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Activists held a protest outside the Liaison Office to call for the release of mainland lawyer Xu Zhiyong

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**HONG KONG**'s Air Quality Health Index recorded 'very high' health risk at one of the three roadside-monitoring stations, according to data from the Environmental Protection Department. The index was 8 on a scale of 1 to 10+ in Central and Causeway Bay and 7 or "high" in Causeway Bay as of 1 p.m. local time. A cross-border ferry carrying more than 80 passengers also collided with a container ship in New Territories' Tuen Mun amid poor visibility in thick fog, the South China Morning Post reported.

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**INDIA**'s Supreme Court has commuted the death sentences for three men convicted in the 1991 assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. The three were among 26 convicted of playing minor roles in the May 1991 assassination, but were the only ones left on death row after the others were released or had their sentences commuted earlier. More on p12

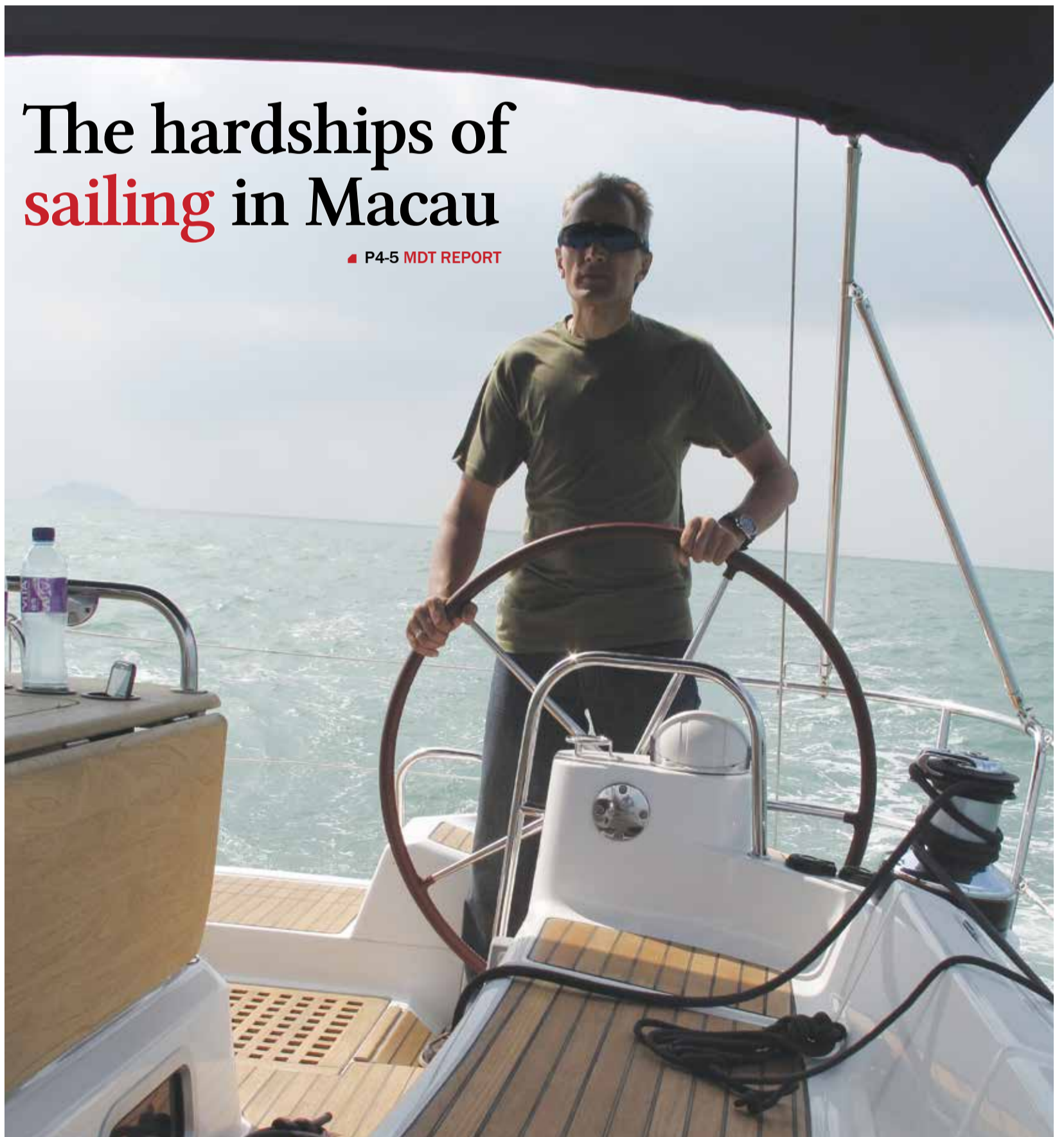
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## SMEs only to be supported through Credit Granting Scheme

Small and medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) are not going to be benefiting from any specific mechanisms created to help cope with the escalating rise in property rental prices. Instead, these enterprises will benefit from the government's Credit Granting Scheme. According to Radio Macau, lawmaker Chan Chak Mo, President of the 2nd Standing Committee, explained that legislators "did not discuss any plans concerning the increase in rent." Whilst speaking at the conclusion of another committee meeting to debate amendments to the current law on the credit provided to SMEs, Chan Chak Mo added that "The increases on rents, salaries and raw materials are assessed in a wider way by the government when a warranty is granted." The government is suggesting an increase from MOP600 million to MOP1 billion, which is the maximum amount of money available under two plans to grant credit to SMEs. The increase will allow a further 110 projects to benefit from the scheme's credit, the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Mr Francis Tam, announced in January. In the next Standing Committee (which will be the second), lawmakers will discuss the need to extend the scheme, which was implemented in 2013 and has so far supported 436 SMEs. Chan Chak Mo shared that the bill will be presented to the AL plenary next month.



## Portuguese school to maintain current location

The Portuguese School of Macau (EPM) will remain located at Avenida Infante D. Henrique in its current building. According to a Radio Macau report, the Portuguese government has decided not to move the school to another place in the city, as had been discussed before. The decision is due to be communicated to the MSAR government prior to the visit of the President of the Portuguese Republic, Mr Cavaco Silva, who will be returning to visit the territory in May. Over recent years, several suggestions for the future of the school have emerged, but the Portuguese government has decided to maintain EPM's current location. The Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Mr Cheong U, has stated that Macau's government would give full support to either decision: whether to maintain the current location or to move the school to the former Hotel Estoril building in the Tap Seac area.



# New Macau protests against jailing of mainland lawyer

João Pedro Lau

**T**HREE members of the New Macau Association (ANM) and other activists held a protest outside the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in Macau yesterday. They called for the release of a mainland activist lawyer Xu Zhiyong, who was given a four-year sentence for what ANM called groundless accusations, as well as some other dissidents who were also jailed or detained by the Chinese authorities.

"Today, the ANM and some of our friends come here to issue a statement reprimanding Xi Jinping's government for suppressing a legal civil movement. On January 27, lawyer Xu Zhiyong was sentenced to four years in prison because he was in-

involved in the Chinese New Citizens' Movement and advocated for education equality, anti-discrimination and some other mild livelihood issues. Unfortunately, he was still groundlessly accused of 'gathering crowds to disrupt public order' and was sentenced to four years in prison," said ANM member So Ka Hou.

He continued to suggest that Xu and three other people who are also imprisoned were only exercising their basic rights, which are listed in the Chinese Constitution. However, the Chinese government still did not tolerate them. Mr So said that he doesn't think that the government has the sincerity to build a better country. "People know that Constitution Articles 35, 37 and 38 state

clearly that we possess a lot of rights including publication, assembly and protest. But these Articles are only empty words when it comes to practice." So Ka Hou then called out to Macau residents to treasure the freedom they enjoy. ANM also hopes that residents can echo the spirit and insignia of the New Citizens' Movement – "Free, Righteous, Loving". ANM president Jason Chao also said that since China has become a member of the United Nations' Human Rights Committee, it should become a model for other countries.

Moreover, So Ka Hou claimed that the Liaison Office was uncooperative by refusing to receive the petition letter handed to them by AMN. He said that a staff

member of the Liaison Office had given them a phone number before and asked them to call the number if AMN was planning on any more protests or submitting more letters. However, So claimed that the person who answered the phone said that they are not responsible for these matters. The group also refused to receive the letter during lunch hour, which So Ka Hou believes is not a difficult task.

### WHO IS XU ZHIYONG?

**XU ZHIYONG** founded the New Citizens movement to promote clean governance and fairness in education. He was sentenced in January to four years in prison.

## Ferries delayed in foggy weather

**F**OR the past two days, Macau has been under the influence of a humid easterly breeze, which was particularly strong yesterday afternoon when a thick fog began to linger over the city, drastically reducing visibility. The Marine and Water Bureau (DSAMA) has imposed sea traffic control since 9.15 p.m. on Monday night on the Outer Harbour and Pac On Temporary ferry terminals, after the visibility dropped to lower than

half a nautical mile. This means that ferries could only sail in a single direction on a low speed. This safety measure led to the delay of 60 ferries at the Outer Harbour Ferry Terminal yesterday, for around 70 minutes on average, and 22 ferries at the Taipa Terminal for an average of 45 minutes. Ip Va Hong, Head of DSAMA's Department of Port Management, revealed that the visibility in Taipa had at one point dropped to zero. A

spokesperson from DSAMA told Macau Daily Times that the sea traffic control was lifted at 1.45 p.m. yesterday after the condition had improved. An affected passenger told TDM that they took the 8 a.m. ferry from Hong Kong yesterday and could only alight at 11 a.m. He said that most of the passengers were understanding of the situation. The fog started to dissipate yesterday afternoon following the arrival of a cold front.

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**W**HEN they sail, they're free. It's the pure freedom that sailing entails that brings them on board. "You hear only the sound of wind and water, and feel the boat moving as it cuts through the waves," says Robert Biuk-Aghai, a co-owner of a yacht, who has been living in Macau since 1993 and is an assistant professor at the University of Macau's Department of Computer and Information Science.

Looking back to his childhood, he recalls how other boys grew up wanting to be firemen or policemen, while he dreamt of one day becoming the captain of a ship. It wouldn't come to happen, but sailing would still be part of his life.

Surrounded by water, it would be hard to dissociate Macau's history from sailing as it has been home to many sailors. If we look closer, it still is. But, today, what does it mean to be a sailor or a boat owner in Macau? What does it entail? What does one need to think of when purchasing a boat?

There's more to sailing than pure love of freedom. Behind the feeling of being out among nature, owning a boat can mean frequent trips to Hong Kong for repair, a little space to moor vessels, maintenance costs and immigration paperwork. Still, there is a small community fighting to go out to sea.

When Robert Biuk-Aghai moved to Macau, he was sure that it would be only a matter of time before he got started with sailing. "I didn't become a captain of a ship, but a few years ago I became a co-owner of a 30-foot sailing yacht and obtained a coastal skipper license from the government's Maritime Training School. I love sailing," he enthuses.

So what does one need to do first to kick off this sea adventure? Finding a boat definitely tops the list. And here it begins: the frequent travel to Hong Kong. According to Robert Biuk-Aghai, it is difficult to find second-hand boats in Macau, which can be a problem unless one has sufficient funding to buy a new one.

Secondly, an owner needs to

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Robert Biuk-Aghai

register the boat with the government's Marine and Water Bureau. But the biggest issue emerges when trying to find a place to moor the boat, all vessel owners told the Times.

"There is only one private marina in Macau, operated by the Clube Náutico de Macau (CNM) at Lam Mau near Fai Chi Kei, which only has a few dozen mooring spaces and is currently full," Robert Biuk-Aghai says.

In addition, fixed costs such as bi-annual boat-licensing fees,

annual radio-licensing fees and a mooring rental fee are just a few aspects to keep in mind. Nevertheless, Robert Biuk-Aghai says Macau is still considerably cheap when compared to other places across the globe. "In Macau you can get started with sailing for very little money," he says, adding that a dinghy sailing course costs MOP1,000, and that membership fees to use boats at the sailing center in Hac Sa are also MOP1,000 every three months.

But among the hardships of sailing in Macau, there is "difficulty in actually going ashore anywhere nearby," Robert stressed. Where Hong Kong has a multitude of islands to anchor and go ashore, Macau can only offer Taipa and Coloane. All other islands belong to Zhuhai and "we are not permitted to go ashore there."

Sailing to Hong Kong might appear to be a good alternative, but sailors need to bear immigration formalities and port clearances in mind. "I don't have to do that more than two or three times a year," says Robert,

blem of dealing with traffic in Macau harbor (...) It would also require substantial cooperation between the two governments," he commented.

In his opinion, the marina could be paid out of government funds, with berths and mooring spaces being leased for a nominal fee. In addition, the adjacent land could be made available to the private sector for use in establishing club-type facilities.

When Scott Beighley first arrived in Macau back in 2002, he was expecting to find "an active sailing community" given the Portuguese and Chinese maritime history that spans over many centuries, "but such was not the case," he recalls.

## In Macau you can get started with sailing for very little money

ROBERT BIUK-AGHAI

He had worked and lived in New Zealand for three years, where the surrounding ocean compelled him to buy an offshore sailing yacht. Before, he had lived in Korea and Thailand. Wanting to return to Asia, Scott Beighley was able to find work in Macau and moved to the city in 2002.

One year later, another side of the Pearl River Delta would catch his full attention. The Sai Kung area, in Hong Kong, opened up new sailing horizons. "There is an active sailing community in that area and it is where Hebe Haven Yacht Club is located. I joined the club and bought another yacht," he recalls.

Upon later returning to Macau, he found that sailing between the two cities on the same day was not feasible and decided to move the boat here, where he kept it between 2010 and 2011. Over eight years, he says he has spent around HKD200,000 on maintenance, replacements and upgrades.

Comparing both sides of the Pearl River delta, he expresses that sailing in Macau is rather difficult. Given the distance between the inner harbors, where yachts are moored, "It can take

### LIVING ON WATER

**CONSTRAINTS FOUND** particularly in Macau might put one off from living aboard boats. The option, however, seems quite popular on the other side of the Pearl River Delta region. In Hong Kong, the so-called "floating flats" can be seen around Aberdeen, Gold Coast, Sai Kung and Discovery Bay. According to a recently published report by the South China Morning Post, a houseboat can cost between HKD1 million and HKD6 million, depending on the size

and age of the boat. Whenever property prices rise, such floating homes seem to become more attractive. However, discussions on online forums have suggested that these are also subject to "speculative forces" that do not differ much from the housing market. From club fees to renting a berth or paying utility bills, it has become clear that living above water will not be any cheaper. Nevertheless, those who opt for a floating flat say it is all about the different lifestyle.

### OWNING USAGE RIGHTS

**IN MACAU**, as in Hong Kong, the rights of using mooring spaces aren't simple. Those thinking of purchasing a boat should first guarantee that they will have a dockside slot that they will be able to use under their specific class of membership; these are usually given at the local marina club. This requires a debenture, as these structures give boat owners the right to lease a moorage to a third person. The berth, however, remains the property of the government.

well more than an hour to travel to a point past the airport and into the Pearl River Delta." Moreover, he points out that such a journey is far from easy, taking into account the commercial traffic in the area.

The lack of facilities is indicated as another challenge faced when owning a boat in Macau. It means that frequent travels to Hong Kong are in order. "I had to sail my yacht back to Hong Kong for repairs and to have maintenance work done. In addition, compared to Hong Kong, Macau does not have any trades people who can work on pleasure boats or merchants who can supply boat equipment (...) While there is merchandise on offer in Macau that is suitable for fishing boats and perhaps power boats, there isn't much on offer suitable for sailing boats," he says.

For Carlos Costa, another boat owner living and working in the city, sailing in Macau is an interesting and always different challenge. He too recalls sailing as a childhood dream. In Portugal, he had already learned how to sail and had bought a boat. As his stay in Macau was extended, Carlos Costa thought of taking up a sport and sailing appeared to be an unavoidable choice.

"Since I was a child I was passionate about the sea and, especially, about sailing (...) Sailing allows me to be closer to nature; the silence, the quality of the air not too far from the coast contrasts with the environment in which we live in Macau (...) For me, sailing is a mental therapy and at the same time a refuge," he reveals.

Nevertheless, it is clear that the Pearl River Delta waters often pose a challenge for those courageous enough to sail away. As Scott Beighley also pointed out, the distance between the inner harbor marina and the area in which they can hoist their sails might be far bigger than one



Carlos Costa

## Macau does not have trades people who can work on pleasure boats or merchants who can supply boat equipment

SCOTT BEIGHLEY

might think at first. "We have to travel seven miles in the sailing channel and as the boat engines are only intended for small maneuvers, this section of the journey can take more than two hours," Carlos Costa explains.

The currents and the intense

traffic of the Pearl River Delta are hardships he frequently has to overcome. But as soon as one leaves such obstacles behind and traverses past by the airport, "The water is much cleaner, the air less polluted and we can only hear the sound of the water hitting on the boat's hull. This allows for a moment of immense tranquility," he describes. As the boat is not yet fully equipped, costs remain an estimation, but Carlos Costa believes he will be paying an annual amount of MOP35,000, including berthing, insurance, safety equipment and maintenance.

The love of the sea and of nature, and a desire to overcome challenges compelled Sam Chong to sail in Macau and purchase a yacht. He too explains it was a childhood dream. "I have been fascinated with the freedom that sailing brings since I

was a little boy, not to mention the fact that navigating and being able to control the boat requires quite a lot of comprehensive knowledge in different fields, as safety is a key issue. I see it as something fun but also a challenge, not only to me but to mankind," he declares.

But before purchasing a boat in Macau, one needs to think of a place to berth, he also warns. "The Marine and Water Bureau requires a boat owner to produce written proof of having a place to berth your vessel before one can actually bring in a boat and have it registered here in Macau," he says, adding that "many people might go ahead and buy a boat first and it never comes to mind how and whether

they can become a member of the club at the marina."

After finding a place to berth, filling out paperwork to register the boat, and getting it inspected, the vessel is technically ready to go out to the sea. But here also emerges the hardship of knowing where to sail to, as other boat owners emphasized. "Tell me, where can I go in Macau? Technically, we are not allowed to take our boats to other marinas in nearby cities except the ones in Hong Kong. Yes, we can sail to nearby islands but the ports are not opened for leisure boating," Sam Chong recalls.

Costs are another element one needs to consider, but, according to Sam Chong, most maintenance works can actually be done using the motto: "do it yourself." Regarding his yacht, he provides an estimation of around MOP500 or MOP600 per month.

He also claims that Macau is still relatively cheap when compared to Hong Kong. Moreover, another advantage is the fact that the sailing community is quite small, close and friendly. "It's important for people to help each other out at sea," he says.

But the size of the community also makes him wonder why sailing isn't more common or popular in the city. "It should have it [a sailing tradition], but we all know there is little such culture here. I wouldn't say none, but considering that Macau was a fishing town for centuries, a prominent and important sea-trade port in this part of the world before Hong Kong emerged, and also being a former colony with the Portuguese sailing to Macau hundreds of years ago, I am quite surprised that not that many people here like sailing."

## Marine and Water Bureau on the hunt for more dockside spaces

**T**HE Marine and Water Bureau is looking to find prospective marina places, as currently there is only a small basin located at the eastern side of the Inner Harbor, which is used to moor both sailing and power watercrafts. Susana Wong, director of the Marine and Water Affairs Bureau told the Times that there is a scheme through which yachts from the mainland can sail on Macau waters and, therefore, the government is looking to extend the current offer in terms of the marinas.

However, the Bureau has no precise timetable on the matter, Susana Wong added. While the lack of dockside space to moor boats is pointed out by some sailing lovers as one of the key issues in Macau, Susana Wong dismissed the idea that there is a real demand for berthing spaces. "There are some people who would like to profit from mooring yachts by renting them," she said.

Nevertheless, she assured that the govern-

ment is looking into the issue, and if the demand increases, they will act accordingly. The head of the Maritime Activities Department, Mr Kuok Kuong Wa, explained that the Bureau is willing to find other places, mainly sites in western Macau, specifically in the waters between Hengqin and Macau, reasoning that "it will be too windy in the east."

According to Mr Kuok, the Bureau is not excluding Taipa, and is assessing whether there is any place in which a marina could be built, particularly since there aren't any boat-related facilities in the area.

However, he recognized that difficulties could emerge. He concluded by saying, "It's not likely that we will just find and choose a place; we need to negotiate with other departments too. For instance, there are places, which could seem appropriate at first but where we then realize a yacht cannot really disembark." **CP/JPL**



KEVIN LEWIS

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# TDM news anchor against transfer to Hengqin

**I**N an opinion piece published in the newspaper "Tribuna de Macau", Jorge Silva, a veteran journalist and anchor of the broadcaster's Portuguese channel, shared his discontent with the idea that a new broadcasting building could be built for TDM in Hengqin. Such an idea had been conveyed by the government's spokesperson and delegate to TDM, Mr Alexis Tam.

"The current TDM facilities are not appropriate; we need to find an alternative (...) Perhaps they could be located in Hengqin Island. Why not? We could establish a partnership with Guangdong province and launch some offices and studios there," Alexis Tam had suggested.

Journalist Jorge Silva argues that Hengqin Island is only being used as a solution by the government in accordance with the pressing issue of the lack of space in Macau. However, he questioned that lack of space, saying that there are still areas within the Macau peninsula, or even Coloane, in which a new TDM building could

RENATO MARQUES



be established.

"(...) Hengqin Island is an enormous misconception, even if [in that area] the law and jurisdiction of the MSAR prevail. The most important institutions in a country, city or capital should not be transferred to exterior areas out of its territorial limitations," he stated.

Jorge Silva presented arguments against the transfer of TDM to Hengqin, emphasizing that the station should stay "where it

was born and where it belongs."

"Journalism relies upon permanent contact with sources and the environment in which it is established (...)," he explained, suggesting that the government should first hear the thoughts of those working at TDM.

"More than knowing whether all services will be integrated in the same building, it is crucial to know where we are going," Jorge Silva declared. "Hengqin Island? No, thanks." **CP**

## New residential loans grow

Residential mortgage loans (RMLs) grew in December 2013, whereas those of commercial real estate loans (CRELs) dropped, according to statistics released yesterday by the Monetary Authority of Macau. In December 2013, new RMLs approved by Macau banks grew 1.2 pct month-to-month to MOP3 billion, of which 99.1 pct was extended to residents. In terms of value, new RMLs to residents increased by 4.2 pct, whereas the loans to non-residents declined by 75.8 pct. When compared with the same period in 2012, new approvals of RMLs witnessed an increase of 14.5 pct. New RMLs collateralized by uncompleted units (i.e. equitable mortgage) increased by 12.3 pct month-to-month to a total of MOP141.8 million. When compared with the same period of 2012, this type of bank mortgage has expanded by 57.9 pct. As of the end of December 2013, the outstanding value of RMLs reached MOP118.3 billion, an increase of 1.3 pct from one month earlier or 22.3 pct year-on-year. The resident component made up 94.8 pct of the total. Compared to the end of November 2013, outstanding RMLs to residents grew 1.5 pct whereas those to non-residents slid by 1.2 pct.

## Beverages manufacturer recalls lemon tea

Hong Kong beverages manufacturer Vitasoy has announced its decision to withdraw two batches of its major product, "Vita Lemon Tea Drink (original flavor)." The company made the decision after receiving a complaint claiming that the Lemon Tea product that a customer had bought tasted differently from the usual taste. In its statement, Vitasoy said that it has "launched a full investigation in response to the feedback" and admitted that they have found some batches of Lemon Tea's taste that "did have a slight deviation of taste." As a result, they have recalled the batches of 250ml Vita Lemon Tea Drink with the best-before dates of December 22 and December 27 this year. Nevertheless, it has reiterated that the difference in taste is natural and is only caused by the tea leaves used as ingredients, stating that "Natural tea leaves naturally have taste/flavor variation from time to time according to their harvest and condition." Vitasoy stated that customers who have purchased the affected batches of products can call the company's hotline and will be refunded at the point of purchase. The recall covered 500,000 packs of the beverage. 4,300 of them have already been sold in Macau.

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## ART

# Local-born artist auctions paintings to help renovate Chinese schools

Catarina Pinto

**C**ANAL Cheong Jagerroos is a true world citizen. She has visited over 80 countries and showcased her artwork across the globe, but the beginning of her story can be traced to Macau, her hometown. Now, wanting to share her paintings with those who live in the city, the contemporary artist is presenting a solo exhibition, "Pure Affection," which will be inaugurated this Friday at the Rui Cunha Foundation. On display until March 21, the paintings will then be auctioned to raise funds for Chinese schools in need of renovation work.

Six of the paintings included in the exhibit had previously traveled to Venice, in Italy, for one of the most prestigious art events: the Biennale. It was the first time Canal had participated in the event: "The Biennale was very special for me; we all want to participate in it as it is one of the most prestigious art events and it was an extraordinary experience, through which I've met many famed artists," she recalled during a press conference held yesterday at the Rui Cunha Foundation.

Having had the opportunity to display her work in such crucial events, Canal Cheong Jagerroos, who now lives in Finland, wanted to return to her roots. She stated, "I have my roots here and I wish to show the paintings here and keep them with Macau people."

Inspired by the Chinese culture, poems, nature and the



unique experiences she had while having lived in so many different countries, Canal's work incorporates "creative techniques that involve using multiple layers of rice paper, acrylic paint, ink, and traditional Chinese pigments and mixed mediums to derive a sense of depth on canvas," the Rui Cunha Foundation expressed in a statement.

Following the exhibition, the paintings will be auctioned and the collected funds will be donated to schools needing renovation works done in mainland China. "A friend showed me a picture of a school in China, where students had to

take classes in shifts because there was a leak and water was dropping onto the students. They don't have enough ta-

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CANAL CHEONG JAGERROOS

bles. I wanted to help in some way," Canal revealed.

According João Tuibal Gonçalves, vice-president of Rui Cunha's Foundation board of directors, it will be a silent auction, in which Canal will establish a minimum price for each painting and bids will then be written on paper and submitted in an envelope.

Rui Cunha, president of the foundation, stated that it was an honor to receive Canal Cheong Jagerroos's paintings in the gallery. "We would like to see other Macau artists enjoying the same success and following in Canal's example," he stressed.

Having studied Fine Arts at the Guangzhou Academy of Fine Arts and Graphic Design at the Open University of Hong Kong, Canal eventually left Asia and lived in many countries across the globe due to her husband's job. Now, both have settled in Finland with their two children.

Returning to Macau every year to see her family, what Canal sees is constant change. "I see the change is really big, due to the development of the casino industry. Macau used to be calmer, and now when I walk in the streets, I see so many people. But I think Macau is evolving in a good direction," she said.

On exhibition until March 21, some of the paintings feature the contradictory issues brought by the internet's development. "The concept behind pure affection is the idea that we live in a globalized world, which revolves around the internet," she explained, adding that in the paintings she wanted to portray both negative and positive aspects of this globalized era.

In addition to the exhibit, the Rui Cunha Foundation will also be organizing a series of extended events, such as "Canal in Conversation," a seminar hosted by Macau-based artist Denis Murrell, guided tours around Macau addressing school students and conducted by Canal in person, and, of course, the charity auction event.

The opening of the exhibition is scheduled for this Friday at 6:30 p.m.

## Air Macau predicts more competition ahead

**A**IR Macau has indicated that, even if it suffers greater losses in the future due to the increase in competition (brought by the new aviation agreement between Macau and Taiwan), the local airline operator will continue to provide services to local and Taiwan residents. Yang Jian Hua, Vice-President of Air Macau, told TDM that the demand for flights between Macau and Taiwan has

dropped below supply following the allowance of direct flights between the island and the mainland, and this demand is continuing to decline. He revealed that the number of passengers that took the company's Macau-Taiwan-Macau route in 2013 was 70,000 less than the year before. The four daily flights operated by Air Macau were also only 70 percent full. Mr Yang said that his company sustained

an annual loss of MOP30 million on this route in 2012 and that figure doubled last year.

The Vice-President hopes that the Chinese central government will further develop the individual visiting scheme for mainland residents to Taiwan in order to replenish the customer pool. He also stated that the new agreement will help to develop the aviation industries on both sides of the Taiwan Strait.





## PBOC drains funds using repos for first time in eight months

CHINA'S central bank sold repurchase contracts for the first time since June, draining funds from the banking system as money-market rates sink to the lowest levels in at least three months.

The People's Bank of China conducted 48 billion yuan (USD7.9 billion) of 14-day repurchase contracts at 3.8 percent yesterday, according to a statement posted on its website. The monetary authority last issued such contracts on June 6, when it sold 10 billion yuan of 28-day repos. Yesterday's rate is higher than both the 2.75 percent in the June auction and the 2.05 percent when the PBOC last issued 14-day repos in January 2011.

The seven-day repurchase rate, a gauge of funding availability in the banking system, fell eight basis points to 3.76 percent as of 5:02 p.m. in Shanghai, according to a weighted average by the National Interbank Funding Center. It touched 3.71 percent, the lowest since Nov. 13. The overnight rate dropped as much as 24 basis points to 2.63 percent, the lowest since May.

"The central bank needs to maintain funding costs at an appropriate level, and a seven-day repo below 4 percent isn't normal," said Huang Wentao, a Beijing-based bond analyst at China Securities Co. "The PBOC will probably continue repo operations and monetary policy will continue to be neutral-to-tight in the first two quarters."

China's 10-year bonds declined, with the yield on the 4.08 percent government bonds due August 2023 climbing four basis points, or 0.04 percentage point, to 4.56 percent, data from the National Interbank Funding Center showed. That's the biggest gain since Jan. 23. The yield dropped to 4.49 percent on Feb. 13, the lowest since Dec. 4.

One-year interest-rate swaps based on the floating seven-day repo rate were unchanged at 4.84 percent, after climbing as much as four basis points, based on data compiled by Bloomberg.

"Today's move showed the PBOC may be referring to an interest rate corridor in implementing its 'prudent' policy," said Wang Ming, marketing director at Shanghai Yaozhi Asset Management LLP, which oversees 2 billion yuan of fixed-income investments. "It hopes to keep market rates within a reasonable range, with the seven-day repo at about 4 percent to 8 percent." **Bloomberg**

## Bank of East Asia posts record 2013 profit on lending margin

BANK of East Asia Ltd., Hong Kong's largest family-run lender, unexpectedly reported higher 2013 profit as wider lending margins helped offset a drop in trading income. The stock surged the most in five months.

Net income increased 9 percent to a record HK\$6.61 billion (USD852 million), or HK\$2.78 a share, from HK\$6.06 billion, or HK\$2.72 a share, a year earlier, the bank said in a filing to the Hong Kong stock exchange yesterday. That exceeded the HK\$5.89 billion average of 21 analyst estimates compiled by Bloomberg.

The Hong Kong lender stepped up its expansion in China as the nation embarked on its broadest economic reform measures since the 1990s. Bank of East Asia said efforts to bolster its product range in China helped the lender improve interest margins as the Chinese central bank liberalizes interest rates.

"It's a very strong set of results," Grace Wu, Hong Kong-based analyst at Daiwa Securities Co., said by telephone. "We are quite encouraged to see that very strong growth in net interest income, which has more than offset the weaker trading profit."

Net interest income increased 25 percent to HK\$12.2 billion last year, helped by a widening of the net interest margin, according to today's earnings release, which didn't provide the NIM figure. Loans to borrowers in China grew 13 percent in 2013 to HK\$144.2 billion.



The company's net interest margin expanded by 15 basis points to 1.98 percent in the second half of 2013 from the previous six months, while its China business had a 35 basis point gain to 2.46 percent, Sharnie Wong and Chen Wang, Hong Kong-based analysts at Barclays Plc, wrote in a report yesterday.

Bank of East Asia shares rose 3 percent, the most since Sept. 17, to HK\$31.35 at the close in Hong Kong. The stock jumped as much as 5.4 percent after the earnings, which were reported during the midday trading break. The shares lost 0.8 percent in the past 12 months, compared with a 3.4 percent drop by the benchmark Hang Seng Index.

Bank of East Asia has more than 120 outlets in China, which ac-

counted for 40 percent of the lender's 2013 operating income, according to data on its website and yesterday's statement.

The bank devoted more resources to expanding its China business including setting up a team for supply-chain financing and developing more high-yielding retail loans such as auto loans and micro-financing last year, it said yesterday.

"Mainland China has been and will remain a key focus," Chief Executive Officer David Li wrote in the earnings report. "We will further strengthen collaboration among our branch networks in Hong Kong, mainland China and overseas to capture opportunities arising from increasing business flows to and from the mainland." **Bloomberg**

### corporate bits

The MGM Art Space: "Botticelli's Venus: The Life and Times of a Goddess" exhibition inaugurated since Dec 20, 2013, has received more than 1,200 students taking its art appreciation tour. This unique educational experience on the golden period of the Renaissance is now confirmed to extend until March, 15, 2014.

In just two weeks after Chinese New Year, the Art Space has accommodated nine schools and since the opening of the exhibition it has already received more than 1,200 Primary, Secondary and University students from various local Chinese, Portuguese and International schools.

Mr. Toby Leung, Vice President of Marketing and Communications said: "Meeting enthusiastic students and teachers and

#### MGM ART SPACE OFFERS SCHOOL TOURS FOR MORE THAN 1,200 LOCAL STUDENTS



seeing them so keen to learn about the golden period of the Renaissance and our selected art pieces of Botticelli are very encouraging to us. And, MGM

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## Postgrad student sentenced to death for poisoning roommate

A medical student at a prestigious university in Shanghai was sentenced to death yesterday after he was convicted of murdering his roommate with lab poison in April of last year. The Shanghai No. 2 Intermediate People's Court convicted Lin Senhao, a postgraduate at Fudan University, of intentional homicide. Lin used N-Nitrosodimethylamine, a deadly chemical compound he took from the university lab, to contaminate a water dispenser in their dormitory on March 31 of last year. His roommate, Huang Yang, drank from the dispenser on April 1 and died of organ failure days later despite doctors' efforts to save him.

## Bigger soldiers causing cramped tanks

China's military says its average soldier has grown taller and wider over the past two decades, leading to cramped tanks and other equipment problems. The official People's Liberation Army Daily newspaper said yesterday that a survey of 20,000 troops begun in 2009 showed them to be an average of 2 centimeters taller and 5 centimeters bigger around the waist. It said that was causing discomfort when soldiers tried to squeeze into tanks designed 30 years ago for troops of considerably smaller size. It said rifle barrels were also relatively short for the taller soldiers, leading to accuracy problems. It said adjustments would be made, with 28 body measurements taken into consideration when designing new firearms and other equipment.

## Vice governor in corruption investigation

China's ruling Communist Party says a vice governor of the southern island province of Hainan is under investigation for serious violations, an apparent reference to corruption. Ji Wenlin is the latest high-ranking official to face investigation since party leader and President Xi Jinping launched an anti-corruption campaign. The party's disciplinary body said in a one-line statement yesterday that Ji is suspected of serious violations of regulations and the law. That's almost always a reference to accepting bribes and kickbacks, providing unauthorized favors, and other forms of personal malfeasance. The statement said Ji was under investigation, but gave no details. Ji is also the latest implicated official with connections to powerful former Chinese security chief Zhou Yongkang, currently the subject of a rumored investigation.



## OPINION

# Sex crackdown doomed to fail

Adam Minter

**M**Y last visit to Dongguan, China's widely acknowledged and often acclaimed prostitution capital, was in 2011 (for a factory visit), and included a breakfast meeting at a well-known U.S. chain hotel, in view of the elevators that whisk customers to their rooms. It was a memorable meal: Over eggs, my companions and I watched as those elevators discharged a flood of young women, one after the other, yawning and rubbing their eyes, clad in last night's high-cut dresses. Not one stopped for breakfast, nor to settle room charges at the front desk. They simply sashayed out the revolving doors and into Dongguan's smog.

More than likely these young ladies were representative of the 500,000 to 800,000 prostitutes which Chinese media estimate who worked in Dongguan up until 9 p.m. on February 9, when authorities launched an unexpected crackdown on the city's thriving but still illegal (prostitution has been illegal in China since 1949) sex trade. The numbers, as reported by Chinese media, speak to the scale: In 2011, revenue from sex-related businesses in the city totaled around USD8 billion, or roughly 14 percent of Dongguan's export manufacturing-based economy. The industry included some "807 massage and bath houses, 1,228 hotels, 636 hair

salons and 465 KTV parlors." Shutting down a trade of this size requires manpower: Dongguan deployed "more than 6,000 police" to do the job, sending prostitutes and johns fleeing to safer havens. That's not the end of it: on Sunday, China's Public Security Bureau called upon police across China to follow the example set in Dongguan

**■ A failed effort to root out the trade would be far more embarrassing than a concerted effort to regulate and tax prostitution legally**

and to "firmly crack down" on prostitution, as well as gambling and drugs.

It's become commonplace to refer to Dongguan's sex trade as an "open secret." In truth the only thing unknown about the sector was who, precisely, was to blame for helping prostitution to become such an important component of the economy. Authorities quickly fingered Yan Xiaokang, the vice

mayor and also police chief of Dongguan, who was fired over the weekend for "dereliction of duty." He probably was derelict, but – based on the sheer scale of the industry – could hardly have been acting alone.

China is a country that still issues, and to an extent follows five-year economic planning documents. While brothels have yet to appear in any of them, that doesn't mean some officials don't view them as a source of employment and tax revenue on par with, say, shoe factories. In fact, there's a tradition of this kind of thinking in China that dates back at least to the late 1990s. In 1998, according to a contemporary Baltimore Sun report, "at least" 14 Chinese cities were taxing prostitution – despite the fact that the sex trade remained illegal. More brazenly, in 1999 Mu Suixin, then mayor of Shenyang, a rusting industrial town in China's northeast, openly encouraged the development of prostitution as a means to stave off chronic unemployment – and then levied a 30% tax on the trade. Unfortunately for him, Mu's pragmatism didn't win him any fans in Beijing: In 2001 he was convicted of corruption (not related to prostitution) and given a suspended death sentence.

Cases like Mu's, and a more recent one in which several high-ranking Shanghai judicial officials were filmed

cavorting with prostitutes, surely must have piqued Xi Jinping's interest. If prostitution – and the means by which it's protected – can be rooted out, then so perhaps can the endemic corruption which Xi has staked so much of his credibility on eradicating.

Despite what may be the best of intentions, though, Xi is almost certainly not going to succeed in ending prostitution in Dongguan, much less China. The practice is too deeply engrained in the economy, as well as the culture of doing business, to disappear. Most likely, the crackdown will only serve to drive the sex trade a bit further underground until more pressing issues supersede the government's attention.

The obvious alternative is legalization and legitimization. It wouldn't be easy. Mao Zedong successfully weeded out the sex trade in mid-century China, and the Communist Party is highly reluctant to turn its back on his legacy, regardless of the sector. But surely a failed effort to root out the trade would be far more embarrassing than a concerted effort to regulate and tax prostitution legally. At a minimum, legalization would bring some badly needed transparency to an industry that forced underground, would rely more and more on the kind of bribes and payoffs to local officials that Xi is trying so hard to end. **Bloomberg**

# Artist smashes USD1m Ai Weiwei vase in Miami museum

Curt Anderson  
Legal Affairs Writer, Miami

A South Florida artist is facing a criminal charge after police say he smashed a USD1 million vase by a Chinese artist at Miami's new art museum to protest what he called its favoritism for international rather than local art.

Maximo Caminero, 51, was charged with criminal mischief after Sunday's incident at the Perez Art Museum Miami. According to a Miami Police Department arrest affidavit, a security guard told officers that Caminero picked up a colored vase by Chinese dissident artist Ai Weiwei. When told to put it down, the security guard said, Caminero smashed it on the floor.

Caminero told officers he broke the vase to protest the museum's lack of local artist displays and because "the museum only displayed international artists' art," according to the affidavit.

Caminero, a painter who lives in Miami, declined comment when reached by telephone Monday. He said he was to have an afternoon news conference yesterday.

"I'm going to answer all the questions," he said.

The police affidavit lists the value of the vase as \$1 million, quoting the museum's security officials. Criminal mischief can be a third-degree felony

AP PHOTO



A series of 16 vases that are part of an installation by Chinese artist Wei Wei and currently on display at the Perez Art Museum in Miami

punishable by up to five years in prison when the property damaged is worth more than \$1,000.

"As an art museum dedicated to celebrating modern and contemporary artists from within our community and around the world, we have the highest respect for freedom of expression," the museum said in a statement released late Monday. "But this destructive act is vandalism and disrespectful to another artist and his work, to Pérez

Art Museum Miami, and to our community."

Caminero had a recent showing at the JF Gallery in West Palm Beach that offered patrons a chance to meet him and "view a sampling of the work from his 30-year career as an artist."

According to the Perez Art Museum Miami's website, the vase is one of more than a dozen that are part of a floor installation. Each vase is partially painted in bright colors.

Behind the installation are a series of three black-and-white photos showing Ai holding a vase and then letting it drop to the ground, smashing into pieces.

The "Ai Weiwei: According to What?" exhibit runs through March 16 at the museum. Museum officials confirmed the incident in a Monday email, and noted that an upcoming show will feature a local artist, Miami's Edouard Duval-Carrié. The Haitian-born artist's show, beginning March 13, is titled

"Imagined Landscapes."

A sculptor, designer and documentary maker, Ai has irked Beijing by using his art and online profile to draw attention to injustices in China and the need for greater transparency and rule of law. He was detained for 81 days in 2011 during a crackdown on dissent.

After his release in June 2011, Ai's design firm was slapped with a \$2.4 million tax bill, which he fought unsuccessfully in the Chinese courts. AP

HONG Kong's Chief Executive C Y Leung yesterday said last Sunday's protest against mainland tourists by a group of people on Canton Road only represented a very small section of Hong Kong's community.

Leung said all harassment or unlawful practices directed against mainland tourists or tourists from other countries will be condemned, adding that the city government will follow up the case if there are any illegal parts out of their actions.

About 100 Hong Kong citizens protested against mainland tourists coming into Hong Kong last Sunday, yelling at some tourists and even shouting abuse at them. A jewelry store nearby was forced to close for 10 minutes due to the protest.

## HONG KONG

# Gov't to follow up Sunday's harassment against mainland visitors: Chief Executive



Leung said the community at large realizes that tourism is a major sector of the economy and provides a large number of job opportunities, particularly for lower-skilled workers in Hong Kong.

"We fully appreciate the pressures that have been brought on certain districts in Hong Kong as a result of the large number of tourists coming to Hong Kong," said Leung. He also said the city government will increase the supply or the availability of tourist-related facilities in Hong Kong.

Four top government officials condemned protesters actions as "humiliating for mainlanders and a stain on Hong Kong's image" on Monday.

Chief Secretary for Administration Carrie Lam said it is "directly affecting the relationship with the mainland and harming Hong Kong's industry."

"We will absolutely not tolerate it if such events happen again," said Lam.

Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development Gregory So said the harassment of the tourists was very regrettable.

Secretary for Security Lai Tung-kuok also condemned the demonstration. Lai said the police would determine whether anyone should be prosecuted for disorderly behavior. "Suitable action will be taken if the police have sufficient evidence," he added.

Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Raymond Tam said the "barbaric and uncivilized activities" ran against Hong Kong's values.

Canton Road lies in Tsim Sha Tsui, a district which attracts lots of mainland tourists every year. Xinhua

## INDIA

# Death commuted to life for 3 in Gandhi killing

Katy Daigle, New Delhi

**I**NDIA'S Supreme Court yesterday commuted the death sentences to life in prison for three men convicted of playing minor roles in the assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

The three have served more than 20 years on death row in Vellore Prison in southern Tamil Nadu state.

They denied knowing anything about the plot to kill Gandhi as he was campaigning in May 1991 for a return to the prime ministerial office. He was killed along with 17 others, including the female suicide assassin, as she greeted him with a garland of sandalwood beads and a bomb strapped to her chest during a rally in Tamil Nadu.

The attack — orchestrated by Tamil Tiger rebels in neighboring Sri Lanka — horrified the nation and virtually ended Indian support for the rebels in their decades-long fight for an ethnic Tamil homeland. All of the assassination's masterminds, who targeted Gandhi

for sending Indian troops to Sri Lanka in 1987, were killed during or after the 1991 attack. Although the troops were sent to oversee a peace accord between the Tamil Tigers and the Sri Lankan government, they became embroiled in the war and fought the rebels for months.

The three men on death row were among 26 convicted of playing minor roles in the assassination plot. While they have been reviled across much of India, many ethnic Tamils in the south believe they were duped into taking part in a plot they knew little about.

Indian national Arivu Perarivalan was found guilty of buying a 9-volt battery used in the bomb, while Sri Lankans Murugan and Santhan — who use only one name — acknowledged they were Tamil Tiger rebels but said they were only pawns in a larger game they barely understood.

Mercy petitions they filed in 2000 were rejected in 2011.

Their lawyers argued that executing the three now, after they had already served long

prison terms, would amount to an unconstitutional double punishment.

"This is a landmark judgment," said lawyer Yug Chaudhry, applauding the court for rejecting the idea that the prisoners should show proof of "the scars of mental suffering" in awaiting their executions for decades.

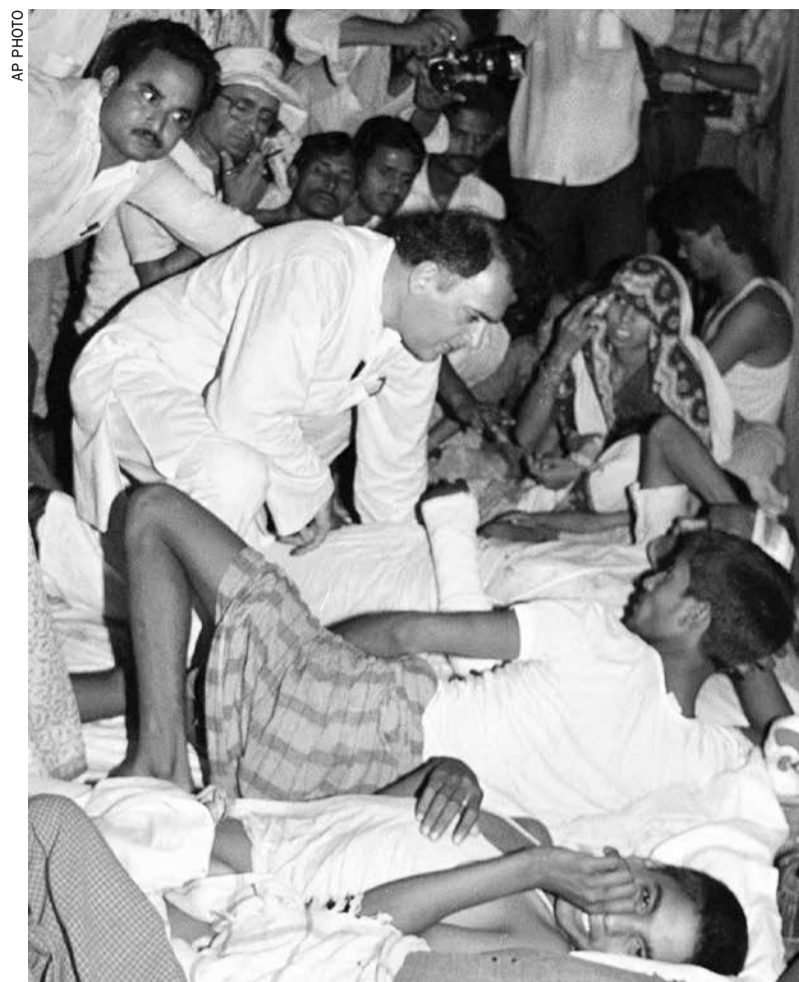
Human rights activists and lawyers also cheered the court's decision.

A "delay in disposing of mercy petitions of death row convicts amounts to degrading, inhumane treatment. It amounts to torture," rights lawyer Vrinda Grover said. "In this case also there has been substantial delay."

Hangings are rare in India, with four in the last 18 years, though there are some 400 prisoners on death row.

The Supreme Court last month agreed that "unexplained delay is grounds for commuting death penalty to life sentence" as it commuted 15 other death sentences.

Amnesty International said yesterday's decision "shows



In this 1991 file photo, former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, center, leaning in, listens to the grievances of a man while campaigning for election in a town in central India, a few days before he was assassinated

the judiciary's willingness to uphold standards it set down for the treatment of prisoners on death row."

The Vellore Three, as they are known, were the only convicts left on death row in the case, after 23 others were released or had their sentences commuted to life. The last clemen-

cy granted was for Murugan's wife after Gandhi's widow, Sonia, asked in 1999 that no one be hanged. Sonia Gandhi is now leader of the governing Congress party and her son, Rahul, is seen as the party's prime ministerial candidate in parliamentary elections that must be held by May. AP

## SOUTH KOREA

# Roof collapse kills 10 at college meeting

Hyung-jin Kim and Kim Yong-ho, Gyeongju

**E**MERGENCY staff worked through the night in snow and sleet to pull survivors from the debris of an auditorium whose roof collapsed under the weight of snow, killing 10 people and injuring 100, most of them recently enrolled freshmen of a South Korean university, officials said yesterday.

The students had gathered at the auditorium of a holiday resort for a welcoming ceremony Monday night when the roof came crashing down, leaving twisted metal and debris of concrete and wood.

Weather officials say the southeastern region saw the heaviest snowfall this month since measurements began three years ago.

Bad weather hampe-



A collapsed resort building is seen in Gyeongju, South Korea

red rescuers who had to reach the site outside the historic tourist city of Gyeongju on icy roads. Working all night, they extricated survivors, many of them injured, and rushed them on stretchers to waiting ambulances.

Family members and

friends of the dead gathered in a hospital morgue in the nearby city of Ulsan.

President Park Geun-hye ordered an investigation as well as safety checks of buildings near the country's east coast, which has seen heavy snow this winter.

The resort's owner, Kolon Group, believes that snow likely caused the collapse but is examining more specific causes.

About 560 students from Busan University of Foreign Studies had gathered for a two-day freshman orientation at the Manua Ocean Resort

when a crack appeared in the auditorium ceiling before the collapse. Nine students and another person were killed, two people were seriously injured and 103 lightly injured, said Jung Yoon-han, director of the disaster management department at the Ministry of Security and Public Administration.

The students had just finished dinner and were gathering for recreational activities at the time of the collapse, Byun Ki-chan, head of the international exchange department at the university, told reporters yesterday. Some managed to escape after noticing the crack but others couldn't leave in time, he said.

Lee Jae-soo, a spokesman at Kolon Group, said the auditorium hasn't received an outside safety examination

since being completed in 2009 because the building isn't subject to such external inspections under the current law. But Kolon has conducted an internal safety inspection every month, Lee said by phone.

He said the auditorium was built by South Korean construction company Songwon, which broke ground in June, 2009 and completed the project in less than three months. The resort started using the auditorium in September 2009. He said the fact that the government granted permission to use the building means it was safe.

Calls to Songwon weren't immediately returned.

Kolon Group chairman Lee Woong-yeul and other officials visited the accident site and apologized, bowing deeply.

"We especially feel a heavy responsibility about the fact that the young people who were about to begin college life died before their dreams began to blossom," Lee told reporters. AP

Thanyarat Doksone, Bangkok

THAILAND

# Police clash with protesters, leaving 4 dead

**C**LASHES between police and anti-government demonstrators in Bangkok left four people dead and 64 others injured yesterday as riot police attempted to clear out protest camps around the Thai capital.

Multiple gunshots were heard midday at a spot near the prime minister's office where riot police had started to remove protesters and dismantle a makeshift stage, but it wasn't clear who was firing.

Erawan emergency medical services said a 52-year-old male civilian was killed by a head wound and a police officer died from a chest wound. It also said another man died, but didn't have further details. Nearly 60 others were injured in the incident.

Department of Special Investigation chief Tharit Pengdit said at a televised press conference that the protesters had launched grenades at the police.

The violence erupted after police moved into several locations around the city to detain and remove protesters who have been camped out for weeks to press for Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra's resignation. They have blocked access to government offices since late last year and occupied key



Riot police beat an anti-government protester during a clash in Bangkok

intersections around Bangkok for about a month. Until now, the police had refrained from dispersing them for fear of un-

leashing violence.

But on Monday, the government's special security command center announced it

would reclaim five protest sites around the city for public use, a move made possible under a state of emergency declared in

January. Thousands of police officers, including armed anti-riot squads, were deployed across the city yesterday in an operation the government called "Peace for Bangkok."

Earlier yesterday, 144 protesters gathered near the Energy Ministry in the northern part of the city were peacefully detained and herded onto police trucks to be taken away for questioning, Tharit said.

The operations came a day before the Civil Court hands down a ruling on the caretaker government's invocation of the emergency decree, which allows authorities to exercise wide powers to detain protesters and hold them in custody for 30 days without charges.

If the decree is struck down by the court, the government will be forced to dismantle the special security command center it had set up to enforce the emergency measures. **AP**

NORTH KOREA

# Kim's crimes against humanity similar to Nazis, UN chairman says

Robert Hutton and Sangwon Yoon

**N**ORTH Korea has committed crimes against humanity comparable to those of the Nazis and leader Kim Jong Un should be tried by the International Criminal Court and held accountable, a United Nations commission said.

The country's crimes include "extermination, murder, enslavement, torture, imprisonment, rape, forced abortions and other sexual violence," the United Nations' Commission of Inquiry into North Korea concluded in its final report published Monday in Geneva. They found evidence that between 80,000 and 120,000 political prisoners remain in internment camps, a number that has fallen "owing to deaths."

"The gravity, scale and nature of these violations reveal a state that does not have any parallel in the contemporary world," the report said.

The Security Council will have to unanimously approve the request for any action at the International Criminal Court. That may be unlikely as China and Russia, two of five veto-wielding members, have consistently blocked punitive moves against North Korea's

human rights record.

"At the end of the Second World War so many people said, 'If only we had known, if only we had known the wrongs that were done in the countries of the hostile forces,'" commission chairman Michael Kirby said at a press conference Monday.

The atrocities that continue under Kim are "strikingly similar" to those perpetrated by the Nazis. "There will be no excusing the failure of action because we didn't know - we do know."

North Korea barred the independent panel from entering the country to conduct its investigation. The panel instead took testimony from refugees and defectors at hearings in Seoul, Tokyo, London and Washington.

Jo Jin Hye, 26, cried during her testimony in Washington on Oct. 31 when she talked about her father's death en route to a gulag, a sister abducted while searching for food and forced into sex slavery in China and a newborn brother who died for lack of milk.

North Korea leaders regularly denounce those speaking out as fabricators and call them "human scum," the report said. **Bloomberg**

AUSTRALIA

# Asylum seeker dies in violent protest at PNG camp

Rod McGuirk, Canberra

**A** violent protest culminated in a breakout from an immigrant detention camp Australia runs in Papua New Guinea where one asylum seeker was killed and scores were hurt, an Australian official said yesterday.

The escalating unrest at the camp has heightened pressure on Australia to close its South Pacific detention camps, but the government was holding firm on its policy aimed at deterring asylum seekers from making the dangerous sea journey to Australia.

One man died from head injuries as he was taken to the hospital, Australian Immigration Minister Scott Morrison said. He would not disclose the asylum

seeker's nationality, or say how he had sustained the injuries.

Papua New Guinea police opened fire after hundreds of male detainees pushed down the perimeter fence and spilled into the street around the Manus Island camp late Monday, Morrison said. The camp's security guards had used shields to push back the asylum seekers, he said.

One asylum seeker was shot in a buttock and was flown to the Papua New Guinea capital Port Moresby for hospital treatment, he said. Another was flown to Australia for treatment of a fractured skull, he said.

In recent years, thousands of people seeking asylum in Australia have attempted the risky journey by boat,

mostly using Indonesia as a transit point from poor, war-torn homelands. Australia has intercepted them at sea and sent them to detention camps at Manus Island or the tiny Pacific atoll nation of Nauru while their refugee claims are evaluated.

Morrison initially said the injuries had occurred outside the camp during violence that ended early yesterday morning.

He later said he was uncertain whether the fatal injuries had been inflicted within the camp or outside. Papua New Guinea authorities would investigate, he said.

Papua New Guinea national police spokesman Dominic Kakas said a police investigation had not yet been mounted. **AP**



## IRAN Difficult nuke talks begin in Vienna

Iran and six world powers are back at the negotiating table eager to come to terms on a comprehensive nuclear deal but deeply divided on what it should look like. The two sides began meeting yesterday in attempts to build on a first-step accord that temporarily curbs Tehran's nuclear activities in exchange for some sanctions relief. Implemented in January, the first-step deal is in effect for six months and can be renewed. The six seek to minimize concerns that Tehran could use a peaceful nuclear program to make weapons. The Islamic Republic denies wanting — or ever working on — nuclear weapons.



## SYRIA Gov't ousts rebels from site of alleged killings

Syrian state media says government troops have regained full control of a village in the central province of Hama after ousting rebels accused of killing dozens of people there, mostly members of the minority Alawite sect. State news agency SANA says government troops took control of the village of Maan on Monday after destroying the last "hideouts of terrorists, who came into the village and committed a massacre." Syria refers to rebels fighting to overthrow President Bashar Assad as terrorists. The rebels are mostly Sunni Muslims and Assad's government is predominantly Alawite, a sect of Shiite Islam. Opposition activists have also reported sectarian killings in Maan. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights says at least 40 people were killed when hard-line Islamic fighters overran the village Feb. 9.

## UKRAINE

# Protesters clash with police in new eruption of violence

Maria Danilova, Kiev

**T**HOUSANDS of angry anti-government protesters clashed with police outside Ukraine's parliament yesterday in a new eruption of violence following new maneuvering by Russia and the European Union to gain influence over this former Soviet republic.

Plumes of smoke and tear gas rose in the air as stun grenades boomed, after opposition leaders accused pro-government factions in parliament of dragging their feet on a constitutional reform that would limit presidential powers — a key opposition demand.

As parliament delayed the session to take up the issue, thousands marched toward the parliament building to put pressure on lawmakers. Shouting "shame!" the demonstrators hurled stones at police and set trucks blocking their way on fire. Law



A protester, left, waits for a moment to clash with riot police officers in central Kiev, Ukraine

enforcers retaliated with stun grenades and fired what appeared to be small metal balls, as smoke from burning tires and vehicles billowed over central Kiev. Dozens of protesters and police were injured, as well as journalists working for The Associated Press and the Reuters news agency.

The clashes dimmed hope for an imminent solution to the political crisis.

The protests began in November after President Viktor Yanukovich froze ties with the EU in exchange for a bailout from Russia.

Yesterday's confrontations came two days after the gover-

ment and the opposition reached a shaky compromise, with protesters vacating a government building in Kiev they had been occupying since Dec. 1 after the release of scores of jailed activists.

As opposition leaders met with German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Monday, Moscow offered a fresh infusion of the billions of dollars that Ukraine needs to keep its economy afloat.

The tensions soared after Russia's finance minister offered to resume financial aid to Ukraine on Monday, just as Yanukovich was expected to nominate a new prime minister, prompting fears among the opposition that he would tap a Russian-leaning loyalist.

"After weekend progress in Kyiv, sorry to see renewed violence," U.S. Ambassador Geoffrey R. Pyatt said in a Twitter post. "Politics needs to happen in the Rada (parliament), not on the street." **AP**

## SOUTH SUDAN

# Fresh fighting breaks out as rebels threaten oil fields

Ilya Gridneff, Juba

**F**IGHTING resumed in South Sudan after rebel forces attacked the capital of the oil-producing state of Upper Nile, a military official said yesterday, in what appeared to be the heaviest clashes since both sides signed a ceasefire last month.

Fighting broke out early yesterday in Malakal, which once was in rebel hands but is now controlled by government troops, said South Sudanese military spokesman Col. Philip Aguer.

"We were expecting it because the rebel commander in the area said he would not respect a ceasefire," he said.

Although the country's warring factions signed a ceasefire on Jan. 23, both sides have repeatedly accused each other of violating that agreement. The international community has repeatedly urged both sides to respect the ceasefire as peace talks continue in neighboring Ethiopia. Those talks have proceeded slowly.

Toby Lanzer, the United Nations' top humanitarian official in South Sudan, said on Twitter yesterday that all groups "engaged in the violence must uphold people's rights and protect non-combatants." The U.N. says both sides have committed rights violations, and on Mon-



A South Sudanese government soldier stands guard as a delegation of visiting officials leaves from the airport in Malakal

day South Sudan's military announced more than 20 government soldiers had been charged over civilian killings.

Grace Cahill, a spokeswoman for Oxfam in South Sudan, said armed groups had gathered outside the U.N. compound in Malakal, where 27,000 people have been seeking shelter.

"The presence of armed groups outside the compound has made those inside very scared," she said.

Thousands of people have been killed and more than 800,000 displaced by violence since mid-December, when a fight broke out among presidential guards in the capital, Juba, before spreading out across the country. **AP**

## IRAQ

# Car bombings kill at least 33

Sinan Salaheddin, Baghdad

**A** new wave of car bombs ripped through commercial areas in the Iraqi capital and areas to the south yesterday, killing at least 33 people and wounding dozens in the latest coordinated militant assault, officials said.

The blasts came as a firebrand Shiite cleric delivered a blistering criticism of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki in a rare televised address. Muqtada al-Sadr also reiterated his earlier declaration that he was retiring from politics.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the explosives-laden parked cars that detonated yesterday. But their targets, shopping streets and bus stations, are frequently hit by the al-Qaida breakaway group that is the country's main insurgent force, as it tries to undermine government efforts to maintain security. The group, known as the Islamic State of Iraq and Levant, has taken responsibility for similar attacks before.

In Baghdad, four such bombings killed at least 17 people and wounded 49 others. The deadliest hit a bus station, leaving seven dead and 18 wounded.

Police say another four bombs went off simultaneously in the southern city of Hillah, killing at least 11 people and wounding 35 others. Outside Hillah in the town of Musayyib, about 60 kilometers (40 miles) south of Baghdad, a parked car bomb explosion killed five civilians and wounded 13.

Medical officials confirmed the figures. All spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to release information.

The attacks came a day after a series of explosions in the capital left at least 23 dead. Iraq is experiencing a resurgence in violence to levels unseen since the worst of the country's sectarian bloodletting began to subside in 2007. **AP**

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 UNTIL: April 20, 2014  
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 VENUE: Macau Museum of Art,  
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 OF 3 MACAU ARTISTS  
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## Offbeat

POLAND'S JEWISH MUSEUM GETS  
INTERIOR DECORATION

Artists are at work in Warsaw's new Jewish museum creating elaborate wall paintings that tell the story of Jewish life and culture in Poland.

The Museum of the History of Polish Jews, largely paid for by Poland's government, aims to reconstruct the climate of Jewish towns and synagogues through historical objects, multimedia, images, replicas, models and quotations from chronicles and diaries.

Earlier this week, specialists were working on wall paintings representing small Jewish towns.

The museum building — located on territory within that was the Warsaw Ghetto during World War II — is already open to the visitors, serving as a cultural and educational center offering films and lectures.

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20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Montra do Lilau
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22:00	India - A Love Story
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ROOM 1  
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 Language: English (Chinese)  
 Duration: 1084min

## FROM VEGAS TO MACAU\_

ROOM 1  
 8.00 pm  
 Director: Wong Jing  
 Starring: Chow Yun-fat, Nicholas Tse, Chapman To, Jing Tian  
 Language: Chinese (English/Chinese)  
 Duration: 94min



## WINTER'S TALE\_

ROOM 2  
 2.30, 4.30, 9.30 pm  
 Director: Akiva Goldsman  
 Starring: Colin Farrell, Jessica Brown Findlay, Jennifer Connelly  
 Language: English (Chinese)  
 Duration: 118min

## THE BOOK THIEF\_

ROOM 2  
 7.00 pm  
 Director: Brian Percival  
 Starring: Sophie Nélisse, Geoffrey Rush, Emily Watson  
 Language: English (Chinese)  
 Duration: 131min

## ENDLESS LOVE\_

ROOM 3  
 2.15, 4.05, 6.00, 9.45 pm  
 Director: Shana Feste  
 Starring: Alex Pettyfer, Gabriella Wilde  
 Language: English (Chinese)  
 Duration: 103min

## THE LEGO MOVIE\_

ROOM 3  
 (2D) 7.50 pm  
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## ROBOCOP\_

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 Language: English (Chinese)  
 Duration: 108min

## this day in history

1978 EGYPTIAN FORCES DIE  
IN CYPRUS GUNFIGHT

At least ten Egyptian commandos have been killed in a late-night gun battle with Greek Cypriot soldiers at Larnaca airport, Cyprus.

Egyptian troops and Cypriot forces exchanged fire as the fate of hostages and their abductors aboard a Cypriot airliner lay in the balance.

The Cypriot Government says it was in the process of solving the hostage crisis when the Egyptians launched their own assault on the airliner.

Egypt has blamed Cyprus for the bloodshed and said their special forces helped save the hostages and capture the terrorists.

The crisis began yesterday when the editor of a prominent Egyptian newspaper and friend of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, Youssef Sebai, was assassinated at the Nicosia Hilton by two gunmen.

Negotiators then agreed to allow the killers to leave Cyprus with 11 hostages including Egyptians, in a Cypriot Airlines DC8.

However, the plane was forced to return to the island after other states refused to allow it to land.

The Cypriot Government said they then permitted an Egyptian military C-130 Hercules to fly into Larnaca, but gave strict instructions to the Egyptians not to interfere.

Egyptian commandos then launched an all-out assault on the DC8 even as Cypriot negotiations had apparently secured the hostage-takers' surrender.

BBC reporter John Bierman described how the Cypriots opened fire on the Egyptian anti-terror unit resulting in a 50-minute fight between the two sides.

He said President Kyprianou and other senior Cypriot officials observing events were forced to retreat from the airport control tower after it was hit by bullets.

An attempt by one Cypriot officer to order Egyptian soldiers already lying in their firing positions to surrender was described as an act of "insane bravery".

Most of the commandos were forced to seek cover in a nearby empty airliner after their Hercules was destroyed by a shell.

The crisis appears to have ended after the Cypriot National Guard overpowered the Egyptian commandos and the DC8's crew persuaded the gunmen to give up their weapons.

Wounded Egyptian commandos and Cypriots were rushed to Larnaka hospital.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

**Out** of the anti-terrorist unit of 74 Egyptian commandos, 15 were killed. There were no Cypriot fatalities.

Frosty diplomatic relations between Nicosia and Cairo persisted for some time.

President Sadat called President Kyprianou a "political dwarf".

He criticised Cyprus for colluding with terrorists because of their links to the Palestinian Liberation Organisation. Furthermore, the PLO's murky involvement in the hostages' release heightened suspicions.

President Kyprianou offered reconciliation and apologies but maintained that Cyprus could not have allowed the Egyptians to act. They risked inflaming Middle East opinion, where Egypt had been virtually ostracised after making peace overtures with Israel.

Two Palestinian hijackers were swiftly prosecuted. They received death sentences, later commuted to life imprisonment.



YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Details are swimming before your eyes today, and you may have a hard time focusing on spreadsheets or anything else that's densely packed with information. Try to think big, if possible.

Taurus April 20-May 20 Share your feelings with a friend or family member - your affection is almost palpable, but you still need to speak from the heart. Your great personal energy helps you express yourself clearly.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Your advice may go unheeded today, so it could be best to reserve it for another time. Things are rocky between you and some group that's close to you, but that shouldn't last very long.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Your analytical mind is buzzing with excitement today, so make sure that you're dealing with the big problems that have been troubling you lately. You should find all sorts of creative solutions!

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 A wild impulse strikes you early today - but you most likely reject it out of hand. Try not to be too dismissive if others are involved, but make sure that you're keeping a steady hand on your rudder.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 It's a great day to make life easier for yourself and others. Tidy up the house or office and make sure that everything is where it belongs. Set the stage for great things to come!

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 You need to make use of your listening skills today - things are sure to get weird if you don't. The good news is that your people aren't being mysterious, so you don't have to read between the lines.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 You've got some solid information that could be of practical use - to you and to someone close. It's a good time for sharing, though you should try to go through private channels to do so.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 It's the little details that matter most for the time being - so get out your reading glasses and really pore over the fine print. You may find something oddly delightful buried in the legalese.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You stumble on the truth early today - and it boosts your position considerably! Make sure that you're not just poking along on your own, as this information must be shared soon.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Social interactions are somewhat more difficult today - so make sure that you're paying attention when dealing with others. You may just pick up on subtle signals, or they could make a huge gaffe.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 You are being too hard on yourself - once again. It's time for you to let yourself off the hook, relax and try to look to the future. Your ability to cope should be greatly improved as a result.

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## SOCHI GAMES

## Olympians tiptoe around sponsorship ban

John Leicester and Stephen Wilson  
Sports Writers, Sochi

**S**OCHI, Russia (AP) — Want to see the glasses and goggles that aerial skier Lydia Lassila and snowboarder Lindsey Jacobellis wore at the Sochi Olympics? If you go to the website of the company that manufactures their eyewear, you might be in for a shock.

On the Australian section of Bolle.com, photos of Lassila, Jacobellis and other competitors at the Sochi Games have been digitally blurred to obscure their faces.

This isn't a throwback to the days when Soviet propaganda chiefs airbrushed people out of photos. It's an extreme application of regulations meant to make sure that companies such as Bolle, which do not sponsor the Olympics, don't get to advertise off the back of them.

So the Olympics are a Pepsi-free zone, because Coca-Cola is an Olympic sponsor. In Sochi's Olympic Park, only Visa cards work for payments or in ATMs, again because Visa is a sponsor. At one Sochi venue, an Olympic worker even slapped a white sticker over the Dell logo on a journalist's laptop, because the computer manufacturer isn't an Olympic sponsor.

For Olympians, the dense and confusing thicket of rules severely restricting advertising is a serious issue. In theory, Olympians could be disqualified if they use the games to plug non-approved brands. The International Olympic Committee even holds athletes responsible for how their sponsors behave outside the Olympic bubble.

Rule 40 of the IOC charter states: "Except as permitted by the IOC executive board, no competitor, coach, trainer or official who participates in the Olympic Games may allow his person, name, picture or sports performances to



Australia's Lydia Lassila makes her bronze medal-winning jump during the women's freestyle skiing aerials final at the Rosa Khutor Extreme Park

be used for advertising purposes during the Olympic Games."

The rule means athletes cannot allow their images to be used for any commercial advertising, whether Olympic-related or not, for the duration of the blackout period. Even physical advertising such as billboards and magazines are covered, though it's not clear how that would work logistically.

Pandora, the jewelry company that sponsors U.S. figure skaters Ashley Wagner and Gracie Gold, isn't an Olympic sponsor. It has had to put on hold an advertising campaign it prepared with Gold and to stop running magazine ads that showed Wagner, their agents said.

For Sochi, the rule applies from nine days before the opening ceremony until three days after the closing — Jan. 30 to Feb. 26.

While the IOC has steadfastly defended the policy, the committee appears willing to consider changes in the future.

"It's up for discussion and debate," IOC spokesman Mark Adams said. "It's an open issue at the games. We'll discuss it with all the stakeholders."

Gilbert Felli, the IOC's executive director of the Olympic Games, said the rule would be reviewed just like all other aspects of the games. "It's like any rule," he said. "If

you aren't happy about it, then we can talk about it."

Athletes aren't all happy about such policies. U.S. skier Ted Ligety labels the rule "barbaric." Before the blackout kicked in, he tweeted: "I want to give a shoutout to my sponsors that supported me for years yet aren't allowed to get OLY love."

Figure skater Gold left one of her favorite jackets at home because it was made by Pandora. She said she did not want to risk falling foul of the "very frightening" thicket of rules.

The U.S. team "gave me clothes and those are the clothes I'm going to wear, you know? If they give me a certain type of water, that's the water I'm going to drink. You really just can't risk it," she said.

Norwegian online store Ludo, which sells everything from clothes to electronics, used a product featuring cross-country skier Marit Bjoergen on its website early in the games.

Norwegian IOC member Gerhard Heiberg told Norwegian media the ad could lead to "consequences," including Bjoergen being stripped of the gold. Ludo pulled the image immediately and the issue died down.

The IOC's top global sponsors pay up to \$100 million each for exclusive four-year deals. Adams said the IOC is redistributing \$5 billion in commercial revenues over the current four-year cycle to national Olympic bodies, international federations and organizing committees.

The ban doesn't apply to Olympic partners. BP, for example, is a sponsor of the U.S. team, so it can continue to air a commercial featuring Wagner, the skater, during the games.

"I haven't felt like our hands are tied at all because, luckily for her, her main sponsors are Olympic sponsors," said Wagner's agent, David Baden. "That's a luxury

for us that they can still advertise Ashley during the games."

The rule has caused controversy at the Summer Olympics, too. Dozens of athletes waged a Twitter campaign at the 2012 London Games, using the hashtags "WeDemandChange2012" and "Rule40."

"After London, we maintained our position," Felli said. "Maybe there are some new arguments. Maybe we can see it differently after these games. But the rule is there to protect the athletes. It's not just for a few. It's for all of them."

Olympians tread carefully. When a reporter asked U.S. snowboarder Faye Gulini to name her sponsors, she replied: "Am I allowed to say? I don't really think I am."

So she asked a team official: "I'm not allowed to talk about sponsors, right?"

"Not under Rule 40. Not specific sponsors," came the response.

The Australian wing of Bolle felt it necessary to blur out the faces of winter Olympians on its web site. "It's disappointing not to be able to send messages of support for our athletes and teams," spokeswoman Fiona Marty said. "But whilst Rule 40 exists, then we will abide by these restrictions to protect our athletes from repercussions."

Some Olympic committees police the rules more vigorously than others. Lassila's manager, Bruce Kaider, said he got a letter from the Australian Olympic Committee after he tweeted a photo of her in the Olympic Village. This was before the 2010 aerials champion won a bronze in that event in Sochi. Kaider said he subsequently deleted that and other tweets referencing the Olympian.

Lassila said she was even told during the aerials competition that she could not have her own name on her helmet.

"I had to take that off. That's a bit excessive," she said. "It's not a brand I'm trying to promote." AP

## sochi scene

Violinist  
Vanessa-Mae  
completes  
giant slalom

**LIKE OTHER** Olympians, pop violinist Vanessa-Mae got to live her dream ... but a lot slower than everyone else.

Short on both style and speed, she finished a distant last of 67 racers who completed the giant slalom. Her time of 3 minutes, 26.97 seconds over two runs was 50.1 seconds slower than the new Olympic champion, Tina Maze of Slovenia. But she was just thrilled to have taken part.

"The Olympics is like the greatest show on earth and to just share the same snow, to be able to slide down the same snow that the elite skiers carve down is just an honor and a privilege," Vanessa-Mae said. "So, you know, when I get to even train with some of them for like two runs, sometimes I'm already a little bit like, 'Ooh, that's so cool!'" While the elite skiers raced aggressively, thwacking the gates and leaning into the hill, Vanessa-Mae skied upright for most of the rainy course before crouching into the tuck position for the final gates. She celebrated in the finish area, raising her arms and ski poles over her head after her first run. After her second run, she refreshed her lipstick and put on a wrist-watch from one of her sponsors to present herself before the world's media.

"It was really cool," she said. "I expected to be last but you know at the end of the day the Olympics is a great opportunity."

Vanessa-Mae was born in Singapore and raised in Britain, but is at the Olympics as one of two athletes on Thailand's team. She's competing as Vanessa Vanakorn, using the surname of her Thai father. AP

## MACAU GP WINNER

## Alex Lynn plans British Formula 3 return at Thruxton

**N**EW Red Bull junior recruit Alex Lynn is planning to contest the British Formula 3 International Series round at Thruxton, Motorsport reports.

Macau Grand Prix winner Lynn, who will race in the GP3 Series with Carlin this season, tested yesterday a Carlin-run Dalla-

ra-Volkswagen F308 at the Hampshire circuit.

The publication added that he is keen to make his F3 return at Thruxton, which hosts its British F3 round on August 16/17.

"When I did the GP3 deal, I said as a joke to Trevor [Carlin] that I wanted to do Thruxton and he



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said, 'Yeah, go for it,'" said Lynn to Motorsport.

"Whether it comes about remains to be seen, but we're doing the test with the mind of doing the races. It's one of my favourite circuits and I've had success there in the past.

"Also, the test has come at a good time for me to

get back in a car [bearing in mind GP3's strict testing limitations]."

Lynn had an initial run in the car at Pembrey on Monday. Although he has never raced a 2008-11-generation F3 chassis, he completed his early test mileage in one at the end of 2011.

According to Motorsport, Macau's GP champion has been joined in Carlin's line-up for the tests by Formula Renault BARC race winner Sam MacLeod. The 19-year-old tested with Fortec Motorsport before Christmas, but that team does not have any engines available this week.

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**PRELUDE OF MATTEO RICCI'S CANONIZATION**

Fr. Matteo Ricci is one of the greatest Jesuits and began a new chapter for the Catholic mission in China. In 1582, he arrived in Macau, and trod his first step in Far Eastern soil. He spent around ten months here studying Chinese at the first western college, which has now become the famous tourist spot we now call the Ruins of Saint Paul. The way he adapted himself was in line with his superior, Fr. Alessandro Valignano, SJ, who envisioned the policy of acomodatío "modo suave" as a better way to introduce Catholic faith than preaching the gospel directly.

Thanks to the Jesuits' communication system, we can still enjoy reading many letters and reports left by these great figures today. In a letter written on February 13, 1583, Matteo Ricci revealed the fact that the policy of accommodation was not favorable even among the Jesuits in Macau. The three Italian missionaries, Alessandro Valignano, Michele Ruggieri, and Matteo Ricci, were isolated and looked down upon for their efforts. However, it was proven to be successful when Ricci gradually went to Beijing step by step – sometimes forwards, and sometimes backwards – and, in 1601, finally realized his dream of staying and preaching in the capital city.

Matteo Ricci practised the policy of accommodation by making friends and presenting scientific knowledge among literati, which enabled him to make genuine friendships and create bridges between the East and West in many aspects. He advanced his idea by dressing like a monk first in Zhaoqing, then as a Confucian intellectual in Shaozhou. Both ideas were actually suggested and discussed with his friends in China. Fr. Mark Chang, S.J. 張奉箴, a prominent scholar on Matteo Ricci, commented that Ricci's publications on the Catholic faith and other scientific findings have a 1:2 ratio. Ricci is eager to do the preparation and foundation work for his confreres rather than targeting the number of conversions.

Recently, there have been voices to asking for beatification, and even sainthood, to be granted to this great Jesuit figure. In fact, the case of Fr. Matteo Ricci has once before been submitted to Rome by the Jesuits in 1980's, and Ricci was granted the title "Servant of God" in 1984. In order for a person to be granted sainthood, they have to be granted the title "blessed" by having performed at least one miracle, which is due to the intercession of the figure. Some will also be granted "Venerable", or "Servant of God", which is seen as a lower and preoperational stage before sainthood.

However, there wasn't any follow up and the case was abandoned. After celebrating the fourth centenary of Ricci's death, the church started repaving his road to sainthood. In 2010, Ricci's beatification was resumed from the diocesan level in his hometown Macerata in Italy, organized by the diocese of Macerata. After three years, the diocese of Macerata held the closing ceremony of the diocesan phase of the beatification process of Matteo Ricci on May 10, 2013. The cause now moves to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in Rome on January 10, 2014, which is just the first stage of beatifying Fr. Matteo Ricci.

**THE SANDS WEBSITES RESTORED A WEEK AFTER HACKING**

Casino giant Las Vegas Sands Corp. has restored its websites a week after they were hacked. The Las Vegas-based company pulled down its sites Feb. 13 after hackers defaced them with images condemning comments CEO Sheldon Adelson had made about using nuclear weapons on Iran. Sands restored the websites Monday afternoon (yesterday, Macau time). Spokesman Ron Reese says the company first

became aware of the hacking on Feb. 12, when company email went down. The hacking affected Sands' corporate website, as well as the sites for casinos in China, Singapore, Bethlehem, Pa., and the Italian-themed Venetian and Palazzo on the Las Vegas Strip. Sands owns the world's largest casino, in the Chinese gambling enclave of Macau. The company's net income was USD2.31 billion last year.

ORGANIZED CRIME

**Man says gangster framed him, seeks new trial**



Fred Weichel

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A man who has spent more than three decades in prison for murder is asking for a new trial, claiming he has corroboration for his claim that gangster James "Whitey" Bulger framed him.

Fred Weichel says Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi told federal prosecutors last year that Bulger urged a corrupt FBI agent not to tell authorities he saw Weichel at a bar shortly before Robert LaMonica was fatally shot in 1980. Weichel's lawyers say that alibi could have made a big difference at his 1981 trial.

Weichel, now 62, also says records turned over by Braintree police in 2010 suggest that someone else had been identified as a possible suspect.

"The bottom line is he didn't do it," said Boston attorney Michael Ricciuti, a former federal prosecutor whose firm has been working with the New England Innocence Project and is representing Weichel for free.

"It's clear that there is not

proof beyond a reasonable doubt. They can say a jury convicted him – that is factually true – but the standard is if a jury had all the evidence we have now, would it make a difference? There is no way you can look at that and say let's indict Weichel. It just doesn't make any sense."

Ricciuti said Flemmi gave the information to prosecutors last February as they were preparing for Bulger's racketeering trial. Flemmi was a key witness against Bulger, who was convicted of playing a role in 11 murders and sentenced to life in prison, was allegedly the head of Boston's Winter Hill Hang and simultaneously providing information to the FBI on the New England Mafia and other criminals.

According to an excerpt from a letter Weichel's lawyers received from a prosecutor, Flemmi said he was at former FBI Agent John Connolly Jr.'s home when Bulger told Connolly "don't get involved" in the Weichel murder case. Flemmi says Bulger knew Connolly had seen Weichel in a Boston bar at about

12:15 a.m., around the time prosecutors believe LaMonica was shot outside his Braintree apartment.

In response to a separate request from Weichel's lawyers, Braintree police in 2010 produced a report dated June 9, 1980, in which a detective said a cooperating witness and 10 correctional officers identified another man, Rocco Balliro, as the person in a composite drawing police made using details from a teenager who said he saw a man run from the murder scene. Balliro was out on a prison furlough at the time of the killing.

The report itself was not in the district attorney's files and was not turned over to Weichel's lawyers for his trial.

"This failure was crippling to Mr. Weichel," Ricciuti argues in his motion for a new trial.

Prosecutors have asked a judge to dismiss the motion without a hearing.

They questioned the authenticity of the police report, saying it doesn't include Weichel's name or a case number. Ricciuti said the report was included in Weichel's case file, which Braintree police turned over to the defense under the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

Prosecutors also say the Braintree detective whose name is on the report has no memory of receiving a tip about another possible suspect or of writing the report.

Balliro died in January 2012. Prosecutors say Weichel and LaMonica had an ongoing feud. They also say the teenage witness was unequivocal when he identified Weichel as the man he saw running from the scene.

This is the third time Weichel has sought a new trial. In 1991, he argued that his trial lawyer was ineffective because he persuaded him not to testify in his own defense. A judge rejected that motion. AP

Station	Air quality
Roadside	65-85 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	50-70 Moderate
Ambient	50-70 Moderate

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS

**PHILIPPINES** Government agents raided an Internet child porn operation based in a Philippine school and arrested its president and eight other people, investigators said yesterday. The suspects used a room at the Mountaintop Christian Academy to post online images and video of children and adults for foreign consumption, said Ronald Aguto, cybercrime investigation head in the National Bureau of Investigation.

**PAKISTAN** Former Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf appeared yesterday for the first time in front of a court tasked with deciding whether he committed high treason, a sharp blow for a man who was once the most powerful in Pakistan.

**SOUTH AFRICA** Police say several illegal miners are still believed to be holed up underground at an abandoned mine shaft near Johannesburg after 22 others had been rescued and arrested. Emergency workers said yesterday some of the miners who were working illegally were reluctant to come out of the shaft because they feared arrest.

**ITALY** recalled its ambassador to India yesterday after the South Asian country's supreme court delayed a decision on trying two Italian marines held without charge since 2012. Foreign Minister Emma Bonino said in a statement that this "latest unacceptable" delay proved that India was "incapable of handling this situation." She said Italy's main priority was to bring the two marines home and that she was recalling Ambassador Daniele Mancini for consultations.

**RUSSIA** Two Russian opposition activists went on trial for their role in organizing protests after the elections in 2012. Sergei Udaltsov and Leonid Razvozhayev face up to 10 years in prison on charges for organizing mass riots and colluding to commit a crime. They both deny the charges. Their trial began yesterday at a Moscow court.



**VENEZUELA** Fears of clashes between pro- and anti-government supporters ratchet up in Venezuela as both sides prepared to march yesterday and opposition leader Leonardo Lopez says he's willing to surrender to authorities after delivering a petition demanding protection for protesting citizens.