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AUSTRALIA-SYRIA Australia's prime minister says his country will resettle a "significant" number of refugees from Syria this year, while the opposition called for an additional 10,000 refugee places to help the world cope with the latest humanitarian crisis. More on p12



GUATEMALA An uncomfortable challenge confronts Guatemala's presidential candidates: trying to win the votes of a nation that put the last elected leader in jail. A former television comic was heading for a runoff with either a wealthy businessman or a former first lady in voting for Guatemala's next president, days after the Central American nation's leader resigned over a corruption scandal. With more than 96 percent of polling stations reporting yesterday, comedian Jimmy Morales, who has never held elective office, was leading with 24 percent of the vote.

BANGLADESH The Supreme Court in Bangladesh has lifted a ban on the screening of a movie about a garment worker who was rescued from the rubble 17 days after a five-story factory building collapsed more than two years ago, killing more than 1,000 people. More on p13

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Privacy probes increase by 37.6 percent

THE Office for Personal Data Protection (GPDP) launched a total of 194 probes into data privacy violations last year, representing a 37.6 percent growth year-on-year, according to the bureau's annual report published yesterday.

A total of 63.4 percent of the GPDP's investigations focused on potential reasons for illegally processing personal data. 26.8 percent of the cases featured a breach of data processing principles.

GPDP said that 74.2 percent of their investigations were launched after complaints had been filed over possible violations of data privacy.

Private entities topped the list of investigation targets, accounting for 59.6 percent of the probes launched last year. GPDP said that these included gaming operators, retailers, personal services and telecommunication sectors.

GPDP handled a total of 291 cases over the past year, 97 of which rolled over from the previous year. The office finalized 143 probes, and applied penalties to 16.8 percent of cases. Furthermore, it provided suggestions for improvements to entities involved in the 37.1 percent of completed probes.

In its 2014 report, GPDP provided an insight into cases that it has investigated. These fea-



GPDP's coordinator Vasco Fong (center)

tured mainly illegal promotional mobile messages issued by apps or online shops.

Among the investigated cases, GPDP applied a MOP8,000 fine to a store for installing CCTV systems in the fitting rooms. In another case, GPDP applied a

MOP4,000 fine to a bank that had sent several promotional emails to a client who had previously filed a complaint. A similar case was reported involving promotional mobile messages issued by a local health center. This time, however,

the GPDP decided to discard the case after learning that the complainant was indeed a patient of the health center, and the messages sent had not breached any privacy laws.

Among the shelved cases is one of a kindergarten that was

requested by a statistics institute to fill in questionnaires, providing information including names and salaries of employees. The kindergarten filed a complaint, in which it claimed that the institute had been asking for excessive personal data. GPDP found that the institute did not breach Macau's data protection law, although it acknowledged that the questionnaires could be improved upon.

Meanwhile, in another case, GPDP applied a MOP12,000 fine to a store that had published the personal data of a potential client on its website. The client did not go through with an online order, having not paid for the product as he/she decided not go through with the purchase. In addition to releasing personal data of the client, the store also published a file titled "Apology Requested," to release data of other clients who had also given up on their orders.

GPDP's coordinator, Vasco Fong, said that the office acknowledges how crucial the relationship between new technologies and data privacy is. He also recalled that there are flaws and controversies surrounding personal data processing, entailing greater challenges for data protection authorities. **CP**

A Myanmar Overseas Chinese group has said that Burmese nationals are facing setbacks when finding a job in Macau due to bureaucratic woes. According to a TDM report, the group claims that Burmese citizens are experiencing difficulties in landing a job in the city because of administrative differences between the two regions.

The association is now in talks with both local and Burmese authorities to solve the problem.

According to official figures, last year there were about 2,000 Burmese workers in Macau. The Association of Mutual Help of Myanmar Overseas Chinese estimates that this figure has

Myanmar looking to improve local employment opportunities

increased by over 1,000 people this year.

Differences in recruitment and visa processes in both regions are hampering employment opportunities for Burmese nationals here, said the president of the Association of Mutual Help of Myanmar Overseas Chinese, Huang Qiongheng. "Macau demands the workers assume a given position in one month's time after the documents are approved, but it takes two to three months for the Burmese side to fi-



Burmese Songkran Festival in Macau

nish the process. Workers can't work if the time limit is exceeded," he sta-

ted, as quoted by TDM.

The local government has plans to amend the

Labor Relations Law, with the aim of preventing tourists from job hunting. Mr Huang said he has spoken with officials from the Labor Affairs Bureau and the Public Security Police, as well as Burmese authorities on these issues, and wishes to urge the government to provide solutions before the law is amended.

Moreover, he said he fears that the culture of about 30,000 Burmese-Chinese living in town is at risk. "We have links

with Myanmar. We are concerned about all issues relating to Myanmar and accordingly the friendship between China and Myanmar," he stressed.

The group organizes the Songkran Festival in Macau, which entails a water pouring event featuring traditional costumes, rituals, and the gastronomy of Myanmar. They have also recently launched a Chinese essay anthology on the story of the Burmese diaspora in during World War II.

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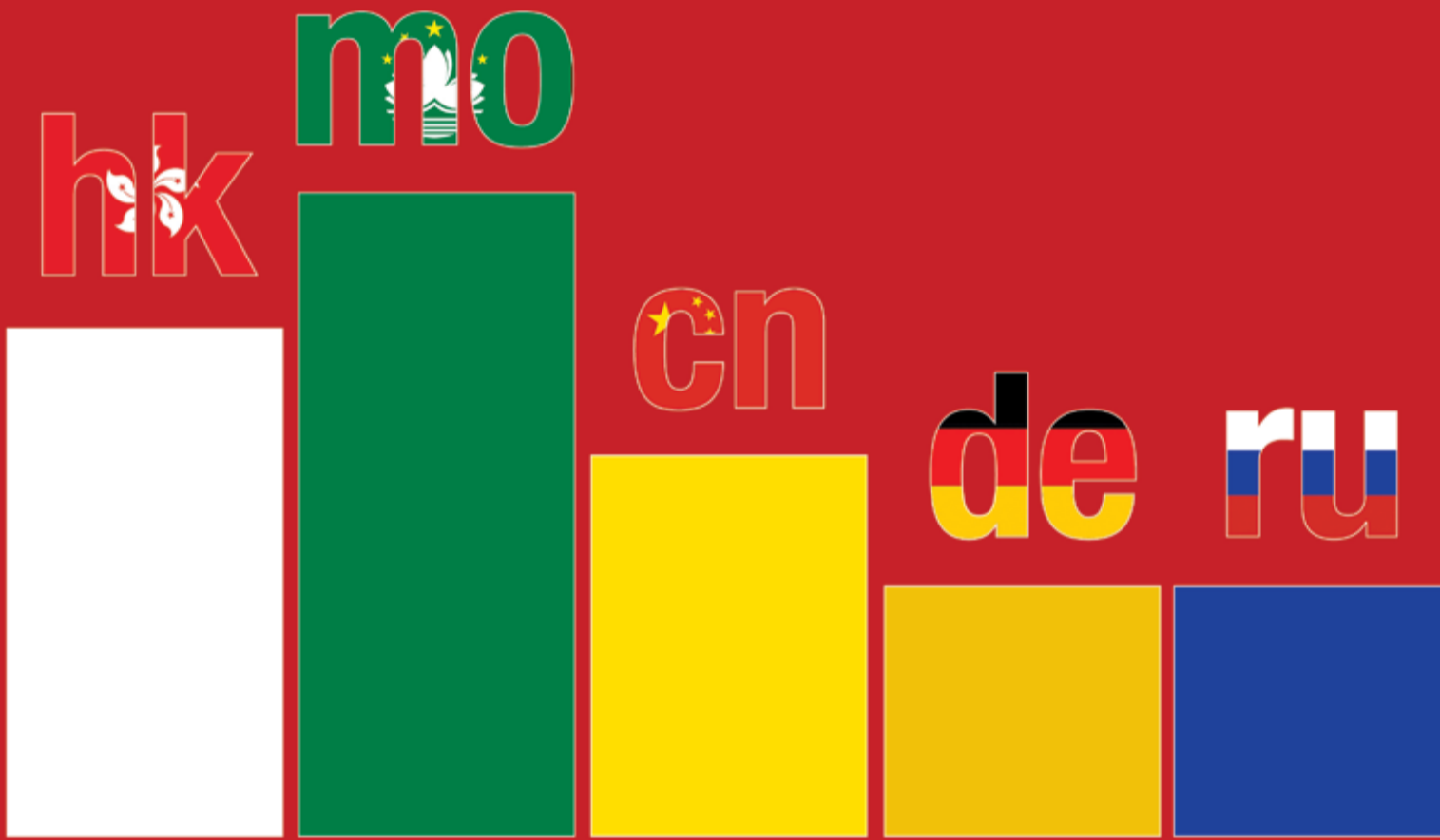
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Q&A GONÇALO LOBO PINHEIRO
PHOTOJOURNALIST

'These photographs follow my journey in Macau'

GONÇALO Lobo Pinheiro, a Portuguese photojournalist who has been based in Macau since 2010 is launching his first solo photography book (trilingual, in English, Chinese and Portuguese), comprising 300 of the best photographs he has taken over the past five years while living in the territory. The book launch will occur in tandem with the opening of an exhibition at the Portuguese Consulate this Thursday at 6.30 p.m.



Gonçalo Lobo Pinheiro

Macau Daily Times - Macao 5.0. Can you explain the concept behind this book?

Gonçalo Lobo Pinheiro - Well, basically, this translates as 'Macau five years after', because that is what the book is all about, my journey as a photojournalist in Macau from when I arrived in September 2010 to now. About eighty percent of the book is composed of photographs that I took for several media outlets, together with some unpublished ones. Like I said, these photographs follow a part of my journey in Macau from the very beginning, which includes the glamor of my first impressions until a certain maturation that I can say I have reached now.

MDT - What were the biggest challenges that you faced in the creation of this book?

GLP - I would say there were two kinds of challenges. The first one is certainly the selection of photographs. It is strenuous work, and when we do it by ourselves, it is even more difficult, I guess. Maybe we should have delegated that task to someone else, because as a photographer you develop a kind of passion for certain photographs that might, in fact, not be the ones that others would be interested in seeing. Being aware of that, I tried to seek help from the people around me so I could have a more objective idea which would be truly based on a common sense criterion. Ei-

ther way, it is a time-consuming task.

Secondly, I would say the difficulty of garnering support and sponsorship that could allow the book to be published, because any photography book is always an expensive project and mine was no exception. Especially in the early stages of the project, it is quite difficult to gather enough financial support and I have experienced that too, having been required to perform a couple of modifications to the original idea. We were originally meant to print 1979 copies (the same as year of my birth) all in color, but ended up with 1000 copies in black & white.

MDT - Macau's landscape and places tend

to experience rapid change. Do you think a book that portrays five years of Macau is able to depict that change too? Can it reflect a small piece of Macau's recent history?

GLP - I never really thought about that before, I think that five years might be a little too short to really reflect that, but I can be sure that my own way of portraying Macau shortly after my arrival compared to nowadays is different. I guess it tends more to reflect my own maturation in photographing Macau more than Macau's fast development. But, I do remind myself that I have a couple of photos that show the Ka Ho Leprosarium from about two years ago when it was basically in ruins. If we visit the place today, it is true that you will find a different place since the Cultural Affairs Bureau has rebuilt some of the houses there.



MDT - For how long will the exhibition be open, and how is the book going to be made accessible to the public?

GLP - The exhibition will be open for a month and will feature what I call 'the fifty best photographs' of the book. These photographs will also be available for sale while the exhibition is on, for quite affordable prices so it is also another good reason to come and visit. The book will be on sale at the Portuguese Bookshop, on my personal website using PayPal as a method of payment, and on Amazon.com from September 10th until December 31st. I'm still finalizing some contacts in order to sell the book in some other locations, namely in Portugal. **RM**

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Casino staff nabbed for profitmaking through non-negotiable chips

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TWO local casino employees face prosecution following their successful attempts to swindle HKD3.4 million out of their employer through non-negotiable chips as part of an unknown ring last month.

The pair, aged 28 and 25, allegedly tampered with the company's financial accounts on August 21, securing access to a total of HKD5 million worth of what are also known

as "dead chips," according to an account provided by the Judiciary Police (PJ) yesterday.

The suspects subsequently left their workplace that day with the gains before returning to a VIP gaming room at around 6.00 a.m. the next day to gamble. The authorities said the duo managed to win HKD3.4 million in cash with a portion of the non-negotiable chips. The investigators intercepted the two suspects at the airport last Saturday

night after their employer called the police the week before. One of the suspects admitted to playing a part in the embezzlement upon being arrested, claiming they received HKD310,000 as remuneration for their efforts from "somebody." The authorities are continuing to probe into the conspiracy to identify more of their accomplices.

In a separate case, the authorities also apprehended three loan sharks for extorting a local casino moocher. The sus-

pects, ranging in age between 37 and 59, are local residents who work for a casino as loan sharks. The victim, also a local, was previously subjected to multiple acts of physical violence and verbal threats, and approached the police over the weekend for fear of losing his legs as threatened by the trio last Tuesday.

The 39-year-old unemployed victim bearing the surname Kuok, who usually scrounged gratuities off of high rollers inside casinos, introduced

**MAN CAUGHT
RED-HANDED USING
BOGUS MONEY**

AUTHORITIES ARRESTED a businessman from the mainland last Thursday at a Cotai casino after he was discovered by cage cashiers exchanging counterfeit Hong Kong banknotes in return for chips. A total of 18 counterfeit banknotes with a face value of HKD1,000 each were seized. It was said that the suspect made successful attempts to redeem chips in the same locale previously.

New arrest related to St Lazarus illegal graffiti

THE Judiciary Police arrested another Filipino suspect last Friday at the airport for spraying black graffiti on heritage architecture in the St. Lazarus district in July.

The female suspect, whose detailed identity was not available, was among the seven Filipinos who defaced a listed building on the evening of July 11. Nonetheless, she denied the act of vandalism, saying she "did not spot anyone committing the crime" at the time while they were having drinks.

Aside from the denial, the suspect who was thought to have fled the region for her wrongdoing, professed that she returned to her home country



to deal with some procedures related to her travel documents.

In spite of her claim, the investigators still pressed charges against the foreign worker as evidence and video images from nearby surveillance cameras confirmed her role in the defacement, which was allegedly out of mischief.

The Cultural Affairs Bureau reported the offence to the police purportedly ten days after a set of English letters and Roman numerals emerged on the façade of the building. Following the incident, the bureau stressed that it would reinforce its inspection of the city's heritage sites.

a mainlander to the suspects at the beginning of last year. He borrowed a total of HKD600,000 interest-free from them successively since then.

However, the trio began pursuing the victim after their mainland patron failed to repay the loan and fled the region, the PJ said.

It was said that the moocher was coerced into the debt by force and threats and has taken on an additional interest debt of HKD930,000 since last year.

Conferences and exhibitions impact goes beyond statistics

THE number of participants in the region's meetings, incentives, conferencing, and exhibitions (MICE) should not be a sole indicator when determining the benefits of those activities, the impacts of which extend far beyond what statistics suggest, stated Fanny Vong, president of the Institute For Tourism.

Her remarks came on the first day of the third edition of the International Conference on Events (ICE 2015), which started yesterday morning. Figures released two weeks ago by the Statistics and Census Service noted that the size of attendees at MICE activities in the previous quarter shrunk by 21.7 percent from the

equivalent period of last year. Vong expressed her belief that such a fall in attendance numbers hardly reflected the efficacy of what was deemed a necessary part of a more diversified economy in Macau.

"The influence of conferences and exhibitions goes much beyond the ordinary travel statistics we see in general, such as visitor numbers and the average purchase," said the IFT head. "Whether or not their presence at those events or functions would lead to some new partnerships, thereby to more some other investment projects."

The varying level of purchasing power in different participant groups spelled differences in data, said Vong.

Currently, almost all the MICE events operate on government sponsorship. She also thought that the broader picture needed to be considered, instead of the number of event-goers.

As the mainland authorities in the surrounding region intensified their efforts in developing MICE industry, the school's rector stressed that it could be an ideal time to spur on regional cooperation with them, which could improve synergy between the two sides in order to achieve what such an industry could offer in the long run.

She also believed that more international events could burnish the image of the region on the world stage, which

in return would attract more overseas organizations and event planners in the future.

Yesterday's symposium, of which the previous two editions took place in England, saw a total of 70 scholars and participants from abroad who would continue their discussion over the development of the industry until tomorrow. Vong expressed her desire that the region could see more similar academic events from which to absorb more insights from experts into how the values of the MICE industry could be measured.

Furthermore, a decade after the institute launched its program to nurture practitioners in the sector in 2005, Ms Vong



Fanny Vong

said that the demand for event planners has never been met as local enterprises constantly knocked on the school's door requesting more manpower. The school has churned out more than 400 graduates in event management.

"The demand for human resources only comes when the industry is thriving," she noted, signaling the underlying potential of the MICE industry. The school's surveys on the prospec-

ts of its event management graduates, who are steadily on the rise every year, suggest an ideal outlook and a bright future.

As part of the institute's 20th anniversary celebrations, ICE 2015 seeks to put together scholars and practitioners from 14 countries and regions to disseminate up-to-date research, initiate collaborations and exchange ideas in event management. **AU**



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28,835 fined since anti-smoking law implemented

FOLLOWING the implementation of the Tobacco Prevention and Control Law in January 2012, law enforcement inspectors have performed a total of 874,876 inspections at several kinds of establishments, which have resulted in the identification of 28,835 people who were caught smoking in forbidden areas.

According to a statement issued yesterday by the Health Bureau, a daily average of 653 inspections in commercial establishments had been undertaken up until August.

Only this year, 188,652 inspections were carried out, raising the daily average figure to 776 inspections.

The services also registered a total number of 4,683 accusations, including 4,650 cases of

people smoking in prohibited places, 27 cases of illegalities encountered in the labelling of tobacco products, and 6 instances in which the sellers were not obeying the law, making the tobacco products accessible to any buyer.

Among the cases of people found smoking in forbidden places this year, the figures presented by the Health Bureau show that 92.7 percent (4,312) were men and the majority (62.3 pct) comprised of Macau residents. The fines issued to tourists totalled 1,538 cases (33.1 pct), and only 214 cases were registered among non-resident workers (4.6 pct).

The top locations at which the offences occurred were cyber-cafés, registering 940 cases (20.1 pct), followed by parks, gardens, and recreational areas

with 589 registered cases, and then by commercial stores and shopping centers with 561 cases.

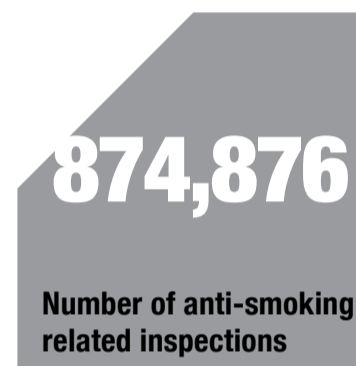
In terms of geographic distribution, the Tap Seac area was the location where the largest number of accusations were issued (32.6%). In 206 cases, it was necessary to request the intervention of security forces.

Regarding enforcement in casinos, from the beginning of the year until August 31st, a total of 301 inspections had been jointly carried out between the Health and the Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureaus. These operations resulted in 298 accusations of illegal smoking. 92.6 pct of these were males and 80.2 pct tourists.

The Office for Prevention and Tobacco Control attended to 2,438 calls, from which 648

were requests for clarification, while 1,685 of these calls were related to complaints and 210 were suggestions made by citizens.

This August, the Health Bureau mapped 118 places with a higher incidence of smoking offences, and conducted 241 inspections on the referred sites that resulted in 110 accusations. **RM**



Asian stocks head for lowest close since 2012

ASIAN stocks fell, with the regional benchmark index heading for its lowest close since November 2012, after Chinese equities slumped as trading resumed on the mainland following a four-day weekend.

Galaxy Entertainment Group Ltd. dropped 5.1 percent in Hong Kong, pacing declines among Macau casino operators, after Wells Fargo Securities said VIP gaming revenue in the former Portuguese enclave may not fully recover. Perusahaan Gas Negara Persero Tbk, an Indonesian supplier of natural gas, tumbled 11 percent in Jakarta after the government announced plans to cut prices. Ricoh Co. jumped 9.3 percent in Tokyo after Effissimo Capital Management Pte raised its stake in the maker of office automation equipment

The MSCI Asia Pacific Index dropped 0.5 percent to 124.16 as of 4:08 p.m. in Hong Kong. The gauge slumped 4.8 percent last week, capping its seventh weekly decline, as a contraction in Chinese manufacturing reinforced investor concern about the world's second-biggest economy. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index fell 1.5 percent on Friday after August payrolls data failed to provide clarity on the U.S. interest-rate outlook.

"Investors are increasingly concerned about the slowdown in the Chinese economy," said Michael McCarthy, chief market strategist at CMC Markets in Sydney. "There's a lot of potential market-moving news in the next two weeks, including the possibility of a U.S. interest-rate hike this month. It might be time for investors to keep their seat belts on." **Bloomberg**

Gov't to sign new contract with TCM

THE Transport Bureau has announced that it will be signing a new contract with bus operator TCM very soon. DSAT did not disclose an official date for the signing ceremony.

According to a notice published by the government's Official Gazette (BO), the Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Raimundo do Rosário, will be representing the government as one of the parties in the contract.

Authorities have been negotiating a new public bus operation model with TCM and Transmac, since the Commission of Audit released a report expressing criticism over DSAT's handling of public bus operations. According to the report, which was released in 2013, DSAT had failed in its mission



to ensure that bus operators provide services to a high standard, and to properly manage the accounts.

The government then decided to review the contracts of both operators to introduce a new public bus scheme incorporating

suggestions provided by the Commission of Audit.

DSAT revealed in a statement yesterday that negotiations with TCM proved successful and that the bus operation mechanism is similar to the one discussed and implemented with New Era. DSAT acknowledged however that there are differences between the two contracts, namely on the concession period, and the maximum government financial support that has been allocated.

DSAT said that specific contract terms will be disclosed in a timely manner.

The bureau said that it is still holding talks with Transmac, and will make an effort to conclude negotiations as soon as possible.

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SOFITEL MACAU AT PONTE 16 INAUGURATES 'BIRDS, DREAMLAND' OIL PAINTING EXHIBITION

Sofitel Macau At Ponte 16 will host the opening ceremony of the "Birds, Dreamland" oil painting exhibition at the hotel lobby at 6pm today. CNS, a talented artist from Hong Kong, will share her painting tips during the ceremony. Famous Hong Kong celebrity Mr. Daniel Chan will also be joining

the inauguration.

Sofitel Macau aims to initiate many unique cultural events in the hotel encompassing both French and local cultures. The "Birds, Dreamland" oil painting exhibition will showcase 16 pieces from CNS' collection between today and 4th October, open to public for free.



MACAO GAMING SHOW HIGHLIGHTS NEW JAPANESE FOCUS

The Macao Gaming Show is opening its doors to the Japanese gaming industry, extending special invites to this year's exhibition for the leading parties engaged in the drive for casino deregulation in Japan. The MGS focus reflects recent developments in the debate for new casino legislation in Japan, with the Macao Gaming Show providing an opportunity for the Japanese casino sector to evaluate the potential of the marketplace.

MGS organizers will be allocating a special area for casino and gaming related service companies from Japan. Targeted sectors for the Japanese zone will include machine designers and manufacturers, investment and finance providers, gaming advi-

sors and analysts.

Fatima Maria Nunes, Secretary of MGEMA, which represents the top 100 gaming and leisure companies in Macau, said: "We have enjoyed a strong relationship with Japanese businesses at the Macao Gaming Show, with the country represented on the show floor consistently since we launched. The Japanese market is such an important development that it will certainly find itself on the Summit schedule here in November, and we are expecting a larger response from Japanese visitors. Given the developments, MGS is the perfect timing for the parties involved in Japan's emerging casino sector to step-up their dialogue and explore the trends and direction in Asian gaming."

EMIRATES BECOMES THE FIRST AIRLINE TO OFFER APPLE PAY TICKET PURCHASING

Emirates, the Dubai based airliner becomes the first global airline to allow customers pay for tickets through Apple Pay, the mobile payment feature of Apple.

The airline announced that U.S. and U.K. customers can buy tickets on their mobile devices using Apple Pay. The app stores customers' credit or debit card details and then accepts payments for various purchases. Customers who have an account with banks such as Bank of America, Wells Fargo, Capital One, Chase and Citibank, among other financial institutions will be able to link their accounts with their iPhones to make payments.



In December 2014, Priceline Group integrated Apple Pay into its iPhone and iPad apps allowing customers to use the service for 'Express Deals' hotel bookings.

While in February 2015, Jet-Blue rolled out a scheme where customers can use Apple Pay to buy food, alcoholic beverages and upgrade their seats with more legroom.

China stock rout delaying market links with Hong Kong, HKEx says

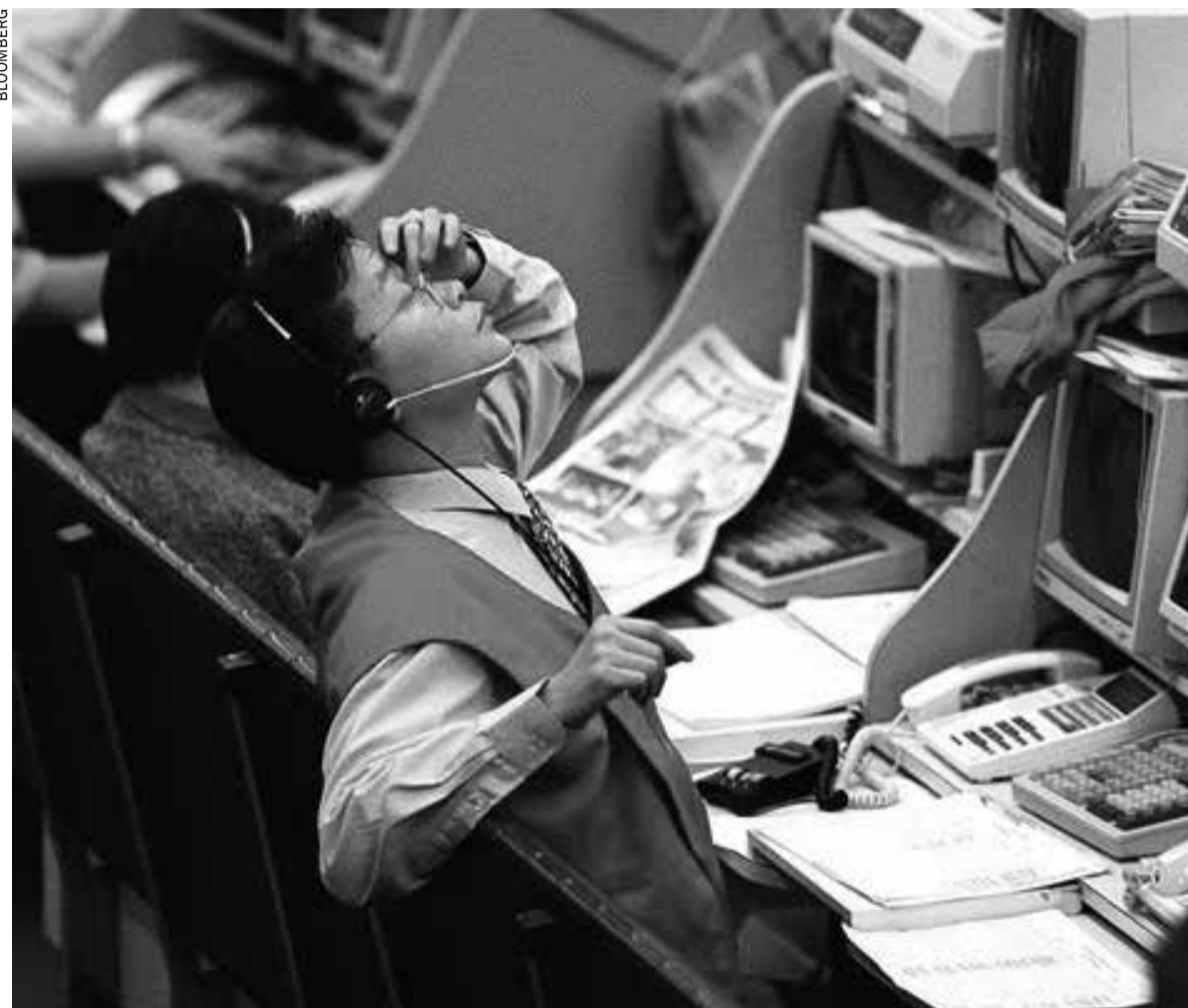
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CHINA'S stock rout is hampering efforts to link mainland markets to the rest of the world via Hong Kong, said Charles Li, who runs the city's bourse operator.

"Psychologically, this is not the time to talk a lot about mutual market access when you've just put out a fire," Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing Ltd. Chief Executive Officer Li said at a conference in Singapore yesterday. "You'd want to calm down, figure out how to clean up and then move forward."

More than nine months after the start of a trading link between equity markets in Hong Kong and Shanghai, investors are still waiting for news on when a similar program with Shenzhen will begin. Hong Kong Exchanges shares have tumbled 43 percent from their May peak as optimism waned that the connect would boost turnover and revenues.

"Sentiment in mainland



markets needs to get better" before regulators will consider setting a start date for Shenzhen, said Sam Chi Yung, a strategist at Delta Asia Securities Ltd. in Hong Kong. "If the sentiment on the A-share market is not good, people may not be too interested if they launch the program now."

Hong Kong's benchmark Hang Seng Index is down 21 percent this quarter, the worst performer among major developed markets tracked by Bloomberg. The Shanghai Composite Index has fallen 25 percent in the same span, and almost USD5 trillion has been wiped off mainland markets since a mid-June peak.

HKEx Chairman Chow Chung Kong said in April the bourse planned to announce the start date of the Shenzhen-Hong Kong stock link in the first half of this year after a similar program began with Shanghai last November. Technical work has been completed and HKEx is now waiting for regulatory approval, Li said last month. **Bloomberg**

Takashi Amano and Grace Huang

TOSHIBA Corp. President Masashi Muromachi said the industrial group planned a "bold restructuring" of its chip-making and lifestyle divisions after reporting an annual loss and restating six years' worth of earnings.

The net loss was 37.8 billion yen (USD318 million) in the 12 months ended March, compared with revised net income of 60.2 billion yen a year earlier. Muromachi said he would outline the revamp within the year, while the Tokyo-based company didn't give dividend or earnings forecasts for fiscal 2015.

Adjustments because of accounting irregularities wiped out net income from businesses that span nuclear reactors, memory chips and laptop computers. Muromachi, who was named president after top executives resigned over earnings misstatements, repeated apologies to investors at a yesterday evening news briefing. The company's shares

Toshiba vows 'bold' revamp after reporting annual loss



Toshiba executives bow during a news conference

had risen after it reported earnings.

"The announced fiscal year loss is within the range of what investors have been expecting, so investors are buying back the shares," said Mitsushige Akino, an executive officer at Ichiyoshi Asset Management Co. in Tokyo. "But in the long run, it is unclear how Toshiba will change."

Toshiba's chip business

has been its most profitable, with the electronic devices and components division accounting for more than 100 percent of operating income in the year ended March 2015. Its lifestyle segment, which includes PCs, televisions and home appliances, accounted for an operating loss of about 110 billion yen in the year.

The company nominated Shinzo Maeda,

former president of cosmetics maker Shiseido Co., as chairman of the board. It will also reduce the number of directors to 11 from 16 and will appoint at least half of its board from outside the company, according to a statement yesterday.

Toshiba also outlined steps to reform a corporate culture blamed for pressuring managers to meet unrealistic targets, and to reinforce the au-

dit committee's supervisory function.

Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said yesterday investigations into Toshiba's accounting irregularities will continue and that the company's failure to provide correct information was "a big problem."

The country's financial regulator has said it's probing the company, which issued almost 1 trillion yen of stocks and bonds when it was inflating earnings statements, leaving it exposed to possible fines and investor lawsuits.

Toshiba set aside 8.4 billion yen to cover possible fines, according to the company's statement yesterday.

Under Japanese law, the Securities and Exchange Surveillance Commission can recommend fines against a company that sells securities based on a ma-

terial misstatement.

No charges have been filed and the regulator has yet to impose any fines.

Separate provisions in the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act carry criminal penalties for false financial reporting. People who submit false financial statements may face as long as 10 years in prison or maximum fines of 10 million yen. Companies can be fined as much as 700 million yen.

Toshiba rose 1.8 percent to 352.7 yen yesterday in Tokyo. The shares have dropped 31 percent this year, compared with a 2.7 percent gain for the Topix index. The company will hold an extraordinary general meeting on Sept. 30, it said.

Writedowns to net income from the years ending March 2009 to March 2014, plus the first three quarters of the next year, totaled 155.2 billion yen, according to yesterday's statement. The biggest was a 64 billion yen reduction in profit for the year to March 2013 to 13.4 billion yen. **Bloomberg**

STATISTICS

Trade between China and Portuguese-speaking countries falls

TRADE between China and Portuguese-speaking countries fell 24.20 percent year on year to USD58.687 billion from January to July 2015, according to Chinese official figures published in Macau.

In the first seven months of the year China imported goods worth USD35.893 billion (-32.01 percent) from the eight Portuguese-speaking countries and sold them goods in the amount of US\$22.794 billion (-7.44 percent), taking on a trade deficit of US\$13.099 billion.

With Brazil, its main trading partner globally, China registered bilateral trade of US\$42.185 billion



(-18.35 percent) – about 72 percent of the total with the Portuguese-speaking countries – with imports worth US\$24.663 billion (-23.61 percent) and exports reaching US\$17.522 billion (-9.59 percent).

Second in importance comes Angola, with two-way trade of US\$12.45 billion (-43.01 percent), with Chi-

na having exported goods worth US\$2.395 billion (-7.97 percent) and importing goods whose value reached US\$10.054 billion (-47.75 percent).

Portugal, in turn, traded goods and services with China worth US\$2.55 billion (-6.71 percent), of which US\$1.657 billion (-6.68 percent) was Chi-

nese exports and US\$802 million (-6.77 percent) was Portuguese exports.

Mozambique appears in fourth place with trade of US\$1.4 billion (+30.63 percent), with exports from China worth US\$1.136 billion (+41.81 percent) and imports of Mozambican products in the amount of US\$264 million (-2.45 percent).

China's trade with other Portuguese-speaking countries reached US\$101 million in the first seven months of the year. During the reporting period Brazil and Angola accounted for US\$54.635 billion or 93 percent of China's trade with the eight Portuguese-speaking countries.

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ANGOLA

Hotel sector currently offers 14,000 rooms

THE hotel and tourism sector in Angola has 14,000 rooms and 18,000 beds in 185 hotels, 88 resorts, 14 apartment hotels and six inns, employing over 202,000 people, said the Secretary of State for Hospitality on Friday in Luanda.

Paulino Baptista, speaking at the close of the First Training Forum for Tourism, held Thursday and Friday in Luanda, with the support of the Ministry of Public Administration, Employment and Social Security, announced the creation of 2,000 rooms by the end of year, with the construction of hotels across the country.

The Secretary of State announced that the government intended to build six school-hotels in the provinces of Luanda, Benguela, Huíla, Huambo, Moxico and Uíge, in applying the policies established in the National Development Plan.

Cited by Angolan news agency Angop, Baptista reaffirmed the government's intention to facilitate creation of a million direct and indirect jobs, generating income of USD4.7 billion (592 billion kwanzas) and to receive 4.6 million tourists, 60 percent of whom are Angolan by 2020.

The meeting aimed to get a picture of the development of the sector and was attended by staff of the Ministry of Public Administration, Employment and Social Security and graduates of the Hotel and Tourism School. MDT/Macauhub

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Mainland's stock turmoil could be just a blip, if 1960s Japan is a guide

Enda Curran and Yoshiaki Nohara

CHINA'S economic slowdown and market crash often evoke comparisons with Japan's bust in the 1990s, a period that saw the world's second-largest economy of the time tip into prolonged stagnation.

Both economies experienced rapid, debt-fueled growth that spurred soaring real estate prices and stock market bubbles. Japan's run-up eventually ended in a hard landing that the country is still recovering from. The argument says China could end up suffering a similar fate.

Yet a more apt parallel may instead be its neighbor's experience of the 1960s. That's according to Paul Sheard, chief global economist at ratings company Standard & Poor's in New York, who worked in Japan between 1976 and 2006.

The history shows a number of similarities, and augurs for an ultimately benign outcome



On the basis of Japan's experience, China's current travails may turn out to be a mere blip on the path to prosperity

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for China's stocks and the economy, though not without the need for patience and a sustained effort by policy makers.

Here's what happened: The Japanese economy soared in the build-up to the 1964 Tokyo Olympics as new highways and bullet-train lines were rolled out and factories were set up amid a construction boom. The stock market went on a roller-coaster ride as growth boomed then slowed, and got walloped when policy makers tightened credit.

After a big sell-off in 1963, authorities intervened. In 1964 and 1965, two entities were

established to prop up the market, documents compiled by the Bank of Japan show. Commercial banks helped fund the first vehicle, which spent 193.6 billion yen on shares, with the central bank pitching in after their money ran out. The second vehicle bought another 234.9 billion yen, with the BOJ shouldering 95 percent of the cost.

The interventions, which according to research cited in a National Bureau of Economic Research paper amounted to about 6 percent of the market, eventually worked. Shares began to rally, and economic de-

velopment continued apace.

"It turned out to be a superb move because it prevented a financial depression," said Hiroshi Takeuchi, 84, a professor of economics at the University of Shizuoka in central Japan. "Once things settled, a new wave of economic growth started."

It's a strategy China may be hoping to emulate. After Shanghai stocks gained about 150 percent in the year to June 12, a meltdown since has wiped out around \$5 trillion in shareholder value. The turmoil forced the government to intervene by banning major shareholders

from selling stakes, suspending new listings and asking brokerages to help boost the market backed by the central bank, among other measures. Japan took several of the same steps.

Chinese officials in recent days have said they believe the stock market turmoil is over and that state intervention has worked.

Like Japan five decades earlier, China is still at a middling stage of economic development, meaning the economy has significant room to grow.

"The parallel with the 1960s is more meaningful," said David Mann, chief Asia economist at Standard Chartered Plc in Singapore. "Starting from the fact that China today still only has one fifth of the capital stock per worker that the U.S. or Japan has today tells us that there is plenty more efficient and productive investment yet to be done in China."

Comparisons only go so far. China is facing a shrinking labor force, quite different to Japan in the 1960s. China's economy is also more open than Japan's was then, leaving it vulnerable to capital outflows that are now complicating its exchange-rate policy.

Still, like Japan in the 1960s, China is experiencing a rapid upgrading of its industrial infrastructure and its capital markets are growing in global prominence, said Frederic Neumann, co-head of Asian economic research at HSBC Holdings Plc in Hong Kong.

"On the basis of Japan's experience, China's current travails may turn out to be a mere blip on the path to prosperity," Neumann said. **Bloomberg**

Hong Kong home prices may begin to drop in 2016: JPMorgan

Jill Mao

HONG Kong's property prices may correct next year after reaching a record high, as an economic slowdown in China and Hong Kong starts to weigh on real estate, according to JPMorgan Chase & Co.

Residential prices may start to fall by 5 percent to 10 percent annually starting in 2016, Cusson Leung, head of Hong Kong research, congl-

merates and property for JPMorgan, said in a briefing on Friday. Prices of new homes will rise by 5 percent in 2015, as demand remains strong. Prices of existing housing will increase by 10 percent, according to Leung.

Leung said the shrinking retail market, driven by luxury brands closing stores, as well as the prospect of rising unemployment in Hong Kong will hurt property

sales. Investors globally have been rattled by concern that China's growth is slowing and that the markets may not be able to withstand an increase in U.S. interest rates.

"Pressure on the economy is the biggest concern here instead of an interest rate hike," said Leung.

Hong Kong's private-sector economy suffered its sharpest contraction since 2009 in August, sending a warning sign

for the economic health of Asia's financial capital.

Hong Kong reported the weakest home sales in 17 months last Wednesday, after a month-long stock rout that began in China hurt market sentiment among home-buyers and investors. It sold one-third fewer units in August than a year earlier, according to data from the government.

Centaline Property Agency Ltd., one of Hong Kong's two largest pro-



erty brokers, said its volume of contracted sales for existing apartments valued from HKD10 million (USD1.3 million) to HK\$20 million plunged 50 percent last month as the Hang Seng In-

dex stock benchmark declined. Volumes may shrink a further 20 percent in September from August, Louis Chan, chief executive officer of Centaline's residential unit said last week. **Bloomberg**

ONE CHILD POLICY

Pregnant woman must choose between 2nd child, husband's job

Didi Tang, Beijing

A public outcry has been raised over the plight of a woman who's considering an illegal abortion at 8 months because the child would violate China's restrictive birth policy and would cost her husband his job as a police officer.

Members of the public have been phoning local officials in the couple's Yunnan province community to inquire about the case, and an online travel service reportedly has offered the husband a position if he loses his government job.

The case has rekindled debate over whether employment in the public sector should be used to enforce the policy that limits urban couples to one child in cases where both husband and wife have at least one sibling.

The 41-year-old woman, who spoke on condition that she be identified only by her surname, Chen, said in a telephone interview yesterday that the couple felt under pressure to abort their second child to keep her husband's job with local police.

"I'm fearful," Chen said. "If



A woman holds a child as they look at pictures of Chinese presidents displayed at the Memorial Museum of Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression in Beijing

my husband believes I must abort the child, there's nothing I can do."

She also grew uneasy about the public attention her case was drawing. "I am worried he would lose his job even after we lose the baby, if the situation gets messy."

Chen said the couple had hoped for a policy change that would allow them to have a second child but found her une-

xpectedly pregnant earlier this year in violation of the current rule.

Wen Xueping, a family planning official in Yunnan's Chuxiong prefecture, said the couple will not be forced to abort the baby but have been warned of the consequences of having it. Couples who violate the child policy face hefty fines and — if they have government jobs — face being sacked.

Wen said members of the public have been calling his offices to inquire about the couple, whose case has garnered much attention on China's social media.

"No way will we force them to have an abortion," Wen said. "But there also is the suspicion that the couple wants to avoid the punishment for breaking the rules by stirring up public interest."

In 2012, the Chinese public was angry when a 23-year-old woman in the northern province of Shaanxi was forced to have a late-term abortion. Local family planning officials were punished, and Beijing sternly warned against any late-term abortion.

The state-owned news website The Paper said James Liang, a senior executive of the web travel service Ctrip, has offered the man in Yunnan a job if he loses his position on the police force.

Many critics are calling for an end to the one-child policy altogether, saying that China cannot afford to be an aging society. They say that taking away a family's livelihood is too draconian a punishment — especially for a family that will now have two children to raise. Some observers have said the couple should have obeyed the one-child policy and should not expect any exemption.

China has eased the policy to allow for more couples to have a second child, but urban parents who are not only children themselves still can have only one child, as in the case of Chen and her husband. **AP**

FILM

Xinhua Insight: big-name directors lose game to small fish

Wang Xiaopeng and Jiang Shengxiang, Beijing

CHINESE film is exiting a period ruled by a scattering of big-name directors, a change evident this summer as the movie industry's big fish floundered.

Their ticket sales were dwarfed as newcomers like "Monster Hunt" and "Monkey King: Hero is Back", directed by lesser known artists, made history in the world's second largest movie market.

THE SUCCESS OF THE OBSCURE

"Monster Hunt", a domestic live action animated film, is already the highest-grossing Chinese film of all time. Its total box office earnings stood at 2.3 billion yuan

(USD362 million) on Aug. 23 since its debut on July 16.

It outperformed all competitors along the way. For instance, "The Crossing Part 2", directed by John Woo, took in no more than 50 million yuan in the first ten days after opening, while "Monster Hunt" earned nearly 1.3 billion yuan in the same period of time.

Similar to the situation with Woo, Chen Kaige, another iconic figure in China's film industry, also failed to impress the audience with his new film titled "Monk Comes Down the Mountain", which pulled in a mediocre 400 million yuan in the 20 days since its release.

The huge box office success of "Monster Hunt" was accompanied

by an animated feature "Monkey King: Hero is Back," a 3D animated adaptation of the classical epic "Journey to the West," which raked in about 900 million yuan in one month's run after opening on July 10. Also directed by a newcomer, the latter become the most successful domestic animation of all time.

SMALL CITIES COUNT

The success of the lesser known directors was not achieved by a stroke of luck, according to Rao Shuguang, secretary of the China Film Association. He said it indicated a delicate change in the industry.

Rao attributed the change partly to the spreading of theaters from big cities to small cities and

townships.

"People in those places do not grow up seeing the films of big name directors like Feng and Chen."

"Small town audiences do not have a personal touch with big name directors because they rarely have the chance to attend the promotional activities by renowned directors or shake hands with the famed actors or actress featuring in their works."

As many of the cinemas in small cities or townships were closed due to fierce competition from television and reforms within the film industry in the 1990s, most moviegoers were urbanites in big cities like Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou in the past one to two decades.

However, the picture



has changed. According to a report published by China Film News, by the end of 2014, the total box offices of small cities and townships had surpassed that of big cities for the first time.

YOUNG AUDIENCE IS THE KEY

Rao also believes big name directors failed to win young audiences because youngsters who grew up with the Internet were not natural fans of the renowned directors.

Zhang Yiwu, a film critic who is also a professor with Peking University, agrees. Zhang said the younger generation of di-

rectors are more influential because their works cater to the taste of younger audiences who are more likely to enjoy real-life stories, comedies in particular.

China Film News also revealed that almost 85 percent of film audiences are aged between 18 and 35, with the group between 18 and 25 taking up 35.77 percent of the total.

"The generational shift in China's film industry has been completed," Zhang said, adding the changing times mean more opportunities for new directors and movie stars. **Xinhua**

THAILAND

Suspect in Bangkok bombing tells police he's 'guilty'

AP PHOTO



Security officials escort the bombing suspect, center, identified by Thai police as Yusufu Meerailee or Mieraili Yusufu, at the metropolitan police headquarters in Bangkok

Nattasuda Anusonadisai, Bangkok

A key suspect in last month's deadly Bangkok bombing was transferred yesterday to police custody after a week of military interrogation, and was asked to acknowledge the charge against him before police and the media.

As flashbulbs went off, police introduced an unusual twist to the routine by asking the suspect whether or not he was guilty of the charge of co-possession of illegal explosives, as stated in his arrest warrant.

The suspect, identified yesterday as Yusufu Mierili, responded through a translator: "Guilty." Authorities have previously released a variety of spellings of his name, including Mieraili Yusufu and Yusufu Meerailee.

It was not clear whether the apparent confession would carry legal weight in a court. Mierili, who was arrested last Tuesday near the Thai-Cambodia border, has not yet been formally charged.

Police say they found his DNA or fingerprints in two apartments that were raided a week ago by police on the outskirts of Bangkok,

including a container of gunpowder. Police say both apartments contained bomb-making materials, and one had more than 200 fake Turkish passports.

The Aug. 17 blast at the Erawan Shrine killed 20 people and injured more than 120 in one of the most devastating acts of violence in Bangkok in decades.

Thai authorities have suggested that at least two of the suspects are possibly Turkish, boosting a theory that the bombing was to avenge Thailand's forced repatriation of more than 100 ethnic Uighurs to China in July. Uighurs are related to Turks, and Turkey is home to a large Uighur community.

Merili's nationality has not been confirmed, but police say he was carrying a Chinese passport that indicated he was from the western region of Xinjiang, home to the Turkish-speaking Uighurs.

Police said last week that Mierili was suspected of being a conspirator rather than the bomber, who was seen in security videos placing a knapsack at the open-air shrine and then leaving.

Another suspect, who was arrested Aug. 29 at one of the two apart-

ments police raided, was in possession of a fake Turkish passport when arrested, police say. That man, whom police have identified as Adem Karadak, was transferred to police custody Friday after nearly a week in military custody.

Thai authorities have said they would turn over the two passports to the relevant embassies to confirm their authenticity once forensics testing is completed.

Authorities have so far issued 11 arrest warrants for suspects related to the blast, including two yesterday.

One of yesterday's warrants was for a man identified as Abdullah Abdullahman of unknown nationality on charges of conspiracy to possess unauthorized explosives and unauthorized war materials. A police sketch showed a young man with short brown hair, with a light mustache and beard.

The other warrant issued yesterday for the same charges was for "a foreign man" whose name and nationality were unknown. Police released a picture from security camera footage that showed a blurry man with no defining characteristics. **AP**

AUSTRALIA

Abbott vows to resettle 'significant' number of Syrians

Rod McGuirk, Canberra

AUSTRALIA'S prime minister said yesterday that his country will resettle a "significant" number of refugees from Syria this year, while the opposition called for an additional 10,000 refugee places to help the world cope with a humanitarian crisis.

Tony Abbott told Parliament he would have more to say about numbers today after Immigration Minister Peter Dutton reports back from meetings with the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration in Geneva and Paris about the refugee crisis from Syria.

"It is the government's firm intention to take a significant number of people from Syria this year," Abbott said.

"The women and children in camps, in particular the women and children from persecuted minorities in

camps, they deserve a compassionate response from Australia and that is exactly what they will get from this government," he said.

The opposition Labor Party called for an additional 10,000 refugee places on top of the 13,750 already planned for the current fiscal year that began in July.

Australia's refugee policy has faced sharp criticism after a deal to resettle asylum seekers in Cambodia came to light. On Sunday, one of four refugees resettled in Cambodia just three months ago from an Australian-run detention camp on the Pacific island nation of Nauru said he wants to go home. The man, an ethnic Rohingya from Myanmar, said he wanted to give up his refugee status and return to his homeland, according to Cambodian Interior Ministry spokesman Khieu Sopheak. **AP**

PAKISTAN

Gov't claims use of first indigenous armed drone

Asif Shahzad, Islamabad

PAKISTAN used its first-ever armed drone yesterday, killing three "high profile" militants near the Afghan border, according to the army.

The missiles hit a compound in the Shawal valley of the Waziristan tribal region, a Pakistani army statement said.

Pakistan first displayed the drone in March, saying it had already been successfully test fired in targeting both static and moving targets. But little is known of the drone's armament or capabilities.

Pakistan has sought to develop its own drone program for

years, and displayed a drone meant solely for surveillance in 2012. The U.S. frequently uses drones to target militants in Pakistan's tribal regions, but the United States has refused to share the technology with Islamabad — a stance that former Prime Minister Raja Pervaiz Ashraf once referred to as "undeclared technological apartheid."

The U.S. drone strikes in Pakistan have been a frequent source of tension and controversy; they are unpopular among many Pakistanis and the government has occasionally decried them as violations of Pakistani sovereignty. **AP**

Hyung-jin Kim, Seoul

KOREAS

Pyongyang, Seoul start talks to prepare for family reunions

NORTH and South Korea started talks at a border village yesterday on resuming the reunions of families separated by the Korean War in the early 1950s, Seoul officials said.

The talks among the rivals' Red Cross officials at Panmunjom were made possible after they struck a deal earlier this month that eased animosity that saw them threatening war. The standoff flared after a mine explosion blamed on Pyongyang maimed two South Korean soldiers.

The highly emotional reunions have not happened since early last year. Most applicants are in their 70s or older and desperate to see their loved ones before they die.

Many Koreans don't even know whether relatives on the other side of the border are still alive because their governments mostly ban the exchange of letters, phone calls or emails.

The planned reunions are not a sure thing. The rivals have a long history of failing to follow through on reconciliation efforts.

Some foreign analysts remain skeptical about inter-Korean ties because of speculation that North Korea will fire what it calls a satellite to celebrate next



In this Feb. 25, 2014 file photo, South Koreans hold their North Korean relatives' hands on a bus after the Separated Family Reunion Meeting at Diamond Mountain in North Korea

month's 70th birthday of its ruling party. Similar past launches triggered an international standoff as South Korea and other neighboring countries called them disguised tests for long-range missiles.

About 22,500 Koreans had participated in brief reunions — 18,800 in person and the others by video — during a period of detente. None were given a second chance to meet their relatives, according to South Korea's Red Cross.

South Korean officials have long called for holding reunions more regularly and expanding the number of people taking part. North Korea is seen as worrying that doing so could open the country to influence from more affluent South Korea and threaten the ruling party's grip on power.

The two Koreas remain divided along the world's most heavily fortified border since the 1950-53 Korean War ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty. **AP**

BANGLADESH

Court lifts ban on 'Rana Plaza' movie



A Bangladeshi movie theatre worker removes posters of the film "Rana Plaza" in Dhaka

THE Supreme Court in Bangladesh has lifted a ban on the screening of a movie about a garment worker who was rescued from the rubble 17 days after a factory building collapsed in 2013, killing more than 1,000 people.

In response to an appeal by the movie's producer, a four-member panel of judges led by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha decided late Sunday to stay a previous High Court order that banned the release of the movie for six months.

Producer Shamima Akhter argued that the movie should be released as the country's Film Censor Board had earlier approved the screening

of the film after cutting some scenes in response to previous court directives.

The film's director, Nazrul Islam Khan, has argued that the real-life story of Reshma Begum depicts courage amid tragedy.

Last month, the High Court banned "Rana Plaza" after a petition was submitted alleging that the movie has scenes of horror, cruelty and violence that could negatively affect workers in the country's vital garment industry.

Lawyers said the ruling means there are no more bars to releasing the movie, although it is not clear when that will happen.

The April 2013 disaster kil-

led 1,135 people, with thousands more rescued from the ruins of the illegally built complex that contained five factories that supplied garments to international companies.

When the building began collapsing, Begum said she raced down a stairwell into the basement, where she became trapped in a pocket of space. She managed to survive after finding some dried food and bottles of water. She now works in a hotel.

The collapse triggered international criticism, and many big brands came forward to help Bangladesh improve work and safety conditions in its garment sector.

The collapse of the building is thought to have been caused by overloading of its structure with machines and generators. The building was constructed on swampy land and the owner illegally added floors.

Bangladesh earns about USD25 billion annually from garment exports, mainly to the United States and Europe, although the country has one of the lowest minimum wages in the world of about \$72 a month.

The industry employs about 4 million workers, mostly women from rural areas. **AP**

AUSTRALIA

Hearing over Johnny Depp's dogs adjourned

A court hearing dealing with allegations that Johnny Depp's wife, Amber Heard, illegally brought the couple's dogs to Australia was adjourned yesterday until November.

Heard was charged in July with two counts of illegally importing Pistol and Boo into Australia and one count of producing a false document. She could face heavy fines and up to 10 years in prison if convicted, though legal experts have said it's unlikely she'll face a lengthy jail term since the dogs were flown back to the U.S. before a government deadline.

Heard did not appear at the Southport Magistrates Court in Queensland state yesterday. The case was adjourned until Nov. 2.

The doggie drama began in May, after Agriculture Minister Barnaby Joyce accused Depp of smuggling the Yorkshire terriers aboard his private jet when he returned to Australia to resume filming of the fifth movie in the "Pirates of the Caribbean" series.

"If we start letting movie stars — even though they've been the sexiest man alive twice — to come into our nation (with pets), then why don't we just break the laws for everybody?" Joyce said at the time. "It's time that Pistol and Boo buggered off back to the United States."

Australia has strict quarantine regulations to prevent diseases such as



Amber Heard, left, and Johnny Depp pose for photographers during the 72nd edition of the Venice Film Festival in Venice, Italy

rabies from spreading to its shores. Bringing pets into the country involves applying for a permit and quarantine on arrival of at least 10 days.

Officials gave Depp and Heard 72 hours to send Pistol and Boo back to the U.S., warning that the dogs would be euthanized if they weren't. The dogs boarded a flight to the U.S. just hours before the deadline.

The prosecutor's office has declined to explain why Depp wasn't charged, citing the ongoing nature of the case.

Last week, Depp poked fun at the ordeal during a news conference in Venice, where he is promoting his latest movie. Asked if he was planning to take the dogs for a gondola ride, he responded:

"No. I killed my dogs and ate them, under direct orders from some kind of, I don't know, sweaty, big-gutted man from Australia." **AP**

ISRAEL

Mother of Palestinian baby killed in arson attack dies

A relative says the mother of a Palestinian toddler killed in a firebomb attack blamed on Jewish extremists has died of wounds suffered in the July attack. The baby's uncle Hatem Dawabsheh said Reham Dawabsheh died of her wounds early yesterday. On July 31, assailants hurled firebombs into a bedroom of the family's home in the West Bank village of Duma in a pre-dawn attack. Eighteen-month-old Ali Dawabsheh perished in the flames. His father who was also wounded in the attack died last month. The attack prompted widespread condemnation and pledges by Israel's government to get tougher on Jewish vigilantes who have repeatedly attacked Palestinians and their property over the years.

TURKEY

Several soldiers killed in PKK attack



Kurdish rebels attacked two military vehicles in southeast Turkey, the president said Sunday and suggested that several Turkish soldiers were killed in the assault. The prime minister returned to the capital to chair an emergency security meeting. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said in a television interview that two armored military vehicles were targeted by the Kurdistan Workers' Party near the village of Daglica, in Hakkari province, bordering Iraq and Iran. He said an official statement would be made but indicated that several soldiers were killed in the attack. "It was attack on armored vehicles with land mines," Erdogan said. "The information from our Chief of General Staff is very saddening." He said Turkey's security forces would respond in a "different and determined" manner. Firat news, an agency close to the rebels, quoted a rebel statement as saying 15 soldiers were killed in a "sabotage action" against a convoy of military vehicles. The claim couldn't be immediately verified.

EUROPEAN MIGRANT CRISIS

Merkel demands EU partners share in burden of human tide

Frank Jordans and George Jahn, Berlin

GERMAN Chancellor Angela Merkel, reflecting on "a moving, in some parts breathtaking weekend behind us," said yesterday that all EU countries could help to accommodate the human tide from the Middle East and Africa.

French President Francois Hollande announced that his country would welcome 24,000 refugees, and that he and Merkel had agreed on a mechanism to spread the migrant load across Europe.

But Hungary's prime minister, Viktor Orban, said he wasn't prepared to pitch in and questioned how any EU quota system for migrants could work.

Even as calm returned yesterday to the main border point between Austria and Hungary after more than 14,000 people used it over the weekend to enter Austria, Hungary's leader hit back at EU counterparts who blamed his country for the chaos.

Orban mocked the European Union's efforts to distribute migrants through a quota system and compared Hungary to a "black sheep" representing a

AP PHOTO



A migrant runs after he enters the territory of Hungary by crossing the temporary protection fence along the Hungarian-Serbian border as a Hungarian police car approaches

voice of reason in the EU flock of countries.

Any EU migrant quota among the bloc's 28 countries, makes no sense in a system where the free movement of people would make it impossible to enforce, he said. "As long as we are unable to defend Europe's external borders, it makes no sense to talk about the fate of the immigrants."

Austria's Chancellor Werner and other EU leaders have blamed Orban for the chaos they say left Austria and Germany no choice but to essentially open their borders for thou-

sands of migrants and refugees who complained of neglect and human rights violations in Hungary.

Most of those crossing into Austria over the weekend proceeded by train to Germany. Austrian officials said only about 90 people asked for asylum in Austria.

In a late night meeting that lasted until early yesterday in Berlin, the German government agreed to spend 6 billion euros (USD6.6 billion) next year to support the hundreds of thousands of new arrivals.

GREEK ISLAND OVERWHELMED BY STRANDED MIGRANTS

IT WAS supposed to be the first step on their journey to Western Europe. But now thousands of migrants are mired in despair, anger and frustration on the scenic Greek island of Lesbos. After perilous sea voyages from neighboring Turkey, they have been stranded for days, some for nearly two weeks, running out of money and desperate to get to mainland Greece and continue their route. The island of some 100,000 residents has been transformed by the sudden new population of some 20,000 refugees and migrants, mostly from Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan — and the strain is pushing authorities to the limit.

German officials recently predicted that up to 800,000 migrants will arrive by the end of the year, many of them refugees fleeing war and persecution in Syria, Iraq and Eritrea.

The government's aid package will include improved housing, more federal police and language classes. **AP**

MEXICO

Independent group rejects gov't case on 43 missing students

E. Eduardo Castillo and Katherine Corcoran, Mexico City

AN independent report presented yesterday (Macau time) dismantles the Mexican government's investigation into the disappearance of 43 teachers' college students, saying the prosecutor's contention that they were incinerated in a giant pyre never happened and fueling the anger of parents who nearly a year later still don't know what happened to their sons.

Attorney General Arely Gomez, who was not in office during the initial investigation, said that in light of the report she would call for a new forensic review of the mu-

AP PHOTO



In this Dec. 18, 2014 file photo, the mother of missing college student Adan Abarajan de la Cruz sits at the foot of soldiers outside a military base during a protest by the families of 43 missing students

nicipal garbage dump where the initial probe concluded the 43 were burned to ash beyond identification.

The government said the Sept. 26 attack was a case of mistaken identity. But the group of experts

assembled by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights concluded in its report that it was violent and coordinated reaction to the students, who were hijacking buses for transportation to a demonstra-

tion and may have unknowingly interfered with a drug shipment on one of the buses. Iguala, the city in southern Guerrero state where that attacks took place, is known as a transport hub for heroin going to the United States, particularly Chicago, some of it by bus, the report said.

"The business that moves the city of Iguala could explain such an extreme and violent reaction and the character of the massive attack," the experts said in the report delivered to the government and the students' families during a public presentation, where some chanted "It was the state!"

The report means that nearly a year after the

disappearance, the fate of 42 of the students remains a mystery, given the errors, omissions and false conclusions outlined in more than 400 pages. Only a charred bone fragment of one of the 43 has been identified and it wasn't burned at the high temperature of an incineration, contrary to Mexican investigators' claims.

"We have no evidence to support where the disappeared are," said Carlos Beristain, a Spanish medical doctor on the team.

The report recommends that authorities rethink their assumptions and lines of investigation, as well as continue the search for the students and investigate the possible use of public or private ovens to cremate the bodies. It also recommends investigating the possible drug angle and who coordinated and gave the orders for the attacks — all unknowns nearly a year later. **AP**



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Offbeat

TWO DETAINED FOR GREAT WALL DAMAGE



Tourists walk in snow on the Great Wall, north of Beijing, China

Police in northwest China's Gansu Province have detained two people for damaging the Great Wall, local authorities said yesterday. According to Xinhua, in an inspection tour in mid-August, the Gansu Cultural Relics Bureau found that holes had been dug under seven towers along the Wall in Jingtai County. The bureau informed local police, which detained two people suspected of having been digging for gold.

Damaging historical structures is a crime in China. Perpetrators face fines or prison terms of up to years. Stretching over 69 km, the Jingtai stretch of the Great Wall was built in the Ming dynasty in 1599. Unlike eastern parts of the Great Wall in Beijing and Hebei, which were mostly constructed with stones and bricks, sections in Gansu were built with earth. After centuries of erosion from wind and sandstorms, they have become extremely fragile.

Construction of the Great Wall, which was listed as a World Heritage Site by the UNESCO in 1987, began during the reign of the first emperor of Qin Dynasty (221-206 BC) in ancient China, to keep out foreign invaders, and lasted through feudal dynasties in China. MDT/Xinhua

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Duration: 105min



NO ESCAPE

ROOM 2

2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: John Erick Dowdle

Starring: Lake Bell, Pierce Brosnan, Owen Wilson

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 103min

HERO 2015

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2.15, 7.00 pm

Director: Nikhil Advani

Starring: Haruma Miura, Kiko Mizuhara

Language: Japanese (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 90min



A TALE OF THREE CITIES

ROOM 3

4.30, 9.15 pm

Director: Mabel Cheung

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Elaine Jin

Language: Cantonese/Mandarin (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 130min

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2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm

Director: Chris Columbus

Starring: Adam Sandler, Kevin James,

Michelle Monaghan

Language: English (Chinese)

this day in history



1943 ITALY'S SURRENDER ANNOUNCED

Italy has signed an unconditional armistice with the Allies, General Dwight D Eisenhower has announced. The surrender was signed five days ago in secret by a representative of Marshal Pietro Badoglio, Italy's prime minister since the downfall of Benito Mussolini in July.

General Eisenhower - the commander in chief of Allied forces in the Mediterranean - said the Italian Government had agreed to end all hostilities with the United Nations.

In a broadcast on Algiers radio at 1730 local time, he said: "All Italians who now act to help eject the German aggressor from Italian soil will have the assistance and support of the United Nations."

Afterwards, in a personal message to the Italian people, Marshal Badoglio confirmed the surrender and even hinted his people should turn against their former allies, the Germans. "The Italian forces will cease all acts of hostilities against the Anglo-American forces, wherever they may be. They will, however, oppose attacks of any other forces."

The Italian Government first suggested an armistice in August, three weeks after the fall of Mussolini during a meeting on neutral territory - probably Portugal. When the surrender was finally signed on 3 September in Sicily, it was agreed to keep it secret until the Allied invasion of Italy was well under way.

German radio has broadcast a furious attack of Marshal Badoglio for asking for an armistice, calling it "open treason".

Marshal Badoglio and the Italian King Victor Emmanuel had insisted to the Germans that there had been no surrender, but now the truth was out. "With this," said the German broadcaster, "a veil has been torn from a treacherous intrigue which for weeks had been enacted by an Italian clique, serfs to Jews and alien to their own people."

The surrender indicates the Axis and the Tripartite Pact is now in tatters. But US President Franklin D Roosevelt has said it is too early to assume this is the end of war in the Mediterranean.

In a broadcast from Washington he said: "The great news you have heard from General Eisenhower does not give you licence to settle back in your rocking chair and say 'Well, that does it. We've got 'em on the run. Now we start celebrating.' The time has not yet come for celebration."

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Italy, under Fascist dictator Benito Mussolini, had allied itself with Adolf Hitler from 1936 and joined World War II in June 1940.

But military defeats in the Balkans and North Africa severely dented confidence in Mussolini as a leader and he was ousted in July 1943 by a group of senior military and politicians with King's approval.

His successor, Marshal Badoglio, had resigned as chief of the Supreme General Staff after opposing the invasion of Greece in October 1940.

After negotiating the armistice with the Allies he left Rome just before it was occupied by the Germans and set up Italy's new government, first in Brindisi and then Salerno.

On 12 September, four days after the surrender was announced, German special forces rescued Mussolini from detention in the Abruzzi mountains and set him up as leader of a puppet state in northern Italy.

The Germans reacted so swiftly when Italy surrendered that the Allies were able to gain little advantage from their surprise invasion of the mainland.

Germans disarmed Italian troops and they were treated harshly if they fought against their former allies.

YOUR STARS

Aries
Mar. 21-Apr. 19
Cutting corners has only gotten you so far. Now what? You're out of ideas, but nothing else will dig you out of the hole you're in. Start flirting with the universe by surfing the internet or making phone calls.

Taurus
April 20-May 20
Taking your wallet out isn't about feelings anymore. Look at all the information extra closely before running up a bill. Has the economy hit rock bottom? Until you're sure, curb those impulse buys.

Gemini
May 21-Jun. 21
There are lots of things going on, at least intellectually. You might not be raking in the cash, but you can still be getting plenty of ideas generated. Think of them as options for the future.

Cancer
Jun. 22-Jul. 22
It's hard to walk on the wild side when the day has so much going against it, finances being only one. Simply being mid week is enough to drag you down during the best of times. Muster up some enthusiasm anyway.

Leo
Jul. 23-Aug. 22
Haven't you had enough of life being one big party? And not just the past month, either. You were long overdue for a landing, soft or hard, and you're finally getting it. It's not perverse to say thank you for the experience.

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22
You can go over the details with a fine toothed comb but you won't find any more corners to cut or crumbs to throw. It's time to come up with a more intelligent approach. Use some cold logic for a change.

Libra
Sep.23-Oct. 22
The week has a dual nature to it. Now that you've gotten all the intellectualizing done, you can roll toward your future on all the exciting energy you've generated. Or, you can stay on topic and use it to turn a profit.

Scorpio
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
You need to realize that you're still spoiled. If you feel desperate now, imagine how you'll feel if things get really bad. Don't take any mad leaps. Think 1929 if you need a visual.

Sagittarius
Nov. 22-Dec. 21
You want to keep busy but your mind is not cooperating. If you can't get your brain in gear, then do other things. Washing the car is one option, as is balancing and rebalancing the books. Go from there.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19
If you've already discarded all the extra bills, it's time to cut more than fat. What else can you do without? If life without cable or internet is like pioneer living to you, then you've only just begun.

Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18
Your financial situation may be unique. That may mean you're just fine, thank you. But it also means you have to honor the code of silence even more than ever. Button up.

Pisces
Feb.19-Mar. 20
You change from one minute to the next, as does your net worth. Don't link the two together quite so tightly. Something should be rock solid, and you're the only part you can control.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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Harbin	13	25	clear/cloudy
Tianjin	20	29	clear
Urumqi	11	20	cloudy/clear
Xi'an	21	26	overcast/drizzle
Lhasa	11	23	overcast/cloudy
Chengdu	23	24	moderate rain
Chongqing	24	32	cloudy
Kunming	17	24	shower
Nanjing	21	29	clear/cloudy
Shanghai	23	29	cloudy
Wuhan	20	31	clear
Hangzhou	21	29	overcast/cloudy
Taipei	25	29	drizzle
Guangzhou	25	31	thundershower
Hong Kong	26	29	cloudy
WORLD			
Moscow	9	16	drizzle
Frankfurt	12	17	drizzle
Paris	9	18	cloudy/drizzle
London	10	18	clear/drizzle
New York	17	26	clear

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Patron saint of sailors; 5- Pertaining to the small intestine; 10- Sleep like ___; 14- Island feast; 15- Quit; 16- Amusement; 17- Part of MIT; 18- Keep an ___ the ground; 19- Turkish titles; 20- Achievement; 23- Having wings; 24- Strange and mysterious; 25- Reduce; 28- Rat-___; 30- I'd hate to break up ___; 31- Glow with radiation; 36- Course deviation; 37- Ruled; 39- Of recent origin; 40- Bonnet with a large brim; 42- Green stone; 43- Contributes; 44- Baby's napkin; 46- The Wreck of the Mary ___; 49- Song of joy; 51- Expression of appreciation; 56- Bull; 57- Less common or less cooked; 58- Slay; 60- North Carolina university; 61- Pineapple fiber; 62- Scandinavian capital city; 63- Sand hill by the sea; 64- Little laugh; 65- Congers;

DOWN: 1- Actor Wallach; 2- Roman moon goddess; 3- Not fem.; 4- Pariah; 5- Person with a cool job?; 6- Bounded; 7- Steve of country music; 8- Italian wine center; 9- Corp. bigwigs; 10- Asexual reproductive cell; 11- Pilsner; 12- Muscat resident; 13- Beau ___; 21- Cheer for Manolete; 22- Listened; 25- Puts down; 26- Biblical birthright seller; 27- In stitches; 28- Polly, to Tom Sawyer; 29- Digit of the foot; 31- Fish appendages; 32- Bigger than med.; 33- Break, card game; 34- Give up; 35- Pitcher; 37- Cowboy display; 38- Football lineman; 41- Without exception; 42- Unidentified woman; 44- Extent; 45- Descartes's conclusion; 46- Outmoded; 47- French school; 48- Ohio city; 49- Western Australia's capital; 50- Designer Simpson; 52- Court order; 53- Emit coherent light; 54- Sniffer; 55- Work the soil; 59- Refusals



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Mike Corder, The Hague

Dutch defeats leave nation wondering what went wrong

THE same Netherlands team that humiliated Spain early in last year's World Cup is fading — and fading fast. After losses to Turkey and Iceland over the last few days, the Dutch are on the brink of missing out on next year's European Championship in France — a tournament expanded to accommodate 24 teams.

The Netherlands lineup that lost to Iceland 1-0 at home on Thursday and then 3-0 at Turkey on Sunday is virtually unchanged from the one that overwhelmingly defeated the defending World Cup champions 5-1 last year in Brazil and ended up finishing third.

"This whole qualification campaign has been incredibly difficult," Netherlands striker Robin van Persie said after the loss in Turkey. "We still have a chance, but it is no longer in our hands and that is terrible."

These days, the 1988 European champions and three-time World Cup finalists are struggling to find the net against all but the weakest opponents. The team is even more inept at defending its own goal.

A tight defense was the foundation of the Netherlands' success in Brazil — apart from two penalty shootouts, the team conceded only four goals in seven matches at the World Cup. In eight Euro 2016 qualifiers, the Dutch have already allowed 10 goals.

Even Johan Cruyff, a passionate advocate of attacking soccer, has been left lamenting the lack of quality at the back.

In his column in Monday's edition of Dutch daily De Telegraaf, the former Netherlands great pointed to the penalty given away by defender Gregory van der Wiel that han-



ded Iceland victory in Amsterdam as symptomatic of poor Dutch defending.

"Again, a defender who doesn't think enough about positional play," Cruyff wrote.

The long-term knee injury that sidelined center back Ron Vlaar has been a key problem in defense, just as Arjen Robben's

injury-hit season undermined attacking options. Both players were standouts of the World Cup campaign.

But more than any individual absences, the Netherlands' team spirit appears to be missing.

"In Oranje, there are a number of players who are only concerned about themselves," former Netherlands player Willem van Hanegem wrote in his Monday column in the Algemeen Dagblad daily newspaper.

He singled out Memphis for criticism.

"He only lay on the ground," Van Hanegem wrote, overlooking the fact that the Manchester United winger supplied a number of crosses from the left that could — should — have led to Dutch goals.

The misfiring Memphis, out-of-form Van Persie and often-injured Robben have contributed to a shocking attacking impotence against all but the lowliest teams in Group A.

The Dutch have scored 11 goals in three matches against Kazakhstan and Latvia, but only two in five matches against Iceland, the Czech Republic and Turkey, the teams now above them in the group.

Many are blaming the coaching staff.

After his World Cup campaign, Louis van Gaal — known for ruling his teams with an iron fist — moved to Manchester United and was replaced by Guus Hiddink, an experienced and highly successful coach known for a more hands-off re-

lationship with players.

But Hiddink's approach backfired immediately. In his first match in charge, a friendly against Italy, the Dutch conceded two early goals and lost 2-0, setting the tone for a short and unsuccessful second stint in charge.

Hiddink repeatedly saw his team give away early goals and then struggle to recover. His contract was soon terminated.

Danny Blind — with two losses in his first two matches since replacing Hiddink — has not been able to overturn the slide. He now has to rely on Turkey dropping points in its last two matches for the Dutch to stand any chance of securing third place in Group A and a playoff berth. AP

This whole qualification campaign has been incredibly difficult

ROBIN VAN PERSIE

Prince Ali believes he can win fresh FIFA presidential poll

Rob Harris, Manchester

PRINCE Ali bin al-Hussein gave a strong indication yesterday that he would be standing for the FIFA presidency again. "If the election is done correctly, cleanly and properly, I believe I can win," the prince said at the SoccerEx conference.

The Jordanian surprisingly denied Sepp Blatter a majority in the first round of voting in May but stepped aside before the second round. Blatter, though, announced his plans to quit four days

later as separate U.S. and Swiss criminal inquiries into soccer corruption escalated.

The deadline for Prince Ali and other candidates to gain the five required nominations from federations to stand in the February election is Oct. 26.

"I am talking to national associations and listening to their opinions," the prince said. "Right now we need a candidate who is forward thinking, with new ideas who is not tainted by the past."

The appearance by the prince in front of global football executives on

Monday was the first of three planned speaking engagements this week in Britain where he launched his manifesto for the May election.

The former FIFA vice president said favorite Michel Platini is the wrong person for the job, given that the UEFA president helped Blatter first get elected in 1998. The prince is turning on Platini despite the former France great being his key supporter before the May election.

"FIFA is in a crisis right now and we need a new beginning," the prince

said. "Michel Platini's introduction into football governance was as a protege of Sepp Blatter, that's a reality."

The prince said FIFA requires a candidate who "really believes in reform and true transparency, not as a slogan because that is very fashionable right now."

Expanding on what transparency should look like at FIFA headquarters in Zurich, the prince told delegates: "You take the locks off the doors and open the windows. There is no need for secrecy."



FIFA vice president Jordan's Prince Ali bin al-Hussein attends a press conference for the launch of his FIFA presidency campaign

Blatter is entering the final months of his curtailed fifth term and the prince said the 79-year-old president has some responsibility for the current corruption crisis despite not being directly implicated. "He should have stepped down a while ago if he had the

best interests of football," the prince said.

Fourteen officials have been indicted by U.S. authorities as part of a wide-ranging investigation into bribery and financial wrongdoing, including some of Prince Ali's former FIFA executive committee colleagues. AP

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INDONESIA'S JOKOWI NEEDS TO DO MORE, TALK LESS

A little over a year ago, Joko Widodo swept to power in Indonesia promising bold change and higher living standards. Voters enthusiastically bought into his everyman image: He's Indonesia's first president with no ties to the military, the country's dynastic families or its sprawling party machinery.

These days, a more common sentiment in Southeast Asia's biggest economy is buyer's remorse. The hands-on, get-things-done reputation that Widodo, commonly known as Jokowi, carried into office has frayed. Desperate to reverse the slide, he's trying to revitalize his team and his agenda. Last month, he named former central banker Darmin Nasution as his new economy minister and brought former finance czar Rizal Ramli into the cabinet. They've wasted no time in promising big stimulus and structural reforms.

Trouble is, there's already reason to think this may end up being just more talk. The slump in commodity prices has hit Indonesia particularly hard; any new stimulus will have to contend with falling tax revenues. Tepid levels of foreign-direct investment make Jokowi's plan to spend at least USD20 billion on infrastructure in 2015 - the most in the nation's history - look fanciful. Vows to cut red tape and simplify investment regulations look no more realistic, given how many vested interests populate Jokowi's own party. Even hopes of ending Indonesia's power bottlenecks remain a reach. The president recently inaugurated a long-delayed power plant, even though the government hasn't procured all the necessary land amid protests.

The administration's many flips-flops aren't helping. Last month, the Home Ministry announced a raft of new requirements for foreign journalists. While they were quickly reversed after a public outcry, the move echoed the mixed signals and often intensely nationalist tone that's emerged from Jakarta lately.

Some investors are voting with their feet. The currency, the rupiah, is down 13 percent this year, the weakest since dictator Suharto was toppled by mass protests 17 years ago. Jakarta, meanwhile, is among Asia's worst-performing stock markets (down 26 percent). Shares in the two other economies ravaged by the 1997 Asian crisis --South Korea and Thailand - have lost 10 percent and 15 percent, respectively.

Jokowi still has plenty of time - four years - to turn things around. How? The first priority is restoring confidence in his ability to get things done. The recent cabinet reshuffle presents an opportunity to take on the nation's notoriously corrupt bureaucracy. Jokowi has shown flashes of great courage, as when he slashed budget-busting energy subsidies and increased transparency at government ministries. He needs to go further, and bring greater grit to the fight.

Consistency, too, is critical. Along with narrowing the current-account deficit and shoring up the financial system, Jokowi should reverse policies endorsing protectionist laws against mining and technology companies. He should stop doling cash to inefficient state enterprises. He must increase regulatory certainty and stop talking out of both sides of his mouth on trade. Too often the message from the government has seemed to be, "We welcome foreign money, but only on our terms - which, by the way, can change at any moment."

McKinsey & Co. thinks Indonesia could become a Group of Seven economy by 2030. Getting there requires more strenuous efforts to create new manufacturing industries and the hardware - roads, bridges, ports, power grids - to support them. Jakarta must work harder to diversify the economy away from natural resources; that in turn will require bigger investments in education and training. Dialing back the economic nationalism and embracing foreign capital would help finance these and other upgrades.

On its own, little of what Jokowi or his new team has proposed thus far will restore confidence in an economy that's lost it way. If he's going to turn things around, they should talk less and do more.

THE BUZZ MOTHER HEADED TO JAIL IN CUSTODY DISPUTE

A mother who fled with her daughter to Central America more than a decade ago amid a custody dispute is set to report to jail. Genevieve Kelley pleaded guilty in June to misdemeanor charges of custodial interference for taking her then-8-year-old daughter out of the U.S. in 2004. Under a plea deal, Kelley will serve 10 months in jail. Her current husband, Scott

Kelley, pleaded guilty to the same charges and was sentenced to five months. The judge staggered the sentences - with Scott Kelley going first - so their 10-year-old son wouldn't be without a parent. The couple said they took the girl to protect her. They accused her father, Mark Nunes, of abuse. Nunes was investigated but never charged.

Hadid plans new, less costly bid for Tokyo stadium



In this March 19, 2013 photo, Zaha Hadid, right, smiles with a trophy and a scale model of her design after winning the competition for Japan's national stadium

Elaine Kurtenbach, Tokyo

ZAHA Hadid Architects, the company whose stadium design for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics was chosen and later scrapped, says it is teaming up with major Japanese design and engineering company Nikken Sekkei in a bid to regain the project.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe announced in July that the design by star Iraqi-British architect Zaha Hadid had been dropped as too costly, seeking to quiet an outcry over the futuristic,

huge stadium blueprint.

The government has begun accepting new bids for the national stadium project, with a cost ceiling of 155 billion yen (USD1.3 billion). Hadid's earlier project had been estimated to cost over 250 billion yen (\$2 billion).

The two companies said yesterday they would offer "the most cost-effective delivery plan" to ensure the stadium is ready in time for the 2020 Olympics.

Zaha Hadid Architects and Nikken Sekkei must still find a contractor able

to commit to the lower cost and time constraints of the new specifications. The contractors that had worked with Zaha Hadid Architects on the earlier design are no longer involved.

Nikken Sekkei said it has worked with Hadid on the project since May 2013 and is "technically ready" to begin construction.

"We believe the best way to respond to the new brief is to maximize the use of the expertise gained by the design team over the past two years," it said.

The government and Tokyo Olympic organizers favored the original design as a potential new landmark for the city, but a huge and growing public debt led many to question the costs of such massive public works projects.

Shortages of construction workers and rising costs for materials are also potential problems for contractors who will have to rush to meet the International Olympic Committee's request that the stadium be ready by early 2020.

HADID IN MACAU

THE DESIGN of Melco Crown's fifth hotel tower in the City of Dreams complex is being done by the Iraqi-British architect Zaha Hadid. Lawrence Ho, Co-Chairman and CEO of Melco Crown Entertainment, said previously that the new hotel tower will represent "another key milestone" for City of Dreams.

THE DECISIVE MOMENT



People attend the annual Historic Regatta, a festivity that includes gondola races and a procession of antique gondolas on the Grand Canal, in Venice, Italy, Sept. 6

Station	Air quality
Roadside	25-45 Good
High Density Residential Area	25-45 Good
Ambient	35-55 Moderate

SOURCE: DSI/MG

WORLD BRIEFS

MALAYSIA The death toll from a wooden boat that capsized last week with Indonesian migrant workers off Malaysia's west coast has risen to 61.

EGYPT An Egyptian court releases a detailed ruling on why it sentenced three Al-Jazeera English journalists to three years in prison for airing what it described as "false news" and biased coverage, a case long criticized by press freedom advocates and others.



USA The U.S. dentist whose killing of Cecil the lion fueled a global backlash emerges for an interview in which he disputes some accounts of the hunt, expresses agitation at the animosity directed at those close to him and says he would be back at work within days. Walter Palmer, who has spent more than a month out of sight after becoming the target of protests and threats, intends to return to his suburban Minneapolis dental practice today.

USA-IRAN Already a done deal in Congress, the Iran nuclear agreement gains more momentum when former Secretary of State Colin Powell and Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz announce their support.

UK Prime Minister David Cameron revealed yesterday that British forces had used a drone strike over Syria in August to kill three Islamic State fighters, including two Britons. He told Parliament that the attack was legally justified because the militants were plotting lethal attacks against Britain and the fighters could not be eliminated any other way.

BELGIUM Thousands of farmers protested outside European Union headquarters on Monday to demand more aid and higher prices for their milk and pig meat. The EU executive Commission responded with a support plan worth half a billion euros (USD560 million). In a tense standoff, farmers from across the 28-nation EU pelted police with eggs and sprayed them with hay before they were drenched in return by a water cannon.