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**MYANMAR** Officials said yesterday they have discovered at least 45 slain Hindus in three mass graves in the Southeast Asian country's conflict-torn northern Rakhine state. The government blames Muslim insurgents for the killings, but international media say there is no immediate way to verify the assertions.

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# Gov't subsidy encourages local designers to pursue ambitions in the industry

Lynzy Valles

**T**HE collections of two local designers, Akina Lei and San Lee, are currently being showcased at the Macau Fashion Gallery. The exhibition is part of the final phase of the "Brand Story – Macau Original Fashion Exhibition", which will end on October 1.

Lei – who is also a personal image consultant, stylist to local artists and art and image director – entered the fashion industry in 2009 and launched her brand "Salut, ça va?"

"I haven't used my name to name my brand because I want 'Salut, ça va?' to represent their own kind of style, and not only me," Lei said.

Lee broke into the fashion industry shortly after in 2010, launching his brand "Zics Design." He also works as an interior designer.

According to both designers, the fashion industry in the region has undergone massive changes, citing the increasing support of the government and the growing number of aspiring young designers.

Although the two designers do not own pop-up stores, they currently retail their products online through social media platforms.

Despite the growing number of local designers, both Lei and Lee said that they do not see other designers as competitors as they all receive support from the same entities.

"We don't consider other brands as competitors, we're all friends in the industry and we all share our experience and resources to



Akina Lei

each other. Sometimes we join together for some exhibitions or some trade shows," said Lee.

Echoing the same sentiments, Lei noted that all local designers have different signature styles, keeping the competition healthy.

The designers have previously said that it was far more challenging several years ago. They received little support from public entities, and faced difficulties acquiring funding and sponsorship.

According to them, funding for local designers only became available a few years ago, making it easier for newcomers to enter the market.

The two designers also showcased their collections at the Centerstage Hong Kong earlier this month, an event which welcomed

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SAN LEE



San Lee

professional buyers from across the region.

The event was the first time either designer had participated in such an exhibition, which provided them opportunities to reach clients outside Hong Kong and Macau.

"We had more chances to [get to] know some overseas buyers. [The organizers] will [introduce us to] professional and interesting buyers [for] a small meeting... and we can tell them our story and our designs to let them know more about local designers," Lei shared.

Lee also observed that local designers are eager to join the industry despite Macau's small market, adding that "fashionable items" in the city are increasing.

Lee noted that the continuous support of the local government through the Macau Productivity and Technology Transfer Center (CPTTM) encourages younger designers to remain in the industry.

"[The government] has some projects where you can apply to get some funding to start your career. They also organize some events so we can go overseas because we cannot only rely on the local market. We all need to extend our brand outside Macau," said Lee.

Through an open call and selections made by an adjudicating panel, six local designers were selected to participate in the "Brand Story – Macau Original Fashion Exhibition."

## EDUCATION

### UM awards scholarships to outstanding students

**T**HE University of Macau (UM) recently awarded scholarships to outstanding students at the UM Scholarship Presentation Ceremony 2017. The 131 awardees received scholarships worth a total of MOP1.1 million, donated by 33 institutions and individuals.

In his speech, UM Rector Wei Zhao congratulated the recipients and expressed gratitude to the scholarship donors. "The donations from various institutions and individuals show recognition of the university's effort in promoting higher education develop-

ment in Macau in the past three decades," he said. "I am very happy to see the students' outstanding achievements in various areas. During the ceremony, scholarship recipient Ho Pak Ki – a second-year student from the Faculty of Arts and Humanities (FAH) and a member of

Chao Kuang Piu College – shared her experiences with the audience and thanked the donors. Hu Lizao, another second-year student from the FAH and a member of Stanley Ho East Asia College, gave a music performance with a Chinese hammered dulcimer.

The university said in a statement that it had received a total of MOP4 million in academic prizes and scholarships from more than 50 institutions and individuals during the 2016/2017 academic year. More than 400 UM students received scholarships in the past year.

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# World Press Photo featured in Macau until 2020

Renato Marques

**T**HE Portuguese Association "Casa de Portugal em Macau" (CPM) has just extended its partnership with the World Press Photo (WPP) organization to continue bringing the annual exhibition, which features the best photos in the press over the year, to the region until at least 2020.

The association said it made a significant effort to ensure both locals and tourists can continue to enjoy the worldwide event which costs EUR 18,000 each year (over MOP 172,500) to hold.

Speaking about some hidden event costs, Diana Soeiro, involved with the organization of CPM's events, told the Times: "We need to handle the translation to Chinese of all the information related to the exhibition, as well as the photographs' captions, as the materials that we receive



Aspect of last year's WPP exhibition at Casa Garden

from the WPP are only in English and Portuguese."

For this year's edition, which will open on Thursday at Casa Garden, the CPM spent over MOP180,000 in total.

Diana Soeiro also added that this year it is expected that the exhibition will see more than the 2,000 or so visitors of previous editions.

"We expect more people this year since, contrary to

other editions, the exhibition will not be displayed in Hong Kong," Soeiro said, noting that Macau will be the most convenient location for fans from Hong Kong to be able to see it.

This year, the WPP exhibition received a total of 80,408 images from 5,034 photographers across 126 countries who submitted images in eight different categories: con-

temporary issues, daily life, general news, long-term projects, nature, people, sports, and spot news.

The jury awarded prizes across the categories to 45 photographers from 25 different countries. These awards included the Grand Award - World Press Photo of the Year - for the Turkish Associated Press photographer, Burhan Ozbilici, with the photo titled "An Assassination in Turkey." The famous photograph depicts Mevlüt Mert Altıntaş, an off-duty Turkish police officer who assassinated the Russian ambassador, Andrey Karlov, while he was speaking at an art gallery in Ankara, Turkey, on December 19 last year.

The exhibition will be open to the public from between September 29 (Friday) until October 22 (Sunday) at Casa Garden at Praça Luis de Camões. Entry is free, and the venue is open from Tuesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## Chan Meng Kam's casino to open tomorrow

A new casino owned by entrepreneur Chan Meng Kam under a SJM Holdings license is set to open tomorrow in the ZAPE district, GGRAsia reported yesterday. The Red Dragon Casino will open in conjunction with an adjacent hotel. The Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau confirmed on Friday that it had received an application from SJM to operate a casino at the location. The opening comes days before the Golden Week holiday.

## Chinese Orchestra presents 'Wind Clusters' concert

The Macao Chinese Orchestra will present the wind concert "Wind Clusters" at 8 p.m. on October 11 at the D. Pedro V Theatre. In this concert, the orchestra will not only present traditional solo wind and percussion pieces, but also chamber music pieces imbued with ethnic elements, including the chamber music piece "Al Laox" composed in the traditional style of the Dong ethnic group from Guangxi Province. Tickets for "Wind Clusters" are priced at MOP80 and MOP60. A 50 percent discount is offered for holders of valid full-time Student Cards or Macau Senior Citizen Cards.

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## CRIME

**T**HE number of scams making use of the online mobile app "WeChat" and targeting Macau residents keep growing.

Yesterday in a joint press conference, the Judiciary Police (PJ) reported two more cases involving a man and women in the region.

Although using very different modus operandi, the unrelated cases were responsible for losses amounting to over MOP1.8 million.

In the first, a 30-year old Macau woman who works in a Casino VIP room reportedly met a man on WeChat near the end of 2015.

The resident was said to have kept in regular contact with the suspect until November 2016 when he told her that he needed to borrow money from her, saying that he was in the USA and could not exchange RMB there.

At that time he asked the woman to help him transfer a total of RMB70,000 into his accounts on WeChat and Alipay, assuring her that he would return the money as soon as he physically arrived in Macau.

It seems however that he had other ideas, and between November 2016 and July of this year he requested several other loans totaling HKD1.75 million from the woman.

After the final money loan, the victim told the PJ that she received a phone call from a woman who claimed that she was the girlfriend of the man, and that she had discovered their correspondence. Shortly after this revelation, she ended the conversation.

Following this, there was approximately two months of non-contact from the man, at which point she decided to finally present the complaint to the PJ on September 22.

The woman claims to have been scammed out of a total of

# Resident scammed more than MOP1.8 million over WeChat

HKD1.75 million.

In the second case, a 30-year old man said that he met a woman offering "sex services" around 9.30 p.m. on September 22 through the same mobile app.

They chatted and agreed to meet in a shop near Kiang Wu hospital.

A few minutes later (around 10 p.m.) he received a message from the alleged woman stating that in order to pay for the "service" he would have to buy a total of MOP1,600 in online gaming credits cards (MyCard).

He accepted and sent her the serial number and passcode of the cards in a photo.

While waiting to finally meet the woman, he received a phone call from a man saying that he needed to get another MOP5,326 in credits from the same cards as a deposit that would be returned after the "service." The man again paid the amount requested and continued waiting.

At 1:10 a.m. another phone call arrived from the same man, this time asking for his Macau ID card information and another MOP7,989, which the man handed over.

After the last call he waited for about 2 hours until 3 a.m. when he finally noticed that he had lost contact with the person, realizing then that he had been scammed which led to him to present a complaint to the PJ.

Both cases are still under investigation by the police but as in many other similar cases, the chances of bringing these swindlers to justice are slim.

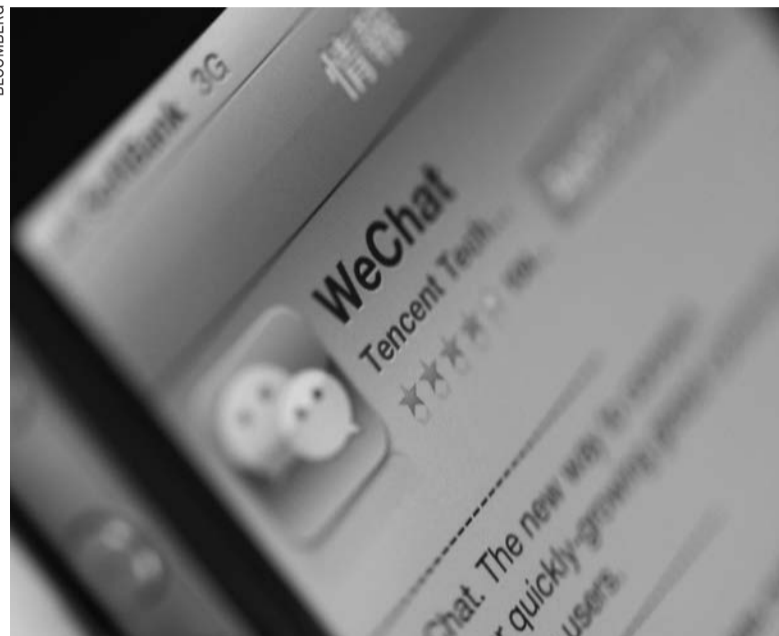
In an unrelated, though more common crime, also reported

by the PJ, a local resident aged 28 is being charged over a theft that occurred at a Cotai casino gaming table.

According to the report, the man took the opportunity of the distraction of a mainland Chinese tourist to steal all of his gaming chips, worth a total of HKD800,000, from the table, and immediately tried to flee the scene.

All of his actions were spotted by casino security who chased and caught him still inside the gaming room, escorting him to the authorities shortly thereafter.

He was presented to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP) on the charge of theft.



## Construction manager charged over deadly work accident

**A** construction site manager has been formally charged by the Public Prosecutions Office (MP) over an accident that occurred on June 18 on the site of the under-construction Grand Lisboa Palace. The incident claimed the life of one worker who fell from a working platform from a height of eight meters.

According to the Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesperson, the police force have concluded the investigation noting that they determined that the accident occurred due to an order of the site manager to remove the protection bar from the platform in order to facilitate the transport of materials.

Due to the directive, the MP charged the manager over article 267 of the Macau Penal Code related to "Breach of Construction Rules and Disturbance of Services" as well as article 273, which pertains to cases of serious consequences and death.

In an unrelated case, the PJ also reported a

case of abuse of trust by a worker of a Condominium Management Company.

The worker, an Indonesian national (32) who has been working at the company since 2014, this August failed to deliver a large sum of money to the company related to the collection of condominium fees.

According to the complaint by the company formalized on September 21, the employee illegally appropriated a total of MOP240,000 that should have been delivered to the company accounts.

Questioned by the PJ, the non-resident worker confessed but claims that the sum is only MOP89,000.

She said she transferred the sum abroad, sending it to relatives back in Indonesia, but not giving any explanation as to why she committed such a crime.

She was presented to the MP on September 23.

## TOURISM

## Travel agency employment down 5.3 percent

**A** total of 256 travel agencies were operating in Macau last year, according to information from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC). This was an increase of six from 2015. However, despite the increase in the number of agencies, the total number of people they employed decreased by 239 to 4,246, a decrease of about 5.3 percent.

Revenue and expenditure of travel agencies amounted to a combined MOP6.53 billion and

MOP6.3 billion respectively, up slightly by 0.5 percent and 0.9 percent year-on-year. Gross value added, a measure of the sectorial contribution to the economy, dropped by 1 percent year-on-year to MOP944 million. Gross fixed capital formation fell by 11.4 percent to MOP142 million.

Among the various revenue-generating categories, package tours (MOP2 billion), room reservations (MOP1.12 billion), and coach rentals (MOP977 million)

rose by 2.5 percent, 2 percent and 15.6 percent respectively year-on-year.

Owing to the growing popularity of booking tickets online through other travel websites, revenue from passenger transport ticketing (MOP1.78 billion) registered continuous decline, down by 6.2 percent year-on-year, although less than the 18.1 percent year-on-year decrease seen in 2015.

The purchase of goods and services and commission paid accounted

for three-quarters of the sector's expenditure, decreasing by 1.6 percent year-on-year to MOP4.73 billion. Expenditure on passenger transport ticketing (MOP1.78 billion) dropped by 6.4 percent, while that of package tours (MOP1.54 billion) and room reservations (MOP1.13 billion) rose by 1 percent and 1.7 percent respectively.

According to DSEC, operating expenses (MOP858 million) and compensation of employees (MOP716

million) went up by 15.3 percent and 2.9 percent respectively year-on-year.

With a decrease in the number of visitors on package tours as well as fewer outbound residents using the services of travel agencies, receipts of the 16 travel agencies with 50 or more persons engaged slid by 7.4 percent year-on-year to MOP2.24 billion. Expenditure of these 16 travel agencies amounted to MOP2.07 billion, down by 4.7 percent year-

on-year.

However, revenue of the 138 travel agencies with less than 10 employees rose by 19.6 percent year-on-year to MOP1.5 billion, half of which (MOP752 million) was generated from passenger transport ticketing, representing an increase of 9.1 percent. However expenditure by these groups grew by 19.1 percent to MOP1.52 billion, with purchase of goods and services and commission paid constituting 88 percent.

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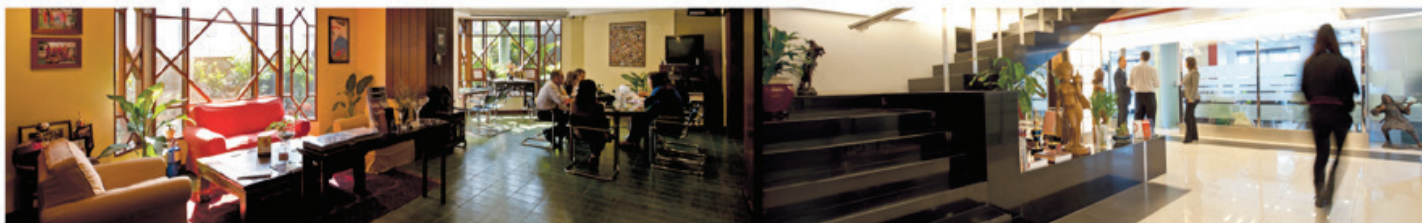
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# TIS's seventh University Fair sees increase in participating institutions

Lynzy Valles

**T**HE International School (TIS) held its annual University Fair yesterday, attracting some 57 universities, including top institutions in the US, Australia and the UK. This is an increase of 12 participating universities to the previous year.

Held for the seventh time, six local high schools also visited the fair, along with the 70 Grade 12 students from TIS who are set to graduate next year.

TIS Academic Counselor Jody Hubert said that her team has been working with students from Grade 9 to 11 to assist them in catering to their students' plans for university.

Unlike universities in Hong Kong and Macau, universities across the globe are already accepting applications for the 2018 academic year.

Speaking to the Times, Hubert noted that they have arranged boot camps during the summer for these graduating students.

"For most students, we've already got them to start their university applications. We had a boot camp before school starts, and have them undergo the [application] process quite early," she said.

When questioned which countries are among the top choices for the school's graduating students, she noted that Australia had seen a marked increase in interest from local applicants.

"It's very interesting for us. This year Australia has the most number of applicants; we've never had that number before. Around 40 percent of graduating students are applying to Australia," said Hubert.



General aspect of the fair



Ryan Oshimoto speaking with an university representative

While the UK still remains popular in the minds of graduating students, with some 30 percent of TIS Grade 12 students applying to study there, the school has seen a significant drop of applicants for universities in the US.

## There is an increase in local applicants to Australian universities

Meanwhile, Canada has also seen a significant increase in interest this year, as the school has approximately 20 percent of the graduating class applying to universities in the country.

Most students are seriously considering studying in local universities but are eager to be accepted by top universities abroad.

Ryan Oshimoto, a Grade 12 stu-

dent from TIS, shared that the fair is helpful for students who are undecided on which career path to pursue.

The student said that the fair opens up options for students like him, adding that meeting university representatives or councilors also assists them to plan for their course options.

"Lots of people are here to help you find your career choices," said the student.

"I want to be an architect so here they explain whether I want to pursue science-based engineering or more design process-based. It opens up options," he added.

The graduating student who has been residing in the city since Grade 1 said that leaving Macau is his first priority, implying that local universities are not an option for him.

Oshimoto aims to get accepted at Cornell University, an Ivy League school [a group of highly prestigious colleges and universities in the eastern US], where he

took a six-week summer architecture program this year.

Grade 11 student Kyna Loughlin shared that staying in Macau is also not an option for him as he looks toward studying abroad as a means to experience different cultures.

## Macau is not an option. I've been here for 12 years now. Macau is a small place; there's not much left to discover.

KYNA LOUGHLIN  
GRADE 11 STUDENT

The student said that the fair gives students an idea of what they can expect of application processes when they reach their final year.

"There are things I wouldn't know if [the] university fair didn't happen. Overall it's useful and I'm glad that other schools, not just TIS, can get to participate in it," said the student.

"Macau is not an option. I've been here for 12 years now. Macau is a small place; there's not much left to discover. I really want to go to country that is big and experience different cultures," he added.

Loughlin is also looking at joining summer programs abroad next year.

Local universities including the University of Saint Joseph and the University of Macau also participated in the fair, along with several Hong Kong universities including the University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Polytechnic University and the Baptist University of Hong Kong.

## New exhibition at the Lou Lim Ioc Garden pavilion

**T**HE exhibition of works by artists of the "Lou Lim Ioc Garden Academic Encounter," organised by the Cultural Affairs Bureau, is open to the public until October 22 at the Chun Chou Tong Pavilion of Lou Lim Ioc Garden.

The "Lou Lim Ioc Garden Academic Encounter" features a total of 60 pieces (sets) of Chinese paintings and calligraphies created in the encounter activities

that have taken place over recent years. Those selected paintings are themed on landscapes, rocks, forests, flowers, birds, fish, insects as well as portraits. The calligraphies cover a variety of cultivated styles involving seal, clerical, and running scripts, as well as some works combining calligraphy with painting.

The exhibition is organized by four local art associations.

## ONE SHOT NEWS



A worker hangs lanterns to greet the upcoming Mid-Autumn Festival in Macau. The Mid-Autumn Festival falls on October 4 this year.

# Zhang appointed HK, Macau Affairs Office chief

**T**HE mainland's State Council appointed on Friday Zhang Xiaoming as the director of the Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office, replacing Wang Guangya.

The 54-year-old Zhang was formerly the director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

Departing from Hong Kong on Friday morning, the mainland's China Daily reported that he urged Hong Kong residents to believe in both Hong Kong and in China, reiterating the stance taken by President Xi Jinping during his visit on the 20th anniversary of the handover.

His comments came just two days before Carrie Lam, Hong Kong's chief executive, told reporters that Beijing was not seeking to tighten its political control over the HKSAR.

According to Hong Kong's EJ Insight, Lam said that Beijing has never wavered from upholding its 'One Country, Two Systems' policy toward to semi-autonomous region.

Lam also said that the recent appointment of Zhang was not reflective of a crackdown from the



Zhang Xiaoming

Chinese capital, adding that she does not understand why the public has been so concerned about it.

Hong Kong has been a thorn in Beijing's side in recent years, as mass protests led by vocal critics have taken to the streets. The situation escalated late last year after two lawmakers were barred

from taking office when a legal interpretation from the mainland ruled their official oaths were invalid.

Zhang joined the Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office in the 1980s as a junior official. He was promoted to deputy director in 2004 and appointed director of the Liaison Office of Hong Kong in 2012.

## Macau Service Complex to be built by Omas

**T**HE new Service Complex for Economic Cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking countries will be built by Companhia de Construção e Engenharia Omas, Limitada for MOP692.8 million (USD86.1m), according to the Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau (DSSOPT).

The complex, whose construction was announced during the 5th ministerial conference of the Forum for Economic and Trade Co-operation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries (Forum Macau) in October last year, will be built on land plots C15 and C16 – an area of around 14,200 square meters located next to the Legislative Assembly building by Nam Vam Lake.

According to the DSSOPT website on Public Projects, the construction is estimated to take almost two years (600 working days). Radio Macau reported

yesterday that the company that won the bid is linked to the Ma family. The bid was the fourth cheapest.

**■ The complex will be located next to the Legislative Assembly building**

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**C**HINESE property stocks plunged in Hong Kong after a raft of mainland cities added housing curbs, wrong footing investors betting that the government's next step would be to ease restrictions.

Eight cities including Chongqing and Nanning rolled out curbs over the weekend, with most banning home resales within two to three years of purchase, the official Xinhua News Agency reported. Shanghai-based Tospur Real Estate Consulting Co. said six more may follow suit, without naming them.

A Bloomberg Intelligence index of 22 developers tumbled 9.1 percent yesterday, the biggest decline in six years, taking some air out of valuations for stock market stars such as China Evergrande Group and Sunac China Holdings Ltd., which have climbed fivefold and fourfold, respectively, this year.

The latest wave of tightening comes only a week after official data showed home price gains in fewer Chinese cities, fueling optimism that the authorities may be able to limit additional property curbs. The industry is a focus of policy makers ahead of a twice-a-decade Communist Party congress slated to begin Oct. 18, as leaders try to cool prices without tanking the economy.

"Policy risk is back in focus in the run up to mid-October as investors watch whether more cities will follow suit in issuing new controls," said Toni Ho, an analyst with Rhb

# Chinese developers plunge as officials tighten housing curbs

Osk Securities Hong Kong Ltd. "In reality, home prices in some second- to third-tier cities may be stronger than the official figures."

The latest curbs over a span of only two days show the authorities' resolve and signal that home prices are ending across-the-board gains and may become more closely linked to cities' economic fundamentals, Guotai Junan Securities's Shenzhen-based analysts led by Hou Like wrote in a report on Sunday.

## The nation is on a city-by-city campaign to rein in house prices and limit the risk of bubbles

Chinese developer stocks, which had been the hottest part of Hong Kong's market in recent weeks, slumped on Friday as S&P Global Ratings' sovereign downgrade and Logan Property Holdings Co.'s re-



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ported scrapping of a share placement punctured investor euphoria toward the sector.

Country Garden and China Evergrande fell as much as 11.2 percent on Monday and Sunac as much as 9.4 percent.

New-home prices, excluding government-subsidized housing, gained in 46 of 70 cities tracked by the government in August, compared with 56 in July, the National Bureau of Statistics said last week, the

smallest number of increases since January.

The nation is on a city-by-city campaign to rein in house prices and limit the risk of bubbles. Since Friday, Xi'an, Chongqing, Nanchang, Nanning, Changsha, Guiyang, Shijiazhuang and Wuhan have tightened housing controls, according to Xinhua. In Shijiazhuang, buyers will be banned from reselling within five years.

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of the tightening measures

At least 44 cities have imposed resale restrictions this year, Zhang Hongwei, a research director at Tospur, wrote in a note. The curbs can not only reduce speculative buying of homes but also prevent sharp price declines that could trigger systemic financial risk -- as well as locking up investor cash that could otherwise flow abroad as the U.S. raises interest rates, Zhang wrote. **Bloomberg**

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## TIBET

## Authorities to suspend foreign visits until after party congress

Christopher Bodeen, Beijing

**VISITS** by foreigners to the sometimes volatile Himalayan region of Tibet will be suspended until the end of a major Chinese political meeting in Beijing next month, a tour operator said yesterday.

A woman who answered the

phone at the state-run Tibet International Travel Service in the local capital of Lhasa said no foreigners would be issued special permits to visit until Oct. 29. The Communist Party's national congress, held once every five years, is due to begin Oct. 18 and is expected to run about 10 days.

The woman, who spoke on condition of anonymity because she was not authorized to talk to the media, said she had been told that all rooms at Tibetan hotels where foreigners are permitted to stay had been booked by the government.

Calls to the Tibetan regional

and Lhasa city tourist bureaus rang unanswered.

China routinely imposes strict security measures around sensitive political dates. Tibet has frequently been closed to tourists during anniversaries of events such as 2008's deadly anti-government riots that broke out in Lhasa and

spread through numerous Tibetan regions.

Beijing has long imposed far stiffer security and travel restrictions on Tibet than on other parts of the country, requiring foreigners, even those residing in China, to obtain special permission to visit.

Beijing says Tibet has been Chinese territory for more than seven centuries, but many Tibetans believe they were essentially an independent nation for most of that time. Some complain that Chinese rule and an influx of migrants are eroding Tibet's Buddhist culture and traditional way of life. **AP**

## HONG KONG

## British lesbian wins landmark residency case

**A** British lesbian has won a landmark legal challenge allowing her residency in Hong Kong as a dependent, in a ruling yesterday that could make it easier for gay couples to move to the Asian financial center.

Hong Kong's Court of Appeal found that the woman, identified only as QT, faced discrimination from an immigration department ruling denying her the right to live and work in Hong Kong because the city does not recognize same-sex marriage.

The three-judge panel's decision, which overturned a lower court's judicial review, caps a years-long fight by QT and her partner to be given the same treatment as tens of thousands of other expatriate workers who are allowed to bring their heterosexual spouses to the former British colony.

QT and her partner married in a civil partnership in England in 2011 and moved later that year to Hong Kong after QT's partner was offered a job. She

applied for a dependent's visa but was rejected on the grounds that she was not considered a spouse and since then has spent her time in Hong Kong on a tourist visa.

Under the immigration policy, "each foreign worker is only entitled to apply to bring one spouse to join him or her in Hong Kong," one of the judges, Justice Andrew Cheung, said in the ruling. "Whether that spouse is of the same sex or different sex is neither here nor there. In terms of quality,

whether the spouse is heterosexual or gay cannot possibly be relevant."

Hong Kong is home to a sizable contingent of expatriate workers employed as bankers, lawyers, teachers, accountants, pilots and other skilled staff. In a sign of the case's importance to Hong Kong's financial community, 12 global banks and fund managers including Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley threw their support behind QT and sought to present their views to the court. **AP**

## Japan's baby panda now has a name: Xiang Xiang, or fragrance

**JAPAN'S** baby panda now has a name: Xiang Xiang, or fragrance.

Tokyo Gov. Yuriko Koike announced yesterday that the 3-month-old giant panda is called Shan Shan in Japanese, or Xiang Xiang in Chinese.

The name, whose Chinese characters mean fragrance, was chosen from more than 320,000 suggestions and was approved by Chinese authorities.

The Ueno Zoo in Tokyo says the panda is healthy and growing rapidly. She now weighs 6 kilograms (13 pounds) and measures 65 centimeters (26 inches) long, nearly twice as big as she was a month ago, according to the latest measurement marking the 100th day since birth.

Videos released last week



Female giant panda cub Xiang Xiang, or Shan Shan on the 100th day since her birth, at Ueno Zoo in Tokyo, last week

showed the fluffy black-and-white cub crawling, and some teeth coming in.

Xiang Xiang was born on June 12 to the zoo's resident giant panda, Shin Shin.

**U**S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said yesterday that Washington is hoping for concrete progress during President Donald Trump's planned trip to China amid rising trade and Korean peninsula tensions.

Ross met with Chinese Premier Li Keqiang, the country's top economic official, during a three-nation Asian tour. Trump is due to visit Beijing later this year and meet President Xi Jinping, who visited the United States in April.

"We hope there will be some very good deliverables," Ross said at the start of a meeting at the Zhongnanhai compound where Chinese leaders live and work in central Beijing. That "would be the best single outcome for both countries," Ross said.

Ross gave no details, but Trump has criticized China's large trade surpluses with the United States and threatened to raise tariffs on steel. He has ordered an investigation into whether Beijing improperly pressures companies to hand over technology in exchange for market access.

Chinese leaders have tried to head off punitive U.S. action by emphasizing the benefits of the world's biggest trading relationship.

"I think it is fair to say that our common interests far outweigh our differences," said Li, the premier. "This important trade and economic relations has benefited

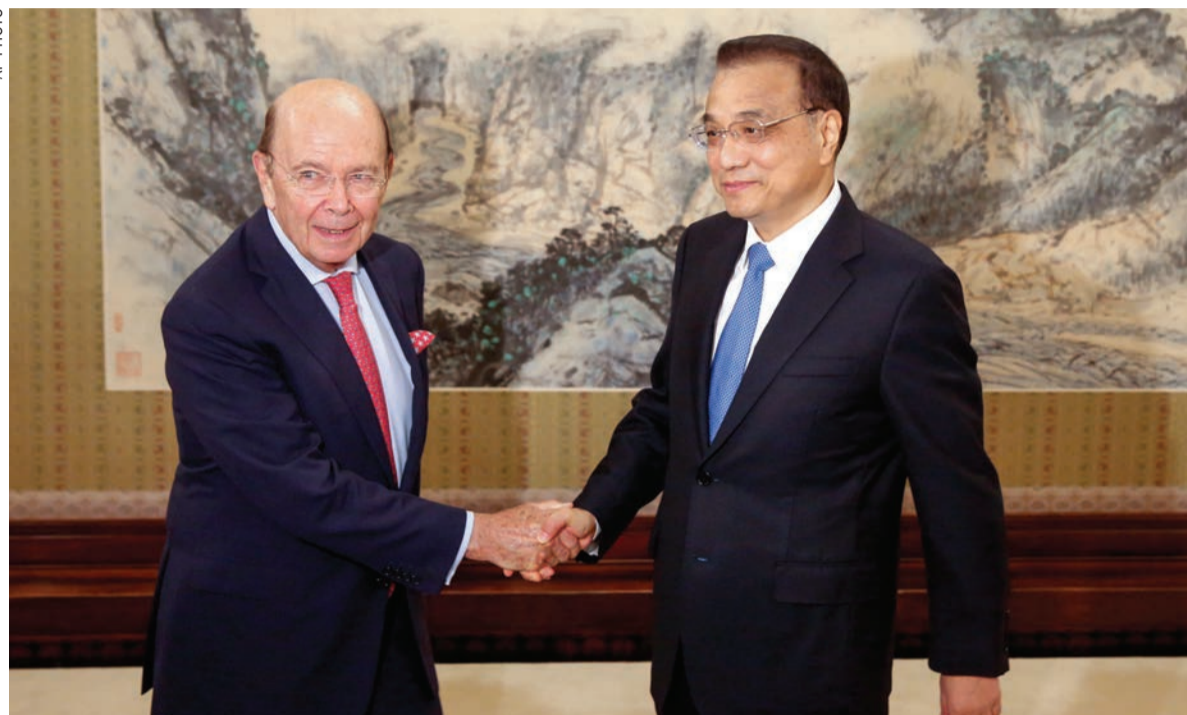
# US commerce secretary visits Beijing ahead of Trump trip

enormously our two peoples as well as the whole world."

U.S. officials have been greeted warmly [in China], Ross said, adding that it "augers very well for the forthcoming visit between President Trump and President Xi. We are looking forward to a very good session including a lot of American CEOs."

## Ross is due to visit Hong Kong today and then travel to Thailand and Laos

Beijing is Ross's first stop on a Sept. 24-29 trip to Asia that will also include visits to Hong Kong, Bangkok and Vientiane, Laos. Ross also met yesterday with Vice Premier Wang Yang to discuss issues including increased market access for U.S. firms, according to the official Weibo account of the



U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross meets Chinese Premier Li Keqiang at the Zhongnanhai state guesthouse in Beijing yesterday

U.S. Embassy in China.

Ross's visit comes as the U.S. has increased calls to reduce the trade deficit with the world's biggest exporting nation. Earlier this month, he announced a probe into China's

stainless steel flanges for alleged unfair subsidies, the latest move after the U.S. Trade Representative began an investigation into China's intellectual property practices. China last week announced it

would restrict some oil product exports to North Korea, as Trump seeks to further isolate Kim Jong Un's regime.

Ross was due to visit Hong Kong today. **MDT/Agencies**

# Big Chinese cash bets put Vancouver casino in laundering probe

**A** casino south of Vancouver favored by wealthy Asian gamblers is under scrutiny for potential money laundering as large amounts of cash flow through the Pacific Coast city's thriving real estate and gaming industries.

The British Columbia government released on Friday a previously confidential July 2016 report that had investigated the River Rock Casino Resort after it accepted CAD13.5 million (USD11 million) in CAD20 bills in just one month in July 2015, capturing the attention of B.C.'s Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch.

"I received a series of briefings that caused me to believe that our province could do more to combat money laundering at B.C. casinos," B.C.'s new Attorney General David Eby, whose New Democratic Party-led

government took office in July, told reporters. "I am making that report public today."

Great Canadian Gaming Corp., the owner of River Rock, said in a statement late Friday that it strictly adheres to all regulatory requirements.

The report, conducted by an independent investigator, examined cash transactions and play records over a two-year period starting September 2013 at the luxury resort overlooking the Fraser River, about 12 kilometers south of downtown Vancouver. High-limit rooms were staffed by employees whose first language was either Cantonese or Mandarin. At times, patrons would drop single cash buy-ins of more than CAD500,000 at the gaming tables without disclosing the source of funds, according to the report.

"Reasonable grounds to suspect money laundering activity through the use of unsourced funds has been confirmed," the report said. "While the patron may be bona fide, the unsourced cash being accepted by the casino may be associated with criminal activity."

Most of the cash flowing through the casino was from clients referred to among staff as "high roller Asian VIPs," many of them non-residents or business people with interests in Vancouver and China, the report said. Cash believed to be connected to illicit activity would be delivered to patrons via late-night drop-offs at the casino or just outside the property.

The revelations come amid growing concerns that Vancouver - a city that's home to multi-million dollar mansions, glittering ca-

sinos and one of the nation's worst opioid crises - has become a haven for hot money.

The number of suspicious transaction reports involving Vancouver real estate have spiked lately, Gerald Cossette, director of Canada's anti-money laundering watchdog, the Financial Transactions and Reporters Analysis Centre known as Fintrac, told reporters in Montreal this week.

The watchdog has been working with local realtors to identify red flags, he said. "For instance, how do you justify a student who buys a CAD5 million mansion?" Cossette said. Last year, when Eby was still an opposition lawmaker, he identified CAD57.1 million worth of residences bought by students reporting no income in Vancouver's upper-crust district of Point Grey. **Bloomberg**

# Graft accusations made against Chinese insurance regulator



Xiang Junbo

**A** corruption case against China's former insurance regulator, the highest-ranking figure in Chinese finance to be snared in a marathon anti-graft crackdown, has been handed over to prosecutors, the country's anti-corruption agency says.

Xiang Junbo is accused of accepting "huge amounts of money" in bribes and other offenses, the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection said in a weekend statement. It said he was expelled from the ruling Communist Party, where he had been a member of the 376-member Central Committee.

Officials and managers at many state companies have been snared in the anti-corruption drive launched by President Xi Jinping after he took power in 2013.

Xiang, 60, is a former chairman of state-owned Agricul-

tural Bank of China Ltd., one of the country's top four commercial lenders, and a former central bank official. He was secretary of the China Insurance Regulatory Commission's party committee.

The insurance industry has been hit by complaints insurers are engaged in reckless speculation in stocks and real estate. One life insurer has been banned from trading stocks, the chairman of another was barred from the industry and others are under investigation.

Regulators have said one of their goals this year is to fortify supervision of securities and insurance to reduce financial risks.

The CCDI gave no details of the case against Xiang but cited a wide range of offenses including "abuse of approval and supervision," a possible reference to overlooking misconduct by insurers.

## JAPAN

## Abe says he will call snap election for parliament

Mari Yamaguchi, Tokyo

**JAPANESE** Prime Minister Shinzo Abe announced yesterday he will call a snap election for parliament's more powerful lower house for next month.

Abe said at a news conference that he will dissolve the 475-seat chamber on Thursday when it convenes after a three-month summer recess. The election is to be held Oct. 22.

Support ratings for Abe's government have started to rebound after attacks on him over cronyism scandals faded during the recess. Also, opposition parties are regrouping and unprepared for an election. Opposition lawmakers have said there is no need to hold an election now.

"I expect opposition criticism is going to focus on [the scandals], and it's going to be a very difficult election," Abe said.

Analysts believe his ruling Liberal Democratic Party will retain a majority, but could lose the two-thirds majority it holds with its coalition partner, the Komei party. Still, a big enough victory

could help Abe extend his hold on power. His three-year term as party leader ends next September, and he will have to fend off any challengers from within the LDP to remain prime minister.

"For Mr. Abe, now is the time. He is taking advantage of unprepared opposition parties as he seeks to prolong his leadership," said Yu Uchiyama, a University of Tokyo politics professor.

Support ratings for his government plunged to below 30 percent in July following repeated parliamentary questions about allegations that Abe helped his friend obtain approval for a veterinary college.

Recent media polls show the support ratings recovering to around 50 percent, helped by parliament's recess and a Cabinet reshuffle in August that removed the defense minister and several other unpopular ministers.

It's a significant turnaround from June, when the Liberal Democratic Party suffered a devastating loss in a Tokyo city assembly election to maverick Tokyo Gov. Yuriko Koike's new regional

party.

Opposition lawmakers are scrambling to regroup.

Earlier yesterday, Koike announced the launch of a new national party that she will head, though she will remain as governor to focus on hosting the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and other issues.

She said her Hope Party will be conservative and push for transparency in government, women's advancement, elimination of nuclear energy and other reforms. Several parliamentarians, including defectors from the main opposition Democratic Party, have announced their intention to join her party.

"This is going to be a new force formed by members aiming to achieve reforms and conservatism," Koike said. "We are going to create a Japan where there is hope for everyone that tomorrow will certainly be better than today."

The Democrats, which held power in 2009-2012, have lost ground largely due to internal disagreements. **AP**



## KOREAN CRISIS

## Trump's travel ban unlikely to affect Pyongyang

**EVEN** though President Donald Trump has signed a proclamation imposing strict new restrictions on visitors from North Korea and several other nations, the move is largely symbolic for the North because not many people from the country visit the United States.

The North Korean go-

vernment, led by dictator Kim Jong Un, disallows most of its 24 million people to travel to foreign countries including the United States, except in special cases like jobs that bring in foreign currency or participation in sporting events. North Korea has tens of thousands of such workers abroad, but

none are believed to be in the United States.

Reports say there is a dwindling number of North Koreans visiting the United States amid the standoff over the North's nuclear and missile programs.

According a report last month by the Voice of America broadcaster, the

United States issued 100 visas to North Koreans last year. VOA, citing an analysis of visa records, said 52 of them were business or tourist visas while the rest were diplomats. From March to June this year, the U.S. issued 18 visas to North Koreans, according to the report.

The figures were a sharp decrease from the period of 1997-2001, when more than 1,200 North Koreans acquired business or tourist visas each year, the VOA report said.

The broadcaster said there's no record of the whereabouts or activities in the United States of those on business or tourism visas. But there are some North Korean government officials based in the North's diplomatic mission to the United Nations in New York.

In addition to North Korea, Trump's presidential proclamation, signed yesterday [Macau time], places indefinite restrictions on citizens of Chad, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Syria and



Passengers board an Air Koryo plane bound for Beijing, at the Pyongyang International Airport (2015)

Yemen. The U.S. will also bar the entry of certain Venezuelan government officials and their immediate families. The changes will take effect Oct. 18.

But its impact on North Korea is expected to be minimal.

"It's a symbolic measure. [...] North Korea won't probably make any response," said analyst Hong Min at Seoul's Korea Institute for National Unification.

The latest U.S. moves

against North Korea, including the suspensions of immigrant and non-immigrant visas of North Koreans, have come amid an escalating war of words between Trump and Kim. Last week, Kim called Trump a "mentally deranged U.S. dotard" in response to Trump's threats to "totally destroy" the North. Trump later said Kim is "obviously a madman who doesn't mind starving or killing his people." **AP**

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INDONESIA

# Evacuations from Bali volcano swell to about 50,000

**N**EARLY 50,000 people have fled the Mount Agung volcano on the Indonesian tourist island of Bali, fearing an imminent eruption as dozens of tremors rattle the surrounding region, officials said yesterday.

Waskita Sutadewa, spokesman for the disaster mitigation agency in Bali, said people have scattered to all corners of the island and some have crossed to the neighboring island of Lombok.

Indonesian authorities raised the volcano's alert status to the highest level on Friday following a dramatic increase in seismic activity. It last erupted in 1963, killing about 1,100 people.

Thousands of evacuees are living in temporary shelters, sports centers, village halls and with relatives or friends. Some return to the danger zone, which extends up to 12 kilometers from the crater, during the day to tend to livestock.

Officials have said there's no immediate threat to tourists, but some are already cutting short their stays in Bali. A significant eruption would force the closure of Bali's international airport, stranding thousands.

"It's obviously an awful thing. We want to get out of here just to be safe," said an Australian woman at Bali's airport who identified herself as Miriam.

National Disaster Mitigation Agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho said hundreds of thousands of face masks will be distributed in Bali as part of government humanitarian assistance that includes thousands of mattresses and blankets.

"The chances of an eruption are very high, but we cannot be sure when it will erupt," he said at a news conference in the capital, Jakarta.

He said not everyone had left the danger zone because they didn't want to leave livestock, were underestimating the risk or because of religious reasons.



Villagers rest at an evacuee camp in Rendang, Bali, yesterday

"Officers continue to sweep the area and are appealing for people to evacuate," he said.

In 1963, the 3,031-meter Agung hurled ash as high as 20 kilometers, according to volcanologists, and remained active for about a year. Lava traveled 7.5 kilometers and ash reached Jakarta, about 1,000 kilometers away.

The mountain, 72 kilometers to the northeast of the tourist hotspot of Kuta, is among more than 120 active volcanoes in Indonesia.

The country of thousands of islands is prone to seismic upheaval due to its location on the Pacific "Ring of Fire," an arc of volcanoes and fault lines encircling the Pacific Basin. **AP**

## Militant gets life in attack that killed child

**A**N Indonesian court yesterday sentenced an Islamic State group sympathizer to life imprisonment for an attack on a church that killed a 2-year-old girl and injured three other children.

The attacker, Juhanda, who uses one name, was captured by locals after throwing a Molotov cocktail at Oikumene Church in Samarinda, the provincial capital of East Kalimantan province on the island of Borneo, in November last year.

Two-year-old Ade Intan Marbun died from her burns.

Juhanda was previously convicted in 2011 for terrorism offenses but released in July 2014.

Presiding Judge Surung Simanjuntak at the East Jakarta District Court said there was no reason for leniency because of the defendant's lack of remorse and previous conviction.

"The defendant deliberately attacked the church, although he knew that there were many children in the churchyard," he said.

In a separate trial, Simanjuntak also sentenced four co-conspirators — Supriyadi, Ahmad Dani, Rahmad and Joko Sugito — to prison terms ranging from six to seven years.

All of the five had pledged allegiance to Islamic State group leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi and promised to carry out amaliyah, an Arabic term that is a byword for suicide bombing in militant circles, Simanjuntak said.

PHILIPPINES

# Foreign Secretary assures Vietnam of fair probe on dead fishermen

**T**HE Philippine government said yesterday a Vietnamese fishing vessel initiated "very dangerous maneuvers" and slammed into a Filipino navy boat during a chase, prompting its sailors to fire warning shots then later found two Vietnamese dead on the vessel.

Foreign Secretary Alan Peter Cayetano informed his Vietnamese counterpart, Pham Binh Minh, of the deadly encounter that occurred early Saturday off the northwestern Philippines and assured him of a fair investi-

gation.

Cayetano talked to Minh, who also serves as Vietnam's deputy prime minister, during a meeting at the United Nations in New York.

"We would like to offer our sympathies over the unfortunate loss of life and give you our assurance that we will conduct a fair and thorough investigation into this matter," a Department of Foreign Affairs statement issued in Manila quoted Cayetano as telling Minh.

Cayetano assured Minh that the five other Vietname-

se fishermen who were taken into custody by Philippine authorities will be treated well and could be accessed anytime by Vietnamese officials, who are being updated on developments.

A Philippine security official told The Associated Press on Sunday that the incident unfolded closer to the Philippine coast and was not related to the main territorial disputes farther out in the South China Sea. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the Department of Foreign Affairs

in Manila was the one authorized to speak on the issue.

Still, the deadly incident underscores the danger that lurks due to overlapping territorial claims in a region where competition is heavy for fish, oil, gas and other maritime resources. In 2013, Philippine coast guard personnel opened fire and killed a Taiwanese fisherman on board a boat that sailed in waters between the northern Philippines and Taiwan, sparking protests in Taiwan. Taiwan imposed sanctions before the row was diploma-

tically resolved.

The Department of Foreign Affairs in Manila said a Philippine navy patrol vessel encountered six Vietnamese boats fishing within the country's exclusive economic zone about 34 nautical miles off Cape Bolina in the Philippine province of Pangasinan.

Such zones extend 200 nautical miles where a coastal state has internationally recognized exclusive rights to fish and exploit other sea resources although foreign ships could pass through.

The Filipino sailors chased the Vietnamese fishing vessels, one of which "initiated very dangerous maneuvers that resulted in it slamming into the left front and left center of the Philippine patrol vessel," the department said.

That "prompted personnel on board the navy vessel to fire warning shots and when the navy personnel boarded the fishing vessel, they found two dead Vietnamese fishermen," the department said, adding five other Vietnamese fishermen surrendered and were taken into custody.

The security official told AP the Vietnamese vessels were using powerful lights to attract fish off Bolinao town. The use of lights for that purpose is prohibited under Philippine law.

The Filipino navy personnel "followed the rules of engagement, including identification protocol and use of radio and public address system," the official said, adding that the Vietnamese fishing boat was towed to Pangasinan afterward. **AP**

## IRAQ

# Kurds vote in referendum on independence from Baghdad

Susannah George & Balint Szlanko, Irbil

**I**RAQI Kurds were casting ballots yesterday in Iraq's Kurdish region and disputed territories on whether to support independence from Baghdad in a historic but non-binding vote that has raised regional tensions and fears of instability.

More than 3 million people are expected to vote across the three provinces that make up the Kurdish autonomous region, as well as residents in disputed territories — areas claimed by both Baghdad and the Kurds, including the oil-rich city of Kirkuk — according to the Independent High Elections and Referendum Commission, the body overseeing the vote.

Lines began forming early in the day at polling stations across Irbil, the Kurdish regional capital. Tahsin Karim was one of the first people to vote in his Irbil neighborhood.

"Today we came here to vote in the referendum for the independence of Kurdistan," he said. "We hope that we can achieve independence."

The Kurdish region's president, Masoud Barzani, also voted early on Monday morning at a polling station packed with journalists and cameras. At a press conference in Irbil on the eve of the referendum, Barzani said he believed the vote would be peaceful, though he acknowledged that the path to independence would be "risky."

"We are ready to pay any price for our independence," he said.

The referendum is being carried out despite mounting opposition from Baghdad and the international community.

The United States, a key ally of Iraq's Kurds, has warned the vote will likely destabilize the region amid the fight with the Islamic State group. The Iraqi central government has also come out strongly against the referen-



AP PHOTO

dum, demanding on Sunday that all airports and borders crossings in the Kurdish region be handed back to federal government control.

In a televised address from Ba-

ghdad on Sunday night, Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi said that "the referendum is unconstitutional. It threatens Iraq, peaceful coexistence among Iraqis and is a danger to the region."

"We will take measures to safeguard the nation's unity and protect all Iraqis," he added.

In a strongly worded statement, Turkey said on Monday that it doesn't recognize the referendum and declared its results would be "null and void."

Turkey's Foreign Ministry called on the international community and especially regional countries not to recognize the vote either and urged Iraqi Kurdish leaders to abandon "utopic goals," accusing them of endangering peace and stability for Iraq and the whole region.

The ministry reiterated that Turkey would take all measures to thwart threats to its national security. On Saturday, Turkey's parliament met in an extraordinary session to extend a mandate allowing Turkey's military to send troops over its southern border if developments in Iraq and Syria are perceived as national security threats.

Initial results from the poll are expected on Tuesday, with the official results to be announced later in the week.

At his press conference, Barzani also said that while the referendum will be the first step in a long process to negotiate independence, the region's "partnership" with the Iraqi central government in Baghdad is over. **AP**

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GERMANY

# Merkel faces tricky 'Jamaica' coalition option to form gov't

Geir Moulson, Berlin

**G**ERMAN Chancellor Angela Merkel was embarking yesterday on a complicated quest to form a new government for Europe's biggest economy and find answers to the rise of a nationalist, anti-migrant party.

Sunday's election left Merkel's conservative Union bloc weakened after a campaign that focused squarely on Germany's leader of the past 12 years. However, the result leaves no other party able to lead a new government, and Merkel herself lacks any obvious internal challenger.

The center-left Social Democrats — Merkel's partners since 2013 in a "grand coalition" of Germany's two traditionally dominant parties — vowed to go into opposition after a heavy defeat.

Caucus leader Thomas Oppermann doubled down on that pledge Monday, saying that "we will



not conduct coalition talks, because voters have decided that the Social Democrats' place is in opposition."

"All of us, all the parties have the responsibility of giving this country a stable government," Peter Tauber, the general secretary of Merkel's Christian Democratic Union, told ZDF television. "And a coalition can only be successful if it is able to make compromises."

Germany has no tradition of minority governments, and Merkel has already made clear she doesn't want to try that option — which would in any case be a tall order, as her bloc has only 246 of the new parliament's 709 seats.

That means the only politically plausible option is a three-way coalition with the pro-business Free Democrats and the traditionally left-leaning Greens. The

combination, called a "Jamaica" coalition because the parties' colors match those of the Caribbean nation's flag, hasn't been tried in a national government.

Merkel faces lengthy talks to secure an alliance with parties that have a tradition of mutual suspicion as well as differences on issues including migration, European financial policy and the auto industry's future.

At the same time, she faces pressure from conservative allies for an effective response to the third-place finish of the nationalist Alternative for Germany, or AfD, which entered parliament for the first time after a campaign that centered on harsh criticism of Merkel and her 2015 decision to allow in large numbers of migrants.

AfD took voters from Merkel's bloc and to a lesser extent from the Social Democrats, while also mobilizing large numbers of people who didn't previously vote.

"Of course I want to win back

everyone who voted for AfD and previously voted for us," Tauber said. "To do that, we have to confront AfD clearly and show that we have the better answers."

AfD won 94 seats in the new parliament — but long-standing splits inside the party emerged on Monday, as one of its most prominent figures announced that, "after long reflection," she wouldn't join the AfD caucus, and walked out of a news conference with fellow leaders.

Party co-chairwoman Frauke Petry has been sidelined by other leaders over recent months after urging her party to exclude members who express extremist views, with the aim of attracting moderate voters.

Petry said she wants to make the party ready for government in 2021, while others have made clear their priority is no-holds-barred opposition.

"We should be open about there being differences of substance in AfD," Petry said. "An anarchic party [...] can be successful in opposition, but it cannot make voters a credible offer for government."

She left without taking questions. Other leaders continued calmly with their news conference.

"I'd like to apologize in the name of my party," co-chairman Joerg Meuthen said. "This wasn't discussed with us." **AP**

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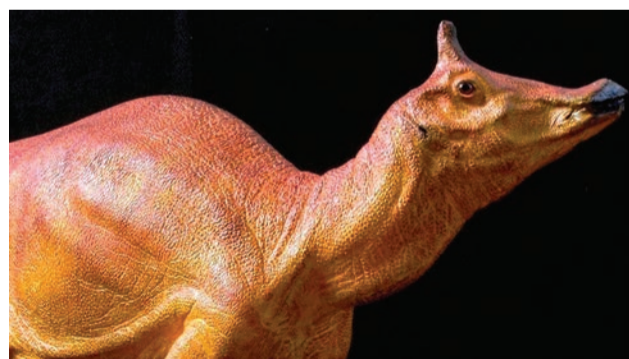
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## Offbeat

## AFTER 66 MILLION YEARS, CREATURE WINS STATE DINOSAUR HONOR



It took about 66 million years, but a duck-billed creature has finally won recognition as California's state dinosaur.

Gov. Jerry Brown announced over the weekend the signing of a bill making Augustynolophus (Aw-gus-tin-o-lo-fus) morrisi the official dinosaur of the Golden State.

Fossilized remains of the duckbilled creature that lived anywhere from 100 million to 66 million years ago have been found only in California.

Several other states and Washington, D.C., also have official dinosaurs.

California has more than 30 state insignia including a state lichen — lace lichen — and a state fabric, denim.

## TV canal macau



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22:10	Brazilian Mini Serie
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7:15 pm

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Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 141min



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ROOM 2

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

Director: Andres Muschietti

Starring: Bill Skarsgård, Jaeden Lieberher, Finn Wolfhard

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 135min



A TAXI DRIVER

ROOM 3

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

Director: Jang Hoon

Starring: Song Kang-ho, Thomas Krestchmann, Yoo Hai-jin

Language: Korean(Chinese & English)

Duration: 137min

## this day in history



## 1984 UK AND CHINA AGREE HONG KONG HANDOVER

Britain and China have finalised an agreement which will end more than 150 years of UK rule in Hong Kong.

The proposal - which will hand control of the colony to China in 1997 - creates an "island of capitalism" within a communist state.

In a ceremony at the Great Hall of People in Beijing the document was initialled by the UK ambassador to China, Sir Richard Evans, and the head of the Chinese negotiating team, Zhou Nan.

The British Government has been asked to give its approval to the treaty which ends two years of hard bargaining between the countries.

Under the accord, the Chinese authorities have agreed Hong Kong will maintain a high degree of local autonomy and keep power over its social, economic and legal systems.

But China will gain control of the city's defence and foreign affairs.

Britain, which has controlled the island of Hong Kong almost uninterrupted since 1842, has also persuaded the Chinese to leave the colony untouched for 50 years and provide a plan for its future.

Sir Richard said the joint declaration was "the practical embodiment of the imaginative concept of one country, two systems".

The Governor of the island, Sir Edward Youde, flew straight back from the ceremony to address a special meeting of the Hong Kong Legislative Council about the agreement.

"It constitutes a blueprint for a new stage in Hong Kong's development - as such I commend it to this council and to the community at large," he said.

The British Government has set up an assessment office to gauge the public response to the White Paper.

But although the people of Hong Kong can technically reject the proposals, the declaration makes it clear any other agreement may not go so far to protect their interests.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

The agreement was finally signed in December 1984.

Control of the colony was handed over to the Chinese at midnight on 1 July 1997 after a spectacular ceremony.

Prince Charles and Chris Patten - the twenty-eighth and final governor of Hong Kong - left the island on the Royal Yacht Britannia.

They left a population with mixed feelings about the incoming regime and Hong Kong's Democratic Party already protesting against what it saw as the loss of democracy.

The Provisional Legislative Council, lead by Tung Chee-hwa and picked by Beijing, was sworn in almost immediately after the handover, replacing the previous elected body.



YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 You wish a certain situation would end already, but it's barely just begun.

Taurus April 20-May 20 Approaching you isn't easy, even for the bravest of souls. The person who's currently interested may be having a difficult time transitioning from secret admirer to charming suitor.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Your friendships are very important to you now. You've just recently had the chance to see how valuable you are to your close friends, and how very much they respect you.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 You're wearing your heart on your sleeve, for one and all to see. So absolutely nothing that crosses your mind will be a secret to others, even if you actually want it to be. Well, not to worry.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 You've never been known for waiting to buy something until it was on sale. Basically, you'll head out to get what you want the moment you set your sights on it - and not a second later.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 If you've been sharing bills, taxes, and a checkbook with someone, now's the time to take a look at that situation again. All may be well - but then again, it's a good idea to keep your eyes open for mistakes.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 You regard a certain higher-up as more than a mentor - to you, they're almost family. If you need them now, as you have in the past, all you really have to do is ask.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 You're considering your health and the condition of your body - in a nutshell, your appearance. And you know what that means: You're thinking of looking good for someone special.

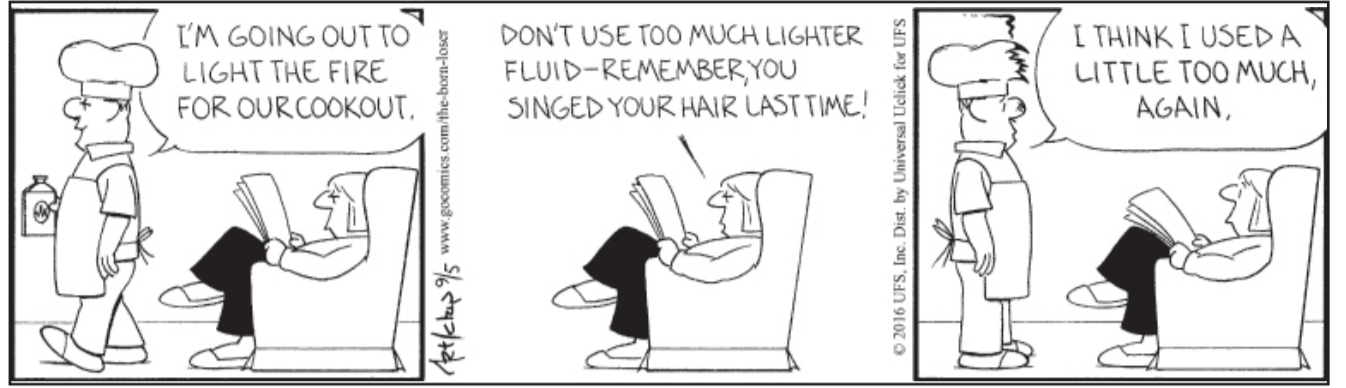
Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You have way too much to do, and way too little time to get it done. To make matters worse, you're dying for downtime and probably won't get it. Well, you'd better call and say you're gonna be late. Think of it this way.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Relationships are your number one priority at the moment, and you're taking them very seriously. So don't be surprised if a conversation that starts out casually turns quite confrontational almost as soon as it begins.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 While you're waiting to hear an estimated time of arrival, put that (pleasantly) nervous energy to use. Straighten up your home. The heavens have conspired to persuade you and your guest to get up close and personal.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 At the moment, you most value cooperation, compromise, balance, and harmony - but none of those things will be especially easy to pull off if you're not in the right company.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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4x4 grid for Easy+ Sudoku puzzle with numbers 1-9.

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WEATHER

Table with columns: MIN, MAX, CONDITION

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Table listing weather conditions for various Chinese cities like Beijing, Harbin, Tianjin, etc.

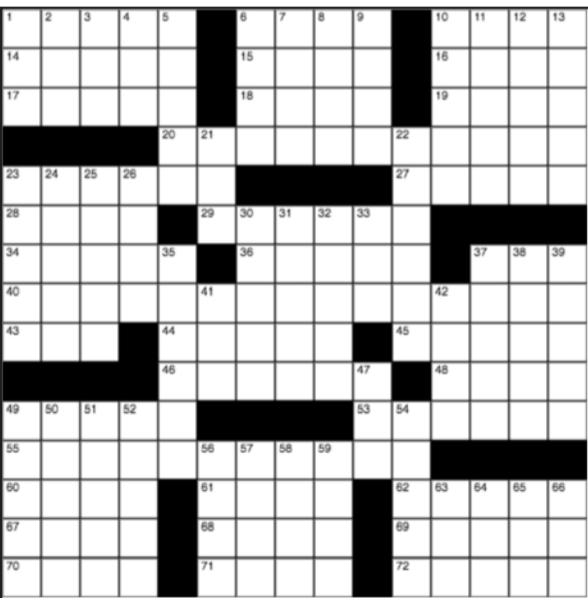
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Table listing weather conditions for world cities like Moscow, Frankfurt, Paris, London, New York.

CROSSWORDS

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## MACAU SQUASH OPEN 2017

# Double Egyptian delight as Abouelghar and Gohar win

IT was a double Egyptian delight as second seeds Mohamed Abouelghar and Nouran Gohar took top honours at the rain-interrupted finals of the Macau Squash Open 2017.

Rain caused general disruption to the tournament, but stopped just in time for the women's final. Halfway through the first game it came back with a vengeance and there was no other option but to move play back to the squash center across the peninsula.

According to a press release issued yesterday by the Macau Squash Association, the women started with a high tempo with Joelle King and Nouran Gohar eager to be in front and taking the ball as early as possible. The first couple of points were close, with both taking turns to lead up to 3-3. New Zealand's King then had a lucky bounce on her serve to budge ahead that was followed by a nick. She got another two points to 7-4. The rain came pouring during the next rally and a quick call was made to move play back to the squash



Nouran Gohar (left)

center.

Once back at the squash center, it seemed that Gohar adapted quicker and she drew level before going on to take the cru-

cial first game 13-11.

The second game saw both players continue to demonstrate their respective styles in a broad continuation from the

first game; King with her occasional holds and soft cross court backhands and Gohar with her power play and rare soft touches in the front. It was close up to 7-7, before Gohar raced the next four points for a two-game lead.

Both players traded points once again in the third, with neither initially taking more than a two-point lead. But finally, Gohar made a breakthrough to steal the game.

"I think I've had five gold events where I've been runner up. To win today, it's a big thing for me. Not so much beating Joelle [King], but it's like a victory against myself. I was a little nervous when play was stopped earlier. It's not something I am used to dealing with. It nearly happened in China also, but today, play actually moved back. Joelle was leading then and that affected me in a positive way. I'm really happy with the way I stayed focused mentally tonight."

In the men's, second seed Mohamed Abouelghar played

flawlessly, awing the crowd at the squash center. Abouelghar was able to maintain a level of control over opponent Saurav Ghosal that made the game look easy. In just one moment was Ghosal in the lead – the first point of the game – and he would not lead again.

After dropping the opening point, the Egyptian star raced through the next eleven points in succession for the lead. He followed this up with the next six points in the second game. Saurav won back two points and drew a loud applause from the crowd.

But after that, it was back to Mohamed controlling the T and sending Saurav all over the court. In a befitting end to the game, Mohamed leapt high into air for a soft forehand volley drop that ended so delicately in the front. The third game continued in much the same fashion, taking Abouelghar just 29 minutes in total to win his second USD50,000 event.

"It wasn't as easy as it looked in there. Saurav has been around for a long time and his skills are second to none. When I heard we were moving back here, I thought it's a good thing for me as the glass court is a lot more dead, so it's better for Saurav's shot making," said Macau Open champion Abouelghar. This is a great start to the season for me," he added.

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# Trump's criticisms spark more protests at NFL games

**P**RESIDENT Donald Trump's criticism of players who kneel during the national anthem sparked angry protests around the National Football League Sunday, as about 200 players sat, knelt or raised their fists in defiance. A week ago, just six players protested.

Most NFL players on Sunday locked arms with their teammates — some standing, others kneeling — in a show of solidarity. A handful of teams stayed off the field until after “The Star-Spangled Banner” to avoid the issue altogether.

As he prepared to board Air Force One to return to Washington from New Jersey, Trump said the players protesting the anthem were “very disrespectful to our country” and called again on owners to stop what he considers unpatriotic displays in America's most popular sport.

“This has nothing to do with race,” Trump said. “This has to do with respect for our country.”

The president's attack on athletes turned the anthems — usually sung during commercials — into must-watch television shown live by the networks and Yahoo!, which streamed the game in London. In some NFL stadiums, crowds booed or yelled at players to stand. There was also some applause.

The NFL and its players, often at odds, used Sunday's anthems to show unity. One of Trump's biggest supporters in the NFL, Patriots owner Robert Kraft, joined the chorus when he expressed “deep disappointment” with Trump.

“I like Bob very much. He's my friend. He gave me a Super Bowl ring a month ago. So he's a good friend of mine and I want him to do what he wants to do,” Trump said. “We have great people representing our country, especially our soldiers our first responders and they should be treated with respect. [...] And when you get on your knee and you don't respect the American flag or the anthem.”

The protests started more than a year ago when former San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick refused to stand during the anthem as a protest of police treatment of minorities. This season, no team has signed him, and some supporters believe NFL owners are avoiding him because of the controversy.

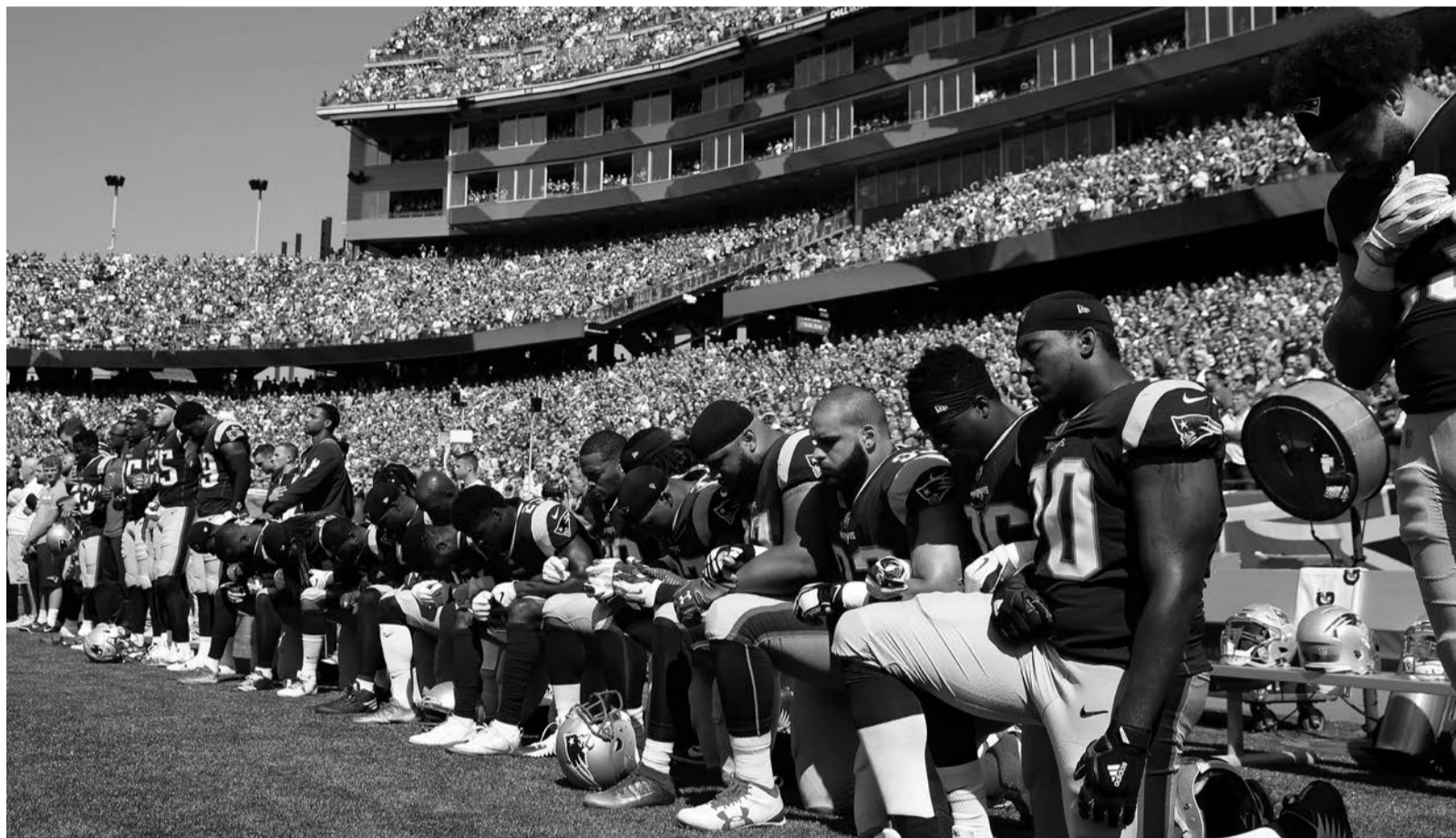
A handful of white players didn't stand Sunday, but the vast majority of those actively protesting were black.

Defensive star Von Miller was among the large group of Denver Broncos who took a knee in Buffalo Sunday, where Bills running back LeSean McCoy stretched during the anthem.

“We felt like President Trump's speech was an assault on our most cherished right, freedom of speech,” said Miller, who normally steers clear of politics and social issues.

Dozens of more players protes-

AP PHOTO



Several New England Patriots players kneel during the national anthem before an NFL football game against the Houston Texans

ted before the Raiders-Redskins game, the final one of the day and not far from the White House in Landover, Maryland. All but a handful of Raiders sat on their bench and seven Redskins took a knee while their teammates stood arm-in-arm along with owner Dan Snyder and president Bruce Allen.

In Chicago, the Pittsburgh Steelers stayed in the tunnel except for one player, Army veteran Alejandro Villanueva, who stood outside with a hand over his heart. Both the Seahawks and Titans stayed inside until after the national anthem was over in Nashville, a throwback to the pre-2009 NFL when teams, not the league, set pre-game policy regarding players standing on the sideline for the anthem.

A handful of NFL players had been continuing Kaepernick's protest this season, but that ballooned Sunday following Trump's two-day weekend rant. It began with the president calling for NFL protesters to be fired and continued Saturday when he rescinded a White House invitation for the NBA champion Golden State Warriors over star Stephen Curry's criticism.

The president's delving into the NFL protests started by Kaepernick brought new attention and angered many players who took one insult as a personal attack on their mothers.

“Wouldn't you love to see one of these NFL owners, when somebody disrespects our flag, you'd say, ‘Get that son of a bitch off the field right now. Out! He's fired,’”

Trump said to loud applause Friday night at a rally in Huntsville, Alabama.

“I'm a son of a queen,” Falcons defensive lineman Grady Jarrett said.

Super Bowl MVP Tom Brady was among the New England Patriots who locked arms in solidarity in Foxborough, Massachusetts. Aaron Rodgers did the same with his teammates in Green Bay.

“Standing with locked arms is good, kneeling is not acceptable. Bad ratings!” Trump tweeted Sunday.

“We felt like President Trump's speech was an assault on our most cherished right, freedom of speech.”

VON MILLER  
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In Detroit, anthem singer Rico Lavelle took a knee at the word “brave,” lowering his head and raising his right fist. In Nashville, anthem singer Meghan Linsey, took a knee as she finished singing.

Jets Chairman and CEO Christopher Johnson, whose brother, Woody, is the ambassador to En-

gland and one of Trump's most ardent supporters, called it “an honor and a privilege to stand arm-in-arm unified with our players during today's national anthem” in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

The issue reverberated across the Atlantic, where about two dozen players took a knee during the playing of the U.S. anthem at Wembley Stadium.

“We stand with our brothers,” Ravens linebacker Terrell Suggs said. “They have the right and we knelt with them today. To protest, non-violent protest, is as American as it gets, so we knelt with them today to let them know that we're a unified front.”

Jaguars owner Shad Khan and players on both teams who were not kneeling remained locked arm-in-arm throughout the playing of the anthem and “God Save The Queen.” No players knelt during the British anthem.

“Me taking a knee doesn't change the fact that I support our military, I'm a patriot and I love my country,” Bills linebacker Lorenzo Alexander said. “But I also recognize there are some social injustices in this country and today I wanted to take a knee in support of my brothers who have been doing it.”

Alexander said he'll go back to standing for the anthem next week.

“I just wanted to show them that I was with them today, especially in the backdrop of our president making the comments about our players, about their mothers,” Alexander said. “And then you put that in conjunction with how

he tried to gray-area Nazism and KKK members as being fine people, I had to take a knee.”

The National Hockey League's reigning champion Pittsburgh Penguins announced Sunday they've accepted a White House invitation from Trump. The Penguins said they respect the office of the president and “the long tradition of championship team visiting the White House.”

Before Game 1 of the WNBA Finals in Minneapolis on Sunday, the Los Angeles Sparks left the floor while the Minnesota Lynx stood arm-in-arm. The Sparks returned to a chorus of boos when the song was finished.

Trump also mocked the league's crackdown on illegal hits, suggesting the league had softened because of its safety initiatives.

Kahn, who was among the NFL owners who chipped in USD1 million to the Trump inauguration committee, said he met with his team captains before kickoff in London “to express my support for them, all NFL players and the league following the divisive and contentious remarks made by President Trump.”

Among the strongest criticisms of the president Sunday was this from Saints coach Sean Payton: “I'm disappointed in the comments that were made. I think we need a little bit more wisdom in that office,” he said of the White House. “I want that guy to be one of the smarter guys in the room and it seems like every time he's opening up his mouth it's something that is dividing our country and not pulling us together.” AP

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**BUREAUCRACY AND THE 'RULE OF THREE'**

**Bureaucracy** is equally as astonishing and stifling in Macau, as it seems to be everywhere else in the world.

Or at least that's what I thought until very recently. I assumed that bureaucracy was pretty much the same the world over, but maybe made slightly worse in Macau by the not unusual instances of unprofessionalism.

What I mean by unprofessionalism is mainly staff members – usually customer service reps – not knowing or pretending not to know the answers to the most basic of enquiries. Sometimes, they answer you anyway, though the tone in their voice suggests far from 100 percent confidence.

I am told that the six months-plus lead-time needed by some government institutions to process an application is warranted by a backlog of thousands of other applications. In which case, why is it so difficult to recall the circumstances of those other applications and advise on specific requirements?

I follow a 'rule of three' when trying to extract information from customer service representatives: 1. Call up a representative and ask what is required. 2. Call another representative, ask what is required and verify any discrepancies. 3. Repeat step 2.

This helps to avoid turning in a pink form only to be told you need a yellow one.

When I first arrived in Macau, I learnt this the hard way. For one application, I downloaded an official form from the institution's website, completed it and turned it in to the application center. But the staff member told me that my form was outdated and could not be accepted. I hadn't realized that the department's website was update-free since 2004, but the staff member I rang up didn't tell me that either.

Like many others, I quickly became resigned to the headaches of Macau's bureaucracy... and complained about it often. But then, only a few months ago, I had a revelation of sorts when attempting to navigate the bureaucratic landscape of my home country.

My rule of three, born out of practicality in Macau, was tested to its limit in Britain. It's not that customer service representatives weren't helpful; they just didn't know the correct procedure but offered an opinion anyway. Each rep that I contacted had a different, but 'assured' perspective on how to file the application and the required supporting documents.

Then there is the fact that some UK government websites have no direct contact information listed. Instead, they charge concerned applicants the equivalent of about MOP60 per email enquiry, only to reply with a one-line answer. Did that answer your question? No? Feel free to send us another email.

We foreigners forget how lucky we have things in Macau, and the locals and mainlanders are – thankfully – happy to show us another way.

I recall one instance, around two years ago, when I needed to apply for a tourist visa at a consulate in Macau. I arrived with the required paperwork complete, only I had forgotten to bring with me a passport-sized picture to affix to my application.

With only an hour or so to go before closing time, I decided to ask a security officer at the consulate for the closest place to have such a picture taken.

The security officer, who was stationed in a small security office at the consulate's entrance, motioned for me to walk around to his side of the desk and step into a tight storage cupboard, no more than 60cm wide. I hesitated... but complied, and the security officer pulled down a white backdrop and took a picture of me with his phone.

Feeling rather sheepish and possibly the butt of a joke, I was told by the security officer to wait for a little while. Less than 15 minutes later and about MOP100 lighter, someone dropped off four, professional-looking passport-sized photos.

Now that's economic diversification.

**THE PHILIPPINES ACCEPTS MALAYSIA'S REJECTION OF ASEAN STATEMENT**

The Philippines said yesterday it respects Malaysia's decision to dissociate itself from a statement on Myanmar's Rakhine state issued by Foreign Secretary Alan Peter Cayetano as chairman of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

Malaysia's Foreign Minister Anifah Aman said this weekend that Malaysia was dissociating itself from the statement because it misrepresents the reality of the situation, omits reference to Rohingya Muslims as one of the affected communities and was not based on consensus – a rare public spat in

ASEAN, which prides itself in its unity and decisions by consensus.

Manila said the Philippines, as ASEAN chair, issued the statement taking into account sentiments of others in the 10-member regional bloc and after extensive consultation with Malaysia.

The ASEAN chairman's statement condemned "the attacks against Myanmar security forces" and "all acts of violence which resulted in loss of civilian lives, destruction of homes and displacement of large numbers of people."

**Airbnb launches NYC tours with Sarah Jessica Parker**



Sarah Jessica Parker

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**AIRBNB** is launching local tours and other experiences in New York City this week, with one listing promising "an unforgettable shoe-shopping experience" led by a New Yorker whose bio describes her as "an actor, producer, businesswoman ... and a proud New Yorker."

That host is Sarah Jessica Parker. Each participant will get a pair of shoes from her SJP Collection at Bloomingdale's, with a stop at the department store's Forty Carrots cafe for frozen yogurt before the guests head off to the ballet.

The listing for Parker's Oct. 6 experience will go live today, with four spaces bookable at USD400 each, first come, first served. The money will go to the New York City Ballet, where Parker is a board member.

Parker said in a phone interview with The Associated Press that she gave a lot of thought to making sure that her tour "speaks to the very colorful identity that is New York. We could have gone to MOMA or the Whitney or walked through Chinatown or cer-

tainly had a nice walk on the High Line or just strolled the streets of the East Village or Midtown East." She decided on Bloomingdale's because it's "an iconic destination" where she hopes to "be of service" in helping her guests pick out the perfect footwear.

The ballet, she added, is "one of the great cultural experiences anybody can have" in New York, whether they live here or are visiting.

Parker's listing is one of several Airbnb "social impact experiences" being offered in New York by celebrities for charity. Others include former NFL player Michael Strahan taking guests golfing at Chelsea Piers to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and actor Ansel Elgort leading a visit to his Brooklyn neighborhood to benefit American Red Cross hurricane relief efforts.

Airbnb has been offering experiences in other cities since November as part of a larger "trips" platform. It's now in 40 markets worldwide, including Barcelona, Havana and Tokyo. A handful of New York experiences have been listed since March, all in Harlem, but the trips rollout this week will ex-

pand to 150 experiences citywide, from "secrets of the subway" to a walk through New York's "tattoo history."

Prices for experiences in other markets range from under \$10 to more than \$100, depending on location and what's offered. Hosts get 80 percent of the fee, Airbnb the rest, except for the social impact experiences, where 100 percent goes to charity.

Fans of the HBO series "Sex and the City," which Parker starred in, still seek out places around New York where the show was filmed. "There's so much of the city that I recall from the many years of shooting on the streets," Parker said. Did she consider taking guests on her Airbnb tour to Magnolia Bakery in Greenwich Village, where a famous cupcake-eating scene was shot? "You know what," she said with a laugh, "it didn't even occur to me."

Airbnb is primarily known for vacation rentals around the world. Officials in many cities have criticized the company, saying its short-term rentals are reducing long-term housing options for residents and forcing prices up. **AP**

Station	Air quality
Roadside	13-35 Good
High Density Residential Area	13-35 Good
Ambient	20-540 Good

SOURCE: DSI/MG

**WORLD BRIEFS**



**INDONESIA** Nearly 50,000 people have fled the Mount Agung volcano on the Indonesian tourist island of Bali, fearing an imminent eruption as dozens of tremors rattle the surrounding region. Indonesian authorities have raised the volcano's alert status to the highest level following a dramatic increase in seismic activity. [More on p13](#)

**RUSSIA** The U.N. human rights office said in a report yesterday that Russia is violating international law in Crimea by imposing Russian citizenship on its people and deliberately transferring hundreds of prisoners to Russia.

**SYRIA** U.S.-backed forces in eastern Syria say Russia bombed their positions yesterday in a major natural gas field they recently captured from Islamic State militants. The two sides are racing to defeat the militants and snap up oil and gas fields, fueling fears of conflict.



**TURKEY-IRAQ** Turkey is strongly opposed to the referendum Iraqi Kurds are holding on whether their semi-autonomous region should seek independence from Baghdad. The Turkish government, which has been fighting a Kurdish rebel insurgency for more than three decades, has threatened economic and military action. [More on p14](#)

**ROMANIA**'s ruling party yesterday backed two ministers who have been named in a criminal inquiry into allegations of abuse of office during a land transfer.

**GERMANY** Chancellor Angela Merkel defended an election campaign that left her conservative bloc in first place but significantly weakened as she embarked yesterday on what could be a lengthy quest to form a new government. [More on p15](#)