jae-in on addressing differences between the two countries following months of angry rhetoric and economic retaliation over Seoul's deployment of a U.S. missile-defense system.

Xi's remarks came in a message to Moon marking the 25th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Bei-

jing and Seoul, close economic and trade partners who have maintained generally friendly relations despite South Korea's military alliance with the U.S.

The official Xinhua News Agency quoted Xi as saying he was willing to make "concerted efforts" to improve relations but did not directly mention the missile-defense system known as THAAD.

Xi stressed the importance of bilateral rela-

tions, saying he "stands ready to join efforts with Moon to consolidate political mutual trust, properly address differences, and push for the stable and healthy development of bilateral relations," Xinhua reported.

Seoul and Washington have argued that the missile system is aimed at North Korean aggression, while China sees it as a threat to its own security because it says its radar can peer into northeastern Chi-

na. China is North Korea's biggest economic partner and source of diplomatic support and has come under heavy pressure to use its influence to rein in the North's missile and nuclear activities.

Many analysts have seen in China's dogged opposition to THAAD a drive to use its economic clout to bolster its political influence in east Asia with an eye to reducing that of the U.S., long the region's dominant military

power.

Beijing has retaliated against Seoul over THAAD by suspending visits to South Korea by Chinese tour groups and trips to China by South Korean entertainers. South Korean businesses have faced boycotts, especially the Lotte conglomerate, which provided the land on which the missile shield is being constructed and has stores in China.

China, however, began to soften its tough talk

after the newly-elected Moon sent a special envoy to Beijing in June where he met with Xi and other leading officials in hopes of restarting high-level contacts.

It wasn't clear at what point Xi and Moon might meet face-to-face, although both countries usually send heads of state to attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum summit, being held in Vietnam this year in November. **AP**

# Thailand awaits verdict that could send former PM to prison

Kaweewit Kaewjinda  
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**FRIENDS** and foes alike of former Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra are anxiously awaiting a verdict today by the Supreme Court on charges she was criminally negligent in implementing a rice subsidy program that is estimated to have cost the government as much as USD17 billion and could send her to prison for 10 years.

Supporters are expected to appear outside the courthouse to show their backing for Yingluck, but the military government has threatened legal action against anyone who helps transport them to the scene.

The verdict is generally seen as a political judgment as much as a criminal one. The case against Yingluck is the latest in a decade-long offensive against the political machine founded and directed by her brother, former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, who was ousted in a 2006 military coup for alleged corruption and disrespect for the monarchy.

Thaksin, a telecommunications mogul, has been in self-imposed exile since 2008 to escape a prison sentence on a conflict of interest conviction. The 2006 coup triggered years of sometimes-violent battles for power between his supporters, mainly the less well-off rural majority who delivered him thumping election victories, and his opponents, mainly royalists, members of the urban middle and upper classes, and the military, who in 2014 ousted Yingluck's elected government as they had her brother's.

Yingluck has appeared calm in the days leading up to the verdict, making merit at Buddhist temples and reportedly praying for a victory in Friday's ruling.

However the Supreme Court rules, the junta is likely to lose face, one analyst said.



Thailand's former Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra receives flowers from her supporters on her arrival at the Supreme Court

If the court rules not guilty, "the generals will have egg on their face," said Paul Chambers, a political scientist at Naresuan University in northern Thailand, since the military's reasoning for staging the 2014 coup was, in part, to rid the system of corrupt politicians.

If she is found guilty, "then the generals will have to deal with what comes next and that could be a martyr figure," Chambers said.

The rice subsidy was a flagship policy that helped Yingluck's party win the 2011 general election. The government paid farmers about 50 percent above what they would have received on the world market, with the intention of driving up prices by warehousing the grain.

Instead, other rice-producing countries captured the market by selling at competitive prices. Vietnam as a result replaced Thailand as the world's leading rice exporter.

The military government said Wednesday it expects by next year to finally have sold off the stockpile of 17.8 million tons of rice the subsidy created. It has earned \$40 million from the sales but calculates the government lost billions because it couldn't export at a price commensurate with what it had paid farmers.

Yingluck already has been held responsible for about \$1 billion of the losses in an administrative ruling that froze her bank accounts.

Prosecutors in the criminal negligence trial argued that

Yingluck ignored warnings of corruption in the subsidy program.

"I think the designer of the program did not think carefully, did not understand the functioning of the rice market, particularly the world rice market," said Nipon Poapongsakorn from the Thailand Development Research Institute, who gave evidence at the trial.

"What they thought [about] was only the beneficial impact of the program, which is not a surprise because I believe the hidden agenda of the policy was to win a landslide election."

Yingluck was ousted as prime minister by a court ruling involving a nepotism case shortly before the coup ejected her government. Since then she has been formally impeached and

banned from political office for five years.

The court cases and possible criminal conviction aside, Yingluck retains great popularity with her base.

Millions, like farmer Gaysorn Petcharat, saw their incomes suddenly rise markedly. There was money to buy luxuries and to invest in their farms.

Now Gaysorn's income has dropped back sharply. But her loyalty to Yingluck is unwavering.

## Yingluck was ousted by a court ruling involving a nepotism case shortly before the coup ejected her government

"If you ask any farmer if they like Yingluck, they all like Yingluck because she was willing to help us," she said, pausing from harvesting her field in Chachoengsao province outside Bangkok.

"She did her best for us. All my life I've never sold rice at such a good price as when she was prime minister."

Yingluck denies the negligence charges. She told the court she was the victim of a "political game" aimed at crushing the Shinawatra clan, first her brother Thaksin, and now her.

Some analysts agree, and believe the prosecution's approach sets a dangerous precedent.

"I think it is clear enough that politics is involved in the Yingluck trial," said Thitinan Pongsudhirak, director of the Institute of Security and International Studies at Bangkok's Chulalongkorn University.

"I mean, this is a government that was elected in 2011 by a simple majority and it had a policy platform led by the rice pledging scheme. The scheme led to losses probably, but on the other hand, if we use this benchmark for other governments, then we could have a lot of government leaders in jail." **AP**

## INDIA

# Top court says privacy is a fundamental right

**INDIA'S** top court ruled yesterday that privacy is a fundamental right of every citizen in a landmark judgment that could affect the country's mammoth, unique identity card system.

The verdict was in res-

ponse to many petitions filed in courts questioning the validity of assigning a biometric identity card to every individual. The government has made the identity card mandatory for all citizens to avail welfare benefits, but hu-

man rights group raised concerns about the risk of personal data being misused.

"This is a very progressive judgment that endorses and protects the fundamental rights of the people," said Soli Sorab-

jee, a leading lawyer and former attorney general of India.

The ruling overturns two earlier decisions by smaller benches of the Supreme Court, which said privacy was not a fundamental right. On Thurs-

day, a nine-judge bench of the Supreme Court unanimously ruled that the right to privacy is intrinsic to the fundamental rights guaranteed by the Indian Constitution.

The decision is being viewed as a setback to the

government's efforts to make the ID card compulsory. The government will now have to convince the court that forcing citizens to give their fingerprint samples and a scan of their iris is not a violation of privacy. **AP**

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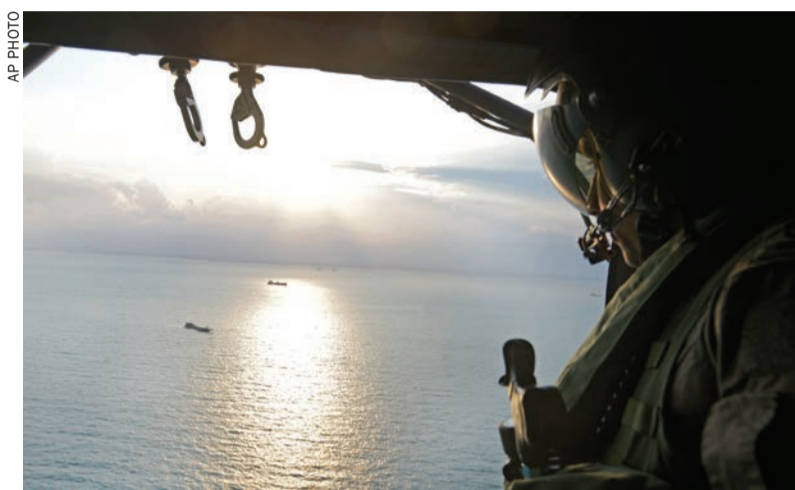
# Ship collision exposes Southeast Asian territorial spat

**T**HE collision between the USS John S. McCain and an oil tanker has exposed a long-simmering dispute between Singapore and Malaysia over which country should control a 60-meter wide guano-encrusted outcropping at the edge of the South China Sea.

Malaysia and Singapore both say the accident happened in their territorial waters because of the competing claims to Pedra Branca. Barely an island, the rocks are home to utilitarian structures including a communications tower meant to reinforce Singapore's claim and lapped by waters often fouled by mini oil slicks in one of the world's busiest shipping lanes.

Despite being devoid of charms, the islet is a major political and economic prize for both countries.

Singapore and Malaysia were quick to help when the guided missile destroyer and oil tanker Alnic MC collided early Monday while the U.S. ship was approach-



Republic of Singapore Air Force personnel conduct a search and rescue operation for missing U.S. sailors over waters east of Singapore

ing Singapore on a routine port call. And both claimed to be the coordinator of the search and rescue effort for 10 missing Navy sailors.

Malaysia has deployed four warships, multiple boats and aircraft along with more than 500 personnel, while Singapore contributed five helicopters, five aircraft, more than 300 personnel including divers and nume-

rous ships.

"The subtext of both Singapore and Malaysia's search and rescue efforts is about asserting and staking their claims to the disputed areas," said Eugene Tan, associate professor of law at the Singapore Management University.

The International Court of Justice awarded Pedra Branca — known in Malaysia as Batu

Puteh, which also means white rock — to Singapore in 2008, but handed another rocky outcrop nearby to Malaysia. Earlier this year, Malaysia reignited the dispute with a fresh bid to review the court's decision.

Relations between the two countries have often been prickly since they split in 1965 after a brief union following the end of British colonial rule over what was then called Malaya. Despite strong economic, social and security ties, relations are often influenced by economic rivalry and mistrust.

Located at the southern tip of peninsular Malaysia, Singapore is a speck next to its neighbor yet has flourished to become a regional economic powerhouse and a global financial center. Its position at the eastern end of the Malacca Strait, a key waterway for global trade, has given the predominantly Chinese city economic and strategic importance.

Muslim-majority Malaysia, despite its much larger population and land area, lags behind

economically. It is rapidly developing its southernmost state of Johor, which faces Singapore, to vie for investment. Johor already has a large container port that has lured away clients from Singapore's bustling port with lower costs, and a sprawling regional oil and gas complex is underway in the state.

The overlapping claims apparently haven't hurt search and rescue efforts for missing sailors. Divers have found some remains in flooded compartments of the McCain, which is docked at Singapore's naval base, but the Navy has not disclosed specifics.

It is unclear which country will oversee the investigation. Singapore has released maps to support its assertion that the collision happened in its territorial waters.

A senior official from Malaysia's Marine Department, which is in charge of probing ship collisions, told The Associated Press that marine officials are waiting for further advice from the country's mapping department.

Adm. Scott Swift, commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, has praised both countries for their help. At a press conference in Singapore on Tuesday, he dodged questions about which country is in charge, saying that the focus was on finding the sailors. **MDT/AP**

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## SWITZERLAND

## 8 missing after mudslide

Police said eight people were still unaccounted for in a Swiss Alpine valley yesterday, a day after a mudslide and rockslide hit a small village near the Italian border. The village of Bondo, about 130 kilometers north of Milan, was evacuated as the slide hit Wednesday morning. Police in Graubunden canton (state) said buildings were damaged, and images from the scene showed a trail of destruction left by a river of mud and stone. They initially said that there were no injuries. However, police said Thursday that they haven't been able to reach eight people who were believed to have been in the Bondasca valley at the time of the slide — nationals of Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Six of those people have been reported missing by relatives, none of them children.

## SUDAN

## Russian diplomat found dead

Sudan's foreign ministry says Russia's ambassador to the African country has been found dead in his residence in Khartoum. In a statement carried by the state-run SUNA news agency, the ministry said Ambassador Mirgayas Shirinsky died Wednesday and offered its condolences to the government and people of Russia. The ministry praised Shirinsky's diplomatic efforts while in office but offered no details on the circumstances surrounding his death. Shirinsky, who was in his 60s, had been in the Russian diplomatic service since 1977 and had previously served in Yemen, Saudi Arabia and Rwanda.

## YEMEN

## Thousands back ex-leader

Hundreds of thousands of Yemenis have rallied in Sanaa in a public show of support for a former president amid rising tension between his loyalists and Shiite Houthi rebels, components of the rebel alliance fighting a Saudi-led coalition in the country. Thursday's rally brought together some 300,000 Yemenis to the capital to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the founding of the Popular Conference Party of former President Ali Abdullah Saleh. Saleh's supporters said in a statement that the party will evaluate its partnership with the Houthis, referring to a recent power struggle between the two factions.



Police officers stand behind a cordoned-off area in Rotterdam

## NETHERLANDS

## Police detain suspect in concert terror threat

Mike Corder, Rotterdam

**D**UTCH police investigating a terror threat that prompted the cancellation of a concert by an American rock band in Rotterdam arrested a 22-year-old man in the early hours of Thursday (Central European Summer Time).

Spokesman Roland Ekkers told The Associated Press the man was detained by a team in the province of Brabant, a sprawling region south of Rotterdam. The exact location of the man's detention was not immediately released.

Los Angeles band Allah-Las called off its concert in Rotterdam Wednesday night af-

ter Spanish authorities tipped Dutch police about a possible threat to the show.

The suspect was "in custody and will be questioned about the threat in Rotterdam," police said in a statement, adding that they conducted a thorough search of his home. Dutch police do not generally release identities or other details of suspects in criminal investigations.

Meanwhile, police said the driver of a Spain-registered white van carrying a number of gas canisters that was stopped Wednesday night close to the Maassilo concert venue is unlikely to be a suspect in the threat probe.

In a statement, police said the man, who was detained soon after the concert was called off, was possibly drunk and will be questioned later Thursday.

Explosives experts checked his van and found nothing suspicious beyond the gas canisters, according to the police statement.

A search of the man's home "uncovered no link with the terror threat ... at the Maassilo," police said. "The man, a repair man, had an explanation for the gas canisters that will be investigated today."

Dutch Counterterror Coordinator Dick Schoof commended the police action on Twitter, saying it was "alert, appropriate

for the current threat level."

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In an interview with British newspaper The Guardian last year, band members said they chose the word Allah, Arabic for God, because they were seeking a "holy sounding" name and did not realize it might cause offense.

"We get emails from Muslims, here in the U.S. and around the world, saying they're offended, but that absolutely wasn't our intention," lead singer Miles Michaud told the newspaper. "We email back and explain why we chose the name, and mainly they understand."

According to their website, the band was scheduled to play in Warsaw, Poland, on Thursday night.

A Spanish counterterrorism official said Spain's Civil Guard received "an alert indicating the possibility of an attack in a concert that was going to take place in Rotterdam."

The Civil Guard shared the information with Dutch authorities Wednesday and was investigating the threat, said the source, who spoke anonymously because the Civil Guard is still probing the threat.

The Dutch counterterror coordinator has not changed the country's threat level as a result of the scare in Rotterdam. The threat is listed as "substantial," the fourth step of a five-level scale. **AP**

## Qatar restores ties with Iran amid regional crisis

**Q**ATAR restored full diplomatic relations with Iran yesterday, disregarding the demands of Arab nations now locked in a regional dispute with the energy-rich country that it lessen its ties to Tehran.

In announcing its decision, Qatar did not mention the diplomatic crisis roiling Gulf Arab nations since June, when Qatar

found its land, sea and air routes cut off by its neighbors over Doha's policies across the Mideast.

However, the move comes just days after Saudi Arabia began promoting a Qatari royal family member whose branch of the family was ousted in a palace coup in 1972.

"Qatar has shown it is going to go in a different direction," said Kristian

Coates Ulrichsen, a research fellow at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice University who lives in Seattle. "It could very well be calculated toward reinforcing the point that Qatar will not bow to this regional pressure placed upon it."

Qatar's Foreign Ministry announced early Thursday that the coun-

try's ambassador would return to Tehran. Qatar pulled its ambassador in early 2016 after Saudi Arabia's execution of a prominent Shiite cleric sparked attacks on two Saudi diplomatic posts in Iran, a move to show solidarity with the kingdom.

Since the diplomatic dispute with Arab nations began in June, Iran has sent food shipments to Qatar. Shiite power Iran also has incorporated the crisis into its regular criticism of the Sunni-ruled Saudi Arabia, part of the two Mideast powers' long

-running proxy war.

There was no immediate reaction from the Arab nations boycotting Qatar. On Wednesday, the Central African nation of Chad announced it would close its embassy in Doha, accusing Qatar of trying to destabilize it from neighboring Libya.

The diplomatic crisis began when Bahrain, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates cut ties to Qatar over allegations including it funding extremists and being too close to Iran. Qatar long has denied funding extremists. **MDT/AP**

## VENEZUELA

# Ousted prosecutor accuses Maduro of corruption

Peter Prengaman, Rio de Janeiro

**V**ENEZUELA'S recently ousted chief prosecutor accused President Nicolas Maduro and several allies on Wednesday of participating in acts of corruption, saying she would turn over proof that would help other countries prosecute.

Venezuela's government quickly fired back, accusing Luisa Ortega Diaz of "grave moral and ethical infractions."

Ortega spoke during a meeting of Mercosur trade bloc prosecutors in the Brazilian capital, Brasilia. Ortega was removed by a new, pro-government constitutional assembly in early August after breaking with Venezuela's socialist government.

She fled abroad with her husband, whose arrest was ordered by the country's supreme court.

"I want to denounce, in front of the world, a grave situation in Venezuela: that of excessive corruption," Ortega said. "Because of that reason, [Maduro's administration] is violating the constitution and



Venezuela's ousted Chief Prosecutor Luisa Ortega Diaz attends a meeting of Mercosur trade bloc prosecutors

law to protect itself."

Ortega said she had evidence implicating Maduro and other top officials in corruption involving Brazilian constructor Odebrecht and other companies.

Ortega told reporters after the meeting that Maduro loyalist Diosdado Cabello received USD100 million from Odebrecht via a Spanish company called TSE Arietis, which was owned by cousins of Cabello.

She also claimed that Maduro was the owner of a Mexican com-

pany that Venezuela had contracted to provide basic foodstuffs. She said Group Grand Limited was registered in Mexico under the names Rodolfo Reyes, Alvaro Pulido Vargas and Alex Saab, but that Maduro was the real owner.

"It's impossible for cases to be investigated in Venezuela," said Ortega, adding that she was providing documentation to the United States, Brazil, Colombia and Spain.

Ortega's claims could not be immediately verified. Emails sent to

Group Grand Limited and TSE Arietis seeking comment were not returned.

Late Wednesday, Cabello said that Ortega's accusations were just an attempt to draw attention away from the corruption investigations she and her husband face in Venezuela.

In a statement, Odebrecht said her allegations were "not true." In particular, the company denied Ortega's allegation that Odebrecht had received money for projects that had been halted.

"Currently 11 projects are underway [in Venezuela], and not one has been abandoned despite an economic crisis that has reduced investments in infrastructure across Latin America," said the statement.

Odebrecht has been at the center of the massive "Car Wash" probe in Brazil involving kickbacks for contracts. Over the last three years, dozens of Brazil's top politicians and businessmen have been jailed, including former Odebrecht CEO Marcelo Odebrecht.

The investigation has led to prosecutions in several countries in

Latin America where Odebrecht and other Brazilian construction companies operated.

Hours later Ortega's replacement, Tarek William Saab, told reporters in Venezuela's capital that the accusations "lacked validity" and should be presented to Venezuelan authorities.

Saab called Ortega a "world tourist" who had been pushed out because of her own infractions.

Even if Ortega possesses strong evidence, however, it's not clear whether it could hurt Maduro's administration, which is already alienated from many of the region's countries.

While Brazil shares information with other countries related to the "Car Wash" investigation, authorities say they leave the prosecution of foreign nationals to justice officials in those countries.

Ortega's visit to Brazil, Latin America's most populous nation and largest economy, came a day after Maduro claimed that she was working with Washington to damage his administration and said Venezuela would ask for an international arrest warrant for Ortega. It wasn't immediately known if that had been requested or if it would be considered.

Mercosur has suspended Venezuela due to the crisis there.

Brazil's foreign minister, Aloysio Nunes, told Globo News that Ortega would be "immediately" granted asylum if she asked for it. Ortega has not signaled that she would. **AP**

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| 13:00 | TDM News (Repeat)                                |
| 13:30 | News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast                    |
| 14:50 | RTPi Live  |
| 18:50 | The Brazilians (Repeated)                        |
| 19:40 | Soap Opera (PT)                                  |
| 20:30 | Main News, Financial & Weather Report (PT)       |
| 21:00 | Miscellaneous                                    |
| 21:15 | Miscellaneous                                    |
| 22:10 | The Brazilians                                   |
| 23:00 | TDM News   |
| 23:30 | Portuguese Movie                                 |
| 01:15 | Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated) |
| 01:50 | RTPi Live  |

SATURDAY

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| 10:40 | Comedy   |
| 11:10 | Blaze Riders                                     |
| 11:35 | Chefs  |
| 12:30 | Miscellaneous                                    |
| 13:00 | TDM News (Repeated)                              |
| 13:30 | News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast (PT)               |
| 15:00 | Miscellaneous                                    |
| 16:20 | Soap Opera (PT)                                  |
| 19:20 | Miscellaneous                                    |
| 20:30 | Main News, Financial & Weather Report (PT)       |
| 21:00 | Portugal in 150 Seconds                          |
| 21:10 | Drama (PT)                                       |
| 22:10 | Miscellaneous                                    |
| 23:00 | TDM News   |
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| 00:35 | Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated) |
| 01:10 | RTPi Live  |

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| 10:35 | The Last Treasure                                |
| 11:00 | Sunday Mass (Live)                               |
| 12:00 | Miscellaneous                                    |
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| 13:00 | TDM News (Repeated)                              |
| 13:30 | News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast                    |
| 14:50 | Zig Zag  |
| 17:40 | Brainstorm                                       |
| 18:25 | Miscellaneous                                    |
| 19:35 | Soap Opera                                       |
| 20:30 | Main News, Financial & Weather Report (PT)       |
| 21:00 | Miscellaneous                                    |
| 22:00 | Vidago Palace                                    |
| 23:00 | TDM News   |
| 00:20 | Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated) |
| 00:55 | RTPi Live  |

Offbeat



BOURBON, PIZZAS AND NOW SPAGHETTI SAUCE COVER ARKANSAS ROADS

It's a smorgasbord on Arkansas highways, with the third food spill in as many weeks. A truck driver distracted by a GPS unit crashed near the intersection of U.S. 278 and Arkansas 24 at Camden Monday and spilled a truckload of spaghetti sauce. On Aug. 2, a tank car filled with bourbon crashed on Interstate 40 in eastern Arkansas and motorists on Interstate 30 had to leave the highway at Little Rock on Aug. 9 after a truck accident left frozen pizzas scattered about. Camden police Sgt. Cory Sanders said the spaghetti sauce truck was headed to Dallas about 3 a.m. when its driver became distracted, then overcorrected and rolled over after crossing the center line of the highway. Sanders said the driver suffered minor injuries.

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A DOG'S PURPOSE  
ROOM 1  
2:30, 7:30pm  
Director: Lasse Hallstrom  
Starring: Josh Gad, Dennis Quaid, Brit Robertson  
Language: English  
Duration: 131min

THE ADVENTURERS  
ROOM 1  
4:30, 9:30pm  
Director: Stephen Fung  
Starring: Andy Lau, Shu Qi, Zhang Jingchu  
Language: English  
Duration: 131min



HITMAN'S BODYGUARD  
ROOM 2  
2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30pm  
Director: Patrick Hughes  
Starring: Ryan Reynolds, Samuel L. Jackson, Gary Oldman  
Language: English (Chinese)  
Duration: 118min



THE BATTLESHIP ISLAND  
ROOM 2  
7:00, 9:30pm  
Director: Ryoo Seung-Wan  
Starring: Hwang Jung-Min, So Ji-Sub, Song Joong-Ki  
Language: Korean & Japanese (Chinese & English)  
Duration: 132min



DORAEMON THE MOVIE 2017  
ROOM 3  
2:30, 4:30PM  
Director: Atsushi Takahashi  
Starring: Wasabi Mizuta, Megumi Ohara, Yumi Kakazu  
Language: Cantonese (Chinese)  
Duration: 101min



THE EMOJI MOVIE  
ROOM 3  
2:15, 5:45, 7:30pm  
Director: Tony Leondis  
Starring: T.J. Miller, James Corden, Anna Faris  
Language: English (Chinese)  
Duration: 86min

this day in history



1944 PARIS IS LIBERATED AS GERMANS SURRENDER

After four years under German occupation, Paris is now free. Last night, the French 2nd Armoured Division under General Philippe Leclerc was the first Allied force to enter the city, greeted by loud cheers from Parisians after many days of fighting between the Resistance and the German occupiers. The new Free French wireless station reported the German commander of the Paris region, General Dietrich von Choltitz, signed a surrender at Montparnasse station in front of General Leclerc and Colonel Rol, commander of the Forces Francaises de l'Interieur (FFI) in the Paris region. Colonel Rol praised the Resistance forces that fought the occupying Germans and opened the way for the Allies to enter the capital. At 1900 local time, General Charles de Gaulle - leader of the Free French who has been living in exile in London since the Fall of France in 1940 - entered the city. In a broadcast to the nation from the Hotel de Ville he said: "I wish simply from the bottom of my heart to say to you: Vive Paris!" "We are here in Paris - Paris which stood erect and rose in order to free herself. Paris oppressed, downtrodden and martyred but still Paris - free now, freed by the hands of Frenchmen, the capital of Fighting France, France the great eternal." He said the French could now stand up as a great world power and would not rest until the enemy had been defeated on its own territory. This evening French, American and Senegalese troops marched triumphantly down the Champs Elysee to ecstatic cheers of Parisians, young and old. But celebrations were brought to a swift halt by sniper fire from German troops and French Fascists. The battle for Paris is not quite over and tonight, as the French 2nd Armoured Division reached the Porte d'Orleans district in the south of Paris, the FFI are still fighting German soldiers and taking prisoners. Earlier today, Canadian and British forces joined up with American troops on the left bank of the River Seine south of Rouen. And on the French coast, Honfleur has been captured by the Allies. In the south of France, Americans have taken Cannes and Grasse, the capital of the Alpes-Maritimes.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Once the Allies, under General Dwight D Eisenhower, had landed in France in June, many groups of Parisian workers went on strike as they sensed the Allied approach. An uprising began on 19 August and young Frenchmen built barricades and shot at German soldiers. Raoul Nordling, the Swedish Consul General to Paris arranged a ceasefire and also persuaded General Choltitz to disobey Hitler's orders to destroy the French capital. General Eisenhower was reluctant to march on Paris and engage his forces in running street battles, but he finally relented and allowed General Leclerc's 2nd Armoured Division to enter the city first. The day after liberation General de Gaulle led a parade down the Champs Elysees with General Leclerc all the way to Notre Dame. He braved sporadic sniper fire inside the cathedral itself from pockets of German resistance that remained. Colonel Rol's real name was Colonel Henri Rol-Tanguy, a Communist leader of the Resistance in Paris. His signature appears alongside Leclerc's on the German surrender document to recognise the Resistance's efforts.

YOUR STARS

Aries

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

It's been tougher than you thought it would be to get things taken care of -- especially with yesterday's surprises. Still, you need to finish up on a certain project.

Gemini

May 21-Jun. 21

Much as you really want to laugh off a recent conversation you've had with a higher-up, you know darned well you can't. You're taking this far more seriously than you ordinarily would, but you're absolutely right.

Leo

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

Everyone's emotions are running on high and just this once, yours aren't any exception. Okay, so you're usually calm, cool, and collected -- oh, and unbiased, unprejudiced, and eminently fair.

Libra

Sep.23-Oct. 22

After days of rooting around, trying to find someone you can truly get close to, the universe has seen fit to connect you with someone who'll be able to let their hair down, become truly intimate and partner up.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Intensity is the name of the game at the moment. You're in the mood for it, and more than willing to participate. That could be great fun if you're with the right person.

Aquarius

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Just because your companion is trying hard to keep things calm doesn't mean you should deliberately stir the pot. You know that, but keeping quiet is still going to be difficult.

Taurus

April 20-May 20

Stop worrying about the neighbor's reaction -- or anyone else's, for that matter -- to the people you've been associating with lately. If you enjoy them and the feeling is mutual, what's the problem?.

Cancer

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Just because your new buds are different doesn't mean there's anything wrong with them. You know that, but you're already choosing jury members and rehearsing your closing statements.

Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Consider, for example, that new friend you've been dying to spend some time with. The one who's been hinting around that they might be interested in more from you than just a platonic relationship.

Scorpio

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You may not have anywhere special to be today -- which will be a really, really good thing. In fact, even if you do have somewhere to be, bet you won't be there.

Capricorn

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

You usually don't have time to mess around with long, involved explanations, detailed descriptions or drawn-out instant replays of who said what to whom.

Pisces

Feb.19-Mar. 20

Someone who's introduced to you by either a family member or a coworker could end up being a part of your life for a very long time -- but you two might not be able to take your show on the road just yet.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Brittle; 6- Above; 10- Mission control gp.; 14- Sonata movement; 15- Seasonal song; 16- Touched down; 17- Bubbling; 18- Building additions; 19- All there; 20- Shamus; 21- Atty.-to-be exams; 23- Beat it!; 24- Lusitania sinker; 26- Orange Bowl site; 27- Actress Dolores; 29- \_\_\_ is human...; 31- Golfer Aoki; 32- \_\_\_ and desist; 33- Alias letters; 36- In spite of; 40- Sugar suffix; 41- Resembling baby beef; 42- Wings; 43- Ornamental coronet; 44- Something causing peril; 46- Jeter of the Yankees; 48- Philosopher Kierkegaard; 49- Despised; 50- California-Nevada lake; 52- Quattro minus uno; 55- Architectural pier; 56- Biblical trio; 57- Milo of "Barbarella"; 59- Rat-\_\_\_; 60- Ayatollah's land; 61- Awkward boors; 62- Cong. meeting; 63- Shrivelled, without moisture; 64- It's a plus;

DOWN: 1- Pluto's tail?; 2- Choir attire; 3- Vaccinate; 4- Star Wars letters; 5- Hoi \_\_\_; 6- \_\_\_ a time (singly); 7- Unit of potential difference; 8- Slippery swimmers; 9- "Treasure Island" monogram; 10- Winston Cup org.; 11- Waker; 12- Mideast peninsula; 13- Up and \_\_\_; 22- \_\_\_ Paulo; 23- Femme fatale; 25- Ridge over the eye; 26- Arizona city; 27- Pebbles's pet; 28- Those, to Juan; 29- Inventor Nikola; 30- Like Cheerios; 32- Blacken; 33- An urban shade tree; 34- Knot in wood; 35- Ripened; 37- Like some college walls; 38- Furniture wood; 39- Stun; 43- Picks up the check; 44- Boo follower; 45- Ring of color; 46- "Inferno" writer; 47- Kett and James; 48- Glisten; 49- Lukas of "Witness"; 50- Shipping deduction; 51- Food thickener; 53- Nerve network; 54- Bridge position; 56- Fire starter?; 58- Sea plea;

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**E**VEN Roger Federer finds it all a little surprising.

After going 4 1/2 years without collecting a major championship, now firmly in his mid-30s, he heads into Monday's start of the U.S. Open with a chance to win his third such trophy of 2017.

"I mean, I have a hard time thinking I could win three Slams in one year. It just sounds totally surreal to me," Federer said in an interview with The Associated Press. "But I'll prepare myself the best way possible, so that I will have the best chance to really excel there in New York."

Yes, Federer is most certainly back. All the way back. He's back in the field at Flushing Meadows after sitting out the hard-court tournament a year ago while taking off the last half of the season to let his surgically repaired left knee heal. And he's back in the role of Grand Slam title favorite after winning the past two majors he entered, the Australian Open in January and Wimbledon in July.

Is he playing as well as — or perhaps better than — ever?

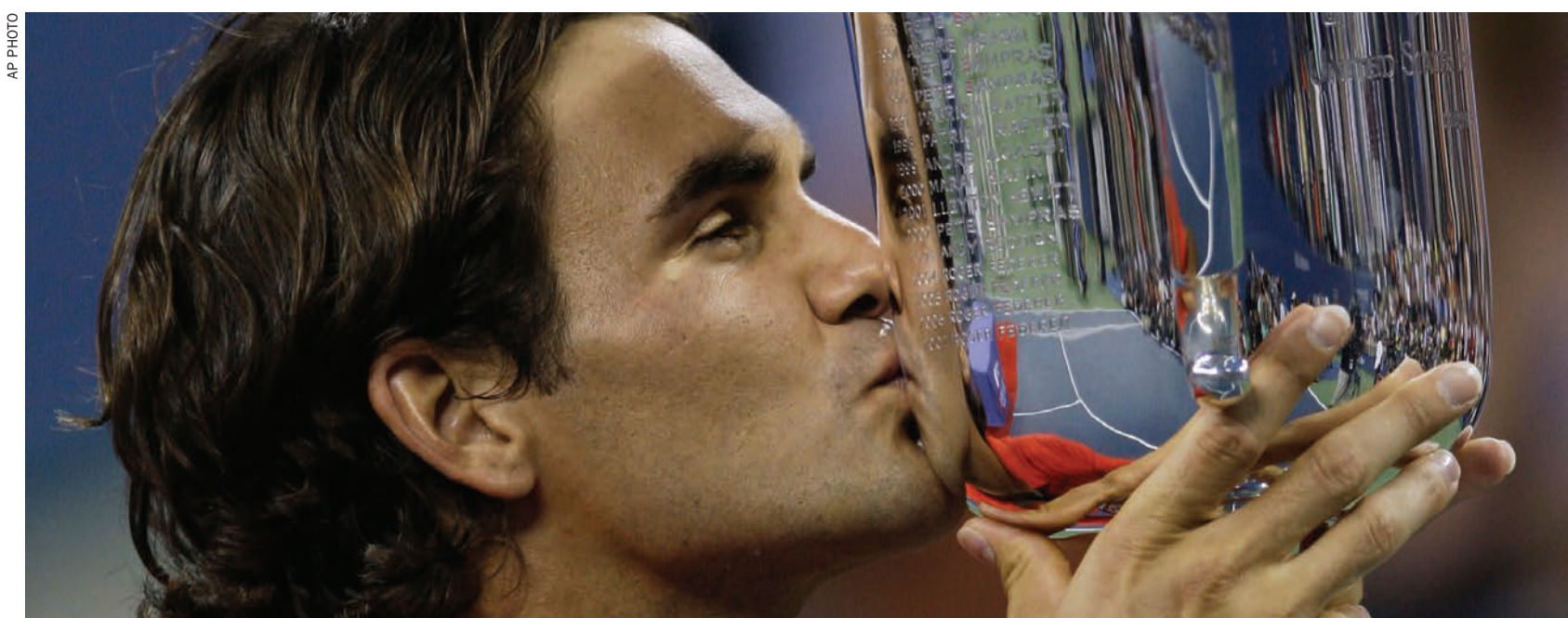
"I don't know. It's hard to tell. It doesn't really matter to me. I would hope that I'm a better player today, just [by] virtue of time that's gone by and I've had time to practice and train and all that stuff," he said with a sigh. "But better? In a way I would hope so."

Federer turned 36 on Aug. 8, making him older than all but two men to have ever won the most important tennis tournament held in the United States, an event first held in 1881.

He will be facing a depleted draw in New York as he seeks his first title there in nearly a decade.

Three-time major champion Andy Murray, recently replaced at No. 1 by Rafael Nadal, has been dealing with a sore hip and hasn't played since Wimbledon. Neither has 2014 U.S. Open champion Marin Cilic, sidelined by a foot blister.

Reigning U.S. Open champion Stan Wawrinka, who had knee surgery, and 2016 runner-up Novak Djokovic, whose right elbow is injured, are out for the



This Sept. 8, 2008 file photo shows Roger Federer kissing the championship trophy after winning at the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York

## TENNIS | US OPEN

# Federer says 3rd major of year would be surreal

rest of the season. So is 2014 runner-up Kei Nishikori, because of a hurt wrist.

That trio of top-10 players is following Federer's example. Skipping the Rio de Janeiro Olympics, the U.S. Open and other tournaments allowed him to return to the ATP Tour refreshed and reinvigorated, not to mention fully fit.

The payoff? He is 35-3 with five titles this season.

## Yes, Federer is most certainly back.

"The long break last year really helped him. He (went) a little bit away and looked at everything from the outside again. It gives you a little bit of distance," said Severin Luthi, one of Federer's coaches. "In general, I know with him that if he takes a break and if he's fresh, happy to play, motivated ... that's one of his biggest strengths."

The day before beating Cilic in the final at the All England Club to claim his eighth Wimbledon championship and 19th at a major overall — both records for a man — Federer sat down with Luthi to discuss prepa-

ration for the U.S. Open.

Yes, time marches on, even for Federer, although it doesn't really seem as if that's the case at the moment.

"He's been playing amazing tennis," said 20-year-old Alexander Zverev, considered the sport's "Next Big Thing."

"He pretty much won every single big tournament he played this year," added Zverev, who defeated Federer in the hard-court final at Montreal this month.

That was the last time Federer was in action; he tweaked his back and withdrew from a tuneup in Ohio the following week.

If his back is problematic at Flushing Meadows, it could stand in Federer's way. Otherwise, he could be the last man standing there for the first time since winning his last of five consecutive U.S. Open titles in 2008.

That would please Federer, of course. But what he really derives satisfaction from lately is his aggressive style on court.

"I like the way I'm playing. I'm playing going forward. I'm going for it. I'm not holding back. I'm playing the kind of tennis I like to play, personally, myself. And I'm not, like, doing everything only for success. I'm actually letting it fly off my racket. And that makes me happy,"

he said.

"People who've been waiting for me to come back strong, maybe one more time, I've given them even more now

by winning a couple of Slams this year. So it's extremely special times. I'm aware of that. I know it's just only bonus, whatever is about to come,"

Federer continued, with a hint of a smile. "So I hope I can keep this level up and then maybe good things can continue. We'll see." AP



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HUMANITY IN HATO

**Typhoon Hato**, Signal 10, brought with it not only the wrath of nature but anger, sadness and disappointment from our community. The lack of preparation, slow warning systems, shoddy construction and low-quality building materials, failure of backup systems for essential services and the tragedy of people out in the elements, either stuck unprepared or moving about unaware of the dangers – these should not have been part of our response.

Hato was the worst typhoon on local record. It was going to be a bad one, not just because of its ferocity but because Macau has been lulled into a false sense of security. “Weather-related fatalities are a rare occurrence in the territory” was a message repeated in the media as if to partly express shock in the rising death toll, and partly to exemplify how unusually terrifying this typhoon was. We seem to have a deep-seated belief in our typhoon invincibility. Are they never too big for us because we are especially anointed, especially resilient, or do we just trust that the authorities have safeguarded our well-being?

This time Macau’s complacency, it’s faith in its security and emergency management systems brought it to its knees. An explanation we are likely to hear is that this one was just too big, even for us.

Many were quick to blame the government – for not communicating swiftly enough resulting in poor souls becoming stranded in carparks coming home too late; being ill-prepared without supplies of water or food; with no windows taped. The government was blamed for failing to baton down the city, for over-reliance on interconnected utility systems and insufficient back-up. CTM must be congratulated for maintaining communication even while other public utilities failed.

Angry also are those that doubt the moral integrity of businesses who opportunistically attempted to profiteer. Stories were told of bottles of water usually sold for MOP8 priced at \$20, \$75 or even \$200. Hotel rooms have been advertised at over MOP9,000 per night. Examples of morally corrupt practices swiftly hit the airwaves.

Pictures of casinos illuminated in all their shining glory while the rest of Macau was plunged into black-out darkness told of contrasting worlds in this one tiny region.

Where there are examples of limits to human experience and imagination, there are also many who have filled the gaps. Where there have been people complaining and waiting for the government to do or say something, there are others who have simply got out there and done what they could do to help. When there were those bemoaning the heat, relieved as they switched on precious electricity to cool themselves, there were others ferrying buckets of water from street hoses to their neighbours.

Macau has a renewed faith in their police, firemen and security services seen working together to clear the shallow-rooted trees and debris strewn across the region and coming to aid of the many in need. The resilient old folk got up early the next morning to clear their neighbourhoods. Companies put volunteer teams together to support the clean-up, and all sorts of individuals were begging to know how they could help.

Aside from the public security services, the best coordinated efforts seemed to be community based. By yesterday, the Macao New Chinese Youth Organisation had over 500 student and young volunteers across 5 areas of Macau cleaning up. Their calls for backup and support were welcomed and enthusiastically acted upon.

For these civic minded individuals, complacency is not in their vocabulary, and their ethics are strong. Thus, we are reminded of the many worlds in our little community. May this extraordinary event prompt us all to be a little bit better, a little more civic minded, a little more imaginative and wise, and pressure our leaders to be the same.

THE REAL MADRID IN CHAMPS LEAGUE GROUP WITH DORTMUND, TOTTENHAM

Real Madrid’s route to retaining the Champions League title looks a lot like last year’s. Only tougher.

The two-time defending champion was yesterday drawn again with Borussia Dortmund, which won their group last year and was unbeaten against Cristiano Ronaldo and friends.

Still, Tottenham is as classy as a third-seeded team gets, and fourth-seeded APOEL of

Cyprus is a recent quarterfinalist.

“Heroes are made in groups like these,” Dortmund CEO Hans-Joachim Watzke said after UEFA made the draw in Monaco.

Madrid’s great rival Barcelona has a more routine path to the last 16. Though it could battle for top spot in the group with last season’s runner-up, Juventus, they should face few problems from Olympiakos and Sporting Lisbon.

USD758M LOTTERY

Single ticket wins the largest grand prize in US history, but they messed up

THE error by the Massachusetts State Lottery over which store sold the lone winning Powerball ticket is being blamed on nerves.

Michael Sweeney, the lottery’s executive director, tells WBZ-AM they had a “couple of excited people at 1 o’clock in the morning” but said if there’s any blame to be placed, the buck stops with him.

The lottery initially said a convenience store in Watertown had sold the winning ticket. A few hours later, it announced it had made a mistake, and that the winning ticket was sold across the state at the Pride Station & Store in Chicopee, in Western Massachusetts.

Sweeney says the lottery had not yet heard from the winner.

He said the Chicopee store will receive \$50,000 for selling the winning ticket, he said.

He said the store in Watertown did sell a ticket that won a \$1 million prize.

Massachusetts State Lottery officials have corrected the site where the single winning ticket for the Powerball \$758.7 million jackpot was sold to Chicopee, not Watertown.

The Massachusetts State Lottery had announced



around 2:30 a.m. that a convenience store in Watertown, near Boston, had sold the winning ticket.

But shortly before 8 a.m., the lottery said it had made a mistake, and that the winning ticket was sold across the state at the Pride Station & Store in Chicopee, in Western Massachusetts.

The lottery did not say how the error was made.

It said the store in Watertown did sell a ticket that won a \$1 million prize.

Earlier, before learning about the mess up, the owner of Handy Variety have

said she is happy and emotional after learning her store sold it.

Kamaljeet Kaur, who owns Handy Variety in Watertown, Massachusetts, said she was getting ready to come to work yesterday morning when her husband told her.

Reporters descended on the store hours before it opened around 6:30 a.m.

The jackpot is the largest grand prize won by a single lottery ticket in U.S. history. MDT/AP

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

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS

**UAE** A transgender Singaporean and her friend have been sentenced to a year in prison in the capital of the United Arab Emirates for dressing in a feminine way, friends and family say.

**QATAR-IRAN** Qatar restored full diplomatic relations with Iran yesterday and promised to send its ambassador back to Tehran – a move counter to the demands of Arab nations trying to isolate Doha as part of a regional dispute. More on p18



**ITALY** Migrants in a Rome piazza threw rocks, bottles and gas cans at riot police using water cannons to clear out about 100 mostly Ethiopian and Eritrean asylum-seekers yesterday as part of a security operation harshly criticized by humanitarian groups.

**NETHERLANDS** Alerted by a detailed tip from Spanish colleagues, Dutch police arrested a man early Thursday and questioned him on suspicion of preparing an attack on a concert in Rotterdam by an American rock band. More on p18



**BRAZIL** Environmentalists are condemning a decree by Brazilian President Michel Temer allowing mining in the heart of the Amazon. The measure strips protection from a national reserve between the northern states of Para and Amapa and clears the way for the private mining sector to explore the forest.

**VENEZUELA** Colombian TV network Caracol has been taken off the air in Venezuela a day after President Nicolas Maduro delivered a scathing rebuke of Colombian media. More on p19

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