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**CHINA** More than 300 grade schools in the Tianjin neighborhood shaken by this month's deadly blasts will start the fall semester on time, the district government of Binhai said yesterday. *More on p10*



**JAPAN** Tens of thousands of protesters rallied outside Japan's parliament yesterday to oppose security legislation in one of this summer's biggest protests ahead of its anticipated passage next month. The demonstrators oppose legislation that would expand Japan's military role under a reinterpretation of the country's war-renouncing constitution.

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## MT5 route to begin operation

The new MT5 bus route connecting NAPE to Taipa will commence operations tomorrow, the Transport Bureau (DSAT) said in a statement. The route will operate between 7am and 8pm at 20-minute intervals. Its terminal is located at Edifício do Lago in Taipa. DSAT said that the MT5 route is intended to ease mobility between Taipa and NAPE, where many residents commute every day for work. The new route will stop closer to Alameda Dr. Carlos d'Assumpção than the existing MT1 and MT2 routes. DSAT said it would monitor MT5 operations closely and adjust schedules or routes if necessary.

## Armed robber takes HKD1 million

The Judiciary Police arrested a mainland man for robbing a Chinese victim of HKD 1 million, after he was allegedly found armed with a "pistol-like object." The 24-year-old victim allegedly met the 26-year-old suspect two months ago inside a local casino, where the suspect suggested taking loans from the victim. The suspect would return the loan at an interest rate of one percent. Last Friday night, the victim once again met the suspect in a Cotai Strip hotel room with the loan, but was left handcuffed after the suspect held him at gunpoint and fled with the money. The suspect, stopped by the authorities at the border gate checkpoint the following day, denied the threat and refused to disclose the whereabouts of the cash.

## Taipa Library opens tomorrow



The Taipa Library will be officially inaugurated tomorrow, the Cultural Affairs Bureau said in a press release. The library – intended to encourage reading habits among Taipa residents – had been operating on a trial basis since April. It is the first to operate under the IC and the first to provide a self-service option on book loans and returns.

## Woman abused after drinking excessively

A mainland woman was sexually assaulted by a man, whom she met through a friend, in a hotel room in NAPE over the weekend. The 28-year-old victim was said to have drunk excessively at dinner in a restaurant near the hotel. The 30-year-old suspect took her to his room before returning to the dinner, but made excuses to return and started molesting the victim. Upon waking, the lady escaped and contacted the authorities.

# Chief Executive to attend V-Day celebration in Beijing

Catarina Pinto

**C**HIEF Executive Chui Sai On will lead a 100-member delegation to Beijing this week to attend the military parade celebrating the 70th anniversary of China's victory over Japan during World War II, government officials announced on Friday.

The Chief Executive will be in Beijing between September 2 and 4, heading a delegation that includes Li Gang – the director of the Liaison Office – and other principal officials. Mr Chui will attend festivities at Tiananmen Square on September 3, as well as an afternoon reception at the Great Hall of the People. The Macau delegation's itinerary will conclude with an evening variety show.

According to Bloomberg, the military parade has been planned for months. It will be President Xi Jinping's first opportunity to present himself to the world as China's commander-in-chief.

Such ceremonies are usually held on significant occasions in the country's history, and serve as a ritual in establishing the Communist Party chief's supreme national authority.

A number of foreign leaders,



Chui Sai On

including Russian President Vladimir Putin, will attend the 12,000-strong parade.

To mark the 70th anniversary of the victory of China's resistance to Japanese aggression during World War II, the Macau government is holding an exhibition at the Handover Gifts Museum. A commemorative ceremony will be held on September 3 at Tap Seac Square, headed by Secretary for Security Wong Sio Chak.

The event starts at 8.30a.m and features a flag-raising ceremony, the singing of the

National Anthem, and a tribute of silence, which will be broadcast live by TDM.

The head of the Government's Spokesperson Office, Victor Chan, told a press conference on Friday that the exhibition opens on September 1 at 10a.m. Titled "Commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the victory of Chinese people's war of resistance against Japanese aggression and the world victory against Fascism," the exhibition features 210 photos and 80 showpieces on the topic of the war, provi-

ding a glimpse into "Macau people's wartime life and anti-war sentiment [...] at the time."

The exhibition's budget reached MOP1.3 million, said Mr Chan.

The Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) president, Ung Vai Meng, said that the exhibition allows residents to learn more about the war, as well as about the city's role in accommodating refugees.

"We were able to find many documents and objects relating to the war. And we've also collected papers written by local students on this subject (...) Families of World War II soldiers donated objects too," he revealed.

"The first part of the exhibition shows the Chinese people's concerted effort in fighting against the Japanese, while the second part shows how Macau people stood together to help save the country," a government statement reads.

The IC will host guided tours of the exhibition between September 5 and 30, said Mr Ung.

The exhibition was organized by the government in collaboration with the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the MSAR.

## MUSIC

# Jazz Festival returns on Sept 18, 19

**T**HE Macau International Jazz Festival will be held at MGM's Lion's Bar on 18 and 19 September. The event is organized by the Macau Jazz Club, which has announced a lineup headlined by Grammy Award-winning artist David Kikoski and guitar legend Lee Ritenour.

Dave Kikoski and the Mingus Big Band won a Grammy Award in 2011 for Best Live Jazz Ensemble Album with "Live at the Jazz Standard". He and Roy Haynes were co-nominated for "Birds of a Feather," a tribute to Charlie "Bird" Parker.

In Macau, he will play alongside the BeatleJazz trio, performing jazz versions of Beatles songs. The trio launched four records between 2000 and



2007.

Veteran Lee Ritenour began his career early, playing with the Mamas and Papas at the age of 16. He was named Guitar Player magazine's "Best Studio Guitarist" twice in the 1970s. He has recor-

ded more than 40 albums with 35 chart hits, winning a Grammy Award in 1986 for "Harlequin." A 19-time Grammy nominee, Lee's music covers a wide range of jazz and fusion styles. He will perform in Macau with long-time collaborators Jesse Milliner (keyboard), Melvin Davis (seven string bass) and Sonny Emory (drums).

The event commemorates the 30th anniversary of the Macau Jazz Club and is sponsored by the Cultural Affairs Bureau and MGM Macau, with support from the Orient Foundation. Tickets are priced at MOP 280 for the 18th and at MOP380 for the 19th, with a combo price for both nights at MOP580.

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# Protesters demand tighter regulations for domestic helpers

**O**VER a hundred residents staged a demonstration yesterday afternoon, demanding that the government address their longtime plea to boost regulations for the employment of foreign domestic helpers.

Sporting blue attire, the protesters, many of them parents, marched from Tap Seac Square to the government's headquarters in the rain, chanting slogans which centred on urging "another independent governing body and law for imported maids and agencies" in order to enforce the provision of better services.

Sam Ao Ieong, head of the Macau Domestic Service's Employer Union, told the media that yesterday's march was a response to the authorities' repetitive rhetoric, which has not led to any pragmatic measures on their months-long petition since the union was founded ten months ago.

He said he grieved over the death of the two-month-old toddler, who was pronounced dead last Friday night at the public hospital after allegedly being violently and repeatedly shaken by his Vietnamese carer earlier this month (see article on page 20). However, he stressed that the case was not the major catalyst behind the crowd's action.

"Instead of being against the matter, we are reacting against the loopholes in the government's legal system," said Ao Ieong. "It has all been 'reviews,



studies and collecting opinions' we heard from the government, yet it has failed to offer a solid framework... as to when to legislate and to close those loopholes."

Agencies providing untrained maids with limited knowledge of housework, and who often switch jobs and possess a poor attitude to work were the issues over which protesters have taken to the streets. The mother of a five-member family, identified as Mrs Lam, said that the deceased baby's case was simply "the tip of the iceberg" and many similar violent acts of abuse had been committed before but gone "unreported."

The 40-year-old housewife said that her former domestic helpers, all of whom initially appear-

ed "nice" in her family, would later ask for wage increases. According to some protesters, local stay-at-home maids receive an average monthly salary of MOP4,000, with daily needs and meals covered by their employers, which might cost around MOP1,000 more. Furthermore, she added that the maids' departure during their probation also incurred considerable financial losses to employers, who had to pay compensation.

"We aren't targeting a particular race or profession. What we want is to address these issues by revising related laws to achieve a 'win-win' goal," she said. "It's meaningless for either side to win over the other."

Dismissing accusations of racism, Lam said the five maids

she hired over the past few years were "unprofessional" and would grumble about their low salaries after comparing them to other offers, especially those in the gaming industry.

Terry Hong, a father whose daughter had previously been victimized by a violent domestic helper, marched with his entire family and domestic helper yesterday. "We want her to know

**“We aren't targeting a particular race or profession**

MRS LAM

her duties and how she has to behave," he said.

The casino worker echoed the above protesters' claim that his former maids demanded higher salaries and would go to any lengths for a better-paying job. The impact of casinos, according to him, had made the maids greedy and created a dilemma for many who worked in shifts, leaving them unable to care for their children on their own.

The marchers also hoped that the authorities could expedite judiciary procedures for maids suspected of wrongdoing before they were set free in the territory prior to the court verdict.

Last Sunday, two foreign maid groups talked about exploitation imposed by local agents and denied prevalent allegations that most of their members were job-hoppers who see maid positions as stepping stones to other higher-paying jobs, stressing that they have been seeking "good communication" with their local employers.

The government's statement issued following the protest says that the "authorities would continue to maintain close communications and liaisons with various groups to seek their views on the issue." Continued efforts to strengthen training for maids and law enforcement for agents are ongoing and related works for a revision of the related laws are underway. The officials also urge for "mutual understanding" between both sides. **Staff reporter**

**T**HE New Macau Association (ANM) is urging government leaders to extend the public consultation period on the new reclamation zones blueprint, but the Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau (DSSOPT) has confirmed it will not extend the consultation, Radio Macau reported.

The pro-democracy association held a press conference on Friday to criticize the government for its planning of the five new reclamation zones, which are now under development.

The new ANM president Scott Chiang said that residents and government leaders must debate Macau's new reclamation zones.

Dubbing it "a flawed public consultation," he criticized the inconsistency of the government's plans

## New Macau wants extended public consultation on reclamation blueprint



This model depicts Reclamation Zone A, where 96,000 people are expected to live in 32,000 residential units that stretch along 138 hectares

during different phases of the consultation.

The government's decision to reduce the area allocated to cultural facilities, enabling zone B to accommodate low-density luxury residences, has confused some members of Macau's population.

The association criticized the report on environmental impact and traffic assessment, which was only made public on August 7.

"The public should be given balanced and impartial information before forming their opinions," they said.

The public consultation

period on the reclamation zones' blueprint ended on Friday.

ANM also urged the government to fully implement the "Macau land for Macau people" principle when developing housing policies for the new reclamation zones.

Furthermore, the association said it strongly opposes any plans to give away part of the newly reclaimed land in exchange for settling a land debt, although the Chief Executive has pledged not to do so.

The association suggested that the government reduce population densi-

ty in reclamation zone A, which is currently set to accommodate 320,000 residents. It has also requested that the government preserve the view from Penha by banning the construction of high-rise buildings in reclamation zone B.

"The incineration plant near zone E makes its surrounding areas unsuitable for residential purposes," they added.

"The master plan should serve the goals of improving citizens' quality of life for the sustainable development of Macau, taking into consideration its surrounding areas." **CP**




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# Placido Domingo pays tribute to city with long awaited concert

Brook Yang

**M**USIC keeps a man's soul passionate and ageless, as evinced by tenor-baritone Placido Domingo, now well into his seventies. At an age where others are retiring, the opera Renaissance man continues to take to the stage around the globe, showing no signs of slowing down.

Coming to Macau for the first time, the opera master was in admiration of the city's "phenomenal" growth and its early tradition of Western opera. In turn, he surprised a fully packed auditorium at the Macau Cultural Centre with a Chinese poem-song paying tribute to the city's colonial history at the end of the concert staged Saturday evening.

"Certainly opera is our life, wherever I go, I enjoy very much to do [perform] concerts," he told media before a rehearsal for Saturday's concert. "After singing for so, so, so many years, I think probably nobody in this hall was born before I started singing. You can imagine how many years I have been singing, but for me, it's very important and exciting, really, to sing in a place for the first time."

"I think the public has the right to discover you, it doesn't matter if they have listened to recordings, they have seen you on television, or even they have travelled and hear you in all the theaters. But here, many people are going to hear me for the very first time probably, the most important thing is to be in really good shape [to sing], and to feel this kind of connection," he added.

Striving to "make the public leave the hall [feeling] very, very happy," the virtuoso said they arranged the program with a varied array of opera genres so that everybody coming could enjoy it.

"We are opera singers, so we sing opera, arias and duets, and after we sing musical songs from different Broadway shows, then we have the operetta and the Spanish zarzuela genres, and we finish with songs, so that the public can enjoy it at different gamut from A to Z," he introduced.

From a young dreamer challenging the world in "Man of La Mancha," to a father confronting his son's lover in "La Traviata," from a villainous nobleman who mastered a tragedy in "II Trovatore," to an expatriate encountering his



Placido Domingo performs in Macau

love during war time in "South Pacific," the tenor-baritone presented a number of opera and musical hits in collaboration with sopranos Virginia Tola and Micaela Oeste, who were selected from prestigious young artists programs.

"They teach me so much also, because I have to be at their level when I'm there. Youth is something that you have to respect, and I do," said Domingo. "When I started singing, I was so young, I was singing with some sopranos that could be my grandmothers. (...) And now guess what, I'm singing with my daughters; but don't be surprised, because sometime I've been singing with my granddaughters," he laughed, adding that working with young people allows him to "pass something generation to generation." "Of course [when] the day [comes] that I won't sing anymore, I would be able to use more time [to teach them] if I can. This is my life," he noted.

As many considered themselves fortunate to be present at the much-anticipated concert, the performance - in collaboration with the Macau Orchestra - was warmly received by the local audience. Not only did he dance a little waltz when performing a duet

from "Die Lustige Witwe [The Merry Widdow]," the Spanish tenor pointed the microphone to the audience when leading a Mexican folk song called "Besame Mucho [Kiss Me Much]."

"We have done concerts [at a venue] for 12, 15 thousand [people], but you want to make the public feel that they are with you, and we try to give everything, from if we are in good shape, and certainly everything we have in our soul. Because you sing with your soul and the public has to feel it," he stressed.

But none could've expected that when children from the Macau Youth Choir joined the stage the opera stars would sing the "Song of the Seven

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PLACIDO DOMINGO

Sons - Macau" in Mandarin, a poem written by Wen Yiduo in 1925 in a time of suffering for the incomplete nation.

"I was invited to come here when Macau returned back to China. I was not able to come because I was not free. Since then I resented it, because that was a very special occasion to be here, singing to the public here on such a significant date," he said, adding that the city's dazzling lights today "have surpassed Las Vegas" in his eyes. "We congratulate you for this phenomenal city," he added.

The tenor first entered the homes of the general public in China during the late 1980s, when he and Jose Carreras and the late Luciano Pavarotti performed as the Three Tenors, amazing the oriental world. Today, the tenor recognized that not only popular, traditional operas, but also modern opera productions, are "arriving to the soul and to the heart of Chinese people."

"I remember 27 years ago I made my debut in China, I was singing at the People's Hall a complete program of Spanish zarzuela; and this evening was televised all across China by CCTV. (...) It was one of the first times that they listen[ed]

to this kind of music and they were so thrilled," he recalled.

"It is only eight years since they built the NCPA [National Centre for the Performing Arts] in Beijing and they have done 52 productions - 42 of international operas, Verdi, Puccini, Mozart, Wagner, Bizet, (...) and ten operas written for Chinese composers. So the work is really extraordinary," he acknowledged, adding that "in the last years, there's an extraordinary amount of Chinese singers in international theaters around the world; it is no doubt there is extraordinary talent there."

"If you are in Munich, Berlin, Vienna, or you are in Zurich, the public has seen in the last thirty years maybe three different productions of "Tosca." (...) This is logical for countries and theaters that have opera traditions for two centuries. But for a theater that has only worked for eight years, you have to use traditional productions, and this is wonderful because the Chinese public is getting the real thing. I hope in Macau - where you are growing in such an extraordinary way - one day can really have opera, at somewhere like the Dom Pedro [Theater], but a little bigger," he suggested.



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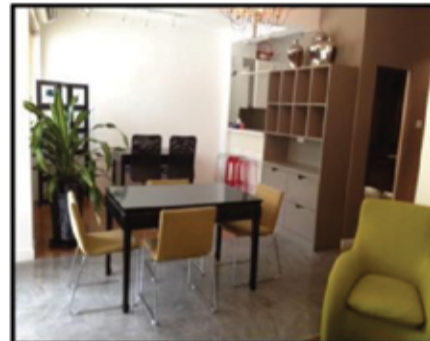


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# Alexis Tam surpasses fellow officials

**S**ECRETARY for Social Affairs and Culture Alexis Tam achieved the highest rating among six high-ranking public servants in a recent survey which was distributed to gauge public opinion of local officials.

The poll was conducted by Macau CIHC Power and assisted by 15 young people in the interview process, which took place between May 10 and August 20. On a scale of one to five, Tam received 4.2 points while the Chief Exe-



Alexis Tam

cutive Fernando Chui got 0.3 less.

Following Tam in the rankings is Secretary for Security Wong Sio Chak, hitting 4.1. Secretary for Economy and Finance Lionel Leong received the lowest score of 3.2, while the other two officials, Secretary for Administration and Justice Sonia Chan and Secretary for Transport and Public Works Raimundo Rosario, both attained an equivalent rating of 3.8.

A total of 3,813 respondents contributed to the survey. Cheong Weng Fat, one of the group's leaders, said that the findings reflected genuine opinions of the key officials within the wider community. "Everybody has witnessed Tam's efforts and activity in coping with issues," he said, claiming that the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture deserved the rating. He also praised Wong for his efforts in maintaining security in the region.

## IC kicks off temples renovation



Pak Tai temple

The Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) is launching a project to renovate the Pek Tai Temple and Sam Po Temple along

the Rua do Cunha, as well as the Fok Tak Chi in Horta da Mitra. The IC stated that it would take roughly one month to change all the power cords inside the Pek Tai and Sam Po Temples, which will remain open to the public during renovations, while the Fok Tak Temple will close for its two-month refurbishment. The two ancestral Taipa temples were built in 1844 and 1845 respectively. The Fok Tak is estimated to have been built in the middle of the Qing dynasty.

STATISTICS

## Unemployment rate remains stable

**T**HE unemployment rate for the May-July period stood at 1.8 percent, according to data released by the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC).

The number of unemployed people was 7,400, up by 200 from the April-June period. The number of new labor entrants searching for their first job in-

creased by 4.9 percentage points, forming 14.4 percent of the unemployed population.

The total number of people in the labor force reached 405,200 and participation rate stood at 73.7 percent, while overall employment decreased slightly by 400 from April-June to 397,900.

Employment in construction

recorded a reduction while education, as well as wholesale and retail trade, saw an increase.

The findings of DSEC's Survey on Manpower Needs and Wages for the second quarter of 2015 were also released on Friday. A total of 53,743 people worked in the wholesale and retail trade sector, representing an increa-

se of 10.3 percent year-on-year. Average earnings for this sector rose 4.4 percent year-on-year to MOP12,320.

10,177 people work in transport, storage and communications, up by 7.3 percent year-on-year. Average earnings stood at MOP19,000, up by 3.6 percent year-on-year.

Security Activities had engaged 10,078 employees, up by 52.9 percent year-on-year. The average earnings of full-time employees in June rose by 21.5 percent year-on-year to MOP11,870.

At the end of the second quarter of the year, Wholesale and Retail Trade had 5,063 vacancies (66.3 percent in Retail Trade), down by 699 year-on-year. Vacancies in Transport, Storage & Communications (1,068) and Security Activities (990) rose by 284 and 44 respectively year-on-year.

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Alex Veiga, Business Writer

**W**ELL, that was exciting. Days after China threw the biggest scare into Wall Street in years, U.S. stocks have come surging back and ended the week Friday on a placid note that suggested the worst may be over for now.

Even so, investors are buckling their seat belts for more turbulence ahead.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell a scant 11.76 points Friday, or 0.1 percent, to 16,643.01, capping a week that saw stomach-churning losses and gains of around 600 points per day. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 1.21 points, or 0.1 percent, to 1,988.87. The Nasdaq composite added 15.62 points, or 0.3 percent, to 4,828.32.

U.S. stocks went into their swoon last week, mostly over signs of a slowdown in China, the world's second-biggest economy. Before the six-day losing streak had ended, the Dow had plummeted 1,900 points and the S&P 500 was undergoing its first "correction," a decline of 10 percent or more, in nearly four years.

But stocks soared at midweek, cutting the Dow's losses nearly in half, in a rally analysts attributed to bargain-hunting, signs that the Federal Reserve may hold off raising interest rates this fall, and a new report that said the U.S. economy is growing at a more robust rate than previously believed.

Still, the concerns that triggered the sell-off remain: slumping oil prices, a slowing Chinese economy, weak corporate earnings forecasts and uncertainty over interest rates.

That means there's likely to be more market volatility ahead, something that history backs up. September has been the worst month for stocks.

# Calm on Wall Street for now, more turmoil likely



Specialist Meric Greenbaum works at his post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange

"For the last few years, let's face it, there's been very little volatility," said JJ Kinahan, TD Ameritrade's chief strategist. "We've had a very impressive rally. Not that we can't go higher, but it's not going to be an easy path to get there."

The S&P 500 is still nearly three times higher than its post-2008 financial crisis low in March 2009. The Dow is up roughly 2 1/2 times higher.

Despite the bounce-back last week, stocks are on course for their worst monthly performance in more than three years. The S&P 500 is down 5.5 percent in August, and the

Dow is down 5.9 percent.

"That kind of volatility is pretty scary," said Hans Chang, 33, who was visiting New York on Friday. Because he recently left his job, Chang has to sell investments he bought with stock options within 90 days — something he can't do now without taking a big loss.

But for other investors like James Day, a data management specialist in Ferndale, Michigan, the stock market swoon was a signal to buy low and boost his contributions to his 401(k).

"I'm not looking to retire tomorrow, so as far as I'm con-

cerned, I have time," said Day, 43. "If I don't think I'm staring down the barrel of some long-term recession or unemployment, I look at these dips as an opportunity."

Investors can expect the volatility to continue at least until the market gets a better idea from the Fed on the timing of an interest rate increase, something many investors fear could put a damper on the U.S. economy.

Federal Reserve Vice Chairman Stanley Fischer said Friday that before the recent turbulence, there was a "pretty strong case" for raising rates

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in September. But he said the Fed is watching how events unfold.

Traders and strategists have often described the U.S. stock market as overbought. Even with the wild swings last week, investors are paying close to USD18 for every \$1 of earnings in the S&P 500 — above the \$15 investors have historically paid for stocks after World War II.

"It's still an expensive market," said Kevin Dorwin, managing principal of San Francisco-based Bingham, Osborn & Scarborough. "We still need to see earnings growth or valuations improve, and absent that, it's hard to see how the market can move up."

Rob Lee, 64, of Melbourne, Australia, said he invests only small amounts of money in "very safe securities" because he wants to avoid the risk of sharp drops in the market like the one last week. But he added: "It'll bounce back. It always does." AP

## corporate bits

### CTM INTRODUCES BUSINESS FIBER BROADBAND SERVICE PLAN



With the objective of realizing "Digital Macau", CTM is aiming to build a full coverage fiber-optic network, as well as to provide services to support local enterprise development.

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CTM's Business Fiber Broadband includes 8 service plans with upload and download speed up to 150Mbps/150Mbps, so as to cater the different demands of various customers. Each service plan offers unlimited internet access usage. With CTM's sophisticated fiber optic technology, enterprise customers can expand their business and enhance corporate competitiveness.

### BEBE TO OPEN SHOP IN MACAU

For Bebe Stores Inc. at least, China is looking pretty good right now.

The U.S. apparel chain, which has struggled with weak sales in its home country, is expanding into the Asian nation in search of growth. As part of a licensing deal announced Thursday, Bebe will get its brand into as many as 150 places in China during the next five years.

Bebe is making the move at a time when China's economic prospects are in doubt. Concerns about a slowdown in the world's second-largest economy have roiled global markets. But Bebe Chief Executive Officer Jim Wiggett sees the China expansion as

a no-brainer. Demand for brand-name clothing is still huge in the country, he said, and Bebe's Shanghai-based partner will defray the risks.

"The appetite is voracious," Wiggett said in an interview. "The market might be adjusting in the short term, but it's going to settle down."

The retailer, which sells going-out attire and other clothing for women, is teaming up with Longgoal LLC, a retail management firm. Longgoal will open at least 60 retail and wholesale points of distribution for Bebe in mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan. The first boutique will debut next summer, said Brisbane, California-based Bebe.

### SANDS CHINA CELEBRATES VENETIAN'S EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY WITH TEAM MEMBERS

Sands China Ltd. marked the eighth anniversary of The Venetian Macao Friday, hosting a special celebration for team members.

After entertainment by the resort's Streetmosphere performers, Ciaran Carruthers, senior vice president and director of Venetian and Plaza operations for Sands China Ltd., presented prizes to the winners of the myIDEAS competition. The competition challenged staff to share their ideas on how to engage guests and retailers in conserving water, saving energy and recycling resources. The grand prize was a complimentary one-night hotel stay, food and beverage vouchers, and an award plaque and certificate.

Company executives then led team members in a question



and answer session, testing their knowledge of The Venetian and its environmental initiatives. Winners received vouchers for Shrekfast Character Breakfast with The DreamWorks Gang for Two.

A lucky draw followed, giving away complimentary hotel stays at The Venetian Macao and Conrad Macao, Cotai Central. Company executives closed out the celebration by cutting and distributing cake.



# East Timor gains ASEAN observer status this year

LUSA



Indonesian President Joko Widodo (r) shakes hands with East Timor Prime Minister Rui Maria de Araujo (l) during their meeting in Jakarta, Indonesia

**E**AST Timor should obtain observer status in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) before the end of the year, said the country's Economic Affairs Coordinator and Agriculture and Fisheries Minister Estanislau da Silva.

The newest country in the Southeast Asia region presented its official membership application to ASEAN in 2011. The only country that has shown reservations is Singapore, which from the start indicated it should only take place in 2015.

Da Silva told Lusa news agency that for the time being the country should only be granted observer status, expected to occur at the November summit in Malaysia, the country holding the organization's rotating presidency. He made

his comments during a three-day visit to Indonesia headed by Prime Minister Rui Maria de Araújo.

The country "still has a lot to do to meet the criteria demanded" by ASEAN and has taken part in the association's meetings as a "special guest", he added. Shahrman Lockman, an analyst from Malaysia's Institute of Strategic and International Studies, told the news agency in January that the founding countries had learned a lesson from the membership of Myanmar, whose problems "became problems for ASEAN". ASEAN was founded on 8 August 1967 and currently counts 10 member states. Its main aims are to promote economic growth and stability in the region. **MDT/Macauhub**

## ANGOLA

# Moody's revises economic growth forecast

**M**OODY'S credit rating agency has downwardly revised the growth forecast for the Angolan economy to 4.1 percent in 2015 and 4.7 percent in 2016, anticipating a budget deficit of 3 percent of GDP this year, the agency announced in a statement released on Thursday.

The statement specifies that it is not an evaluation of Angola's credit rating but rather a market analysis. Moody's indicates that it is concerned about the eventual weight of public debt on the country's public finances, especially if loans and debt issues continue to compensate lower oil prices.

"The response to the oil price shock has been aggressive, but its debt burden is at risk of a substantial increase over the next two years should the government face difficulty maintaining fiscal discipline," said Moody's analyst Rita Babihuga, who follows the Angolan economy.

Angola's public debt is forecast to rise to 42 percent of GDP this year, versus an estimated 32 percent in 2014, she added. One positive note in the report concerns the financial buffers Angola has accumulated, notably US\$5 billion in the sovereign wealth fund, which "could be used to soften the impacts of shocks to the economy." **MDT/Macauhub**

## ADVERTORIAL

# SANDS CHINA NEWS

Sands China Supports Macao Businesses with Local Supplier Support Programme

Launches latest initiative of company's supplier relationship management strategy



Sands China Ltd. and the Macao Chamber of Commerce have jointly announced the launch of Sands China's local supplier support programme, the latest initiative of the company's supplier relationship management strategy. Sands China released a list of nearly 200 purchase items for local companies as part of its efforts to "buy local."

Long at the forefront of the push to buy local, Sands China Ltd. recently announced the launch of its local supplier support programme. In a joint announcement with the Macao Chamber of Commerce in July, Sands China said the programme is in line with the Macao government's initiative to "buy local" and demonstrates Sands China's commitment to supporting local enterprises as part of the company's corporate social responsibility efforts.

Understanding that local small businesses are having difficulties working with large organisations, the company drew on the Macao Chamber of Commerce's thorough understanding of local businesses, and initially collaborated with the Chamber for a briefing session in January with local SMEs, providing an opportunity for new business proposals and cooperation.

Building on that and other past efforts to further support local companies, this local supplier support programme has identified three types of local businesses to support: **small and micro enterprises, "made in Macao" companies, and Macao young entrepreneurs.**

"Sands China believes in investing in the local community," said Ben Toh, executive vice president, chief financial officer and executive director of Sands China Ltd. "We hope this new programme makes it easier for local companies to do business with Sands China, as our company recognises that a thriving local business community creates positive effects on the community at large."

Kou Hoi In, president of the Macao Chamber of Commerce, is happy to see Sands China fulfilling its social responsibility while developing its business in Macao, and said: "Sands China's diverse range of businesses and its fair-trade purchasing policy have been particularly successful in getting local enterprises involved in its projects."

At a press conference last month at the Macao Chamber of Commerce, Sands China released a list of nearly 200 purchase items for local companies, including operating supplies, food and beverage, furniture and lighting, facilities, gaming, marketing, and outside services and technology; some of these items had previously been purchased from non-local suppliers. Local companies could access the list online at [www.sandschina.com/procurement.html](http://www.sandschina.com/procurement.html), where they were able to pre-register for the Sands China Local Supplier Open Day – an opportunity for them to learn details such as purchasing procedures and product specifications from Sands China's procurement team on Aug. 31.

With its supplier relationship management strategy in place, Sands China has always been at the forefront of the push to buy local. In 2014 alone, Sands China's operational spend reached MOP 12.5 billion from a total supplier base of 2,213 companies, with MOP 10.4 billion or 83 per cent of that amount going to local suppliers and local small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

Sands China's local supplier support programme – and its Sands China Local Supplier Open Day on Aug. 31 – is a step further in offering more business opportunities to help these three types of companies grow together with Sands China.

This long-term local supplier support programme is also the latest initiative of the company's supplier relationship management strategy, which guides Sands China's long-standing effort to support local suppliers – whom the company views as its strategic partners. Under this strategy, the company has worked on several related initiatives, such as the annual Sands Supplier Excellence Awards, the company's supplier business review programme and its quality audit programme.





Workers install temporary seating for a large military parade on Sept. 3 at Tiananmen Square near the large portrait of Chairman Mao Zedong on Tiananmen Gate in Beijing

## Gov't approves prisoner amnesty to mark WWII anniversary

**C**HINESE President Xi Jinping signed a prisoner amnesty as part of commemorations of World War II's end that could see thousands of inmates, including war veterans and juveniles, released.

The signing on Saturday was the same day China's legislature approved it.

The official Xinhua News Agency said it would free several thousand prisoners by the end of this year, but that the exact number won't be

known until provincial courts have finished reviewing sentences.

Those eligible included veterans of World War II, the Chinese civil war that ended with the Communist victory in 1949, and subsequent conflicts such as the 1950-1953 Korean War.

Prisoners over the age of 75 or below 18 who were sentenced to three years or less will also be included, along with those who are very ill or unable to care for themselves.

The amnesty does not include repeat offenders and those convicted of serious crimes including embezzlement, bribes, terrorism, organized crime, murder, rape and drug offenses

It's the eighth amnesty under the ruling Communist Party since 1949. Beneficiaries of previous amnesties have included political prisoners, including the last Qing Dynasty Emperor Puyi, who was imprisoned as a Japanese collaborator. **AP**

## Premier Li says no basis for yuan's continued depreciation

**C**HINESE Premier Li Keqiang said there was no basis for a continued depreciation of the yuan after the central bank allowed the currency to devalue 2.8 percent this month.

The yuan can remain "basically" stable on a "reasonable and equilibrium level," said Li, according to a statement posted on the State Council's website Saturday. Li made the comments at a state council meeting on Friday.

The assurances came after the central bank on Aug. 25 cut interest rates for the fifth time since November and lowered the amount of cash banks must set aside to stem the biggest stock-market rout since 1996. Deflation risks, over-cap-



China's premier Li Keqiang

city and a debt overhang remain a cloud over the Chinese economy, which is forecast for its slowest expansion since 1990.

China will continue to carry out proactive fiscal policy and prudent monetary policy and will use "more pre-

cise" measures to cope with downward pressure on the economy, said Li in the statement. The government will prevent regional and systematic risks, according to the statement.

Policy makers want to stabilize Chinese shares befo-

re a Sept. 3 military parade celebrating the 70th anniversary of the World War II victory over Japan, two people familiar with the matter, who asked not to be identified because the intervention wasn't publicly announced, said Thursday.

The Shanghai Composite Index rallied 4.8 percent to 3,232.35 at Friday's close, following a more than 5 percent surge in the final hour of trading on Thursday. The gauge is still down 37 percent from its June high.

The yuan in Shanghai climbed as much as 0.33 percent on Friday, its biggest intra-day gain since March 19, before closing 0.26 percent stronger at 6.3885 per dollar. **Bloomberg**

## Schools to open on time in shaken Tianjin

**M**ORE than 300 grade schools in the Chinese neighborhood shaken by this month's deadly blasts will start the fall semester on time, the district government of Binhai in the port city of Tianjin said yesterday.

All the schools in the district had completed registration work for classes to start today, and students affected by the disaster will return to the classroom, the district said.

The Aug. 12 explosions at a warehouse storing dangerous chemicals killed 150 people and left 23 others missing. It was one of China's worst industrial accidents in years.

The tragedy exposed the country's lax enforcement of work safety regulations and revealed widespread dereliction of duties across government agencies. The warehouse in this case was located too close to homes and stored too much hazardous material.

At least 11 government officials — from agencies overseeing transportation, port operations, workplace safety, planning and land resources, and customs — have been detained and are faced with charges of dereliction of duty and abuse of power. China's top prosecuting office said the officials should not have issued the warehouse the permit to handle hazardous material and that they failed to regulate the operations at the warehouse.

Police also have detained 12 executives and employees of the company running the warehouse as part of their investigation, and are also looking into a company suspected of providing bogus safety assessments.

The local government said schools damaged by the explosions have been repaired in time for the fall semester. **AP**

## Workers overcome by toxic gas at paper mill, 7 die, 2 hurt

**W**ORKERS were overcome with toxic gas from a paper mill's waste pool and seven of them died, authorities said Saturday, in China's latest deadly accident involving dangerous chemicals.

A worker who was cleaning the pool filled with pulp paper waste fell in and his co-workers rushed to help but were overcome with the noxious gas themselves, a statement from the Anxiang county government in Hunan province said. Seven workers died and two were injured.

The statement on Friday's accident didn't say what type of toxic gas was involved.

Separately, firefighters and environmental response crews were rushing to clean up about 15 tons of sulfuric acid spilled early Saturday from a crashed tanker truck in the eastern province of Zhejiang.

The driver and a passenger in the truck were killed when it veered off the road into farmland near the resort city of Hangzhou and about 10 kilometers from major waterways.

The pair of incidents follows China's worst industrial accident in recent years, a massive explosion at a warehouse storing toxic chemicals in the port of Tianjin that killed at least 147.

Nationwide safety checks were ordered after the Aug. 12 disaster, focusing especially on the storage of dangerous chemicals.

Another worker was killed and nine injured in an explosion at a chemical plant in the eastern city of Zibo on Aug. 22. **AP**



Didi Tang, Beijing

# Party fans smoldering antipathy toward Japan

**B**Y administrative order, dramas about resisting the Japanese wartime enemy will fill Chinese TV channels this week as China celebrates — including with a massive military parade — the victory over Japan 70 years ago.

Combined with pervasive patriotic education that goes to great lengths in detailing Japanese atrocities, the order on programming from Sept. 1-5 ensures that the Chinese public — generation after generation — always remembers the country's past humiliation as well as the bitter but valiant efforts to resist the Japanese.

"We are reminded of the war against Japan so constantly that I have developed an inherent antipathy toward Japan," said Cong Yuting, a 26-year-old teacher from the northeastern city of Dalian.

Anti-Japanese sentiments in China are never far from the surface and have broken out in the open when tensions between Beijing and Tokyo fly high, even as Chinese visit Japan in droves, buy Japanese products and embrace Japanese anime and fashion.

Why so much anger, after so much time? It's complicated.

Japan's apologies — perceived to be less than wholehearted — and its leaders' ambiguous stances are often blamed. Recent moves by Japanese leaders to change the country's constitution to allow Japan's military a greater role have added to China's perception of Japan as militaristic and unrepentant.

But Beijing's propaganda machine also has been a factor, overshadowing in many Chinese minds the fact that for more than a half-century after the war, Japan has been one of the world's more pacifist countries, not to mention generous to China with aid, especially infrastructure loans in past decades.

"Constant brainwashing since day one in the education and mass media systems has played a key role in building and keeping alive these strong anti-Japanese sentiments," said Jean-Pierre Cabestan, professor of government and international studies at Hong Kong Baptist University. "Larger segments of the Chinese society seem to really believe that the Japanese are still very militarist and nationalistic."

Patriotic education is mandated in Chinese schools, and students often go on field trips to sites highlighting atrocities of the Japanese invaders.

The propaganda is intended to strengthen one-party rule, enlist solidarity against a common external boogeyman and distract the public from thorny domestic issues, Cabestan said.



A Chinese child dressed in fairy wings visits the Memorial Museum of Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression in Beijing

"The party unites the Chinese society under its banner and uses nationalism and anti-Japanese sentiments as glue around it and a diversion from other problems," he said. "The deepening economic difficulties have contributed and will contribute to intensifying the magnitude and decibels of the current anti-Japanese propaganda."

The focus by China's Communist Party leadership on the resistance against the Japanese generally glosses over the fact that for much of the 20th century, the Communists were fighting against the country's

Nationalists under Chiang Kai-shek, and that Chiang was the Chinese leader recognized by the Allies fighting the Japanese as the military commander in China during World War II.

The Chinese government has ordered a flood of TV programs, films, variety shows, books and special events commemorating the 70th anniversary of the war victory against Japan — usually playing up the role of Communist troops — while banning broadcasters from airing entertainment programs in the first five days of September.

The culmination of events comes on Thursday with a massive military parade through the heart of Beijing. China marks Sept. 3 — the day after Japan formally surrendered to the Allies in the Pacific aboard a U.S. naval ship in 1945 — as the day of victory over the Japanese.

For many years already, China's television screens have been filled with anti-Japanese dramas, which not only receive government funding but also are exempt from quotas on the numbers of programs per genre, and are more likely to pass state censors. They also have a ready and loyal audience, making this genre popular

with TV producers looking for safe investments.

Gearing up for this fall's mandated war theme, most crews in China's film city of Hengdian were filming war dramas featuring the resistance against the Japanese. State media have reported that more than 50 war dramas are planned for this year.

Beijing also has ordered cinemas throughout China to heavily promote war films in the first 10 days of September, and has ordered that 100 books and 20 audio products with war themes be published in September.

In 2012, when China-Japan tensions over a chain of contested islands in the East China Sea boiled over, Beijing allowed anti-Japanese protests throughout China, which briefly included demonstrators hurling rocks at the Japanese Embassy in Beijing. State media helped fan the anti-Japanese sentiments.

In daily conversations and in pop culture, the Chinese are used to dismissing Japanese as "devils" and calling the country — condescendingly — "Little Japan."

Some Chinese scholars insist that it is Japan's failure to adequately apologize for its

brutal colonization of much of China starting in the 1930s and its wartime brutality that is the core reason for continued anti-Japanese sentiments.

"As an aggressor, Japan has not apologized, so how can you expect China, as the victim, to be tolerant and forgiving?" said Huang Dahui, director of the East Asia Studies Center at Beijing-based Renmin University. "How can the victim have closure when the perpetrator has not expressed genuine remorse?"

Huang said the Chinese are not inherently anti-Japanese, and that their nationalism is only triggered when China is provoked. "It's only a response," Huang said.

Cong — the schoolteacher — now lives in Japan after having followed her husband to Tokyo on a job assignment. Cong teaches Japanese how to speak Chinese and has started to see Japanese people as disinterested in politics.

Asked if China has gone overboard in constantly propagating war history, Cong paused and said, "It's hard to say. I don't think it's a bad thing. If we don't do it, those born in the 1990s, 2000s or even those in 2010s won't know this part of history." AP

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THAILAND

# Police arrest foreigner, find passports in Bangkok bomb case

Nattasuda Anusondisai, Bangkok

**T**HAI authorities arrested a foreign man they said had been holed up in a suburban apartment with bomb-making equipment and stacks of passports, the first possible breakthrough in the deadly bombing at a Bangkok shrine nearly two weeks ago.

Police and soldiers on Saturday raided the apartment in a non-descript concrete building on the outskirts of eastern Bangkok and found bomb-making materials that matched those used in the Aug. 17 blast at the Erawan Shrine in central Bangkok, police said.

The blast, which killed 20 people and injured more than 120, was followed a day later by another explosion at a public ferry pier, which caused no injuries but exacerbated concerns about safety in the Thai capital, which draws millions of tourists.

“Our preliminary investigation shows that he is related to both bombings,” national police spokesman Prawuth Thavornsirirak said in the televised statement. He showed photographs of the suspect — a young man with short brown hair



In this Saturday, Aug. 29 image taken from video broadcast by the National Council for Peace and Order (NCPO), the NCPO spokesman Col. Winthai Suvaree, left, discusses the arrest of a man, right, in Bangkok

and a light beard and mustache. Police identified him only as a 28-year-old foreigner, without releasing a name.

Police also showed photographs of detonators, ball bearings and a metal pipe that they believe was intended to hold a bomb.

“The bomb materials are the same, similar or the same type” as those used in both bombings, police chief Somyot Poompanmoung told reporters. He added that the suspect had traveled in and out of Thailand since January 2014.

Police also found “a number of passports from one country,”

Prawuth said. He did not name the country, but photographs showed stacks of passports that were similar to those from Turkey.

Earlier, Prawuth said that authorities had not yet determined his nationality and dismissed Thai news reports saying he is Turkish. Images of a Turkish passport with the apparent suspect’s picture were posted on social media.

“The passport you see is fake,” said Prawuth, referring to the online photos. “We don’t know if he is Turkish or not.”

A Turkish government spokesman said he had no in-

formation on the suspect held or any possible Turkish link to the attack. He spoke on condition of anonymity in line with Turkish government rules that bar officials from speaking to journalists without prior authorization.

Asked what could be the motive for the bombing, the police chief told reporters, “it’s a personal grudge... not international terrorism.” He did not elaborate or give a clear explanation.

The man faced charges of possessing unauthorized explosives, Prawuth said, and was taken to a military base for fur-

ther interrogation.

The blast at the Erawan Shrine was unprecedented in the Thai capital, where smaller bombs have been employed in domestic political violence over the past decade, but not in an effort to cause large-scale casualties.

The shrine is a popular tourist destination, particularly with Chinese visitors, who are an important segment of the lucrative tourist market. At least six of the dead were from China and Hong Kong. It sits on the corner of a busy traffic intersection with a nearby overhead walkway in a neighborhood full of upscale shopping malls and five-star hotels.

No one has claimed responsibility for the blast, sparking a variety of theories into who might be behind it.

Possible suspects include parties seeking to avenge Thailand’s forced repatriation of ethnic Uighurs to China. Uighurs are related to Turks, and Turkey is home to a large Uighur community.

Other theories included Muslim separatists from southern Thailand, opponents of Thailand’s military government and feuding factions within the security services. **AP**

MALAYSIA

# Huge rally for Najib’s resignation enters 2nd day

Eileen Ng, Kuala Lumpur

**B**IG crowds of protesters returned to the streets of Kuala Lumpur yesterday to demand the resignation of Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak over a financial scandal, after the first day of the massive rally passed peacefully.

The protesters camped overnight wearing yellow shirts of the Bersih movement — the coalition for clean and fair elections — even after authorities blocked the organizer’s website and banned yellow attire and the group’s logo in a bid to deter the rallies, which were also held in other Malaysian cities.

Former Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, who has been spearheading calls for Najib’s resigna-

tion, added momentum to the rally when he made a surprise brief appearance late Saturday with his wife to loud cheers from the crowd, and telling protesters to “carry on.”

Najib has been fighting for political survival after leaked documents in July showed he received some USD700 million in his private accounts from entities linked to indebted state fund 1MDB. He later said the money was a donation from the Middle East, fired his critical deputy and four other Cabinet members as well as the attorney general investigating him.

He slammed the protests for tarnishing Malaysia’s image.

“Those who wear this yellow attire ... they want to discredit our good

name, scribble black coal on Malaysia’s face to the outside world,” Najib was quoted as saying by national news agency Bernama.

Police estimated Saturday’s crowd at 25,000, while Bersih says 200,000 participated at its peak. The rally was scheduled to last until midnight last night to usher in Malaysia’s 58th National Day.

“This is a watershed moment. Malaysians are united in their anger at the mismanagement of this country. We are saying loudly that there should be a change in the leadership,” said protester Azrul Khalib, who slept on the street with his friends.

He said he was aware that the rally will not bring change overnight, but he

wants to be “part of efforts to build a new Malaysia.”

Some used colored chalk to scrawl their demands on the street: “We want change,” and “We want clean and fair (elections).”

Scores of police barricaded roads leading to the Independence Square, a national landmark that authorities declared off-limits to protesters ahead of the national day celebrations today. Two previous Bersih rallies, in 2011 and 2012, were dispersed by police using tear gas and water cannons.

Analysts said the rally attracted a largely urban crowd with a smaller participation of ethnic Malays, which could be the reason why the Najib government allowed it to



Activists from the Coalition for Clean and Fair Elections (BERSIH) gather on a main road in downtown Kuala Lumpur

go on.

“They feel safe because it has not really affected the rural Malay segment, their bedrock support,” said political analyst Ibrahim Suffian. However, he said this doesn’t mean that rural Malays are happy with the government, as many are upset with the plunging currency and economic slowdown.

A nation of 30 million, Malaysia is predominantly Malay Muslim with significant Chinese and Indian minorities. Its ambitions to rise

from a middle income to a developed nation this decade have been stymied by slow-paced reforms and Najib’s increasing authoritarianism.

Support for Najib’s National Front has eroded in the last two general elections. It won in 2013, but lost the popular vote for the first time to an opposition alliance.

Apart from Najib’s resignation, the demands being sought are institutional reforms that will make the government more transparent and accountable. **AP**



## EGYPT

# Court sentences 3 Al-Jazeera reporters to 3 years in prison

Brian Rohan, Cairo

**A**N Egyptian court sentenced three Al-Jazeera English journalists to three years in prison on Saturday for broadcasting “false news,” sparking an international outcry and underlining how authorities are trampling over free speech just over a year into general-turned-politician Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi’s presidency.

The men are now seeking a pardon from el-Sissi, who has personally expressed regret over the long-running trial and the damage it has done to Egypt’s international reputation — saying it would have been better to simply deport the journalists. Al Jazeera said it will also appeal the verdict, once the court releases its full ruling in the next 30 days.

Canadian national Mohammed Fahmy, Australian journalist Peter Greste and Egyptian producer Baher Mohammed’s case had embroiled their work into the wider political conflict between Egypt and Qatar, where Al-Jazeera is based, following the 2013 military ouster of Islamist President Mohammed Morsi.



In this March 31, 2014 file photo, Al-Jazeera English producer Baher Mohamed, left, Canadian-Egyptian acting Cairo bureau chief Mohammed Fahmy, center, and correspondent Peter Greste, right, appear in court in Cairo

The verdict comes just weeks after el-Sissi issued a new anti-terrorism law, which sets a sweeping definition for who could face a harsh set of punishments, including journalists who don’t toe the government line. The new law, like Saturday’s verdict, has drawn criticism from diplomats, press freedom advocates and human rights organizations.

Greste, who was deported from Egypt in February, said he believed an Egyptian appeals

court would overturn the verdict, and called on el-Sissi to pardon him and his colleagues. Fahmy and Mohammed, both on hand for Saturday’s hearing, were immediately taken away by police after the hearing.

“In the absence of any evidence of wrongdoing, the only conclusion that we can come to is that this verdict was politically motivated,” Greste told reporters in Sydney yesterday. “President Sissi now has an opportunity to undo that injus-

tice. The eyes of the world are on Egypt.”

Mostefa Souag, Al-Jazeera’s acting director-general, also criticized the verdict, saying it “defies logic and common sense.”

“The whole case has been heavily politicized and has not been conducted in a free and fair manner,” Souag said in a statement. “There is no evidence proving that our colleagues in any way fabricated news or aided and abetted terrorist

organizations and at no point during the long drawn out retrial did any of the unfounded allegations stand up to scrutiny.”

Judge Hassan Farid, in his ruling, said he sentenced the men to prison because they had not registered with the country’s journalist syndicate. He also said the men brought in equipment without security officials’ approval, had broadcast “false news” on Al-Jazeera and used a hotel as a broadcasting point without permission.

Fahmy’s wife, Marwa, broke down in tears as the verdict was read out, with others sobbing in the courtroom.

“I am asking for justice, for fairness,” she said while leaving the court. “I feel extremely disappointed because I love my country and I know that Mohammed loves his country. ... It’s really hard for us.”

Human rights lawyer Amal Clooney, who represented Fahmy on Saturday, said she would be meeting with Egyptian officials later along with Canadian Ambassador Troy Lulashnyk to press for a presidential pardon.

“The verdict today sends a very dangerous message in Egypt,” Clooney said. “Journalists can be locked up for simply doing their job, for telling the truth and reporting the news. And it sends a dangerous message that there are judges in Egypt who will allow their courts to become instruments of political repression and propaganda.” AP



In this Aug 22 file photo, French soldiers patrol at the Gare du Nord train station in Paris

Thomas Adamson and Angela Charlton, Paris

**E**UROPEAN countries will increase identity checks and baggage controls on trains after American passengers thwarted an attack on a high-speed train from Amsterdam to Paris, France’s interior minister said Saturday.

Bernard Cazeneuve said the reinforced ID and bag checks would be carried out on cross-border trains “everywhere it is necessary.” He spoke after meeting in Paris with top security and transport officials from nine coun-

tries and the European Union in the wake of last week’s attack attempt.

At the meeting, officials struggled to find security solutions that protect travelers but don’t threaten the continent’s border-free travel zone or the extensive rail network that is the lifeblood of European transport.

The suspect in last week’s attack had been on the radar of European surveillance, but bought his ticket in cash and showed no ID, before bringing an automatic rifle and a handgun onboard unnoticed. He

## FRANCE

## More ID, bag checks on Europe’s trains after foiled attack

has been handed preliminary terrorism charges and is in French custody.

The group meeting Saturday pushed for train tickets printed with passengers’ names on them, which is currently allowed but not required. In a statement, they floated the possibility of letting train police consult intel databases and better Europe-wide use of criminal record databases.

Such measures, if implemented, would require close monitoring to ensure that they do not constitute border controls, which are illegal under the rule book governing the passport-free area known as the Schengen zone. They could also raise privacy concerns, which have held up Europe-wide legislation on aviation passenger name records.

The ministers called for closer work with the aviation industry, based on its experience in increasing security since the Sept. 11 attacks. They also urged more mixed patrols of international police teams on cross-border trains.

The security officials said there’s no way to monitor each passenger and bag without choking the continental train system, which Europeans rely upon heavily.

“We can’t do and don’t want complete, comprehensive checks on people or luggage in trains in Germany or Europe,” German Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere said on the sidelines of the meeting.

He said the main issue is to improve targeted cooperation and the exchange of information on

suspicious people.

EU Transport Commissioner Violeta Bulc called free travel within Europe “one of our greatest achievements.”

“I hope and I also believe we will find the right solution that will not jeopardize these fundamental rights, and at the same time ensure that the security on a European level is at its best,” she told reporters after the meeting.

France alone sees tens of thousands of international train passengers daily, in addition to millions of daily domestic train travelers. The country’s national rail authority SNCF is concerned about the cost of additional security, according to a French security official involved in the meeting but not authorized to be publicly named.

Countries involved in Saturday’s meeting were France, Belgium, Britain, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Spain and Switzerland.

EU officials were expected to press for the increased use of closed circuit cameras in trains and stations and more metal detectors at entrances. The European Commission was also to raise the idea of using full-body scanners for people who try to board at the last minute.

Saturday’s meeting sets the stage for what will probably be a lively discussion at EU level next month. The results of the conference will be debated by Europe’s rail security group on Sept. 11, and forwarded for EU transport ministers to discuss when they meet October 7-8. AP



Sarah El Deeb and Zeina Karam, Beirut

'YOU STINK'

# Lebanese stage largest protests yet sparked by trash crisis

**T**HOUSANDS rallied in downtown Beirut Saturday in the largest anti-government protest yet over a summer garbage crisis, chanting "revolution, revolution" and setting a three-day ultimatum for authorities to respond to demands, including the resignation of a Cabinet minister.

It signaled the most significant public outburst of anger against a dysfunctional system of government, but demonstrators have yet to chart a clear path toward change.

The government's failure to resolve the trash crisis has evolved into wider protests against a political class that has dominated Lebanon since the end of the country's civil war in 1990 and a government that has failed to provide even basic services to its people. Protesters filled up the square known as Martyrs' Square, shouting anti-government slogans in a peaceful, carnival-like atmosphere.

"Today is a step on a long road," said Fares Shoufani, a 48-year-old contractor. "We are depending on this movement. The more it advances forcefully, the more the people join."

The main group behind the protests is an activist group that



AP PHOTO  
A Lebanese anti-government protester hangs a balloon on barbed wire in front the government building, during a demonstration against the trash crisis and government corruption, in downtown Beirut

calls itself "You Stink," a catchy slogan playing off the garbage crisis that addresses Lebanese politicians. The group has attracted across the board support from ordinary Lebanese fed up with the system, and angered at the festering, uncollected garbage piling up near their homes.

In a speech before thousands of protesters in Beirut, "You Stink" representative Rasha Halabi gave the government 72 hou-

rs to respond to its demands, threatening to escalate protests by Tuesday evening if it doesn't.

The group called for the resignation of the Lebanese environment minister and for the interior minister to be held accountable for police brutality against protesters last weekend. It also demanded an end to the garbage crisis. In longer term goals, the group called for new parliament elections and the election of a

president to fill a post that has remained vacant for more than a year due to political squabbling. "We are still in the beginning," Halabi said to widespread cheers from the crowd.

Waving red, white and green Lebanese flags, thousands of people poured into Martyrs' Square, shouting anti-government slogans amid the district's fancy apartment blocks and next to the blue-domed Mohammed al-Amin mosque.

The huge protest crowds were reminiscent of the massive rallies that took place in that same square in 2005, following the assassination of the late Prime Minister Rafik Hariri. Those protests, which united hundreds of thousands of Lebanese from all sects for a while, were focused against Syrian troops in Lebanon and their Lebanese allies, and succeeded in pressuring Damascus to pull out its troops following a decades-old presence.

The current protest movement

is a rare instance of Lebanese mobilizing without backing from any political parties. Those who turned up Saturday were largely drawn from Lebanon's middle class and across religious sects. A mix of civil society groups, activists and leftist groups took part, along with thousands of disgruntled Lebanese.

It is not clear, however, whether the protesters, who are up against an entrenched political class for which there is no clear alternative, will be able to keep momentum and achieve results.

"It is turning into — I won't say revolution — but kind of an uprising. It would be great if we win on the rubbish issue because this will cause the beads to come undone," said Alex Paulikevitch, a 33-year-old choreographer and protester.

Paulikevitch said he doesn't think the protests will bring down the system, "but if we get one demand to solve the rubbish problem it will be great." AP

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Avenida Xian Xing Hai, s/m, NAPE

ADMISSION: MOP100

ORGANIZER: Macau Cultural Centre

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2883 8585

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TIME: 10am-6pm daily (Except Thursdays)

ADDRESS: Avenida Dr. Sun Yat-Sen

ADMISSION: Exhibition Centre: MOP25

Planetarium (Dome/Sky Shows): MOP50

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BY JOANA VASCONCELOS

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ADMISSION: Free

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## Offbeat

NAKED, BODY-PAINTED BICYCLISTS  
RIDE THROUGH PHILADELPHIA

Thousands of bicyclists in various stages of undress have pedaled their way around Philadelphia to promote fuel conservation and positive body image. The Philly Naked Bike Ride on Saturday featured people sporting masks, underwear, body paint, glitter or nothing at all. A lot of riders wore just their shoes.

Debbie Kaighn, who was riding in the popular annual event for the third time, wore shoes, socks and body paint. On her front were streaks and splashes of yellow and green paint, and on her back was the message 'Live free, ride nude.' "I'm a naturist, and I believe in body freedom," she said. "And I'm also a cyclist." The 19-kilometer ride through the City of Brotherly Love is among many related to the World Naked Bike Ride movement. Riders on the twisting course wheeled through University City, around the Rittenhouse Square park, down to City Hall and through Chinatown. Giddy crowds cheered them on while shooting photos and videos on their cellphones. Ed Blanton traveled from Arlington, Virginia, to ride nude in the Philly event for the fourth time "because I'm a bicyclist and it's fun." He wore just a sign on his back: "The earth is the Lord's." "I like to get this message out," he said before hopping gingerly onto his bike and riding off. Other riders supported assorted causes, including breast cancer research. One had painted on his back, "Burn fat, not oil." This is the seventh year of the Philly Naked Bike Ride, which draws about 3,000 participants. Organizers say they hope the event encourages people to bike more and to embrace nudity as a normal and enjoyable part of life. AP

## TV canal macau

13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:30	RTPi Live
18:50	The Presence of Anita (Repeated)
19:40	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	TDM Sports
22:10	The Presence of Anita
23:00	TDM News
23:30	UEFA Champions League 2015/2016 Magazine Programme
00:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
01:00	RTPi Live

## cinema

## CINETEATRO

27 AUG - 2 SEPT



## HITMAN: AGENT 47

ROOM 1

4.05, 9.45 pm

Director: Aleksander Bach

Starring: Rupert Friend, Hannah Ware, Zachary Quinto

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 96min

## WILD CITY

ROOM 1

2.15, 5.55, 7.45 pm

Director: Ringo Lam

Starring: Louis Koo, Shawn Yue, Tong Liya

Language: Cantonese/Mandarin (Chinese/English)

Duration: 105min



## PIXELS

ROOM 2

(2D) 2.30, 4.30, 9.30 pm

(3D) 7.30 pm

Director: Chris Columbus

Starring: Adam Sandler, Kevin James,

Michelle Monaghan

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 106min

## HERO 2015

ROOM 3

2.30, 4.45, 9.30 pm

Director: Nikhil Advani

Starring: Haruma Miura, Kiko Mizuhara

Language: Japanese (English and Chinese)

Duration: 90min

## ATTACK ON TITAN

ROOM 3

7.30 pm

Director: Shinji Higuchi

Starring: Takuya Kimura, Keiko Kitagawa,

Takako Matsu

Language: Japanese (English and Chinese)

Duration: 119min

## MACAU TOWER

20 AUG - 9 SEPT

## PIXELS

2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm

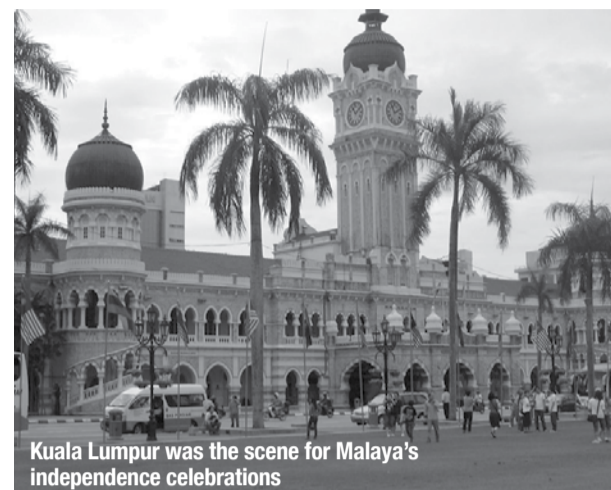
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## this day in history



Kuala Lumpur was the scene for Malaya's independence celebrations

1957 MALAYA CELEBRATES  
INDEPENDENCE

The Federation of Malaya is now independent. The handover of power from Britain took place at midnight. Thousands of young members of the Malay, Chinese and Indian parties, which form the government, stood in darkness for two minutes at midnight to mark the official handover.

As the new flag of independence was raised they called "Merdeka" (freedom) seven times. Tunku Abdul Rahman, the prime minister-elect, who led the negotiations with the British for handover of power, was hailed as the Father of Independence.

Malaya will stay in the Commonwealth - and, as midnight approached, prime ministers of the member countries sent messages recorded in five continents.

The British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan said he hoped 31 August would long be remembered as a great and happy day in the continuing development of Malaya and the Commonwealth of Nations. In his speech delivered at midnight, Tunku Abdul Rahman said it was the greatest moment in the life of the Malayan people. A new star had risen in the eastern sky - a star of freedom for yet another Asian people.

The new prime minister was educated at two British schools and graduated from Cambridge in 1925. Soon after World War II he went back to Britain to study law. On his return to Malaya in 1949 he found a country eager for independence but also struggling with communist extremism.

He founded the Alliance Party in 1952 which brought together the ethnic Malay, Chinese and Indians. The party won the 1955 general election with an overwhelming majority.

The Tunku became Chief Minister and ended the state of emergency - introduced after a wave of attacks carried out by mainly Chinese communists on mine-owners and plantations - and granted an amnesty to communist terrorists. Last year he led the negotiations with the British which paved the way for independence.

The new Malayan head of state, Tuanku Abdul Rahman, will be officially installed on 2 September. He was chosen from among the rulers of Malay's nine hereditary states. He will hold the post of head of state for five years when his successor will be elected. The installation ceremony will be witnessed by the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester who are flying in to represent the Queen.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

Following Malaya's independence, Tunku Abdul Rahman introduced reforms that spread power among the sultans and rajas who had ruled over fiefdoms on the Malay peninsula for hundreds of years.

But non-Malays were disappointed that political power remained largely in Malay hands. In 1963 Malaya joined with Sabah, Sarawak and Singapore under a new name, the Federation of Malaysia. Rivalry between the Tunku and Lee Kuan Yew, Prime Minister of Singapore, saw Singapore leave the federation in 1965.

Since Singapore's population was predominantly Chinese, its departure tipped the balance back in favour of Malays and increased tension between the two communities. In 1969 there were riots in Kuala Lumpur and 2,000 mainly Chinese protesters were killed.

A state of emergency was declared and a year later Abdul Rahman retired from office. In the late 1980s he re-emerged into public life to criticise the authoritarian leadership of Mahathir Mohamad.



YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 It's hard to plan ahead when the financial terrain is so completely new...

Taurus April 20-May 20 You want to put all the lately weirdness in a symbolic box and bury it in the yard...

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 You have plenty of time for thought. Have you learned some lessons to bring with you into the future?

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 If only you could be as aloof as some manage to be. While they remain intellectual about their money...

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 You've learned to let go. Now that all the crying is over, how does it feel to be without major funds?

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Be as open minded about the coming year as you wish you had been about this one...

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 You understand others so much better now. If only you had had that kind of insight when you were on your high horse...

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Your problems are radical, but not insurmountable. The only thing you have any control over is harmony at home...

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Keep an open mind about how well you did. It would have taken a small miracle to come out of the last year unscathed...

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Your head is swimming with schemes. Don't let a lack of money turn you into a shark...

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Today inspires change, if only in you. Share what you have in mind. You may not get the funding you need...

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 You've become so used to surviving day to day that you don't even have any dreams about the future...

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles categorized as Easy, Easy+, Medium, and Hard. Each category contains 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- National loyalty; 11- Unit of power; 15- Initiate; 16- Ben Adhem; 17- Bacteria causing food poisoning; 18- No \_\_\_; 19- Friend of Fidel; 20- Nipper's co.; 21- The tiniest bit; 23- Start of a counting rhyme; 25- Zeta follower; 27- Stable compartment; 28- Suppress; 30- Christmas season; 33- Gangster Lansky; 35- Ad word; 36- Inane; 38- Farm birds; 41- Santa Fe Trail town; 43- Edit; 45- Sapwood; 49- Satisfied; 51- Luster; 52- Japanese computer giant; 54- "M\*A\*S\*H" soft drink; 55- Lodginghouses; 58- Letter after pi; 60- Mus. slow-up; 61- Formerly, once; 62- Having a foreign appearance; 65- Understanding words; 66- Opposition; 67- Actress Deborah; 68- Dealer in hardware;

DOWN: 1- 12th sign of the zodiac; 2- City SE of Los Angeles; 3- Having ability; 4- Grog ingredient; 5- Aviation pioneer Sikorsky; 6- Prevention dose; 7- Agreement; 8- Proverb ending?; 9- WWII battle site; 10- Intend; 11- North American elk; 12- In a foreign country; 13- Proceed in a leisurely way; 14- Like ziti; 22- Values highly; 24- Spoollike toy; 26- Hung. neighbor; 29- Eighth planet; 31- Fall behind; 32- Robert \_\_\_; 34- The back end of something; 37- Over there, old-style; 39- Actor Connery; 40- Ingoing; 42- Sky light; 44- Burst open; 45- Riding; 46- Minor; 47- Superior; 48- Magician in Arthurian legend; 50- Tizzy; 51- Arab chief; 53- Abyss; 56- Actress Petty; 57- Plaintiff; 59- Not tricked by; 63- General on Chinese menus; 64- Rockers Steely \_\_\_

Friday's solution crossword grid with filled-in words. Includes a small grid for 'Friday's solution' and a larger grid for the full crossword.

A large crossword puzzle grid with numbers indicating starting positions for the clues.

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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
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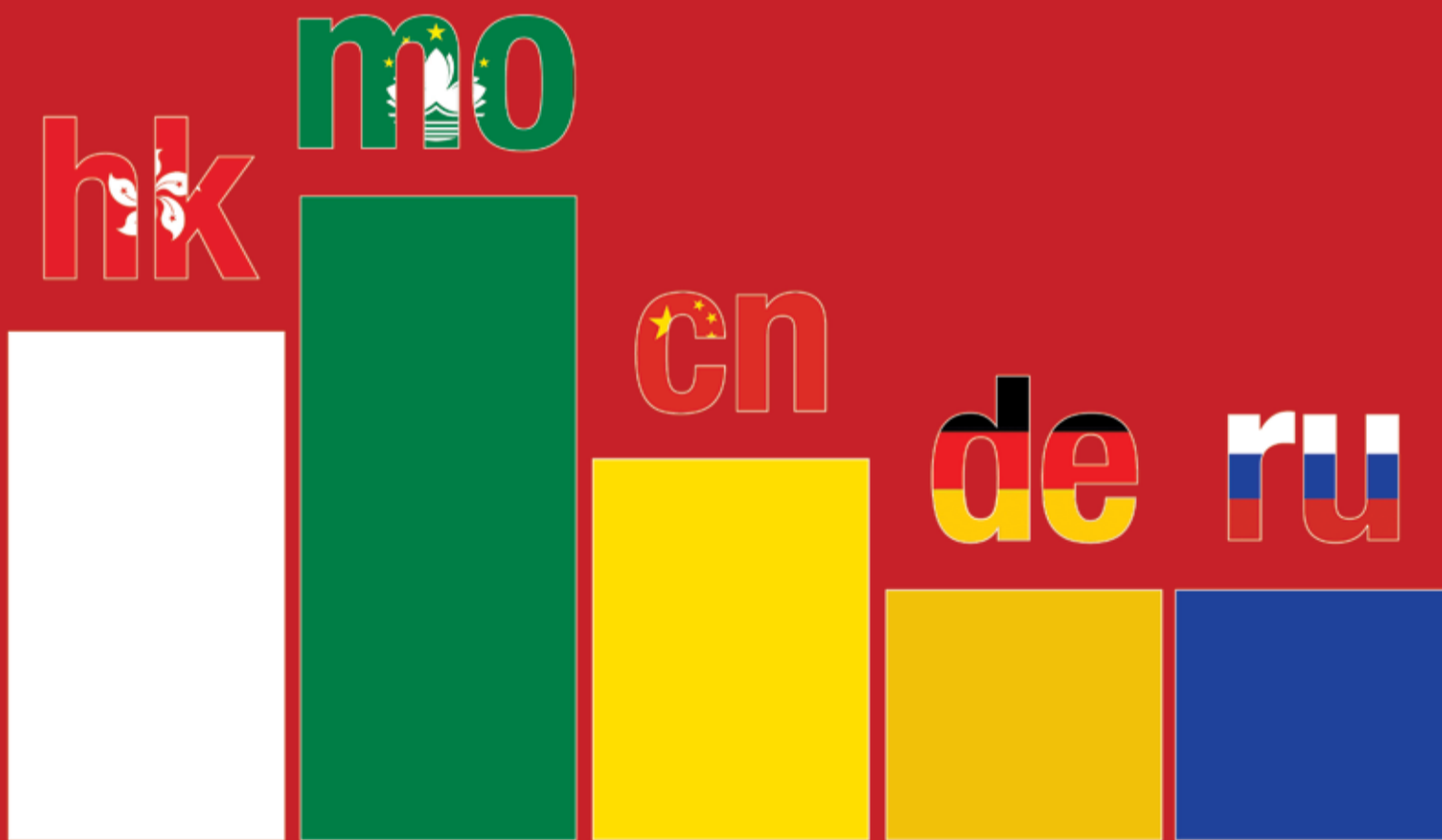


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Raf Casert, Beijing

ATHLETICS

# US finishes behind Kenya, Jamaica with 6 gold medals

**E**VEN with its sixth straight title in the men's 4x400-meter relay, the United States still finished behind Jamaica and Kenya with only six gold medals at this year's world championships.

Jamaica again proved it is much more than just Usain Bolt when the country's women's team defeated the Americans yesterday in the 4x400 relay to win its seventh gold medal and deny Allyson Felix a 10th world title.

"Every year they make the U.S. relay team a favorite. But now we have the A-plus game," said Shericka Jackson, who added gold to an individual bronze in the 400.

Like the botched handoff in the men's 4x100 relay on Saturday, the American women also lost valuable time with a hesitant handover in their duel with Jamaica.

"This one hurts more because we have such a rich legacy and history in the 4x400," Felix said. "It's not often that we lose it."

In the men's relay, Jamaica led coming into the finishing straight but LaShawn Merritt timed his lap to perfection to earn gold while Jamaica slipped out of the medals. It was the only relay victory for the U.S. team, with the other three going to the Jamaicans.

Both Kenya and Jamaica won seven gold medals during the nine-day competition, one more than the Americans. It was the second time in a row the United States failed to win the most gold medals. It was the first time that Kenya and Jamaica were at the top.

"There were pockets of great moments and pockets where we expected to do a lot better than we did," said Felix, already looking ahead to the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. "The biggest thing we take away is just being hungry for next year."

Overall, however, the United States finished with 18 medals, the most of the championships. Kenya had 16 and Jamaica had 12.



Jamaica's Novlene Williams-Mills celebrates after anchoring the Jamaican team to the gold medal in the women's 4x400m relay ahead of United States' Francena McCorory at the World Athletics Championships

Kenya got its last gold from Asbel Kiprop, who won his third 1,500 in a row.

The Kenyan took the lead halfway through the finishing straight and the rest of the pack sprinted for silver. Another Kenyan, Eliah Manangoi, came in second and Abdalaati Iguider of Morocco got bronze.

On a big day for Ethiopia, Almaz Ayana stunned Genzebe Dibaba to win the 5,000 meters and deny her teammate a second gold medal at this year's worlds.

Ayana went fast through the middle of the race in an effort to dull Dibaba's finishing kick.

She was so fast, though, she threw off the favorite well before the final lap and won by about 100 meters.

At the line, a disappointed Dibaba could not even hold off Senbere Teferi, another teammate. Ayana won in a championship record of 14 minutes, 26.83 seconds for a massive victory of 17.24 seconds over Teferi. Dibaba was right behind in third to complete the Ethiopian sweep.

Dibaba, already the 1,500 world champion, was seeking to win a second gold, much like her big sister Tirunesh did at the 2008 Olympics at the

Bird's Nest.

Ethiopia's great day started early, with another Dibaba excelling.

Mare Dibaba, no relation to Genzebe and Tirunesh, captured the first women's marathon gold for Ethiopia at the world championships, holding off Helah Kiprop of Kenya in a race that was settled by a 100-meter sprint.

The 25-year-old Mare Dibaba patiently waited for the right time to make her move, constantly checking her watch before breaking away in the shadow of the stadium. Dibaba finished in 2:27:35, edging

Kiprop by one second in the closest women's marathon finish ever at the worlds.

With the last throw of the competition, Kathrina Molitor of Germany won the javelin competition, sweeping past home favorite Lyu Huihui with a throw of 67.69 meters.

Derek Drouin of Canada won the men's high jump title in a jump-off, clearing 2.34 meters after the last three competitors fouled out at 2.36 without missing at any previous heights. Bohdan Bondarenko of Ukraine, the 2013 champion, and Zhang Guowei of China shared silver. AP

**A** fan died after falling from the upper deck into the lower-level stands at Turner Field on Saturday night during a game between the Atlanta Braves and New York Yankees.

Lt. Charles Hampton of the Atlanta Police Department homicide unit confirmed the death hours after the fall in the seventh inning.

Hampton said the man was in his early 60s and was pronounced dead at Grady Memorial Hospital. There was no imme-

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# Fan dies after fall from upper deck at Atlanta Braves game

mediate word on his identity pending notification of his next of kin.

The fall immediately followed the introduction of Yankees slugger Alex Rodriguez as a pinch hitter. The game wasn't delayed while medical personnel treated

the man for about 10 minutes, applying CPR before putting him on a backboard.

Hampton said police don't suspect foul play at this point. He said no fans were hurt in the 200-level seats where the man fell from section

401, landing close to an area where players' wives and families sit.

There was blood on the concrete surface around the seats.

This was the third fan death from a fall at Turner Field in eight seasons. In 2013, a fan's

death was ruled a suicide; in 2008, police cited alcohol as a factor after a man died.

Yankees shortstop Didi Gregorius was standing on second base, following his double, when he saw the man fall.

"I was thinking about

it the whole time," Gregorius said after the Yankees won 3-1. "All I can say is my condolences to the family. It was right in front of the camera in the press box. He hit the wires."

Major League Baseball said it had been in contract with the Braves and was monitoring the situation.

A sellout crowd of 49,243 was the largest of the season at Turner Field. The Braves are set to move into a new suburban stadium in 2017. AP



opinion

**Rear Window**

Severo Portela



**COPING WITH THE FACTS**

China's Shanghai and Shenzhen bourses were hardly hit by capitalism's core nemesis: the stock market crash! Although, more than a few liberal onlookers see the seismological activity as a normal situation, neither friend nor foe, and a few more put it simply as a moment of purification, ditto system adjustment, we cannot ignore the importance of such an event; first of all to China, but more than that, to every country big or small. Credit Napoleon's premonition: China is today the second/first global economy and what happens in Beijing will reverberate to all corners of the world.

So... we care to bring to this column some points we consider worth mentioning among the tomes of good information and analysis available to the public eye, almost everywhere, indeed. And the first one is precisely the unavailability of comprehensive news...in China.

It is not a hidden truth that the criteria the Chinese government imposes upon all media (state-controlled or else)...is very restrictive. We just have to recall the blackout surrounding the Tianjin disaster, a few days before Black Monday, to recognize the similarity in the way relevant information is disclosed.

Amidst the seething waves of protests in the northeastern city, authorities revealed that there were some hints pointing to criminal hands behind the industrial catastrophe.

Curiously, after Government intervention in the stock market "to end a USD 5 trillion rout" (quoting Bloomberg News that quotes sources described as "people familiar with the matter"), and a trust-building statement by Premier Li Keqiang, there came the news of a serious inquiry about the possibility of some financial players, including the biggest of them all, the SOE Huaitai, being liable for malpractice or irregularities during the turbulence in the Chinese stock markets. It seems an argument of last resort to avoid dealing with the facts by criminalizing them...in a casus obliqui. However, this situation is rather different. If we can picture a case contained in the Tianjin brief, we cannot but picture new cases arising from the doctoring of information related to financial matters. Sooner rather than later the markets, an abstract entity, will read official Chinese rates as fiction.

The political timing of the Black Monday crash and its ripples occurred at a very inconvenient moment, to say the least of such a viciously premature coincidence. President Xi Jinping is counting down his political agenda to the September 3rd military parade to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the victory over Japan in the Pacific War. China observers consider the parade to be the first opportunity Xi has to stand before the world as China's commander-in-chief.

Allegedly, Chinese authorities had already spent 500 billion among other rescue measures to stabilize the stock markets. Shanghai and Shenzhen will shut down during the national holy-days of 3rd and 4th September. Later, President Xi will visit the US of A.

Final note: The Hong Kong Police took almost one year after Occupy Central and the Umbrella Movement to charge Scholarim's reluctant hero. Joshua Wong was charged with inciting and participating in illegal assembly. Rule as law or creative paranoia?

**THE BUZZ GOLF CLUB OWNER PAYS COMPENSATION OVER MANURE INCIDENT**

The owner of a Southern California golf club, who raised a stink by spreading chicken manure on the course, has agreed to pay USD100,000 to air pollution regulators. The San Diego Union-Tribune reported Friday that the deal involves the defunct Escondido Country Club.

San Diego County's Air Pollution Control District claimed that last year, the owner had

5 tons of raw chicken manure spread on the closed course — creating a monthlong stink and sparking dozens of complaints from nearby homeowners.

Owner Michael Schlesinger says the stuff was just soil enhancer for landscaping, but some homeowners thought it was laid down to annoy residents who fought his plans to build hundreds of homes on the property.

MACAU

**Infant allegedly shaken by maid into coma dies**



The Conde S. Januário Hospital

**T**HE 2-month old infant allegedly shaken by a domestic helper into critical condition died last Friday evening. The Conde S. Januário Hospital, where the baby was hospitalized, says the cause of the child's death needs to be further identified.

The public hospital's director, Kuok Cheong U, responded to media inquiries saying that "from the result of our examination, we think this is Shaken Baby Syndrome. It happens when an infant's brain is damaged during the movement of shaking. However, further investigation is necessary to confirm whether child abuse took place." Meanwhile,

the Judiciary Police (PJ) has asked the Public Prosecution's Office to order an autopsy to determine the cause of death.

The baby girl was sent to the emergency room about two weeks ago, where the doctor diagnosed her with brain and retinal hemorrhage, and informed the police as they suspected that the infant was abused. The Vietnamese domestic helper who had been recently hired by the baby's mother to look after the infant was then arrested as a suspect.

The incident occurred five days after the mother had resumed work after maternity leave. On Aug 10, when the mother retur-

ned home from work, she found the baby's eyelids were red and swollen and her body weak. The infant then fell into a coma. The mother immediately questioned the maid, but she pretended as if nothing had happened and claimed to be unaware of it.

According to the PJ, the 33-year old helper, surnamed Nguyen, had previously denied the allegations but was still transferred to the Public Prosecutions Office on suspicion of committing "grievous bodily harm." With the baby's death, Nguyen will be charged with a more serious offence, which could lead to a prison sentence of up to 15 years if found guilty.

**Coutinho meets with prospective presidential candidate**

**O**N Friday, a delegation of members of the Council of Portuguese Communities, including local lawmaker (and candidate to the Portuguese legislative elections) Pereira Coutinho and the former head of Forum Macau's Secretariat Rita Santos, met with legal expert and TV personality Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa.

According to a press release issued by the Council, the councilors and Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa debated community-related issues during the meeting held in Lisbon. One of the topics discussed was the possible benefits of the establishment of a Portuguese Consulate in Guangzhou.

The Council deals with matters related to the Portuguese diaspora. Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa is said to be preparing a bid for the upcoming presidential elections in Portugal. **PB**



Rita Santos, Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa and Pereira Coutinho, pictured in Lisbon

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

SOURCE: DSI/MG

**WORLD BRIEFS**



**HUNGARIAN** police say they have detained a fifth man suspected of being involved in the deaths of 71 migrants found in a truck in neighboring Austria. A national police statement said the Bulgarian national was arrested on Saturday evening. Police said yesterday they would seek to have him held in custody on suspicion of human trafficking.

**TURKEY** Fighter jets have carried out their first airstrikes as part of the U.S.-led coalition against the Islamic State group in Syria, Turkey announced on Saturday. A Foreign Ministry statement said the jets began attacking IS targets late Friday across the border in Syria that were deemed to be threats to Turkey.

**LEBANON** Thousands rallied in downtown Beirut Saturday in the largest anti-government protest yet over a summer garbage crisis, chanting "revolution, revolution" and setting a three-day ultimatum for authorities to respond to demands, including the resignation of a Cabinet minister. *More on p15*

**EGYPT-ITALY** The Italian energy company Eni SpA announced yesterday it has discovered a "supergiant" natural gas field off Egypt, describing it as the "largest-ever" found in the Mediterranean Sea.

**VENEZUELAN**s took to dugout canoes to shop in Colombia as a government crackdown on smuggling and migrants cut off access to at least six border crossings. The crossing between Boca del Grita and Puerto Santander in Colombia is among four additional checkpoints closed Saturday by President Nicolas Maduro. The closures have choked off the tide of contraband goods that has been flowing from Venezuela, where products are heavily subsidized, to Colombia, where they can be sold at far higher prices.

**USA** A former federal transportation security agent remained held on USD3,000 bail Saturday after being charged with luring a 21-year-old South Korean exchange student going to school in Utah into a bathroom at a New York City airport and molesting her.