



PRIORITY TO INVESTORS IN HENGQIN

Those who invest in Hengqin will have priority to drive in there, according to the New Area director Niu Jing

P2



CCAC REACTS TO ACCUSATIONS

Reacting to accusations made by Chan Meng Kam's group, CCAC maintains it has always been impartial

P3



5 VOLCANOES ERUPT IN INDONESIA, FLIGHTS CANCELED

P13

THU.23
Jul 2015

T. 26°/ 30° C
H. 80/ 95%

Blackberry email service powered by CTM

N. 2362 **MOP 5.00**
HKD 7.50

2305 4271

MacauDaily 澳門每日時報

Times

FOUNDER & PUBLISHER Kowie Goldenhuys EDITOR-IN-CHIEF Paulo Coutinho

Stay Ahead In The New Broadband Era
50M 100M 250M 600M POWERED BY CTM 1G
Enquiry : 6613 0002

4G home fiber broadband wi-fi CTM

"THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGIN'"

WORLD BRIEFS



UK The University of Birmingham says new scientific tests on a Quran parchment place it close to the time of the Prophet Muhammad. The university said yesterday that radiocarbon dating has put the parchment among one of the oldest known manuscripts of the Muslim holy book known to survive. The analysis dated the parchment close to the time of the prophet, who is generally believed to have lived between 570 and 632.



UK Prince George was celebrating his second birthday yesterday. A new official photograph of Prince George, the first child of Prince William and his wife Kate, has been released by Kensington Palace to mark the occasion. It shows George grinning in his father's arms. The royal couple is expected to celebrate his birthday privately at Anmer Hall, their country home on Queen Elizabeth II's Sandringham Estate.



BURUNDI The head of Burundi's electoral commission says vote counting is underway and results are expected tomorrow for a controversial election in which incumbent President Pierre Nkurunziza's bid for a third term in power has sparked widespread unrest.

More on backpage

One year of debate before full smoking ban final vote

P3



Rosário: Taking office as DSAT head is 'act of great courage'

P5

'Cities' photo exhibition opens today

The combined photo exhibition "Cities" is opening today at the Creative Macau gallery. Five local photographers — Wilson Caldeira, Tang Kuok Ho, Marina Carvalho, Ieong Man Pan, and Carmo Correira — will display a series of black-and-white pictures of Macau. The opening ceremony is scheduled to start at 6.30pm.

DSEC presents summer uniform



The Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) will require all of its enumerators on duty to wear their new summer uniform from 27 July onwards. The new uniform, intended for outdoor work, comprises of a light grey polo shirt with a white collar, short sleeves, and the DSEC logo printed on the upper-left side of the chest. According to a press release, the new uniform will help the responding residents and businesses to easily identify DSEC's enumerators and allow the public to oversee the DSEC team.

Sellers accused of passing patacas as HKD

Local merchants are being accused of giving Macau's 10 and 50 pataca notes as change and passing them off as HKD100 and HKD500 bills, an Apple Daily report indicated. According to the report, "a 10 pataca note is slightly smaller than a HKD100 bill, but both are red and issued by the Bank of China. A 50 pataca note looks similar to a HKD500 bill as both are brown in color. If you're paying attention it is easy to tell the difference. But if the notes are combined in a pile, someone may fall for the trick."

Investors to have priority in Hengqin vehicle clearance

THE director-general of the Hengqin New Area Administrative Committee, Niu Jing, has hinted that those who have invested in the Hengqin new area will have priority access when using their Macau-licensed vehicles to enter and drive in the island.

Mr Niu said that they are still finalizing the details of the clearance arrangement for Macau-licensed vehicles to enter Hengqin. "People who have invested in Hengqin will be given priority to use their vehicle to enter Hengqin Island," he stated.

Mr Niu said on the sidelines of a policy-briefing seminar promoting the Guangdong Pilot Free Trade Zone that more vehicles in the area could result in traffic congestion, and therefore they will need to exercise caution and implement policies incrementally. "We will implement measures step-by-step. The Hengqin area and the border have a limited capacity, so we need to find a solution. Otherwise it will create traffic jams," he said.

The Macau Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM), together with the Administration Committee of Hengqin New Area and the Macau Chamber of Commerce, organized a policy-briefing seminar yesterday for companies interested in making investments



Niu Jing

or doing business in Hengqin.

IPIM's president, Jackson Chang, stated that the seminar is aimed at enabling Macau enterprises to gain better understanding of Hengqin's latest developments and policies, as well as providing detailed market information to enterprises wanting to invest there.

However, several business representatives left the policy-briefing halfway through, as the information provided during the seminar was of an administrative nature, rather than being policy-focused.

According to IPIM, 300 Macau companies attended yesterday's briefing. The presentations focused mainly on the policies and mechanisms in

place to assist the companies' registration procedures in Hengqin; which procedures should be followed by which types of companies; application procedures for the Hengqin Entrepreneurship Valley for Macau youth, and other services.

Jackson Chang recalled that an agreement to establish a cooperative mechanism between Zhuhai and Macau was signed by both governments. They have also agreed on a set of 18 measures featuring four main areas, which will be implemented by the Gongbei Customs authority.

"A cross-border RMB loan service provided by the Guangzhou Branch of the People's Bank will encourage the Macau

community to participate in the development of Hengqin," he said.

He recalled that the Macau government has already recommended 33 projects to the Hengqin authorities in the hope of fostering participation from Macau SMEs in the joint development of Macau and Hengqin.

Mr Chang stressed that IPIM will continue to provide assistance to Macau companies seeking to invest in mainland China, namely Hengqin. "A convenient and comprehensive consultation service will be provided to Macau enterprises intending to invest in Hengqin, which will provide guidance and advice to businesses, enabling them to take full advantage of and to profit from the free trade zone policy.

Mr Niu stressed that the Hengqin New Area will be a pilot zone for culture, education, and international business services, turning the area into "a tourism and leisure center."

Furthermore, he suggested that in a second phase they will be launching additional pilot measures to assist in the promotion the free trade zone internationally.

Attendees said that they hope more policy-briefing sessions will be held in the near future to gather further information on the Hengqin New Area. **CP**

Novo Banco Asia profits dropped 93.9 pct in 2014

THE profits of Novo Banco Asia dropped by 93.9 percent year-on-year in 2014, amounting to a profit of MOP2.4 million, according to a finance report that was published in the government's Official Gazette (BO).

The bank's financial result decreased by 56.8 percent year-on-year to MOP23.2 million.

According to the report, the downturn was triggered by a number of factors, including the Banco Espírito Santo (BES) resolution, an increase in the operation costs of investments and the implementation of a new computer system, as well as a cost increase in the bank's use of facilities and

human resources.

"The 'Corporate Banking and Trading Finance' business, together with the local business and trade between China, Portugal and the Portuguese-speaking countries, where the Novo Banco group operates, has remained an important strength," it read.

The bank acknowledged that 2014 was a strong year for investment, but that the bank's activities were adversely affected following BES' dissolution and the economic changes in Macau's gaming and tourism industries.

Novo Banco is Portugal's third-largest bank in terms of assets. It was created out of failed lender Banco Espírito Santo SA

last year, after it collapsed in August amid a record first-half loss triggered by its exposure to its troubled family-controlled parent company.

The Bank of Portugal split BES into a "good bank" — renamed Novo Banco and housing healthy assets —, and "a bad bank", which housed riskier assets.

Novo Banco was loaned EUR4.9 billion from what was left of Portugal's European Union-led bailout fund.

BESOR, rebranded Novo Banco Asia, is a subsidiary of Novo Banco and was established in Macau in 1996. The bank operates mainly in the areas of trade finance and private banking.

Novo Banco Asia's general assembly has scheduled a meeting for August 7 to discuss the election of board members. Since June 1, several board members have resigned, including Pedro Homem, Manuel Barreto, Amílcar Pires and Ricardo Espírito Santo Silva. **MDT/Lusa**

www.macaudailytimes.com.mo

MDT's Website has logged over
91 million page views
since January 1st, 2012 up to today.

Thank You!

Like us? facebook.com/mdtimes

MacauDaily 澳門每日新聞
Times

DIRECTOR AND EDITOR-IN-CHIEF_Paulo Coutinho paulocoutinho@macaudailytimes.com
MANAGING EDITOR_Paulo Barbosa paulo.barbosa@macaudailytimes.com
CONTRIBUTING EDITORS_Eric Sauteadé, Leanda Lee, Severo Portela
CHINA & FOREIGN EDITOR_Vanessa Moore vanessa@macaudailytimes.com

DESIGN EDITOR_João Jorge Magalhães magalhaes@macaudailytimes.com | NEWSROOM AND CONTRIBUTORS_Albano Martins, António Espadinha Soares, Brook Yang, Catarina Pinto, Cyril Law, Emille Tran, Grace Yu, Irene Sam, Jacky I.F. Cheong, Jenny Philips, Joseph Cheung, Juliet Risdon, Keith Ip, Renato Marques (photographer), Richard Whitfield, Robert Carroll (Hong Kong correspondent), Rodrigo de Matos (cartoonist), Ruan Du Toit Bester, Sandra Norte (designer), Sum Choi, Viviana Segui | ASSOCIATE CONTRIBUTORS_JML Property, MacauHR, MdME Lawyers, PokerStars | NEWS AGENCIES_Associated Press, Bloomberg, Lusa News Agency, MacauHub, MacauNews, Xinhua | SECRETARY_Yang Dongxiao amy@macaudailytimes.com

SEND NEWSWORTHY INFORMATION AND PRESS RELEASES TO: NEWSROOM@MACAUDAILYTIMES.COM WEBSITE: WWW.MACAUDAILYTIMES.COM.MO

A MACAU TIMES PUBLICATIONS LTD PUBLICATION

ADMINISTRATOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Kowie Geldenhuys kowie@macaudailytimes.com

SECRETARY Juliana Cheang juliana@macaudailytimes.com

ADDRESS Av. da Praia Grande, 599, Edif. Comercial Rodrigues, 12 Floor C, MACAU SAR Telephone: +853 287 160 81/2 Fax: +853 287 160 84

Advertisement advertising@macaudailytimes.com

For subscription and general issues:

general@macaudailytimes.com | Printed at Welfare Printing Ltd

One year of debate before final vote on full smoking ban

THE Second Standing Committee of the Legislative Assembly (AL) will begin a public consultation period at the beginning of next month to collect views on the much-disputed revision of the anti-smoking regulations.

At the first meeting to debate the details of the full smoking ban that was approved at the AL plenary, the head of the committee, Chan Chak Mo, revealed that it will take at least one year for the bill to reach the AL for a second vote, as the committee's agenda is full. In addition, he noted that the legislature's two-month recess is also approaching.

Authorities have decided to implement a two-month consultation period in order to collect opinions from the general public. One of the motives for the consultation, according to Chan, is that there are conflicting arguments amongst lawmakers regarding several aspects of the revision, such as whether or not to retain smoking lounges in casinos. Meanwhile, different stakeholders, either directly or indirectly linked to the amendment of the law, are also expected to meet

BLOOMBERG



with the committee members to express their stances on the issue.

The committee head stressed that some organizations have

scheduled meetings with the committee. He said that those yet to be invited were also welcome to come forward and voice their concerns, be they

favorable or unfavorable.

"Of course it's way better if they request to meet. However, we will approach those whom we regard as important

even if they didn't voice their opinions," said Chan.

Officials from the Macau Prison will be the first on the list to talk to the committee members, as inmates who regularly smoke would not be allowed to smoke inside if the smoking ban were to be made universal.

Aside from the six gaming concessionaires, other potential groups include the Chamber of Macau Casino Gaming Concessionaires and Sub-concessionaires, the Forefront of the Macao Gaming group, the Macau Gaming Enterprises Staff's Association and groups from the tobacco retail industry.

Despite the fact that the passage of the revised law hinges on policymakers' approval of the second reading, Chan stressed that the AL's advisory body would not have the final say in the end result of the article's text, as the government has discretionary power throughout the discussion.

"If we have given our opinions, whether or not the government would revise the law is indeed a political decision," said Chan. "Everybody can give their opinions, yet it all comes down to the ratio between those most affected and least affected by the bill. Although we listen to the dominating opinions before we propose any changes, it's all up to the government whether or not they decide to revise it. I hope that everybody understands this." **Staff reporter**

CCAC reacts to Chan Tak Seng's fury

THE Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) has stated that the investigation that resulted in the arrest of two people who worked on Chan Meng Kam's 2013 electoral campaign was conducted "according to the law" and that the evidence obtained was "valid."

On Tuesday, the Macau Institution of People's Alliance director Chan Tak Seng said that the group was being "politically persecuted" and that the CCAC had unlawfully infiltrated the association using its members and had manipulated elderly people in order to obtain tainted testimonies.

During a press conference held on Tuesday, at which neither Chan Meng Kam nor the two other lawmakers elected on his list were in attendance, Chan Tak Seng also said that Chan Meng Kam's side was selected because of "political persecution."

"Several other campaign teams also conducted the same practices in order to remind their members to cast their ballots," he said, denying that luncheons or other gifts were offered to people if they voted for Chan Meng Kam.

Chan Tak Seng also claimed that



Chan Tak Seng

"there was no trial," since an appeal can still be filed. CCAC's statement contradicts this argument, stating that the Court of First Instance's ruling validated the evidence presented by the anti-graft agency.

In their investigations of possible crimes, CCAC has always followed the principles of impartiality and equality

STATEMENT

"In their investigations of possible crimes, CCAC has always followed the principles of impartiality and equality," the statement read. **PB**

CHUI NEVER ASKED FOR EXPLANATIONS

DURING WEDNESDAY'S coverage of Chan Tak Seng's press conference, the Times and other media reported that Chui Sai On had previously stated that he was "awaiting the lawmakers' versions of the facts." However, according to a spokesperson from the Government Information Bureau, that is not so: the Chief Executive never asked the lawmakers who were featured on the list and were indirectly involved in the bribery case to explain themselves.

Macau Legend signs contract to build resort in Cape Verde

MACAU Legend Development and the government of Cape Verde have signed a contract to build an integrated resort and casino on the African archipelago. The company's CEO, David Chow, said yesterday that the construction of the luxury project located on the islet of Santa Maria, near Praia, is expected to take three years.

The USD273 million plan includes a luxury hotel, an international convention centre, a marina, and a bridge connecting the islet to the mainland. According to Chow, it will be "a touristic landmark" for Cape Verde.

In a filing to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, Macau Legend stated that the gaming concession will be granted for 25 years, the first 15 of which will include exclusivity in the area. The company also stated that it paid over MOP10 million for the gaming concession to the Cape Verde government.

The Minister of Tourism, Investment and Business Development of Cape Verde, Leonesa Fortes, attended the contract signing ceremony and stressed that the integrated-resort is "the largest external project" in Cape Verde.

COURT

TSI approves residency status appeal for mother and children

THE Court of Second Instance (TSI) has approved an appeal filed by an Indonesian woman seeking to keep her residency status and those of her children after her husband, a permanent resident of Macau, passed away.

The court dubbed the decision to not renew the woman's residency status and the cancellation of her children's Macau IDs as "an offense to principles of pertinence, proportionality and reasonableness."

According to a court ruling, the Indonesian woman married a Macau permanent resident of Chinese nationality back in 2003 in Australia. The couple had two daughters in Australia, one born in 2007 and the other in 2009.

The family moved to Xiamen, China, in 2011, after the man was diagnosed with cancer. They decided to return to Macau in February 2012, as his health failed to improve, in order to allow him to spend his last days with his family in his hometown.

The family moved to his mother's house and his wife and

daughters applied for Macau residency status as direct family members. They were granted temporary residency status in 2012. The woman's Macau ID was expected to expire in July 2013, while those of her daughters were to expire in 2017.

TSI ruled that the father's death does not imply that his wife and daughters should lose their residency status

On June 2012, however, her husband died at Kiang Wu hospital. With her Macau ID about to expire, the woman applied for a residency status renewal from

the Immigration Services.

The office of the Secretary for Security denied her request for the renewal of her residency, claiming that the direct family member requirement, which had allowed her to be granted residency status in the first place, was no longer met. Subsequently, the residency statuses of her daughters were also terminated.

They filed an appeal with the Court of Second Instance arguing that the daughters should have been granted permanent residency status because their father was a permanent ID holder. Furthermore, they recalled that personal and property-related effects of a marriage do not cease when one of the spouses dies.

Other arguments presented by the mother and daughters suggested that, "family ties were not broken after the husband died; they still regard Macau as their life center and meet all requirements set for residency status applicants."

Finally, they argued that the secretary's decision has disrupted



the family's harmony, unity and stability.

The lower court had argued that permanent residency status is only granted to Chinese nationals who have continuously lived in Macau for seven consecutive years. Their children are entitled to permanent residency if they are Chinese nationals born outside Macau following one of the parents being granted Macau permanent residency.

The couple's two daughters, however, are Australian nationals and therefore do not necessarily enjoy permanent residency status.

TSI recalled that although the Secretary's decision was grounded in reason, the mother and both daughters have established their lives in Macau, and live with their maternal grandmother.

As a result, the death of their fa-

ther does not necessarily imply that they should lose their residency status. It does also not imply that their mother should lose her residency status, since she has custody of both daughters, and losing her residency here would result in family breakdown.

The court recalled that the Macau government has concerns over economic and social costs when granting Macau residency to citizens, given the territory's population rise. However, the court stressed that to find a just decision, it needed to take family and personal matters into account. The cancelling of the children's residency status would come at a great cost, and could have resulted in ruptures to the family. Therefore, the court decided to approve the mother and children's appeal. **CP**

AD

KTRANZ TRANSLATIONS LIMITED

ACCURATE, TIMELY & COMPETITIVE
TRANSLATIONS

Languages

ENGLISH, CHINESE, PORTUGUESE,
JAPANESE, KOREAN, SPANISH,
FRENCH, ARABIC, RUSSIAN

Services


TRANSLATIONS, PROOFREADING,
COPYWRITING, DATA INPUT,
NEWS MONITORING

We translate +10,000 words a day


Contact: Ms Juliana Cheang
Email: juliana@ktranz.com.mo

Tel: +853 2871 6081 / 2 Fax: +853 2871 6084

Address: Av. Infante D. Henrique, 62 2/F, Macau



SANTA CASA DA MISERICÓRDIA DE MACAU
澳門仁慈堂婆仔屋



VENETIA

**Travel Notes-Venice - Collective Exhibition on the Subject of
Macau's Participation in the Venice Art Biennale 2015**


Duration of the Exhibition
15 July 2015 until 31 July 2015


Exhibition Venue
Albergue SCM - A2 Gallery
Calçada da Igreja de São Lázaro No.8, Macau


Opening Hours
Everyday from 12:00 to 20:00
Except Monday from 15:00 to 20:00

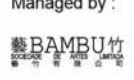
Free Admission

ALBERGUE SCM
ADDRESS: CALÇADA DA IGREJA DE SÃO LÁZARO Nº 8, MACAU
TEL: 853 - 28522550 / 853 - 28523205 FAX: 853 - 28522719

Organizer :

澳門仁慈堂婆仔屋
ALBERGUE SCM

Co-organizer :

澳門文化館

Sponsor:

澳門基金會
FUNDAÇÃO MACAU

Managed by :

藝BAMBU竹
澳門竹藝文化館

Raimundo do Rosário praises new Transport Bureau head's 'courage'

LAM Hin San, the former head of a Civil Aviation Authority department, was formally initiated as the new director of the Transport Bureau yesterday. The brand-new bureau head, who comes equipped with years of experience in aeronautical engineering, pledged to "do his job well" and to "listen to citizens' voices more".

The Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Raimundo do Rosário, who officiated at the new director's inaugural ceremony, admitted to the media that serving in local public agencies is a challenging job. "This position, as you all know, is stressful, as it's influential in everyone's daily life," remarked the Macanese secretary. "To assume this post is an act of great courage under the current circumstances."



Lam Hin San (left) and Raimundo do Rosário

During the induction ceremony, Rosário mentioned in his speech that Lam faces multiple challenges as director of DSAT. "Some of the problematic factors

are the large number of vehicles required for such a small territory, a public bus service that needs to be constantly adjusted due to the large number of users,

and a taxi service that needs to improve its service quality in order to have a positive impact on Macau's image," he said.

Asked if his new job would pose challenges to him because of his lack of direct experience in the land transportation sector, Lam, who joined the aviation department in 1995 as a senior technician and had progressed to head of the Airport Infrastructure and Air Navigation department, said that both sectors required a focus on citizens' safety and he was confident that he could bring to the region a "high-qua-

will do is prepare some plausible schemes, and set out some trial points. We will announce and gradually implement the schemes after a careful consideration of society's opinions," he said.

According to the new bureau head, more short-term, mid-length and long-term approaches to Macau's traffic issues will be announced in the future, chiefly involving the revision of current regulations, public transportation and car parking options.

Wong Wan, Lam's predecessor, faced a steady stream of opposition before he finally left the post in May. The new bureau head has already braced himself for criticisms from society, saying that he would accept any challenges as it was his "dream to serve the region." "How citizens see me is important, yet I think that when one is serving citizens as a civil servant, it's legitimate to receive their criticisms," said Lam.

A double-degree holder in civil engineering and Chinese law, Lam has also completed two Master's degrees in public administration and civil engineering. In addition, he chairs a workgroup at the International Civil Aviation Organization that has been responsible for airport operation and planning in the Asia-Pacific region since 2013.

To assume this post is an act of great courage under the current circumstances

RAIMUNDO DO ROSÁRIO

lity transportation service."

"Currently what's important is to listen to more opinions from different parts of society, as when decisions impact on citizens' livelihoods, it is important to consider every detail. What I

AD



MACAU GOVERNMENT TOURIST OFFICE

NOTICE

The Macau Government Tourist Office hereby announces an invitation to tender for the **Production of Macau Promotional Videos and TV Commercials**, in accordance with the approval of the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture dated 10th July, 2015.

From the date of publication of the present notice, interested parties may visit the Macau Government Tourist Office Reception Counter, located in Alameda Dr. Carlos d' Assumpção, no. 335-341, "Hotline" Building, 12th floor, Macau, to view the Tender Process within the working hours, and pay MOP 200.00 (two hundred patacas) to obtain the copies, including Terms of Tender, General Conditions of the Bid and other relevant attachments; or visit the Macau Government Tourist Office website (<http://industry.macautourism.gov.mo>) to download.

The explanation meeting will be held at Alameda Dr. Carlos d' Assumpção, no. 335-341, "Hotline" Building, 14th floor, Macau, at 15:30, on 31st July, 2015.

The maximum price limit for the service is MOP 5,000,000.00 (five million patacas).

Based on the following criteria and evaluation factors:

Criteria for awarding	Evaluation
Price	10%
Creativity (storyboard/slogan)	40%
Music	15%
- CV Portfolio of composer;	
- Original musical score	
Experience and ability of the bidder	20%
- Company experience on same type of service	
- CV Portfolio of Director	
- CV Portfolio of Producer, Director of Photography, Art Director and Post production team	
- Experience of the talents	
- Experience of the professional photographer (According to point 3.6 of General Condition of the Bid, part II)	
Production Plan	10%
- Filming equipments; Post- production equipments	
- Location shootings in Macau	
Efficiency in the delivery of the service	5%
- Production and completion time of the service	

Bidders must submit the tender written in one of the official language of MSAR or English, within the working hours by 17:00, on 21st August, 2015, to Macau Government Tourist Office Reception counter, located in Alameda Dr. Carlos d'Assumpção, no. 335-341, "Hotline" Building, 12th floor, Macau. The bidder should submit the provisional guarantee fee of MOP100,000.00 (one hundred thousand patacas), to be paid by 1) cash deposit to the account of "Fundo de Turismo" in Banco Nacional Ultramarino of Macau; or 2) bank guarantee; or 3) cash, cashier order or mark good cheque deposit directly to Macau Government Tourist Office, cashier order or mark good cheque should be made payable to "Fundo de Turismo" as the payee; or 4) Wired Transfer to the account of "Fundo de Turismo" in Banco Nacional Ultramarino of Macau.

The tender opening session will be held in the Auditorium of the Macau Government Tourist Office, located at Alameda Dr. Carlos d'Assumpção, no. 335-341, "Hotline" Building, 14th floor in Macau, at 15:00, on 24th August, 2015.

According to the article no. 27 of Decree-Law no. 63/85/M, of 6th July, the legal representatives of the Bidder should be present during the tender opening session for any complaints and/or to explain any doubts regarding their respective tender.

The legal representative of the bidder may appoint, by a notary certified power of attorney, an authorized representative to attend the public action of the Opening of the Tenders on their behalf.

In case of closure of the services of Macau Government Tourist Office due to typhoon or force majeure, the deadline for submission, the explanation meeting and opening of tenders will be postponed until the first working day that follows immediately.

Macau Government Tourist Office, 16th July, 2015.

Director
Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes

Lion dance needs more foreign participants, association says

Grace Yu, Beijing

IN order to be included into the Olympic Games, the dragon and lion dances require more foreign countries to take part, said the vice president of the Chinese Dragon and Lion Dance Association, Sam K.S. Lau.

Lau further explained that there are two types of lion dances in China — a northern dance and a southern dance. “The northern dance is more frequently found during celebrations, and is a performance with acrobatic elements, aiming to create a humorous atmosphere,” he told reporters. There are two sub-divisions of the southern dance, namely the traditional southern lion and the high-pile lion, according to Lau. “The latter requires dancers to move around on high piles and thus dancers must have a good lion dance skill foundation and quick reflexes, such as those found in young people and children. The traditional southern lion is easy to handle, without being too limited by gender and age. (...) What we wish to promote to the world is the traditional southern lion dance,” he told the Times before a press conference introducing the MGM Lion Dance Championship in Beijing. The association is the co-organizer of this Beijing event, which comes as part of MGM Macau’s fifth anniversary celebrations of their international lion dance championship. Ten top lion dance troupes from a variety of countries will compete in the capital city on August 30. The event is scheduled to take place at Sanlitun (Three Miles Village), an area situated in the



Sam Lau

Chaoyang District.

The International Dragon and Lion Dance Federation has been sparing no effort in their quest for the inclusion of dragon and lion dance in the Olympic Games, but they still have a long way to go to reach the final stage.

One important criteria for the Olympic inclusion is that it must be a sport or game enjoyed and played by a majority of countries. “Therefore we hope to bring the lion dance to the world. With more countries and foreigners joining in, the likelihood of it becoming an Olympic sport increases,” said Mr. Lau.

He also admitted that it’s not enough to rely purely on government support, which might be variable due to policy changes. “But when combined with the involvement of corporations, and corporates encour-

Promoting the lion dance is not only about emphasizing healthy lifestyles, but also respecting traditional culture

TOBY LEUNG

rage more corporates to join and maintain the tradition together, it may take some time but we’ll be there.”

Toby Leung, Vice President of Marketing and Communications at MGM Macau re-

led to the Times that the MGM lion dance competition aims to expand to more mainland cities alongside MGM China’s opening of more hotels in the region. According to him: “In 2016, aside from Macau and Beijing, the competition will probably also take place in Shanghai and Chengdu.” He expects to spread the word about the sport: “Promoting the lion dance is not only about emphasizing healthy lifestyles, but also respecting traditional culture. I hope more Chinese people, especially the younger generations, will notice this sport,” said Leung.

The dragon and lion dances, a traditional performance art that has been connected to Chinese culture for thousands of years, are an important part of many Chinese festivals and ceremonies.

Dragon boat museum could be built in Coloane

THE Macau Government Tourist Office (MGTO) has revealed its plans to build a Dragon Boat Museum in the Lai Chi Vun area, close to Coloane village, a district that previously held traditional shipyards. According to the bureau’s head, Helena de Senna Fernandes, local residents will be involved in the planning process. She said this week that MGTO has been considering the idea for the past ten years, but temporarily put the plan aside. Now, according to Ms. Senna Fernandes, is the ideal time to relaunch it with new features, including workshops with Coloane residents.

MGTO will debate the plan with the Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau and consult the local population before announcing any new details.

It’s not the first time that proposals to revamp Lai Chi Vun, an area of about 50,000 square meters, have surfaced. In 2012, during a meeting attended by the former Secretary for Transport and Public Works Lau Si Io, it was proposed that the city’s boat-building industry be resurrected in the form of a cultural tourism product. As part of that plan, the defunct shipyards in Coloane were to be revived with a ship-building museum showcasing boat-building tools and machinery as exhibits, as well as having on-site workshops, in order to preserve the area, culture and industry that once flourished in Macau.

AD



優悅牙科護理中心
ICQ Oral Health Center

I Care for Quality

ICQ dental team is a group of dental specialists with internationally recognized qualifications. We provide all range of dental services:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oral examination and radiology investigation - Restorative and Cosmetic Dentistry - Children Dentistry - Orthodontic Treatment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oral and Dental implant Surgery - Endodontic Treatment - Periodontal Treatment - Emergency Treatment
---	---

We are committed to deliver high quality dental services with personalized care. We ensure the highest level of infection control.

Website: www.icqoral.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/icqoral

CONSULTATION BY APPOINTMENT: OFFICE HOUR: 10:00AM-19:00PM
CLOSE ON SUN, TUE AND PUBLIC HOLIDAY

RM1907, 19/F, AIA Tower, Nos. 251A-301, AVENIDA COMMERCIAL DE MACAU, MACAU SAR
TEL: (853)28373266 FAX: (853)28356483 EMAIL: INFO@ICQORAL.COM WWW.ICQORAL.COM

New Sunshine Cleaning Services Ltd.



Residence Cleaning

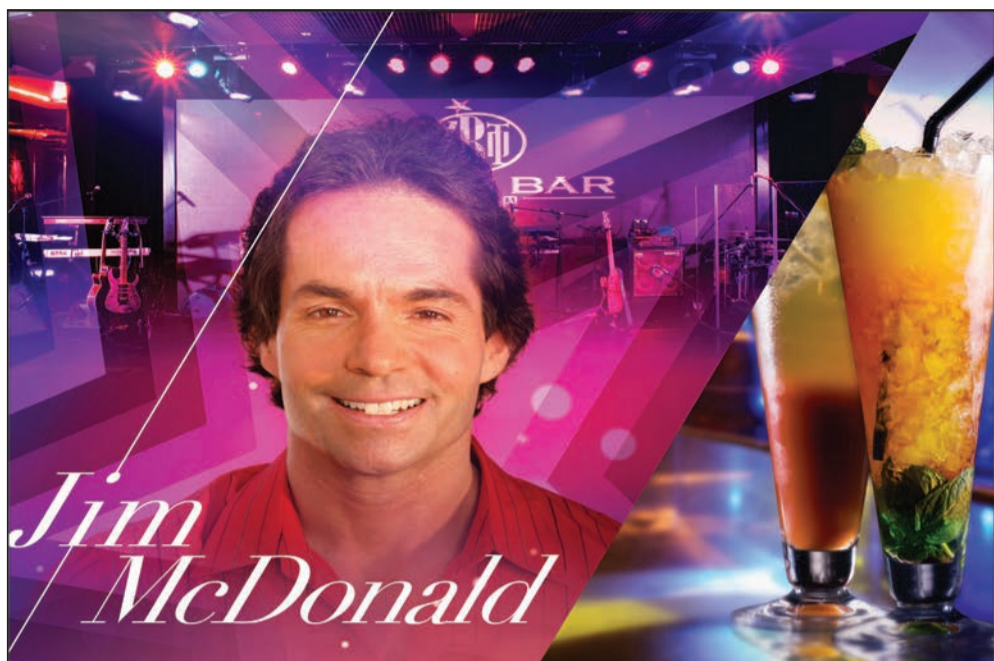
Glass Cleaning

Carpet Cleaning

Pest Control

Call : 2883 3008

Member of General Association of Macao Cleaning Service Industry



*Jim
McDonald*

**MGM
Comedy
Weekends**

Alert! Symptoms may include uncontrollable laughter!

Laugh the night away during MGM Comedy Weekends at the Lion's Bar! Catch Jim McDonald, a regular on both "The Late Show with David Letterman" and "The Late Show with Craig Ferguson". He'll have you splitting your sides with his outrageous routines!

For enquiries and reservations, please call (853) 8802 2375.

26-27/7/2015 10:30pm

Entrance fee | MOP\$80

MGM MACAU
Avenida Dr. Sun Yat Sen, NAPE, Macau
Tel (853) 8802 8888 mgmmacau.com



C&C CLUB

RECOLHA DE ROUPAS E BRINQUEDOS
收集玩具及衣服
TOYS AND CLOTHES COLLECTION

vamos alegrar quem precisa!
讓我們給需要的人帶去快樂!
let's bring some joy to those in need!

C&C CLUB
MONDAY TO FRIDAY | 9:30 - 18:30
AV. DA PRAIA GRANDE, Nº 759, MACAU
CLUB@CCADVOG.COM



Dermatology 皮膚科 / Aesthetic Medicine 美容医学



FEAR NO MIRROR.

Now offering a non-surgical and natural way to eliminate stubborn fat.



Avenida Xian Xing Hai, 105, Golden Dragon Centre 11/D Macau - 澳門新口岸洗星海大馬路金龍中心11D樓

Phone 電話: (+853) 28228320 - info@daliclinic.com - www.daliclinic.com

Tested by dissent, Greece to vote on more bailout conditions

Derek Gatopoulos, Athens

GREEK lawmakers began another emergency debate yesterday on further economic reforms demanded by international creditors in return for a new bailout — a vote that could threaten the survival of the coalition government and trigger fresh fears over the country's future in the euro.

The vote later on changes to the judicial and banking sectors is one of the requirements that Greece's European creditors insisted upon for negotiations on a third bailout worth around 85 billion euros (USD93 billion) to begin.

After losing the support of a large chunk of his own party's lawmakers during a vote last week on a creditor-demanded austerity measures, Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras is having to rely on support from pro-European opposition parties to gain parliamentary approval.

Negotiations with creditors are expected to start soon after the vote later. The Greek government's hope is that they conclude before Aug. 20, when Greece must repay loans worth more than 3 billion euros (\$3.3 billion) to the European Central Bank.

The measures demanded by creditors for a bailout have caused much consternation within Tsipras' radical left Syriza party. Many, including former finance minister Yanis Varoufakis, voted against last week's austerity measures, which included



Greece's Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras makes a speech to lawmakers in Athens

big increases to sales taxes that came into effect at the start of this week. If more than a handful more dissent later, then Tsipras' government could be in peril.

The party's traditional base within the trade union movement is also angry at what it sees as Tsipras' betrayal of his electoral mandate. A union representing civil servants is planning an anti-government protest outside parliament before the vote that is expected around midnight (early this morning, Macau time).

Tsipras has accused party critics of acting irresponsibly.

"I've seen a lot of reactions and heroic statements, but so far I haven't heard any alternative proposal," Tsipras told party lawmakers on Tuesday, according to a senior government official. The official asked not to be named, citing the sensitivity of

the parliamentary vote.

Tsipras also said that those who support the country's exit from the euro or handing so-called IOUs to pensioners instead of their pensions "should come out and say it, instead of hiding behind the safety of my signature."

The reforms considered yesterday are aimed at reducing the country's court backlog and speeding up revenue-related cases. Lawmakers have also been called to approve reforms related to banking union mechanisms, aimed at reducing the risk for European governments from bank crises.

Finance Minister Euclid Tsakalotos said Greece and bailout lenders planned pension spending cuts required "further study" before being submitted to parliament. **AP**

Huawei first-half smartphone sales leap 39pct

Edwin Chan

HUAWEI Technologies Co. increased first-half smartphone sales 39 percent as demand for high-end devices helped defy a slowdown in the Chinese market.

China's largest maker of telecommunications equipment sold 48.2 million smartphones in the first six months of the year, according to an e-mailed statement yesterday. Shipments of mid-and high-end devices surged 70 percent, the Shenzhen-based company said.

Sales of smartphones in China contracted in the March quarter, the first decline since 2008, with annual shipment growth projected to slow to just 4.4 percent from 2014 to 2019, according to researcher house IDC. The market had grown at an average of 88.8 percent over the past five years.

Huawei's shipments compare with Apple Inc.'s sales of 47.5 million iPhones in the June quarter alone. Huawei trails Apple, Samsung Electronics Co. and Lenovo Group Ltd. in global smartphone sales, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

On Monday, Huawei said its first-half sales rose 30 percent to 175.9 billion yuan (USD28.3 billion).

The company, founded in 1987 by former army engineer Ren Zhengfei, is one of several Chinese smartphone makers vying with Apple and Samsung for supremacy in a hotly contested global market for mobile devices.

Huawei this year took the wraps off its first smartwatch, accelerated a global marketing campaign and made inroads into European countries such as Spain and Italy.

Revenue in its consumer business group surged 69 percent to \$9.09 billion in the first half, accounting for almost a third of the company's total sales, it said.

Of that total, handset revenue climbed 87 percent to \$7.23 billion, it said. **Bloomberg**



corporate bits

STUDIO CITY "BRICK BY BRICK" LEGO EXHIBITION



Onsite construction starts next week on a reproduction of Macau's new USD3.2

billion Hollywood-inspired entertainment destination resort, Studio City.

Unlike the real complex, this reconstruction, complete with Art-Deco exterior and figure-8 Ferris wheel, has taken just two months to plan and develop — faithfully reproduced in Lego.

Andy Hung, the first-ever Greater China Lego Certified Professional, has been commissioned to build a Lego mini figure-scale replica, at Studio City's sister destination resort, City of Dreams.

The 2.15-meter high model, created from more than one million Lego pieces, is his first Macau exhibition since being awarded Lego Certified Professional status.

MGM VOLUNTEERS PARTICIPATE IN 'HAIRCUT FOR THE ELDERLY' PROGRAM

For the third year running, MGM will roll out its Community Care Campaign for two weeks in July. The Campaign kicked off with the Haircut for the Elderly program, which was held on Monday and Tuesday at Centro de Dia Brilhosa Vida. The volunteer team members gave haircuts to 120 elderly beneficiaries.

A total of 30 volunteer team members participated in the two-day activity, and part of the team went through three months of haircut training with professional hairdressers in their spare time. The elderly residents expressed their gratitude to the Team for their dedication. Ms. Michelle Chiu, Vice President of Human Resources, said, "We have been



organizing various community activities to show the elderly our compassion. We also encourage our volunteers to inspire their family, friends and colleagues to take part in activities which benefit the community."

I WANT MUSIC LET'S POP WORLD TOUR COMES TO THE VENETIAN

Pop singers and groups from Hong Kong, mainland China and Taiwan will bring their pop moves and vocals to the stage at The Venetian Macao's Cotai Arena Saturday, Aug. 15, with their "I Want Music Let's Pop World Tour".

Featuring Zhang Liangying, the vocalist who made a name for herself on hit TV reality show "I Am a Singer 3"; Hong Kong singer-songwriter and actor Pakho Chau; Shiga Lin, the Hong Kong Cantopop singer and actress from the movie "Lan Kwai Fong"; Hong Kong's girl group Super Girls; Taiwan's Mandopop group SpeXial; and pop singer Amber Ann, I Want Music Let's Pop World Tour will celebrate the diver-



se range of popular music styles. Tickets are currently on sale now.

ANGOLA

Gov't lists projects for private investment

THE government of Angola has identified a number of priority projects that require investments of USD47.9 billion, which are viable and attractive in both economic and social terms, said the minister of Economy Tuesday in Luanda.

Abraão Gourgel was speaking at the opening of the 6th Germany/Angola Economic Forum, intended to identify business opportunities in Angola and priority areas for two-way cooperation, said that this set of projects to be executed over the next five years, was based a cluster and supply chain strategy.

The minister told German businessmen that the identified projects were in the energy and water sectors (65 projects), valued at USD14.4 billion, food production and agribusiness (57 projects), costing USD2.8 billion, housing valued at USD6.3 billion and the transport and logistics sector (123 projects), worth USD24.4 billion.

Cited by Angolan news agency Angop, the minister of Economy presented an overview of the Angolan economy, with particular reference to the significant impact of low oil prices on public finances and the foreign exchange market. **MDT/Macauhub**

France pardons Mozambique's remaining debt

FRANCE has pardoned the remaining debt owed to it by Mozambique totalling 17.5 million euros, to mark the three-day state visit by President Filipe Nyusi to France, the Mozambican press reported.

This pardon is the fourth granted by France to Mozambique under the Highly Indebted Poor Countries Initiative (HIPC). The agreement signed by the Mozambican minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Oldemiro Baloi, and French Minister for the Economy, Industry and Digital Technology, Emmanuel Macron, stated that of that amount 10 million euros will be channeled to the state budget over the next five years.

It was also agreed that 5.5 million euros will be spent to support technical and vocational training projects and the amount left over will be used for operations to pro-



President Filipe Nyusi

tect species at risk of extinction.

On Monday, French President François Hollande, received his Mozambican counterpart Filipe Nyusi at the Elysee Palace, and during the meeting the two presidents adopted a new strategy and schedule that will be the basis for strengthening cooperation be-

tween the two countries.

The President of Mozambique said he managed to interest French entrepreneurs in investing in Mozambique, giving as an example a promise to open a French bank in the country, according to Mozambican daily newspaper Notícias.

In addition, there were also promises to grant a

credit line of an unspecified amount for financing construction of a water supply system in the city of Mocuba, in Zambézia province.

Nyusi also said that French businesspeople plan to invest in the energy sector, with plans already in place to build a solar panel plant in Metoro in the province of Cabo Delgado. **MDT/Macauhub**

AD

30m pageviews per year

www.macaudailytimes.com.mo



Times App

New look more features



Times App on App Store & Google Play



MacauDaily 澳門每日時報 Times

"THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGIN' "

advertising@macaudailytimes.com



Protesters hold yellow umbrellas and a banner reading "We Want Universal Suffrage" during a pro-democracy rally in Hong Kong, on Feb. 1.



Philip Hammond, UK foreign secretary

Ben Bland in Hong Kong

UK urges Beijing and Hong Kong to restart political reform talks

THE UK has called on the Hong Kong and Chinese governments to restart talks over constitutional reform in the former British colony, in a rebuke of their policy of prioritizing economic over political issues, the Financial Times reported yesterday.

Legislators in Hong Kong last month rejected a government reform package that would have given 5m citizens the right to elect their chief executive for the first time, but only after a Beijing-friendly panel had screened the candidates.

According to the UK-based newspaper, amid growing concerns about political deadlock and a slowing economy in Hong Kong, Philip Hammond, the UK foreign secretary, said on Tuesday that "a transition to universal suffrage is the best way to guarantee Hong Kong's stability and prosperity".

"While there is an understandable desire in some quarters

A transition to universal suffrage is the best way to guarantee Hong Kong's stability and prosperity

PHILIP HAMMOND
UK FOREIGN SECRETARY

to refocus the political agenda away from constitutional reform to livelihood issues, it is improved governance which will help those issues to be addressed effectively in the lon-

ger term," the FT quoted him as saying.

According to the paper, Mr Hammond's comments, published alongside the UK government's twice-yearly parliamentary report on Hong Kong affairs, are a clear rejection of the position taken by CY Leung, the territory's chief executive, and his political bosses in Beijing.

After opposition legislators voted down the reform proposal, claiming it amounted to "fake democracy", Mr Leung told Hong Kong residents that the government would not reopen talks on constitutional change and would focus on livelihood issues instead.

"As the experience of some European democracies shows, democratic systems and proce-

dures are no panacea for economic and livelihood issues," he said on July 1, at a speech to mark the 18th anniversary of the handover of Hong Kong from British to Chinese control.

Alan Leong, a legislator from the opposition Civic party, welcomed the British intervention, calling on the government to restart negotiations as soon as possible.

"It is a pre-requisite to effectively deal with livelihood issues that the issue of the political legitimacy of the chief executive and the ruling team must have been sorted out first," he told the FT.

The UK report noted that the "one country, two systems" arrangement under which Hong Kong has semi-autonomy "has

continued to function well overall, but with some areas of increasing contention".

It highlighted a decline in press freedom, which it called "very concerning", and the tensions between pro-government and opposition lawmakers in the legislative council, which it said risked "damaging Hong Kong's traditionally strong governance".

The Hong Kong government said it had "already made it abundantly clear" that it would not restart negotiations on political reform.

"We urge foreign governments and legislatures to refrain from interfering with the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region's internal affairs," the article quoted the Hong Kong government as saying.

Myanmar gives 153 mainlanders life in jail for illegal logging

Aye Aye Win, Yangon

A court in northern Myanmar sentenced 153 Chinese nationals to life in prison yesterday after convicting them of illegal logging in a case that has already strained relations with Beijing.

Two Chinese minors received 10-year sentences for the same offense, while a woman in the group received an additional 15 years on a drug charge, said Khin Maung, the lawyer for the defendants. Life terms are generally treated as 20 years

in Myanmar's judicial system.

Myanmar's army in January arrested the Chinese and some Myanmar nationals in Kachin state near the Chinese border, also seizing 436 logging trucks.

Chinese loggers in Myanmar send wood to China even though timber exports were banned in 2014. Analysts say the timber can be exported because the loggers make deals with local ethnic minority warlords and, according to some critics, local Myanmar military officers.

"As China has risen to become the world's biggest importer of timber products, it has also emerged as the leading destination for illegally logged timber, especially logs and lumber," the British non-profit researcher, the Environmental Investigation Agency, noted in a 2012 report. It said the quantity of timber shipped from Myanmar to China had declined over recent years, but smuggling was continuing and still a threat to Myanmar's forests, among the richest

in Southeast Asia.

The loggers were sentenced under a 1963 law calling for jail terms of 10 years to life for anyone who steals or otherwise misuses or abuses public property. Khin Maung said one of the two judges in the court in the Kachin state capital of Myitkyina announced that the maximum penalty was being applied because "he deemed effective punishment should be meted out."

He said his clients have 60 days to consider an appeal.

The verdict quickly at-

tracted attention in China, where the defendants have been a cause celebre since their arrests, with calls for the Chinese government to apply pressure for their release.

The Chinese Embassy in Myanmar told the state-run Beijing Times that it protested the sentences as too severe and that it had made solemn presentations with Myanmar over the matter.

The embassy said the workers had been deceived by criminals from both China and Myanmar to engage in illegal logging.

China is Myanmar's closest political and economic ally, but significant tensions exist between the two nations. Chinese economic penetration is big and highly visible in

northern Myanmar, and some large infrastructure and mining projects have drawn charges of being insensitive to environmental issue and local residents' concerns.

China is also seen as providing a safe haven for some Myanmar ethnic rebel groups with which Myanmar's government would like to reach cease-fire agreements. Fighting with the Kokang minority, who are ethnic Chinese, flared up this past year and sent waves of refugees and Chinese workers fleeing for safety in China. What was said to be accidental bombing by Myanmar air force planes just inside Chinese territory made an uneasy situation worse, and led to an apology from the Myanmar side. AP

Japan releases photos of mainland rigs in disputed East China Sea

Isabel Reynolds and
Maiko Takahashi

JAPAN'S foreign ministry unveiled a map and photographs of what it said were 16 Chinese marine platforms close to Japan's side of the disputed East China Sea.

The platforms are on the Chinese side of a geographical median line that Japan contends should mark the border between their exclusive economic zones. Japan has long expressed concern that such developments could siphon gas out of undersea structures that extend to its own side.

"It is extremely regrettable that China should conduct unilateral development of resources," Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told reporters

BLOOMBERG



Japan's Foreign Ministry yesterday unveiled a map and photographs of what it said were some of 16 Chinese marine platforms close to the geographical median line in the sea between the two countries

in Tokyo yesterday. Suga said that 12 new structures had been confirmed in the area since June 2013 and that Japan decided to release the images because of increased interest, both domestically and overseas.

The disclosure comes days after the passage of security bills to extend the role of Japan's military to allow it to defend other countries - a move China said risked unsettling regional security. Relations between Asia's two largest economies are thawing, even as they are locked in a dispute over ownership of a group of uninhabited islands.

Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs urged China in a statement to return to talks about a 2008 agreement on joint development of resources in one area around the median line.

Details about the platforms and Japan's complaints to China about them were included in a last-minute addendum to the Defense Ministry's annual white paper, which was approved by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's cabinet Tuesday.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang said in a statement Tuesday that the country's oil-and-gas exploration in the East China Sea was "justified, reasonable and legitimate."

"The new defense white paper of Japan once again ignores facts, makes irresponsible remarks on China's normal military growth and maritime activities and deliberately plays up the 'China threat' and stirs up tensions," Lu said. "China is strongly dissatisfied and opposed to this." **Bloomberg**

Authorities give Ai Weiwei his passport back after 4 years

AP PHOTO



Chinese dissident artist Ai Weiwei walks near a playground outside a shopping mall in Beijing

Ai Weiwei announced on Instagram that he got his passport back yesterday, four years after it was confiscated by Chinese authorities.

The artist and government critic posted a photo of himself holding a Chinese passport with the caption, "Today, I got my passport."

Ai was detained by authorities for about three months in 2011 but not charged.

His design firm later was slapped with a USD2.4 million tax bill, which he fought unsuccessfully in Chinese courts.

Ai's representative confirmed the passport had been returned, but didn't immediately respond to further questions.

Chinese authorities often deny passports to dissidents who might embarrass the ruling Communist Party overseas.

Ai's work has been shown worldwide, making him one of best-known Chinese dissidents.

Before his detention, Ai had spoken out about a number of national scandals, including the deaths of students in shoddily built schools that collapsed during a massive earthquake in 2008.

The government has blacklisted him from any mention in state media, and he is not allowed to post anything on China's social media. **AP**

Despite sea feud, Beijing says ties with Manila can flourish

THE Chinese ambassador in Manila said yesterday that trade between China and the Philippines grew last year despite their protracted territorial conflicts, providing hope their relations could flourish even as tensions remain.

Ambassador Zhao Jianhua also played down reports that Chinese President Xi Jinping may skip the annual APEC summit to be hosted by Manila in November because of the conflicts. He said no decision has been reached because the Philippine government only sent its invitation recently.

"Despite the difficulties we have, I think last year bilateral trade grew 17.6 percent and our trade stands at over USD44 billion," Zhao told reporters after speaking in a Manila business forum, where he highlighted how trade and investment between the Asian neighbors could still expand considerably.

"From these figures, you can see that our bilateral relationship is quite strong ... so that gives us hope for a better relationship," Zhao said.

While China is a large Philippine trading partner, the trade volume has lagged far behind Beijing's trade and investment in

AP PHOTO



In this July 3 file photo, protesters carry a boat painted with slogans during a rally outside the Chinese Consulate at the financial district of Makati city, east of Manila

other Southeast Asian countries like Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia.

Zhao reiterated China's offer for both countries to settle their differences through one-on-one negotiation and not through international arbitration.

"Come back to bilateral talks," he said when asked what can mend the relations between Manila and Beijing. "It seems that China and the Philippines have different approaches but our preference is peaceful negotiation directly between the two countries."

A Philippine complaint challenging the validity of China's vast territorial claims in the South China Sea is pending before an international tribunal in

The Hague. The tribunal recently held hearings to address Beijing's view that the five-man arbitration body has no authority to assume jurisdiction over the complaint.

The long-simmering dis-

putes among China, the Philippines and four other governments flared again last year when Beijing launched massive island-building in seven disputed reefs in the South China Sea's Spratly Islands. The United States and its allies, including the Philippines, have asked China to halt the massive offshore constructions, fearing the artificial islands could be used by Beijing to block freedom of navigation and threaten rival claimants.

China has dismissed those fears, saying it has owned the territories since ancient times and has a right to build there.

"No single commercial ship has been affected negatively when they go through the South China Sea," Zhao said, adding that "the stability and peace in the South China Sea has been maintained despite the differences we have." **AP**

PHILIPPINES NABS 155, MOSTLY CHINESE, FOR WORKING ILLEGALLY

PHILIPPINE AUTHORITIES said yesterday that 155 foreigners, mostly Chinese, face deportation after being arrested for working in the country illegally. The foreigners were apprehended Monday in Pasay City, just outside of Manila, where they were working as call center agents or online gambling operators,

Immigration Bureau spokeswoman Elaine Tan said in a statement. She said the foreigners failed to present documents showing they can legally work in the Philippines and would be charged with violating immigration laws. Her statement said most of those arrested are Chinese, but did not give a specific number.

SINGAPORE

FT: Investigators freeze accounts linked to 1MDB probe

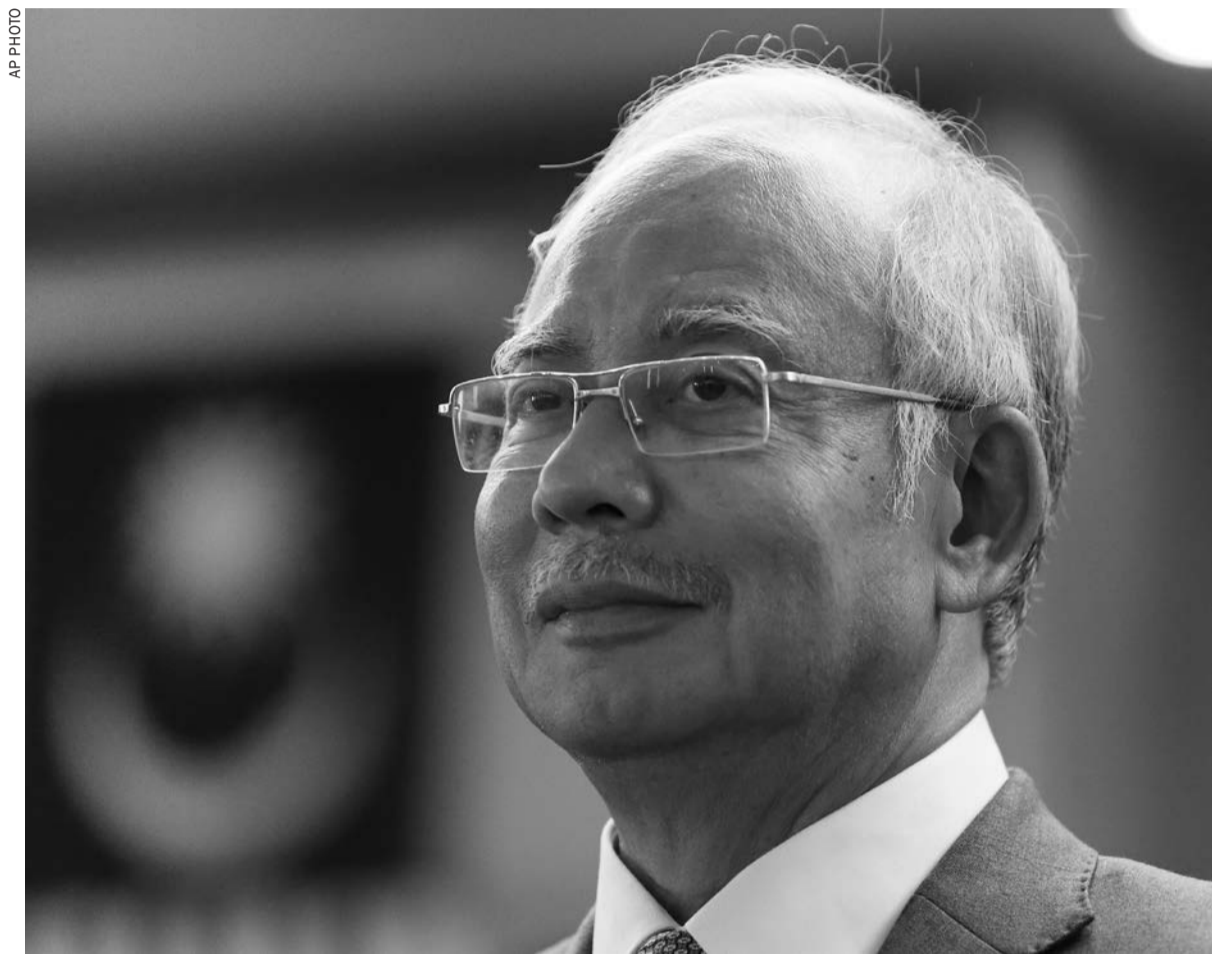
SINGAPORE has frozen two bank accounts in connection with investigations into 1MDB, Malaysia's troubled state fund, the Financial Times reported yesterday.

According to an article by Jennifer Hughes in Hong Kong, the actions are the first time accounts outside Malaysia have been caught up in the probe, which has embroiled Najib Razak, the Southeast Asian country's prime minister, in his biggest scandal since coming to power in 2009.

Investigators are investigating claims of large-scale misappropriation at the fund, which was set up under the finance ministry in 2009 to invest in energy and property projects.

A Singapore police spokesman confirmed to the FT that two accounts were frozen on July 15 but declined to give any further details.

"Singapore will continue to provide our full assistance and share information with the relevant authorities in Malaysia," he told the UK-based newspaper. "In this connection, MAS [the Monetary Authority of Singapore] has been in close contact with the rele-



Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak

vant financial institutions."

The MAS had said previously that it was sharing informa-

tion with Malaysian investigators. This week its managing director said it was checking

whether banks had followed rules on identifying customers and reporting suspicious trans-

sactions.

Long-running questions over how 1MDB ran up more than USD11bn in debt took on extra impetus earlier this month when investigators swooped on the fund's headquarters.

Mr Najib was also linked to alleged payments worth almost \$700m from the fund in claims first made public by the Wall Street Journal and the Sarawak Report.

Earlier this month the specially created task force looking into the fund said it had frozen six bank accounts in Malaysia.

The prime minister has said he did not take any money for personal gain. He has denounced the allegations as outrageous and unsubstantiated.

1MDB said it had provided documents and materials to help the investigations.

Malaysian police subsequently launched their own investigation into the affair, focusing on how the stories came to be written and whether they breached the country's computer crimes laws.

The furor surrounding 1MDB has threatened the grip on power enjoyed by the ruling United Malays National Organisation since independence in 1957.

However, Mr Najib has been publicly supported by many ruling party officials even as he has come under increasing pressure from opposition politicians and others to stand aside while the investigation takes place.

Rod McGuirk, Canberra

AUSTRALIA

THE Australian government said yesterday that a boat carrying dozens of Vietnamese asylum seekers intercepted close to the northwest coast could be sent back to Vietnam.

Some fled Vietnam after their fishing boat was sunk by the Chinese navy near the disputed Spratly Islands in the South China Sea, a refugee advocate said.

A wooden boat carrying men, women and children was spotted by the crew of an oil tanker on Monday within Australia's offshore oil and gas fields off the northwestern port of Dampier.

The Western Australian state government on Tuesday confirmed that a police boat intercepted the asylum seekers at sea and watched over them until a navy ship arrived.

Border Protection Minister Peter Dutton would release no details of the asylum seekers or their circumstances yesterday, citing a government poli-

Gov't says Vietnamese asylum seekers could be sent home



cy of secrecy surrounding its responses to such boat arrivals.

But he said his government would strike a second diplomatic deal this year with Vietnam to send Vietnamese boat arrivals home if they prove not to

be genuine refugees.

"If it is safe to do so and we have met our international obligations and we don't owe people protection, then those people will go back to their country of origin," Dutton told reporters.

"People who seek an economic outcome are not true refugees and just because somebody is on a boat does not mean that they are a refugee," he added.

Rights groups complained that Australia

secretly held a group of 46 Vietnamese asylum seekers on a warship at sea for almost a month and rejected their refugee claims during interviews that took as little as 40 minutes before returning them all to Vietnam in April.

The United Nations refugee agency questioned whether refugee applications can be properly judged at sea.

Doan Viet Trung, a member of the human rights group Voice Australia, said the mother of a 16-year-old boy among the latest asylum seekers had told him from Vietnam that around 45 people were aboard the boat. They left Binh Thuan province on July 2 on their 5,200 kilometer voyage to Australia.

Doan said he did not

know the details of their refugee claims. But the asylum seekers included fishermen whose boat had been sunk by the Chinese near the disputed islands. The 11 fishermen were rescued by another Vietnamese fishing boat, he said.

The fishermen had requested Vietnamese government protection to return to the Spratlys, but none was offered, Doan said.

Voice Australia has called for the Vietnamese refugee claims to be processed on mainland Australia rather than at sea.

Asylum seeker boat arrivals from Southeast Asia have all but halted since the government began turning back boats and refusing to resettle people who pay smugglers to bring them to Australian shores.

Asylum seekers who are not turned back are usually sent to detention camps run by Australia on the Pacific island nations of Nauru or Papua New Guinea. **AP**

JAPAN

Official: Mitsubishi may extend WWII apology to others

Ken Moritsugu, Tokyo

AN outside director of Mitsubishi Materials said yesterday that the company hopes to apologize to former British, Dutch and Australian World War II POWs, and also reach an amicable agreement with Chinese forced laborers, following a landmark apology to American POWs earlier this week.

"If there is such an opportunity, we will do the same apology," Yukio Okamoto told foreign media, saying the POWs brought to Japan were subjected to inexcusable labor conditions. "What other companies will do, we don't know. ... Ours is one of those who tortured POWs most, so we have to apologize."

Okamoto, a former diplomat, was among company officials who delivered an apology to surviving POWs and family members on Sunday in Los Angeles for about 900 Americans forced to work in Mitsubishi mines and factories.

Japan invaded China before and during the war, and Chinese who were sent to work in Japan and their descendants are suing Mitsubishi for compensation in China.

"We are making our best effort to come to an amicable solution with the victims," Okamoto said.

"I personally sympathize a great deal with Chinese forced laborers," he added. "I think we will have to apologize ... (and) they are demanding reparation, and that is in a court, so this will be a solution with money."

One day earlier, China's state news agency Xinhua called the apology to Americans "selective" and ac-



Yukio Okamoto, an outside director of Mitsubishi Materials, speaks to the foreign media in Tokyo yesterday

cused Japan of a "double standard on wartime atrocities."

Koreans were also forced to work, but Okamoto said he believes their legal situation is different. Japan colonized Korea in 1910, so Koreans were technically Japanese citizens ordered to work as were all Japanese under a 1938 general mobilization law.

A South Korean government commission on victims of forced mobilization under colonial rule estimates that 6,489 Koreans worked for Mitsubishi-owned companies, including 4,105

for Mitsubishi Mining, the predecessor company of Mitsubishi Materials Corp.

The legality aside, Okamoto minced no words about the annexation, describing it as the "greatest sin" Japan committed against Korea.

"The fundamental sin, as I said at the outset, was the annexation of Korea, obliterating their national identities," he said. "We did not allow Koreans to use their own name, use their language. We even forced Shintoism on them to create second-class Japanese citizens." AP

PAKISTAN

Military sends helicopters to help flooded areas



Pakistan's military and authorities have deployed helicopters and boats to evacuate residents from the worst-hit areas in the country's north, where monsoon rains and flash floods washed away several villages this week. The government says so far three people have died while 285,000 have been affected by the floods in and around the city of Chitral in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. Bridges, homes, mosques, hotels and a power station in Chitral have also been destroyed by the flooding. The provincial disaster management authority says rescuers were still having difficulties trying to reach the flooded region yesterday because many roads have been washed away. Authorities say it's unclear how many people remain trapped in the flood-affected areas. Floods triggered by monsoon rains kill scores of people often in Pakistan.

AFGHANISTAN

Suicide bomber kills 15 people



A suicide bomber detonated his explosives-laden vest among a crowd of shoppers at a market in northern Afghanistan yesterday, killing at least 15 people, an official said. The powerful explosion in Faryab province's Almar district also wounded at least 38 people, said Abdul Satar Barez, the acting provincial governor. Both civilians and Afghan troops were among the casualties, he added. Deputy provincial police chief Baryalia Basharyar said the "target of the attacker were military forces that were present in the area but the majority of the victims were innocent civilians." Barez also said he feared the final death toll may be higher as many among the wounded were in critical condition. No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack. Taliban insurgents have stepped up their attacks on Afghan soldiers and police in recent months. U.S. and NATO troops formally ended their combat mission at the end of last year, leaving Afghan forces in charge of the security in the country.

INDONESIA

Eruptions of ash at 5 volcanoes shroud skies

ERUPTIONS of ash at five volcanoes shrouded the skies over parts of the Indonesian archipelago yesterday, forcing three airports to close.

Mount Raung on Java island blasted ash and debris up to 2,000 meters into the air after rumbling for several weeks, government volcanologist Surono said.

Ash erupted also from Gamalama and Dukono mountains on the Moluccas islands chain, Sinabung volcano on Sumatra island and Mount Karangetang on Siau island, darkening the skies, Surono said.

A total of more than 13,000 people have been evacuated due to the volcanic eruptions



Passengers wait for the status of their flights at Ngurah Rai International Airport in Bali

since last month, mostly from around the slopes of Sinabung in Tanah Karo District, added Surono, who uses a

single name. "Our evaluation showed there is no extraordinary natural phenomenon that triggered

simultaneous eruptions of the five volcanoes," Surono said, adding that all the eruptions are natural and normal occurrences in a nation with about 130 active volcanoes.

Transport Ministry spokesman Julius Adravidia Barata said Jember and Banyuwangi airports closed late Tuesday and Bali's international airport was closed for several hours yesterday, disrupting flights. Media reports said 37 flights to and from Bali's Ngurah Rai airport were cancelled.

An eruption of Raung early this month sparked chaos as the airport in the tourist hotspot of Bali and four other airports in the region were shut-down, stranding thousands of holiday-goers.

Last week, the ministry closed Sultan Babullah airport in North Maluku's Ternate town after eruptions at Gamalama and Dukono sent volcanic ash up to 1,700 meters into the sky. AP



PLATINUM SERIES

ACOP PLATINUM SERIES X. HK\$800,000 GUARANTEE PLUS A CHANCE TO WIN A SEAT AT THE ASIA CHAMPIONSHIP OF POKER

From 21-28 July, 'PokerStars LIVE Macau' will be celebrating the 10th instalment of the ACOP Platinum Series. To celebrate the milestone, there will be eight Official Asia Player of the Year events featuring the Main Event which comes with an HK\$800,000 prize pool guarantee.

The Top 10 Players from the Main Event will be entered into the ACOP Platinum Series Playoffs for a chance at one of several HK\$100,000 ACOP Main Event seats.

For more information, please visit www.PokerStarsLIVEMacau.com

We are poker

City of Dreams
Casino Floor Level 2
Estrada do Istmo, Cotai
Macau SAR

PokerStars LIVE Macau

All tournaments are subject to regulatory approval.

DJ YANIS MC TOKI



GLOW PARTY

FRIDAY JULY 24TH

CHANDON

D2CLUB
www.d2club-macau.com

YANI'S



Macau Fisherman's Wharf, Edf. New Orleans III
澳門友誼大馬路 澳門漁人碼頭新奧爾良館 III
Tel: (853) 2872 3777



MAGNUS SECURITY SERVICES
馬格納斯 保安 (澳門) 有限公司

License No. 5/2010

MAGNUS SECURITY (MACAU) LTD
Avenida Leste do Hipodromo N.S 25-69
Edif. Ind. Fok Tai, 12 floor "B", Macau SAR
Tel.: (853) 2822 1341
Fax.: (853) 2822 0824

MAGNUS SECURITY (MACAU) LTD MAGNUS SECURITY (MACAU) LTD MAGNUS SECURITY (MACAU) LTD MAGNUS SECURITY (MACAU) LTD MAGNUS SECURITY (MACAU) LTD MAGNUS SECURITY (MACAU) LTD MAGNUS SECURITY (MACAU) LTD



SECURITY SERVICES
全面保安服務

EVENTS SECURITY
活動場地保安

SPECIAL OPERATIONS
特別行動

SECURITY SYSTEMS
保安及安全系統

RISK ASSESSMENT & RISK MITIGATION
風險評估及應對措施

SECURITY FORCE TRAINING & EVALUATION
保安部隊訓練及評核

MAGNUS SECURITY (MACAU) LTD MAGNUS SECURITY (MACAU) LTD MAGNUS SECURITY (MACAU) LTD MAGNUS SECURITY (MACAU) LTD MAGNUS SECURITY (MACAU) LTD MAGNUS SECURITY (MACAU) LTD MAGNUS SECURITY (MACAU) LTD

www.magnus-security.net "MAGNIFYING YOUR SECURITY" contact@magnus-security.net

POLICE RACISM

Texas releases traffic stop video that escalated into black woman's jail death

Michael Graczyk, Hampstead, Tx.

A police dashboard video released Tuesday (yesterday, Macau time) shows that a Texas state trooper tried to pull a black motorist out of her car, then drew his stun gun and threatened her after she refused to follow his orders during a traffic stop.

The roadside encounter swiftly escalated into a shouting confrontation as the officer attempted to drag 28-year-old Sandra Bland from her vehicle, with the officer at one point saying, "I will light you up," a possible threat to use the stun gun.

Days later, Bland was found dead in a jail cell in a case that



State and local officials gather for an inquiry looking into the death of Sandra Bland, in Houston

has caused her family and supporters to dispute that she hanged herself with a plastic garbage bag, as authorities have said.

The video posted by the Texas Department of Public Safety shows the trooper stopping Bland for failure to signal a lane change. After he hands her a written warning, the trooper remarks that Bland seems irritated. The Illinois woman replies that she is irritated because she had changed lanes to make way for the trooper's car.

The conversation quickly turns hostile when the officer asks Bland to put out her cigarette and she asks why she can't smoke in her own car. The trooper then orders Bland to get out of the vehicle. She refuses, and he tells her she is under arrest.

Further refusals to get out bring a threat from the trooper to drag her out. He then pulls what appears to be a weapon and says, "I will light you up."

Bland's death comes after nearly a year of heightened national scrutiny of cases in which blacks have been killed by police officers.

The case has resonated on social media, with posts questioning the official account and featuring the hashtags #JusticeForSandy and #WhatHappenedToSandraBland. Others referred to #SandySpeaks, the hashtag Bland used in monologues she posted on Facebook in which she talked about police brutality and said she had a calling from God to speak out against racism and injustice. **AP**

US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Payback: Trump holds up rival's phone number after criticism

PRESIDENTIAL candidate Donald Trump has pulled a classic adolescent prank by releasing the phone number of a rival who dared to criticize him, the latest chapter in an on-going feud between the billionaire real estate mogul and other candidates for the Republican presidential nomination.

After Sen. Lindsey Graham called Trump "the world's biggest jackass" during a television interview, the billionaire developer read Graham's personal cellphone number and showed it to TV cameras at a campaign event. Graham joked that he would have to buy a new phone. His voice mail quickly filled up.

Trump is now at odds with much of the Republican establishment after a series of incendiary comments, topped by his weekend mocking of Arizona Sen. John McCain's experience as a tortured prisoner of war in Vietnam.

Since then Trump has intensified his criticism of McCain and his record on veterans issues in the Senate, even as politicians from



Republican presidential hopeful Donald Trump holds up a sheet of paper as he talks about calling Republican presidential candidate, Sen. Lindsey Graham

both parties and veterans groups have rushed to the defense of McCain, the 2008 Republican presidential candidate.

Trump had shot to the top of recent polls of the crowded Republican field, but these were taken before the flare up over his comments about McCain.

Trump is still seen as a longshot for the Republican nomination, but his incendiary remarks have shaken up the early stages of the race, drawing attention away from other top-tier candidates like former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker and Florida Sen. Mario Rubio. The latest Trump flare-up overshadowed Tuesday's cam-

paign launch by Ohio Gov. John Kasich.

In a speech Tuesday to hundreds of supporters in Bluffton, South Carolina, Trump kept going after McCain, accusing him of being soft on illegal immigration.

The reality television star also went after others who have criticized him in recent weeks, implying that former Texas Gov. Rick Perry was unintelligent and Bush was weak.

McCain sparked Trump's temper last week when the Arizona senator said the businessman's inflammatory remarks about Mexican immigrants had brought out the "crazies." McCain said Tuesday he would no longer respond to Trump's comments. **AP**

TURKEY

State media: Gov't blocks access to Twitter

Desmond Butler and Suzan Fraser, Istanbul

TURKEY has blocked access to Twitter to prevent the broadcast of images of Monday's bombing in southeast Turkey that killed 32 people, the state-run Anadolu Agency said yesterday.

The agency said the government was also trying to block Twitter users from calling for protests against the government for not doing more to prevent the bombing.

Officials had raised concerns that the bombing in the Kurdish majority town of Suruc is part of a campaign of retaliation by the Islamic State group for a recent crackdown on its operations in the country.

Turkish officials say they have detained more than 500 people suspected of working with IS in the last six months. Officials say an operation this month netted 21 terrorism suspects in an investigation of recruitment networks in multiple parts of the country.

Earlier, a court in Suruc issued a ban on the publication of images related to the bombing in the media, including the Internet and social media platforms, and ruled that access be barred to Internet sites that do not comply with the ban, the Anadolu Agency reported.

A government official said Turkey had asked Twitter to remove 107 URLs with images of the aftermath of the bombing. Twitter had removed some 50 of the URLs and was working to remove the remaining



Bodies lie on the ground with one being covered with a Federation of the Socialist Youth Associations flag, after an explosion, in the city of Suruc

problematic URLs.

The official said he expected the URLs to be removed soon and for the access to be restored. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because of rules that bar officials from speaking to journalists without authorization.

Turkey has periodically blocked social media in the past. Earlier this year the government ordered a temporary block on Twitter and YouTube during a hostage crisis in an Istanbul courthouse. Those sites were also blocked last year after audio recordings of a secret security meeting or tapes suggesting corruption by government officials were leaked on the social media sites. Turkey's highest court, however, overturned those bans, deeming them to be unconstitutional. **AP**

what's ON



'CREATION FOR MIND PERFECTION' - CERAMIC ART BY DAI YU XIANG

TIME: 12pm-7pm (Mondays to Saturdays, Closed on Sunday and Public Holiday)

UNTIL: August 8, 2015

VENUE: AFA Macau, Estrada da Areia Preta No. 52, Edifício da Fabrica de Baterias N.E. National, 3rd Floor, Macau

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2836 6064

C-LA IN MACAU 4 CELL MANGA EXHIBITION

TIME: 10:30am-6:30pm (Closed on Mondays)

UNTIL: July 31, 2015

ADMISSION: Free

VENUE: 10 Fantasia - A Creative Industries Incubator, 10, Calçada da Igreja de S.Lázaro, Macau

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2835 4582

DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

TIME: 8pm (Tuesdays to Fridays)

2pm & 8pm (Saturdays & Sundays)

UNTIL: July 26, 2015

VENUE: The Venetian Theatre

LANGUAGE: English with Chinese subtitles

ADMISSION: MOP280, MOP480, MOP680

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2882 8888

MACAU HANDOVER HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS

DONATED BY LAU SIN PENG

TIME: 10am-7pm

(Closed on Mondays, No admission after 6:30 pm)

UNTIL: December 31, 2015

VENUE: Multi-function Hall,

Handover Gifts Museum of Macao

ADMISSION: MOP5

(Free on Sundays and public holidays)

ENQUIRIES: (853) 8791 9814

PHOTOGRAPHS OF MACAU OLD SHOPS

TIME: 10am-7pm

(Closed on Mondays, No admission after 6:30 pm)

UNTIL: December 31, 2015

VENUE: Macau Museum of Art,

Av. Xian Xing Hai, s/n, NAPE

ADMISSION: MOP5

(Free on Sundays and public holidays)

ENQUIRIES: (853) 8791 9814

A JULY MAYFLY

- SOLO EXHIBITION OF HO WENG CHI

TIME: 10:30am-6:30pm (Closed on Mondays)

UNTIL: July 26, 2015

ADMISSION: Free

VENUE: 10 Fantasia - A Creative Industries Incubator, 10, Calçada da Igreja de S.Lázaro, Macau

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2835 4582

Offbeat

UK LAWMAKER DEFENDS MAKING 14-CENT EXPENSES CLAIM

British lawmaker is defending claiming 9 pence (USD0.14) on expenses for a short car journey, saying such claims may look "odd" but the mileage adds up.

Conservative lawmaker Rob Wilson said the 322-meter journey in March 2014 was a "constituency engagement." He also made several other small claims for short journeys, including 13 pence for a trip in his car to attend a business meeting.

Wilson told Metro News this week he was an active lawmaker who often met with local voters. He said many of his trips are fairly short, but add up because he takes a number of them each week.

Beginning the end of July, British lawmakers will get a 10 percent pay increase from 67,060 pounds (\$104,271) to 74,000 pounds (\$115,000) a year.

TV canal macau

13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:30	RTPi Live
18:50	The Illusionist (Repeated)
19:40	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	TDM Talk Show
21:30	Miscellaneous
22:10	The Illusionist
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Documentary Serie
00:05	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
00:35	RTPi Live

cinema

CINETEATRO

23 Jul - 29 Jul



INSIDIOUS: CHAPTER 3

ROOM 1

2.15, 4.00, 5.45, 7.30 pm

Director: Leigh Whannell

Starring: Dermot Mulroney, Stefanie Scott,

Angus Sampson

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 97min

MINIONS

ROOM 1

4.00 pm

Director: Pierre Coffin, Kyle Balda

Language: Cantonese (Chinese/English)

Duration: 91min

ANT-MAN

ROOM 2

(2D) 2.30, 4.45, 9.30 pm

(3D) 7.15 pm

Director: Peyton Reed

Starring: Paul Rudd, Michael Douglas

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 117min

INSIDE OUT

ROOM 3

(2D) 2.00, 3.55, 5.50 pm

(3D) 7.45 pm

Director: Pete Docter

Language: Cantonese (Chinese)

Duration: 94min

MINIONS

ROOM 3

9.45 pm

Director: Pierre Coffin, Kyle Balda

Language: Cantonese (Chinese/English)

Duration: 91min

MACAU TOWER

16 Jul - 29 Jul

ANT-MAN

2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm

Director: Peyton Reed

Starring: Paul Rudd, Michael Douglas

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 117min



this day in history



1957 BUS DISPUTE TURNS VIOLENT

There have been violent scenes around Britain as the strike by busmen in the English regions enters its fourth day.

In some instances strike-breaking drivers were attacked and vehicles vandalised, including those with passengers on board.

In Derbyshire one driver, Basil Flint, had to be taken to hospital after being hit in the stomach with an iron bar.

Another driver, Harry Davies, said he was overpowered and pulled from his bus on the road between Hemsworth and Wakefield in Yorkshire.

"I was hit in the mouth and kicked in the stomach. While I lay on the ground they smashed the windows and headlights," Mr Davies told reporters.

So far the union representing the busmen, the Transport and General Workers Union (TGWU), has refused to admit its members were behind the violence.

TGWU spokesman Frank Coyle said: "I have no comment on that because I have heard it only from the Press but I am sure our members are not involved."

About 100,000 busmen employed by provincial companies went out on strike on Saturday in support of a claim for £1 per week pay rise.

So far the employers' highest offer has been 3s a week.

The employers say their offer more than compensates for the rise in the cost of living since the busmen's last pay rise of 5s in November.

So far the strike appears to have had surprisingly little impact on commuters.

Car pools have sprung up among colleagues with several people travelling to work in one vehicle.

In certain areas train companies have reported business up by a quarter and some employers are laying on coaches to ferry staff from stations to their workplace.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The next day the minister of transport referred the deadlock in the bus pay negotiations to the Industrial Disputes Tribunal for arbitration.

On 26 July the tribunal decided to award the provincial busmen an increase of 11s - just over half the amount they had originally demanded - and the strike ended.

A week later the municipal drivers - those employed in cities like London and Manchester - who had not been officially on strike, accepted their employers' pay rise offer of the same amount.

After the conclusion of the dispute 11 Conservative MPs tabled a motion for a full inquiry into the violence.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Slow down and read the signs. Especially with a short week ahead of you, you need to take an extra interest in all the mundane details. Don't just park your money anyplace.

Taurus April 20-May 20 You'll be reminded what it's all about. Fun, romance, even courtship awaits you. So if there's a way to extract a little cash from your accounts, then do it. Just be sure you stop at a little.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Attend to all the details and errands that are nagging at you. The last thing you want to be doing next week is worrying about bills, so come up with your payment strategy today.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 You need a breather. No matter how analytical you are, there's just no way to know when things will turn around, for you or anybody else. So why not table those activities and make plans with others instead?

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Finances have you by the back of the neck. But even if things are looking bad, remember that you're the one in control of the relationship. Your first personal correction is to be thrifter than usual.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You won't have a great day going over your numbers, but you could have one if you start a completely different kind of project. Help others organize or prepare for an event in which you are involved, even take out your wallet.

Libra Sep. 23-Oct. 22 It's not exactly the best time for socializing; that will come soon enough. For today, do what you can to plug financial leaks and shore up your defenses. It's not much, but it's better than doing nothing at all.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 You're good at figuring out the numbers, down to the penny. Be just as precise when it comes to helping friends. The small details make all the difference in the world.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You're ready to rush out and gobble up some penny candy, but someone is suddenly acting like the authoritarian. If you control the purse strings, then you decide if you want to spoil your appetite for more nutritious investments.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Try to keep on top of the numbers, even if those around you are goofing off a bit early. Unless you do your research now, you'll be grounded next week.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Know when to stop. There's nothing illuminating beneath the surface. All the information you need has to do with the bottom, so don't bother digging deeper than that.

Pisces Feb. 19-Mar. 20 You don't have to know all the facts beforehand, simply because they're not knowable. You can be the most analytical investor in the world and still not have access to a crystal ball. So do you just do it? Your call.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles categorized into Easy, Easy+, Medium, and Hard. Each category includes a 9x9 grid with some numbers pre-filled.

WEATHER

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

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Bath powder; 5- Shelter; 10- Marsh bird; 14- Sweet sandwich; 15- Fall flower; 16- Hardware fastener; 17- Genuine; 18- Low voice; 19- Do followers; 20- Food ordered to go; 22- One playing alone; 24- Letters on a Cardinal's cap; 25- Compose; 26- European wheat; 29- Doctors' org.; 32- Playing marble; 36- Bear in the air; 37- Mariner; 39- Give ___ break; 40- In spite of; 43- Maiden name preceder; 44- Fix beforehand; 45- Aviation pioneer Sikorsky; 46- Low life?; 48- Patriotic org.; 49- All together; 50- Simile center; 52- Everything; 53- Parched; 57- Aids; 61- Speckled steed; 62- Leases; 64- Join lips; 65- Woe ___; 66- Having wings; 67- Dash; 68- Hang around; 69- Used up; 70- Actress Diana;

DOWN: 1- Civil wrong; 2- Space; 3- Escaping fluid; 4- Cabbage salad; 5- African acacia tree; 6- The wolf ___ the door; 7- Aliens, for short; 8- Discounted; 9- Sag; 10- Powerful; 11- That's ___ haven't heard; 12- Jamaican exports; 13- Arguing; 21- Baseball's Mel; 23- Discover; 26- Traditional portion of Muslim law; 27- Introduction; 28- First name in cosmetics; 29- Oched and ___; 30- Beethoven's "___ Solemnis"; 31- Change; 33- Pal, south of the border; 34- Dove tail part; 35- Large wave caused by tidal flow; 37- Orch. section; 38- Feedbag bit; 41- Bridge declaration; 42- Unpopular; 47- Fred Flintstone's best friend; 49- Gore and Hirt; 51- Gillette razors; 52- It's a good thing; 53- Speaker of note; 54- Erncee; 55- ___ Camera; 56- Quick sharp bark; 57- Env. notation; 58- Structure for storing grain; 59- Former Russian ruler; 60- IRS IDs; 63- Not for a Scot

Yesterday's solution crossword grid with filled-in words.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

- Emergency calls 999
Taxi 28 939 939 / 2828 3283
Fire department 28 572 222
Water Supply - Report 1990 992
PJ (Open line) 993
Telephone - Report 1000
PJ (Picket) 28 557 775
Electricity - Report 28 339 922
PSP 28 573 333
Macau Daily Times 28 716 081
Customs 28 559 944
S. J. Hospital 28 313 731
Kiang Wu Hospital 28 371 333
Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) 28326 300
IACM 28 387 333
Tourism 28 333 000
Airport 59 888 88



FOR SALE and FOR RENT advertisement for JML Property.

Real estate advertisement for Nova City - Central Taipa and Houston Court, Coloane Village.

Real estate advertisement for Vila Bela Macau and CHUN LEONG Taipa.

Real estate advertisement for Designer Apartment Macau and One Grantai, Unit Y Taipa.

Real estate advertisement for Hellene Gardens Coloane and Iau Lei Garden Taipa.

JML Property logo and contact information.



ELGRAND

360° Perfect parking View, without blind angle

AROUND VIEW MONITOR

The World's First 360° AROUND VIEW MONITOR offers the driver a comprehensive bird's eye view of the vehicle and its surroundings in real-time on the front display, generated from the surrounding four 180° ultra wide-angle high-resolution cameras mounted on the ELGRAND's front, both side mirrors and rear of the vehicle.



Luxury & Intellectual Equipment:

- ✦ Boomerang-shape iconic LED headlamp
- ✦ One touch power sliding door
- ✦ Luggage area under-floor box
- ✦ Superior independent 2nd row captain seats with adjustable shoulder support & ottoman.

Photo shown here may be different from Macau specifications.



新康恆集團有限公司屬下日產澳門總代理
新康誠汽車有限公司
XIN KANG CHENG MOTORS LTD

澳門勞動節大馬路御景灣第 4 座地下 D 舖
Avenida 1 de Maio, R/C D, Bloco 4, The Bayview, Macau

Nissan Macau
Tel: 2871 9838

MOTORSPORTS

Title tussle takes a back seat as F1 mourns for Bianchi

Jerome Pugmire
Sports Writer

THE championship tussle between Lewis Hamilton and Nico Rosberg will take a back seat at the Hungarian Grand Prix this weekend, with Formula One still coming to terms with the death of Jules Bianchi.

The 25-year-old Bianchi died in a hospital in his hometown of Nice on Friday from injuries sustained in a head-on crash during the Japanese GP last October.

The outpouring of sympathy and support for Bianchi's family reflected just how popular he was. He was also highly rated, and made enough of an impression in his 34 GPs for many observers to predict he would be a future star. Bianchi had been expected to replace Kimi Raikkonen at Ferrari.

Hamilton, Rosberg, Brazilian driver Felipe Massa and French driver Romain Grosjean attended Bianchi's funeral at the Sainte Reparate Cathedral in Nice on Tuesday, along with four-time F1 champions Alain Prost and Sebastian Vettel and FIA president Jean Todt.

"Saying goodbye to Jules was incredibly hard for everyone," Hamilton said. "For myself, I wished I had known him better. But from what I knew of him, he was a kind heart with a great spirit and a bright future."

Nice is about 30 kilometers



Formula one drivers and family members stand in front of the casket of French Formula One driver Jules Bianchi into Sainte Reparate Cathedral during his funeral in Nice, French Riviera

from the track where Bianchi sealed the best performance of his career. Driving for Marussia — now known as Manor Marussia — he finished in ninth place at the Monaco Grand Prix last year and gave the unheralded team its first points in F1.

Bianchi made his GP debut for Marussia in 2013. The previous year, he drove for the Force India team in several practice sessions.

"We had the pleasure of working with Jules during 2012 and he left a strong impression on everyone," Force India team principal Vijay Mallya said. "An outstanding young man and a tremendous talent who was destined for great things in Formula One. The world has lost a true racer

and we have all lost a friend."

Bianchi's accident occurred at the end of the race at the Suzuka circuit. In rainy, gloomy conditions, his car slid off the track and ploughed into a crane picking up the Sauber of German driver Adrian Sutil, who crashed one lap earlier.

The accident prompted F1 to alter its rules, allowing a "virtual safety car" in which stewards can neutralize a race, forcing all cars to proceed slowly into the pit lane rather than continuing to lap the circuit. The start times of some races were also moved forward to avoid them continuing in dim light conditions.

"Now our sport embarks on a tough road ahead," Hamilton said. "We have made great progress for safety thus far and

I know that the FIA will continue to make steps forward to improve even further."

Governing body FIA will retire the number 17 — Bianchi's racing car number last year — in his honor, and it will be an emotional weekend at the Hungaroring circuit.

"I will be carrying Jules with me in my prayers and thoughts, not only this race but for the rest of my driving days," Hamilton said. "I know he'd want us to race hard as he did, and so I will."

With his win three weeks ago at the British GP, Hamilton extended his lead over Rosberg to 17 points — a morale booster after Rosberg had won three of the past four races heading to Silverstone.

It seems increasingly likely that the F1 championship will be won by one of the Mercedes drivers, who have won eight of nine races so far, with five wins for Hamilton.

Ferrari driver Sebastian Vettel — who drove brilliantly to win the Malaysian GP in the second race of the season — is already lagging 59 points behind Hamilton in third place.

McLaren, meanwhile, must stop the decline.

Despite two world champions in Fernando Alonso and Jenson Button, the team has only five points so far as it struggles with new Honda engines. At the British Grand Prix three weeks ago, Alonso forced Button out of his home race. **AP**

FOOTBALL

Thailand FA president receives suspended 1-year jail term

A Bangkok criminal court has sentenced Football Association of Thailand president Worawi Makudi to a suspended jail term of one year and four months for forgery during his election in 2013. The court gave the same suspended sentence to former FAT secretary general Ong-art Korsinka yesterday. Worawi told local media he will appeal. Worawi, a former FIFA executive member, and Ong-art were found guilty of falsifying documents to amend the FAT statutes in the election he won, and which extended his presidency since 2007. Because the duo were first-time offenders, the court reduced their sentence from two years in jail and a fine of 6,000 baht (USD173), to 16 months and 4,000 baht.

Number of players leaving Brazil highest since 2011

The Brazilian football confederation says 355 players left the country in the first six months of the year, the most since 2011. The confederation said Tuesday the transfers totaled \$98.8 million, compared to USD146.7 million four years ago, when 370 players left the country on loans, full transfers or after ending their contracts with Brazilian clubs. The confederation said a few factors prompted the increase in the number of players leaving the country, including the need for local teams to begin abiding by financial fair play rules to avoid punishment for not paying players' salaries on time. Last year, 327 players left the country to play abroad, totaling \$122.7 million in transfers. The transfer window for Brazilian clubs to sign players from foreign teams ended yesterday.

25 fans arrested after Frankfurt-Leeds friendly in Austria

Police in Salzburg say 25 people were arrested and seven injured, including two police officers, in the Austrian town of Eugendorf following fan violence at a friendly game between Eintracht Frankfurt and Leeds. Police say about 50 Frankfurt fans stormed the stadium entrance and injured security staff on Tuesday night, while fans from both clubs fought on the field after the match, which Frankfurt won 2-1. They later continued their clashes in the village center. Police used pepper spray to separate the rival groups. It says all arrested fans were sent home while criminal investigations go on but it has given no update on the extent of the injuries. Local authorities say the game was attended by 1,100 spectators, including 300 Frankfurt and 450 Leeds fans.

RUGBY

South Africa recalls Brussow for NZ, 1st test in 4 years

HAMSTRUNG by injuries, South Africa recalled flanker Heinrich Brussow yesterday for his first test in four years among three changes to the starting 15 to face New Zealand.

Brussow last played for the Springboks at the 2011 Rugby World Cup under former coach Peter de Villiers.

He was returned to the No. 6 jersey by coach Heyneke Meyer, replacing the injured Marcell Coetzee. Lock Lood de Jager came in for Victor Matfield, who was also injured.

The other change to the starting lineup was a positional switch, with Francois Louw swapping to the No. 7 flank to make way for Brussow. Schalk Burger was confirmed as stand-in captain in place of Matfield, and will play a second straight test out of position at No. 8.

Brussow's recall was a major surprise by Meyer after he wasn't part of South Africa's larger squad for its season-opener against a World XV or for the loss in

Australia last weekend in the first round of the Rugby Championship.

Brussow broke his arm during the Super Rugby season. He hasn't been part of Meyer's test plans since the coach took over in 2012, but "played his way into contention," Meyer said.

"Heinrich has been great this season before he got injured ... he deserves an opportunity."

South Africa made five changes on the bench, bringing in prop Vincent Koch, who could make his first test appearance, and recalling another front-rower, Trevor Nyakane, and loose forward Warren Whiteley. Lock Flip van der Merwe and wing Cornal Hendricks were also drafted into the squad, and went straight into the reserves for Saturday.

Top-ranked New Zealand rested flyhalf Daniel Carter and center Sonny Bill Williams for the Rugby Championship game at Ellis Park, leaving them at home for the fixture the All Blacks lost last season for

their first defeat in two years. That's still the All Blacks' only loss since 2012.

New Zealand coach Steve Hansen will name his team on Thursday for the meeting between rugby's No. 1- and No. 2-ranked teams, with the Highlanders' Super Rugby-winning flyhalf Lima So-poga possibly in line to make his test debut. **AP**

SOUTH AFRICA LINEUP

WILLIE LE Roux, JP Pietersen, Jesse Kriel, Damian de Allende, Bryan Habana, Handre Pollard, Ruan Pienaar; Schalk Burger (captain), Francois Louw, Heinrich Brussow, Lood de Jager, Eben Etzebeth, Jannie du Plessis, Bismarck du Plessis, Tendai Mtawarira. Reserves: Adriaan Strauss, Trevor Nyakane, Vincent Koch, Flip van der Merwe, Warren Whiteley, Cobus Reinach, Pat Lambie, Cornal Hendricks.

opinion

HK Observer
 Robert Carroll



TAKING THE LEAD ON LEAD

Excess lead has been discovered in the tap water of several Hong Kong public housing estates, and will likely be found in private estates as well. The really alarming part of this is that young kids and unborn babies can suffer from permanent brain damage from ingesting very modest quantities of the metal. The challenge is that there is no acceptable quantity of lead in water for the very young. Let's look at some of the facts. Bearing in mind that 10µg per deciliter is the limit both here and in Europe, let's see what the 2010 World Health Organisation's booklet says on childhood lead poisoning: "(i) recent research indicates that lead is associated with neurobehavioural damage at blood levels of 5µg/dl and even lower (hitherto, 10µg/dl has been considered to be the trigger for concern); (ii) there appears to be no threshold level below which lead causes no injury to the developing human brain (iii) an increase in blood lead level from < 1 to 10µg/dl has been associated with an intelligence quotient (IQ) loss of 6 points; and (iv) further IQ losses of between 2.5 and 5 have been associated with an increase in blood level over the range 10 to 20µg/dl.

A number of tests here have returned results well over the 10 µg limit, which could lead to a 10 point drop in IQ; that's around ten percent of the average person's score. There's no doubt that comprehensive action should be taken to minimize risk to the population by replacing plumbing, where practicable, and by setting up comprehensive testing systems to warn people of lead traces in their home water in the meantime.

However, recognizing the problem and solving it is no light matter; it will probably be as much of a mammoth task as it has been in other advanced economies. One in four children may be at risk of consuming lead-tainted water in Europe, according to a report by the UK's Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM). CIWEM points out that even in the UK, where there have long been acceptance and studies of the problem, as well as comparatively less kids being at risk than in continental Europe. Nevertheless 40% of British homes still get water through lead pipes, with this figure reaching up to 75% in some communities. Hong Kong is at a disadvantage in tackling the problem because, as the latest scandal has revealed, the sheer extent of the problem is unknown.

Having begun by blaming only the plumber of one the first estates affected, the government has switched tack to admit that the main contractors should be held responsible. It will be interesting to see just how far the big contractors will be forced to go if the scale of the problem is far more extensive than what is known at present.

The government is on the back foot having been slow to react, in an attempt to downplay the issue and then to dismiss unofficial test results. That the Water Supplies Department's own testing methods minimize the findings of lead content, noted by the society of Hospital Pharmacists, is hardly helping to win public confidence.

The government has lost its opportunity to be active on this matter, which the political parties have not ignored. The silver lining in all of this is that the chief executive held a long and seemingly productive meeting over the matter with Emily Lau, the head of the Democrat party — after a Legco democrat member had brought the matter to public attention. This is the first time that the CE is willing to work with Lau. Perhaps a door has opened for increased collaboration with the pan-democrats, a long-desirable situation from both sides.

THE BUZZ RIGHTS GROUP: SOUTH SUDAN TROOPS COMMITTED WAR CRIMES

An international human rights group says South Sudanese troops committed war crimes and possibly crimes against humanity by killing and raping civilians during an offensive in rebel-held parts of the country's Unity State.

Human Rights Watch yesterday accused the South Sudanese army and their allies in the Bul Nuer ethnic group of forcibly displacing tens of thousands of people in Unity by

attacking women, elderly, and children, while burning villages and stealing cattle. The group said many of the attacks were against villages with no presence of rebel fighters.

South Sudan's civil war has inflamed the country's ethnic tensions. The followers of President Salva Kiir, mostly from the Dinka ethnic group, are pitted against the Nuer of former vice president Riek Machar in fight that started in December 2013.



Nazi hunter Efraim Zuroff talks to the media outside a Copenhagen Police Station in Copenhagen, Denmark

Nazi hunter asks police to probe Dane over murder of Jews

A leading Nazi hunter has asked Denmark to investigate a 90-year-old Dane suspected of being involved in the mass murder of Jews in Belarus during World War II.

Ephraim Zuroff of the Simon Wiesenthal Center filed the request this week with the Copenhagen police after the Justice Ministry last year turned down a similar request saying it was not their matter.

Zuroff told the AP they had a strong case against Helmuth Leif Rasmussen because of documents found by Danish historians published in a book last year, and that they were looking at other cases. The book, "En skole i vold" (A

Book of Violence), claims that 1,400 Jews died in Belarus when Rasmussen, now known by the name Rasboel, was in the "inner circle" of the Bobruisk camp run by the SS.

"Some of these people were involved in terrible crimes," Zuroff said. "Now we're looking for additional Danish Waffen SS who served in this camp. This might only be the tip of the iceberg."

Some 6,000 Danish volunteers joined the SS during World War II after the German army invaded the country in 1940.

Prosecutors said they would review the material before deciding if they need further information.

"It is a matter we take very seriously," Morten Nils Jakobsen from the state prosecutor's office of serious economic and international crimes told Danish news agency Ritzau.

Rasboel, who lives in Copenhagen, has acknowledged in interviews that he had been a guard and a member of the SS, but has denied involvement in killings.

One of the authors of the book, Dennis Larsen, who has interviewed Rasboel twice, says he admitted seeing Jews "being killed and thrown into mass graves."

"But he always said he was a bystander," Larsen said. "He said he was just a guard, nothing else." AP

THE DECISIVE MOMENT



A homeless person sleeps back dropped by wallpaper of New York on the windows of a casino during a police raid in Bucharest, Romania, this week. Police have searched the capital's sewers in an anti-drug raid and detained dozens of people, mostly homeless.

Station	Air quality	
Roadside	10-30 Good	
High Density Residential Area	15-35 Good	
Ambient	15-35 Good	

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS

USA-SYRIA A U.S. airstrike in Syria has killed a key figure in a dangerous al-Qaida offshoot, the Defense Department said Tuesday. Muhsin al-Fadhli was killed in a July 8 air attack while traveling in a vehicle near Sarmada, Syria. Al-Fadhli was a leader of the Khorasan Group, a cadre of al-Qaida operatives who were sent from Pakistan to Syria to plot attacks on the West. Officials say the Khorasan Group is embedded in the al Nusra front, Syria's al-Qaida affiliate.

SAUDI ARABIA King Salman welcomed the Iran nuclear deal in a meeting with Defense Secretary Ash Carter but expressed reservations about how effectively it will be enforced, Carter said yesterday. Carter met with the king as well as his defense minister, Mohammad bin Salman Al Saud, yesterday in the Red Sea city of Jeddah.



PHILIPPINES Grammy award-winning singer Chris Brown's departure from Manila was delayed yesterday because of fraud allegations against him and his promoter for a canceled concert last New Year's Eve. The recording artist, who performed at a packed concert Tuesday night in Manila, was prevented from leaving on a private plane yesterday pending clearance by the Bureau of Immigration. The religious group that owns the New Year's Eve concert venue petitioned the Department of Justice for help prosecuting Brown.

ISRAEL A West Bank hospital says a Palestinian man has died after he was shot by Israeli troops during a clash near the town of Jenin. It says 21-year-old Mohammed Ahmed Alauna was shot in the chest early yesterday and later died of his wounds at the hospital. The Israeli military says its troops were on a routine patrol in the West Bank when they were attacked by a group of Palestinians hurling rocks in their direction.