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**VANUATU** Relief groups are struggling to get supplies to residents living in Vanuatu's cyclone-ravaged outer islands as survivors grew desperate for food and water five days after the fierce storm flattened villages across the South Pacific nation. With power, phones and Internet still down across much of the country, officials faced logistical headaches in sorting out where to send supplies, particularly in Tanna Island.

**CHINESE** authorities have announced plans to boost the number of electric, hybrid and other alternative fuel-powered vehicles used for public transportation, while sales of such cars for private use have spiked in recent months. The Transport Ministry announced Wednesday that officials aimed to add 200,000 buses and 100,000 taxis powered by alternative fuels by 2020.

**MYANMAR** A court sentences two reporters to two months in prison on charges of defamation, in the latest ruling that raises concerns about press freedoms as the country emerges from military rule.

**THAILAND**'s top court announces that former Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra will stand trial for negligence related to a rice subsidy program overseen by her ousted government that lost billions of dollars, a move likely to deepen the long-running political crisis in the military-ruled nation. More on p12

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**T**HE MGM Macau and Joana Vasconcelos' Charity Foundation are set to launch a fundraising campaign to help Orbis Macau, an organization raising public awareness over eye healthcare and blindness-related problems.

Portuguese contemporary artist Joana Vasconcelos opened her first ever exhibition held in Macau last Sunday. Her "Valkyrie Octopus" installation will be displayed at MGM Macau's Grande Praça until the end of October.

The young Portuguese artist's foundation and MGM will be launching a fundraising program, having invited chef Oliver Weber and pastry sous chef Micky Ma to create pastries inspired by Joana's artwork. MGM Macau revealed in a press release that it will double up all of the proceeds from the sales of the Valkyrie Octopus-inspired pastries, contributing them to a charity fund that will be donated to Orbis by the end of the exhibition.

Pastries will be available at the Pastry Bar and Grande Praça Café at MGM Macau between April and October. "The creations encase layers of rich hazelnut crème and crisps, a signature and most popular flavor of the property's collection of

# MGM Macau and Joana Vasconcelos Foundation launch fundraising campaign

sweets," said MGM Macau.

Grant Bowie, CEO and executive director of MGM China Holdings Ltd., said, "We engaged Orbis as the beneficiary because vision and the visual arts have an intriguing correlation." "While we hope our visitors appreciate this breathtaking masterpiece by Joana Vasconcelos, we also call on the local community's generosity to support and help those with eye illnesses, so that they will have the chance to enjoy the beauty of the world surrounding us," Bowie expressed.

Joana Vasconcelos commented, "I am happy and excited that I am able to inspire MGM Macau's chefs through my work of art to create this special pastry, which will in turn help those in need through Orbis."

Orbis is a non-profit organization working to prevent and

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Joana Vasconcelos

treat blindness. Orbis Macau, a subsidiary of Orbis International, was founded in Macau in 2006. The organization aims to raise awareness of blindness-related matters and to call for the Macau community's support.

The Portuguese artist is known for using traditional feminine crafts such as crochet or textiles, as well as for using unconventional elements, to create edgy and imposing sculptures and installations. From conducting a controversial exhibition at the Palace of Versailles featuring two extravagant warlike lions covered in white lace napkins, to designing one of her most famous pieces, "The Bride" – a chandelier made entirely of tampons – Joana has done it all. Her exhibition in Macau runs until October 31. **CP**

## EDUCATION

# Gary Ngai says gov't is to blame for lack of Portuguese talent

**T**HE SAR government should be held accountable for the city's shortage of Portuguese language talent, resulting in challenges when teaching Portuguese to local students, Gary Ngai Mei Cheong, president of the Macau Association for the Promotion of Exchange between Asia-Pacific and Latin America (MAPEAL), told the Times on the sidelines of a talk on Macau's external role regarding Latino countries.

The Indonesian-born Chinese criticized the local government's failure to devote more manpower and resources to teaching the Portuguese language, despite the fact that there are many students eager to learn.

"Do we have enough teachers? That is the major issue," said the MAPEAL president. "We just do not have [enough] teachers. There are no teachers although the students want to learn."

"Who should take the blame? It should be the local government. They should hire more teachers, the-



Gary Ngai

re are many teachers from mainland China who teach [Portuguese]."

Asked if the city, given its historic background, needed to import Portuguese teachers from the mainland, the 83-year-old retorted: "Go ask the Education and Youth [Affairs] Bureau as to why."

Gary Ngai also reckoned that it remains necessary to strengthen Portuguese education among local schools, and even impose related education in secondary schools if possible. "Schools should consider

launching Portuguese courses as an elective," he said, suggesting that students should learn another language in addition to English, which is a mandatory subject in local schools.

Regarding the possible extension of Portuguese language education to elementary schools, the MAPEAL president doubted if the "school authorities" would let the students learn many languages, which might cause confusion. However, he added that learning multiple languages simultaneously would not be as challenging as many believe, citing his personal childhood experiences of learning four languages at the same time.

The association head made a critical remark to the Times last year in August, warning that Macau would only "become another small part of Zhuhai" if the government made no effort to exploit the city's role as a bridge between China and the world. **Staff reporter**

## Tourism capacity report completed

**T**HE Secretary for Security Wong Sio Chak has submitted a report of the city's tourism capacity to Chief Executive Chui Sai On. Wong said the report examined the crowd control and border crossings reports during the Chinese New Year holidays over the past few years, particularly focusing on this year.

"We have made assessments on the issues [...] including what hidden worries we have with the border crossings and what risks we have during crowd controls," he explained, as reported by TDM radio.

The secretary said that Macau needs more services and improved security guarantees in its current development. "Stability is first; there will be no development without stability. This is a consensus in the government and also around the world. So in one aspect, we need to appropriately increase manpower, and in other aspects, to improve on our execution and our enforcement mechanism," he said, adding that the authorities hope to achieve the greatest results with the smallest number of personnel.

Wong also revealed that the government plans to recruit 2,000 more public workers this year. 500 of these posts are within the security field, and recruitment is now underway.

The tourism capacity report was compiled by the Secretary for Security and Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture. The CE instructed them to finish the report earlier this month for submission to the central government.

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# Irish minister in Macau to meet gov't, community leaders

Catarina Pinto

**I**RISH Minister for the Environment, Community & Local Government, Alan Kelly, is visiting Macau and today meets with the Secretary for Transport and Public Works in an effort to strengthen ties between the two regions, revealed Niall Murray, chairman of the Irish Chamber of Commerce of Macau (ICCM).

Mr Murray told the Times that, "the Irish government is very keen on building relationships with Macau" and the minister's visit is timed to coincide with St. Patrick's Day, Ireland's National Day, as part of a program of visits by Ireland's government ministers, who are looking to partner with several countries around the world.

Ireland's environment minister visits Macau alongside the consul general of Ireland to Hong Kong and Macau, Peter Ryan, who recently took office. This is the second ever Macau visit by an Irish government minister, after Irish Minister of State for Finance Simon Harris visited Macau in January.

Irish environment minister, Mr Kelly, also the deputy leader of Ireland's Labour Party, will meet with the Secretary for Transport and Public Works as well as members of the ICCM.

"This is basically an opportunity for them to meet and have



Alan Kelly

**This is an opportunity for them to meet and have a dialogue regarding environmental issues**

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a dialogue regarding environmental issues," said Mr Murray. "Ireland is very clean and green, it's a renowned country that has very good records of environmental protection, [known also for its] good air and water quality." The minister is expected to

provide a glimpse into Ireland's environmental strategies.

"Ireland is a very environmentally conscious country, so this will be an open dialogue and the minister will probably talk about what Ireland does in terms of control of emissions," Mr Murray added.

According to him, the Irish delegation is keen on briefing the Macau government on Ireland's latest environmental developments, but is also interested in discussing furthering business relations, addressing overlapping areas of interest.

Minister Kelly's visit to Macau is part of a wider visit to China, with missions planned to Hong Kong, Shanghai and Beijing. "Ireland is a global center for financial services and Minister Kelly will be personally briefing members of the Irish business community on the government's

new International Financial Services Strategy, which was launched just last week," added Mr Murray.

Alan Kelly previously served as Minister of State at the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport. As minister of environment, he has a particular interest in housing and planning policies. Mr Kelly also served as senator (2007 to 2009) and Member of the European Parliament (MEP), where he was part of the Internal Market Committee and the US-EU Inter-parliamentary delegation, among other committees.

Currently, there are about 49 Irish nationals living in Macau, according to Mr Murray. "It's a small community but the [commercial] chambers in Macau and Hong Kong are working closely together to try to build up the Irish community and the Irish business network here," he reiterated.

Mr Murray recalled that Ireland is famous for its hospitality as well as for "its beautiful food and beverages."

The Irish Chamber of Commerce of Macau, founded two years ago, is stepping up efforts on both fronts, raising awareness in Ireland of opportunities in Macau, while also providing local businesses and residents a glimpse into the opportunities that might await them in Ireland.

## CE delivers Policy Address on Monday

Chief Executive Chui Sai On will deliver his 2015 Policy Address on Monday at the Legislative Assembly (AL). Flyers providing information on the government's main policies and measures for this year will be mailed out to the Macau population, the Chief Executive's Office said in a statement. Pamphlets with 2015 Policy Address information will also be available at public libraries and several other public facilities in the city, including the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau and the Social Welfare Bureau. On Tuesday, Mr Chui will return to the Legislative Assembly to answer lawmakers' queries on the Policy Address.

## GAES opens call for Cambridge training program

The Tertiary Education Services Office (GAES) is accepting applications for a training program for local university teachers, taking place this August at the University of Cambridge in the UK. 20 vacancies are available within the program, which targets professors and researchers of local higher education institutions. In a recent statement, GAES said that it is launching a training program at the renowned University of Cambridge for the first time, and welcomes applications from all professors who meet the requirements. Applicants should be Macau ID holders working full-time as professors or researchers in local higher education institutions. They should have at least three years of teaching or research experience, and should hold a master's degree or a higher qualification. Furthermore, all interested applicants must submit a letter of recommendation issued by their local higher education institution. GAES will select 20 candidates to attend the training program, which kicks off on August 1. Further information can be found on the GAES website ([www.gaes.gov.mo](http://www.gaes.gov.mo)).

## Fourth Macau Literary Festival kicks off

The 4th edition of "The Script Road - Macau Literary Festival" kicked off yesterday with a ceremony held at the Old Court building. The festival will run from March 19 to 29. According to a press release issued by the organizers yesterday, the festival will attract more than 30 writers, publishers, translators, journalists, musicians, filmmakers and visual artists to the city.

# Income supplement to be provided 'for as long as it is needed'

**T**HE Executive Council (ExCo) has concluded discussions on extending the temporary income supplement scheme, giving the government the green light to continue providing a subsidy to eligible permanent residents earning less than MOP5,000 a month.

ExCo's spokesperson, Leong Heng Teng, told a press conference yesterday that the government has forecast that it will spend MOP37 million with these subsidies this year. In 2014, the government spent over MOP27 million with the income supplement scheme, which was implemented as a temporary measure back in 2008.

Currently, the scheme covers mostly middle-aged (around 40 years old) permanent residents whose salaries are lower than MOP5,000. The government gives extra financial support to these residents by making up the difference between their salary and a MOP5,000 ceiling.

The Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lionel Leong, said this week that the government is looking into putting the minimum wage into place in other labor sectors within three years. Currently, a bill

introducing a minimum wage for cleaners and security guards employed by property management companies is under discussion by a Legislative Assembly Standing Committee, after passing its first reading.

Yesterday, Leong Heng Teng hinted that once the universal minimum wage is in place, the income supplement scheme will no longer be needed. "From my point of view, once there's a legal framework ensuring a minimum wage, the scheme's mission is completed because employees facing economic difficulties also have access to [extra financial] support from government entities, such as the Social Welfare Bureau."

Nevertheless, Mr Leong stressed that, "the income supplement [scheme] will be provided as long as there are people who need it."

Last year, an average of 1,294 residents were covered by this scheme in each quarter. About 80 percent of those provided with an income supplement worked for the manufacturing industry, or provided cleaning and security services for property management companies.

Eligible applicants should work at least



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152 hours per month, except residents working for the textile industry, who are only required to work 128 hours per month in order to be eligible for the scheme.

The ExCo has also concluded discussions on revising some of the Economic Development Committee's duties and rules. The upcoming changes will extend the committee's duties to presenting proposals and deliberations on the diversification of Macau's economy. The Chief Executive will also be able to appoint experts and scholars, either from Macau or overseas, to provide consultancy services to the committee. The new rules come into force on April 9. CP



### Construction worker dies at Hollywood Roosevelt site

A migrant worker died after being hit by a falling vertical lift at the construction site of the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel in Cotai. This is the third fatal industrial accident that has occurred in the city this month. According to the Fire Services, at about 2pm yesterday a continuous vertical lift transporting construction materials fell from height as its wire rope broke. The male worker, about 40 years old, was crushed by the falling lift and seriously injured with multiple fractures. He was sent to the Conde S. Januário Hospital but died shortly afterwards. The Labor Affairs Bureau director, Wong Chi Hong, responded to the incident, acknowledging the need to reinforce safety inspections by the authorities at construction sites.

### HERITAGE

# Historic neighborhood tours come alive with poetry and performances

Brook Yang

**G**UIDED tours through the heritage neighborhood of St Lawrence are to be held this Saturday and Sunday evenings, with performances and poems presented by local artists along the route.

Titled "Heritage Stroll With Poetries," the program is being organized by the Macao Heritage Ambassadors Association. After preparing, creating, and rolling out community activities in the timespan of a year, the program is coming to the finale of its third edition.

"Before our guided tours were basically relying on speaking, but today anyone can easily find the information online; simply reading out the explanation is also hard to arouse visitors' feelings and emotions. Thereby we started to use arts to tell the stories of the heritage sites and express the human feelings towards the neighborhood," introduced the program's producer, Ms Chloe Lau.

The guided tours will start from Lilau Square all the way to Sir Robert Ho Tung Library, through



the Mandarin's House, St Lawrence Church and some alleys in the heritage neighborhood. Different forms of artistic expression will be presented along the route, including dances, poems and a play.

"This year our theme is the city's roots in water, including the city's relation with the ocean and wells. We also want people to look back at the strong human touch characterized in the old Macau, as today the population [structure] has changed and people are estranged while being busy in their own lives and materialistic pursuits," said Ms Lau.

The organizer also acknowledged

that today "it's hard for people to take two or three hours strolling through the route," and the performances were not all perceived as successful when launched three years ago.

By day, the streets are too busy and crowded for performances that need to be appreciated in a peaceful setting; whereas by night, the neighborhood needs to remain quiet. The organizer then found a solution: offering earphones for performers and participants to stroll the route "in silence."

Ms Lau explained that the program is carried out by a hundred

**We started to use arts to tell the stories of the heritage sites**

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young volunteers, in collaboration with a group of local poets, dancers, musicians and artists. In the first nine months, volunteers descended on the neighborhood to visit the stores and residents in a mission to seek out stories and items with themes such as "childhood" or "the ocean" in mind. Artists and poets then picked inspirations from those stories and tales.

"Those messages will then be delivered through the guided tours and performances to the audience, and conversely, the audience may resonate with or be reminded of their childhood. We expect such interactions in the cycle," stressed the coordinator.

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# Jason Chao pushes for legislation against sexual harassment

Brook Yang

**C**IVIC group the New Macau Association (ANM) is launching a public consultation on legislation against sexual harassment. The group's president Jason Chao said the relevant issues have not been addressed in local legislation, and thus should be a top priority.

The organization suggested listing sexual harassment as a semi-public crime and enacting a punishment of two years imprisonment for, "those who forcibly kiss or hug another individual or touch his or her hips, breasts or other private parts before he or she can resist."

Chao explained via video conference from the US (see box) that



Jason Chao took part in the press conference via video, since he is in the US

the proposal was based on the definition laid out in Taiwan's law against sexual harassment, adding that the criminal procedure is dependent on complaints to proceed.

Currently, Macau's Criminal Code stipulates a series of sexual

offenses, including sexual assault, coercion, and exposure, as well as pimping. However, it has not yet established a criminal charge regarding sexual harassment.

As established charges are often not applicable to scenarios of sexual harassment, victims might have to pursue the case by charging the perpetrator with the "crime of insulting" and bear the heavy burden of private prosecution.

The group hopes to enact a more targeted charge against related behaviors, and wants organizations and companies to set up a gender committee for handling complaints.

"Our public consultation will ask the questions: is the definition proper, too relaxed or too strict? Is the proposed penalty proper?" said Chao, adding that it's also hard to have all alleged behaviors explicitly listed in Macau's legal system. "Thus we recommend it [be] decided by the gender committees," he said.

For acts that don't fall under the scope of the aforementioned definition, Chao stressed that they should also be handled in such

a way that conveys a lack of tolerance for offences that tend to occur through the abuse of power relations.

Accordingly, the group proposed that "companies, associations and educational institutions with more than 20 employees or members should be obliged to form gender committees." When the committee finds a complaint unsatisfactory, the superior public bodies should be authorized to launch an investigation and adopt disciplinary measures.

Chao said their proposed bill will suggest authorizing the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ) to handle complaints involving students and teaching staff, whereas workers in public departments will appeal to their superior bodies; while other complainants can appeal to the Labor Affairs Bureau (DSAL).

"Alleged perpetrators, if found liable, shall face the consequences of dismissal with justified cause, or disciplinary action that can also lead to a dismissal," he added.

The ANM's public consultation will run until April 26. Opinions will mainly be collected through emails and social networks, supplemented by discussion sessions. Jason Chao said opinions from the public will be sought throughout the process, and a draft of the proposed law is expected to be completed in late May.

# Wynn announces 5 percent salary increase



Wynn Macau has announced a 5 percent salary increase, effective March 1, for all eligible employees (excluding senior management) of Wynn Macau and Wynn Palace. According to a press release issued by the company, those who benefit from the wage increase represent close to 98 percent of the current 8,100-strong workforce. Employees will also receive a guaranteed annual bonus worth two months' salary, including their 13th month bonus paid in January and another bonus given in July. This bonus program will continue into 2017. "While the market has recently come under some pressure, we believe that with the cooperation and support of the Macau SAR Government, the future of Macau will be even brighter than the past," said Steve Wynn, chairman and CEO of Wynn Resorts.

## ACTIVIST IN THE US INVITED BY STATE DEP'T

**JASON CHAO** was invited by the US State Department to attend the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) in the United States. Chao went as the spokesperson for Rainbow of Macau, an LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) rights group. From March 15 to April 4, the activist will join participants from around the world, observing American NGOs in the fields of LGBT rights and civil engagement through visits and meetings.



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# Galaxy profit falls 25 pct as anti-graft drive hurts VIP sector

**G**ALAXY Entertainment Group Ltd. reported earnings fell by a quarter as China's anti-corruption campaign deterred high-stakes gamblers from entering Macau. It's the last casino operator in the city to report fourth-quarter results.

Adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, or adjusted Ebitda, fell to HKD2.7 billion (USD348 million) from a year ago, the casino operator controlled by billionaire Lui Che Woo said in a statement yesterday. This is in line with the HK\$2.78 billion median estimate of eight analysts surveyed by Bloomberg News. Galaxy's stock pared gains.

"The anti-corruption activities mean a lot of VIPs will not be going anywhere near Macau soon," said Tim Craighead, head of Asian research at Bloomberg Intelligence in Hong Kong. The industry may face another 8 percent drop this year, a Bloomberg survey showed, after last year's 2.6 percent fall.

Macau's economy shrank 17.2 percent in the fourth quarter after casino revenues slumped, as China's anti-graft campaign led high rollers such as officials and senior executives to avoid the world's biggest gambling hub. China's economic slowdown,

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a smoking ban and stricter rules for travelers are among the reasons that have hurt Galaxy's mass-market business, Craighead said.



A porter escorts guests in a vehicle through the lobby of the Galaxy Macau casino resort

Galaxy pared gains to rise 2 percent as of 1:39 p.m. in Hong Kong trading, after the shares jumped as much as 4.1 percent before the results were announced. The stock has slumped 19.6 percent so far this year, against the Hang Seng Index's 3.2 percent gain. Sands China Ltd. reported fourth-quarter adjusted Ebitda fell 15 percent in the period, while that at Wynn Macau Ltd. plunged 36 percent.

The Hong Kong-based com-

pany said it plans to pay a special dividend of HK\$0.28 per share, totalling about HK\$1.19 billion (\$153.4 million). It had paid out special dividends of about HK\$4.9 billion in 2014.

The second phase of Galaxy Macau and Broadway at Galaxy Macau are both on schedule to open on May 27, the company said, recreating New York's famous theater district to woo more vacationing Chinese custo-

mers. This takes Galaxy's Cotai investment to HK\$43 billion of a total planned HK\$100 billion, according to the statement.

It will be the first among a slew of new projects opening in Macau's Cotai Strip, including Melco Crown Entertainment Ltd.'s Studio City casino resort, as operators target to draw more mass market tourists as Chinese President Xi Jinping urged the city to diversify away from casinos.

The new supply of casino resorts should grow the mass market and VIP businesses, Citigroup Inc. analysts led by Anil Daswani wrote in a note on March 16.

"We continue to believe in our thesis, as 'supply drives demand' has been holding true in Macau, Las Vegas, Singapore and Hong Kong historically," the Citigroup analysts wrote.

They expect Macau's gross gaming revenue to rebound in the second half of 2015, while still predicting a 16 percent full-year decline. **Bloomberg**

COURTS

## Police suicide thesis refuted

**F**IVE witnesses who knew Luís Amorim - a Portuguese teenager who died under suspicious circumstances in Macau in 2007 - told the Administrative Court that it would be "impossible" for him to have committed suicide as the police had claimed.

The deceased's family no longer hopes for the case's re-opening, as results may be difficult to achieve after



Luís Amorim

six years. They are instead asking the court for compensation amounting to MOP15 million, alleging that gross errors were committed during the investigation conducted by local authorities.

After several postponements, the Administrative Court is analyzing the case in a trial. In a session this week, friends described the teenager as someo-

ne with a strong sense of character and future prospects, a good student with many friends.

"The Luis that I knew would never commit suicide. It is something that makes no sense at all for someone with his personality," said António Aguiar, a family friend.

Other witnesses included two of the victim's teachers, who mentioned how he was planning to travel on an upcoming graduation trip. One of them, Maria Antónia Costa, described how she

had bought him a ticket to the school ball and recalled the student's answer: "Only because you bought me the ticket, you will see that I will bring you the homework on Sunday and I will be the student that you want me to be." But "on Monday Luís was gone," she bemoaned.

Another witness was a former journalist who followed the case closely. João Varela recalled how the deceased's mother was called to the Judiciary Police because "a tragedy"

had happened to her son. A man at the front desk told her, "Your son committed suicide, he jumped from the bridge." This contradicts the police inspector's statements, in which suicide was never the starting point for the investigation.

Several witnesses recounted how the family allegedly received a veiled threat when unspecified PJ investigators told Luís Amorim's father that they should leave Macau, as they also have a daughter.

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## REAL ESTATE MATTERS

## The 25 questions you must ask as a tenant renting a property - Part 2

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If you haven't seen the earlier articles on this subject, here's a brief introduction to the series. Of course you can find the articles online on the Macau Daily Times website.

With the high costs and the potential happiness of your family at stake, it's natural to be concerned that you are both making a good decision and getting value for money.

The trouble is you may find yourself renting a property whilst starting a new job, moving your family to a new country and enrolling the kids in a new school all at the same time.

Of course it's important to do your homework about any potential property you are considering to rent, and with so many things going on you also have to remember to ask your agent the most important questions about the property you are considering.

The list below is in no particular order, and is intended as a starting point to help identify which questions to ask. This week we start with...

**How's the water pressure?**

Be sure to test the water system in the apartment.

There is nothing more miserable than a weak shower day after day. Check the water pressure and find out how long you have to wait for the water to heat up or before the water turns cold etc. Confirm that the plumbing works by flushing toilets, and check for problems

with clogged drains. Small point perhaps, but they will irritate the hell out of you when you live there.

**How's the air conditioning?**

Make sure the air conditioning works, and do ask if the air cons are 'reverse cycle' to provide heat in the winter. Whilst the cold weather does not usually last very long, the humidity makes sure that it feels like the North Pole, and the properties are not usually built with adequate insulation for the winter.

If you like to cook at home, we also suggest checking the ventilation in the kitchen.

This is also a good time to ask about the average utility bills from the previous occupant.

**How many bathrooms are there and how do I access them?**

Does the apartment only have one bathroom? If so, where is it located?

When the apartment is designed so that the bathroom is only accessible via the bedroom, then remember your guests will need to go through your bedroom to use it.

Again, a seemingly trivial point that can easily be overlooked, but becomes a major issue if you have a guest staying.

**Who are my neighbors?**

It's always a good idea to get a sense of the people with whom you will be sharing a building and of course a floor and lobby.

If you know someone in the building, ask them about the tenants in general. If you are able to find out how long the neighbours have been living there and whether or not there has been high turnover of occupants.

It's also a good idea to find out how thin or thick the walls and floors are, and whether you will be able to hear your neighbours above, below, or around you. Finally, if the building shares a space above a restaurant, be aware of the smells, noise and closing time of the establishment.

**How do I get to work? Is there parking, or is a bus stop nearby?**

Will you need a car to get around? This is a major issue in Macau today, and will add a large amount to the cost if living. In addition to rent, you'll also have to pay for parking, fuel, insurance, and maintenance. This will have to be balanced with option of renting a central apartment that allows the convenience of being able to walk everywhere.

Some buildings have one parking spot assigned to your rental unit. This is convenient, but where does your friend park when he visits? How about when you invite three friends over, each with their own car that needs to be parked?

It's a major problem in Macau and not one that getting any easier. It will deserve careful thought on your side.

Next Week: "... cellphone reception/WiFi connectivity" and others.....

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## So you want to be a cash game player?

One of the questions I get asked the most is: how should I study poker? What books should I read? How can I improve my game? A few months ago my fellow Team Pro Online member André Coimbra wrote an excellent series on how to study poker, both for low stakes and mid-stakes players. If you haven't read it yet, then you should because I'm sure it will be useful for you (it was for me!). Nevertheless, I would like to add my two cents to the topic and try to help those of you who are just starting out at cash games.

The first topic I would like to talk about is books. If you like to read, I think that "The Poker Blueprint" by Tri Nguyen and Aaron Davis is an excellent option. This book was published in 2010 and it was probably useful for NL100 players back then, but I think that nowadays it would be quite interesting for those of you playing NL5-NL25. It will help you to start thinking about each decision instead of blindly following charts.

So if you are completely new to cash games, your best source of information is a training site. Poker School Online is completely free and will give you access to tons of videos and articles from PokerStars pros and coaches. Check out the Cash Games course and try to set study goals. And what if you have questions about the concepts you are studying? Simple: use the forum! Never be scared to post your doubts and ask for help. Discussing hand histories

with others is another great way to learn.

If you are using tracking software, you have an excellent tool to review your database and find mistakes in your game. You might have seen in training videos some players with an outstanding understanding of advanced filters and reports who can find very specific leaks. But you can benefit a lot from doing a very basic review. Tracking software comes with default reports where you can easily see the most obvious leaks (always check the data by position!). Check your win-rate/loss-rate, what your range looks like from every position, and then review individual hands to see how you are doing in different flop textures and how you are adjusting to different players. Write down your conclusions, apply what you've learned during your next session, and see how it goes. I can guarantee you your game will vastly improve if you follow this method.

I really hope these guidelines were interesting for you and help you become a better player. However studying poker is quite personal and different strategies might work differently for each person. This is what I've found useful during my career, but you should always try to see what works best for you. Some people learn more from videos, others like to read articles, while some people benefit more from discussing hands with their friends. What really matters is that you never stop studying.

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# Big in Asia, Line app hopes cute factor will win worldwide

**Youkyung Lee,**  
Technology Writer, Seoul

**M**ICKEY Mouse, Hello Kitty: Move over. And make way for laidback Brown bear and his irrepressible girlfriend Cony the bunny.

Once just digital stickers that users of mobile messaging app Line send to each other like emoticons, the bear, the bunny and their seven friends will soon be unleashed through stores, virtual reality and possibly an animated film.

For smartphone users in Asia where most of Line's 181 million monthly users are located, the characters are as familiar as old school icons such as Hello Kitty and Disney's animated stars. They are not well known in America or Europe but owner Line Corp. hopes to change that.

It plans to open 100 stores selling Brown dolls and other cute "Line Friends" paraphernalia worldwide over the next three years. It has already opened two stores in Seoul and its first Shanghai and New York stores will open this year.

Though partly an accidental strategy, the company says the bricks-and-mortar presence will draw more users to the app and help replicate its rapid Asian success in other regions. It will also give the company a backdoor into China, where

Line is blocked along with other foreign messaging apps and social media sites.

"We never intended to do a character business," Yoon Sunmin, who oversees Line's character business, said in an interview that was the first time the company has outlined its merchandizing plans in detail. "It exploded by accident," he said, drinking coffee from a paper cup emblazoned with the dazed face of Brown.

Visitors to the newly opened flagship shop in Seoul's trendy Gangnam district screamed with delight when they saw an outsized Brown bear greeting them near the entrance of the three-story store. Locals and tourists from Vietnam, China and Hong Kong queued to take a picture with Brown and other human-size cutout Line characters, as if they were pop stars.

**“We hope that in the countries where the Line app is not used actively, Line characters would promote the app”**

YOON SUNMIN



Tourists take photos with an outsized Brown bear at the Line Friends flagship shop in Seoul, South Korea

ters, as if they were pop stars.

Evelyn Tan, a 27-year-old from northwestern China, and her friend Keira Yi, 23, from Beijing, said they don't use Line in China but came to look at Brown and other cute dolls.

"I have some friends from Taiwan and they use Line," said Tan. "The stickers. They are so cute."

Larger and more expressive than emoticons, the stickers have been a draw card for Line whose users are mostly in Japan, Thailand, Indonesia, India and Spain. They also set Line apart from the bare bones interface of rival WhatsApp, which was bought by Facebook for about USD22 billion. Line is worth about \$18 billion based on revenue from monthly users, according to Marcello Ahn, a fund manager at Quad Investment Management.

The popularity of the Brown and Cony stickers has also shaped a new trend in mobile communication.

Instead of typing messages, many users simply tapped a sticker showing a coy-looking Brown sitting on a toilet or eating a bowl of ramen. Users began to associate themselves with certain characters and the lineup now includes a bespectacled middle-aged man named Boss and James, a blond narcissist.

Stickers also made Line the rare mobile messenger that rakes in cash, first by selling stickers for \$2 a pack to mobile phone users and later by adding new businesses such as games and a taxi hailing service. Users can now sell stickers they make themselves to other Line users. There are more than 200,000 people around the world who do that.

Line Corp.'s net profit jumped 50 percent in 2014 to 126 billion won (\$112 million) on revenue of 670 billion won (\$594 million), according to its parent, South Korea's Naver Corp. The app was launched in June 2011.

In China, the company hopes the stores and other ventures will put it in a strong starting position in case authorities ever relent on their blocking of the app.

The first Line Friends store in China will open in Shanghai's Xintiandi shopping district in May, selling Brown dolls, Cony pens, Sally mugs and other goods such as kitchen utensils, stationary, jewelry and toys.

"We hope to resume the Line app service someday" in China, Yoon said. "If the Line app is resumed at a time when our characters are well known, it would be a powerful launch. We hope that in the countries where the Line app is not used actively, Line characters would promote the app."

Apart from stores, Line is in talks to open a virtual reality amusement park in China. The first such park, where visitors can explore a virtual space with Line characters, will open in Bangkok this summer. AP

## corporate bits

### MELCO CROWN ENTERTAINMENT'S THREE DINING ESTABLISHMENTS AWARDED



Melco Crown Entertainment Limited announced yesterday that its Italian restaurant Aurora at Altilia Macau, and its contemporary French restaurant The Tasting Room and Chinese culinary masterpiece Jade Dragon at City of Dreams Macau, have been named among Hong Kong and Macau's best 100 dining establishments by the independent editorial panel of the South China Morning Post (SCMP). The accolades are the latest additions to a list which includes

two Michelin star awards and eight Forbes Five-Star Awards recently received.

"In less than six months, Melco Crown Entertainment has been bestowed with a series of internationally-acclaimed awards, from Michelin star ratings, to Forbes Five-Star Awards, and now the SCMP 100 Top Tables for three of our signature restaurants. This industry-recognition demonstrates that our fine-dining establishments have continued to shine and deliver unparalleled service and a fascinating culinary experience like no other to their guests," said Mr. Kristoffer Luczak, Senior Vice President of Food and Beverage, Melco Crown Entertainment Limited.

### SOFITEL MACAU PRESENTS THE INSPIRED WEDDING FAIR



Sofitel Macau At Ponte 16 is presenting the 7th Inspired Wedding Fair at the Baccara Ballroom on the 6th floor on Sunday, 12 April. The hotel has just been named top Romance Hotel by the 2015 TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice.

Together with the official

media partner, Magazine & More, as well as its partners including Hong Kong celebrity gown designer Kev Yiu, JNC Macau Decoration, So SPA with L'Occitane and other wedding service providers, the Inspired Wedding Fair will showcase customized wedding gowns, venue decoration, wedding grooming, wedding photography, spa and beauty packages on 12 April.

Couples-to-be can also have a chance to win lucky draw prizes including honeymoon packages to popular destinations. Apart from the lucky draw, those who book wedding venue packages at Sofitel Macau on site will receive a 15% discount.

### SANDS CHINA TEAM MEMBERS DONATE FOOD TO CARITAS MACAU

Sands China recently continued its support of Caritas Macau by encouraging team members to donate food March 16-17 throughout its properties.

A total of nearly 450 items were donated for delivery to Caritas Macau's food banks. Team members went to various drop-off points at The Venetian Macao, Sands Cotai Central and Sands Macao to donate non-perishable food items such as noodles, canned food, biscuits, candy, rice and cooking oil, which will be distributed by Caritas Macau to underprivileged groups.

"We would like to express our gratitude to Sands China for supporting our food drive



again this year," said Paul Pun Chi Meng, Secretary-General of Caritas Macau. "The food collected by the Sands China team members will be put to good use by the users of our food banks in Macau."



# Glittery MyCoin ends in arrests, burning HK, mainland investors



Alfred Liu

**A**N investment in bitcoin promising a 150 percent yield. That's what was being offered to more than 2,000 people last August in the grand ballroom of the Sheraton Macao Hotel, where they gathered to hear investor Jim Rogers, eat free meals and be entertained by singers, dancers and glittering beauty queens.

It was too good to be true. Hong Kong police arrested six people in connection with an alleged scheme to defraud investors of at least HKD169 million (USD21.8 million). All are still awaiting formal charges. Police said more than 90 people have complained after discovering they can't contact the company that took their cash, Hong Kong-based Rich Might Investment Ltd. and its trading platform MyCoin.hk. Multiple attempts over five weeks to reach any company representatives by e-mail and phone were unsuccessful. Its storefront in Kowloon closed in January.

MyCoin attracted an estimated 3,000 people from Hong Kong and across the China border in Shenzhen, and similar MyCoin conventions or promotional dinners held elsewhere in China, Thailand, South Korea, the Philippines and Taiwan may have drawn hundreds more, according to interviews with eight investors and pos-

ts by more than 100 mainland Chinese on a WeChat group, similar to WhatsApp. Most of MyCoin's investors live in China and haven't contacted police, they said.

"People around the world are trying to get money out of the Chinese," said Hu Xingdou, an economics professor at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Beijing Institute

## ■ Hong Kong police arrested six people in connection with an alleged scheme to defraud investors of at least HKD169 million

of Technology. "Mainland Chinese are very vulnerable to these kinds of schemes."

About \$324 billion flowed out of China last year, in contrast with 2013's net inflows of \$56 billion, as Chinese sought in part to flee a declining yuan and make investments abroad, according to estimates by Wang Tao, chief China economist at

UBS Group AG in Hong Kong. Money from China has driven up housing prices in Sydney, Vancouver and elsewhere.

In Portugal, Chinese rushing to buy real estate have been burned by middlemen, some charging a quarter of the sale price as commission. Also this year, Chinese investors complained they lost a total \$1.2 billion when a Geneva-based foreign-exchange investment firm said it was taken over by hackers that lured money from 20,000 people, China's state broadcaster CCTV reported in February.

More than 80 percent of the world's bitcoin transactions are now carried out in Chinese yuan, up from less than 10 percent at the beginning of 2013, according to a report from Goldman Sachs Group Inc. Bitcoin is more widely accepted outside China than by Chinese merchants after the People's Bank of China imposed restrictions last year. One possible explanation: bitcoin transactions may enable citizens to circumvent China's \$50,000-a-year limit on moving money out of the country.

Investors in MyCoin paid a minimum HK\$400,000 and were promised HK\$1 million a year later, as long as the bitcoins' value remained the same or appreciated, according to documents given to Bloomberg News by investors.

According to Hong Kong's

Companies Registry, William Dennis Atwood, whose address was listed as in Marina del Rey, California, was the sole director of Rich Might Investment and resigned Nov. 10, transferring 7,000 shares of Rich Might to a company called Fascinating Horizon Overseas Ltd. the same day. No value for the shares was given.

Fascinating Horizon's address is listed in the Registry as in the British Virgin Islands. That address is a branch of a Hong Kong-based corporate-services company, SBC International, which helps individuals set up companies. An e-mail response from SBC said it couldn't provide any information about the case or how to reach Atwood or other representatives of Rich Might, MyCoin or Fascinating Horizon due to client confidentiality.

Wong Lok Yan was appointed as director of Rich Might Investment upon Atwood's departure and resigned Jan. 28, Registry documents show. Wong's address listed in the Companies Registry is a massage parlor in the Wan Chai district. A woman who opened the door said there was no one by that name. Hong Kong police would neither confirm nor deny they were looking for Atwood or Wong, nor say whether they were among those arrested.

The six people arrested in Hong Kong in connection with the case, who were not identi-

fied, have been released on police bail without yet being charged in court, according to a police spokeswoman, who didn't give her name due to policy. They must report back to police in April, she said.

MyCoin's Chinese buyers live in Guangzhou, Xian, Shanxi and Hebei, as well as Shenzhen, the investors said. Shenzhen police didn't respond to calls, an e-mail and a fax seeking information. A few Chinese investors said on WeChat that they had called their local police, while no collective action has been taken.

"The Chinese investors don't know what they could do to get their money back," Beijing Institute of Technology's Hu said. "They may think the police are not going to help, and they don't want to pay lawyers because the case is uncertain."

Wendy Lin, a 55-year-old Shenzhen housewife, said she first heard about MyCoin from a friend. They traveled several times to Hong Kong, to a Chinese restaurant in Kowloon, for promotional campaigns for the virtual currency and also attended the confab in Macau. They filed a police complaint in Hong Kong.

"My family is in total chaos now," said Lin, who said she invested about 900,000 yuan (\$144,400) along with her daughter and younger sister. "They invited famous people to their events. How would I have thought the whole thing was a scam?"

Lin said she first grew suspicious of MyCoin in November when the firm said it was planning a backdoor listing in Hong Kong. Also known as a reverse takeover, it's when a closely held company gains listing status by taking control of a publicly listed entity.

"I was like, 'Oh no, this must be bad,'" Lin said, noting that she had heard of fraudsters using this tactic to convince investors to leave their money parked as equity in the future listing and declining to return it.

Starting in December, a few weeks after Atwood's resignation, MyCoin started changing bitcoin's valuations rather than follow the market value, according to Lau. Prices quoted by MyCoin dropped to HK\$20 in January, when the market price was HK\$1,700, she said. MyCoin investors were prohibited from redeeming their bitcoins, even when they accepted the lower price, she said.

The value of the virtual currency plunged 58 percent last year after reaching a record \$1,100 in 2013. It's currently valued at \$281.

Investors such as Lin just want to get their money back.

"They paid for almost everything, and they said they are registered in Hong Kong," said Lin. "So I trusted them." **Bloomberg**



Joe McDonald  
Business Writer, Beijing

# Party indicts former oil boss Jiang on corruption charges

**T**HE former chairman of the state-owned parent of PetroChina Ltd., Asia's biggest oil producer, was indicted yesterday in a spreading anti-corruption crackdown.

Jiang Jiemin was charged with abusing his position at China National Petroleum Corp. and taking bribes, which led to large losses of public money, the national prosecutor's office said in a statement.

A series of senior figures from the state-owned oil industry have been detained in the crackdown led by President Xi Jinping that appears to be aimed at tightening central control over PetroChina and other companies.

The energy industry was a power base for Zhou Yongkang, the ruling Communist Party's former security chief who was arrested in December on charges including bribery and leaking state secrets. Control over state companies can provide political figures with jobs to reward supporters and money to promote their own careers.

Jiang was believed to have links to Zhou. Jiang was promoted in March 2013 to lead the Cabinet body that oversees China's biggest state-owned com-

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Jiang Jiemin, former chairman of PetroChina

panies but was fired from that post the following September in the midst of a corruption investigation.

As a full member of the ruling party's 200-member Central Committee, at the time of his firing Jiang was the most se-

nior official to fall since Xi took power in 2012.

A prominent Chinese newspaper, the 21st Century Business

Herald, reported in 2013 that Jiang was close to disgraced politician Bo Xilai, a former rising party star who was sentenced that year to life in prison on charges of embezzlement and abuse of power.

The newspaper said when Jiang was at CNPC, he built oil refineries in places where Bo held leadership positions, including Liaoning province and the megacity of Chongqing, to enhance Bo's "political performance."

PetroChina, CNPC's operating unit and main asset, is Asia's biggest oil and gas producer by volume but is regarded by executives at other companies as bloated and inefficient.

On Monday, the ruling party announced it was investigating the company's vice chairman, Liao Yongyuan. A company statement said he was suspected of violating discipline, the party's term for corruption.

At least four other current or executives of CNPC or PetroChina also have been detained. **AP**

## Yahoo closing last China office in Beijing



A man walks into the offices of Yahoo! China in Beijing

**YAHOO!** Inc. is shutting down its office in China, a move that will eliminate 200 to 300 jobs, according to a person with knowledge of the matter.

The Web portal, which has been consolidating offices and trimming staff around the world, told employees based in Beijing that it will close the site, Yahoo said in a statement on Wednesday. Yahoo had about 12,500 workers worldwide at the end of 2014. While the company didn't say how many would be affected in China, it employed 200 to 300 people there, said the person, who asked not to be named because the number isn't being disclosed publicly.

The company said yes-

terday the Beijing office's functions would be consolidated in other locations. It gave no details of how many people would lose their jobs but said they would be "treated with respect and fairness."

Yahoo is looking for new ways to trim expenses as it comes under pressure from investors, such as Starboard Value LP, who have called for cost-saving measures. Chief Executive Officer Marissa Mayer said in January the company has focused on efficiency by keeping its employee numbers little changed even as it invested in products and made acquisitions that added staff at the portal, whose revenue growth has stalled since

2008.

"An R&D facility like this is a huge cost, and for a company as weak as Yahoo is now, it doesn't make sense," said Shaun Rein, managing director of China Market Research in Shanghai. "Yahoo doesn't have significance in China. Yahoo can't really recruit top people and Chinese firms are not going to advertise on Yahoo."

For Yahoo, based in Sunnyvale, California, the exit closes a chapter on a sometimes difficult history in China. Executives came under criticism from human-rights activists and U.S. lawmakers after the company turned over information to the Chinese government on journalist Shi Tao, who was later sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Yahoo sold its Chinese operations to Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. in 2005.

Last month, Yahoo cut about 1 percent of its workforce, or about 125 people, including editorial staff in Canada. The company also closed its office in Amman, Jordan, and eliminated about 400 positions at its site in Bangalore, India, in recent months. **Bloomberg/AP**

## Beijing names new ambassador to North Korea amid troubled ties

Ting Shi

**C**HINA has appointed a second senior official from the party diplomatic agency that traditionally deals with North Korea as new ambassador to its ally amid troubled bilateral relations.

Li Jinjun, deputy head of the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee's International Department (IDCPC), replaces Liu Hongcai as top envoy to North Korea, according to a brief statement released on the official website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on March 18. President Xi Jinping made the appointment in line with decisions made by the top national legislature.

Ties between Beijing and Pyongyang are at their lowest in history as the latter has been conducting nuclear tests and testing missiles in defiance of existing United Nations resolutions, which Beijing supports. The top leaders in both countries, Xi and Kim Jong Un, haven't paid visits to each other yet. In a move widely considered as a snub to Pyongyang, last July Xi became the first Chinese president to visit South Korea ahead of its northern neighbor.

The party's International Department, in charge of diplomatic matters with political parties in other

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North Korean and Chinese flags at a border crossing between the two countries

countries, is of the same rank as the foreign ministry. Set up in 1951, one of its chief functions is to handle foreign relations with other communist countries, including North Korea.

"North Korea is such a peculiar party-state country that it's more effective to go via party-to-party channel," said Shi Yongming, an associate research fellow at the China Institute of International Studies in Beijing who specializes in the Korean Peninsular studies. "The IDCPC has a long experience of working with North Korea and the Chinese leadership would like to tap that to better coordinate its diplomacy with its wayward neighbor."

Li, 59, will be the second Chinese ambassador to North Korea chosen from the IDCPC.

China sent its first ambassador to Pyongyang in 1950. Li will be the 17th. **Bloomberg**



## THAILAND

# Ex-premier Yingluck to stand trial over rice program

Thanyarat Dokson, Bangkok

**T**HAILAND'S Supreme Court announced yesterday that former Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra will stand trial for her role in overseeing a rice subsidy program spearheaded by her ousted government that lost billions of dollars, a move likely to deepen the long-running political crisis in the military-ruled nation.

Yingluck faces 10 years in prison if found guilty in the case, seen by her allies as part of an attempt by an elite minority to crush her family's political machine, which has repeatedly won power through democratic elections over the last decade.

In a post on her Facebook page, Yingluck insisted she was innocent and called on the judiciary to give her a fair trial — unlike past cases she said were “politically intended to destroy me.”

Yingluck was ousted from



Thailand's former Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra

her post as prime minister by a court decision that came two weeks before the military sta-

ged a coup last May. Earlier this year, she was impeached by the military-appointed le-

gisature, which banned her from politics for five years.

Yesterday, Supreme Court Ju-

dge Weerapol Tangsuwan said that a nine-member judicial panel had studied documents submitted by prosecutors from the Attorney General's Office and accepted the case since it fell within the court's jurisdiction. He set the trial for May 19.

Yingluck, who was not present in court, is being charged with dereliction in overseeing the controversial rice subsidy program, which temporarily cost Thailand its crown as the world's top exporter.

The program was a flagship policy that helped Yingluck's Pheu Thai Party win elections in 2011, and Yingluck has argued it was aimed at helping poor farmers who were paid about 50 percent above what they would get on the world market. The program, however, racked up losses of at least USD4.46 billion as the Thai government stockpiled mass quantities of rice. Prosecutors say Yingluck ignored multiple warnings from several state agencies about possible corruption — none of which has yet been proven in court.

Earlier this year, the National Anti-Corruption Commission recommended the Finance Ministry sue her personally for at least 600 billion baht (\$18.4 billion). **AP**

## JAPAN

# Gov't confirms deaths of 3 nationals in Tunisia attack

Mari Yamaguchi, Tokyo

**T**HREE Japanese were killed, and three others injured, in the militant attack on tourists in Tunisia, the Japanese government said yesterday.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said an earlier report of five Japanese dead turned out to be wrong after officials checked names by talking to the families traveling together and visiting hospitals.

The Tunisian prime minister had said that five Japanese were among the 19 victims.

Suga refused to release the names of the Japanese victims, saying approval was needed first from their families. The three others are being treated at hospitals but their conditions were not immediately known, he said.

Noriko Yuki, 35, who was injured in the attack, told a nationally televised interview with Japanese public television from her hospital bed that she was shot soon after she heard



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe speaks on a museum attack in Tunisia, at his official residence in Tokyo

gunshots outside of the Bardo museum and a tour guide told her group to move to another room.

“Then gunshots came from behind, and everyone started running. I fell over, and next moment I was shot,” she told NHK from her hospital bed, still looking pale and wearing a big bandage covering injuries to her left ear and cheek, where she was shot. She was also shot in the left hand. “I just curled up, covering my head with both hands.”

Yuki's 68-year-old mo-

ther Nobuko was shot in the neck and was taken to another hospital for treatment. Her condition was not immediately known. “My mother couldn't even move when police came to rescue us,” Yuki said in a teary voice.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe strongly condemned the attack, saying “terrorism cannot be tolerated under any circumstances,” and the Foreign Ministry issued a travel advisory urging Japanese visitors to Tunisia to use full caution. **AP**

# Michelle Obama talks girls rights, invites Abe to lunch

Elaine Kurtenbach, Tokyo

**E**DUCATION is the starting point for opportunity, U.S. first lady Michelle Obama said yesterday as she and her Japanese counterpart Akie Abe showcased efforts to help girls stay in or return to school.

“Like so many women I was able to achieve both my professional and personal goals because of my education,” Mrs. Obama said after Abe announced plans for Japan to support the “Let Girls Learn” project aimed at promoting education for girls in the developing world.

“My education is the starting point for every opportunity in my life,” Mrs. Obama said. “When we put limits on women's lives we stifle their full potential.”

“Let Girls Learn” will support a variety of projects, from building toilets, providing security and helping girls afford or make school uniforms to encouraging greater awareness of the role education of both genders plays in sustainable economic development.

“But we all know that the problem here isn't just about infrastructure and resources. It's also about attitudes and beliefs. It's about whether fathers — and mothers — think their daughters are as worthy of an education as their sons.”



The two first ladies have different backgrounds. The U.S. first lady is a Princeton-educated lawyer. Abe is the daughter of the former president of a leading Japanese confectioner, Morinaga & Co.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's ruling Liberal Democratic Party has conservative views on gender equality, but the first lady is a businesswoman, owns a bar in downtown Tokyo, and supports local artists and craftsmen.

After attending a discussion session with Japanese college students and with Caroline Kennedy, the U.S. ambassador to Japan and daughter of President John F. Kennedy, Mrs. Obama ate lunch with Mrs. Abe at her restaurant, Uzu. She later told the prime minister that it was delicious.

“I've actually never been there,” Abe quipped.

“Maybe next time I come to visit, you can join us,” Mrs. Obama said. **AP**



TUNISIA

# Death toll in museum attack rises to 23

Jamey Keaten and Bouazza Ben Bouazza, Tunis

ONE of the gunmen who killed tourists and others at a prominent Tunisian museum was known to the intelligence services but no formal links to a particular extremist group have been established, the prime minister said yesterday.

The attack Wednesday on Tunisia's National Bardo Museum left 23 dead, scores wounded and threatens both Tunisia's fledgling democracy and its struggling tourism industry. It was the worst attack at a tourist site in Tunisia in years.

Razor wire ringed the Bardo Museum yesterday and security forces guarded major thoroughfares in Tunis, the capital, as authorities hunted for two or three more people believed to have been involved in the attack. Two of the gunmen were killed Wednesday by police.

The attack spells oceans of trouble for the tourism industry, which brings throngs of



Tunisians holding candles pray at the entrance gate of the National Bardo Museum where scores of people were killed after gunmen staged an attack

foreigners every year to Tunisia's Mediterranean beaches, desert oases and ancient Roman ruins — and which had just started to recover after years of slump. Two major cruise ships whose passengers had

been among the victims left the port of Tunis early yesterday.

A Spanish man and a pregnant Spanish woman who had been inside the museum during the attack hid in the building all night in fear and were retrieved

safely yesterday morning by security forces, Tunisia's health minister told The Associated Press.

Health Minister Said Aidi said the death toll rose yesterday to 23 people, including 18 foreign tourists, with almost 50 people wounded. Five Tunisians were killed, including two attackers. Aidi said all the injuries came from bullet wounds, and that several victims were brought in without identity documents.

Moncef Hamdoun, an official with the Charles Nicolle hospital where many victims were taken, said seven of the dead remain unidentified. He listed the others who were slain as: three Japanese women, a Spanish man and a Spanish woman, a Colombian woman, an Australian man, a British woman, a Belgian woman, a Frenchman and a Polish man.

Tunisian Prime Minister Habib Essid, in an interview with France's RTL radio, said Tunisia was working with other countries to learn more about the attackers, identified as Yassine Laabidi and Hatem Kha-

chnaoui. They were killed by security services in a raid.

He said Laabidi had been flagged to intelligence, although not for "anything special."

No one has claimed responsibility for the attack. Tunisia has faced scattered extremist violence, and a disproportionately large number of Tunisians have joined Islamic State fighters in Syria and Iraq.

Twitter accounts associated with the group praised the attack. Ifriqiyah Media, which has aired claims from Tunisian extremists in the past, posted what it said were details about the attack, according to the SITE Intelligence Group, which monitors extremist activity online. The post calls on Muslims to attack tourists, but does not say who orchestrated the attack.

Legislator Bochra Belhaj Hmida, of the secular majority party Nida Tunis, told the AP that about 2,000 suspected terrorists are believed to be in Tunisia, many of whom joined extremists in Iraq or Syria then returned home. AP

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## IRAQ

## UN cites alleged war crimes, genocide by Islamic State group



The United Nations says Islamic State militants are suspected of committing war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide. In a report released yesterday, the UN Human Rights Office documents testimonies from 100 people who survived attacks by the militant group in Iraq between June 2014 and February 2015. The report documents abuses committed by the Sunni militants including killings, torture, rape and sexual slavery, forced religious conversions and the conscription of children. The UN report also details cases of killings, torture and abductions allegedly carried out by Iraqi security forces and Shiite militias battling the Islamic State militants. The UN is calling on the Iraqi government to ensure that all accusations are investigated in line with international human rights standards and to publicize the results of the investigations.

## FRANCE

## Surveillance bill would legalize data monitoring

France's government pressed a surveillance bill yesterday that would give French intelligence services legal backing to vacuum up metadata in hopes of preventing an imminent terror attack. The measure has already prompted an outcry from some privacy advocates, human rights groups and the Paris bar association, despite the government's efforts to distance itself from U.S.-style mass surveillance. The bill "would pave the way for extremely intrusive surveillance practices with no judicial pre-authorization," the organization Amnesty International said in a statement. The bill presented yesterday was proposed long before the deadly Paris attacks by Islamic extremists earlier this year, but the government says it takes on added urgency with each person who radicalizes and turns against France. It would notably force communications firms to give intelligence services access to connection data of people suspected of involvement with terrorist groups. Interior minister Bernard Cazeneuve went to San Francisco last month to discuss the measure with Internet giants including Google, Facebook and Twitter. France's parliament starts debating the bill next month.

## SWEDEN

## 2 killed, about dozen wounded in restaurant shooting

Karl Ritter, Stockholm

**G**UNMEN with automatic weapons stormed into a restaurant in Sweden's second largest city, killing two people and wounding about a dozen in a shooting that police said was likely gang-related.

Police said the eatery in suburban Goteborg was full when the gunmen opened fire in one of Sweden's most serious shooting incidents in recent years. It wasn't clear who the attackers were targeting or why, but police said there were known gang members inside the restaurant.

"Our assessment is that this incident has to do with ongoing gang conflicts in Goteborg," regional police chief Klas Friberg said. Police had earlier estimated the total number of injured as 10-15, but Friberg said the estimates were uncertain.

Police said the victims were two men in their 20s, but didn't identify them. Eight wounded people were taken to the hospital, one of them with life-threatening injuries, Friberg said, adding that other people had sought hospital treatment on their own for cuts and other injuries.



A man lays flowers on the pavement outside a restaurant, the scene of a fatal shooting in Gothenburg

No arrests have been made but several people have been brought in for questioning, he said.

Witnesses told Swedish media that the gunmen were wearing masks when they entered the restaurant in the Biskopsgarden suburb late Wednesday. One unidentified restaurant worker told Swedish

newspaper Aftonbladet that they shot people in the head.

Sweden's homicide rate has been steady in the past decade but police say they've seen an increase in shooting incidents in the major cities as part of turf wars between rival gangs.

In 2013, there were 87 homicides reported in Sweden, about one-quarter of them in the

greater Goteborg area, according to the Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention.

"We have a serious situation in Goteborg where many people have been murdered," Friberg said. "We have different types of criminal gangs who ... are ready to use aggravated violence in retribution attacks or to win market share." AP

## USA-ISRAEL

## Netanyahu win dashes prospect for a thaw with Obama

Julie Pace

White House Correspondent, Washington

**T**HE Obama administration signaled on Wednesday it could take a tougher stance toward Benjamin Netanyahu following his decisive Israeli election victory and campaign tack to the right, saying there will be consequences for his sudden reversal on the idea of an independent Palestinian state.

While senior American officials said the administration was still evaluating options, they suggested the U.S. could ease its staunch opposition to Palestinians turning to the UN Security Council to create a state.

"There are policy ramifications for what he said," one official said of Netanyahu's campaign rhetoric rejecting the creation of a Palestinian state. "This is a position of record."

If Netanyahu holds firm to his opposition to a two-state resolution to the Mideast conflict, it could force whoever sits in the Oval Office — now and in the next administration — to choose between the prime minister and a longstanding U.S. policy



President Barack Obama thinks as he is asked a question

with bipartisan support.

Hours after the Israeli election results were finalized, the White House quickly reaffirmed its support for the idea of two independent nations living side by side, a central tenet of peace negotiations led by presidents from both U.S. political parties. And the White House sharply chastised Netanyahu's party for using anti-Arab rhetoric in the lead-up to the election.

"Rhetoric that seeks to marginalize one segment of their population is deeply concerning and it is divisive," Obama spokesman Josh Earnest said.

Frustrated by both Israel and the U.S., Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas has become increasingly aggressive in efforts to secure a Palestinian state through other means, including the UN Security Council. The U.S. has veto power on the council and has repeatedly warned Abbas it would block his efforts to use that avenue.

But on Wednesday, a senior administration official said only that the administration was evaluating its options on Security Council action and other possible responses, notably not repeating administration threats to block the Palestinians. A second official confirmed the U.S. could decide not to veto Security Council action.

Most Republican presidential hopefuls welcomed Netanyahu's victory, but they were notably silent about whether they backed Palestinian statehood.

Former Republican President George W. Bush made a two-state solution a cornerstone of his efforts to secure peace between Israelis and Palestinians. Obama also has pursued Palestinian statehood, most aggressively in a months-long push for peace that ultimately collapsed last year. AP



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- 13:30 News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
- 14:30 RTPi Live
- 18:10 Brazil Avenue (Repeated)
- 19:00 TDM Talk Show (Repeated)
- 19:30 Soap Opera
- 20:30 Main News, Financial & Weather Report
- 21:30 Revenge S2
- 22:10 Brazil Avenue
- 23:00 TDM News
- 23:30 Europa League Highlights
- 23:50 Portuguese Movie
- 01:40 Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)

## SATURDAY

- 10:10 Documentary Serie
- 10:30 Young Adult
- 11:20 Boonie Bears
- 12:20 Cooking
- 13:00 TDM News (Repeated)
- 13:30 News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
- 14:30 Soap Opera
- 17:00 Miscellaneous
- 17:20 David Beckham - Into the Unknown
- 19:00 Contest
- 20:00 FFF - Fashion Film Factory
- 20:30 Main News, Financial & Weather Report
- 21:10 Drama
- 22:10 Comedy
- 23:00 TDM News
- 23:30 Shorts
- 00:30 Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)

## SUNDAY

- 11:00 Sunday Mass
- 12:00 Miscellaneous
- 13:00 TDM News (Repeated)
- 13:30 News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
- 14:30 Animation
- 16:10 Miscellaneous
- 19:20 Comedy
- 20:30 Main News, Financial & Weather Report
- 21:00 Non-Daily Portuguese News
- 22:00 Documentary Series
- 23:00 TDM News
- 23:30 News
- 23:45 Primeira Liga: Nacional - Porto (Repeated)
- 01:15 Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)

## offbeat

## PHILIPPINES IMPOSES 'WEED BOND' ON ONE DIRECTION

The Philippine Bureau of Immigration is requiring two members of the English-Irish band One Direction to post bonds worth nearly USD5,000 each, to be forfeited if they are caught using or impliedly promoting illegal drugs while in Manila for their concert this weekend.

Zayn Malik and Louis Tomlinson are required to post 200,000 pesos (\$4,470) bond and 20,000 pesos (\$447) processing fee each through their concert producer for their special work permits, the agency's spokeswoman Elaine Tan said Thursday.

The five-member band performs on March 21 and 22 at the seaside Mall of Asia Concert Grounds.

The Anti-Drugs Advocate group has called on the bureau to strictly scrutinize the band members' permits following a video that circulated on the Internet of Malik and Tomlinson purportedly smoking marijuana.

"The condition is intended to protect the public interest should the band members commit any violation during their stay in the Philippines," Tan said.

She said the band will be prevented from performing if the producer fails to post the bond before the concert.

The producer went to the Immigration Bureau yesterday afternoon to post the bonds, said Christine Ching, a spokeswoman of Anti-Drugs Advocate.

The Filipino group is also awaiting a response to their petition asking a local court to direct government agencies to ensure that the band members are drug-free. It also urged the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency to send officers to monitor the band.

## cinema



## CINETEATRO

19 MAR - 25 MAR



## CINDERELLA

ROOM 1

2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Kenneth Branagh

Starring: Lily James, Richard Madden, Cate Blanchett

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 112min



## THE DIVERGENT SERIES: INSURGENT

ROOM 2

(2D) 2.30, 4.45, 9.30 pm

(3D) 7.15 pm

Director: Robert Schwentke

Starring: Shailene Woodley, Ansel Elgort, Theo James

Language: Cantonese (English and Chinese)

Duration: 119min



## RUN ALL NIGHT

ROOM 3

2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Jaume Collet-Serra

Starring: Liam Neeson, Ed Harris, Joel Kinnaman

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 114min

## MACAU TOWER

19 MAR - 01 APR

## THE DIVERGENT SERIES: INSURGENT

2.30, 4.30, 7.00, 9.30 pm

Director: Robert Schwentke

Starring: Shailene Woodley, Ansel Elgort, Theo James

Language: Cantonese (English and Chinese)

Duration: 119min

## this day in history



## 1974 KIDNAP ATTEMPT ON PRINCESS ANNE

Princess Anne and her husband Captain Mark Phillips have escaped an apparent kidnap attempt in which four people were wounded.

The royal couple were returning to Buckingham Palace along Pall Mall when their chauffer-driven Rolls-Royce was forced to halt by another car which blocked their route.

A man appeared from a light coloured vehicle and fired six shots, all of which it is said were not directed at the royal couple, but left four people in hospital.

The Princess' private detective Inspector James Beaton fired at the man before he was wounded and the chauffer Alex Callender, one of the Queen's senior drivers, was also injured.

They have both now been taken to Westminster Hospital where they are understood to be undergoing surgery.

A police officer who heard the shots and attended was hit in the stomach and a man passing in a taxi was also wounded.

Rowena Brassey, the Princess's Lady-in-waiting, was also present when the man jumped out and opened fire before trying to jump into the Princess' vehicle.

A police officer chased the man and brought him to the ground before arresting him.

The Princess is said to be shocked but not injured in any way.

The couple had been returning to Buckingham Palace from a charity film screening in the City.

The incident raises concerns as to how the precise whereabouts of two members of the Royal Family would be known to a member of the public.

The man has been charged and taken into custody for questioning and is expected to appear before magistrates tomorrow.

Police say it is too early to determine if the man was working alone or part of an organisation but they said it did not appear to be politically motivated.

The Queen and Prince Philip are currently on a state visit to Indonesia but have been informed of the attack.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

It soon emerged the shooting was an attempted kidnap on Princess Anne to hold her to ransom when a letter penned by the assailant addressed to Queen Elizabeth was found demanding £3m for her release.

Ian Ball, 26, was prosecuted for the attempted murder of the princess's detective, and various offences under the Offences Against the Person Act.

Ball was sentenced to life imprisonment and placed in a mental hospital.

His attempt to kidnap Princess Anne remains the closest attempt anyone has made on abducting a member of the Royal Family.



**YOUR STARS**

**Aries**  
Mar. 21-Apr. 19  
Pooling your money is nothing new, but what you want to invest in is downright visionary. The real genius will be in finding like-minded people, so start looking now.

**Taurus**  
April 20-May 20  
People have different approaches to the current situation. Some want to try something outrageous, while others stick to a more conservative approach. What you choose should be based on your timeline, not theirs.

**Gemini**  
May 21-Jun. 21  
It may feel like your financial situation has radically changed from one day to the next, but it was creeping up on you. Learn from this. Find other small threads before they have a chance to unravel.

**Cancer**  
Jun. 22-Jul. 22  
Getting emotional won't help your bank account. Go for a more intellectual response if you want to boost your bottom line. The least you'll accomplish is flexing your ability to be flexible.

**Leo**  
Jul. 23-Aug. 22  
You have the most important element to weather the storm. In fact, being adaptable is your most valuable asset. Changing times require different approaches, so think laterally.

**Virgo**  
Aug. 23-Sept. 22  
Your regular way of doing things may be different, your routine may be changed, but you can still find comfort in the few things that remain constant. Your bottom line might not be one of them, so look for others.

**Libra**  
Sep. 23-Oct. 22  
Learning something new is a huge asset. You never really understand a person until you walk a mile in their shoes. Think of current financial circumstances as an opportunity to broaden your ability to empathize.

**Scorpio**  
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21  
Your bank account and your lifestyle aren't exactly in harmony, but they're not so out of sync as all that. Unexpected outbursts must be due to some other source of stress, so look around.

**Sagittarius**  
Nov. 22-Dec. 21  
When finances get tight, you want to keep your ideas to yourself. Don't be stingy with them. Keeping a free and open exchange will help everyone, including you.

**Capricorn**  
Dec. 22-Jan. 19  
Being short of money will leave you vulnerable. You're too sophisticated to fall for a scheme, but on the other hand, desperate times call for desperate actions. Keep your guard up.

**Aquarius**  
Jan. 20-Feb. 18  
While some see only storm clouds, you see the beginnings of a rainbow. Share your vision with others. If they listen, your bank accounts will all be affected.

**Pisces**  
Feb. 19-Mar. 20  
Be open to change. If you're the type who has to do everything on your own, then give yourself a break. Pooling resources will ultimately get you further, so join with others.

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Tianjin	7	18	cloudy/clear
Urumqi	-2	8	clear
Xi'an	8	18	overcast/cloudy
Lhasa	0	12	overcast/cloudy
Chengdu	12	20	drizzle/overcast
Chongqing	15	19	overcast
Kunming	10	25	clear
Nanjing	10	13	drizzle
Shanghai	10	14	drizzle
Wuhan	9	14	drizzle
Hangzhou	11	15	drizzle/moderate rain
Taipei	20	28	cloudy/overcast
Guangzhou	21	28	cloudy
Hong Kong	22	27	cloudy
<b>WORLD</b>			
Moscow	-3	5	flurry/drizzle
Frankfurt	2	15	drizzle
Paris	5	13	drizzle
London	3	10	drizzle/overcast
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**CROSSWORDS**

**ACROSS:** 1- Dazed; 7- Certain Ivy Leaguer; 10- Crime boss; 14- Crownlike object; 15- Affirmative reply; 16- In a frenzy; 17- Dinner course; 18- Sister of Zsa Zsa; 19- Granny; 20- Capital of Utah; 23- Personal quality of material belonging; 26- That woman; 27- Back streets; 28- Blind part; 29- Casino area; 30- Able to; 31- Having a resemblance; 33- Siesta; 34- Curvy letter; 37- Green prefix; 38- Apr. addressee; 39- Early hrs.; 40- HBO competitor; 41- Neptune's domain; 42- Equipment; 43- Baby's ring; 45- Loser to DDE; 46- Grande; 47- Trickery; 48- Collect; 51- Paulo; 52- Plinth; 53- Subdivision of a continent; 56- That's \_\_\_; 57- Dusk, to Donne; 58- Appeared indistinctly; 62- "It's \_\_\_ real"; 63- United; 64- Lament; 65- Fluid-filled sac; 66- Silent assent; 67- Spirited horses;

**DOWN:** 1- Frozen water; 2- Prefix with profit or fiction; 3- This was produced by Van Gogh, for example; 4- Norse god; 5- \_\_\_ a time; 6- Scottish Celt; 7- Grommet; 8- Burton of "Roots"; 9- Writer Dinesen; 10- High-kicking dance; 11- At full speed; 12- Florence's \_\_\_ Vecchio; 13- Greenlights; 21- Need for liquid; 22- Go by; 23- Beasts of burden; 24- Pizzeria order; 25- Navigators Islands, today; 29- Seine spot; 30- Brief appearance; 32- Thus; 33- Country; 34- Moral precept of conduct; 35- Sniff; 36- Rocky debris; 44- Black and white; 45- Upward slope; 46- Showered; 48- Easy \_\_\_; 49- Hornless; 50- \_\_\_ Irish Rose; 51- Shorthand taker; 52- Snob; 54- Inert gas; 55- Shade trees; 59- "The Simpsons" bartender; 60- Actor Byrnes; 61- Bad start?

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FOOTBALL

# Ibrahimovic could be the problem at PSG

Samuel Petrequin, Paris

**A**S Paris Saint-Germain gears up for the final sprint to the finish in the French league, Zlatan Ibrahimovic is becoming a problem for the defending champions. The Sweden international remains the biggest star of the league but is going through his worse season in the French capital, having played just 29 matches in all competitions so far with an average ratio of 0.69 goal per game, compared to 0.89 last term when he bagged 41 goals.

A heel injury forced the 33-year-old forward to miss seven weeks in the autumn and his impact on PSG's performances has been limited. Laurent Blanc's team even achieved its most notable result without him, when PSG eliminated Chelsea from the Champions League last week at Stamford



Bridge after Ibrahimovic was sent off for a rough tackle in the 31st minute.

Four days later, Ibrahimovic's brace at Bordeaux was not enough to prevent PSG from slumping to its third league defeat, and his goals were overshadowed by his offensive post-match rant against the referee that is likely to cost him a four-game suspension.

"Zlatan has a difficult season, with injuries and suspensions," Blanc said. "Hopefully his sanc-

tion won't be too heavy and he will be able to show everybody that he remains an astounding player."

More than his mediocre displays on the pitch, which could only be temporary struggles, it's Ibrahimovic's bad boy image and antics that now seem problematic to the Qatari owners of the club, who have cleaned up PSG's controversial reputation of being a club with a strong base of racist hooligans since taking over.

For now, Ibrahimovic remains

an essential piece of Blanc's tactical puzzle. The club's other strikers — Edinson Cavani, Ezequiel Lavezzi and Jean-Christophe Bahebeck — are not contesting his supremacy in the dressing room and Ibrahimovic, whose deal with PSG runs through the 2015-16 season, is expected to lead PSG's attack today against Lorient.

But Ibrahimovic's agent, Mino

## Ibrahimovic's bad boy image and antics seem problematic to the Qatari owners of the club

Raiola, has warned that he could leave if he was to lose too much of his influence.

"Zlatan will extend his contract only if he can give his best," Raiola told L'Equipe newspaper. "He won't be a substitute who can come in during a match, help the team in the dressing room. Either he is the best player in the team, or he is nothing." AP

## Serie A club Parma declared bankrupt by Italian court

Crisis-hit Serie A club Parma was declared bankrupt by an Italian court yesterday with estimated debts of nearly USD110 million.

The hearing in Parma was uncontested and lasted only 10 minutes in front of judge Pietro Rogato. Parma's new owner and president, Giampietro Manenti, was not present following his arrest the previous day on charges of money laundering and embezzlement. Local receivers Angelo Anedda and Alberto Guoiotto were appointed to oversee the proceedings. "We have spoken with the staff and we will meet the squad later in the afternoon," said Osvaldo Riccobene, a representative of the board of auditors. "We will try to keep the true values of the club, or rather some of their staff, the players, and we will try to keep also the property value of this club, for the same staff and for the receiver," he added.



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**PURPOSE:**  
The 56th International Art Exhibition of the Venice Biennale will take place in Venice, Italy, from May 9th to November 22nd, 2015. Albergue SCM is organizing a Visiting Program for Macau Artists, to which all local resident artists may apply. The program includes a visit to the Pavilion of Macau and the various exhibitions being held, as well as the support to the artist Mio Pang Fei, who represents Macau this year. This is an opportunity for the group to appreciate in firsthand the most recent and relevant worldwide artistic expressions.

**TARGET GROUP:** Artists holding the Macau SAR Permanent Resident Identity Card

**DOCUMENTS REQUIRED (PRINTED AND DIGITAL FORMAT):**

1. Photocopy of both sides of the candidate's Macau Permanent Resident Identity Card on one A4 page.
2. One recent 1.5-inch photo
3. Application Form (download at <https://www.facebook.com/creativealbergue.scm>)
4. Personal Information
  - Curriculum Vitae describing the artist's career.
  - Images/ Published Articles about the artist's work.
  - Description of the artist's current creative project

**NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:** 10 - 12

**DATE:** May 6th to May 11th

**DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT:**  
April 2nd, 2015, on the website:  
<https://www.facebook.com/creativealbergue.scm>

**SELECTION METHOD:** An independent jury composed by local artists, scholars and curators, appointed by Albergue SCM, will analyze the curriculums of the candidates. Further interview may be required.

**APPLICATION PERIOD:**  
From now until March 23rd

**PRINTED APPLICATION DELIVERY:**  
Albergue SCM - A3 Building  
Calçada da Igreja de São Lázaro No.8 Macau

**OFFICE HOURS:**  
Monday to Friday - 9:30 to 13:00; 14:30 to 18:30  
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**DIGITAL APPLICATION DELIVERY:**  
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**SUBSIDY METHOD:** To each of the selected artists a subsidy of MOP13,000.00 (Thirteen thousand patacas) will be awarded for transportation, accommodation, insurance and other related expenses.

**NOTES:** Albergue SCM reserves the right of final decision according to this regulation.

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opinion

**Kapok**  
 Eric Sautedé



**CHUI II AND BEYOND**

Now is the time when people like me get asked by journalists what to expect from the policy address to be delivered by the Chief Executive on March 23. Usually, this general policy speech and the subsequent details offered by the secretaries on their respective portfolios take place in November. The rationale of the timing has to do with the new session of the legislature having just started, in mid-October, and because the government's budget for the coming fiscal year has to be discussed and voted upon. Mind you, Mr Chui did make an appearance in the Assembly last November to review the past year's policies and "achievements", and the budget for 2015 had already been passed on November 18 in plenary session with expected revenues of about MOP152 billion and spending of roughly MOP52 billion—of course, this will be revised and amended along the way. Yet, it is clear that despite the headlines about the sorry state of the economy — or "the new normal" — the government is going to spend "only" a third of its revenues. So why March? Easy: because of Chui III!

When this was announced in October by Mr Chui himself, I personally had great difficulties believing the stated logic: being sworn in in December for a new mandate, Mr Chui was arguing that he could only make announcements after that, and choosing a date late in March was a way to put the government's work in line with the convening of the National People's Congress and the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference — a bit debatable if one truly believes in the "two systems", but makes sense within the new patriotic environment we're in. Mr Chui had already done the same back in March 2010, but then he was taking over from Edmund Ho. Looking back at 2004, Mr Ho did not shy away from the November custom, and thus it is true that Ho II looked a lot like Ho I, but only worse, and not simply because of the Ao Man Long scandal. But why March 2015? Mr Chui had ran unopposed and had just been "re-elected" by 95% of his small circle of supporters. At the time, speculation was rife regarding possible changes in government, but only Francis Tam, Florinda Chan and, maybe, Lau Si lo were thought to be on their way out. Moreover, competence had nothing to do with it — except in the case of Mr Lo, if the construction industry is to be trusted — and changes were somehow believed to be rather cosmetic, rather like musical chairs. On the side of the "opposition", the picture looked gloomy: the New Macao Association (ANM) had lost one seat in the Assembly the year before, losing their historic position as the highest vote getter in such elections, and ANM's young Turks had just been branded "enemies of the state" for organizing a supposedly "illegal" referendum with close to 9,000 people openly advocating universal suffrage to elect the Chief Executive...

Then came the Umbrella Movement in Hong Kong, the open-speculations about a whole new government in Macao, the announcement of a total revamping of all but one senior official on December 2, and to crown it all the visit by Xi Jinping reminding Macao that diversification was not a slogan anymore and this for the sake of the whole country. Later on, newly appointed secretaries started to be more vocal, reaching out to a new range of stakeholders. Promises were made. Critical assessments were vented. Heads, at coordinator, deputy-director and director levels started to roll. Despite the gambling profit nosedive, social and community-connected issues finally topped the list of priorities. For me, there is no doubt that the massive demonstrations of May played a crucial role, especially because Macao is endowed with First World revenues and Third World services: in China, the authorities have read Tocqueville's "L'Ancien régime et la révolution"! On the 23rd, we will hear about a more prospective 5-year vision and a more coherent and scientifically grounded form of governance. What will be missing though is a way for consultative bodies, special committees and the like, to become really meaningful.

**THE BUZZ** BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER CAUSES STIR WITH BLACKENED FACE

Belgian Foreign Minister Didier Reynders has come under criticism for appearing with a blackened face at a charity event, raising questions about Belgium's sensitivity toward racism. Reynders insisted he blackened his face only as part of a century-old tradition that is part of a charity event for the poor. But human rights groups

were outraged by his action over the weekend.

"This man presents an image of our nation abroad," said Wouter Van Bellingen, head of the Minorities Forum. "This is unacceptable."

Reynders said on his Facebook page that he likes "being part of folklore at Carnival time ... as tradition wants it."



Station	Air quality
Roadside	35-55 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	50-70 Moderate
Ambient	35-55 Moderate

SOURCE: DSMG

**Honda adds 105,000 vehicles to driver's air bag recall**



AP PHOTO

**Tom Krisher**  
 Auto Writer, Detroit

**H**ONDA is adding nearly 105,000 vehicles to its growing U.S. recall of driver's side air bag inflators that can explode with too much force.

The added vehicles include nearly 89,000 Pilot SUVs from the 2008 model year, as well as about 11,000 Civics from 2004 and another 5,000 Accords from the 2001 model year.

Honda said that it's the first recall of 2008 Pilots for potential problems with driver's air bags made by Takata Corp. of Japan. The inflators can blow apart a metal canister and spew shrapnel into drivers and passengers. At least six people have died worldwide due to the problem.

Dealers will replace the driver air bag inflators for free. With the added vehicles, Honda has now recalled 5.5 million Honda and Acura cars and SUVs nationwide

from the 2001 to 2011 model years because of the air bag problems.

So far, 10 different automakers have recalled over 17 million cars and trucks in the U.S. and 22 million worldwide because of the air bag problem. There could be as many as 30 million vehicles with Takata air bags across the U.S.

Honda said in documents posted yesterday by U.S. safety regulators that it found the additional vehicles by checking Takata inflator part numbers against Honda vehicle identification numbers in its factory records. Some 2001 Accords and 2004 Civics already were included in a recall from last year.

After announcing the driver's side recall last year, Honda started checking part numbers, spokesman Chris Martin wrote in an email. "The process required a significant amount of time to cross-check large databases, but helped to

assure that each vehicle had been identified," he wrote.

Honda has no new reports of inflator ruptures related to the recall expansion, and has no reason to believe further expansions will be needed, Martin wrote.

The company said it will send letters to owners of vehicles in the expanded recall "over time" as replacement parts become available.

The recalls are nationwide for driver's side air bags. There were separate recalls announced last year for passenger air bags in high-humidity areas including Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Texas, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Takata uses ammonium nitrate to create a small explosion that quickly inflates its air bags. But government investigators say the chemical can burn faster than designed if exposed to prolonged airborne moisture. That can cause it to blow apart a metal canister meant to contain the explosion. Automakers, Takata and the government all want to find out just how much humidity and time it takes to cause the problem, both of which are unknown.

Takata, NHTSA and the auto industry are investigating to figure out just how much humidity over how much time can cause the problem to happen. AP

**WORLD BRIEFS**



AP PHOTO

**YEMEN** Forces loyal to Yemen's former president stormed the international airport in the southern port city of Aden yesterday, triggering an intense, hours-long gunbattle before security forces loyal to the current president repelled them.

**SWEDEN** Gunmen with automatic weapons stormed into a restaurant in Sweden's second largest city, killing two people and wounding about a dozen in a shooting that police said was likely gang-related.

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**UKRAINE** British military instructors have traveled to Ukraine to provide medical and tactical training to the country's troops, the Ukrainian defense ministry said yesterday. Britain's ministry of defense said it aims to boost the Ukrainian army's defensive capability in their armed campaign against Russian-backed separatists in the east.

**USA** Prince Charles and his wife will finish up their visit to Washington, D.C. with a whirlwind day that will include meeting with President Barack Obama.

**RUSSIA** The mother of two of the suspects in the slaying of Russian opposition leader Boris Nemtsov said she is certain they didn't do it. Anzor and Shagid Gubashev are among five men, all ethnic Chechens, accused in the shooting death of Nemtsov on a bridge near the Kremlin on Feb. 27.

**GREECE** German Chancellor Angela Merkel says Greece must stick to the terms of a bailout agreement that requires Athens to sharply curtail government spending in return for further financial aid. Tensions over Greece's massive financial bailout are set to overshadow a European Union summit yesterday amid fears that the country could accidentally drop out of the euro.

**THE DECISIVE MOMENT**

AP Photo/Arild Lyssand Svalbard Police, NTB scanpix



**Polar bear-less.** A local representative of the Norwegian archipelago of Svalbard walks toward the dead body of a polar bear that attacked a tourist camp in Svalbard, Norway yesterday. A Czech tourist suffered minor injuries when a polar bear attacked the tent he was sleeping in on the remote Arctic archipelago of Svalbard.