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**CAMEROON** Suspected Boko Haram fighters launched attacks on three communities in northern Cameroon, abducting more than 30 people including those aboard a packed bus, residents said yesterday. The assaults by the Nigeria-based terror group came as other militants invaded a town in the neighboring country of Niger for the third time in recent days, underscoring the growing regional havoc being wracked by Boko Haram.

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# UM's vast new campus runs 'similarly to a city'

**A**FTER one year of operation of the University of Macau (UM)'s new Hengqin campus, Rui Martins rejects allegations that students and staff are more isolated in their new surroundings.

"You can't even notice that you are outside Macau," UM's Vice-Rector (Research) says, rebutting accusations made by some on campus, who claim that the transport network and infrastructure remain insufficient.

Rui Martins says the fact that residents visit on weekends to enjoy the parks demonstrates that the space belongs to the city. He argues that the cam-

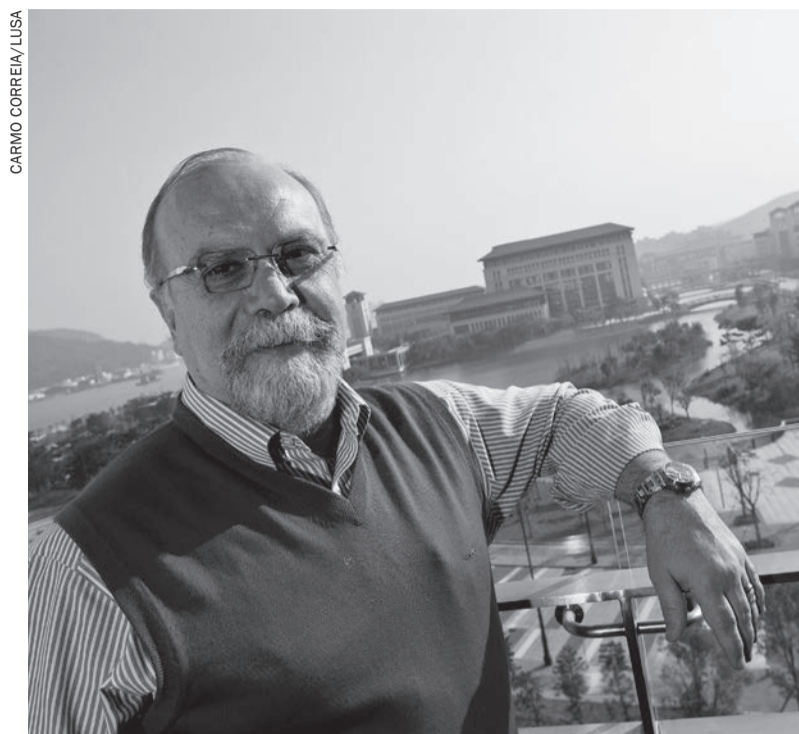
pus "became a touristic attraction." The university also organizes visits to the site and claims that 17,000 visitors took part in those tours during the previous year, 5,000 of them from outside Macau.

Designed by Chinese architect He Jingtang (who designed the emblematic Chinese pavilion for the Shanghai World Expo in 2010, along with several universities in China), the campus was deemed similar to others designed by the architect, namely Nanjing Audit University (NAU).

According to Rui Martins,

"It's only natural that some similarities should appear," bearing in mind the fact that He Jingtang has designed several campuses. However, the vice-rector says that the project features characteristics related to Macau and its history. He gives as examples the use of typical South China Lin'an roofs, European arches and Portuguese paving. "We [UM] managed to have the architect adapt his design, and I believe that the final result is suitable," Rui Martins says.

Twenty times bigger than the UM Taipa campus, the Hengqin infrastructure is ex-



Rui Martins

pected to serve up to 13,000 students by 2021, almost 3,000 more than it hosts presently.

Rui Martins remarks that the campus is working similarly to a city that is growing gradually and steadily. The 10,000-student mark should be achieved in the 2016/2017 school year.

With the vast new campus, UM has entered a new era of residential college education. Presently, eight residential colleges accommodate 3,500 students, and four new colleges are expected to open.

Among those completing degrees at the university, 80 percent of the students are locals, and the rest are largely from mainland China. With the number of local students decreasing, UM expects to at-

tract overseas students in regions and countries like Hong Kong, Taiwan, Malaysia, India and others.

The campus also hosts 360 scholars (out of a total of 557) and has the capacity to host 800. Rui Martins states that the board of professors is "increasingly qualified," although he admits that the salary cap imposed by the civil servants' regime hinders the hiring of reputed scholars.

According to present rules, a professor can earn a maximum of MOP86,900, a value that can only be surpassed in exceptional cases and after approval of the university board. According to Rui Martins, that may change this year after a new university regiment is approved. **MDT/Lusa**

## Martins: Academic freedom upheld

**R**UI Martins says that the UM is a space where academic freedom is upheld, denying the occurrence of episodes where freedom of speech was said to have been violated. "Concerning academic freedom, we are free to decide what we want. There isn't any limit," he says. The vice-rector commented on Bill Chou's case, stating that he is not sure the case was related to politics. According to him, during disciplinary proceedings Chou kept his research projects and was supported by the university in traveling to conferences.

"We have hundreds of projects being undertaken here. Since I've been at UM, we have had very sensitive projects, inclusive of political

issues related to mainland China. It never happened that a project was rejected because of political issues," said Martins.

However, Lusa news agency points out that, in October 2014, Bill Chou revealed several documents relating to the disciplinary proceedings to which he was subject. Among that documentation was an e-mail exchange with the chief of his department, Jiangwei Wang, where Chou was informed that UM wouldn't sponsor his proposed seminar about the Xinjiang region and Uigur nationalism.

According to versions of the e-mails shown to the press, Jiangwei Wang stated that the refusal related to the "sensitivity" of the issue and the fact that a Taiwanese scholar was invited.

**U**M'S relocation hasn't solved its alleged lack of student diversity (80 percent are locals) and insufficient internationalization, two issues that some scholars and students deem to be the institution's biggest faults.

"It would be good if there was a higher diversity of students, and I think that the teaching could be better. The English proficiency of the Asian professors is not so good (...) and I think that the UM should hire more [foreign scholars]," Peter Sun, a finance stu-

### MAINLAND STUDENT INTERVIEWS

## 'Here we have Facebook and Twitter'

dent from Qingdao, told Lusa. The 22-year-old student further revealed that he felt isolated at the new campus, and only went to Macau on weekends due to the lack of public buses available. "Sometimes I don't know if I'm in Macau or in China. China is around the corner and even the mobile network turns to Chinese operators sometimes," he says.

UM scholar Teresa Vong believes that the institution "is far from diverse" regarding the origins of the students. "We attract more students from China, but we should have a higher number of students from Portuguese-speaking countries, which should be our particular niche since nobody else is going to do it. When Hong Kong visitors come, they say that

this looks like China and everybody speaks Mandarin everywhere," she mentions.

Lucy Choi is a local student who has a positive view about the new installations, despite thinking that they are "too large." The residential college system allowed her to gain independence and live outside her family's home. To stay in the new campus,

she pays an annual fee of MOP20,000, including 15 meals per week.

Her colleague, Peter Sun, says that the dormitories are small but he recognizes that conditions are better than those found at mainland universities.

"In China, it is much worse. We share the room with eight students [in Macau, it's 2], and we have to study Chinese po-

licies. Here, we have Facebook and Twitter, the teachers are more open and they debate issues that aren't discussed in China," he says.

However, according to him, that doesn't mean that everything is up for debate: "If we are against the government, we are not going to have a good future here. As opposed to Hong Kong, Macau is very obedient." **MDT/Lusa**

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**T**HE University of Macau (UM) failed to better manage public resources when granting housing units to staff who already owned a home, a Commission of Audit report shows.

“UM’s actions are a clear breaching of the government’s social housing policy principle, while going against the principle of good management of public resources,” it reads.

Through the report, the commission raised criticism over how UM has handled public funds, particularly when it has come to managing its staff housing system, as well as when it created a research institute in Zhuhai, and in regards to the University of Macau Development Foundation.

The commission found irregularities in UM’s staff housing scheme, which allows a group of professionals, who work under specific duties, to be granted a housing unit without the need to pay rent. Data collected by CA shows that until May 2014, 217 UM employees holding Macau IDs were granted housing units, although 32 of them already owned a home in the city. Five of them actually owned two houses, the report stressed.

In response to the CA’s report, the university said in a press release that it “follows the principle of spending public money properly to make sure that the allocation of resources can best serve the university’s development objectives.”

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# University of Macau failed to better manage public resources



“In response to the staff housing system mentioned in the report, UM stresses that on-campus housing is not meant as a social benefit; it was designed to meet the needs of the university’s development, and to facilitate the university’s pursuit of academic excellence,” UM clarified.

The university stressed that its housing system “is in line with the usual practice of higher education institutions worldwide,” as it aims to improve the university’s competitiveness in the market,

while also encouraging staff to stay on campus “so that they can have more time to interact with students.”

The CA report also questions the university’s actions in establishing the UMacau Research Institute Zhuhai, which was registered as a “private, non-business entity.” According to the report, the legal framework used to create the institute ended up preventing it from applying for supporting funds by not meeting certain requirements.

The UM said that the institute was registered as a “private non-business entity” due to the lack of laws or regulations in mainland China governing non-profit organizations in Zhuhai established by governmental departments or public organizations from Macau.

Nevertheless, the university acknowledged that “some aspects of the establishment of the research institute may not have been handled very appropriately, so it submitted a report to the University Council in late 2014, and has signed an agreement with the research institute to legally make sure that UM has strict control and supervision over the research institute.”

The report also criticized the legal framework behind the establishment of the University of Macau Development Foundation (UMDF), which was created in 2009 as a legal person (under private law). Therefore, UM itself is not part of this foundation, and does not have capacity to intervene or to supervise the foundation,

the CA report stressed.

In addition, the report shows that donations to the university can be given through the foundation, but that the entities do not have any legal relation.

The university said that it welcomes the CA’s suggestions on the UMDF. UM also says that it will ponder “the possibility of adopting the suggestions that the UMDF be established by UM as the founder, in accordance with the Civil Code, or that the UMDF should be established by a self-governing body through [respective] legislation.”

The university concluded by stating that “the rights and interests of the university have not suffered any damage.”

The Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam, said yesterday that he would be requesting that UM clarify the issues mentioned in the report. He recalled that as the university is a public entity, it needs to abide by the law and regulations, and therefore cannot waste public money, as reported on Radio Macau. **CP**

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AMNAT RUENROENG

ZOU SHIMING

China’s Olympic-hero-turned-pro is stepping back into the ring to put on an exciting show for his legion of fans as he attempts to win his first-ever world title. Celebrated amateur boxer and three-time Olympic medallist ZOU SHIMING is putting his undefeated pro record on the line to challenge undefeated International Boxing Federation (IBF) flyweight world champion AMNAT RUENROENG March 7 at The Venetian® Macao’s Cotai Arena.

The exciting matchup comes less than two years after Zou’s pro debut and is only his seventh professional fight. This milestone fight for Zou (6-0, 1 KO) pits him against a boxer he faced three times as an amateur – losing on his first attempt, but winning in their last two contests. Now they meet in the ring again for the first time since each fighter went pro, providing a compelling back story heightening the drama of the must-see showdown. The stakes are high for both undefeated pros, with Ruenroeng (14-0, 5 KOs) looking to

make his third successful defence of his IBF world flyweight title and Zou eager to prove he’s ready to join the ranks of professional boxing’s world champions.

Their battle is the headline attraction of The Showdown at Sands: Zou Shiming vs. Amnat Ruenroeng, a multi-bout world championship boxing event promoted by Top Rank® and Sands China Ltd., in association with Tecate. The colossal confrontation takes place Saturday, March 7, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at The Venetian Macao’s Cotai Arena. Also fighting in separate bouts is the duo of local favourites – undefeated super welterweight prospect “The Macao Kid” Ng Kuok Kun (6-0, 2 KOs) and Hong Kong’s undefeated Top-Five super flyweight contender Rex “The Wonder Kid” Tso (15-0, 9 KOs), who will be fighting for the vacant WBA international super flyweight title. Tickets for The Showdown at Sands: Zou Shiming vs. Amnat Ruenroeng are on sale now via Cotai Ticketing™.

## IACM to roll out one-off wholesaling

Other opinions detailed in the consultation report include the suggestion that the government should further regulate fresh food prices in the wholesale market. The Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau's executive committee president, Alex Vong, said that the Bureau has also received opinions saying that businesses cannot operate in the wholesale market due to a lack of space. He said that, after discussion with the industry, the government is considering rolling out a one-off wholesaling mechanism. The mechanism would allow businesses that want to participate in wholesaling in Macau, but do not own a stall in the wholesale market, to have their fresh produce quarantined like other regular wholesalers. Vong believes that this will increase the supply of vegetables to Macau, and eventually lower their prices. The president stressed that the same quarantine procedure would be implemented on both one-off and regular wholesalers. They are also required to make their transaction within the wholesale market. In addition, Vong predicts that the construction of the new three-story-tall wholesale market will finish in 2017, and will attract new wholesalers to join the market.

# Gov't flags expansion of Consumer Council authority

João Pedro Lau

**T**HE Macau government's inter-departmental task group, responsible for reviewing local consumer protection legislation, has released a consultation conclusion report. The group has found that the majority of opinions support the further empowerment of the Consumer Council by allowing it to collect and release business information through future legislation. However, the officials did not specify the scope of the consumer watchdog's new powers.

The task group was formed by the Legal Affairs Bureau, the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau and the Consumer Council. The consultation took place between June 12 and August 12 last year, and received 543 opinions and suggestions.

The majority of opinions express agreement with the idea of legislating against various illegal trading behaviors, such as the abuse of market ascendancy and price collusion. The report also indicates overwhelming support for the protection of consumers'



Chan Hon Seng (right)

right to information by giving the Consumer Council the authority to acquire business information from enterprises.

The report says that the public generally realize that the abuse of market ascendancy is motivated by the acquisition of unjustified economic benefits. Subsequently, the public also recognize that this behavior will strangle market competition, which will lead to fewer consumption choices and higher prices. Therefore, the report has proposed that such behaviors be penalized with a relatively large fine. The report also says that a detailed regulation will be produced that will help busi-

nesses to understand the boundaries of future legislation.

The report also called for legislation to monitor price collusion. It suggested that, like the abuse of market ascendancy, price collusion should be penalized with a relatively large fine.

Moreover, the report mentioned that a majority of the collected opinions agreed with bestowing on the Consumer Council the power to collect data regarding the consumption of goods and services, such as the mechanism for determining their prices. However, the report said that the Council should only publish this data in a way that will allow consumers to

discover the general trend of the market, instead of disclosing the wholesaling or procuring prices set by individual businesses.

During a press conference yesterday, the Consumer Council's executive committee acting president, Chan Hon Seng, revealed that some opinions the authorities collected during the consultation period have described the Council as a "toothless tiger." Mr Chan said that the Council wants to take up the role of umpire in the future, and will "resolutely penalize" any rule-breaching parties. Nevertheless, he stressed that Macau's law still maintains a free market principle, and that the authorities can only intervene in a moderate manner.

Furthermore, when asked about the time frame for legislation or amendments as proposed by the report, the Legal Affairs Bureau director, Liu Dexue, only promised to launch the legislative procedure "as soon as possible." The officials also failed to give any details on what new powers the Consumer Council will be given.

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**OVER** 31,000 non-resident workers were forced to leave Macau for a period of six months, data collected by the Public Security Police (PSP) shows. A significant number of these non-resident workers left Macau over the past two years, since a new law governing the recruitment of imported labor came into force in 2010.

Between April 2010 and January this year, 31,012 non-resident workers were not allowed to work in Macau for a period of six months. The measure was applied to 12,285 non-resi-

## Over 31,000 non-resident workers forced to leave the city



dent workers last year, and to 10,060 in 2013.

The law on imported labor allows the Macau government to refuse to issue a new stay permit to non-locals for a period of six months if the non-resident worker's labor contract was terminated. In order for the non-resident worker to change jobs, for instance, he/she is requi-

red to leave Macau for six months.

The law was amended in 2013 to allow non-resident workers to stay in Macau when they change employer, but only if they keep the same job description.

"It's a huge number. Given the fact that there are several exceptions to the rule allowed by the law, we can only conclude that

either those people were all dismissed with just cause or their resolved they handled their employment contracts without just cause," a legal expert who wished to remain anonymous said.

The number of non-residents being refused a new stay permit in Macau has increased: 1,106 people were not allowed to work here for six months during the first eight months of 2010; in the following two years, 2,745 and 4,816 people were also denied a new stay permit for a period of six months. **MDT/Lusa**

## Public housing residents concerned with possible gas leakage

**T**HE residents of public housing project Edifício da Alameda da Tranquilidade have voiced their concerns over the safety of their building's gas pipelines.

According to a report by MDT yesterday, residents have already found that the central gas pipeline of their building shows signs of erosion, having already had a leak at the end of last year. While the authorities have already suspended gas supply to units that showed a genuine risk of gas leakage, some proprietors think that these trou-

bles were only the tip of the iceberg.

Information suggested that residents started noticing the pipeline issue at the end of 2011, when they first moved into the building. They claimed that the authorities assured them that the pipelines could last for 30 years. However, during an annual checkup in September last year, the gas supplier found that there were leakages in the pipes, and the authorities found the situation to be worse than expected when they dug up the

pipelines. Residents were concerned that they may fall victim to gas leakages at any moment.

Although the authorities have proposed the installation of new pipelines and positioning new gas meters on the balcony of the apartments, most of the project's residents have objected to the proposal because they think it would reduce the room available for residents.

In reply to Macau Daily Times, the Housing Bureau said that it will call a proprietors' meeting at the beginning of March to

discuss the reinstallation of pipelines. It has also notified the gas supplier to prepare for the

construction, and to continue maintenance and repair on the current pipeline system.

### NO CONSENSUS ON SIN FONG GARDEN DEMOLITION

**PROPRIETORS OF** the endangered Sin Fong Garden building held a meeting yesterday, during which a representative of the group, João Vong Kuok Fai, proposed that the building should be demolished and rebuilt despite the fact that they are still unable to acquire consent from the owners of an apartment

and a shop. Vong said that if those two property owners decided to oppose the reconstruction, the project would then be suspended and the issue would be decided in court. He also warned that the cost of reconstruction will continue to increase if Sin Fong's residents keep stalling the decision.

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INTERVIEW | TOP RANK PRODUCER BRAD JACOBS

# 'We found an incredible home with wonderful people in Macau'

Brook Yang

**FROM** zero to seven, Macau's Cotai Arena has staged an array of high-profile boxing events that were expected to be authentic Las Vegas-like experiences. In less than two years, the city has grown into a globally recognized base for professional boxing, building up several Chinese boxers in the meantime.

The Times spoke with Brad Jacobs, event producer and matchmaker at Top Rank, ahead of the promoter's eighth boxing event in Macau – the upcoming world title fight, Showdown At Sands, featuring China's flag-bearer Zou Shiming.

**Macau Daily Times – Can you tell us what your production team did in order to recreate the Vegas-like ambience at the Cotai Arena?**

**Brad Jacobs** – Our goal was not only to match the big fight atmosphere in Las Vegas, but to create an in-arena experience that was second to none anywhere in the world. We brought in our world-class team of specialists [in lighting, audio and video]. Our overall vision was to create an exciting, entertaining and visually pleasing environment for our fans, and I feel very strongly that we have met and exceeded that goal.

**MDT – Do you need to make adjustments to the show, in order to accommodate the Chinese and Asian audience?**

**BJ** – Our objective is to entertain anyone who happens to be in the arena on a particular night, and, of course, our production staff will feature videos, music and lighting elements that cater to a local audience. For the two Manny Pacquiao events, we did add some more video elements to the presentation, since they were higher-profile events on a global basis.

**MDT – What are the things that you look into when choosing fighters for a Macau card?**

**BJ** – Although I haven't been in the role of matchmaker for many years, I can tell you that the objective is to make the most entertaining fight for the fans as possible. This is a very difficult job and takes a keen eye for talent and experience. The formula is pretty much the same



Brad Jacobs (center)

across the world, which is to feature local, regional or hometown boxers who the fans follow, and to put them in entertaining bouts that are also learning experiences for the fighters. Hopefully, the boxers are successful and move towards the top of the business, like Zou Shiming is doing by fighting for a world title on March 7.

**MDT – It seems that Zou is not as convincing to Western fans as he is to his Chinese fan base. Why is that?**

**The objective is to make the most entertaining fight for the fans as possible. This is a very difficult job and takes a keen eye for talent and experience**

BRAD JACOBS

**BJ** – Boxing fans in general are very opinionated and have an intense interest in many up and coming prospects. They have seen Shiming on national television in the US [aired on HBO] for every one of his fights, so they are formulating opinions etc. It is unfair to compare Zou or [Ik] Yang to already experienced US or European pros who have had 30 to 40 fights. In actuality, Shiming – and, to a certain extent, Yang – have really come a very long way in a very short period of time. Fans globally will come to be big fans of any Chinese boxer who they feel is entertaining and skillful.

**MDT – Some audience members have felt that the major boxers who have featured in those Macau events have tended to win their bouts without facing an adequate or equivalent opponent, which seems a pity for the production of Top Rank. What do you think?**

**BJ** – There has to be a balance in the opposition with fighters who may not have the vast professional experience of some fighters who come from the US or other areas. It is a learning experience and, as you will see, the competition is stepping up rapidly for Shiming. To be fighting a wor-

ld champion with more than double the amount of professional fights than he has is asking a lot of Shiming at this stage of his career.

**MDT – Why did you choose Ruenroeng and Zou for the upcoming match? Some people have predicted Zou's victory as 'definite'. Do you agree?**

**BJ** – There is nothing definite once the bell rings, especially in a world title fight, and specifically when the challenger has only six professional bouts under his belt. There are only four recognized world champions [IBF, WBA, WBC and WBO] in the Flyweight division; and [with] Amnat, as IBF World Champion, willing to fight the number-four contender Shiming in Macau; that's the primary reason we made this match. They have an extensive background fighting each other in the amateur ranks, and Amnat holds a win over Shiming, so anyone who says that this is an easy fight [to pick] must not know their backgrounds and history.

**MDT – Why did Top Rank choose Macau to put on Pacquiao's 'comeback' bout, instead of nearby Singapore, or the Philippines?**

**BJ** – Professional boxing in

Macau is alive and well, solely based on two people: Ed Tracy, CEO of Sands China [Venetian], and Zou Shiming [Gold Medalist-China]. Mr Tracy recognized the potential popularity of Shiming as an attraction, and that the sport had great potential in Macau. (...) Ed has proven to be 100-percent right regarding the success of boxing in the region. Several incredible things have transpired over the last two years of Top Rank promoting events at The Venetian, but most notable has been the building of Shiming, Rex Tso of Hong Kong, KK Ng of Macau and others as local attractions that the fans want to follow. The other [incredible achievement] was to stage two monumental boxing events featuring superstar Manny Pacquiao, with those events starting at 8 o'clock in the morning and still selling out to a standing-room-only crowd each time. I don't see this as Top Rank not choosing to go to the Philippines or Singapore or any other destination; rather, we found an incredible home with wonderful people in Macau, and the formula is working well here.

**MDT – Boxing has always followed the money, which makes for a perfect combination with casinos. With Macau's gaming revenue plunging, do you think that this decline will affect the boxing shows that take place here? Or do you think perhaps boxing can come to Macau's rescue?**

**BJ** – I think if anything, boxing will help, and maintain its success in Macau. In turn, we can help (...) The Venetian maintain its position in the industry in Macau. One of the major advantages that The Venetian has over the other properties in town is that they have a beautiful arena to which they bring significant and important events. Boxing happens to be one of those events that attracts a large audience who simultaneously like to take advantage of the world-class casino, spas and shopping that The Venetian has to offer. So, I feel strongly that Top Rank events will continue to work well as high-profile events for The Venetian to host.

**MDT – Zou intends to shoot for both the WBA and WBO titles this year, provided that he wins this fight on March 7. Who are the candidates you have in mind for him next?**

**BJ** – I prefer to focus on March 7, since it is such an important and tough match for Zou. In the back of our minds, we have certain strategies at work, but none of it happens unless Zou is successful on March 7. Let's discuss the future when Zou is wearing that bright new shiny belt around his waist.

Catarina Pinto

**A**MERICAN singer and songwriter Frank Stallone knew from an early age that music would be his thing. It's really a love that is "far from over," as the song he wrote with Vince DiCola for the 1983 film "Staying Alive" goes. With a career spanning over 30 years, the 64-year-old singer is set to entertain Macau crowds every night between today and Saturday.

The public can expect what he and his band are known for: diverse gigs, with all the old hits like "Far from Over" or "Take you Back," and playing different genres while making a whole lot of noise. "You can expect what we do. Big band, different genres, blues... I just have a lot of different albums out. I like everything, so I'll do some of my albums, blues, and movie [soundtracks]," he told reporters yesterday.

Songs he composed for a recent film titled "Reach Me" will also be heard throughout the gigs, he said.

The younger brother of American actor Sylvester Stallone realized what he wanted to do in life when he was just a kid. "It was something natural. I just opened my mouth and started singing; that was it," he recalled.

When he was about six years old, on a Sunday afternoon during a family gathering at their house, an Italian song kept playing on the radio and he sang, even though he says he didn't really know how to sing back then. When big music stars like Elvis Presley or The Beatles came to prominence, Frank was reassured: music was really his thing.

"I was still a kid, but when The Beatles came out, that was it. I was done. I knew I wanted to be a singer, rock star, when I was seven. But when all these influences came, like Elvis or Sinatra, then it was cemented."

Back in the days when he and his brother were trying to make it in New York City, Frank started playing on street corners to



Frank Stallone

## Frank Stallone at Bellini: a love for music that is 'far from over'

**Vegas was cooler before, when Sinatra played there. It had a feel, but it doesn't have the glamour anymore**

FRANK STALLONE

make a living.

His brother would later become a famous Hollywood actor,

playing several well-known characters such as Rocky Balboa and Rambo.

Frank had been playing guitar and singing for 18 years when he got the chance to compose for the film his brother was directing, "Staying Alive," which starred John Travolta and Cynthia Rhodes. "The Bee Gees quit and my brother was the director, but I guarantee it, it was not because my brother was the director. The only thing I did was have access to play him songs that I was writing (...)," he recalled.

He recorded nine solo albums, and wrote songs for thirteen feature films, including "Staying Alive," "Rocky Bal-

boa," "Over the Top," and "The Expendables II."

Frank Stallone has previously come to Macau to see a Manny Pacquiao fight alongside his brother and other movie stars. But it wasn't until his brother came over for "The Expendables" film release that Edward Tracy, Sands China CEO, mentioned to Sylvester Stallone that he knew his brother and wanted him to play in Macau. "I had worked with Ed Tracy back in Atlantic City and I hadn't heard from him in 25 years. So my brother comes here to do 'The Expendables' and he says: 'You know a guy named Ed Tracy? He would like you to go to Macau.' So Ed came later to LA

and we chatted, and cemented the idea," Frank recalled.

The younger Stallone said he did not know what to expect from Macau, but when he got here, "It blew my mind," he said. "It's a massive place, it's really clean and nice, and that's why I like it," he said; as opposed to Las Vegas, a city he liked back in the good old days, but which has lost its "glamour." "It was cooler before, when Sinatra played there. It had a feel, but it doesn't have the glamour anymore."

Frank Stallone and his band will be playing a gig every night until Saturday, between 10 and 11.30 p.m., at the Venetian Macao's Bellini Lounge.

**D**ISNEY Theatrical Productions, NET works and Broadway Entertainment Group have announced that Disney's Beauty and the Beast will visit Macau for the very first time as part of the forthcoming international tour, celebrating its 20th anniversary on stage.

Macau, as part of a tour that also visits Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Kazakhstan, the Philippines, Thailand, Singapore and Indonesia, will see the production played at the Venetian

## Disney's 'Beauty and the Beast' shows confirmed

Theatre from June 19 to July 26 this year.

Directed by Rob Roth and choreographed by Matt West, the international tour of Disney's Beauty and the Beast will see the show's original Broadway creative team reuniting to bring this classic show to life.

Liz Koops, CEO of Broadway Entertainment Group, said that they were excited to see the Macau audience

"fall in love with this beloved tale."

Scott Messinger, Sands China's senior vice-president of marketing, said that they were "thrilled to bring this fantastic Broadway show to Macau." "We are delivering on our commitment in this instance by bringing the best of Broadway shows to Macau for our guests to enjoy," he stated.

Tickets for the per-

formances go on sale in March 2015. Based on the 1991 Academy-Award-winning animated feature film, Disney's Beauty and the Beast premiered on Broadway in 1994, where it was nominated for nine prestigious Tony Awards and ran for 13 years. It still ranks as one of the longest-running and highest-grossing Broadway shows of all time. Since



its debut, the title's visibility and success have expanded globally with subsequent productions produced around the world.

# HSBC list shows names from Bowie to drug lords used secrecy

David Kocieniewski

**T**HE private-banking unit of HSBC Holdings Plc made significant profits for years handling secret accounts for an array of criminals, from drug cartels and arms dealers to tax evaders and fugitive diamond merchants, according to a report released Sunday by an international news organization.

HSBC is among a handful of banks to face criminal prosecution in recent years for its role in a Swiss banking system that allowed depositors to conceal their identities, and in many cases dodge taxes or launder ill-gotten cash. The report, prepared by the Washington-based International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, revealed for the first time the massive sweep of HSBC's private-banking arm as of 2007, when it controlled USD100 billion in assets and served a swath of wealthy depositors from the elite to the illicit.

The report is based on a list of HSBC clients from around that time that a one-time employee took from the bank and turned over to European officials, sparking



A pedestrian passes a branch of HSBC bank in London

tax investigations from Argentina to France, Belgium and Greece. While some of the list's names have emerged before, Sunday's report drew from a more comprehensive list of accounts associated with more than 100,000 people and legal entities from more than 200 nations.

Depositors included royal families and convicted cocaine dealers, ambassadors and terror suspects, entertainers and elected officials, corporate executives and athletes. To these and other clients, the bank actively promoted its accounts as an efficient way to hide assets from tax collec-

tors, according to the report.

HSBC, in a written response to the report, said its compliance efforts had been insufficient. It pointed out that the bank had undergone "a radical transformation" since 2007 and now enforced far more stringent reporting requirements.

The report said the bank held deposits for controversial figures such as the political operative for the late Haitian President Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier, who was accused of embezzling hundreds of millions before fleeing his country, as well as fugitives like diamond dealers Mozes Victor Konig and Kenneth Lee Akselrod, whose names appear on the wanted list run by Interpol, the international police agency.

Among many entertainers who held accounts, according to the report, was rock star David Bowie, a Swiss citizen. It didn't accuse him of wrongdoing. A spokesman for Bowie didn't respond to e-mails seeking comment.

The accounts also attracted depositors eager to shield their money from creditors, ex-spouses, political opponents and law-enforcement agencies. **Bloomberg**

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### SANDS CHINA CONTINUES SUPPORTING SCMM WELFARE SHOP



The Welfare Shop of the Macau Holy House of Mercy (SCMM) was again sponsored by Sands China Ltd., for the third consecutive year, with a MOP 300,000 donation to finance the handout of food bags to disadvantaged households.

The project, launched by the Fraternity in early 2013, has succeeded in helping out thousands of needy families with food and essentials to counter inflation and higher cost of living. Sands China Ltd. has contributed annually, with a total of MOP 800,000 given in three years.

The food bag distribution took place on February 7, as Mr. Ben Toh Hup Hock, Executive Vice President, CFO and Executive Director of Sands China Ltd. made the symbolic check presentation to the President of SCMM, Mr. António José de Freitas and other members of the Fraternity Board of Directors.

Ms. Winnie Wong, Vice President and Assistant General Manager of Sands Cotai Central was also present, as well as representatives of the Macau General Union of Neighborhood Associations and of the Macau Federation of Labor Unions.

Topping this distribution of food bags to over 340 needy families, 30 volunteers from Sands China Care Ambassadors also handed out a gift of shopping trolleys to the beneficiaries to mark the Chinese Lunar "Year of the Goat".

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# Angola plans to receive 4.6m tourists by 2020

ANGOLA'S Ministry of Hotels and Tourism wants the country to receive over 4.6 million tourists by 2020, in view of the increase in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and the diversification of the economy, the Minister said Friday.

Peter Mutinde, speaking in Lobito during the opening ceremony of the new Hotel Terminus, noted that the Ministry intends to increase the number of jobs by over a million, by opening more establishments connected to this sector of the economy.

The minister said the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism plans to contribute USD3.1 billion to the country's GDP in the same period, by exploiting the potential of the country, according to Angolan news agency Angop.

He said the government was gathering all the conditions necessary for tourism, starting with economic stabilization, construction of roads, bridges, airports and railways, for sustainable development of the sector, based on the diversification of sources of revenue for the country.

"At least 84 new hotels were built in Angola between 2008 and 2012, allowing the addition of 4780 rooms. In 2008 the country had 61 hotels and 2822 rooms and currently has 145 hotels and 7602 rooms," he said.

The country's hotels and related facilities last year welcomed 1.15 million guests, an increase of 170,560 compared to 2012, according to the statistical bulletin for the Angolan hotel and tourism market. **MDT/Macauhub**

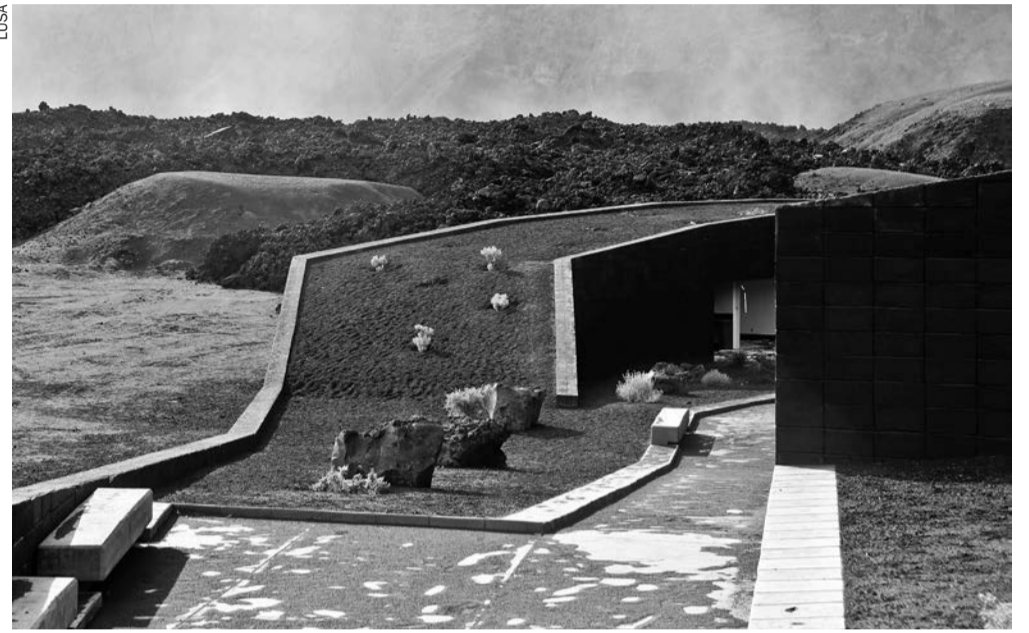
# Cape Verdean central bank wants more lending to the economy

THE Bank of Cape Verde wants commercial banks operating in the archipelago this year to supply more credit to the economy, thus contributing to the growth of gross domestic product (GDP), the governor of the central bank said Friday.

At a meeting with representatives of commercial banks, Governor João Serra said he was not satisfied with the level of credit to the economy and said he was concerned about "practically residual" growth in credit in recent years, which in the past year was actually negative.

This lack of credit occurs alongside excess liquidity at all commercial banks, and the governor noted the high level of bad debts, "with ratios that require some caution," (18 percent).

Cited by weekly newspaper A Semana, Serra said,



The Fogo Island Natural Park building (Cape Verde), which received several architecture awards and was recently destroyed by the eruption of a volcano

however, he was optimistic and that he expected greater balance between more credit to the economy and the stabilization or even reduction, of bad debts.

The chairman of Cape Verde's Caixa Económica bank, Emanuel Miranda,

noted some of the challenges facing commercial banking, namely the reduction of the State's role in the economy along with more "support" by banks to the private sector.

According to Miranda, the great challenge to granting credit related to

the manufacturing sector, given the weaknesses of the Cape Verdean business community and suggested that the banking sector "could perhaps create special units to list opportunities and then help prepare the projects." **MDT/Macauhub**

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" THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGIN' "

A week away from the Chinese lunar new year, Xu Jun frets over the idea of homecoming.

Xu, a 32-year-old white-collar worker in Beijing, said while he misses his loved ones in central China's Hubei Province, the "nightmare scenario" of having to deal with nagging relatives and attend classmates' "show-off reunion parties" freaks him out.

"I am unmarried and have no career worth boasting about, which is why I hesitate to buy a ticket home," Xu said. "And I hate the idea of giving expensive presents and money away as gifts to my relatives."

China kicked off its annual travel rush, known as "Chunyun", last week, with hundreds of millions heading home to celebrate the new year, but an increasingly large number of Chinese are pondering whether or not to make the homecoming. This group, dubbed the "home-fear tribe", are put off by family and societal pressure.

In a recent online poll titled "Why you choose not to go home this year" on a forum for Dongguan City, in south China's Guangdong Province, 37.5 percent of respondents said they "feel ashamed" when going back because they do not have a "decent" job. Dongguan is known as the "Factory of the World" and has a huge number of workers in its manufacturing sector.

Others cited "economic pressure", "forced blind dating" and "unattainable tickets" as the major factors that hold them back.

Experts attribute the phenomenon to a range of factors including generational differences in values, peer pressure and growing indifference towards traditional culture.

While workers struggling in big cities crave the place they call home to relax and to alleviate their sense of loneliness, family pressures are often keeping them in a life adrift.

Hu Xiaoqing, a Shanghai worker from east China's Jiangxi Province, recently took to online social media tool WeChat to take jabs at his "annoying relatives" for setting him up on blind dates.

"No more blind dates or we



## New year dilemma for mainland's 'home-fear tribe'

will no longer be relatives," Hu wrote.

More than 1,000 km away, Li Guohua in Dongguan felt similar sentiments. Li has chosen not to head home to Hubei Province this year because his two brothers have already bought "big houses" and "fancy cars", while Li, who graduated four years ago, has just changed his job and is earning a mere 2,500 yuan (USD400) a month while on his probation period.

"It would be so embarrassing if they knew my current situation," Li told the Yangcheng Evening News. "I would rather stay here to avoid all that."

Many workers interviewed by Xinhua told of their homecoming dilemma.

Families' moans about career development and unwedded status may have inflicted huge

pressure on scores of young people, but many parents dismiss these issues as long as

**I am unmarried and have no career worth boasting about, which is why I hesitate to buy a ticket home**

XU JUN, 32

their children return for family gatherings.

Fan Meirong, whose son works in Beijing, said a family reunion would be incomplete

without her child.

She said her son is usually busy throughout the year, so she wants to use the new year opportunity to just talk to him and help him relax, which "will bring us closer".

"It does not matter if my son is doing a great job or not," Fan said. "All that matters is that the three of us get together and spend the lunar year happily."

One of the factors that created the "home-fear tribe" is growing value differences between parents and children, according to Liu Qi, associate professor of sociology at East China Normal University.

"Chinese parents tend to be traditional in values and often demand their children follow their orders, but the younger generation are increasingly having ideas of their own," Liu

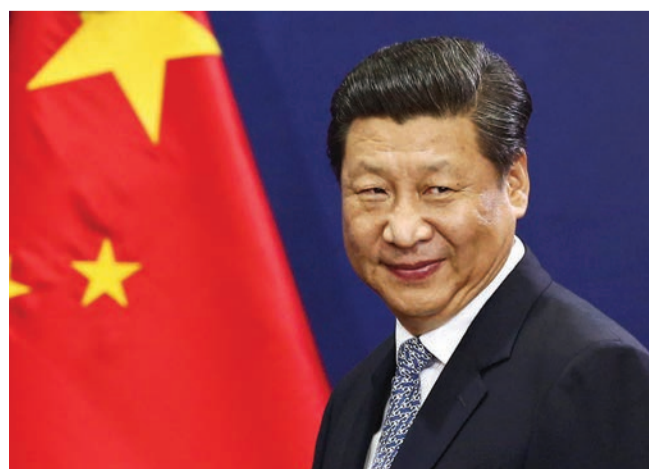
said. "The value differences are causing some hesitation among children when it's time to go home."

The academic said that peer pressure is also keeping people from returning to their hometowns.

"Growing up in similar backgrounds but ending up in contrasting situations will definitely generate anxiety among these workers, because we all hate unfavorable comparisons," Liu told Xinhua.

Qiu Zeqi, a sociology professor with Peking University, said the "home-fear tribe" should learn to reconsider what defines success, and try to strike a balance between career and family relations.

"Individuals are naturally attached to families and such sentiment should not be broken," Qiu said. Xinhua



## Xi plans to make 1st state visit to US

Top Chinese diplomat has said President Xi Jinping plans to make his first state visit to the U.S. later this year, Chinese state media reported yesterday.

The official China Daily newspaper quoted China's ambassador to the U.S. Cui Tiankai as saying Chinese and U.S. officials

are discussing the visit. Cui told Chinese reporters Sunday that no date had been determined yet.

U.S. National Security Advisor Susan Rice said Friday that the U.S. has invited both Xi and Japanese President Shinzo Abe for state visits.

Xi last met with U.S. President Barack Obama

in November after an Asian-Pacific Economic Cooperation meeting in Beijing. The two also met in Rancho Mirage, California, during a more informal visit to the U.S. in June 2013.

The U.S. and China have been working together on a range of high-profile issues, including pledging in No-

vember to cut back on their emissions of greenhouse gases blamed for climate change. The world's biggest economies have also clashed diplomatically on several fronts such as accusations over cyber-espionage and Chinese actions asserting its territorial claims in the East and South China seas. AP

# Mafia boss tied to disgraced security czar executed for leading crime gang

**A** former mining tycoon who led a mafia-style crime gang that ran casinos and killed rivals has been executed along with four of the gang's members, a court in central China said yesterday.

Liu Han had been chairman of energy conglomerate Sichuan Hanlong Group in the southwestern province of Sichuan. The company owns stakes in Australian and U.S. mines.

Prosecutors had painted a picture of Liu as running a vast criminal gang in the province with interests in mining, real estate and gambling. They said the group gunned down rivals, maintained fleets of several hundred cars, including Rolls-Royces, Bentleys and Ferraris, and fostered ties to prosecutors and police with drug-fueled parties.

Police recovered three military-issue hand grenades, a half-dozen submachine guns, and firearms and knives from the gang, the official Xinhua News Agency previously reported.

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Liu Han, front, former chairman of mining conglomerate Sichuan Hanlong Group, stands trial at the Xianning Intermediate Peoples Court in Xianning city, central China's Hubei province

Liu, his brother Liu Wei and three other men were executed at an unspecified time af-

ter their death sentences were approved by the Supreme People's Court, according to a

statement by the Xianning Intermediate People's Court in Hubei province.

The five men were convicted in May last year of organizing, leading or participating in a gang, as well as murder.

The court said it organized meetings between the five and their families before they were executed.

The trial of Liu was one of the most high-profile prosecutions in President Xi Jinping's two-year anti-graft campaign designed to bolster his power and the reputation of the ruling Communist Party. Liu was one of the richest 500 people in China with a fortune of USD650 million, according to a wealth ranking published in September by the Shanghai-based Hurun Report.

He has also been tied in media reports to Zhou Bin, the son of China's disgraced former security chief Zhou Yongkang. Liu paid Zhou Bin 12 million yuan (\$1.92 million) for an Aba, Sichuan-based tourism company, more than double its worth, to maintain a relationship with him, the South China Morning Post reported, citing unidentified people. **AP/Bloomberg**

## 'Crouching Tiger' actress Zhang Ziyi accepts drone proposal

**C**HINESE actress Zhang Ziyi who gained international fame for her role in "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" has accepted a marriage proposal delivered by drone.

Zhang, who turned 36 yesterday, was celebrating her upcoming birthday on Saturday when a white drone flew toward her at the party.

Her boyfriend Wang Feng, a Chinese rock singer and composer, retrieved an engagement ring from inside the drone and then got down on one knee and popped the question to Zhang, who was standing by a three-tier, pastel-colored birthday cake and dressed in a one-shoulder red gown.

"Witnessed by all, we have experienced ha-



Chinese actress Zhang Ziyi

ppiness and sorrow. I hope Ziyi can always have the happiest time. If we both are old, I can still take care of you," said Wang, according to Chinese media reports.

Zhang welled up and said "I do," before the newly engaged couple kissed and embraced

as the night sky lit up with fireworks, according to Chinese media reports.

Zhang's manager, Ji Lingling, confirmed the engagement news in a text message to The Associated Press yesterday.

Zhang shared her

answer on her microblogging account on Sunday, with a photo of glittering fireworks in the shape of a heart.

Wang, 43, reposted Zhang's answer five hours later on his own microblog and wrote: "Thank you for giving me a complete life. All the hardships are by-gones. From now on, we will grow old hand in hand."

The actress catapulted to stardom in the West with the Oscar-nominated "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon." Her subsequent English credits include "Rush Hour 2," "Memoirs of a Geisha" and "Horsemen."

She also starred in the 2013 Hong Kong-Chinese acclaimed martial-arts epic "The Grandmaster," which led to several "Best Actress" trophies across Asia.

Wang became a household name in China after appearing as a judge of the "Voice of China" singing show in 2013.

It will be Zhang's first marriage and Wang's third. **AP**

## Authorities convict man of 1996 crime for which teen was executed

**T**HE parents of a man executed for murder and rape and then posthumously exonerated 18 years later watched yesterday as a court in northern China convicted and sentenced another man for those crimes, according to state media.

The Hohhot Intermediate People's Court in Inner Mongolia said in an online statement that it had convicted serial killer and rapist Zhao Zhihong of murder and rape and sentenced him to death.

The official Xinhua News Agency reported that those charges referred to the murder of 10 people and the rape of 13 women and girls between April 1996 and July 2005. They included the 1996 rape and murder of a woman in a toilet in a cotton mill. An 18-year-old cigarette factory worker called Huugjilt had discovered the body and reported it to police, and was convicted and sentenced for the crime 61 days later.

Huugjilt, who went by one name like many ethnic Mongolians, was executed for the crime soon afterward, and cleared only last December.

Three days after his exoneration, state media announced that the police officer who had been in charge of Huugjilt's case and promoted for his handling of it had now been charged with torture to coerce confession, dereliction of duty and taking bribes.

Xinhua reported that the parents of Huugjilt were in the courtroom yesterday.

They have been awarded state compensation of 2.06 million yuan (USD335,000) for their son's death, funeral expenses, mental damages and restrictions on his freedom before his conviction, according to state media reports.

Zhao, 42, also received prison sentences and fines yesterday for separate crimes of robbery and theft, the court said. **AP**

## AFGHANISTAN

## Officials: IS commander killed in drone strike



Afghan officials say a senior Islamic State commander has been killed in a drone strike in the southern Helmand province. The deputy provincial governor says the commander, identified as Abdul Rauf, was killed along with four other militants when a drone-fired missile struck their car. Afghanistan's intelligence service issued a statement saying the suspected Islamic State commander was among six people killed in the strike, which it said was carried out by Afghan forces. The Islamic State group, which controls a third of Syria and Iraq, has a small but growing presence in parts of Afghanistan, officials and tribal sources told The Associated Press last month. They said a man known as Mullah Abdul Rauf was actively recruiting fighters for the group.

## Shark kills Japanese surfer in second Australia attack in 2 days



A Japanese surfer was mauled to death by a shark yesterday in the second attack off Australia's east coast in two days, prompting authorities to close beaches. The man, who hasn't been named by authorities, was pulled from the sea by other surfers just before 10 a.m. at Shelly Beach on the northern coast of New South Wales, police said in a statement. He lost both his legs in the attack, the Daily Mail newspaper reported, citing a local cafe owner. The incident comes just one day after a 35-year-old surfer was bitten on his back and buttocks by a shark at Seven Mile Beach, about 30 kilometers further up the coast. Beaches along a 15 kilometer stretch of coastline, from South Ballina to Lennox Head, have been closed amid concern a rogue shark responsible for both attacks is cruising the area. Officers are trying to get in touch with the dead surfer's family through the Japanese consulate, the state police's media unit said.

## AUSTRALIA

## Abbott weakened after surviving party challenge



Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott, right

## Rod McGuirk, Canberra

**A**USTRALIA'S beleaguered Prime Minister Tony Abbott emerged politically wounded after withstanding a leadership challenge from within his own party yesterday, with many analysts doubting he can survive to lead his conservative government to next year's elections.

The polarizing leader's grip on power has slipped since last month when he drew widespread criticism for making Queen Elizabeth II's 93-year-old husband, Prince Philip, an Australian knight on Australia's national day. Many saw it as an insult to worthy Australians.

Abbott, in office less than a year-and-a-half, survived a move by disgruntled Liberal Party members calling for a secret ballot to decide who would be prime minister. They voted 61-39 to reject the motion.

Experts say Abbott needed a stronger show of support from his colleagues to ward off potential future challenges if the government continues to endure sagging approval ratings. He would not survive another blunder, said Chris Kenny, a political commentator and former conservative government staffer.

"He's one dumb knighthood away from oblivion," Kenny told Sky News television.

Abbott described the vote as a political near-death experience, and promised government colleagues he would

lead a more consultative and collegial administration.

"This has been a very chastening experience, a very chastening experience," Abbott told reporters. "It's not often that something like this happens 16 or 17 months into the life of a government."

He would not confirm or deny reports that he had asked his colleagues for six more months to lift his coalition's opinion polling.

The vote occurred before Parliament convened yesterday for the first time this year. The opposition center-left Labor Party used it to attack Abbott's leadership, reminding him of his words in 2012 when the former Prime Minister Julia Gillard fended off her rival Kevin Rudd in a similar ballot of lawmakers 71-31.

At that time, Abbott questioned whether she had a mandate to continue ruling when a third of her parliamentary colleagues "expressed their lack of confidence in her today."

Abbott's government has seen its approval ratings slide since last May, when the government's first annual budget was widely criticized as being toughest on the poor and most vulnerable.

Norman Abjorensen, an Australian National University political scientist, described the likelihood of Abbott surviving as prime minister until the next election as "fairly slim."

The revolt by more than a third of the 102 Liberal lawmakers would ensure that the public focused on his leader-

ship rather than his government's policy messages, Abjorensen said.

"He's been badly wounded, probably mortally wounded," he said. "Today has made him really a political corpse waiting to be cut down."

But Nick Economou, a Monash University political science professor, believed Abbott could potentially turn his government's fortunes around in six months, saying people tend to underestimate him.

Communications Minister Malcolm Turnbull, who led the party in opposition until he lost by a single vote to the more conservative Abbott in a 2009 leadership ballot, has been touted as the favorite to replace the prime minister if there is another challenge.

After yesterday's party vote, online betting agency sportsbet.com.au continued to rate Turnbull as the favorite to lead the government to the 2016 election.

Yesterday's challenge came halfway through Abbott's first 3-year term as prime minister. His party has never dumped a first-term prime minister.

An opinion poll published in The Australian newspaper yesterday showed that Abbott's popularity had reached its lowest point in his five years as party leader, with only 24 percent of respondents satisfied with his performance while 68 percent were dissatisfied.

The poll was based on a nationwide random telephone survey over the weekend of 1,178 voters. It had a margin of error of 3 percentage points. **AP**



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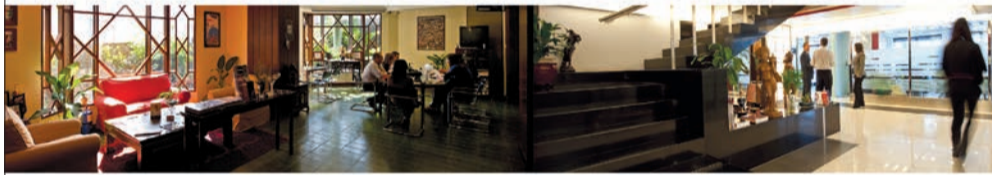
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## MUSIC

# Sam Smith wins 4 Grammys, Beck takes home album of the year

Mesfin Fekadu  
Music Writer, Los Angeles

**S**AM Smith was the king of the Grammys, taking home three of the top four awards, including song and record of the year for "Stay With Me," and best new artist, while Beck won album of the year.

Smith, along with Beyoncé, Pharrell and Ed Sheeran, lost album of the year to Beck's "Morning Phase," which also won best rock album Sunday night (yesterday morning, Macau time).

"I want to thank the man who this record is about ... Thank you so much for breaking my heart because I have four Grammys," said Smith, who also won best pop vocal album for "In the Lonely Hour."

Kanye West, who famously interrupted Taylor Swift when she beat Beyoncé at the MTV Video Music Awards, almost walked onstage when Prince announced Beck's name. Some in the audience seemed shocked, from Pharrell to Questlove.

Beck's album debuted at No. 3 on the Billboard 200 albums chart and sold about 300,000 units.

Pharrell and Rosanne Cash walked away with three awards each. Pharrell won best pop solo performance for a live version of "Happy," released in 2013. He also won best music video for the song and best urban contemporary album for "G I R L," beating Beyoncé.

"I am going to moonwalk my way off the stage right now," said Pharrell, wearing a blazer



Sam Smith poses in the press room with the awards for best new artist, best pop vocal album for "In the Lonely Hour", song of the year for "Stay With Me", and record of the year for "Stay With Me" at the 57th annual Grammy Awards

and shorts.

Pharrell's performance of "Happy" was dramatic with background dancers in black, musicians in yellow and a choir in white.

When the chorus was supposed to come in, Lang Lang played the piano skillfully. Hans Zimmer also played the guitar.

"Thank you, God," Pharrell, in a bell-boy hat, said at the end of the performance.

Rihanna gave an impressive vocal performance of "FourFi-

veSeconds" with Paul McCartney to her right and Kanye West to her left. Her hair was slicked back, and she rocked a black suit like her co-stars.

Katy Perry, in all white, sang the ballad "By the Grace of God" after a woman who had been abused talked about getting help and moving on with her life. A video of President Barack Obama appeared before she spoke, and he encouraged artists to help out.

"It's on us, all of us, to create a culture where violence isn't

tolerated," he said.

Another serious moment came with Prince, who earned a standing ovation when he walked onstage to introduce album of the year.

"Albums — you remember those? They still matter. Like books and black lives, they still matter."

Madonna, dressed as a matador, performed "Living for Love" atop a platform surrounded by a plethora of background dancers wearing bull masks. A choir did most of the

singing, while Madonna danced and the audience at the Staples Center clapped in unison. She ascended into the air as the performance finished.

West performed on a nearly pitch-black stage, with a light glowing from under his feet (he also sported the new sneakers he designed). He sang the new song about his late mother, "Only One."

Annie Lennox was a powerhouse when she sang "I Put A Spell On You" and joined Hozier for "Take Me to Church," nominated for song off the year.

Beyoncé won best R&B song and R&B performance for "Drunk In Love" and surround sound album for "Beyoncé."

"This has been such an incredible year," she said, thanking her "beloved husband" and "my daughter who is watching."

In one of 23 performances, AC/DC kicked off the show with a performance of their latest single, "Rock or Bust," and then transitioned into the classic "Highway to Hell." It earned a rousing applause from Pharrell, Lady Gaga and Katy Perry, who wore devil horns.

Cash led the pre-show with three Grammys, while Eminem, Kendrick Lamar, Chick Corea and the "Frozen" soundtrack earned two awards apiece.

"Reagan was president last time I won a Grammy," said Cash, who won best American roots performance, American roots song and Americana album. "I just showed up for work for 35 years and this is what happened." AP

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UKRAINE

# Germany says 'no guarantee' of peace as talks planned

GERMANY sounded a cautious note over prospects for peace talks on Ukraine, while the government in Kiev claimed more Russian troops entered the conflict zone and Russian President Vladimir Putin blamed the crisis on the U.S.

Chances are open for a breakthrough in the yearlong conflict as preparations take place for a summit of the leaders of Ukraine, Russia, Germany and France in Minsk, Belarus, on Feb. 11, though "we don't know if this is going to work," German Foreign Ministry spokesman Martin Schaefer told reporters in Berlin yesterday.

There's "still heavy lifting to do" and "no guarantee" of success, German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier told reporters before a meeting of European Union foreign ministers in Brussels yesterday. "We hope that the open points can be clarified to the point that a Minsk meeting is genuinely promising and can take first steps toward a cease-fire."

The diplomatic effort comes as the U.S. and some European allies consider supplying arms to Ukrainian forces, while German Chancellor Angela Merkel warned of a deepening conflict that can't be won militarily. A breakdown of negotiations would also strain trans-Atlantic unity in dealing with Russia, as Europe's con-



Russian President Vladimir Putin, center, French President Francois Hollande, right, and German Chancellor Angela Merkel have talks in the Kremlin in Moscow, Russia, Friday, Feb. 6, 2015

sensus on economic sanctions shows signs of fraying.

Some 1,500 Russian army troops with combat equipment including Grad multiple-launch rocket systems and artillery vehicles crossed the border into the conflict zone in eastern Ukraine on Feb. 7-8, Ukrainian military spokesman Andriy Lysenko told reporters in Kiev yesterday. Russian regular troops went in the direc-

tion of Luhansk and the embattled town of Debaltseve, he said.

The confrontation in Ukraine was "not caused by the Russian Federation" and an "immediate" cease-fire is needed, Putin said in an interview with Egyptian daily Al-Ahram published ahead of his visit to Cairo yesterday. The crisis "emerged in response to the attempts of the U.S. and its

Western allies who considered themselves 'winners' of the Cold War to impose their will everywhere," he said.

"We have seen how NATO's infrastructure was moving closer and closer toward Russia's borders and how Russian interests were being ignored," Putin told the paper.

Representatives of Ukraine, Russia, Germany and France were to hold talks in Berlin yes-

EU PUTS OFF FRESH RUSSIA SANCTIONS AWAITING MINSK TALKS

FRANCE'S FOREIGN minister says the European Union will hold off for now on expanding sanctions against Russia and the separatists it backs in Ukraine and await developments from ongoing peace negotiations. French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius says the need for more sanctions was to be assessed yesterday. He says "the principle of the sanctions is maintained but the application will depend on what happens on the ground." European Union foreign ministers have thrown their weight behind fresh diplomatic efforts to end the conflict in Ukraine, shying away from the calls by some U.S. politicians to provide lethal defensive weapons to Kiev.

terday on Russian-Ukrainian border security, a cease-fire, withdrawal of heavy weaponry, demarcation lines, issues of autonomy and monitoring by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Schaefer said. **Bloomberg**

FRANCE

## Gunmen open fire in tense Marseille same day as PM visits

Jamey Keaten, Paris

GUNMEN exchanged fire in a Marseille housing project known as an open-air drug market yesterday, prompting police to close off the area in a search for the shooters the same day France's prime minister planned to visit the city.

No injuries were immediately reported in the shooting in the Castellane housing project, an area north of the city's old port that is rife with drug violence and gangs.

There were conflicting reports about whether officers had also been targeted by automatic gunfire. David Olivier Reverdy, a police union official, told RTL radio no officers were specifically targeted and no one



Police officers block the entrance of the Castellane housing project in Marseille

was wounded.

But Samia Ghali, a senator from the region, told iTele that she spoke with the police director and was told that the gunmen were targeting police and also firing at random.

French Prime Minister

Manuel Valls was due in Marseille, France's second-largest city, to talk about security and education. Reverdy said it was not clear whether there was a link between the shooting on what he described as a "drug corner" and Valls' visit. **AP**

IRAQ

## Suicide attack, bombing kill at least 22 in Baghdad

Sinan Salaheddin, Baghdad

ATTACKS in Baghdad killed at least 22 people and wounded dozens yesterday, just days after the government lifted a nighttime curfew that had been in place in the Iraqi capital for over a decade.

In the first attack, a suicide bomber set off an explosive vest in a busy Baghdad intersection crowded with rush-hour commuters early, killing at least 18 people. The bombing in Adan Square, located in a predominantly Shiite part of the capital, appeared to be the latest in a near-daily string of attacks by Sunni Islamic extremists targeting the country's Shiite majority.

A police officer who provided the death toll said the attack also wounded 42 people.

Hours later, a bomb ripped through a commercial area in the capital's northeastern suburb of Husseinayah, killing four civilians and wounding nine, another police



Iraqi security forces are deployed after the lifting of the nighttime curfew, at Tahrir Square in Baghdad

officer said.

Two medical officials confirmed the casualty figures. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief the media.

The attacks came two days after Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi lifted a midnight to 5 a.m. curfew in the capital that had been in place in various forms since 2004, when Iraq was engulfed in violence following the U.S.-led invasion the year before. **AP**

## what's ON



## PUZZLE THE PUZZLE

- A SITE-SPECIFIC MINIATURE THEATRE

TIME: 7pm (February 11-12; English and Cantonese); 7pm (February 10; Mandarin and Cantonese); 7pm & 9pm (February 13; Mandarin and Cantonese)

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ADMISSION: MOP100

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## Offbeat

## GRAMMYS: THE WOMAN FROM THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SEGMENT

AP PHOTO



Brooke Axtell



Katy Perry

The woman who spoke movingly from the Grammy stage about her experiences with domestic violence says the segment was inspired by a visit to the White House by Grammy show producer Ken Ehrlich.

After President Barack Obama made a video appearance calling on musicians to pledge to stop domestic violence, Brooke Axtell took to the Grammy stage to speak about her own experiences. Her life was saved, she said, when she sought help at a domestic violence center.

Katy Perry followed her with a solemn performance of "By the Grace of God."

Axtell said afterward that both she and Perry were honored by the opportunity to address the issue before such a large audience.

"We're at a stage in the movement for social justice where we are in desperate need of having male allies, and that means confronting within our own communities when violence occurs and making sure there are interventions for those who have abused and been abused," she said.

She noted she was aware both Rihanna and Chris Brown were in the audience when she spoke. Brown has faced a string of legal troubles since beating Rihanna before the 2009 Grammy Awards.

Neil Portnow, the recording academy's president, said neither Rihanna nor Brown was consulted before the segment aired.

## TV canal macau

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| 13:30 | News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast                    |
| 14:30 | RTPi Live  |
| 17:35 | Brazil Avenue (Repeated)                         |
| 18:30 | TDM Sports (Repeated)                            |
| 19:30 | Soap Opera                                       |
| 20:30 | Main News, Financial & Weather Report            |
| 21:00 | TDM Interview                                    |
| 21:45 | Happy Endings S2                                 |
| 22:10 | Brazil Avenue                                    |
| 23:00 | TDM News   |
| 23:30 | Miscellaneous                                    |
| 00:30 | Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated) |

## cinema

## CINETEATRO

5 FEB - 11 FEB



## JUPITER ASCENDING

ROOM 1

(2D) 2.30, 4.45, 9.45 pm

(3D) 7.15 pm

Director: Andy Wachowski, Lana Wachowski

Starring: Channing Tatum, Mila Kunis, Eddie

Redmayne

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 127min



## GANGNAM BLUES

ROOM 2

2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.30 pm

Director: Yoo Ha

Starring: Lee Min-ho, Kim Rae-won

Language: Korean (Chinese/English)

Duration: 135min



## THE CON ARTIST

ROOM 3

2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm

Director: Kim Hong-sun

Starring: Kim Woo-bin, Lee Hyun-woo, Ko Chang-seok

Language: Korean (Chinese/English)

Duration: 116min

## MACAU TOWER

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2.30, 4.30, 7.00, 9.30 pm

Director: Andy Wachowski, Lana Wachowski

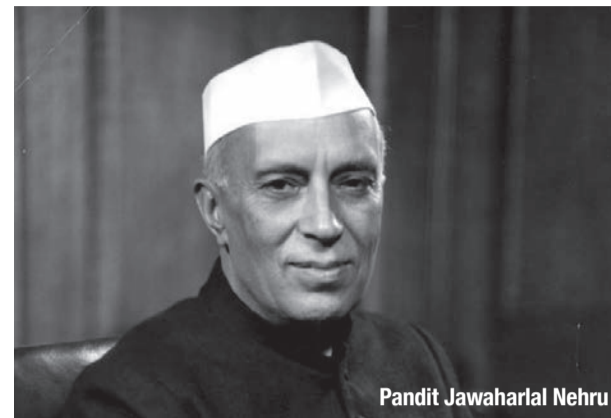
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## this day in history



Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru

## 1952 INDIA PASSES FIRST TEST OF DEMOCRACY

The Congress Party of India, led by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, has won an outright victory in the country's first general election.

The party has won 249 of the 489 seats contested in the Lower House, and even with 133 results yet to be declared it is clear that the Congress Party will control the next Parliament.

The victory has earned Pandit Nehru a further five-year term in office. He has led the interim government since 1947, when power passed from British to Indian hands, but this makes him India's first prime minister to be elected by universal suffrage.

The elections are widely seen as a test for India's ability to succeed as a democracy following independence from Britain two years ago.

They are the first to be held under the new constitution, drawn up with the British parliamentary system as a model.

There were fears that extremist groups would use the opportunity to whip up inter-ethnic tensions, but to everyone's relief voting has so far gone peacefully.

The polling operation is on a massive scale.

There are 176 million people eligible to vote, although only 15% can read or write.

Symbols are being used on ballot papers for each of the parties and independent candidates, so that those who cannot read know where to cast their vote.

Voters are not even required to mark their ballot papers - they simply have to put them into a box marked with the symbol of their favoured candidate.

About 18,000 candidates are running for 4,412 seats: 497 in the Lok Sabha, or lower house of parliament, and the rest in state government.

Although the Congress Party, which has been inextricably linked with the drive for independence, has secured an absolute majority in the parliamentary elections, it suffered some unexpected setbacks in state elections.

In three southern states in particular - Madras, Hyderabad and Travancore-Cochin - the party failed to win an outright majority in the face of strong support for the Communist Party.

The result has caused some concern in the Congress Party. The states do not have to follow central government policies, so the Communist Party's strength there could potentially cause the government serious difficulties.

However, two of the most feared militant parties - the Hindu Mahasabha, and the separatist Sikh Akali Party - did so badly that both parties are expected to collapse following the elections.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

The Communist Party of India (CPI) continued to be a thorn in the government's side for some years, particularly in the southern states.

In 1957 it was elected to rule the state government of Kerala (formerly Travancore-Cochin and neighbouring Malabar), only to have the government dismissed and President's Rule declared in 1959.

The CPI is now split into several splinter groups.

Although it still has support in Kerala and in some other states, its share of the parliamentary vote has more than halved.

Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru governed the country until his death in 1964, and remains a towering figure in independent India's early political history.

The Congress Party, largely led by Nehru family members, continued in an almost unbroken run of power until 1989.

Following a decisive victory in the 1996 elections, the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) emerged as the strongest party and formed a government under its moderate leader, Atal Behari Vajpayee.]

But in 2004, the Congress Party once again returned to power under former Finance Minister, Manmohan Singh.



**YOUR STARS**

**Aries**

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Work that smile! You need to get friendly to get your way today, even if you've been able to steamroll over the opposition lately. Shift gears and you should soon find yourself in a better place.

**Taurus**

April 20-May 20

You need to spend some quality time on your own today — though that's not to say you need to totally isolate yourself! Sometimes you just need to recharge, and today is one of those days.

**Gemini**

May 21-Jun. 21

You're consumed with thoughts — your mind may be racing all day and all through the night. It shouldn't be negative, though you may sometimes fall into doubt. Let yourself pass through it all.

**Cancer**

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Things are harder than ever today — so make sure that you've got a backup plan. The good news is that once you get past this phase, you should be stronger than you've ever been.

**Leo**

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

Kick back with friends today — you've earned it! Your social energy is perfect for parties or less formal gatherings. It's a really good day to take the lead and show them what fun is made of.

**Virgo**

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

You're at a crossroads — and you need to take the path that leads to a deeper, more meaningful existence. If that path isn't already clear, you need to seek out wise friends for advice.

**Libra**

Sep. 23-Oct. 22

You have to take time today to just appreciate what you've got — in part because a negative phase has just come to a conclusion. Get ready for great energy and good luck to come your way!

**Scorpio**

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You can't quite figure out what people are trying to tell you — mixed messages are all around you! Take a deep breath and try to let your subconscious mind take over. You can make it out!

**Sagittarius**

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Your friends and associates are all covering for you — so it's basically a free day! Make sure you send them some love as you frolic, but don't worry about any repercussions in future days.

**Capricorn**

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Get started in a new direction today — something that feels like it could be lucrative in one way or another. Your energy may not be perfectly focused, but it's still a good day to get started.

**Aquarius**

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

You need to make a solid connection today — preferably with someone you'd ordinarily never think to say hello to. Your great personal energy is at its best making new friendships.

**Pisces**

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

You have to make things better for your people today — and it's easier than ever to do just that! You've got to find a way to turn trouble into something that can work to everyone's advantage.

**THE BORN LOSER** by Chip Sansom



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| Xi'an     | -2  | 11  | cloudy/clear     |
| Lhasa     | -6  | 10  | clear/cloudy     |
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| Hong Kong | 13  | 18  | cloudy           |

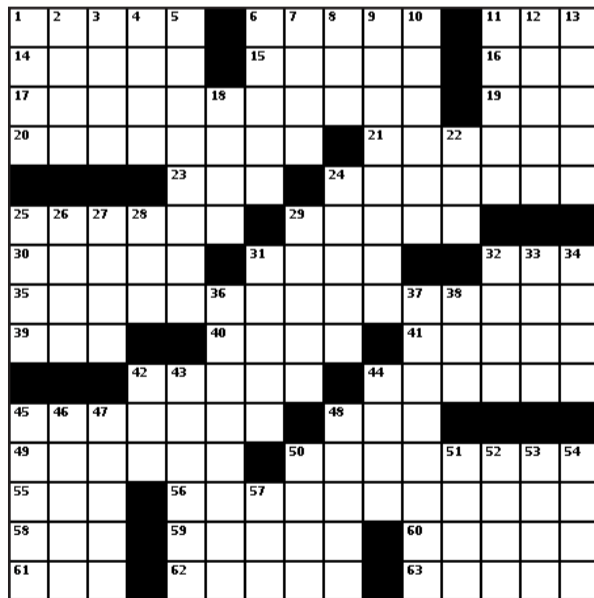
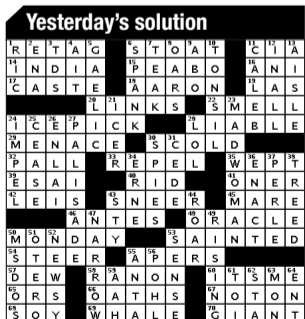
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| Moscow    | -7 | -5 | flurry        |
| Frankfurt | 1  | 3  | drizzle       |
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| London    | 3  | 6  | drizzle       |
| New York  | -1 | 3  | sleet/drizzle |

**CROSSWORDS**

**ACROSS:** 1- Sour; 6- \_\_\_ worse than death; 11- Cock and bull; 14- Feudal estate; 15- Word after Anglo; 16- This was produced by Van Gogh, for example; 17- Lowest layer of the atmosphere; 19- Sprechen \_\_\_ Deutsch?; 20- Chosen; 21- Daze; 23- \_\_\_ anglais (English horn); 24- Pert. to the fingers; 25- Capital of Russia; 29- Cuplike organ; 30- Model; 31- Coil; 32- \_\_\_ Cruces; 35- In spite of; 39- Apr. addressee; 40- Contented sighs; 41- Praying figure; 42- Make a god of; 44- Hardens; 45- To achieve by deceitful methods; 48- Dawn goddess; 49- Does penance; 50- Constituent; 55- Colo. clock setting; 56- Spontaneous activity; 58- Funnymen Phillips; 59- Hint; 60- Visionaries; 61- Thieves' place; 62- Twisted expression?; 63- Bert's buddy;

**DOWN:** 1- Tsp. and tbsp.; 2- Concern; 3- Hydroxyl compound; 4- Thick cord; 5- Green flower vegetable; 6- According to; 7- Saudi king; 8- Lumberjack's tool; 9- Flat flour or corn bread; 10- Vigor; 11- Lacks; 12- Writer Jong; 13- Alloy of iron and carbon; 18- Pack away; 22- \_\_\_-en-Provence; 24- Pub pastime; 25- Prefix for small; 26- Smell or fragrance; 27- Complete collections; 28- Crow call; 29- Soft and comfortable; 31- Abrade; 32- Prevaricator; 33- Actress Heche; 34- Cpls. superiors; 36- Sudden collapse into failure; 37- Malarkey; 38- Actress Joanne; 42- Rockers Steely \_\_\_; 43- Discharges; 44- Very small quantity; 45- Well-known; 46- "Who's there?" response; 47- \_\_\_ your life!; 48- Keyboard key; 50- "Splendor in the Grass" screenwriter; 51- Will of "The Waltons"; 52- Nothing, in Nantes; 53- Longfellow's bell town; 54- Dissolve, as cells; 57- Single unit



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- PJ (Open line) 993
- PJ (Picket) 28 557 775
- PSP 28 573 333
- Customs 28 559 944
- S. J. Hospital 28 313 731
- Kiang Wu Hospital 28 371 333
- Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) 28326 300
- IACM 28 387 333
- Tourism 28 333 000
- Airport 59 888 88
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Maggie Michael, Cairo

# Egypt football violence revives scrutiny of police

**T**HE killing of more than 20 soccer fans outside a Cairo stadium in a melee with security forces has revived scrutiny of police tactics in Egypt less than a month after a woman was shot dead during the dispersal of a peaceful protest marking the anniversary of the 2011 uprising.

The violence late Sunday, which prompted the Cabinet to suspend the national football league indefinitely, came three years after Egypt witnessed one of the deadliest soccer riots in the sport's history, and dealt a further blow to the military-backed government's attempt to project an image of stability after four years of political turmoil.

The Cabinet announced the suspension of the national league late Sunday after riot police clashed with hundreds of soccer fans and fired tear gas to clear a narrow corridor leading to the Air Defense stadium in an eastern Cairo suburb, setting off a deadly stampede.

Egypt last suspended the league in 2012 after 74 fans were killed in rioting that broke out following a match in the Suez Canal city of Port Said. That violence sparked outrage at the police and the transitional military council that had assumed power following the 2011 overthrow of President Hosni Mubarak.

Fans have only recently been allowed back in stadiums, but authorities continue to limit the number who can attend.

Egypt's public prosecutor has ordered an investigation of the violence.

Yesterday, pro-government media and the Interior Ministry, which is in charge of the police, sought to deflect blame from the security forces. The president of Zamalek,



Soccer fans hold lit flares at the stand as they watch a match between Egyptian Premier League clubs Zamalek and ENPPI at Air Defense Stadium in a suburb east of Cairo

lawyer Mortada Mansour, told a private TV station that police did not open fire on the club's fans, as was widely reported on social media, and that Sunday's violence was "orchestrated" to foil upcoming parliamentary elections. Prominent pro-government commentator Ahmed Moussa warned against calling the victims "martyrs," saying they attempted to break the law. "Thugs cannot be martyrs," he said late Sunday on television.

Mansour is a staunch supporter of President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, the former army chief who has waged a sweeping crackdown on dissent since he led the 2013 overthrow of Islamist President Mohammed Morsi, Egypt's first freely elected leader.

Authorities say Sunday's violence began when hundreds of hard-core Zamalek fans known as Ultras White Knights tried to force their way into the stadium

to attend the soccer match without tickets.

On their Facebook page, the White Knights said authorities only opened one narrow, barbed-wire door to let them in. They said that led to pushing and shoving, and that police responded with tear gas and birdshot.

One fan, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity out of fear of being targeted by security forces, said the stampede was caused by police, who fired tear gas at the tightly packed crowd.

"Those who fell down could not get back up again," the man said.

Another witness, who asked that he only be identified by his first name Mohammed, said police responded with large amounts of tear gas after fans pelted them with rocks.

"When the players' bus approached the stadium, fans cut the road off, sat on the ground to

prevent it from entering the stadium and showed the players images of the dead fans" on their cellphones, he said.

"Then, police again fired tear gas, the crowd dispersed and the bus went through."

Tarek Titto, a political activist who is close to the White Knights, said that when he visited Cairo's main morgue late Sunday the families of the dead were being asked to sign declarations that their loved ones died of suffocation during a stampede.

"You go to attend a soccer match, you return a body in a morgue," he said, adding that he expected the White Knights would retaliate somehow.

The White Knights and other soccer fans were at the forefront of the protests that gripped Egypt during and after the 2011 uprising that toppled Mubarak. The police have cracked down hard on demonstrations since Morsi's

overthrow, and both secular and Islamist activists have been jailed for violating a draconian law regulating protests that was passed in 2013.

Shaimaa el-Sabbagh, a 32-year-old mother of a small boy, was shot dead while taking part in a peaceful Jan. 24 march marking the fourth anniversary of the 2011 uprising. Photos and video clips that have been widely distributed online show police pointing rifles at her direction as the sound of gunfire rings out and she falls on the ground.

Widely circulated images of her bleeding out of her mouth and being carried by a male colleague shocked many Egyptians. The chief prosecutor has ordered that her death be thoroughly investigated and el-Sissi last week called on Interior Minister Mohammed Ibrahim to find her killers.

The most violent episode involving police was the dispersal of massive pro-Morsi protest camps in August 2013, when hundreds of protesters were killed in a matter of hours.

Sunday's match, pitting Zamalek against ENPPI, two Cairo-based teams, kicked off more than an hour behind schedule. Zamalek is leading the league, with ENPPI three points behind in second place. The teams drew 1-1.

Fans attending the match in the stadium were apparently aware of the clashes and fatalities outside.

They chanted: "We either win retribution for them or die like they did." **AP**

## FOOTBALL

# Ivory Coast wins African Cup in shootout against Ghana

**I**VORY Coast goalkeeper Iper Boubacar Barry saved the day, and then he scored the winner.

The 35-year-old veteran blocked a penalty attempt from opposing goalkeeper Razak Braimah and then stepped up to convert his own to give the Ivory Coast a 9-8 shootout win over Ghana yesterday (Macau time) in the African Cup of Nations final.

The match at Bata Stadium had finished 0-0 after 120 minutes. The Ivorians, who have lost two shootouts in finals in the last decade, failed



Ghana's goalkeeper Razak Braimah dives as he fails to save the winning penalty from Ivory Coast's goalkeeper Boubacar Barry, during their African Cup of Nations final soccer match in Bata, Equatorial Guinea

to convert their first two penalties, but a string of must-score shots hit the target, including goals

from Yaya and Kolo Toure and Salomon Kalou.

"When sometimes you win with your club, it's

quite amazing," said Yaya Toure, who won the Premier League with Manchester City last season. "But with your country, it's unbelievable."

The Ivory Coast, which won its only other title in 1992 also on penalties against Ghana, played this time without Chelsea striker Didier Drogba, who has retired from international soccer. But the team still had Man City teammates Wilfried Bony and Yaya Toure, a four-time African player of the year.

Bony took the Ivory

Coast's first attempt in the shootout, but he hit the crossbar. Tallo Gadji also missed.

Ghana captain Asamoah Gyan, who started the final after sitting out the last match with an injury, was taken off just before the shootout. Gyan missed a penalty in the 2010 World Cup quarterfinals and then again in the 2012 African Cup semifinals.

"I have nothing to say. The Ivorians are happy because they won a cup," Gyan said. "I don't have anything to say right now. It's past and gone."

Barry made a surprising start in goal for the Ivorians in Sunday's final. He was the goalkeeper between the posts in 2012 when the team lost to Zambia in a shootout in the final, but he started this time in pla-

ce of the injured Sylvain Gbohouo.

Barry also saved a shootout attempt from Ghana midfielder Afriyie Acquah. Substitute Frank Acheampong missed his attempt.

After Barry's decisive penalty, Ivory Coast coach Herve Renard spent several minutes trying to console Ghana forward Andre Ayew. Renard previously worked with Ghana's national team and knows many of the players.

In 2012, Renard coached Zambia to the title, beating Ghana in the semifinals and Ivory Coast in the final.

"Without the manager we would have won nothing," Toure said. "He made things difficult for me. He told me if I didn't run he'd kick me out. He's fantastic." **AP**

opinion

**World Views**

David Oakley, Financial Times

**BE WEST-COAST AMERICAN, OR EAST-COAST CHINESE**

A very senior journalist at the Financial Times once said to me: "Be American." The person meant be positive. Don't fear failure. Don't worry about setbacks. Have the courage to look to the future and push the envelope to exceed the limits of your ability.

I have refined that advice to: "Be west-coast American", or even: "Be east-coast Chinese". These are the regions where some of the most innovative technology businesses are based, as they are run by bold people who often defy convention and want to change the world.

Consequently, they are also the regions where some long-term fund managers think investors should buy stocks because these are revolutionary companies that are changing the way we live.

As Apple (based in Cupertino, California) has shown most dramatically, with the astonishing rise of its share price in the past decade and its record quarterly earnings at the end of 2014, the best long-term investment returns are produced by these groups.

On the west coast of America there are also the technology giants of Amazon, Facebook and Google as well as Tesla Motors, manufacturer of electric cars, and Illumina, which provides technology for sequencing the human genome that could ultimately eradicate disease.

On the east coast of China, there is Tencent, the mass media, internet and mobile phone services provider, Alibaba, the ecommerce giant, and Baidu, the search company.

In the case of the Chinese groups, there are question marks. Alibaba, for example, is facing a class-action suit in the US over allegations it failed to disclose important information ahead of its initial public offering.

But, in the long run, founder Jack Ma may have a point when he says that such scrutiny will only help to make the company stronger as it is exposed to the stricter norms of western markets.

James Anderson, head of global equities at Bailie Gifford, the fund house, says: "You could argue that the centre of the investment world is in the middle of the Pacific Ocean — between the east coast of China and the west coast of America. These places are where the companies that are changing the world are based. They are the ones with a strategic competitive advantage because of their technological innovation and long-term orientation."

Significantly, he does not hold any stocks based on the east coast of America. Despite the boom in technology start-ups in New York, Mr Anderson still thinks the US city and London, where financials and big oil groups dominate, are places that largely circulate money rather than create wealth. He adds that Shanghai, despite its location on the vibrant Chinese east-coast, is similar to New York and London.

In Europe, he thinks the place most similar to the US west coast and Chinese east coast, which has been a magnet for "terrific technology" companies is Berlin. Examples of these include Rocket, the internet company, and Zalando, the ecommerce group.

In the UK, the technology companies that might become the giants of the future tend to be based around the university cities of Oxford and Cambridge, such as Oxford Nanopore, a DNA sequencing group. As an aside, some of the genome sequencing breakthroughs used by the San Diego-based Illumina originated in a pub in Cambridge.

Of course, there is a place for value investing, or buying stocks that are mispriced and cheap, or corporate governance-driven investment. But investors who really have their eye on the long term, or are looking for companies that will stand the test of time and improve our lives, are likely to offer the best long-term returns.

In the past 60 years, it has been oil groups such as Exxon and Mobil that have dominated the stock indices and profit rankings. But will the oil groups still do so in six decades time? Are they innovative enough to remain at the top as alternative sources of energy become more popular? The Californian solar industry may provide the answer.

Exclusive MDT/FT

**THE BUZZ** RUSSIAN CAR SALES COLLAPSE BY 24 PCT IN JANUARY

An industry group says the Russian car market, which was on the way to become Europe's largest a few years ago, plunged by 24 percent in January. The Association of European Businesses said in a statement yesterday that the year-on-year drop in sales follows strong demand at the end of 2014, when customers were in a hurry to buy foreign

cars before prices rose.

The Russian currency has lost more than half of its value in the past year and its collapse gained full speed at the end of the year. Russians flocked to buy expensive durable goods and cars before the retailers hiked the prices to match the current exchange rate.

ORGANIZED CRIME

**Mexico judge orders release of cartel 'Queen of the Pacific'**



Sandra Avila Beltran in handcuffs as she is escorted by federal authorities upon arrival to Benito Juarez airport in Mexico City

A Mexican federal judge threw out a five-year, money-laundering sentence for Sandra Avila Beltran, ordering the immediate release of the "Queen of the Pacific" for her alleged role as a liaison between Mexican and Colombian drug cartels.

A statement issued by the

Attorney General's Office said the judge ruled that Avila already had been tried for the same crime in Mexico and the United States.

The ruling brings to an end a saga that began in 2007, when Avila was arrested while sipping coffee in a Mexico City diner.

Her case is widely known in Mexico because Avila is the niece of Miguel Angel Felix Gallardo, "the godfather" of Mexican drug smuggling who is serving a 40-year sentence for trafficking and the murder of U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agent Enrique Camarena in 1985.

Prosecutors alleged Avila spent more than a decade working her way to the top of Mexico's drug trade. They said her romance with Colombian Juan Diego Espinosa Ramirez brought together Mexico's powerful Sinaloa cartel with Colombia's Norte del Valle cartel.

Avila was tried in connection with the seizure of more than nine tons of U.S.-bound cocaine on a vessel in Mexico's western port of Manzanillo and acquitted in December 2010. A Mexican appeals court upheld the verdict in 2011.

But she remained jailed while Mexican courts decided on a U.S. extradition request, which judges granted in 2012. Avila also faced charges stemming from several seizures in Chicago in 2001 that amounted to 100 kilograms of cocaine.

A 2004 indictment in the Southern District of Florida did not specify Beltran's role in the drug-dealing case. In a plea deal in Miami in 2013, she pleaded guilty to a lesser count of being an accessory after the fact in an organization that included Espinosa Ramirez, who pleaded guilty in 2009 to cocaine trafficking charges.

She was sentenced to time served and returned to Mexico, where she was sentenced on the money-laundering conviction last year. AP

**THE DECISIVE MOMENT**

João Pedro Lau



Local resident Chan Kuok Sum has been projecting words, roughly translated as "Injustice not redressed", onto the trees at the open space next to the Nam Van Lake opposite the Government Headquarters. He is asking the government to revisit a medical malpractice complaint involving his daughter who fell into coma almost 10 years ago and passed away last year.

| Station                       | Air quality     |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Roadside                      | 90-120 Moderate |
| High Density Residential Area | 95-125 Moderate |
| Ambient                       | 80-110 Moderate |

SOURCE: DSI/MG

WORLD BRIEFS



**AFGHANISTAN** Afghan officials say a senior Islamic State commander was killed in a drone strike in the southern Helmand province. More on p12

**JAPANESE** industrial designer Kenji Ekuon, whose works ranged from a bullet train to the red-capped Kikkoman soy sauce dispenser as familiar as the classic Coca-Cola bottle, has died, his company said. He was 85.

**INDIA** Police search for a man who raped a Japanese student sightseeing in northern India as recent attacks on women renew public fury and horror over the country's inability to halt chronic sexual assault. The 20-year-old student attacked Sunday is the second Japanese woman raped in the South Asian country in recent months.

**UKRAINE** French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius says that the European Union will hold off on expanding sanctions against Ukraine separatists and Russians for now depending on developments in eastern Ukraine and in ongoing peace negotiations. More on p15



**USA** The U.S. Supreme Court refused yesterday to stop same-sex marriages from beginning in Alabama, one of the most conservative states in the country. Alabama began issuing marriage licenses promptly after the decision, becoming the 37th U.S. state where gays can legally wed. Gay marriage is now banned in only 13 states, following a flurry of legal victories for same-sex marriage advocates in recent years.