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**CHINA** A fire at a residential building in central China killed seven people and injured 12 others, a local government said yesterday. The fire broke out late Saturday night in Wuhan city in the building's electric cable well, the Wuhan government's information office said on its microblog. The seven residents died after they inhaled a huge amount of smoke from the burning of the electric cables, the statement said.

**CHINA** A warehouse containing fireworks exploded in northern China yesterday, killing at least three people and injuring more than a dozen others, state media reported. The morning explosion happened in Ningjin county in Hebei province, which borders Beijing, and shattered nearby windows and even those of a flour factory about 1km away, the official Xinhua News Agency said. Photos on the news website 163.com appeared to show the warehouse's roof had blown off.

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# Casino full smoking ban approved, detailed discussion follows

**T**HE full ban on smoking in casinos was approved on Friday at the Legislative Assembly (AL). However, some lawmakers argued that operators should be allowed to keep smoking lounges. Two lawmakers, Zheng Anting and Kou Hoi In, voted against it. After Friday's general approval, the bill will now undergo detailed discussion at one of the AL's Commissions.

Gaming operator SJM's managing director Angela Leong On Kei was one of the lawmakers who argued that casinos should be allowed to continue operating smoking lounges. "Isn't it possible to give our smoking customers an alternative? I hope the government rethinks the possibility of keeping the smoking lounges. If you believe the existing lounges do not fulfill the criteria, then we can still study stricter criteria to match the needs," she said. "Is it possible to create in these lounges an environment without even a whiff of smoke? I believe it's possible. If there is not enough ventilation we will work even better [to match the government's criteria]," Ms Leong added.

According to some lawmakers, the ban could impact revenues and force gaming operators to fire or reduce the wages of up to 5,000 workers. Au Kam San was one of the lawmakers to voice an opposing view: "This full ban will perhaps harm ga-



Alexis Tam

**In fact we are not the strictest place when it comes to anti-tobacco efforts**

ALEXIS TAM

ming operators. Of course they don't want to see this happen. Even some gaming workers are

worried. But casino employees must not be worried. This is the year of the gaming license review. I don't think any casino operator would dare to fire a high number of workers right now," he said.

Replying to the critical remarks, the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam, rejected accusations that the smoking ban was too radical. Stating that the government is willing to improve the law, Mr Tam argued that Macau is being "quite permissive, compared to other regions like

Japan, South Korea, Thailand and Hong Kong. In fact, we are not the strictest place when it

comes to anti-tobacco efforts."

Concerning the eventual negative impact of the ban on employment prospects, the secretary added the government plans to take measures to prevent any job losses. Alexis Tam also pledged to review the impact of the ban three years after it comes into effect.

After the plenary debate at the AL, Alexis Tam told journalists he is unsure whether the government will or will not take a step back on the smoking ban bill. He said that authorities remain open to proposals by the gaming industry. "We look forward to the gaming industry proposals. I can't say much here. How can I deny them if I haven't read them? We must be objective. I can't say anything since I have to see what their suggestions are. The industry posted many suggestions [at the AL debate], they say they can do it and we are open to them," the secretary said during an impromptu press conference.

## GROUP CONCERNED OVER BAN

**THE MACAU** Responsible Gaming Association has responded to the AL's approval of an amendment to Macau's Tobacco Prevention and Control Law that completely bans smoking in casinos, including VIP areas. The group argues that the implementation of the measure will affect the gaming industry. According to the as-

sociation's director Song Vai Kit, alterations to the architecture of VIP areas should be considered. "For example, some dividing panels could be set up, or a certain distance could be determined between gaming facilities. Independent ventilation and independent air conditioning systems are a possibility too," Song told TDM.

**A**LLOWING customers to smoke in casinos "makes financial sense," according to a report published on Saturday by the website CalvinAyre.com, which specializes in gambling news.

Following the approval of Macau's smoking legislation amendment, the website revisited the case of Harrah's New Orleans. In May, the casino reported a 16 percent

REPORT

## Smoking in casinos 'makes financial sense'

revenue drop after the Orleans Parish imposed an indoor smoking ban in April. In June, casino revenue went up 10.9 percent in the state of Louisiana (where New Orleans is located) but Harrah's was again down 16 percent. A Har-

rah's spokesman cited by CalvinAyre said slots revenue was particularly hard-hit following the ban.

The report also mentions the Chilean case, noting that the country's 16 casinos suffered a 21 percent revenue decline

after an indoor smoking ban was imposed in 2013. Figures released this month by the Chilean Gaming Control Board show that the casino industry has only just achieved the same revenue levels it enjoyed in the first five months of 2012, before

the ban took effect.

"Small wonder then, that Macau's casino operators – already dealing with 13 straight months of falling revenue – are dreading the special administrative region's proposal to ban smoking in VIP rooms as well as

the elimination of airport-style smoking lounges on the main gaming floor," the report notes, adding that analysts have suggested the ban could trim 10 percent off mass market revenue and 15 percent off the VIP business sector. **PB**

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# Melco Crown Entertainment Provides “Dream Come True” Learning Opportunities to Local Youths

## Winner of “Dare to Dream” Zaha Hadid Design Competition to be announced on July 23

Melco Crown Entertainment is committed to inspiring local youths in the fields of arts, creativity and innovation. Since 2012, its “Dare to Dream” signature series brings world-renowned artists and experts to Macau and offers exposure and opportunities to local youths to study with the best of the best in various fields. Through this signature series, Melco Crown Entertainment has already provided scholarships and internships abroad with two world-renowned masters in their respective fields — Mr. Yundi Li, the international piano maestro, in collaboration with Cultural Affairs Bureau of Macau; and Mr. Franco Dragone, the creative director of the award-winning The House of Dancing Water, in collaboration with Macao Polytechnic Institute.



With the support of Zaha Hadid Architects and in partnership with the Tertiary Education Services Office of Macau, the current “Dare to Dream” Program has established the “Zaha Hadid Design Competition”, which will see its winner, a student of architecture from Macau either studying locally or abroad, selected for an internship at the London headquarters of the world-renowned Zaha Hadid Architects. This supports Macau’s vision of creating and nurturing local talent in the creative fields of design and architecture.

Zaha Hadid, founder of Zaha Hadid Architects, is the architect of City of Dreams’ fifth hotel tower. She was a winner of the Pritzker Architecture Prize (considered to be the Nobel Prize of architecture) in 2004, and has been included in Time magazine’s list of the “100 Most Influential People in the World”, ranking top of the “Thinkers” category. Zaha Hadid Architects’ work of the past 30 years has been the subject of a number of critically acclaimed exhibitions worldwide. In 2010 and 2011, her designs were awarded the Stirling Prize, one of architecture’s highest accolades, by the Royal Institute of British Architects. In 2012, Zaha Hadid was made a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II.

Ms. Akiko Takahashi, Executive Vice President, Chief Officer of Human Resources and Corporate Social Responsibility of Melco Crown Entertainment, said, “Our Co-chairman & CEO Mr. Lawrence Ho’s commitment to developing home-grown talent and igniting interest and creativity in the arts in Macau has enabled the creation of extraordinary opportunities to learn from award-winning, world-renowned maestros in a number of fields, now including the ‘Queen of the Curves’, Dame Zaha Hadid, the designer of City of Dreams’ fifth hotel tower.”

Mr. Sou Chio Fai, Director of the Tertiary Education Services Office said, “We are very glad to be working with Melco Crown Entertainment on this competition. It’s a great way of encouraging local students to develop new ways of thinking, and infusing them with excitement and motivation. Dame Zaha Hadid is one of the world’s best-known architects, and probably the most famous female architect. We are thrilled that a Macau student is going to have the opportunity to meet her and work in her headquarters in London. We look forward to Melco Crown Entertainment continuing to providing these “dream-come-true” opportunities for Macau university students, so they will get to work with leaders, experts and masters of different fields from all over the world.”

The Zaha Hadid Design Competition challenged Macau students who are studying locally or abroad to design a villa set in a landscape. Their designs are judged on creativity and practicality of the concept, the contestants’ understanding of the 3D printing technology and their ability to handle complications. The judging panel comprised of Dame Zaha Hadid, founder of Zaha Hadid Architects; Mr. Michele Pasca di Magliano, Senior Associate of Zaha Hadid Architects; Arch. Carlos Marreiros, President of the Fellow Members Council, the Architects Association of Macau; Mr. Helder Santos, Chairman of Supervising Committee, Macau Urban Planning Institute; and Mr. David Clarke, Vice President of Design, Melco Crown Entertainment. Among the outstanding designs received, five contestants impressed the judges with their distinctive concepts and were named finalists. The winner will be announced on July 23 at the “Melco Crown Entertainment Life Transforming Learning Opportunities – Whole Person Development” Ceremony.

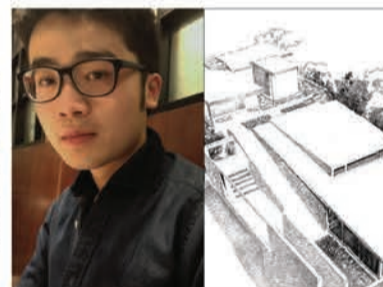


Mr. Michele Pasca di Magliano (Right), Senior Associate of Zaha Hadid Architects and Arch. Carlos Marreiros (Left), President of the Fellow Members Council of The Architects Association of Macau were judging the models of villa designed by the finalists.

### 5 finalists of “Dare to Dream” Zaha Hadid Design Competition

#### Chen Rui – A Villa in Beautiful Valley at Great Wall, China Year 4, Architecture, Central Academy of Fine Arts, Beijing, China

I love architecture so much that I took half a year off to refine my drawing technique, so I could get into this top design-based architecture school in China. I am a big fan of Zaha Hadid and I have been travelling around the world to appreciate her architectural works. My goal is to continue my post-graduate studies at the alma mater of Zaha Hadid, the Architectural Association School of Architecture in London, United Kingdom. After that, I would return to Macau and open my own architect studio. In order to realize my goals, I believe participation in this competition will bring me one step closer.

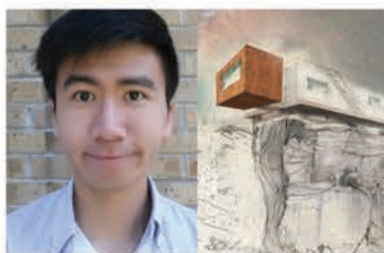


#### Choi Cheng I, Stephanie – Culzean Labyrinth Year 5, Diploma in Architecture, The Glasgow School of Art, Glasgow, United Kingdom

I studied in Glasgow, the Capital of Culture, and a city where one of the distinctive Zaha Hadid’s buildings is located. Whenever I intimately observe the Glasgow Riverside Museum designed by Zaha Hadid Architects, I am always impressed by how they transform their conceptual ideas into the real architecture. I would very much like to develop an architectural language as what Zaha Hadid has extraordinarily been doing.

#### Lei Meng Chong, Jeff - Unbind Final Year, Masters of Architecture, Hong Kong University

My ambition is to come back to Macau and be an architect. As I am graduating soon, I started to look up opportunities in Macau and was totally surprised to learn about this competition through the Tertiary Education Services. What surprised me even more was there will be Zaha Hadid’s work in Macau! I think Macau is a dynamic and innovative city but there has not been much interest in architecture. With the completion of City of Dreams’ new hotel tower by Zaha Hadid Architects, I hope it will arouse Macau people’s interest in architecture.

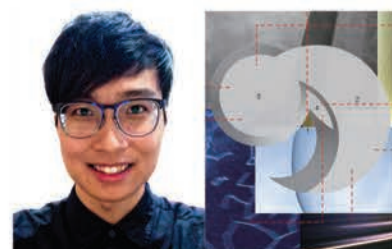


#### Ma Chi Fai, Ives – Linear Cantilever Villa Year 4, Structural Engineering and Architecture, University of Sheffield, Sheffield, United Kingdom

I always like challenging myself. Working in a world-renowned architect studio would be a great opportunity to learn how these masters realize concepts into physical forms. Architecture permeates the society. It is more than just buildings. In the future, I hope I can implement my architectural knowledge and experience in Macau, and create architectures that contribute to changing the atmosphere of the city.

#### Wu Ka Hou, Savio – Surprising Villa Year 2, Tunghai University, Taichung, Taiwan

I believe architecture keeps the history, art and culture of a city from the relentless sickle of time. When I visited the Sagrada Familia in Barcelona, the positive power that Antoni Gaudi brought me was his unique interpretation of light. I realized how great architectures can start a conversation with someone from another time. This made me understand how powerful and influential architecture was. And I believe that Zaha Hadid, as a stunning and energetic architect in the modern design era, her work has changed people’s lives for a continuously long period of time. That is why I really hope that I could have this opportunity to learn from her.





**U**NG Vai Meng expressed his satisfaction with the authorities' efforts to preserve the legacy of local culture over the years. The Cultural Affairs Bureau's president spoke yesterday at the opening ceremony for the celebrations of the listing of Macau's historical center as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Multiple prominent scholars have shared their insights into heritage preservation during an academic seminar since the event kicked-off.

"Actually we're happy indeed as it's an enormous honor to the people here, for Macau is a culturally historic center. After ten years of efforts, our world heritage sites are not only valued by ourselves but also other regions," the bureau head told media on the sidelines of the seminar.

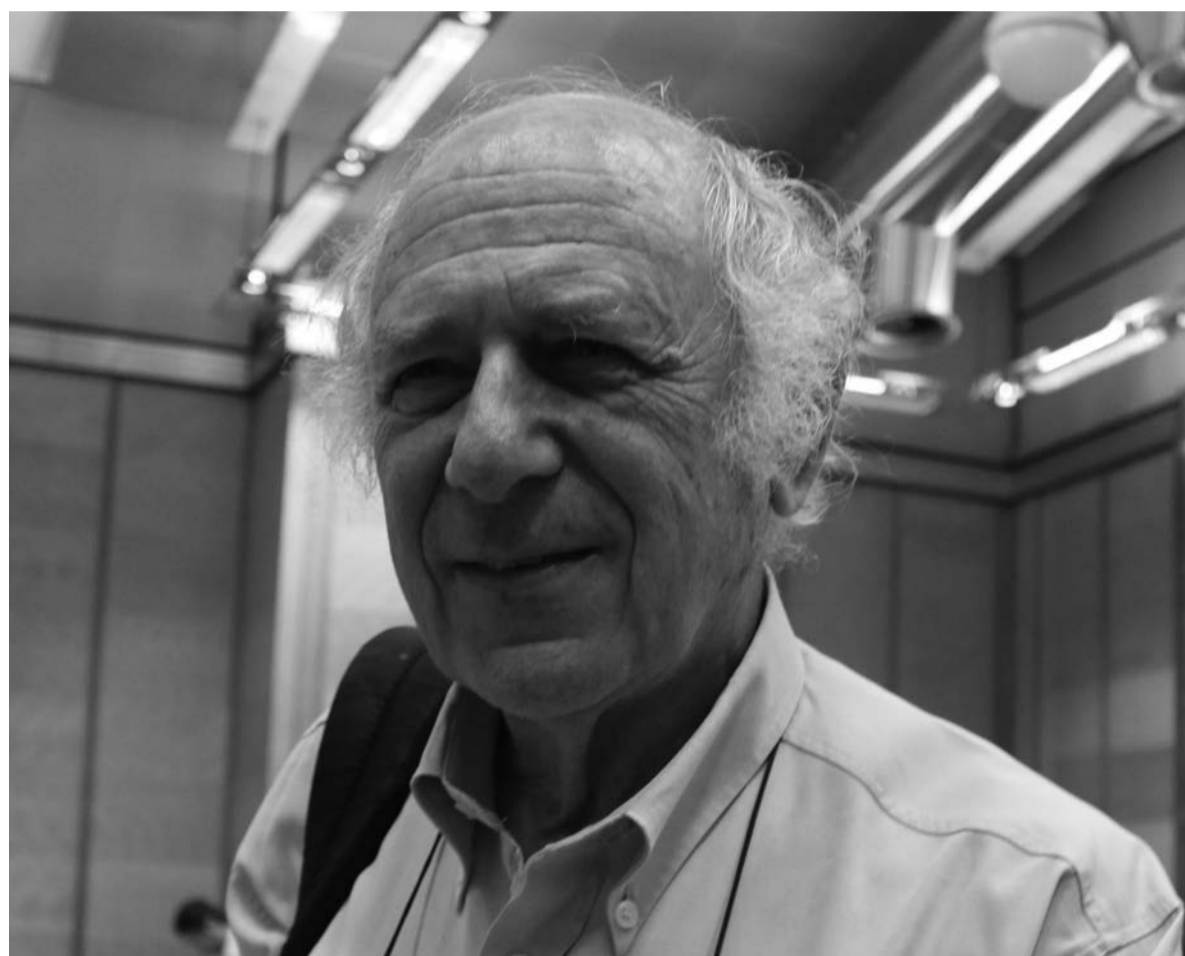
"The concept of heritage preservation in that time was about protecting buildings. After years of efforts, the SAR government has gradually shifted the initial concept of preserving temples, churches and mansions to a cultural legacy inclusive of tangible and intangible properties," said Ng adding that such cultural resources would be advantageous in the region's self-development, given that much of Macau has remained intact from previous decades, as the city has never suffered massive warfare or political movements.

He also revealed that the heritage preservation law has empowered the government to combat illegal construction within historical districts and furthermore extolled the efforts as "fruitful." The bureau will soon launch a second round of public consultation on its heritage conservation and management framework.

"This one is much different from its past versions, which was an introduction to our management of the historic center. Based on some foundations, we have rolled out more detailed and concrete terms to fulfill the

10 YEARS AFTER UNESCO LISTING

## Ung Vai Meng praises heritage conservation efforts



Michael Turner was one of the experts who attended the seminar

requirements of the world heritage committee," he said.

As the society often criticizes the bureau's non-legal binding opinions as "futile" when controversial urban planning might compromise local heritage sites, Ung believes otherwise.

"Although the Cultural Affairs Bureau's opinions aren't legally restrictive, they are received as such by the urban planning committee or other public work departments. They become like certain regulations when it comes to implementation," said Ung, citing the authorities' pledge to construct two "landscape

corridors" for the Penha Hill, that will not be obstructed in case high rises are allowed in the Reclamation Zone B.

Nonetheless, Prof. Michael Turner, UNESCO Chair in Urban Design and Conservation Studies, frowned upon the proposal, which he criticized for failing to take into account the whole picture of historic centers.

"I am not happy about simply leaving corridors. I am not happy about it. You have to really convince me to make it work. I think that we should look at other alternatives, but

the alternatives should not be simply visual. Because the corridor idea focuses on monuments, it doesn't focus on the historic center," said Turner who stressed in his speech that sustainability is the key strategy in constructing a city's urban landscape, which includes the city at large instead of particular districts such as the buffer zones. The ICOMOS member also likened the heritage in visual form to an "iceberg" as much cultural significance actually lay beneath the surface. "The Titanic didn't sink because of what it saw, it sunk becau-

se what's below the water," he said.

The scholar believes that heritage could mean every single corner of the city, to which most local citizens have also developed a stronger sense of attachment over the heritage

### The Titanic didn't sink because of what it saw, it sunk because what's below the water

MICHAEL TURNER

sites usually known to tourists.

Prof. Turner said: "That's my idea: social inclusion. That's why the heritage is not stopped by the boundaries of the edge but includes all Macau. I'd take some of those ordinary buildings, the eight-story or ten-story building with bars and flower parks, this is part of the heritage. If I extend my mind to include this, then this is what social inclusion is about. That's why I said all of Macau is heritage. Forget world heritage."

Shan Jixiang, director of the Palace Museum at Beijing's Forbidden City, was also present at the seminar, introducing to the audience the central government's traffic control policy to cap the number of visitors to the extremely popular museum. **Staff reporter**



Four-time Grammy nominee Kayhan Kalhor

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## Kayhan Kalhor to stage exotic Sept concert

**T**HE Macau Cultural Centre (CCM) will stage an Indo-Persian concert that promises to transport the audience to the cradles of ancient civilizations, to the exotic melodies of Persia's dastgah and Northern Indian raga. Kayhan Kalhor & Friends will play at CCM's grand auditorium on September 4 (Friday).

Iranian kamancheh master Kayhan Kalhor is travelling with a group of

musicians blending two musical traditions that for centuries have been historically, geographically and culturally intertwined. His ensemble will play a set of rare instruments including the santour, the tabla and the sitar.

The four-time Grammy nominee has collaborated extensively with Yo-Yo Ma's Silk Road Ensemble (which has played in Macau) and with composer Osvaldo

Golijov. Kalhor's frequent international musical ventures combine classical precision and creativity, giving him the opportunity to play with the Kronos Quartet, Brooklyn Rider and the New York Philharmonic. Besides having recorded with great Iranian instrumentalists, Kalhor has composed for television and film, including the soundtrack of Francis Ford Coppola's "Youth

Without Youth" (2007).

CCM will organize a free admission pre-show talk for those who want to learn more about the Iranian performer. Presented in English by Mexican musician Raul Saldaña, the session takes place at CCM one hour before the concert. The speaker is expected to share insightful views on Kalhor's background and repertoire, with a special focus on world music and instruments.





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# T. Rowe cuts Wynn Resorts stake, leaving founder top holder

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**T. ROWE** Price Group Inc. cut its stake in Wynn Resorts Ltd. by more than half to 4.7 million shares, according to a regulatory filing Friday, leaving founder Stephen Wynn as the largest stockholder.

The Baltimore-based mutual fund manager was the largest investor in the casino operator as recently as April, with more than 10 million shares, and backed management in its ouster of board member Elaine Wynn, also a major investor in the company. The fund group's stake now totals 4.6 percent.

Wynn Resorts gets more than two-thirds of its revenue from Macau, a market that has been a yearlong slump as wealthy Chinese cut back on their gambling. Wynn Resorts and other U.S. casino operators have more than USD10 billion in projects under construction in Macau scheduled to open over the next two years.

The stock fell 1.2 percent to \$103.90 at the close in New York. Wynn Resorts has declined 30 percent this year.

Wynn, 73, and his ex-wife Elaine, also 73, each own just under 10 percent of the stock, with him holding about 500,000 more shares, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

MACAU GP

# Stephane Ratel assists in GT Cup coordination

**T**HE Grand Prix Committee revealed that the regulations for the FIA Formula 3 Intercontinental Cup and the FIA GT World Cup were adopted during the Federation Internationale de L'Automobile (FIA) World Motor Sport Council meeting on July 10.

In a statement issued yesterday, the Macau Grand Prix Committee said that the format of the SJM Macau GT Cup - FIA GT World Cup will include two free practice sessions followed by a 30-minute qualifying session on Friday. On Saturday, a 12-lap Qualifying Race will determine the grid positions for Sunday's 18-lap race.

Twenty-eight entries from a maximum of seven manufacturers will be invited to enter by the FIA GT World Cup Selection Com-



mittee, on which the Macau Grand Prix Committee is represented.

The president of the Automobile General Association Macau-China (AAMC), Chong Coc Veng said FIA and AAMC have selected the Stephane Ratel Organisation (SRO) to assist in

the Macau GT Cup coordination. Ratel is considered an instrumental figure in GT racing's global expansion.

Pre-entry registration for manufacturers is open until July 20th, while driver and team entries will close on September 15th. Entries

will be announced by the FIA and the AAMC. Registration for the FIA Formula 3 Intercontinental Cup and the other races on the Macau Grand Prix program will also commence in August. The 62nd Macau Grand Prix will be held from November 19 to 22.

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# Hong Kong hostage to China rout makes stocks too cheap to ignore

Kana Nishizawa

**A**S China's efforts to tame its stock market cause turbulence in Hong Kong, some investors are focusing on the markets' differences.

After tumbling the most since the financial crisis on July 8 amid a record surge in volatility, the Hang Seng Index rebounded Thursday to its biggest gain in three months. With the gauge near the cheapest versus global shares in more than a decade, Valkyria Kapital Ltd. is buying companies it says have been unfairly sucked into the mainland selloff. Close to half the Hang Seng Index, including companies from HSBC Holdings Plc to New World Development Co., trades below book value.

China's officials have unveiled market-boosting measures almost every night over the past two weeks to reverse the rout in the world's second-largest equity market. With about half of mainland stocks suspended from trading to shield themselves from the panic, sellers turned their attention to Hong Kong instead.

"I'm surprised by the extent of the negative reaction we've seen in the Hong Kong market," said Manishi Raychaudhuri, Asia Pacific equity strategist at BNP Paribas SA. "This is the right time to take a look at fundamentals and not get carried away by this avalanche of selling."

The Hang Seng Index climbed 2.1 percent on Friday, rebounding for a second day. It still



Chinese investors play cards as they sit in a brokerage house in Beijing

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fell 4.5 percent last week, the most in more than a year. The Shanghai Composite Index posted a 5.2 percent weekly advance after the largest three-week selloff since 1992.

The mainland gauge was about 33 percent more expensive than the Hang Seng Index

on Thursday when measured by price to estimated earnings. The difference between Chinese shares listed in the city and in Shanghai was even bigger. The Hang Seng China Enterprises Index traded at 8.2 times projected profits, compared with 15.6 for the Shanghai measure.

More than 1,400 companies were halted on mainland exchanges, locking sellers out of half the market. Regulators late Wednesday banned major stockholders from selling stakes in listed companies. The police are investigating more than 10 institutions and people on suspicion of "maliciously" shorting blue-chip equities, China Securities Journal reported Thursday.

"By effectively removing the

free activity in the mainland market, they've exported the weakness into the China Hong Kong market, which we are generally fans of," Michael Shaoul, chairman and chief executive officer at Marketfield Asset Management, said on Bloomberg Television. "It's a much more even playing field - a much more honest institutional type of marketplace - and unfortunately that's been really the victim of the ham-fistedness of the Chinese authorities."

While it was punished last week, Hong Kong didn't enjoy the same rally as Shanghai on the way up. The mainland gauge more than doubled after China cut interest rates in November through its peak, as the Hang Seng Index gained

just 16 percent.

LGT Group and AMP Capital Investors say Chinese shares listed in Hong Kong are attractive, while Valkyria Kapital sees opportunity in the city's broader market. CLP Holdings Ltd., an electricity supplier and Hong Kong & China Gas Co. were down at least 8.2 percent from their highs this year through Thursday. The MSCI Hong Kong Index of Hong Kong companies and Macau casinos dropped 9.5 percent from May 26 through Thursday.

"It's the same thing that happens with these overshooting modes - the correlation, everything, melts to one. What does CLP or Hong Kong Gas have to do with this?" said Niklas Hageback, who helps oversee about USD202 million at Valkyria. "I've never seen things this cheap. For a long-term investor this is fantastic."

The Hang Seng Index last week traded at the lowest price-to-book ratio relative to the MSCI All-Country World Index since 2003. Mainland investors were net sellers through the Hong Kong-Shanghai stock link for eight days through Wednesday.

"When we look back to these days six months from now, a year from now, they will be proven to be a great buying opportunity," said Brett McGonegal, executive managing director at Reorient Group Ltd. "There's not a fundamental reason why things have been cut just across the board. These opportunities present themselves very rarely."

**Bloomberg**

## corporate bits

### DYNASTY 8 AWARDED 'TWO WINE GLASSES' AT CHINA WINE LIST AWARDS



Conrad Macao's signature Chinese restaurant Dynasty 8 has been awarded 'Two Wine Glasses' at the 2015 China's Wine List of the Year Awards for the second year in a row. Receiving Two Glasses means that the restaurant's wine list is recognized as 'Hi-

ghly Recommended' based upon a number of criteria.

The Wine List of the Year Awards were originally established by Tucker Seabrook in Australia in 1994 and are now the premier national awards for wine lists in that country.

The founders of the awards

were impressed with the quality of the wine lists that already existed in China and felt that they should be recognized along with the talents of the sommeliers that were managing them. By doing so they felt that the awards could help serve both as a motivator and a guide to drive further development of many wine lists across greater China's hospitality and tourism industries.

Now an anticipated event on the industry calendar, the awards have helped to lift the standard of the nation's Wine Lists whilst at the same time recognizing and rewarding the talents of sommeliers.

Guests can enjoy more than 520 international wines including many from China, on Dynasty 8's award-winning wine list.

### MGM MACAU LAUNCHES ART-THEMED PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



MGM Macau is launching the "Discovering Art at MGM" Photography Competition for families to have a chance to win prizes while enjoying the spectacle of Joana Vasconcelos' Valkyrie Octopus and other art pieces displayed throughout the hotel. Co-organized with the Photographic Society of

Macao, the competition aims to heighten the appreciation of fine arts, while encouraging the public to show their talents.

The "Discovering Art at MGM" Photography Competition welcomes all locals and tourists to send in photos taken of the artworks displayed all around the hotel, such as the

Valkyrie Octopus, the Lion Sculptures, as well as the art pieces by Salvador Dalí and Dale Chihuly. The competition is divided into two groups: the Mobile Device Group and the Camera Group. Images will be judged on originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact and artistic merit.

Winners of the Mobile Device Group and the Camera Group will receive one set of round-trip air tickets from Hong Kong to Lisbon and accommodation, plus a Certificate of Award. The 1st and 2nd Runner-ups of both groups will receive cash prizes up to MOP8,000 and a Certificate of Award. Other awards include cash prizes up to MOP3,000 and MGM Macau Dining Vouchers of up to MOP800.



### Int'l tender for Bissau port management

**T**HE Guinea-Bissau government has launched an international tender to transfer management of the port of Bissau to private entities, the Secretary of State for Transport and Communications said last week.

João Bernardo Vieira, on a visit to the project to pave the container park, said handing over port management to private entities aimed to turn it into a modern and competitive facility compared to other ports in the region.

The secretary of state also said the decision to launch a public tender for a public/private partnership for the management of Guinea-Bissau Ports (APGB) was taken at the meeting of the Council of Ministers on 2 July and he said it "was not an easy one to make" and involved a thorough evaluation over 12 months.

Vieira pointed out that for over 10 years, the World Bank and other international financial institutions have advocated this model for managing Guinea-Bissau's only commercial port.

According to the international tender, proposals must be submitted by 10 August and will be opened on that day. **MDT/Macauhub**

## Angola increases beef production



**T**HE government of Angola plans to spend 90.5 billion kwanzas (USD732 million) by 2018 to increase beef production and reduce imports, which provide

79 percent of the country's needs, according to a presidential decree.

The Directed Program for Beef Production, approved by presidential decree,

which includes the import of 340,500 animals for breeding and 1 million for fattening of the Bonsmara, Simmentaler and Brahma breeds, should start before

the end of the year.

In 2014 Angola consumed 129,400 tons of beef, but only 27,000 tons (21 percent) were from domestic production, according to

### Imports provide 79pct of the country's needs

the information in the same document.

This program plans to boost Angolan production of beef in 2016 to 46,800 tons in and 79,100 tons in 2018.

The program set out in the presidential decree justifies the amount to be spent by noting that an increase in domestic production of beef will contribute to a decrease in imports, creating new jobs and improving the quality of life for Angolans. **MDT/Macauhub**

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Chinese staff from a shopping mall walk past a flagship store of French luxury brand Louis Vuitton in Beijing

# After evading lawsuits, counterfeiter gets US green card

Erika Kinetz and Elliot Spagat, Shanghai

**T**HE Chinese woman has a history of selling counterfeit luxury goods. She has been sued in the U.S. by eight luxury brands. She owes Chanel Inc. USD6.9 million for selling products online under its name.

None of it has stopped Xu Ting, a 45-year-old immigrant, from achieving a comfortable suburban life in San Diego with her husband and their 3-year-old son. Last year, she became a legal resident.

China is not the only country with a counterfeiting problem. Most fakes are made in China, but they are sold in America, where counterfeiting is rarely prosecuted as a crime. Lack of cooperation with China makes it easy for counterfeiters to move their money beyond reach — and hard to root out counterfeiting kingpins. As long as counterfeiters can stay out of jail and hold on to their profits — and consumers continue to buy — the trade in fakes will thrive.

“There’s a million ways to game the system,” said Dan Plane, an intellectual property lawyer in Hong Kong. “Probably the only thing that’s going to stop her is when she passes away — probably on an island resort somewhere — or if she gets arrested.”

So far, Xu Ting has simply refused to show up in court. She

has worked toward a graduate degree at San Diego State University, helped her family accumulate at least \$890,000 in bank accounts in China, and bought a \$585,000 house with her husband, public records and court cases show.

“The essential point for Chanel is really shutting down the counterfeiting operations which we did successfully,” Chanel spokeswoman Kathrin Schurrer wrote in an email. Schurrer added that the legal process is ongoing and declined further comment, but did note that “California has a law prohibiting the civil seizure of a home if it is a primary residence.”

In 2009, a Florida judge ruled against Xu Ting and shut down seven websites selling fake Louis Vuitton, Marc Jacobs and Celine.

In 2010, Gucci and other brands in France’s Kering

“A person is more likely to be struck by lightning than imprisoned for counterfeiting

GEOFFREY POTTER  
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAWYER,  
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TYLER, NY

group filed a lawsuit in New York federal court against Xu Ting, her future husband, and eight others who allegedly sold more than \$2 million worth of fake handbags and wallets online to U.S. customers.

Xu Ting’s husband, Xu Lijun, has settled. A licensed civil engineer in California, he denied wrongdoing but agreed to let Gucci keep \$400,000 in seized counterfeiting proceeds and pay a \$7,500 fine.

His lawyer, Eric Siegle, said he was “a small-time nobody.”

“The people they are arresting or suing here in the United States are low-level people,” Siegle said. “If you can find where the money is going, you can get to the heart of the problem.”

But Gucci couldn’t find where the money went once it landed in China because Chinese banks refused to disclose account details.

“BOC cannot comply with such orders without violating Chinese law,” the Bank of China said in an email.

The case is ongoing. Kering spokeswoman Charlotte Judet said Gucci would “vigorously enforce any judgment” it obtained.

Xu Ting declined multiple requests for comment.

A slight man in wire-rimmed glasses answered the door in San Diego’s Rancho Penasquitos area and identified himself as Xu Lijun but declined comment.

“After your colleague’s visit, we communicated and she still did not want to do the interview,” the family’s lawyer in Beijing, Chen Peng, said.

In February 2014, Xu Ting got a green card, thanks to her husband’s advanced degree or “extraordinary ability,” according to a person familiar with the matter who spoke anonymously because immigration records are not public. Immigration authorities also have the Rancho Penasquitos address on record as her residence, the person said.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services spokesman Christopher Bentley declined comment, citing privacy concerns.

Dan Kowalski, an immigration attorney and editor of Bender’s Immigration Bulletin, said immigration officials may not have known about Xu Ting’s legal problems but more likely didn’t consider them a disqualification. Grounds for denying a green card range from committing a serious crime to having communicable disease but there’s nothing about civil liabilities. A vaguer requirement of “good moral character” is more commonly applied for citizenship, not legal residence.

In the U.S., most counterfeiting prosecutions are civil cases brought by companies. Lawyers say criminal cases, which carry the possibility of jail time, are a more effective

deterrent.

“A person is more likely to be struck by lightning than imprisoned for counterfeiting,” said Geoffrey Potter, an intellectual property lawyer at New York’s Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler.

Justice Department spokesman Peter Carr said the government has done “a number of significant prosecutions.”

“Large-scale commercial counterfeiting is one of the top enforcement priorities of the department’s Intellectual Property Task Force,” he said.

China is the largest source country for counterfeit goods seized in the U.S., and apparel and accessories are the largest category of merchandise. Luxury goods are typically made in Guangzhou and sent by container or courier like FedEx to the U.S. They may be sold in stores or flea markets but are usually hawked online.

“Unfortunately, once you shut one (website) down, they have 10 more ready to open up in a different name,” said Bruce Foucart, director of the National Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center, a multiagency group led by Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Foucart didn’t know about Xu Ting.

Brand owners also bear responsibility.

“The biggest game changer for me would be if foreign companies took a more aggressive attitude toward enforcing their rights,” said Mark Cohen, former intellectual property attaché at the U.S. embassy in Beijing. “At the end of the day, there may be an economic calculation about how much money it’s worth to pursue these people.” AP



# Typhoon pounds Shanghai with heavy rains; 1.1 million evacuated

A typhoon pounded the Chinese coast south of Shanghai on Saturday with strong winds and heavy rainfall, submerging roads, felling trees and forcing the evacuation of 1.1 million people.

Typhoon Chan-hom slammed ashore with winds of up to 160 kilometers per hour near Zhoushan, a city east of the port of Ningbo in Zhejiang province. It has dumped more than 100 millimeters of rain since late Friday — about a month's average

in less than 24 hours, China Central Television and the Xinhua News Agency reported.

No deaths or injuries had been reported by Saturday evening.

"It was so windy that the rain came in through the windows even though they were closed," Zhoushan resident Zhang Zhouqun, 53, manager of a logistics company, said in a telephone interview.

The storm felled 10-year-old trees in his neighborhood, stranded cars in 60-centimeter-deep water and swamped



In this photo provided by China's Xinhua News Agency, a resident rides a bicycle on a road submerged by water in Xiangshan county, east China's Zhejiang Province

half the fields, Zhang said. Police were out barring people from trying to drive. At the urging of local officials, Zhang's family had stocked up a few days' worth of groceries, he said.

Some 1.1 million people had been evacuated from coastal areas of Zhejiang and more

than 46,000 in neighboring Jiangsu province ahead of the storm, Xinhua said. The provincial flood control bureau said 28,764 ships had been ordered back to port.

The national weather service said earlier the typhoon might be the strongest to strike Chi-

na since the communist government took power in 1949. It initially was deemed a super-typhoon but was downgraded at midday Saturday to a strong typhoon and was weakening further as it moved inland.

Heavy downpours were reported in some areas, including the village of Lai'ao, which recorded more than 400 millimeters of rain, according to Xinhua.

More than 100 trains and 600 flights were canceled in the cities of Hangzhou, Ningbo, Wenzhou and Taizhou, according to Xinhua. Buses and passenger ferries also suspended service.

Earlier, Chan-hom caused 20 injuries as it moved over islands in southern Japan, Kyodo news agency reported.

The storm dumped rain on the northern Philippines and Taiwan, where several flights were suspended. The stock market and public offices were closed Friday in Taipei, Taiwan's capital.

Chan-hom is the second major storm to hit China this week, after Typhoon Linfa forced 56,000 people from their homes in the southern province of Guangdong. AP

## CHAN-HOM WEAKENS AS IT HEADS FOR KOREAN PENINSULA

**TYPHOON CHAN-HOM**, which caused the evacuation of about a million people and the cancellation of hundreds of air flights in eastern China Saturday, weakened as it moved northeast along the East China ocean toward the Korean Peninsula. Chan-hom was moving at about 30 kilometers per hour at 5 a.m. local time yesterday, the China weather bureau said on its website. The top speed at the center of the typhoon had slowed to 35

meters per second yesterday from 45 meters per second Saturday and will continue to weaken, the weather bureau said. Gale-force winds measuring seven to eight will still blow along coastal Zhejiang, Shanghai, Jiangsu, and Shandong until 8:00 a.m. today, and some locations could expect winds of nine and ten force, the weather bureau said. In Shanghai, typhoon orange alert was lifted yesterday and subway-train service resumed.

## Uighurs deported from Thailand wanted to join jihad, Xinhua says

CHINA'S official news agency said that 109 ethnic Uighurs who Thailand deported to China amid international criticism that the refugees could face persecution had been on their way to Turkey, Syria or Iraq to help wage holy war.

On Thursday, Thai authorities sent back the Uighurs, who had been in Thailand for over a year and claimed to be Turkish, after determining they were Chinese. The repatriations were criticized by the U.N. refugee agency as "a flagrant violation of international law." Rights groups expressed fears that they could face torture. In Turkey's capital, Istanbul, protesters ransacked the Thai consulate to denounce the decision.

China's official Xinhua News Agency said late Saturday that the 109 illegal immigrants had been on their way "to join jihad," and that 13 of them had fled China after being implicated in terrorist activities. Another two had escaped detention, Xinhua said, citing the Ministry of Public Security.

Xinhua's report also claimed that a Chinese police investigation had uncovered several gangs recruiting people for jihad, and that Turkish diplomats in some



An Uighur boy waves a flag of East Turkestan before the riot police used pepper spray to push back a group of Uighur protesters who try to break through a barricade outside the Chinese Embassy in Ankara

Southeast Asian countries had facilitated the illegal movement of people.

The Uighurs are a Turkic-speaking Muslim minority in China's far western region of Xinjiang. The group has complained of harsh cultural and religious suppression as well as economic marginalization under Chinese rule.

Beijing has accused Uighur separatists of terrorism in Xinjiang, where ethnic violence has left hundreds of people dead.

Many of the 109 had been radicalized by materials released by the World Uyghur Congress and the East Turkestan Islamic Movement, Xinhua said. The former is a Munich-based Uighur rights

group, and China has designated the latter a terrorist organization.

In response to the report, Dilxat Raxit, World Uyghur Congress spokesman, said yesterday: "China is defending itself and shirking responsibility for Uighurs fleeing because of its policy of suppression. The so-called radicals are those who hope to flee China and live a stable and dignified life in a safe and free country."

Meanwhile, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying on Saturday voiced China's "strong dissatisfaction with and opposition to" remarks by the U.S. State Department that it was deeply concerned about the protection of asylum-seekers in Thailand because of the case. AP

## Beijing city gov't to move part of its functions to a suburb

BEIJING'S city government said yesterday that it is going to move part of its administrative functions out of the city center as part of a plan to better integrate the Chinese capital with its surrounding areas.

The municipal government's Communist Party committee also agreed at a meeting Friday and Saturday to stick to its target to limit Beijing's population to 23 million, according to the government's information office microblog. Its population was 21.5 million at the end of 2014.

The "subsidiary administrative center" will be in Tongzhou, a district in Beijing's eastern suburbs about a 40-minute car ride from downtown Beijing without heavy traffic, and will take shape by 2017.

The new center is part of a plan to integrate Beijing with neighboring Hebei, an industrial province from where much of the capital's



People rush to catch their train at Beijing station

pollution wafts in, and the port city of Tianjin. Officials want to develop high-quality resources such as hospitals and universities in the whole area, rather than have them concentrated in downtown Beijing.

Moving part of the municipal government and its services out of central Beijing and to neighboring regions will help ease traffic congestion and population growth. AP



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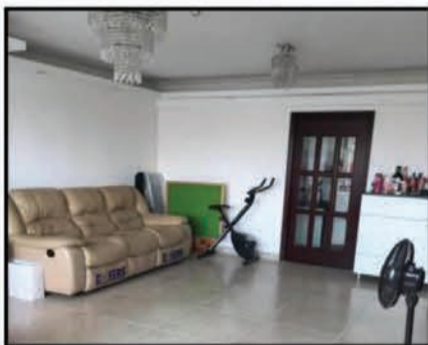


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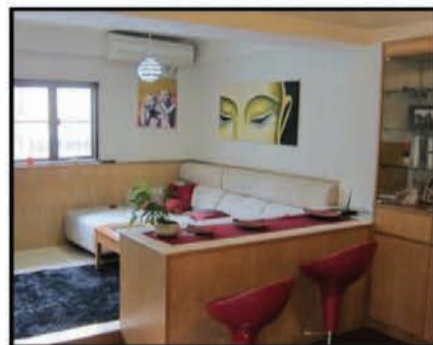


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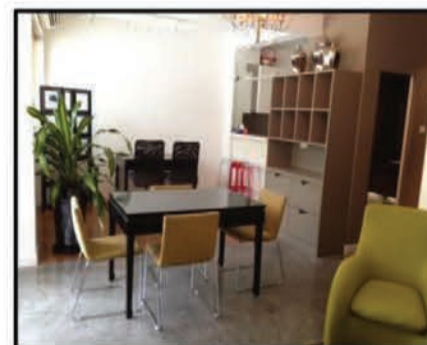


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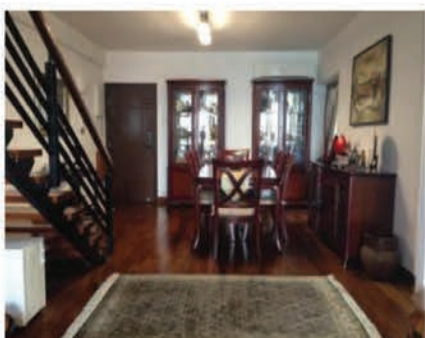
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MYANMAR

# Suu Kyi's opposition party to run in November polls despite doubts

Khin Maung Win, Naypyitaw

**T**HE Myanmar opposition party led by Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi announced Saturday it will contest the general election on Nov. 8 despite misgivings about transparency, in an effort to challenge the ruling military-backed party.

"We will contest the election to continue implementing the democratic transition that has yet to be achieved," Suu Kyi told reporters in the capital, Naypyitaw.

Suu Kyi is still unable to run for president after lawmakers recently turned down efforts to amend the constitution. Her party boycotted the 2010 polls because it considered election rules to be unfair. It took part in by-elections in 2012 after changes were made, winning almost all seats it contested — which nonetheless represented a small bloc in Parliament.

Myanmar was under army rule from 1962 until 2011, when the military-backed Union Solidarity and Development Party took power. President Thein Sein, a senior leader in the former military government, introduced surprising reforms, especially in the economy,



Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi talks to journalists during a news conference at her residence

but their pace has slowed, and the military still is the ultimate power-holder.

Asked if the elections will be free and fair, Suu Kyi replied: "Not completely."

She said the main concern is the voter list, which she said contains "many, many errors. ... It means that the voter concerned will not be allowed to cast his or her vote on the day of the election and this is a grave concern for us."

Her party has repeatedly said the election cannot be free or fair if the constitution is not amended.

The constitution was enacted during military rule, and gives the army a dominant say in the administration of the country. One clause mandates that 25 percent of the seats in Parliament must be held by the military, ensuring it has veto power over constitutional amendments. Another clause has the effect of barring Suu Kyi from presidency.

Suu Kyi's party was on the cusp of taking power in 1990, when it won a landslide victory, two years after a pro-democracy uprising was crushed by the military, and Suu Kyi — daughter of the country's independence hero Gen. Aung San

— became the country's most popular political figure.

They had won although she and senior colleagues were in detention, only to have the polls declared invalid by the army. Two decades of sharp repression followed.

A total of 498 seats for the lower and upper houses, 644 region and state parliament seats and 29 seats representing ethnic groups are up for grabs in November.

U.S. State Department spokesman Mark Toner said Wednesday that a credible vote will be an important step in Myanmar's democratic transition.

He said the U.S. was providing technical support to the election commission, political parties and civil society to ensure elections are "inclusive and transparent." But the influential leader of the U.S. Senate, Mitch McConnell, said the United States should not provide trade benefits to Myanmar until after November parliamentary elections indicate the state of political reform.

McConnell strongly criticized Myanmar's government for blocking constitutional changes last month. **AP**

Niniek Karmini and Haven Daly, Jakarta

INDONESIA

# Volcano eruption sparks travel chaos

**A**SH spewing from a volcano on Indonesia's main island of Java sparked chaos for holidaymakers as airports closed and international airlines canceled flights to tourist hotspot Bali, stranding thousands.

Bali's Ngurah Rai airport reopened Saturday morning, while two airports on Java island were still closed. Another airport, on Lombok island, reopened late Friday.

Mount Raung in East Java province, about 150 kilometers from Bali's international airport, has been rumbling for several weeks. The level of activity increased in the past week and on Friday it blasted ash and debris 3,800 meters into the air.

Government volcanologist Gede Suantika said the eruption forced authorities to close five

airports due to the risks posed by volcanic ash. The Transport Ministry told airlines to avoid routes near the mountain. It said a decision about reopening other airports would be made later.

Suantika said lava and ash fall from the 3,332-meter-high mountain on Indonesia's most densely populated island also caused the government to urge people to stay away from a 3-kilometer-high danger zone around the volcano.

The evacuation of residents living near the volcano was still considered unnecessary, but authorities were urging people to wear masks.

Volcanic eruptions can cause significant and lengthy disruption to travel. A 2010 eruption

of Iceland's Eyjafjallajökull volcano produced an ash cloud that caused a week of international aviation chaos, with more than 100,000 flights canceled.

"Ash can clog engines and harm other parts of the aircraft," Barata said. He added that thousands of travelers were stranded when flights within Indonesia were already overbooked as tens of millions of the country's Muslims pour out of major cities to return to their villages during an annual mass exodus to celebrate the end of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

The volcano has proven particularly problematic for Australians, who flock to Bali during Australia's school holidays.

Dozens of flights be-



Passengers stand in front of a departure gate at Bali international airport

tween Australia and Bali's airport by Australian carriers Jetstar and Virgin Australia have been canceled over the past week, with the airlines citing safety concerns.

Both carriers said they are looking into adding extra flights between Australia and Bali when conditions improve to

help clear the backlog.

At Bali's international airport, many travelers arrived not knowing about the eruption and flight cancellations. The airport blocked access to ticket counters, adding to the confusion.

Some tourists slept on benches or stood at flight information boards filled

with "postponed" and "delayed" notifications. Others complained of a lack of information about their delayed flights.

"The airline can't tell us if we're going to be here tonight or fly tomorrow or the next day," said Charmaine Scott, an Australian holidaymaker. "This is really difficult for us. We have to basically find some way to stay."

She said that she and her husband hadn't heard about the eruption and flight cancellations until they arrived at the airport on Friday morning.

The airport's closure affected 160 domestic flights and 117 international ones to and from Bali, said Trikora Rahardjo, general manager of Ngurah Rai airport. **AP**





NORTH KOREA

# As habitats vanish, migratory birds flock to Pyongyang's shores

Eric Talmadge, Tokyo

To the untrained eye, it's just a lot of birds on an otherwise deserted stretch of muddy, flat coastline. But for ornithologists, North Korea's west coast is a little piece of paradise each spring — and both the birds and a dedicated group of birdwatchers travel a long way to get there.

While North Korea is wary of letting foreigners inside its borders, a recent trip by a New Zealand research team to the mudflats near Nampo, southwest of the capital, Pyongyang, underscores some tentative but significant progress by outside scientists to conduct small-scale research projects — as long as they don't rub up against sensitive topics and are seen as useful to North Korea itself.

Last year, for example, an international team of scientists was allowed to set up seismographs and other equipment to monitor ominous activity on Mount Paektu, a huge volcano that straddles North Korea's border with China.

In typical North Korean style, the New Zealand ornithologists were told not to take photos of the birds in some places. Their mobile phone and computer access was also partly restricted. But the re-

searchers say that overall, the trip went smoothly.

"They took us where we needed to go," team member Keith Woodley, who is now back in New Zealand, told The Associated Press by phone.

■ A trip by a NZ research underscores some tentative but significant progress by outside scientists to conduct small-scale research projects

"They evaluate the places we need to go and they make it happen. It's very good cooperation."

The trip in May was part of a four-year study by the Pukorokoro Miranda Shorebird Centre in New Zealand, which is where many of the birds end the summer portion of their journey. In three days

of on-site bird-watching, the team counted approximately 20,000 migratory birds from as far off as Australia and South Asia.

Team members hope the project will shed light on the birds' migrations and generate international efforts to conserve their habitats.

North Korean officials share that hope, which dovetails with the authoritarian nation's efforts to promote itself as an eco-friendly, unspoiled land of natural attractions that will interest the one kind of foreigner it is trying hard to woo — the wealthy tourist.

"Many people from other countries are interested in this kind of study here," Nature Conservation Union researcher Pak Ung told an AP television news crew that was allowed to film the site. "I think if we can do a thorough study of migratory birds here, it will contribute to great progress in conservation of migratory birds, as well as overall ecological diversity, which is an international issue."

The birds being watched aren't exactly household names — bar-tailed godwits (*Limosa lapponica*), great knots (*Calidris tenuirostris*) and dunlins (*Calidris alpina*).

But in scientific circles, the godwits are something of a

sensation.

"Godwits are amazing," said project member David Melville, a British citizen who has long lived in New Zealand. "Their flight from New Zealand to China is approximately 8,000 kilometers, nonstop for seven days, and then after a month they fly another 5,000 kilometers to Alaska to breed. On the return trip to New Zealand, they fly nonstop across the Pacific ocean, a trip of 11,000 kilometers, in about nine days."

To survive the journey northward, the birds need to spend a month to six weeks in a place where they can rest and replenish their strength, sometimes doubling their weight, from a lean 330 grams to a plump 660 grams or more, before starting on the final leg.

A godwit dubbed "E7" made international headlines in 2007 when, thanks to a tiny transmitter implanted in her abdomen, she was confirmed to have flown for seven days and nights without stopping to a feeding ground in China — a 10,200-kilometer flight. That was the longest nonstop flight by a land bird ever recorded.

When she flew back to New Zealand from Alaska, entirely over the open Pacific, without

stopping for eight days and nights, she set another record distance, of 11,760 kilometers.

"Unlike seabirds like albatrosses, they can't land in the water. If they do they are finished," Woodley said. "We know that some must be doing 12,000 kilometers or more."

Rapid development on the coasts of China and South Korea may be leaving the birds with fewer places to take their mid-trip rest. That leaves the relatively untouched west coast of North Korea as one of the few places they can still find their favorite foods, small bits of seafood — mostly mollusks and crustaceans — and worms.

Woodley said godwits are listed as threatened and red knots are considered to be an endangered species.

The agreement for the New Zealand team to go bird watching in North Korea goes back to 2007. It was followed by a one-off bird-watching trip two years later. The four-year study project was approved last year, and that opened the way for the trip two months ago. The team plans to return next April.

This year's trip was the first of four formal visits that will end in 2018, but there's hope the visits will continue past that date, Melville said. AP



GREECE

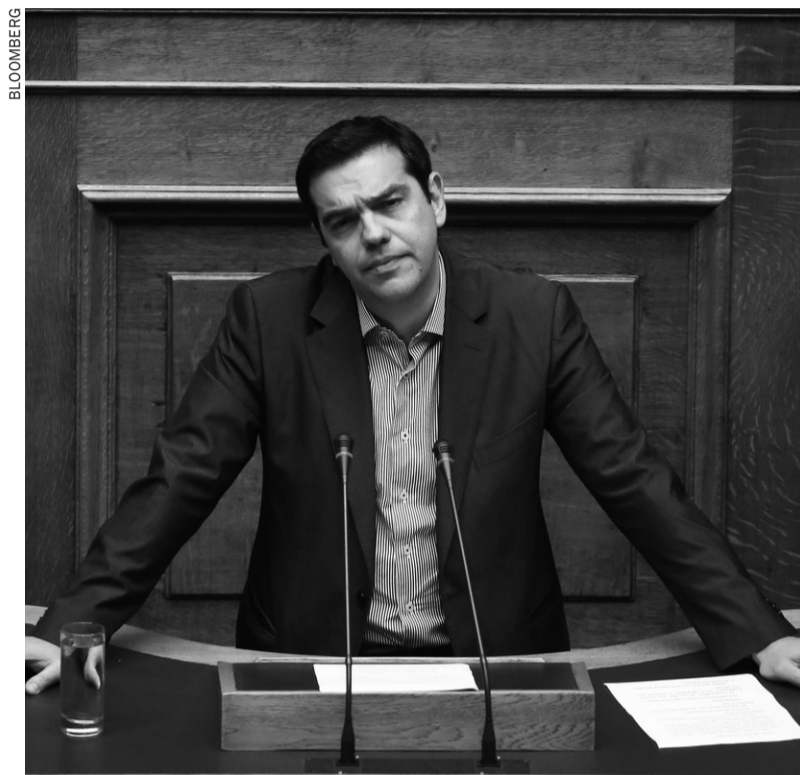
# Disagreements emerge among creditors as EU summit cancelled

Pan Pylas and Raf Casert, Brussels

**S**KEPTICAL European creditors raced yesterday to narrow differences both among themselves and with Athens, aiming to come up with a tentative agreement to stave off an immediate financial collapse in Greece that would reverberate across the continent.

Facing a self-imposed yesterday deadline, the European nations using the shared euro currency were still seeking more proof from Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras that he could be fully trusted to enact wide-ranging economic reforms to safeguard Greece's future in the common currency.

Greece has asked Europe's bailout fund for a 53.5 billion-euro (USD59.5 billion) 3-year financial package but many officials in Brussels say the figu-



Greece's Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras presents his package at the Greek parliament in Athens on Saturday

re will have to be much higher. This would be Greece's third bailout in five years.

Rumors of Franco-German discord over what was still expected from Greece swirled around the talks between finance ministers yesterday in Brussels. A French official, however, insisted there were no fundamental differences between President Francois Hollande and German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who were among the 19 eurozone leaders meeting later yesterday for a summit in Brussels.

"There is no fear of a rift and we will find strong cohesion," said the official, who asked to remain anonymous because of the sensitivity of the negotiations.

France is considered Greece's best friend and even helped Tsipras prepare the reform proposals that are his lifeline to international aid over the coming days or weeks. Germany,

meanwhile, says Greece needs to do much more to get help or any debt relief.

Greece's economy is in free-fall and the country faces big debt repayments in the coming weeks.

"We have lost so much time we cannot afford to lose time anymore," Italian Finance Minister Pier Carlo Padoan said as he arrived for talks yesterday. "We continue to work to establish the conditions to start negotiations, which is the real target. ... It is not about closing a deal."

Yet in a sign that a dramatic Greek exit from the euro would not happen yesterday, a full summit of the European Union's 28 leaders was cancelled. Instead, the eurozone's 19 leaders, including Tsipras, were meeting yesterday afternoon to assess the outcome of the finance ministers' talks and plot a further way ahead. **AP**

MEXICO

## Top drug lord Joaquin 'El Chapo' Guzman escapes

Katherine Corcoran, Mexico City

**T**OP drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman has done what Mexican authorities promised would not happen again after his re-capture last year — escaped for a second time from a maximum security prison.

A manhunt began immediately late Saturday (yesterday, Macau time) for the head of the powerful Sinaloa Cartel, which has an international reach and is believed to control most of the major crossing points for drugs at the U.S. border with Mexico.

Associated Press journalists near the Altiplano prison, 90 kilometers west of Mexico City, said the roads were being heavily patrolled by Federal Police, who had also set up checkpoints. Flights were also suspended at Toluca airport near the penitentiary in the state of Mexico.

Guzman was last seen about 9 p.m. Saturday in the shower area of the Altiplano prison, according to a statement from the National Security Com-



Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman

mission issued early yesterday. After a time, he was lost by the prison's security camera surveillance network. Upon checking his cell, authorities found it empty.

Mexican officials had no further comment on Guzman's escape, but scheduled a press conference for yesterday morning.

Guzman's escape is a blow to the administration of President Enrique Pena Nieto, which has received plaudits for its aggressive approach to top drug lords. Since the government took office in late 2012, Mexican authorities have nabbed or killed six of them, including Guzman.

Guzman was caught by

authorities for the first time in Guatemala in 1993, extradited and sentenced to 20 years in prison on drug-trafficking related charges. He escaped from Puente Grande, another Mexican maximum-security prison in western Jalisco state, in 2001 with the help of prison guards. The lore says he escaped in a laundry cart, although there have been several versions of how he got away.

He was re-captured in February 2014 after eluding authorities for days across his home state of Sinaloa, for which the cartel is named. He was listed as 56 years old last year, though there are discrepancies in his birth date. **AP**

BOSNIA

## Srebrenica ceremonies marred by attack on Serbia's premier

Aida Cerkez, Srebrenica

**A** crowd of furious Bosnian Muslims jumped over fences and attacked Serbia's prime minister with stones and water bottles on Saturday, marred the 20th anniversary commemorations of the Srebrenica massacre.

Aleksandar Vucic, a former ultranationalist during the Balkan wars but who is now a moderate with a pro-Western stance, escaped serious injury. He said he was hit in the face with a rock as the crowds chanted "Kill, Kill" and "Allahu akbar," the Arabic phrase for "God is great."

The scenes overshadowed what was supposed to be a day of reflection and remembrance for the 8,000 Muslim men and boys slaughtered at the hands of Serb forces in the eastern Bosnian town of Srebrenica. Two U.N. courts ruled that the killings constituted genocide.

Vucic is among the most hated individuals for Bosnian Muslims, with some viewing him in worse terms than late strongman Slobodan Milosevic. During the 1992-95 Bosnian war, Vucic was an ultranationalist politician in opposition to Milosevic, criticizing the Serb leader of leniency toward Bosnian Muslims.

Many Bosnian Muslims also still remember Vucic's incendiary statement during the Balkan wars that for every dead Serb, 100 Muslims should be killed. Some in the crowd held a banner with the quote to remind him



Aleksandar Vucic, Serbia's prime minister, center, is seen during a scuffle at the Potocari memorial complex near Srebrenica

of his past.

Vucic's security detail rushed him away, trying to protect him with bags, umbrellas and their raised arms from the projectiles raining down. His guards shoved through the angry crowd before pushing the prime minister inside an armored vehicle.

"We were attacked from all sides. It was well organized and prepared," a visibly shaken Vucic said upon his quick return to Serbia. He blamed hooligan soccer groups from Serbia and Bosnia for initiating the attack.

He added: "Except for my glasses, I'm missing nothing else."

Vucic, who came to represent Serbia at the commemoration in an apparent gesture of reconciliation, said after the attack that, "Today we are talking more about a bunch of fools rather than about the innocent victims of Srebrenica." He added that his "arms of reconciliation remain stretched toward the Bosniaks." **AP**



## what's ON



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YVONNE NG PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

TIME: 10am-7pm (Mondays to Fridays)

3pm-7pm (Saturdays, closed on Sundays and public holiday)

UNTIL: July 25, 2015

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- CHINESE PAINTING AND CALLIGRAPHY CATEGORY

TIME: 10am-8pm

UNTIL: August 2, 2015

VENUE: Old Court Building

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 8399 6699

## MACAU GRAND PRIX MUSEUM &amp; WINE MUSEUM

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BY JOANA VASCONCELOS

TIME: 24 hours

UNTIL: October 31, 2015

VENUE: MGM MACAU, Av. Dr. Sun Yat Sen, NAPE

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 8802 8888

## Offbeat

## 'GHOSTBUSTERS' CAMERAMAN HELPS ID SHOVE SUSPECT; WOMAN DIES

Authorities say a 72-year-old woman who was knocked to the ground in Boston has died soon after a cameraman working on the new "Ghostbusters" movie helped them track down the person who did it.

The Suffolk district attorney's office reported the woman's death Thursday.

Authorities say the woman bumped into Tajanetta Downing on Wednesday in Chinatown. They say Downing pushed the woman, who hit her head on the pavement. They say Downing kept walking but said she heard a bystander ask the woman if she was OK.

Police say they located Downing with help from a "Ghostbusters" cameraman who saw what happened.

Downing is from Lawrence. She's jailed on assault charges. Her lawyer hasn't returned a call seeking comment.

Authorities haven't released the victim's name. The cause of her death hasn't been determined.

## TV canal macau

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19:40	Soap Opera
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22:10	The Illusionist
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Documentary Series
00:05	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
00:40	RTPi Live

## cinema

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09 Jul - 15 Jul



## MINIONS

ROOM 1

(2D) 2.15, 4.00, 9.30 pm

(3D) 7.45 pm

Director: Pierre Coffin, Kyle Balda

Language: Cantonese (Chinese/English)

Duration: 91min

## TED 2

ROOM 1

7.30 pm

Director: Seth MacFarlane

Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Amanda Seyfried,

Morgan Freeman

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 115min

## POLTERGEIST

ROOM 2

(2D) 2.15, 6.00, 9.30 pm

(3D) 7.45 pm

Director: Gil Kenan

Starring: Sam Rockwell, Rosemarie DeWitt,

Kennedi Clements

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 93min

## TED 2

ROOM 2

4.00 pm

Director: Seth MacFarlane

Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Amanda Seyfried,

Morgan Freeman

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 115min

## TERMINATOR: GENISYS

ROOM 3

(2D) 2.30, 4.45, 9.30pm

(3D) 7.15

Director: Alan Taylor

Starring: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jason Clarke,

Emilia Clarke

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 120min

## MACAU TOWER

02 Jul - 15 Jul

## TERMINATOR: GENISYS

(2D) 2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm

Director: Alan Taylor

Starring: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jason Clarke,

Emilia Clarke

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 125min

## this day in history



King Hassan II

## 1971 DEATH FOR MOROCCAN REBEL LEADERS

Ten army officers involved in an aborted coup in Morocco have been executed.

Four generals, five colonels and one major faced a firing squad without trial or court martial less than 72 hours after they had led a surprise attack.

About 250 rebels - mainly from the Ahermoumou cadet training school - stormed the royal palace at Sikharat where King Hassan II was hosting a grand reception for his 42nd birthday on Saturday.

Ten miles away there were successful assaults on Rabat radio, the Interior Ministry and the Army headquarters.

Dissident soldiers had claimed to have seized power and killed the King. But the Moroccan news agency later confirmed he was unharmed as loyalist troops sealed off government buildings and patrolled Rabat's streets in tanks.

A total of 92 people were killed, including Belgian ambassador Marcel Dupret. The King's brother, Moulay Abdullah, was among the 133 injured.

The coup leaders were shot in the courtyard of a military barracks in Rabat this morning, witnessed by military officers, who spat on the corpses, and Moroccan journalists.

King Hassan was at the state funeral for his supporters killed at the summer palace in the two-and-a-half hour gun battle there.

Among the victims were the Minister of Justice Mohammed Lazrak, the Minister of Tourism Ahmed Bahnini and the King's 80-year-old surgeon.

A further four generals and four colonels who had been loyal were also killed and the Moroccan authorities - under the temporary direction of General Mohammed Oufkir - are keen to stabilize the military as quickly as possible.

In a press conference today, the King identified the leaders of the coup and said the 1,400 rebels involved had been killed or rounded up.

He dismissed the challenge to his authority, saying, "It was all very under-developed," and he pointed to foreign interference as 600 Moroccans had attempted to renew their passports in Cairo on the day of the attack.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

Many believed the rebels did not intend to kill the King but simply wanted to reform the political system.

General Muhammed Medbough was widely believed to have led the coup and had spoken out against corruption. He was accidentally killed by his own forces.

Since inheriting the crown in 1961 King Hassan II had continued the pro-western, personal rule of his father. He was also a devout Muslim.

From 1946 to 1969 Morocco received more aid from the US than anywhere else in Africa - £304m.

There was a rising tide of Arab nationalism in the region, which had seen Egypt, Iraq, Yemen and Libya succumb to revolution in the past 20 years.

The King survived several assassination attempts after Morocco gained independence from France in the early 1950s.



YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Setbacks to your bank account don't have to mean setbacks to your enthusiasm...

Taurus April 20-May 20 You can't rush out and make purchases. In fact, you can't buy anything no matter the pace...

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Hoping and wishing is about as good as it gets. Call it educated guessing if it makes you feel better...

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 You're somewhat suspicious of any plan that bypasses the immediate turmoil, and that's as it should be...

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 You're making the most of a bad situation, and even learning to enjoy it. Your positive attitude will rub off on someone today...

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 If dealing with money issues is what gives you your true sense of purpose, then you will enjoy yourself with or without making a profit...

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 How you look at things makes all the difference. You love making money. But half the fun should be having a challenge...

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 You need to start fresh. Be methodical about your options and pick something realistic...

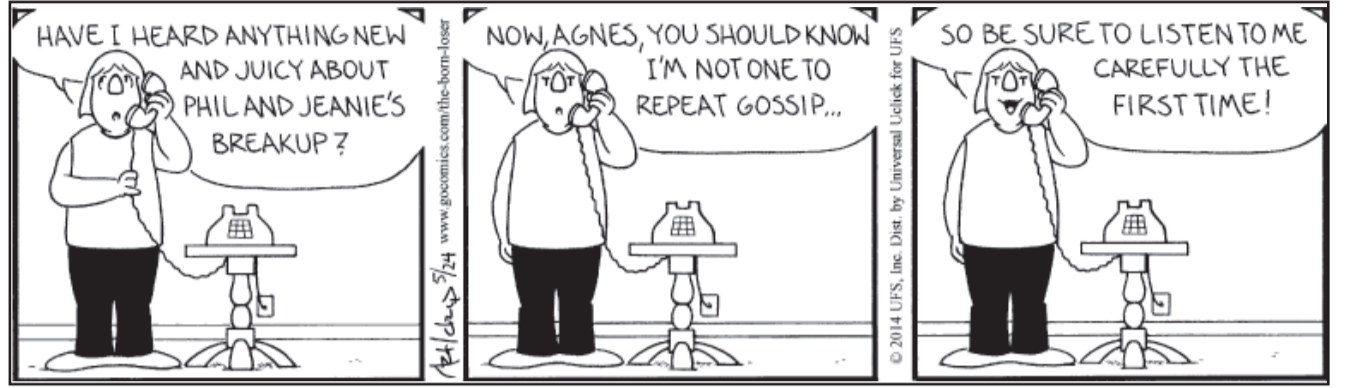
Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You have to work harder to make the same amount of money, but you're having fun with it...

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 This dry spell won't last forever, but then again, it's here for a while. Some things you were looking forward to will just have to be postponed...

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Up, down. Up, up down, down - those are recognizable patterns. But up, up, up, up down is not something you could have predicted...

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 Profits are more than elusive; they are downright camouflaged. But they are out there, so dig out your binoculars...

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

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9x9 grid for Hard Sudoku puzzle with some numbers filled in.

WEATHER

Weather forecast table with columns for MIN, MAX, and CONDITION for various cities in CHINA and WORLD.

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TENNIS

# Djokovic defeats Federer for 3rd Wimbledon title

**N**OVAK Djokovic beat Roger Federer for a second year in a row to win his third Wimbledon title. The top-seeded Serb overcame Federer - and a Centre Court crowd cheering for the seven-time winner from Switzerland - 7-6 (7-1), 6-7 (10-12), 6-4, 6-3 to tie his coach Boris Becker with three titles at the All England Club. Djokovic now has nine grand slam titles.

Djokovic, 28, is the first man to successfully defend the title since Federer won five times in a row from 2003 to 2007. The men are now tied at 20-20 in a rivalry that started nine years ago on the clay of Monte Carlo.

In the first set yesterday, Djokovic saved two set points at 6-5 down with service winners and forced a tiebreak with an ace. Leading 3-1, the Serb came out on top after a long baseline rally. Serving at 6-1 down, Federer gifted the set with a double fault.

The second set went to a tiebreak again after Djokovic squandered a set point at 5-4 on a forehand error. The crowd gave Federer a standing ovation after the Swiss saved six more set points to win 12-10 on a big serve followed by two backhand volleys. Djokovic was furious, hitting his racket on his foot three times and shouting at his box during the changeover.

The top seed quickly recovered in the third set, breaking early on as he stood closer to



Novak Djokovic

the baseline to take the ball earlier. After a 15-minute rain delay at 3-2, Djokovic served out the third set to love with a smash.

The world No. 1 didn't have an easy run to the Wimbledon

## Djokovic now has nine grand slam titles

title, coming back from two sets down in the fourth round against Kevin Anderson, who hit 71 winners, including 40 aces. Djokovic called the match, played over two days, "one of the most difficult" he's had at Wimbledon, and possibly in his career.

The 28-year-old is oldest man to reach nine grand slams. Federer, who turns 34 next month, won the ninth of his record 17 major titles at 25.

The French Open is still missing from Djokovic's quest for a career grand slam. He lost to Stan Wawrinka in the final last month after beating Rafael Nadal in the quarter-finals. The Spaniard beat him in the 2012 and 2014 finals.

Bloomberg

# Williams defeats Muguruza to complete 'Serena slam' of majors

**S**ERENA Williams beat Garbine Muguruza in the Wimbledon final, making her the first player since 2003 to hold all four major tennis titles at once.

Her 6-4, 6-4 victory over the Spaniard on Centre Court was her fourth straight title, allowing her to repeat her self-styled "Serena slam" of holding all the major singles trophies at the same time - a feat she also achieved in 2002-03 when she beat her sister Venus for the titles.

Williams' triumph also puts her three-quarters of the way to completing the coveted grand slam of all four majors in one calendar year. Germany's Steffi Graf was the last player to do so,



Serena Williams plays a return to Garbine Muguruza

in 1988. Her 21st major singles championship moves her within one of Graf's Open era record.

Williams settled down to take the first set after Muguruza took advantage of double faults to break in the opening

game. The serve, often a weapon for Williams, let her down and the Spaniard smashed back the slower second serves. Williams was berating herself over the shot even on points that she won.

She ran off 5 straight games to win the first set and take a lead in the second, before Muguruza broke back. Williams won the match when Muguruza hit a forehand wide. Confusion over whether the shot wou-

ld be reviewed meant Williams couldn't break out in celebration immediately.

At 33 years, 289 days Williams is the oldest woman to win a grand slam since tennis turned professional in 1968.

Since winning her fifth title at the All England Club in 2012, Wimbledon has been her least successful major for the top-ranked American. After crashing out of the third round last year, Williams rebounded by winning the U.S., Australian and French opens.

Williams had to fight hard for the last two legs of the Serena slam. At Roland Garros, she struggled with flu and had to come back from a set down five times for the first time in any major. At Wimbledon, Williams was twice two points away from defeat in the third round against 59th-ranked Briton Hea-

ther Watson, and then had to beat three grand slam champions - Venus Williams, Victoria Azarenka and Maria Sharapova - to reach her 25th major championship match.

In the Wimbledon finals, she overcame a player who had handed her the most one-sided defeat in a major; a crushing 6-2, 6-2 defeat in the second round of last year's French Open.

The 21-year-old Muguruza had been the first Spanish woman in the Wimbledon finals since Conchita Martinez ended Martina Navratilova's quest for a tenth title in 1994. Seeded 20 at Wimbledon, she'll be ranked at a career-high No. 9 on the women's tour next week. Her defeat means two-time winner Petra Kvitova remains the only player - male or female - born in the 1990s to have won a grand slam. Bloomberg



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**MALAYSIA MUST OVERCOME LEGACY OF PATRONAGE POLITICS**

Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak may very well be, as he insists, innocent of charges that nearly USD700 million in government-linked funds ended up in his personal accounts. But his handling of the scandal thus far has only underscored weaknesses in the Malaysian political system.

The accusations against Najib revolve around the finances of 1Malaysia Development Bhd. - a debt-ridden state investment company whose advisory board he chairs. In early July, the Wall Street Journal reported that hundreds of millions of dollars may have moved through agencies linked to 1MDB and landed in accounts controlled by the prime minister. Najib has alleged a political conspiracy to undermine him and vowed not to resign. He's threatened to sue the Journal, while Malaysian police have launched a probe into how reporters obtained the evidence for its story. The Journal has said it stands by its reporting.

Whatever the facts of the case, Najib inhabits a system that has long suffered from allegations of cronyism. His United Malays National Organization has dominated the government since independence in 1957, in part through gerrymandering and affirmative-action policies that favor the Malay majority. Having carefully cultivated the 191 division leaders who have the power to remove him as party leader, Najib can likely cling to his position regardless of what facts are revealed - or what voters may want. The opposition coalition was successfully fractured by the recent conviction of its leader, Anwar Ibrahim, on apparently spurious sodomy charges. Retrograde sedition laws and a docile domestic media further stifle dissent in Malaysia. Najib recently postponed internal UMNO elections until 2018, making a party coup even harder.

Four different official investigations into 1MDB had been announced before the Journal's report: by the government's auditor general, a parliamentary committee, the police and the central bank. But questions linger over how independent any of these can be. Najib's ruling coalition dominates the legislature. The police fall under the home minister's authority. And Najib, who is finance minister as well as prime minister, nominates the central bank governor. On Thursday, the head of the parliamentary committee reported that an interim report from the auditor general had found no suspicious activity at 1MDB, although the company had reportedly withheld some bank and investment documents from investigators.

A "special task force" announced last weekend, led by the attorney general, appears to be investigating with more vigor. It has removed documents and computers from the 1MDB offices and frozen six bank accounts associated with the case. (It hasn't named the banks or said to whom the accounts belong, except to note that the freeze orders didn't involve accounts allegedly held by Najib.) Still, its scope and authority are vague.

If the prime minister truly wants to clear his name, he should abandon his threats to sue the Journal and instead open his books to investigators - something he hasn't yet pledged to do or confirmed he's done. He should make way for a truly independent investigation of the charges against him - perhaps structured as a royal commission with wide-ranging powers.

More important for avoiding such scandals in the future is to eliminate the patronage politics that encourage corruption, and this will require far broader reform. Malaysia needs a thriving opposition and a freer media, as well as a far more powerful and independent anti-corruption agency. Stricter campaign funding rules would reduce the risk of vote-buying. Officials' personal finances should be made more transparent.

Najib has earned praise for his stewardship of the economy; Malaysia recently avoided a Fitch downgrade on the strength of its improving fiscal finances and its relatively healthy growth rates. The country's reputation, though, no less than Najib's, is suffering a grievous blow. Neither will be easily healed. **Bloomberg**

**THE BUZZ CAIRO EXPLOSION DESTROYS PARTS OF ITALIAN CONSULATE**

A blast rocked central Cairo on Saturday, destroyed parts of the Italian consulate, said Gamal Halawa, deputy head of Cairo's Civil Defense. The blast was caused by a car bomb, Al Arabiya television reported, citing a security official it didn't identify. Mina Erian, head of the Italian Club, which is located in the consulate's compound, said by phone that there were no casualties among the consulate's staff. An Egyptian national was wounded in the explosion, state-run Ahran Gate website reported.

"It was very loud, very frightening," Abdo El-Rashidy, a security guard at the consulate, said by phone. "The windows and doors of one side of the consulate were shattered." Attacks have increased in Egypt in the past month. A car bomb killed the country's top prosecutor on June 29. Two days later, militants affiliated with Islamic State in northern Sinai struck security forces, killing at least 20 soldiers before the army regained control.

Station	Air quality
Roadside	40-60 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	80-110 Bad
Ambient	95-125 Bad

SOURCE: DSMG

**WORLD BRIEFS**

**MYANMAR** Several hundred workers in Myanmar rallied yesterday for a higher minimum wage despite a warning by factory owners that the demand might put them out of business.

**MALAYSIA's** embattled leader faces a fresh blow as his wife is also probed over large cash deposits.

**AFGHANISTAN** Police say 12 civilians have been killed in a roadside bomb explosion in the country's east.

**PHILIPPINE** police killed five suspected car thieves and robbers in a gun battle yesterday north of Manila in an ongoing anti-crime crackdown, officials said.



David Chow

**David Chow's Cape Verde project green lighted**

**T**HE Minister of Tourism, Investment and Business Development of Cape Verde is due to visit China later this month to sign a contract for tourism investment with Macau businessman David Chow, reported Cape Verdean weekly newspaper A Semana.

The paper said that the minister, who is due to travel on 23 July, will sign the contract for the Cape Verde Integrated Resort & Casino, a luxury project being built on the islet of Santa Maria, near Praia, which will require an investment of about USD250 million.

The construction works

for this project, "which promises to be the investment that will radically change the face, life, and economy of Praia and the country" and

**The project will require a USD250m investment**

which is currently under public consultation, are due to start in 2016.

Last June, the Cape Verdean press reported the Macau businessman planned

to visit Cape Verde in early July, on the occasion of the festivities of Independence (5 July), "but only if the government had managed to conclude the environmental impact study."

At that time Minister Leonesa Fortes gave assurances that David Chow was still interested in the venture, which includes a luxury hotel, an international convention center, a marina and a bridge connecting the islet to the mainland, in addition to renewing the entire coastline in the Gamboa area, completely changing the face of that part of the Cape Verdean capital. **MDT/Macauhub**

**THE DECISIVE MOMENT**



The Cultural Affairs Bureau launched several works concerning Macau's cultural heritage and its preservation yesterday, namely "The Historic Centre of Macau, Golden Years", "Lou Kau and Lou Kau Mansion, Charm of the Ruins", "The Ruins of St. Paul's and St. Paul's College, Annals of Sessions", "The Civil and Municipal Affairs Bureau Building" as well as a collection of Zheng Guanying's Poetry.



**IRAN** Negotiators at the Iran nuclear talks plan to announce today that they have reached agreement on a historic deal capping nearly a decade of diplomacy that would curb the country's atomic program in return for sanctions relief, diplomats told The Associated Press yesterday.



**PARAGUAY** Pope Francis put into practice his insistence that the world's poor not be left on the margins of society by visiting a flood-prone slum outside Asuncion yesterday to offer residents a word of encouragement on the final day of his three-country South American tour.

**USA** Legions of people clap, cheer and cry as South Carolina lowers the Confederate battle flag. But as the euphoria of the moment fades, questions over what exactly that accomplished for race relations in the United States - other than the elimination of a painful symbol of the past - begin to arise.

**SPAIN** The number of thrill-seeking revelers at the sixth day of the San Fermin festival's running of the bulls in Pamplona swelled to more than 3,000 but no one was gored yesterday.