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THAILAND Facing a possible 10-year jail term, former Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra fled the country ahead of a court verdict her supporters say was politically motivated, a senior member of her party said.

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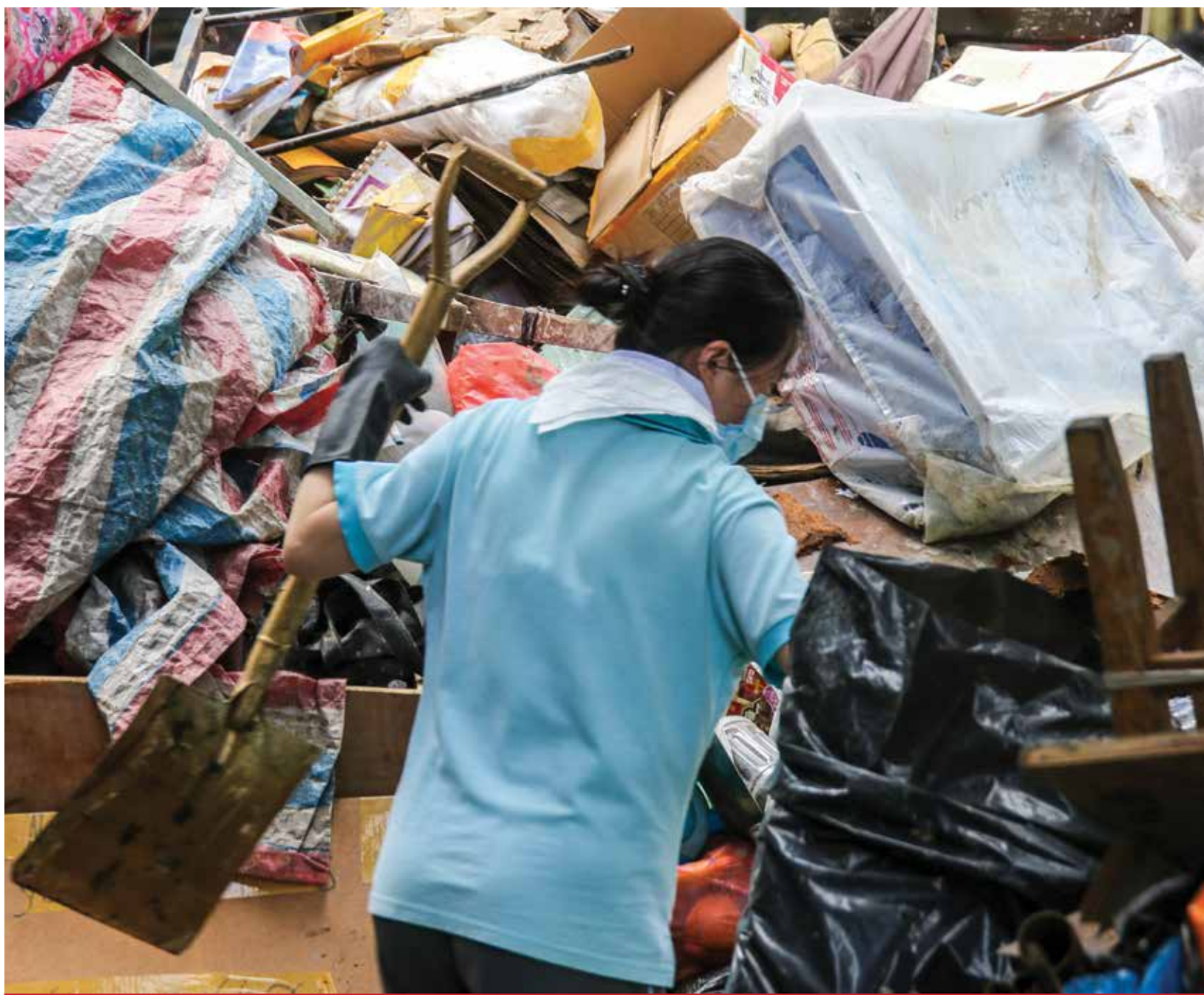
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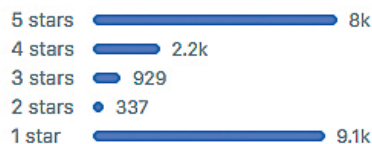


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editorial

Paulo Coutinho



AUGUST TO REMEMBER

THE chief of the weather bureau, Fong Soi Kun, was fired for good reason. But I don't agree with the government's justification. Actually, he should have resigned a long time ago, not because he is incompetent, I don't think he is, but because he failed disgracefully to perform his duty, putting political interests, more or less vested, before the interests and the safety of the community. Instead of safeguarding the public, he was, apparently, safeguarding his back. As the saying goes, if you can't stand the heat stay out of the kitchen.

This wasn't the first time, far from it, but this time he ran out of luck, and his failure to comply with explicit and strict laws and regulations on how to deal with warnings in the face of a tropical storm was tragic.

Warning signals are meant to warn, otherwise they defeat the purpose. When signal 10 was hoisted last Wednesday, close to midday, the eye of typhoon Hato was virtually over our heads.

That is why The South China Morning Post apologized last week for their constant criticism of the HK Observatory scrupulously complying with the law when it came to forecasting.

"Our next thoughts might be to forgive the Hong Kong Observatory for all the No 8 typhoon signals and the subsequent city shutdowns and inconvenience we have moaned about over the years when nothing much actually happened. Macau's ordeal has underlined the virtue of Hong Kong's dogged persistence in being prepared for the worst while hoping for the best."

No city would have escaped without devastation from the furious, powerful force of typhoon Hato, but a decent forecast system would have helped minimize the damage. I tend to agree that Mr Fong was but a scapegoat for lack of political accountability for deeper problems in a city that has developed as fast as Hato's winds over the past 15 years while some ground rules were bent or skipped in the process.

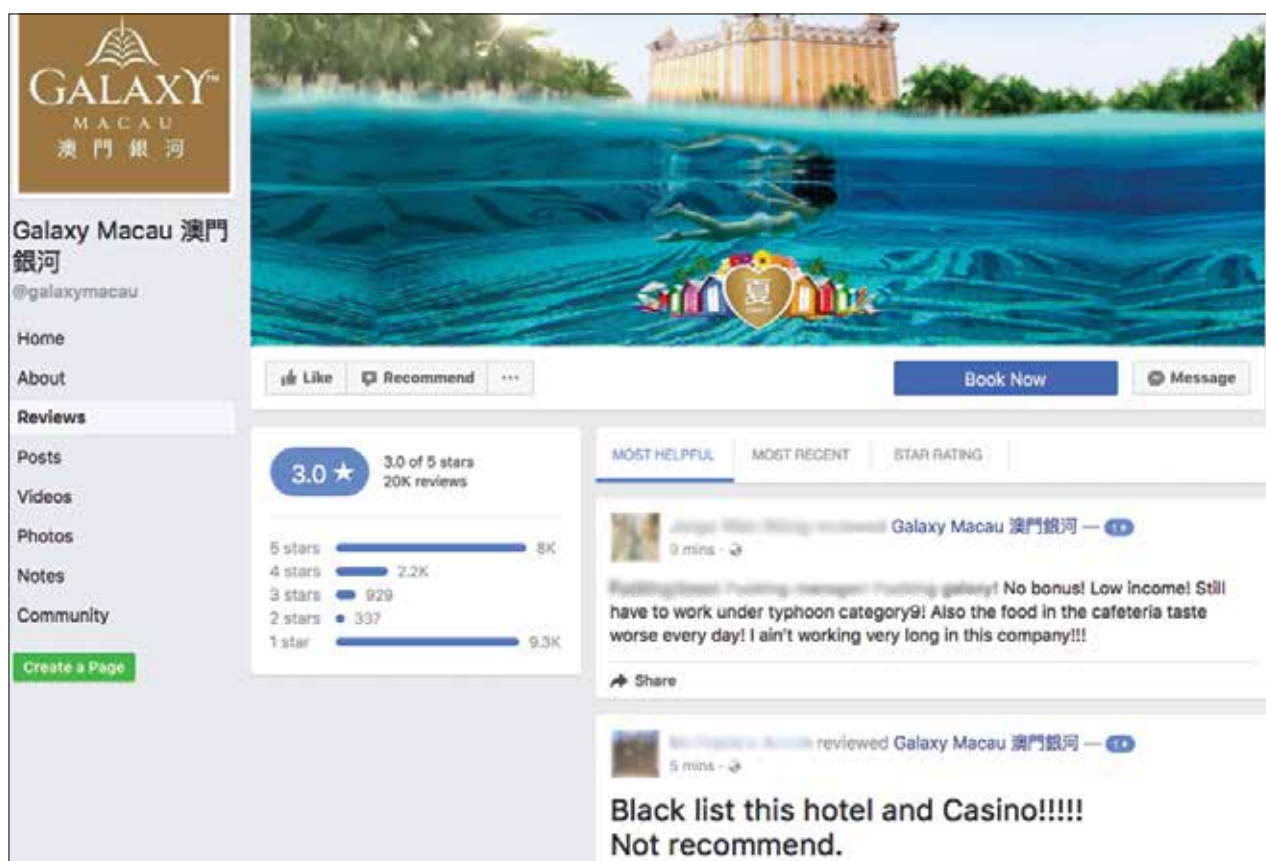
I'm talking for example, of glass windows shattering all over town, in what became a "trade mark" of typhoon Hato's work. Something must be very wrong when you see entire skyscrapers recently built - and even some labeled as quality construction - with their windows shattered.

Legal requirements for glass windows clearly state that the glass must be strong enough to withstand wind speeds of 240 kmh (for a ten-meter building) to 290 kmh, depending on the height of the construction. Do you believe that this requirement alone has been met by greedy developers lately? I have my doubts.

Another point at stake is the apathy of both the authorities and the general public. It's been 18 years since the last time signal 10 was hoisted, and ever since, until Hato, nature has been kind to Macau. I have seen numerous confessions on social media of people saying they just didn't care about what the weatherman was saying, and didn't take precautions. Typhoon 8 just became an extra holiday, and people would even cheer as signals went higher. At the same time, the government didn't make any effort to inform and educate the newcomers properly about this common natural event of our monsoon season. As in many other things they left it to... luck.

Last but not least, our thoughts are with the victims and with the community that, on the bright side, showed a tremendous sense of solidarity in the face of overwhelming calamity.

Hato marked the end of an era. We have to wait no more for September to remember.



Galaxy bombarded with criticism after blunder

Daniel Beitler

GALAXY Entertainment Group came under fire from netizens yesterday after allegations surfaced online that the casino operator had asked its staff to volunteer to clean a swimming pool at its flagship resort, instead of the streets like many other organizations in the city.

The Times obtained access yesterday to a message sent internally at the company, asking employees to volunteer to clean Galaxy's Grand Resort Deck.

"We need volunteers to help clean up the Grand Resort Deck so it can be reopened to the public as soon as possible," the internal message read. It asked staff to volunteer between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. both Saturday and yesterday.

After this seemingly innocuous information materialized into a scandal, additional allegations were levied that the company had forced its employees to work while Signal 8 was still hoisted for Typhoon Hato.

A representative of the company told the Times yesterday there was no truth to the allegation and that Galaxy follows standard operating procedures in the event of extreme weather-related phenomenon.

The company had also dispatched its staff on other volunteer missions to clean up the streets and provide food to residents in need, publicizing the effort last week.

But the response did not quell a rising tide of anger expressed on social media, which organized itself into an online mob with a vendetta.

As of late last night, the damage seemed uncontrollable. The average review rating on the resort's Facebook page plummeted from 4.8 to 3.0 within a matter of hours, following more than 8,000 reviews with just one star, the lowest that the platform permits. As of midnight, the page had more than 9,000 one-star reviews, accounting for around 45 percent of total reviews on that platform.

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The poor reviews were accompanied by critical messages from netizens, some of which accused GEG of lacking compassion, while others alleged it had mistreated its employees. Many of the messages were factually inaccurate.

A public relations representative of the company told the Times yesterday that that message had been an informal, impromptu note shared with colleagues and was not expressly authorized by management.

The representative said that the intention was not to substitute volunteering work on the streets, but rather address safety concerns ahead of the approaching typhoon, Pakhar.

GEG admitted yesterday that "not everything was handled perfectly."

Company chairman Lui Che Woo last night issued a statement in response to the public relations crisis. In the statement, he pledged "a MOP60 million contribution including MOP30 million from the GEG Foundation plus a MOP30 million matching contribution from the Lui family to support the relief efforts of the people of Macau as well as our GEG team members [employees]."

On Friday, a separate statement was issued to publicize the volunteer work of GEG employees in cleaning up streets and delivering food and water to the elderly.

In that statement, GEG pledged to provide a "special typhoon allowance" of MOP1,000 for all operations employees, in addition to the current allowance of MOP100 and transportation allowance of MOP100 under such weather conditions.

It will also offer paid leave of absence for employees who could not come to work on August 23, 24 and 25 due to the typhoon and no deductions to salary will be made for arriving late during this period.

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SECRETARY for Security Wong Sio Chak said yesterday that works being performed by the authorities in order to recover from the destruction of Typhoon Hato are “very positive,” praising the efforts of the security forces, People’s Liberation Army (PLA) Macau Garrison soldiers, volunteer groups and society in general.

The acknowledgement was made yesterday afternoon at a press conference held at the headquarters of the Civil Protection Operations Center (COPC), which drew senior officials from several government departments and security forces involved in the operation.

In the assessment, Wong noted the loss of many lives as well as the economic damage of the typhoon but said, “The population is united and helping the security forces. Everyone is engaged - the population, volunteer groups and the PLA - to perform tasks of cleaning and providing aid such as meals and water [to the needed].”

“The typhoon was a big disaster but fortunately we have love in society,” the security chief said while noting the “very positive response” and outcome.

Wong also mentioned that, as was agreed in a meeting held earlier with the chief executive, “we will perform an in-depth review of all our procedures [after the city is back to normal],” promising changes in efficiency and response times.

Asked for an estimate of the economic impact of the typhoon, Wong said, “We are still at the cleaning stage. We haven’t yet made any calculation of the economic losses but, as everyone can tell, we are to believe that they won’t be little.”

He added that the priority for the time being is to “bring back the city back to normality.”

Wong said that normality might return as soon as today.

“We are in contact [with all authorities] to see how we can accelerate the process. We are doing all the possible. We hope by [today] we can have more significant improvements and we can be generally back to normality.”

In the evaluation made by the authorities, which also included the most recent passage of Typhoon Pakhar, it was noted that there are at the present time no additional victims to add to the report. Commissioner-general of the Unitary Police Service (SPU) Ma Io Kun informed that, as of 2 p.m. yesterday, a total of 107 incidents resulting in eight non-serious injuries had been caused by the latest tropical cyclone.

Ma said that most of the incidents were the result of falling objects, in some cases, connected to prior damage inflicted by Typhoon Hato.

Public Security Police Force

Security chief gives full marks on post-Typhoon recovery works



Secretary for Security Wong Sio Chak (center)

(PSP) head Leong Man Cheong noted that the officers under his purview have been performing “relentless work” and that, according to the latest information, “90 percent of the streets have already conditions for the circulation of people and vehicles,” noting also that the Lotus bridge border cross-point had reopened at 1 p.m. yesterday after the lowering of the Signal 8 for Typhoon Pakhar.

Works on the debris and wreckage clearance restarted yesterday at 2 p.m., according to Leong, involving both frontline

and standby staff. According to the PSP chief, currently the most challenging areas are Fai Chi Kei, Patane and Praia do Manduco, where there is “still a lot to clean and large objects are creating difficulties on the job.”

He noted that previous appeals to the population not to discard items on the street had not garnered a very positive response.

Regarding the most critical damage inflicted by the latest typhoon to strike Macau, Leong highlighted the cases of the Sai Van Bridge and the Bus Terminus at the Border Gate, which

was flooded.

According to Fire Services Commander, were registered

91 calls for help today and three people with non-serious injuries were assisted.

PAKHAR'S INTENSITY AS FORECASTED

TYPHOON PAKHAR presented an intensity as initially forecasted of around 106km/h, the Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau (SMG) new acting director said in press conference, noting the final path took it “closer to Macau than expected [about 40km away] and with a faster progression,” she said. The acting director informed that the typhoon made landfall

at 9 a.m., one hour earlier than initially expected. Pakhar recorded an average wind speed of 88km/h with gusts that reached 125.3km/h and 56.6mm of rainfall, considered to be “higher than normal.” In consequence, the water level rose about 1.5 meters, but since it happened at a time that did not coincide with the high tides, it caused “no severe flooding.”



Incineration Center incapable of dealing with waste

MACAU Solid Waste Incineration Center cannot deal with all of the waste produced in consequence of Typhoon Hato, the president of the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM), José Maria Tavares, acknowledged at a press conference held yesterday.

Tavares noted that the quantity of waste collected has been growing over the past few days. He presented comprehensive data that shows that between August 24 and 26, a total of 7,100 tons of materials were collected and redirected to further treatment.

But the high official admits, “We don’t have capacity to deal with everything [...] some of the waste will have to stay on the waste landfill that, as a rule, was not to be used in that way.”

Tavares noted that different types of refuse are being dealt with in different ways.

“Trees and plants are being placed at Zone B [of the new landfills] while the others [solid waste] will be forwarded to the Incineration Center,” he

said, adding, “The big problem at the moment is that all [of these kinds] are mixed together.”

The head of IACM informed that for the time being the services are using that waste landfill to sort the materials before taking the solid waste to the Incineration Center.

Tavares noted that IACM is counting on the cooperation of Health Bureau (SSM), which he hopes will take preventive measures regarding possible disease outbreaks stemming from the waste buildup.

With regard to food safety, the president of IACM admitted to have been across the region and to have seen - especially in the areas of the Inner Harbor and Avenida Almeida Ribeiro - some traditional Chinese medicine shops drying some of the products affected by the flooding situation. “It’s not correct. I don’t recommend [this] and it’s not allowed,” he said, informing that inspectors are being sent to inspect these occurrences and other matters related to food safety.

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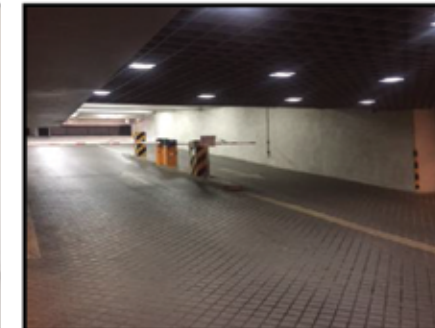
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Lynzy Valles

A group of four journalists from Hong Kong, who planned to cover volunteers' cleanup activities, were denied entry to Macau on Saturday.

The local immigration authority issued a written statement saying the journalists "posed a risk to the stability of internal security."

The move was criticized for hampering press freedom and affecting residents' rights to the latest information on disaster relief.

Media outlets including the South China Morning Post (SCMP), Apple Daily and online portal HKO1 were outraged, deeming the local authorities "absolutely ridiculous" and asserting that they posed no security threat.

Secretary for Security Wong Sio Chak defended authorities at a press conference yesterday, stressing that the entry ban had to do with "specific reasons that they cannot disclose."

He added that other regions had also banned entry and that Macau was not an exception.

"We are not targeting anybody in particular [...] we are not concentrating on one profession only," he said.

Meanwhile, speculation that the act was due to the presence of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) Macau Garrison continue to persist.

Éric Sautédé, a political commentator and Times columnist, suggested that the government may have used a perceived "attack on patriotism" as an excuse to exclude the journalists.

Sautédé recalled that the journalists have been reporting the region's situation and have been criticizing the go-

HK press denied entry due to 'attack on patriotism', says expert



vernment for its shortcomings.

"HKO1, especially, ridiculed the Chief Executive, the Secretary for Justice and Administration and the whole exercise at unsuccessful damage control that was the Thursday governmental press conference," he said.

Yesterday, the Government Information Bureau (GCS)

said that the Judiciary Police had begun investigating netizens who are criticizing the PLA, a move that Sautédé condemned.

"First, it is rather indecent as it gives the impression that the lives and the situation of the people of Macau are less important than the reputation of the PLA," he said.

"Second, it appears overblown because even if there were some unwarranted or even discriminatory attacks against the PLA, they have had, judging by the content on several social media, absolutely no traction," Sautédé argued.

Although the presence of the PLA was supported by the ma-

jority, Sautédé said that the mention of "investigation" in GCS's statement "feels like a threat, and again slightly overblown, especially because the GCS does not give any details pertaining to the nature of the rumors."

The Hong Kong Journalists Association and the Hong Kong Press Photographers Association have issued a joint statement expressing deep regret over the denial of the Hong Kong press' entry.

"We urge the Macau government to respect press freedom and not to arbitrarily restrict the rights of entry and exit of journalists in Macau," the two groups stated.

Both associations are calling on the Macau government to draw up reasonable entry and exit criteria, and have also requested that the Hong Kong Immigration Department maintain regular communication with Macau authorities to ensure normal entry and exit for travelers holding Hong Kong travel documents.

The Macau Portuguese and English Press Association (AIPIM) also criticized the decision of the local authorities.

"AIPIM finds the explanation given by the local authorities incomprehensible and unsatisfactory and cautions that this move, similar to previous ones of the same kind, tarnishes the international image of the SAR regarding press freedom," it stated.

PLA deployed on Macau streets for first time

THE People's Liberation Army marched onto Macau streets on Friday, marking the first time that the mainland army has intervened in local affairs in either Macau or Hong Kong since their respective handovers.

Around 1,000 soldiers from the Macau Garrison were dispatched to the streets to aid in the clean up effort after Typhoon Hato, starting on Friday and lasting through until yesterday.

In the absence of any government notification, the presence of PLA soldiers initially startled Macau residents because of its unprecedented nature.

However, their involvement in the relief efforts

were quickly warmed by locals, and the city's anger toward MSAR authorities over their handling of Typhoon Hato was replaced with applause for the Chinese soldiers.

While the populace at large welcomed their intervention, some residents questioned whether they were being put to good use.

Legislator Au Kam San posted a message on social media on Saturday, arguing that the Macau garrison was under-utilized by local authorities.

"We often see the PLA saving [people from] disasters on the TV – in floods and earthquakes – these are called saving [people from] disasters.



But in Macau, they are asked to pick up trash."

He questioned whether the work was deserving enough of a professional army, when a large num-

ber of local associations had organized volunteers for the clean up effort. Au also said that he considered it weird that the MSAR government would

request the army for such a purpose.

Statements such as these may have formed the basis for a harshly-worded condemnation issued by the local government yesterday, warning locals not to criticize the PLA. Au's social media statement did not criticize the PLA.

In the warning, published through the Government Information Bureau, local authorities "strongly condemned all baseless and irresponsible comments on the Internet criticizing typhoon relief efforts by the People's Liberation Army Macau Garrison."

The local government had not disclosed the fact

that PLA soldiers would be dispatched on Friday morning prior to their deployment. At a press conference yesterday, Security for Security Wong Sio Chak said that Chief Executive Chui Sai On, in accordance with the Basic Law, had requested their involvement.

The relevant law states that the chief executive can request, through official political channels, PLA soldiers stationed in the SAR to assist in disaster relief efforts or to maintain order.

The request was allegedly sent on Wednesday morning as Typhoon Hato struck the city, and approval was granted by Beijing later that day. Preparations were underway on Thursday for the deployment on Friday morning. **DB**

Gaming revenues won't feel the pinch

ANALYSTS say gross gaming revenue (GGR) for August is unlikely to be significantly impacted by the two typhoons that struck the city last week, due to a strong posting for the first 20 days of the month and the speedy recovery of integrated resorts.

The results, which will be announced by the Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau (DICJ) on Friday, are expected to show strong year-on-year growth. According to some predictions, GGR growth for the month may exceed 20 percent despite the weather disruptions.

"August is still going to be up [over last year]," Union Gaming analyst Grant Govertsen told the Times yesterday. "There will be strong growth, but less than we would have expected even a week ago."

"Based on the severity of Hato and the follow-on storm on Sunday, we would expect the growth rate to be affected by 500 or 600 basis points [5 or 6 percent]," added Govertsen.

August GGR had been tracking for a 25 percent increase year-on-year prior to the arrival of Typhoon Hato. Due to the closure of public roads and the ferry links with the mainland, as well as a limited supply of power available to integrated resorts, the forecast



was later revised.

Brokerage firm Sanford C. Bernstein downgraded its forecast by several percent after news of the scale of the devastation broke.

However, casino operators appear to be at the forefront of the recovery, and are expected to resume normal operations faster than most of the rest of the city.

This is particularly true for the Cotai properties, which were less affected than those on the peninsula.

According to data provided by DICJ, GGR reached MOP23 billion in July 2017, up by more than 29 percent from MOP17.77 billion in the same month last year. August 2016 GGR reached MOP18.83 billion and marked the first month of year-on-year growth since mid-2014.

For the first seven months of the year, gaming revenues are tracking 18.9 percent higher than the comparative period in 2016, with year-on-year growth registered in every month. **DB**

Ten schools face potential opening delays

THE Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ) has estimated that ten schools will be unable to start classes on September 1 due to damage caused by Typhoon Hato.

The Head of the Department for Pre-School and Primary School Division of DSEJ, Kong Chi Meng, noted that different schools incurred varying levels of damage.

Head of the Department of Education Leong Vai Kei said several schools have reported difficulties in opening on schedule because of the typhoon's influence.

With only one week left until the scheduled opening day, DSEJ is still evaluating the circumstances faced by diffe-

rent schools.

DSEJ will respect the schools' decisions to delay their opening date, and will also instruct them on situations where personal circumstances caused by the typhoon have rendered students unable to attend.

According to Kong, DSEJ is likely to announce tomorrow the exact number of schools which will have their opening days delayed.

DSEJ is also in talks with other government departments to manage the possible overloading of the city's public transportation systems once all schools have reopened.

The departments are considering assigning schools different opening dates in order to address the issue. **JZ**

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Region not prone to counterfeit wines

Lynzy Valles

PREMIUM wines are smuggled into China through several illegal channels, with an estimated 30,000 bottles of fake wines sold every hour in the country, a Forbes report has claimed.

Imported wines make up 29 per cent of the Chinese wine market. In 2015, China overtook France as the country with the world's second-largest vineyard area, though it continues to trail in production.

However, Forbes claims that as much as 50 percent of wine in China could be fake, with empty bottles refilled with cheaper wine or having counterfeit labels attached.

The Chateau Lafite label is one of the most counterfeited wines in China, with buyers pursuing renowned old world imports.

According to Forbes, prestigious producers such as Henri Jay, Petrus, Mouton Rothschild and the burgundies of Domain de la Romanée-Conti have also become popular knockoffs.

With visitors from mainland China accounting for nearly 70 percent of Macau's tourist arrivals, experts and local authorities noted that Chinese wine enthusiasts need not be wary of counterfeited

wines in Macau.

The IACM told the Times that it had not received any inquiries or complaints about fake wines this year, while the Consumer Council reported that it had only received complaints about counterfeit liquor from China.

"We only received two suspicious cases relating to [...] counterfeit wine for the period from 2016 to the 31st day of July 2017, in which Chinese alcoholic beverages and brandy were involved. We have not received any complaints against counterfeit red wine in the meantime," the council said.

The council also said that cases relating to the counterfeit goods were referred to the Macao Customs Service for further action, in accordance with its criminal investigation procedures.

Wine expert Filipe Cunha Santos, president of the Wine Society of Macau, also told the Times that, while it is an issue in China, Macau is unlikely to suffer the same difficulties due to the gaming operators' diligent procurement teams.

He added that such wines are only offered in integrated resorts' VIP sector.

"The casinos, which are the [main] clients of those types of wines, actually source them from



good sources including the U.S. and Europe [...] Casinos have strong procurement processes before they accept any suppliers," the expert said.

Santos also added that other outlets and restaurants in the region do not purchase types of wines that are likely to be counterfeited, such as premium French and Italian wines.

He explained that there are other types of seals that are difficult to clone, and such classifications are made available online for verification.

"These kinds of products are able to maintain [...] accountabi-

lity. Counterfeit wines are of the top ranges [only and] not day-to-day consumption. So it's not a problem for the [general] population," Santos said.

The expert noted that wine importation in Macau is increasing, with a growing interest in wine tasting from the mainland.

Haigan Wong, director of city-based wine store Adega Royale, said it is difficult to assess whether a bottle of wine is counterfeit, as retailers lack a system to assist them in this endeavour.

"Sometimes it's difficult to compare. [...] I'm sure there will always be some fake bottles but

not by intention," Wong said.

"There's always a worry whether you buy it from Macau or elsewhere. So you need to trust the source. Any [trader] can fall for it," he added.

The Interprofessional Council of Bordeaux (CIVB) stated that the council cannot offer figures on counterfeiting, explaining that there is rarely reliable data for illegal activities.

Nevertheless, the CIVB stated that it is fully aware of this "industry-hampering scourge," and claimed that it "actively works with the relevant authorities to eradicate it."

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THERE'S a new kid on the block, muscling in on crude sales to China. America is rapidly carving out a niche for itself, stepping in to fill the gap left by falling supplies from OPEC countries.

As recently as last year U.S. crude-oil exports to China were puny. On average in 2016, companies shipped just 10,000 barrels a day to China - that's less than two supertankers during the whole year.

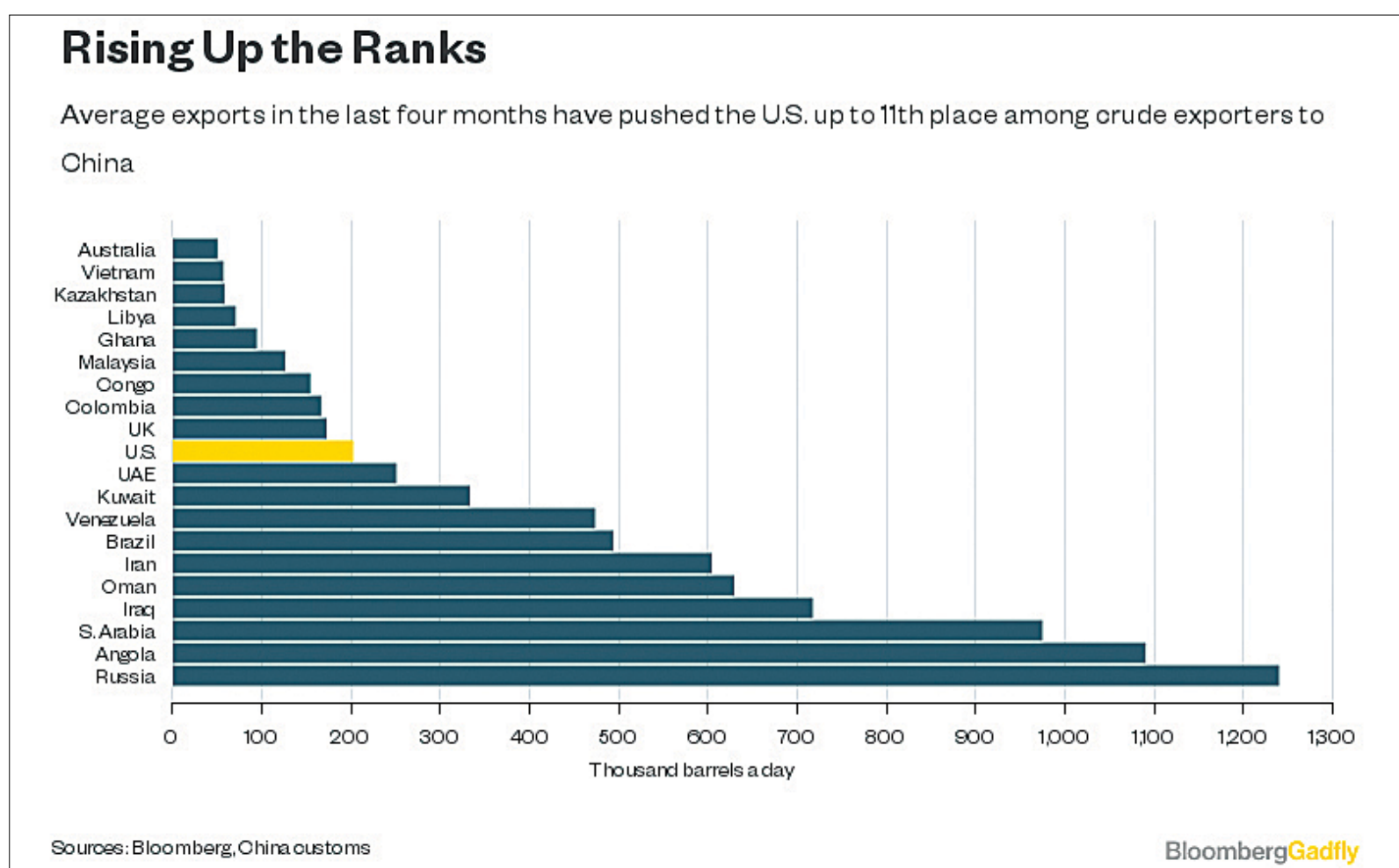
The U.S. ranked 32nd in the list of Chinese import sources in 2016, according to data from the Chinese customs authorities. That's below Mongolia and Sudan, and only just above war-torn Yemen.

But all that has changed dramatically this year, with U.S. crude exports to China leapfrogging sales from OPEC countries such as Libya and China's neighbors Vietnam, Kazakhstan and Australia.

The upward march extended through the first seven months of 2017. Sales averaged 131,000 barrels a day in the period, but over the last four months the daily average figure exceeded 200,000 barrels. That is enough to move the U.S. up to 11th place in the ranking of crude oil suppliers to China, putting it just behind OPEC heavy weights Venezuela, Kuwait and the U.A.E.

OPEC's bid to push up prices by restricting output, combined with China's apparently insatiable thirst for imported oil, have certainly helped open up a market for American suppliers. So too have low shipping costs and widening discounts for U.S. crude benchmark WTI against both North Sea Brent, which is used as a pricing reference for West African grades, and the Oman/Dubai average, used for pricing Middle Eastern exports to Asia.

Expect the U.S. ranking to gain further ground as produ-



ANALYSIS

Who's China's new best friend in the oil market? America

cers look for outlets for rising volumes of production, even while the U.S. itself remains a net importer of crude. That may be sweet music to the ears of President Donald Trump, with rising oil sales helping to reduce the trade deficit with China.

But it will not be so comfortable for OPEC countries, who have long seen China and other emerging Asian countries as their core markets. Nor is it helping to drain global stockpiles. While the volume in storage in the U.S. is coming down, the volume

held in China is still rising. Commercial stockpiles of crude and refined products in China have risen by 16.5 million barrels, or 5 percent, since the beginning of the year. Strategic stockpiles, which are not reported, have also almost certainly increased too. Not exactly the rebalancing OPEC is trying to achieve.

With oil demand stagnating in the developed world, OPEC producers have turned to Asia, tying up markets with investments in refining and storage capacity in the re-

gion. It is no coincidence that initial output cuts by Saudi Arabia and other Persian Gulf OPEC countries back in January were targeted at buyers in Europe and North America, while supplies to Asian customers were largely unaffected.

Saudi Arabia has already ceded its position as China's biggest oil supplier to Russia, and this year has also seen fellow OPEC member Angola move into second place. And it'll be hard to regain that top spot: Russia looks set to consolidate its position as China's biggest crude supplier

once the second string of a pipeline connecting oil fields in East Siberia to Chinese refineries comes into operation in January. That line will allow Russian producers to ship another 300,000 barrels a day of Siberian crude directly to China.

U.S. oil flows to China remain vulnerable to any increase in freight costs or a narrowing of the price differential to other global benchmarks. But while OPEC continues to restrict supply, neither of those looks like a big risk. **Gadfly via Bloomberg**

corporate bits

MGM AND PANSY HO CONTRIBUTE MOP30M TO RECOVERY OPERATIONS



A collaborative pledge of MOP30 million has been allocated to "rebuild Macau following Typhoon Hato by MGM China Holdings Limited, MGM Resorts International, and Ms. Pansy Ho," a note from the casino operator said.

The distribution of this pledge "will be decided in the coming days and months with guidance from the Macau government based on where the greatest need is." The staff of MGM Macau and their families' needs will be considered and included in the allocation of funds.

"The staff of MGM MACAU has been exceptional,

contributing their time and efforts in the face of this challenge. We stand ready to utilize our resources in any manner we can for a swift and sustainable recovery of our local community," said Ms. Pansy Ho, Co-chairperson & Executive Director of MGM China.

Jim Murren, Chairman and CEO of MGM Resorts presented his "condolences to the people of Macau on behalf of the entire MGM family."

The pledge of MOP30 million is composed of commitments from MGM China Holdings Limited, MGM Resorts International and Ms. Pansy Ho.

Also, Lawrence Ho, Melco's CEO, pledged a similar contribution of MOP30 million.

SANDS CHINA RESPONDS WITH RELIEF EFFORTS



Sands China Ltd. is responding to the aftermath of Typhoon Hato "with a series of relief efforts aimed at team members and the wider community," reads a statement from the company.

At its properties, the company immediately distributed 10,000 bottles of water to team members whose families were in need of clean drinking water due to water outages after the storm. Team members in need "are also encouraged to bring their own

containers to refill water from back-of-house areas of Sands China properties to avoid additional plastic waste to the community. Shower rooms are also being provided for team members at various locations throughout the company's properties for team members in need of them."

"Additional break times have been allotted for team members, and rest areas have been set up in air-conditioned function rooms at all properties, equipped with

a total of 1,000 rollaway beds for team members unable to return home between breaks or before and after shifts," the note states. And with a second typhoon having made landfall yesterday, "The Venetian Macao's Cotai Expo Hall D and the Sands Theatre have been set up as shelters for team members and their immediate families who feel their homes are not safe enough to weather a second storm."

"Our hearts go out to all the people of Macao during this period of recovery," said Wilfred Wong, president of Sands China Ltd.

The press release added that more than 100 volunteers from the Sands China "helped clean up debris in the streets Saturday. They then headed to Fai Chi Kei public housing to distribute bottled water, meal boxes and cleaning kits to families in need."

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Sands China Assembles 35,000 Hygiene Kits for Clean the World

Around 400 volunteers in Macao work together to create much-needed hygiene kits for people in need

Sands China Ltd. has once again joined Las Vegas Sands Corp. in its worldwide volunteer effort to build 100,000 hygiene kits this year for international social enterprise Clean the World to help improve the health and well-being of populations in need. Kits assembled Aug. 15 by Sands China and community volunteers at The Venetian Macao for the Las Vegas Sands 2017 Global Hygiene Kit Build with Clean the World will benefit Children's International, who are delivering the 35,000 kits to families in need in the Philippines.

Sands China's volunteer event is one of a series of hygiene kit builds held across LVS properties around the world between August and October 2017. It began at Sands China in Macao, and continues at Marina Bay Sands in Singapore August 31 and Sands Bethlehem in Pennsylvania September 23, culminating in Las Vegas October 7. The effort is part of LVS' global corporate citizenship program, Sands Cares, and its ongoing partnership with Clean the World.



To support the global effort led by Sands China's parent company, Las Vegas Sands Corp., around 400 people gathered at The Venetian Macao Aug. 15 to assemble 35,000 hygiene kits, to be delivered to families in need in the Philippines. They included over 300 Sands China team members and Care Ambassadors, and around 100 volunteers from four local associations: the Women's General Association of Macau, Macau Special Olympics, Richmond Fellowship of Macau, and the Salvation Army.



Each hygiene kit includes soap that is collected from Clean the World's hospitality partners, including LVS properties around the world, and recycled through Clean the World's soap sterilization and re-manufacturing process. Other amenities in the kit include washcloths donated by Standard Textile Company, toothbrush and toothpaste donated by Ming Fai Group, shampoo, conditioner, and a non-woven bag. Also in the kit is an inspirational notecard with encouraging messages from Sands China team members.

Mark McWhinnie, senior vice president of resort operations and development for Sands China Ltd., said: "Sands China is delighted to again play a part in this year's Las Vegas Sands Global Hygiene Kit Build. It is a pleasure for us to work together with volunteers from throughout the Macao community again on this worldwide initiative. Clean the World is doing some amazing work around the world which helps save lives, and we couldn't be more proud to partner with them and this innovative initiative."

This is the fourth consecutive year Las Vegas Sands has united its properties to build hygiene kits for Clean the World, and the 2017 build events will bring the total number of hygiene kits created with Las Vegas Sands to 500,000.

The annual Las Vegas Sands Global Hygiene Kit Build is one component of the company's long-term support of Clean the World. Since 2011, LVS and Clean the World have recycled more than 240 tons of waste from LVS properties into more than 2.1 million bars of soap. Since 2014, LVS has contributed an unprecedented US\$1.9 million donation to Clean the World, helping the organisation to double its production of recycled soap and expand service into new areas.



LVS' partnership with Clean the World is part of the company's global corporate citizenship program, Sands Cares.



PAY-PER-VIEW

Mayweather, Pacquiao, HBO can't get sued over bum-shoulder fight

Edvard Pettersson

FLOYD Mayweather and Manny Pacquiao can't be sued for a disappointing boxing performance.

According to a federal judge in Los Angeles, ticket buyers and pay-per-view watchers of the fighters' May 2015 bout in Las Vegas, in which Pacquiao fought with an injured shoulder, got what they paid for: a boxing match.

The judge threw out dozens of lawsuits last week against the two boxers and Time Warner Inc.'s HBO over the quality of the fight, saying viewers weren't guaranteed a battle that lived up to the pre-fight hype. The ruling came a day before Mayweather kept his undefeated record on the line against mixed martial arts' biggest star, Conor McGregor (see p19).

"The reason that competitive sports is so compelling is precisely because the outcome is always at least somewhat uncertain," U.S. District Judge R. Gary Klausner wrote in his decision. "Competitive strategies are ever-changing, and the quality of performance at any given event is consistently unpredictable."

The boxers, the fight's promoters and HBO were sued by viewers who paid as much

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as USD99.95 to watch it on television. The plaintiffs claimed they were cheated because the promoters concealed Pacquiao's injury. Pacquiao lost the fight in a 12-round decision and later revealed he suffered a torn rotator cuff in his shoulder during training.

Although there were many empty seats amid the crowd of 14,623, yesterday's bout was expected to surpass the record earnings from Mayweather's fight against Pacquiao. That fight generated more than \$600 million in revenue from a combination of pay-per-view purchases, ticket sales, sponsorships and merchandise. **MDT/Bloomberg**

TIBET

Chinese Communist officials to run Buddhism center

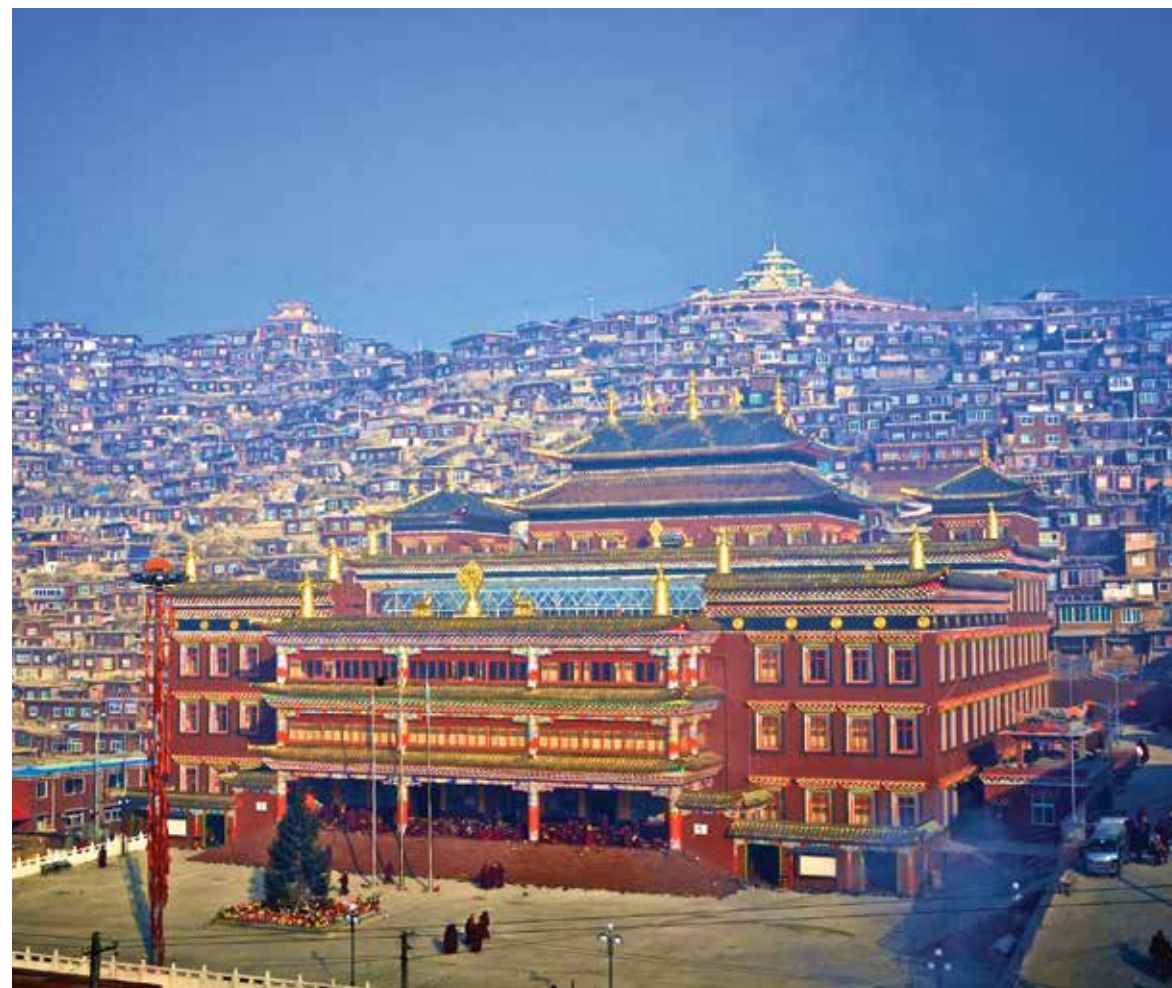
CHINA has appointed Communist Party and government officials to manage one of the world's largest centers of Tibetan Buddhist learning, raising concerns over strengthened ideological control over religion that critics say is draining such institutions of their vitality.

The appointments at Larung Gar are the latest sign of Beijing's distrust of members of the Tibetan Buddhist clergy who embody the region's traditional culture and beliefs.

Those appointed to top positions by the personnel department of the Communist Party in Garze Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture include the prefecture's former deputy police chief, the website of the party mouthpiece People's Daily reported. All apparently ethnic Tibetans, they will serve as the head and deputy head of the Larung Gar's party committee.

"The appointments will help the school operate in accordance with laws and will not affect its teaching, since the officials will be administrators," Penpa Lhamo, deputy head of the contemporary studies institute of the Tibet Academy of Social Sciences was quoted as saying by the Global Times last week.

Despite that, the presence of party officials in temples, monasteries and nunneries brings new demands, especially that monks and nuns attend "patriotic education" classes that seek to instill patriotism but



take precious time away from religious study.

Founded in 1980 by prominent monk Jigme Puntsok, Larung Gar has attracted increasing official attention in recent years, with the authorities currently carrying out a drive to cut the number of residents living there by half to 5,000, largely through housing

demolitions and evictions. Authorities say they are merely clearing routes for firefighting equipment.

Overseas Tibetan groups say such campaigns show how authorities want to contain the spread of Tibetan Buddhism, which has grown popular among Chinese beyond traditional Tibetan areas such as

Garze, which sits in the western mountains of Sichuan province.

Several United Nations special rapporteurs wrote to the Chinese government in November to express concern about "serious repression" of Buddhist Tibetan cultural and religious practices in the region. AP

Woman sentenced for beating nanny from China

A woman accused of beating and starving a woman she brought from China to work as a nanny in Minnesota will be deported after she spends a year in jail.

Lili Huang, 36, pleaded guilty to charges of forced labor and third-degree assault. She was sentenced last week to a year and a day in jail. U.S. District Judge David S. Doty also ordered her to forfeit her home and pay nearly USD100,000 in restitution. Huang lived in Woodbury, a suburb of St. Paul.

Authorities said the 58-year-old nanny was found wandering in the street in July 2016, battered and malnourished. She weighed less than 90 pounds, had several broken bones and bruises and on her face. She told police she fled Huang's home after being threatened with a kitchen knife.

The woman was treated well when she worked for Huang in China but the abuse began after they immigrated to Minnesota, court documents said. Investigators said she was forced to work up to 18 hours a day doing child care, cooking and cleaning, for less than \$2 per hour, which is a fraction of the state's minimum wage of \$7.75 per hour.

The nanny asked Huang to buy her a plane ticket to return to China in April 2016, but Huang said she wasn't allowed to leave and hid her passport.

Huang is a Chinese citizen living in the U.S. with a valid visa.

Ryan Pacyga, Huang's attorney, said she was experiencing mental health problems at the time of the abuse.

"It's extremely rare to have a federal labor trafficking case that ends in a sentence this short, frankly — so we're happy about that," Pacyga said. AP

Peru discovers in pre-Incan site tomb of 16 Chinese migrants

PERUVIAN archeologists have discovered in a sacred pre-Incan site the bodies of 16 men from China who arrived to South America almost two centuries ago as semi-enslaved workers.

The secret tomb in Lima is the biggest burial site of Chinese migrants ever found in Peru and was presented last week to journalists. Found alongside the bony remains were opium pipes and other personal objects used by the migrants.

As many as 100,000 Chinese migrants arrived to Peru in the second half of the 19th century and for little pay performed back-breaking work on farms, building railroads and removing guano, which is bird excrement coveted as fertilizer.

The Chinese were discriminated against even in death, having to be buried in the pre-Incan sites after being barred from cemeteries reserved for Roman Catholics.



The remains of one of the recently discovered 19th century Chinese immigrants lies at Huaca Bellavista in Lima, last week

Ralph Jennings, Taipei

TAIWAN

TAIWAN'S China-friendly former president, Ma Ying-jeou, was found not guilty of leaking classified information about a senior opposition legislator, ending a yearlong legal process that had threatened to undermine faith in the office.

Taipei District Court spokesman Liao Chien-yu said the court found the charges against Ma either lacked evidence or that his actions were legal.

Prosecutors had charged Ma in March after a six-month probe with breaking laws on the protection of personal information, release of secrets and communications security and surveillance. The charges carried a maximum sentence of three years each.

Ma issued a statement over the weekend commenting on the verdict, saying he hoped it would set a precedent allowing presidents to serve their terms without having to worry about facing legal action after leaving office.

"I hope future past presidents need not face all kinds of pointless entanglements and can peacefully govern the country constitutionally," Ma said.

Ex-President Chen Shui-bian, who served from 2000 to 2008, was convicted after leaving office on charges related to graft and bribery and sent to prison. His predecessor, Lee Teng-hui, was also investigated over corruption after leaving office.

A conviction would have caused some Taiwanese to lose faith in the presidency, said Liu Yih-jiun, public affairs professor at Fo Guang University in Taiwan. Ma had billed himself a clean leader and insisted on his innocence in the case.

"It would further damage people's confidence on the

Ex-President Ma found not guilty of leaking secrets

level of the president," Liu said. "It will leave people here a general bad impression."

The 67-year-old U.S.-educated legal scholar was credited with improving relations with China, Taiwan's chief political and military rival, during his two terms from 2008 to 2016.

But that improvement sparked mass protests among young Taiwanese wary of China's intentions toward the island. Beijing sees self-ruled Taiwan as its own territory to be brought under control by force if necessary. That public backlash cost Ma's Nationalist Party the presidency in January 2016 and ended its parliamentary majority that year.

Relations with China have suffered a sharp downturn under Ma's successor, Tsai Ing-wen of the Democratic Progressive Party, who has refused to endorse Beijing's view that Taiwan is part of Chinese territory.

The charges against Ma arose from a 2013 lawsuit brought by Democratic Progressive Party lawmaker Ker Chien-ming. Ker accused the ex-president of leaking information from a wiretapped conversation in which Nationalist lawmaker Wang Jin-pyng pressed judicial officials to acquit Ker in a separate case.

Wang at the time was speaker of the legislature and Ma's main political rival within the party. **AP**

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Satellite for Taiwan launched from California

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AN Earth-observation satellite for Taiwan's National Space Organization was launched into orbit from California last week.

The Formosat-5 satellite lifted off from coastal Vandenberg Air Force Base at 11:51 a.m. atop a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket, which successfully landed its first stage on a drone ship floating in the Pacific Ocean as the second stage continued on and deployed the satellite.

Moments before the first-stage touchdown the video link to the vessel froze, then reappeared and showed the rocket standing. Cheers erupted in the SpaceX control room in the Los Angeles suburb Hawthorne.

"This is the 15th successful landing of a Falcon 9," said Lauren Lyons, the SpaceX webcast launch commentator.

Formosat-5 is the first satellite to be fully designed by Taiwan's space agency and is intended to advance the nation's space technology and scientific research while providing global imagery with a wide array of uses ranging from natural resource studies to disaster manage-

ment.

Planned to operate for five years in low-Earth orbit, about 446 miles (720 kilometers) high, its main instrument is a sensor that can produce high-resolution black-and-white and color images.

A predecessor satellite, Formosat-2, produced more than 2.5 million images over 12 years of operation before it wore out and was decommissioned a year ago.

Formosat-5 also carries a secondary payload, an ionospheric probe for scientific research.

The landing of the Falcon 9 first stage aboard the drone ship Just Read the Instructions was the latest in a string of successful recoveries at sea or on shore by SpaceX, which sees reusability of major rocket components as key to driving down launch costs.

This past March, SpaceX reused a Falcon 9 first stage for the first time in a satellite launch from Florida and again successfully landed it. That first stage originally flew on a space station supply mission in April 2016.

FBI: Chinese man supplied rare, malicious malware

A Chinese man has been charged in California with distributing a type of computer malware that has been linked to attacks on U.S. businesses and to the theft of personnel records of millions of U.S. government employees, authorities said.

Defendant Yu Pingan, 36, knew the rare malware known as "Sakula" would

be used to hack U.S. companies, the FBI said in court documents obtained Friday.

The malware has also been linked to hacks at the U.S. Office of Personnel Management in 2014 and 2015, when hackers accessed massive amounts of information from security clearance forms of federal workers and contractors.

The court filing against Yu does not specifically mention those hacks. U.S. officials have said the Chinese government is responsible for those breaches.

Asked about the arrest of Yu, Hua Chunying, a Chinese foreign ministry spokeswoman in Beijing, said at a regular briefing that she was unaware of the situation.

But, she added, "China has a clear and consistent position in fighting against all kinds of cybercrimes. Also, we will proactively protect the legitimate rights and interest of overseas Chinese nationals."

Yu worked with unidentified co-conspirators in China to "acquire and use malicious software tools, some of which were rare variants

previously unidentified by the FBI and information security community," the criminal complaint said.

Yu, a native of Shanghai, was arrested early last week at Los Angeles International Airport and is due back in court next month. His attorney, Michael Berg, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The software was used to target companies based in Massachusetts, Arizona, San Diego and Los Angeles from 2012 to 2014, federal officials said.

An FBI agent wrote in an affidavit that "the novelty and rarity of this malware is evidence that only a small group of hackers knew of it and that they were working together." **AP**

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MYANMAR'S government and advocates for the country's Muslim Rohingya ethnic minority traded charges yesterday of killing civilians, burning down buildings and planting land mines, as clashes that began last week when insurgents launched attacks against police posts continued.

An announcement posted online by the office of the country's leader, State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi, said the death toll from the violence that started Thursday night had reached 96, mostly alleged Rohingya attackers but also 12 security personnel. The announcement was the first by the government to list civilians among the dead — six people identified as Hindu said to have been killed by the insurgents.

Myanmar is overwhelmingly Buddhist, but about 1 million Muslim Rohingya live in the northern part of Rakhine state, where the violence is taking place.

Advocates for the Rohingya suggest many more civilians have died in army attacks on villages, but they have not given a total. They also say the attacks have caused villagers to flee to the mountains for shelter or to try to cross the border into Bangladesh.

Witnesses and refugees on the Bangladesh border said that the situation there was tense, with thousands of Rohingya trying to flee Myanmar but still unable to leave. Witnesses said they heard the sound of gunshots. Bangladeshi villagers said they could see military helicopters hovering in the Myanmar sky.

Several hundred Rohingya got stuck in a "no man's land" at one border point in Bangladesh's Bandarban district, barred from moving farther by Bangladeshi border guards. Lt. Col. Manzurul

MYANMAR

Ongoing clashes leave 96 dead, including six civilians



A man lying on a bed with a bandaged hand is cared for in a hospital in Buthidaung township, Myanmar

Hasan Khan of Border Guards Bangladesh said they cordoned off about 1,000 Rohingya after they attempted to enter Bangladesh.

Still, more than 2,000 Rohingya entered Bangladesh overnight through two points at Teknaf in Cox's Bazar district, said Jalal Ahmed, a local government official at the Kharangakhali border point.

A Rohingya insurgent group, the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army, or ARSA, took responsibility for Thursday night's attacks on more than 25 locations, saying they were in defense of Rohingya communities that had been brutalized by government forces.

Suu Kyi's office accused the insurgents of "torching police outposts and monasteries, killing innocent people and planting mines."

ARSA, meanwhile, accused the army of using civilians as human shields.

Clashes were continuing yesterday, with witnesses contacted by phone in the northern Rakhine town of Maungdaw saying they could hear gunshots.

Independent confirmation of the situation is difficult because the government bars journalists from the area.

Suu Kyi's office issued an official warning to media, saying "some media" have been referring to the group as "insurgents" instead of

"terrorists." On Friday, the government declared ARSA a terrorist organization, which means most contacts with it are illegal. Yesterday's announcement specifically said "we warn the media to avoid writing in support of the group."

The government refuses to recognize Rohingya as a legitimate native ethnic minority, calling them Bengalis to reflect the position that they are mostly illegal immigrants from neighboring Bangladesh. Most Rohingya are denied citizenship and its rights.

The Rohingya have long faced severe discrimination and were the targets of violence in 2012 that killed hundreds and drove about 140,000 people — predominantly Rohingya — from their homes to camps for the internally displaced, where most remain.

Suu Kyi has called Thursday's attacks "a calculated attempt to undermine the efforts of those

seeking to build peace and harmony in Rakhine state." The attacks were also generally condemned by Western nations and rights groups, who also warned the government against violent retaliation.

The clashes were deadlier than an attack by the militants on three border posts last October that killed nine policemen and set off months of brutal counterinsurgency operations by Myanmar security forces against Rohingya communities in Rakhine state. Human rights groups accused the army of carrying out massive human rights abuses, including killing, rape and burning down more than 1,000 homes and other buildings.

The army's abuses fueled further resentment toward the government among the Muslim Rohingya. ARSA took advantage of the resentment by stepping up recruitment of members. **AP**

POPE LAMENTS 'PERSECUTIONS' OF ROHINGYA MUSLIMS IN MYANMAR

POPE FRANCIS is decrying persecution of Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar and praying they receive "full rights." The pontiff said yesterday there was "sad news about the persecution of the religious minority of our Rohingya brothers." Thousands of Rohingya are trying to flee into Bangladesh after escalated deadly violence at home. Last week,

Rohingya militants attacked police and border outposts, and security forces responded. Francis asked the faithful in St. Peter's Square to pray that God "saves them" and they receive help. A Myanmar bishop recently said Francis will "most likely" visit Myanmar, while the Vatican has said only a pilgrimage is being considered.

INDIA

Guru faces up to life in prison in rape case

THOUSANDS of supporters of an Indian quasi-religious sect leader left his headquarters in northern India yesterday as authorities relaxed a curfew a day ahead of his sentencing for rape.

They responded to an appeal by authorities to go home after thousands of followers protested the guru's rape conviction with violence that left at least 38 people dead in Panchkula and Sirsa towns in Haryana state on Friday. The guru faces seven years to life in prison.

Police spokesman Surjeet Singh said the curfew imposed in Sirsa, where the headquarters is located, was relaxed for five hours

on Sunday to help people buy food and other essential items and outsiders to return home.

Singh said nearly 20,000 people had left the guru's headquarters since Saturday. However, the presence of another 10,000 or so there has raised fears that they may turn violent again after their leader is sentenced on Monday.

The judge will hold the proceedings in a prison in Rohtak town, where the guru, who calls himself Saint Dr. Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh Ji Insaan, has been detained since Friday amid tight security. The guru had denied the charges of raping two women at his ashram in 2002.



Singh said hundreds of government forces, including the army, have been posted outside the sect's headquarters since Friday's violence, when mobs set fire to government buildings, vandalized bus stations

and government vehicles and attacked police and TV journalists in Panchkula.

B.S. Sandhu, Haryana state's director-general of police, told reporters on Sunday that 32 people died in Panchkula and another six

in Sirsa, while 926 people were arrested for rioting. All but 17 of the 264 people injured in Friday's violence have been discharged from hospitals in Panchkula.

Yesterday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his concern over violence and said it was not acceptable to the nation in any form.

"I want to assure my countrymen that people who take the law into their own hands and are on the path of violent suppression - whether it is a person or a group - neither this country nor any government will tolerate it," Modi said in his monthly radio address, adding that the guilty would unquestionably be pu-

nished.

The sect claims to have about 50 million followers and campaigns for vegetarianism and against drug addiction. It has also taken up social causes such as organizing the weddings of poor couples. Such sects have huge followings in India and their leaders often maintain private militias for protection.

Clashes in 2007 between the guru's Dera Sacha Sauda followers and members of the Sikh faith left at least three people dead in northern India.

In 2014, six people were killed when followers of another religious leader, the guru Rampal, fought pitched battles with police who were attempting to arrest him after he repeatedly failed to appear in court in connection with a murder trial. **AP**



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Mike Gracyzk, Houston

HUNDREDS of rescues already have been made in Houston and many more were expected today as rescuers battling severe weather and heavy downpours tried hard to reach those left stranded in Harvey's wake, one day after the once-fearful hurricane spun deeper into the Texas coastline in a blow that killed at least two people and injured up to 14.

Throughout the region between Corpus Christi and Houston — where rescue efforts increased as water levels rose to dangerous levels — many people feared that toll was only the beginning. Authorities did not know the full scope of damage because weather conditions prevented emergency crews from getting into the hardest-hit places. And they dreaded the destruction that was yet to come from a storm that could linger for days and unload more than 100 centimeters of rain on cities, including dangerously flood-prone Houston, the nation's fourth-largest.

In the island community of Port Aransas, population 3,800, officials were unable to fully survey the town because of "massive" damage. Police and heavy equipment had only made it into the northernmost street.

"I can tell you I have a very bad feeling and that's about it," said Mayor Charles Bujan, who had called for a mandatory evacuation but did not know how many heeded the order.

Some of the worst damage appeared to be in Rockport, a coastal city of about 10,000 that was directly in the storm's path. The mayor said his community took a blow "right on the nose" that left "widespread devastation," including homes, businesses and schools that were heavily damaged. Some structures were destroyed.

Rockport's roads were a mess of toppled power poles. A trailer blocked much of one major intersection. Wood framing from ripped-apart houses was strewn along Route 35 on the town's southern end.

Harvey's relentless wind tore the metal sides off the high school gym and twisted the steel door frame of its auditorium.

"We're still in the very infancy stage of getting this recovery started," said Aransas County spokesman Larry Sinclair.

Rockport Mayor Charles "C.J." Wax told The Weather Channel that the city's emergency response system had been hampered by the loss of cellphone service and other forms of communication.

A day earlier, Rockport Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Rios offered ominous advice, telling people who chose not to evacuate to mark their arms with Sharpie pens, implying that the marks would make it easier for rescuers to identify them.

One person was killed in Aransas County when in a fire at home during the storm, county Judge C.H. "Burt" Mills Jr. said. A second person died in flooding in

AP PHOTO



USA

Rescue efforts mount in Houston as Harvey pours it on heavy

Harris County, where Houston is located.

Gary Norman, a spokesman for the Houston emergency operations center, said late Saturday that the person was a woman appeared to have gotten out of her vehicle in high water, though authorities had not confirmed a cause of death. She was found by neighbors about 30 yards (27 meters) away from her vehicle, and Norman said she was pronounced dead at the scene by a doctor who was in the area.

Mills also said as many as 14 people suffered minor injuries in his county, including slips and falls, scrapes and a broken leg.

About 300,000 customers were without power statewide. Gov. Greg Abbott said it would probably be several days before electricity is restored.

Meanwhile, the storm was barely moving. Rainfall totals varied across the region, with Corpus Christi and Galveston receiving around 3 inches (8 centimeters), Houston 7 (18 centimeters) and Aransas 10 (25 centimeters). Tiny Austwell got 15 inches (38 centimeters).

In Houston, authorities were pleading with people not to leave their homes as a flood emergency was declared.

"The streets are treacherous," Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner said.

Elsewhere in the storm's immediate aftermath, the Coast Guard had rescued 20 people from boats and barges in distress, said Capt. Tony Hahn, commander of the Corpus Christi sector.

The Corpus Christi port was closed with extensive damage. Because the city is the third-largest petrochemical port in the nation, the agency will be on the lookout for spills, Hahn said.

The fiercest hurricane to hit the U.S. in more than a decade came ashore late Friday about 48 kilometers northeast of Corpus Christi as a mammoth Category 4 storm with 209 kph winds.

Harvey weakened to a tropical storm by midday Saturday.

■ 'I have a very bad feeling and that's about it,' said Mayor Charles Bujan, who had called for a mandatory evacuation

By 4 a.m. Sunday, the National Hurricane Center said Harvey continued to cause "catastrophic flooding in southeastern Texas." Harvey's maximum sustained winds were about 45 mph (72.42 kph), but the storm was practically stationary as it dumped torrential rain over an area that included Houston.

The hurricane posed the first major emergency management test of President Donald Trump's administration.

Trump met with his Cabinet and other senior administration

officials to discuss the federal response to the damage and flooding, the White House said Saturday in a statement.

The president held a video conference from Camp David in which he instructed departments and agencies to "stay fully engaged and positioned to support his number one priority of saving lives," the statement said.

Trump, who on Friday signed a federal disaster declaration for coastal counties, also reminded department heads that the full impact of the storm will not be apparent for days. On Twitter, he commended the head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for his handling of the disaster.

In Corpus Christi, the major city closest to the storm's center, wind whipped palm trees and stinging sheets of horizontal rain slapped against hotels and office buildings along the seawall as the storm made landfall.

Daybreak revealed downed lamp posts and tree limbs and roof tiles torn off buildings. Along Interstate 45 leaving Galveston, the rain was so intense that drivers stopped under bridges because they could not see in front of them.

Rain fell on Houston at nearly 3 inches (8 centimeters) an hour, leaving some streets and underpasses underwater. The many drainage channels known as bayous that carry excess water to the Gulf were flowing freely and rising.

"Flooding is a minor issue so far," Harris County Judge Ed Emmett, the chief administrator of the county that includes Houston,

said. "Most of the watersheds are well within banks, but we're not out of this."

Francisco Sanchez, with the Harris County Emergency Management Office, said the storm would be around for a while.

"Someone is going to get those very high rainfall totals," he said. "Hopefully it's not us, but we're in that possibility area."

South of the city, about 4,500 inmates were evacuated from three state prisons in Brazoria County because the nearby Brazos River was rising.

The turbulent weather extended into southern Louisiana, where motorists were cautioned about the potential for high water, road hazards, high winds and tornadoes.

Harvey came ashore as the fiercest hurricane to hit the U.S. in 13 years and the strongest to strike Texas since 1961's Hurricane Carla, the most powerful Texas hurricane on record.

The storm's approach sent tens of thousands of people fleeing inland.

Just hours before landfall, the governor and Houston leaders issued conflicting statements on evacuation.

The governor urged more people to flee, but Houston officials recommended no widespread evacuations, citing greater danger in having people on roads that could flood and the fact that the hurricane was not taking direct aim at the city.

The last Category 4 storm to hit the U.S. was Hurricane Charley in August 2004 in Florida. **AP**

what's ON



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21:00	Miscellaneous
22:10	The Brazillians
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Miscellaneous
00:10	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
00:45	RTPi Live

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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



1963 KING'S DREAM FOR RACIAL HARMONY

The fight for racial equality in the United States moved a step closer to victory today as Martin Luther King spoke of his dream for freedom in an address to thousands of Americans.

Reverend King was greeted with rapturous applause as he delivered his heart-felt words to a 250,000-strong crowd of civil rights protesters at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC.

He spoke of the need "to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice".

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character

MARTIN LUTHER KING

He promised that the struggle for equality would continue until "justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream".

Rev King, who has worked tirelessly for an end to racial discrimination through non-violent means, spoke repeatedly of his dream for equality.

"I have a dream," he said. "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character."

"I have a dream today."

"I have a dream that one day every valley shall be engulfed, every hill shall be exalted and every mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plains and the crooked places will be made straight and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together."

Dr King, who is president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) first came to prominence in 1955 when he led a 382-day bus boycott in an attempt to end segregation on city buses.

Since then he has endured numerous arrests, violent harassment and a bomb attack on his home.

But his struggle continues and it is believed today's speech will have a lasting impact on all who heard it.

Courtesy BBC News

Offbeat

MOVIE PROP MONEY BEING PASSED AS REAL IN ALIQUIPPA

Movie prop money is being passed as though it's real in Aliquippa, a western Pennsylvania city.

Aliquippa police have posted pictures of a fake USD20 bill that was passed at a local business.

Although the bill looks convincingly real otherwise, there is one dead giveaway: The words "Motion Picture Use Only" are printed clearly on the front and back of the bill in question.

Police haven't said if they know where the money came from or who passed it.

It is not against the law to use real U.S. currency in movies and TV shows. But producers of such shows often use fake bills so they don't have to concern themselves with theft or loss, especially when large sums of money appear on screen.

IN CONTEXT

The Rev Martin Luther King spearheaded the campaign against segregation and racial discrimination in the United States.

But his crusade was cut dramatically short, when he was assassinated on 4 April 1968 in the southern US city of Memphis, Tennessee, aged 39.

He was shot in the neck by a rifle bullet as he stood on a balcony from where he was to lead a march of sanitation workers protesting against low wages and poor working conditions. James Earl Ray was convicted of his murder and sentenced to 99 years in prison.

But he later retracted his confession and said he had been only a minor player in a conspiracy.

However, his appeals for a new trial were rejected and he died in prison in 1998.

YOUR STARS



Aries

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Put your money where your mouth is when the stars offer up someone out of your usual comfort zone. After all, you're a firm believer that two heads are better than one.



Gemini

May 21-Jun. 21

After days of wandering around, thinking that someone has it in for you, you're about to discover all they were really doing was testing you to see what you're made of.



Leo

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

Someone has been trying to work you. You might have eventually seen things their way, but now that you know you're being manipulated -- well, it's just not going to happen.



Libra

Sep.23-Oct. 22

The stars are still very, very potent, and since they're in your very own planet, you're especially susceptible to it -- but you knew that, didn't you? Take advantage of these heightened emotions.



Sagittarius

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Stop worrying. It's time to give something new a chance, and you're ripe and ready to do it. The only thing that's holding you back now is fear of failure. Well, guess what? Everyone fails once in a while -- get over it.



Aquarius

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

You never know what the universe will toss your way today, but it's definitely not going to be a routine, run-of-the-mill afternoon. Instead of worrying about coulds, woulds and shoulds, help those changes along.



Taurus

April 20-May 20

Those new people you've been associating with lately? You're really beginning to enjoy them, aren't you? Well, that's a good thing, but you won't want to alienate your current crew, either.



Cancer

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Today's astrological buffet is really more of the same -- unpredictable. You might have had to change, cancel or reschedule plans you made, but it turned out all right.



Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

You show-off, you! You'll not only be good at your own job this coming week, you'll be good at taking care of everyone else's. So heaven help anyone who doesn't get out of the way fast enough



Scorpio

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Ready or not, the new improved you is going to hit the streets. Your friends will be quite interested in all these new traits you're exhibiting, so don't be afraid to let them see it all.



Capricorn

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

You have things to do, and you're more than ready to get them done. That includes end-of-the-month reports and beginning-of-the-month bills -- but that doesn't mean you should forget about recreation.



Pisces

Feb.19-Mar. 20

Just in time to create an exciting day (and night), someone near and dear to you will make a surprising announcement. You'll be quite taken off balance, but not for entirely unpleasant reasons.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Small batteries; 5- Related by blood; 9- Doles (out); 14- Human leg joint; 15- Movie theater; 16- Got up; 17- Bern's river; 18- Nonsense; 19- "Inferno" writer; 20- Worldliness; 23- Hunky-dory; 24- Med. care option; 25- Capital of Germany; 29- Ashtabula's lake; 31- B'way hit sign; 34- ___ a time; 35- Org.; 36- ___-Tass (Russian news agency); 37- In spite of; 40- ___ Bator, Mongolia; 41- Linebacker Junior; 42- Large artery; 43- Droop; 44- Malodorous; 45- 28th president of the U.S.; 46- Sun. speech; 47- Lever for rowing; 48- Comprehensible; 56- Beat it!; 57- ___ Three Lives; 58- Roof overhang; 60- Bread; 61- Airline since 1948; 62- Prayer ender; 63- Colorado resort; 64- Identical; 65- Nothing more than;

DOWN: 1- Wanted poster abbr.; 2- Collections of anecdotes; 3- Dynamic opening?; 4- Leak slowly; 5- Director's shout; 6- Refreshment stand; 7- Part of MIT; 8- "M*A*S*H" soft drink; 9- Title for a woman; 10- Muse of love poetry; 11- Singer Braxton; 12- This, in Tijuana; 13- Spotted; 21- Port-au-Prince is its capital; 22- Porcelain tableware; 25- Additional pay; 26- Name on a bomber; 27- Put a new price on; 28- Mown grass; 29- Sontag composition; 30- Queue after Q; 31- Agitates; 32- Totaled, as a bill; 33- Church instrument; 35- Excuse me; 36- Billy ___ had a hit song with "White Wedding"; 38- Former Russian rulers; 39- Monetary unit of Nigeria; 44- Deutsch, here; 45- Walk with short steps; 46- Bobby of the Black Panthers; 47- Late bedtime; 48- West Point inits.; 49- Sgts., e.g.; 50- Fall; 51- Draws; 52- ___ breve; 53- Ray of light; 54- Without full use of a leg; 55- Perpetually; 59- Vane dir.;

Friday's solution

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FOOTBALL

Third win in a row gives Mourinho belief United is transformed force

Rob Harris, Manchester

THREE wins out of three for Manchester United, just like the start of last season. No wonder Jose Mourinho is so restrained this time around.

Far from laying the foundations for an English Premier League title challenge, United faded after its trio of successes last August and — with far too many draws — slumped over the line in sixth place.

“I’m not getting carried away,” Mourinho said yesterday [Macau time] after the 2-0 victory over Leicester.

There is a change, though, at the start of Mourinho’s second campaign — one the manager is keen to talk up. United has its swagger back. That was clear as Leicester’s resistance was battered, even though the victory relied on goals in the last 20 minutes from substitutes Marcus

Rashford and Marouane Fellaini.

“The difference is the quality of our football,” Mourinho said. “The team is playing very well and I’m very confident. We are comfortable on the ball and dangerous on the counterattack. But nine points after three matches is nothing different for us because we did that last season.”

What Mourinho sees is a team more comfortable in possession and threatening when launching counterattacks. United wasn’t even subdued by Romelu Lukaku’s penalty being saved early in the second half by Kasper Schmeichel.

“When you miss a penalty with half an hour to go,” Mourinho said, “usually there is a little collapse or at least a gray period in the game.”

Like one of last season’s 15 draws, at home to Bournemouth.

“After the penalty, we were emotionally in trouble,” Mourinho recalled of the March draw, “and this time we missed a penalty and we weren’t emotionally in trouble. We kept playing and then I made the changes to intensify the dynamic in attack and to bring on Marcus.”

Rashford replaced Juan Mata and made an impact within three minutes.

Eric Bailly and Paul Pogba missed chances to make a headed connection with Henrikh Mkhitaryan’s corner before Rashford did connect in the 70th minute.

“It was easy to know it is the goal,” Mourinho said, “because it is the first time I really understood the stadium was full.”

Mourinho didn’t see the goal, relying instead on the fans’ cheers, because he was already planning his next substitution.

Mkhitaryan then made way for Fellaini, who was on target



Manchester United manager Jose Mourinho after the victorious match against Leicester

in the 82nd with a goal all the substitutes played a part in. Rashford sent the ball down the left flank to Jesse Lingard, who had replaced Anthony Martial, and his shot was turned in by Fellaini from close range.

Heading into the international break, United has collected a maximum nine points without conceding.

“If I have to choose a word to describe my team, I would have to say, ‘Solid,’” Mourinho said. “All the players are motivated. They are on the bench waiting for a chance.”

And that depth of resources in reserve on the bench sets United apart from some title rivals.

“It doesn’t matter if they play from the beginning, if they come from the bench,” Mourinho

said. “The group is solid, very, very friendly in between games and (there’s) great empathy.”

It encourages Mourinho that United is on the right path to collect its first title since Alex Ferguson’s retirement in 2013. A trophy collected even more recently, and remarkably for the first time in 2016 by Leicester, which has only three points from its opening three games.

“We knew we would have to frustrate coming here and I thought we did that and did it well,” Leicester manager Craig Shakespeare said. “Of course we needed to do a bit better with the ball at times but I thought for large chunks of the game we did. We knew they would have moments, and those moments they were able to capitalize on.” **AP**

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Floyd Mayweather Jr. hits Conor McGregor in a super welterweight boxing match this weekend

BOXING

Mayweather dominates McGregor in late rounds to go 50-0

Tim Dahlberg, Las Vegas

FLOYD Mayweather Jr. put on a show in the last fight of his spectacular career.

Conor McGregor didn't do so badly, either.

Mayweather figured out a 50th opponent Saturday night [yesterday, Macau time], letting McGregor have the early rounds before stalking him late and leaving the mixed martial artist defenseless and exhausted on the ropes in the 10th round.

It was a smashing end to a career that earned Mayweather more money than any fighter before him — including an estimated USD200 million for his last bout.

"I think we gave the fans what they wanted to see," Mayweather said. "I owed them for the [Manny] Pacquiao fight."

Mayweather battered McGregor around the ring in the later rounds, finally stopping him at 1:05 of the 10th with a flurry of punches that forced referee Robert Byrd to stop the fight.

Before a pro-McGregor crowd that roared every time the UFC fighter landed a punch, Mayweather methodically broke him down after a slow start to score his first real stoppage in nearly a decade. He did it in what he said would be his final fight, against a man who had never been in a

professional boxing match before.

McGregor boxed surprisingly well but after landing some shots in the early rounds, his punches seemed to lose their steam. Mayweather then went on the pursuit. McGregor backpedaled most of the way, stopping only to throw an occasional flurry as Mayweather wore him down.

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"I turned him into a Mexican tonight," McGregor said. "He fought like a Mexican."

Though Byrd cautioned McGregor for hitting behind the head on two different occasions, there were no real fouls in the fight and McGregor never tried to

revert to any MMA tactics

McGregor had vowed to knock Mayweather out within two rounds, and he won the early rounds with movement and punches to the head. But the tide of the fight turned in the fourth round as Mayweather seemed to figure out what he had to do and began aggressively stalking McGregor.

Mayweather was credited with landing more than half his punches, as he solved McGregor's defense after a few rounds. Ringside stats showed him landing 170 of 320 punches to 111 of 430 for McGregor.

In a fight so intriguing that it cost \$10,000 for ringside seats, McGregor turned in a respectable performance for someone in his first fight. He switched from southpaw to conventional at times and used his jab well, but Mayweather's experience and his ring savvy paid off as he executed his game plan to perfection.

"Our game plan was to take our time, go to him and take him out in the end," Mayweather said. "I guaranteed everybody this fight wouldn't go the distance."

McGregor was trailing badly on all three ringside scorecards through the ninth round, with scores of 89-81, 89-81 and 87-83. The Associated Press had it 87-84.

Mayweather was widely criti-

zed for not going after Pacquiao in their megafight, and he didn't make the same mistake this time. In a fight that could make him \$200 million, he seemed to stagger McGregor with a series of punches in the ninth round, landing at will as McGregor desperately tried to clinch.

The end was near as the two fighters came out for the 10th round and Mayweather went right after McGregor again. He landed a punch that set McGregor reeling across the ring, then landed a combination that had McGregor defenseless as Byrd moved in to stop the bout. McGregor didn't complain when the fight was stopped and went over and hugged Mayweather.

"I was a little fatigued," he said. "He was composed in there, that's what 50 pro fights can give you."

He seemed almost happy in the ring afterward, secure that he had given a good performance even in losing.

"I thought it was close though and I thought it was a bit of an early stoppage. I was just a little fatigued."

McGregor's challenge of Mayweather was fueled by social media and turned into a spectacle as the two fighters promoted the bout. It figured to make him \$100 million or so, and gave McGregor a name and brand outside of the UFC.

He also got some respect from a fighter who has been in the ring his entire life.

"He's a lot better than I thought he'd be," Mayweather said. "He's a tough competitor, but I was the better man tonight."

After all the talk and hype, the fight unfolded like most in boxing figured it would. Mayweather, a 5-1 favorite, took a few rounds to establish his dominance but once he did it was a one-sided fight.

Mayweather ran his record to 50-0, surpassing Rocky Marciano's 49-0 record and giving himself a great parting gift. He repeated afterward that he was not going to fight again.

"This is my last fight for sure. 50-0 sounds good, I'm looking forward to going into the Hall of Fame," Mayweather said. "I picked the best dance partner to do it with."

Irish fans arrived by the thousands in the days before the fight, filling the arena for the weigh-in and boisterously cheering for their man. They even went off in the middle of the night and spray painted an Irish flag and "49-1" on a billboard on Interstate 15 promoting Mayweather's businesses.

The capacity crowd of 14,623 cheered McGregor on, but they quieted as the fight progressed and Mayweather showed his dominance. **AP**

opinion

Rear Window

Severo Portela



HATO DEMANDING ACCOUNTABILITY

Before anything else we ought to mourn for the people killed in the Typhoon Hato in the allegedly ill-prepared Macau. We underline as a disclaimer that the overall assessment of damage is a long process, even more so as the meteorology bureau is forecasting the landing of more tropical cyclones. Hoping the sequels are bearable, we invite ourselves to NOW.

We will pass on the enumeration of the graphic details to address the accountability issues, and ultimately, the political issues.

Usually described as a slow/smooth operator, cautious, indeed, and a distant leader, Chui Sai On was fast to evaluate the situation, and faster to take steps to defuse an imbroglio in the making. The CE went on to make an unusual address to the people in order to apologize for the dire effects brought by the passage of Hato. At least, the MSAR Chief Executive is trying to control the damage!

Given the warnings the Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau gave as they followed a severe tropical cyclone moving towards a direct hit, no wonder the CE appeared glad to announce the resignation of a long-time serving director of the bureau, Fong Soi Kun. At one stage, as Hato intensified, writes "The Guardian", Hong Kong hoisted the number 8 signal, warning that it could be replaced soon by a higher storm warning, "yet Macau's government rated Hato only a signal 3 typhoon." That is to say, disgraced Fong Soi Kun went for the wrong flag and took on the burden of government responsibility.

Besides Fong Soi's tokenistic resignation, Macau also addressed the tragedy with token public subsidies: MOP300,000 for each casualty, and MOP20,000 for actual storm damage. Resilient and pragmatic residents never say no to a MOP helping hand, regardless of how short or shy the handshake may be. More subsidies will arrive in the pipeline from government generosity to soften public mood. It looks like an apparently easy way out of the mess, but it is only an illusion.

Regarding what was presented as Typhoon Hato, we have to understand that this is a regular phenomenon...according to cyclical weather patterns over the Pacific. So regular was it that Fong Soi Kun was heard say to be pretty sure to have taken the appropriate measures to alert residents of the incoming typhoon.

As to the consequences of the typhoon blowing winds of 200 KPH at the Taipa hill station, we would consider the flooding, the uprooting of trees, falling window panes, flying debris - and meaning no disrespect to the people killed and the wounded - are not irregular weather events. What we call out as plainly irregular and which placed stresses upon the local utilities and autonomy in general is the failure of the power supply cable from Zhuhai and the insufficient response of the local power generators, affecting homes, hospitals, allegedly the radio service, and gambling resorts.

What we have to call irregular is the crumbling infrastructure, the poor construction, the lazy FM, and we repeat, what we have to call irregular is the collapse or the underperformance of energy, water supply, and transportation.

Political commentator Larry (So) has a more subtle and polite choice of words to describe this nightmare: government cannot handle the challenge...from a self-proclaimed first-class city!

Typhoon Hato managed to erase the veneer of the international city: the glitter peeled off easily!

THE CAEAL CALLS ON NEWSPAPER TO REMOVE INTERVIEW

The Electoral Affairs Commission for the Legislative Assembly Election (CAEAL) ordered a media outlet to remove from its online edition an interview with a candidate to the Legislative Assembly elections.

The CAEAL noted in a letter to weekly publication "Plataforma" that the interview with José Luís Pedruco Achiam, who is listed on 12th position on the New Union for Macau's Development, was not permitted by law. The notification came

at a time when the interview was been already published for a period of over one week.

Candidates are required, during the period between August 2 and September 2, to remove from the Internet all content considered to be "electoral propaganda."

The newspaper responded to the order by claiming that CAEAL is "confusing concepts" that clashes in between "the right to inform" and "propaganda." RM

Taylor Swift releases new song 'Look What You Made Me Do'

YOU can finally shake it off: Taylor Swift has released her new single.

The 27-year-old singer dropped the upbeat song "Look What You Made Me Do" — which uses an interpolation from Right Said Fred's 1991 hit "I'm Too Sexy" — late Thursday to streaming platforms and iTunes. The song, featuring elements of pop, dance and house, includes sharp lyrics like: "Honey, I rose up from the dead I do it all the time/I got a list of names and yours is in red, underlined I check it once/Then I check it twice."

The track ends with a voice message of Swift saying, "I'm sorry, but the old Taylor can't come to the phone right now. Why? Oh, 'cause she's dead."

The video will premiere Sunday night [today, Macau time] on the MTV Video Music Awards. A clip of the video aired Friday on "Good Morning America."

Some felt the song was a diss toward Kanye West, whom Swift has had issues with in the past. Last year their feud hit a new height when West's wife, Kim Kardashian, released audio recordings that she said proved Swift gave West the go ahead for a Swift reference in the song "Famous."

Swift's voice message on her new song could be a reference to the audio Kardashian leaked. Others felt the opening



lines of "Look What You Made Me Do" — "I don't like your little games/Don't like your tilted stage" — was a reference to West's recent tour, which featured a floating stage.

The anticipation of "Look What You Made Me Do" helped Swift trend heavily on social media. The song is the first single from her sixth album, "reputation," to be released Nov. 10.

Swift wiped her social media pages clean last week and caused a frenzy online with video snippets of slithery snake parts. Fans dissected the clues in hopes it would reveal details about her new music, and the pop star finally announced Wednesday that a new song would come this week followed by an album three months later.

"Reputation" is the follow-up to 2014's "1989," Swift's first official pop album after years of dominating in country music. "1989" launched

seven hit singles, from "Shake It Off" to "Bad Blood," and won three Grammys, including album of the year. The album helped her produce a star-studded world tour, featuring guest appearances from musicians such as Justin Timberlake and John Legend to A-List celebrities like Ellen DeGeneres and Chris Rock.

"Look What You Made Me Do" uses an interpolation of a melody from "I'm Too Sexy," a No.1 hit that was written by Richard Fairbrass, Fred Fairbrass and Rob Manzoli. After the song's release, Right Said Fred tweeted thanks to Swift and called the new song a marvelous reinvention.

Swift wrote and produced the new song with frequent collaborator Jack Antonoff, who performs in the bands Bleachers and fun. Antonoff, who has produced for Lorde, Sia, Sara Bareilles and others, earned a Grammy Award for his work on three songs from Swift's "1989." AP

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Roadside	15-35 Good	😊
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Ambient	15-35 Good	😊

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WORLD BRIEFS



LEBANON The remains of eight Lebanese soldiers kidnapped by the Islamic State group three years ago were located yesterday, a senior Lebanese official said, in a negotiated deal that followed a military offensive to drive the militants out of the border area with Syria.

BELGIUM The Islamic State news agency Amaq has claimed the Brussels attacker who assaulted three soldiers with a knife as an Islamic State group soldier. In a statement yesterday, it said he carried out the Friday evening attack in response to calls to target countries of the coalition that is fighting IS.

BRITAIN London police arrested a second man yesterday in connection with a suspect who drove up to a police van not far from Buckingham Palace then reached for a 1.2-meter sword, an incident detectives called a terrorism attempt.



PERU Archeologists have discovered in a sacred pre-Incan site the bodies of 16 men from China who arrived to South America almost two centuries ago as semi-enslaved workers. The secret tomb in Lima is the biggest burial site of Chinese migrants ever found in Peru. Found alongside the bony remains were opium pipes and other personal objects used by the migrants. More on p10

ECUADOR's congress cleared the way Friday for Vice President Jorge Glas to be investigated for allegedly taking bribes from a Brazilian construction giant involved in a sprawling regional graft scandal.

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

Renato Marques



Serenity in chaos. A man takes a pause during the hard work of removing debris from his neighborhood in an Inner Harbor alley.