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JAPAN Mount Aso, a volcano on the southern Japanese island of Kyushu, has erupted, sending huge plumes of black and then white smoke 2,000 meters into the air. More on p12

INDIA At least 18 laborers were killed when their overloaded truck overturned in southern India early Monday, police said. Another 17 people were injured in the accident near Gundepalli, a village in Andhra Pradesh state, police officer Ravi Prakash said.



AP PHOTO

SINGAPORE Billowing smoke from Indonesian forest fires has worsened Singapore's air pollution, raising concern among organizers of this weekend's widely anticipated Formula One night race, as well as in schools that reopened yesterday after a weeklong term break. Large parts of neighboring Malaysia were also shrouded in the gray, acrid pall.

THAILAND's military government has detained a reporter for an English-language newspaper, in what appears to be part of a fresh crackdown on critics of the ruling junta.

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MACAU GP

Macau FIA GT World Cup confirms five major brands

FIVE manufacturers have signed up to compete in the inaugural FIA GT World Cup this November. Aston Martin, Audi, McLaren, Mercedes and Porsche will all be represented by three GT3 cars each in the maiden event that will crown the first FIA GT World Cup Manufacturers' Champion.

The FIA and the Automobile Association Macau China had sought a total of seven manufacturers, who would be able to provide 21 of the 28 cars that will compose the starting grid for Macau's Guia circuit.

FIA GT Commission president Christian Schacht said: "We're very satisfied to have received entries from five of the world's most famous racing manufacturers for the first event. "It's the result of two success stories: the FIA GT3 concept used in the majority of GT championships all over the world; and the legendary Macau Grand Prix.

"For Aston Martin, Audi, McLaren, Mercedes and



Porsche, the FIA GT World Cup provides a great opportunity to showcase their cars on a big stage in the heart of the growing Asian market."

Aston Martin Racing boss John Gaw remarked, "Asia is an important market for Aston and Macau is one of the biggest events in Asia, so we are delighted to be taking part."

Additional cars representing other manufacturers

will be allowed to take part in the event by invitation of the selection committee, but they will not be considered for the manufacturers' title.

The competition setup consists of a 12-lap qualifying race (45 minutes) and an 18-lap points-scoring race (60 minutes).

The top classified two cars from each manufacturer will accumulate points on a scoring system similar to

the one used in Formula 1.

The official team names that will denote the five official manufacturers will only be revealed when the entry list is published next month. However, Gaw already indicated that Hong Kong's Craft-Bamboo Racing will provide at least two of the cars for Aston Martin. He also revealed that Stefan Mucke would likely be one of their drivers. **RM**

MEDICAL PERSONNEL ACCREDITATION

Exam and internship for rookies may be required

THE latest version of the health authorities' blueprint for a medical personnel accreditation regime stipulates that prospective medical practitioners would be subject to a professional examination and half-year internship prior to joining the workforce.

The second consultation on the revised plan, which is slated to begin tomorrow, explores the viability of the system that allows practitioners to be excluded from the exams if the committee finds them to be capable in their field after deliberation.

In addition, students who complete their study domestically might also find their internship shorter than stipulated after consideration by the authorities. Currently, the programs offered by two local higher education institutes consist of self-designed practicums. However, the exact length of the internship for such students is yet to be established.

The classification of nurses, laid out in the preliminary blueprint, has been dropped in the latest version of the scheme. It was intended to set apart nurses with a bachelor's degree from those with only a diploma.

The authorities insisted that students majoring in pharmacy at the Macau Polytechnic Institute would not qualify as pharmacists. Rather, they would attain a lower position, whose entry threshold was lowered to three years after taking programs from foreign schools into account.

Besides, the new version of the Medical Malpractice Law suggests that overseas medical experts could be invited to contribute to inspections into medical malpractice cases if the government's intermediaries fail to defuse disputes through negotiations.

Besides, the Medical Malpractice Law, which is still pending further discussion, requires evidence from complainants who are allowed to seek assistance from the government regarding their search for evidence. In addition, it also makes it compulsory for medical practitioners to take out insurance policies against the possible risks involved in the execution of their duties.

Earlier, the authorities ditched the compulsory exams and internships after the March consultation immediately drew hostility from the nursing sector, which slammed such tests as redundant. However, they have this time returned to the second blueprint.

WE CORRECT

In the article titled "Ascott luxury serviced apartments open," published in the Times yesterday (page 2), we incorrectly stated that the property would be officially inaugurated on September 14. Ascott Macau will in fact be inaugurated on Monday, September 21. MDT apologizes for the mistake.



Health Bureau surveyors

Ongoing survey to assess local health

A similar survey was conducted in 2006. Ten years later, the 2016 edition will update the existing data and, in order to guarantee the survey's functionality and test all the procedures to be adopted, the Health Bureau will run a trial version throughout September and October 2015.

The trial will be divided into two parts: a household survey and an individual inquiry.

While conducting the household survey, Health Bureau surveyors will invite all Macau permanent residents aged 18 or above who are at home at the time of their visit, to complete the individual survey and be subjected to physical examinations that will be conducted

at the Medical Examination Center for Public Officials (located on the 2nd floor of the Areia Preta Healthcare Centre).

The Health Bureau Services have chosen the districts of Areia Preta, and Iao Hon as targets for this trial survey that will occur over a 10 day period (September 14th to 25th), from Monday to Friday, during evening hours, visiting 180 pre-selected households. The families chosen will receive a notice from the Health Bureau Services.

The Health Bureau surveyors will be dressed in a uniform (black vest, with the designation of "Health Bureau Services" on the back) and will carry official identification cards.

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CE AUTHORITY ABOVE ALL?

'Chinese government is looking to spark fear among the population,' says legal expert

A recent speech by China's top official in Hong Kong, Zhang Xiaoming, has triggered controversy and is set to exacerbate a rather stormy political row, since he has dispelled the notion of a separation of powers in Hong Kong.

António Katchi, a legal expert and professor of law at the Macau Polytechnic Institute (IPM), has expressed his concern that the Chinese government "went too far" by suggesting that Hong Kong's Chief Executive is above the executive, judiciary and legislature branches, which shows a clear "disrespect for the city's rule of law."

"These statements seem to unveil the Chinese Communist Party's bewilderment and uneasiness. As usual, the Chinese government is looking to spark fear among the population, in this case in Hong Kong and indirectly in Macau," said prof Katchi in an email reply.

The professor sees Zhang's remarks as an attempt to turn public opinion against pro-democracy personalities and groups, while also encouraging the local government's repressive actions against them.

The chief of the Central Government Liaison Office in Hong Kong was speaking at a function to mark the 25th anniversary of the city's mini-constitution, the Basic Law, held on Saturday. His remarks sparked immediate criticism, as he said that the notion of the separation of powers was only applicable to sovereign states.

In a speech entitled "the correct understanding of Hong Kong's political system," Mr Zhang pledged to tackle the issue directly. "It should be clear that Hong Kong does not implement the political system of the separation of powers (...) It didn't before the reunification, nor does it after the reunification," he was quoted as saying



by Bloomberg.

China's senior official in Hong Kong quoted a 1987 speech by former Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping, who stated it would be inappropriate for Hong Kong to adapt a Western approach to its political system, which would involve the adoption of the separation of powers concept.

"The Chinese government may have gone too far in verbally expressing their lack of respect for Hong Kong's existing law when digging up Deng Xiaoping's remarks to suddenly deny principles

and rules clearly and unequivocally outlined in the Basic Law, which until now had not been challenged (and are part of Hong Kong's core values)," Prof Katchi stated.

Prof Katchi recalled that if Zhang's remarks are true, then Hong Kong's Basic Law and the Sino-British Joint Declaration bear no legal value. "If speeches by Chinese Communist Party leaders are above everything else, then they should not talk about the 'rule of law,'" the professor added.

He reiterated that the content

of Hong Kong's mini-constitution clearly denies Zhang's remarks.

"The first sense I got from these remarks was that Zhang Xiaoming knows more about Deng Xiaoping's speeches than he does about Hong Kong's Basic Law or the Sino-British Joint Declaration. Or perhaps he knows all those documents well but believes that Deng Xiaoping and other Chinese Communist Party officials' speeches hold greater legal value than Hong Kong's Basic Law," he explained.

Pan-democratic politicians and judges in Hong Kong often invoke the separation of powers to define the city's political system and stress the notion that this is what sets Hong Kong and Macau apart from the rest of China.

The South China Morning Post reported that the founder of Hong Kong's Democratic Party, Martin Lee Chu-ming, labelled Zhang's statements "shocking". He stated that Zhang wanted "to re-write the Basic Law." Meanwhile, Labor Party chairman Lee Cheuk-yan questioned: "In the long run, how would Hong Kong nationals have faith in the Basic Law when its meaning always changes?"

On the other hand, Beijing-loyalist personalities have downplayed Zhang's remarks. Lau Siu-kai, vice-chairman of the Chinese Association of Hong Kong and Macau Studies, said that the city's Chief Executive was not exempt from the supervision and balances set out by the judiciary and legislative branches.

Differences over political reform sparked almost three months of protest in Hong Kong last year. Hong Kong pro-democracy lawmakers rejected a China-backed election plan for the city last June. The Chief Executive will be once again be chosen by a 1,200-strong committee comprised of mostly pro-Beijing personalities.

ARTS

Júlio Pomar exhibitions open this week

An exhibition showcasing works by the renowned Portuguese master Júlio Pomar is set to open today at 6.30 p.m. at the Tap Seac Gallery.

Jointly organized by the Cultural Affairs Bureau and Albergue SCM, the exhibition showcases the different phases of Pomar's artistic career. Thirty-one works by the artist and his contemporaries will be displayed, including famous oil paintings



Painter Júlio Pomar

and prints. This will allow the audience to better understand the painter's work and life, as well as to appreciate and better understand his artistic approach, along with the feelings and unique vision behind each piece of art. The exhibition will be open to the public from September 15 to October 29.

Another exhibition highlighting the work of Julio Pomar will be inaugurated at the pa-

tio of the Albergue SCM on Friday at 6.30 p.m. This exhibition includes over 40 works, 34 of which are by Pomar. The erotic phase, particularly the works featured in "Le Bal chez le Duc" ("the Ball at the Duke's Residence") is exhibited here for the first time. The exhibition also depicts a comprehensive sample of his extensive graphic work, especially the 8 lithographs of all illustrations the artist

made for the Portuguese Edition of the work of Lewis Carroll, "The Hunting of the Snark." The exhibition "The Journey of a Master: Júlio Pomar & Friends" will be open until January 15.

Born in Lisbon, Portugal in 1926, Júlio Pomar is one of the greatest Portuguese artists of the twentieth century. His work features a wide variety of styles, which include design, printmaking, sculpture, illustrations, ceramics, tapestries, theatre design, as well as essays and poetry about painting.

Both exhibitions have free admission.

Surplus increases to MOP28 billion

The region's budget surplus totaled MOP28.8 billion in August, MOP1.6 billion more than what had been amassed until July. According to data released yesterday by the Financial Services Bureau, the administration's total revenue between January and August was MOP72.7b and expenditure amounted to MOP42.8b. That means that the MSAR's surplus is 60 percent down in the first eight months of the year. However, in August the administration still managed to run a budget surplus, adding MOP1.6b to what had been collected until July.

Waterleau consortium gets new contract

The consortium Waterleau-ATAL will continue to provide maintenance and operation services in the Wastewater Treatment Plant of the Concordia Industrial Park. The decision, by order of the Chief Executive, was published in the Official Gazette. For 2015 and 2016, the government will pay the consortium MOP3.2 million. Back in 2014, when the last contract was extended, the Environmental Protection Bureau revealed that there were new plans for the wastewater treatment plant, which included a public tender process. However, that idea seems to have been discarded.

EXHIBITION

A glimpse into the world of African art

Catarina Pinto

MACAU-BORN Maria Fernanda das Dores nurtured a special interest in African art while living in and traveling across the African continent. Collecting artworks from Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Congo and Kenya, Maria Fernanda eventually decided to bring a sample of her collection to Macau.

"Windows on African Art," is on display at Casa Garden until October 1, featuring a wide range of African artworks.

Maria Fernanda, managing director of Global Meios, moved to Maputo, Mozambique, after living in Macau for several years. Launching an events and advertising company there, she took the opportunity to travel across Africa with a special focus on the Sub-Saharan region, where she met numerous artists and gained a feel for the varied nature of the African art scene.

"In 2011, I moved to Portugal



since my whole family was living there. I was unable to retire at that point and started working in the wine and other food products industry. One of the clients we represent exports baby rice to Hong Kong and Macau," Maria recalled, adding that she thought of bringing part of her art collection to Macau about three years ago.

"I wanted to see whether people would be interested

in African art, as I believe people here are not that used to seeing a lot of things from Africa," she noted.

With the support of the Orient Foundation, Maria Fernanda launched the exhibition last Friday at Casa Garden.

From Yohure masks used in dance rituals to smoking water pipes used during ceremonial events across Africa, the exhibition features a wide variety of artworks, including

paintings, wood statues, and ceramics – some crafted by members of famous African tribes.

Maria Fernanda assures that each artwork contains a different story and a special meaning. Visitors are also able to get to know the artists' own stories as there are short bios made available at the exhibition. Most of them learned painting through practice, and use art today to convey vital messages to Africa, including the fight against HIV for instance.

"It was a very interesting experience to travel across Africa. In the French-speaking countries, after a few minutes chatting with locals it seemed we had known each other for quite some time already. Some of the artworks were used in traditional ceremonies, funerals... every artwork here has its own story," she stressed.

Maria Fernanda acknowledged that she's curious to see people's reactions to the exhibition, but she admits she has no particular expectations of their feedback.

The exhibition will be on display until October 1. Some of the artworks are on sale with prices ranging from MOP1,000 to MOP9,000.

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ADJACENT to Macau's world heritage icon, the Ruins of St. Paul's, the "Cinematheque-Passion," located at Travessa da Paixão started its trial run yesterday with an informal ceremony which culminated with a special screening of "Guia in Love", a romantic comedy directed by Leong Tak Sam and co-starring actors from both Hong Kong and Macau.

The ceremony was attended by the President of the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) president Ung Vai Meng and Helena de Senna Fernandes, director of the Macau Government Tourist Office.

The film was projected in the brand new 60-seat screening room, in an event organized by the Macau Films & Television Productions and Culture Association. According to IC information, the screening room's budget was around MOP1 million.

For now, and until the end of the year, this will be the only space available for film related associations to use in order to promote their activities. In the second stage of the project the venue will develop a film information room on the first floor that will feature local film materials, periodicals and magazines as well as a multiple functions, video storage, a film journal, book loan service, a souvenir shop and, a café.

"We are happy to see the vigo-

Cinematheque opens eyeing independent film festivals

This will be the ideal venue for 'less commercial' movie festivals from all over the world

UNG VAI MENG

rous development of the Macau film industry, and the growing number of film productions and exchange activities these past few years," Ung Vai Meng stated in his opening speech, adding that this new venue is one of the measures taken by the Cultural Affairs Bureau to promote the cultural and creative industries.

Regarding the activities program there is yet to be a clear definition since, in the words of the



RENATO MARQUES

IC's vice-president Chan Peng Fai, "it will depend on each association". It was advanced however so that for the coming month there is already a small program that will include workshops and sharing sessions.

Ung Vai Meng also noted that "this will be the ideal venue for 'less commercial' movie festivals from all over the world and not just from Macau or China".

On the sidelines of this event, the

IC president also referred to the effort that is currently being invested into revitalizing other arts venues, like the Cheng Peng Theatre, which has been closed since 1992 and was once a privileged stage for the local Cantonese Opera.

The Times spoke to local filmmaker and producer Fernando Eloy to learn his opinion about the new venue. Mr Eloy confessed to not knowing much about the space or its concept, but ex-

pressed his support for the initiative saying: "It is a positive thing! We cannot make an industry grow if we do not know where it came from and if we cannot imagine where it wants to go. So a 'museum kind' of space seems to be good and it opens opportunities that most of the time are not available on the big screens that we currently have in Macau for other kinds of cinema".

In his opinion, this space can contribute to an evolution of the art and all that is related to it. "All that comes this way to educate people about this topic is always good, now let's see if the future can show us all that potential because we know that all will depend on the skills of the people in making it a 'lively' and 'constructive' space," he said.

Bearing in mind "that there are much more moviegoers than moviemakers," the locally based filmmaker said the venue should try to attract not just those that are involved in film production, but mostly all those who love movies. **RM**

Concern group advises double-deckers to combat traffic woes

AUTHORITIES might consider reinstating the operation of double-decker buses on the roads to address the mounting desire for public transportation, stated Cheng Chong Fai, president of the Public Utilities Concern Association of Macau.

His suggestion, which was made Sunday after a forum exploring bus service quality, attracted favorable comments



A double-decker bus in Macau, circa 1970

from another two guests afterwards. Cheng expressed his belief that having buses with a larger capacity was at least the "most effective and immediate"

solution to the current traffic predicament.

Such an initiative re-emerged as early as the time when former Transport Bureau head Wong Wan assumed office, claimed Cheng. Besides, the possible physical challenges against dual-level bus operation could easily be resolved if the government made concerted efforts.

Roy Lam, Vice President of the Choi In Tong Sam Association, found the

advice feasible as the interior of this sort of bus could be more "pleasant" than the existing single-deckers. Another supporter is Prof. Kou Kun Pang, a consultant to the authorities on transportation who said the government could pursue the project given its bigger size.

However, both admitted to the geographic constraints double-decker buses might encounter, suggesting having a pilot

implementation process for particular routes.

Up to 11 double-decker buses hailing from England were used on the region's roads as major forms of public transport between 1975 and 1988. Such buses were around 14 feet high with 73 seats and were phased out after strong opposition from the business sector and the bus operator Transmac, which was founded in 1988. **AU**

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Grace Yu, Beijing

INDONESIA took home the title of champion in the “MGM Lion Dance Championship-Beijing International Invitational 2015”, scoring 9.25 out of 10. China and Malaysia finished as the first and second runners-up.

Stepping into the 5th edition this year, the lion dance championship expanded and hosted its first event in Beijing at the Orange in Sanlitun on Sunday.

The event was organized by MGM Macau and co-hosted by its mainland affiliate, Diaoyutai MGM Hospitality, with the Chinese Long Shi Sports Association and MGM Grand Sanya as event partners.

A line-up of 9 lion dance troupes competed in the Beijing leg. Singapore was absent from the event due to injuries. Participating teams came from Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, mainland China, Hong Kong and Macau. Indonesia Kong Ha Hong Dragon and Lion Dance Troupe ultimately took home the title of Beijing International Invitational Champion, achieving



Indonesia crowned in MGM Lion Dance Championship

a score of 9.25. Foshan Nanhai Huangfeihong Zhonglian Cable Lion Dragon and Martial Art Association from China and Kun Seng Keng Dragon and Lion Dance Association from Malaysia both scored 9.21 and were ranked as the first and second runners-up respectively, according to the number of the difficult moves they performed with accuracy. Captivating and thrilling,

the performers enthralled audiences with their spectacular dance moves at the competition.

Mr Wong Pak, coach of the Indonesian team, talked to MDT after the contest: “This is not the first time we have competed in China. We are well prepared. I’m satisfied with my team members’ performance. They didn’t make any mistakes. Winning the championship, we Indonesian

Chinese gain honor for our country!” he said.

Macau scored 8.63 and ranked 8th in the competition. Mr. Mak Chi Leong, team coach, said that he was satisfied: “The belt that connected to the lion costume was broken by accident when athletes tried to jump onto the high piles, which meant there was no protection for them anymore. At that time they could have quit, yet they chose

to complete the performance. The dancing music was also performed incorrectly at first, but they quickly adjusted it. This is their first competition, it doesn’t matter whether we win or lose. It’s a valuable experience for us”. Mak said the athletes cared too much about the result before, but from now on they will learn to shift their approach mentally and to become mature.

Mr Hubert Wang, Senior Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer of MGM China, said at the welcome dinner before the competition: “This year marks the fifth anniversary of MGM Lion Dance Championship, a reflection of the MGM China’s consistent dedication to investing into the culture and community in which we operate. The event has gained recognition both in its scale and in the standard of completion, becoming one of the world’s most anticipated lion dance events. We are very proud to bring this competition to Beijing for the first time and to witness the birth of our champion of the Beijing leg. We hope to extend this competition event to other cities in China, which will help to promote this significant piece of Chinese culture into an internationally recognized sport.”

Following the Beijing invitational, the “MGM Lion Dance Championship-Macau International Invitation 2015” will be held on November 14 and 15, in which more than 14 international lion dance teams will compete in the two-day event in Macau.

CRIME

Loan sharking ring members nabbed for illegal detention

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THE Judiciary Police arrested four mainland loan sharks last weekend for illegally detaining one Hong Kong national and one Malaysian national in a foot massage parlor because the pair were unable to pay off their debts.

The four unemployed suspects, ranging from 22 to 28 in age, were said to be members of a loan sharking ring formed with four other people believed to be still at large. Authorities stated that the 35-year-old Malaysian businessman’s girlfriend contacted the police and was immediately rushed to the scene.

Another 31-year-old victim, a clerk at a logistics company, was found alongside the man upon arrival of the inspectors at the store located in NAPE. Both of the detainees were approached by the gang in the early morning of Friday and Saturday respectively at the entrance of one casino in the same area, being offered loans of HKD30,000 and HKD20,000

with interest for gambling.

Meanwhile, they inked a loan contract with their passports as well as withholding their identification cards. After losing all of their money at the gaming table in another casino nearby, the victims were subsequently dragged to the store by the gangsters who demanded ransoms from their friends or family.

Separately, a Hong Kong university student has allegedly been smuggling hard drugs via his rectum into the region since January this year.

PJ believes that the suspect, aged 22 and surnamed Yan, transported drugs in the same way over 50 times, according to his previous entry-exit records provided by the immigration department.

After a tip-off from a source around one week ago, the PJ agents intercepted the college student at around 10 p.m. last Saturday upon his arrival in the city. He removed a condom containing 9.96 grams of cocaine from his anus on his own during the investigation. The six tiny packets all stashed in the condom were said to be worth HKD30,000 in market value.

The suspect claimed that he had a “friend” he knew in Hong Kong, who arranged every single deal in advance through an instant messaging application. He was simply required to go to Macau to deliver the drugs to buyers for the HKD3,000 remuneration each time. The suspect admitted to the crime and will face prosecution.

STATISTICS

Hotel revenues increase in 2014



Guests are served at a check-in counter in the Galaxy Macau lobby

HOTEL sector revenues amounted to MOP27.87 billion in 2014, up by 10.2 percent year-on-year, according to an annual survey released by the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC).

Analyzed by subsector, room sales increased by 14.3 percent year-on-year to MOP13.65 billion, accounting for 49 percent of the total. Receipts from food & beverages increased marginally by 1.1 percent to MOP5.65 billion while receipts from space rentals rose by 18.6 percent to MOP5.58 billion, with those for MICE events (MOP 339

million) soaring 111.1 percent.

According to the survey, a total of 66 hotels and 33 guest houses were operating in 2014, only one establishment less than in 2013. The total number of persons working in the sector dropped by 1.1 percent year-on-year to 39,475, of which 26,089 (66.1 percent) were working in 11 large-scale hotels, which employ 800 or more persons.

The data released indicates that the total expenditure of the hotel sector increased by 7.9 percent year-on-year to MOP23.07 billion.

24 REPORTS INVOLVING DORE GROUP

PJ AUTHORITIES revealed that as of September 14 at 9 a.m., up to 24 Dore group investors asked them to intervene in the case. The amount involved in the cases reaches over HKD270 million. Among those seeking help are 19 locals, 4 are from the mainland and one person is from Hong Kong.

Pavel Alpeyev and
Takashi Amano

NINTENDO Co. named a 65-year-old human resources executive as president to lead the company's long-awaited push into smartphone gaming and development of its new console.

Tatsumi Kimishima will succeed the late Satoru Iwata, the company said yesterday. Kimishima has worked for the Pokemon Co. and was chief executive officer of Nintendo of America Inc., where he oversaw the U.S. introduction of the Wii console and the 3DS handheld device.

Kimishima faces challenges revitalizing Nintendo, where its business model has been undermined by competitors' free-to-play games on mobile devices and weak sales of its Wii U machine. Nintendo is set to release its first game service for smartphones this year and is preparing a new console code-named NX.

"It's a very orthodox choice, which sends a message that the company is choosing to stay the course," said Mitsushige Akino, executive officer at Ichiyoshi Asset Management Co. "Investors expecting growth would have preferred to see some bigger changes. Someone with a direct experience in designing games would have been better."

Nintendo's German-traded shares fell 0.7 percent, matching the decline in Tokyo before the announcement. The stock has gained 82 percent this year on expectations the company's move into smartphones with DeNA Co. will spark sales.

"The basic direction and

Nintendo taps 65-year-old human resources head as president



strategy won't change," Kimishima said in comments released by the company. "I will continue along the path set by President Iwata."

Iwata was the face of Nintendo for 13 years, fronting everything from product announcements to analyst meetings. Iwata, the first president from outside the Yamauchi family since the company was founded in the late 19th century, tripled revenue through new devices and interactive figurines called Amiibo.

The Wii U hasn't replicated the success of its predecessor against Microsoft Corp.'s Xbox, Sony Corp.'s PlayStation and Apple Inc.'s iPhone and iPad. The competing devices now sell in China after a ban was lifted, putting the Wii U further behind.

The company last week announced a new Pokemon title that uses a Bluetooth-ready button to interact with characters displayed in the real world. Nintendo has 32 percent of Pokemon's voting rights.

Nintendo also is working with Universal Parks & Resorts to offer attractions based on its intellectual property.

Nintendo's revenue has fallen six straight years, dropping to 550 billion yen (USD4.6 billion) in the 12 months ended March 2015. That is less than when Iwata took the role. The company has sold about 10 million units of the Wii U since its introduction in 2012.

Since his death in July from bile duct cancer, the Kyoto-based company has

been led by Shigeru Miyamoto, the creator of the Mario and Zelda series, and Genyo Takeda, the architect of the Wii console.

"We thought it's better that Takeda and Miyamoto manage hardware and software, and I control administration," Kimishima said. The new system is meant "to bring up the next-generation executives of Nintendo," he said.

Miyamoto and Takeda will take the roles of "Creative Fellow" and "Technology Fellow," respectively.

"It's a collective approach to leadership," said Hideki Yasuda, an analyst at Ace Research Institute in Tokyo. "Kimishima's executive experience in the U.S. means he has an understanding of that very large market." **Bloomberg**

Apple says iPhone on pace to beat last year's first weekend

Adam Satariano

APPL Inc. said its new iPhone models are on pace to surpass last year's record first weekend of 10 million units, signaling continued demand for the company's flagship device.

"Customer response to iPhone 6s and iPhone 6s Plus has been extremely positive and preorders this weekend were very strong around the world," Apple spokeswoman Trudy Muller said.

Apple didn't give figures for preorders for the handsets. The new models, introduced at an event in San Francisco last week, feature an improved camera, faster processor and a new feature called 3D Touch that provides shortcuts to common tasks when pressing firmly on the screen.

The new iPhones hit stores Sept. 25 in Australia, Canada, China, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Japan, New Zealand, Puerto Rico, Singapore, the U.K and the U.S. The company also started a new leasing program where customers can get a new model iPhone every year for starting at USD32 per month.

Maintaining healthy demand for the iPhone is critical for Apple, which got more than 60 percent of its revenue from the handsets in recent quarters. Analysts also have raised questions of whether the new models will be able to match the success of last year's record-setting release, when the company overhauled the design of the device with bigger screens. **Bloomberg**



corporate bits

CEM LAUNCHES "E-BILL GRAND LUCKY DRAW"



To foster environmental protection and encourage Macau citizens to receive

their electricity bills in e-format, Companhia de Electricidade de Macau - CEM, is

launching an "E-bill Grand Lucky Draw". Through the competition, CEM hopes to increase public awareness on environmental protection and make contributions in building a greener Macau.

The "E-bill Grand Lucky Draw" promotion period starts now until 18 March 2016. Customers who successfully register for CEM's e-bill service will automatically enter into the lucky draw. The lucky draw offers prizes including an Apple Sport Watch, Hong Kong Disneyland 1-day tickets and round-trip jetfoil tickets for 4 persons, Fujifilm Instax Share SP-1 wireless photo printers and supermarket cash coupons. Results of the lucky draw will be announced on 29 April 2016. Winners will be notified individually.

RUGBY WORLD CUP ACTION LIVE AT BELLINI LOUNGE



Rugby fans in Macau can check out Rugby World Cup action live on the big screen at The Venetian's Bellini Lounge from Sept. 18 until Oct. 31.

The adrenalin-fuelled rugby tournament, which kicks off this Friday with hosts England facing off against Fiji, will see players from around the world come together in rugby's biggest competition to see who will be crowned world champions.

Boasting the highest resolution and largest LED screen in any Macau bar or lounge, Bellini Lounge will be showing the Rugby World Cup live for the first time, offering guests the chance to enjoy selected pool matches as well as the quarter finals, semi-finals, bronze final and final of the Rugby World Cup 2015.

Fosun withdraws from Novo Banco purchase



THE Bank of Portugal has contacted investment fund Apollo Global Management to see if remains interested in buying Novo Banco after the withdrawal of Chinese group Fosun International from the deal, Portuguese weekly Expresso reported Saturday.

Daily financial newspaper Diário Económico also reported that the sale of Novo Banco was expected to be postponed until after the Portuguese elections on 4 October. Apollo's proposal, believed to be for 1.5 billion euros, was considered too low by both the government and Banco de Portugal.

According to the press, the US fund presented the second most interesting pro-

posal to buy the bank that inherited the quality of assets of the bankrupt Banco Espírito Santo, despite the central bank deciding to talk to Fosun after the talks with Chinese group Anbang Insurance also failed.

If the sale of Novo Banco goes ahead it seems clear that the amount offered will not only fall below the 4.9 billion euros that the resolution fund injected into Novo Banco, but also below the 3.9 billion euros the state contributed to the fund.

French bank Société Générale calculations cited by the Portuguese weekly suggest the sale will eventually be made for around 2 billion euros. **MDT/Macauhub**



Oil tankers pass along the road towards the capital Luanda, Angola

Oil production costs in Angola 'must fall'

THE Director of Total E&P Angola, Jean-Michel Lavergne, warned that if oil exploration costs in Angola did not come down significantly, the country runs the risk of no longer having an oil industry, according to financial news agency Bloomberg. "If there is not a significant reduction in costs, everything will stop," Lavergne told Bloomberg adding that if conditions do not improve, the Angolan oil industry "will disappear," assuming that the price per barrel of oil remains at USD60.

The issue involves several mea-

sures that the Angolan government has put in place in recent years, which made production costs increase by US\$500 million a year, Lavergne said during a business forum in Luanda, where he announced a meeting had been requested with the government to address these concerns caused by the cost of regulation.

The new rules on emissions, combined with low prices, means that some companies are thinking about leaving the country, which is the latest member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC),

said the director of the United States - Angola Chamber of Commerce, Pedro Godinho.

"Brent" oil, the benchmark for Angola, ended last week down 1.45 percent to US\$48.18 and "West Texas Intermediate," traded in New York, was down 1.79 percent at US\$ 45.10. **MDT/Macauhub**

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Party issues blueprint on overhauling bloated state industry

Joe McDonald
Business Writer, Beijing

CHINA'S Communist Party issued a long-awaited blueprint for overhauling bloated state industries while retaining the party's dominance in the economy.

The government of President Xi Jinping is under pressure to reverse an economic slowdown and reduce reliance on trade and investment to drive growth. Communist leaders have promised to give entrepreneurs and market forces a bigger role but say state ownership will remain the core of the economy.

The plan issued late Sunday reflects the complex path the party walks in trying to develop the world's second-largest economy while preserving its monopoly on power.

It calls for state companies to face more free-market competition, become financially self-supporting and be divided into commercial entities and those that serve social purposes. It gives no details of how individual companies will be treated and no timetable but promises a "decisive outcome" by 2020.

Rather than reducing the party's role, the plan says Beijing will "strengthen party leadership" of state companies.

The plan promises to promote "mixed ownership," the party term for allowing outside investors to buy stakes in state companies, but gives no indication whether they would be allowed any management control.

At a news conference yesterday, the deputy head of the Cabinet body that oversees China's biggest state enterprises said chronically money-losing "zombie companies" will be cleaned up or shut down.

Underperforming assets will be sold and "the money will be used by companies that need it more," said Zhang Xiwu, deputy chairman of the State-Owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission.

Despite three decades of market-oriented reform, most of China's industries are dominated or entirely controlled by state companies. That includes banking, oil and gas, insurance, air travel, telecoms, steel production and coal mining.

Most lending by state banks goes to government companies while entrepreneurs who generate China's new jobs and wealth rely mostly on an informal underground credit

AP PHOTO



A man checks his mobile phone as he walks by buildings of China's state-owned companies, China National Offshore Oil Corp. (CNOOC), left, and China Petroleum & Chemical Corp. (Sinopec), in Beijing

market.

Sheng Hong, director of the Unirule Institute in Beijing, an independent research group and a prominent reform advocate, criticized the latest announcement as "not meaningful." He said it fails

■ Rather than reducing the party's role, the plan says Beijing will 'strengthen party leadership' of state companies

to address critical issues including curtailing monopolies and state companies' access to low-cost credit, land and other resources.

"If they don't even admit the problems, then what is the point of discussing the issue?" he said.

Sheng criticized the lack of "hard criteria" to allow the public to judge whether reforms

were made.

"They have been only playing with words and don't intend to carry out real reform," he said.

Pressure for change has mounted as economic growth tumbled to a two-decade low of 7.4 percent last year and is forecast to fall further to about 7 percent this year. Some analysts say China will be unable to hit even that level without government stimuli after manufacturing and other activity were weaker than expected in July and August.

Regulators have announced a series of changes including eliminating a ban on outright foreign ownership of e-commerce companies. But Beijing has yet to reduce the privileges of state industry.

The latest changes have been years in the making.

Even before Xi took power in 2012 in a once-a-decade leadership succession, a Cabinet think tank and the World Bank issued a report that warned China faced the threat of steadily declining growth if it failed to rein in state industry.

An economic plan issued by the ruling party in 2013 promised to give market forces a decisive role for the first time in allocating resources.

Still, reform proposals have faced opposition from par-

ty factions that benefit from their ties to politically favored industries and regulators who don't want to see their status diminished, according to businesspeople and economists.

Foreign businesspeople welcomed Xi's rise because he had been party secretary in Zhejiang province, a center for private business south of Shanghai, and was seen as favorable toward entrepreneurs. Since taking power, Xi has focused on tightening centralized party control, suggesting he had limited interest in reducing state power over the economy and society.

State industry has gone through repeated upheavals as the ruling party tries to make the economy more productive while retaining tools needed to achieve its political goals.

In the late 1990s, an estimated 30 million to 35 million workers were laid off as state

enterprises were turned into profit-oriented companies, spun off to private ownership or shut down. The state withdrew from manufacturing and other competitive fields to focus on areas such as banking, oil and gas and electric power that control access to resources.

In the next stage, the party spent heavily over the past decade to build up "national champions" in energy, finance and other fields. They benefit from monopolies, low-cost credit and other favors.

It helped to propel the rise of companies such as PetroChina Ltd., China Mobile Ltd. and Industrial & Commercial Bank of China Ltd. that are among the largest in their global industries. But it also prompted public anger at the wealth of state companies and complaints their costly subsidies and other privileges were a drag on the economy. AP

WEAK CHINA DATA DIMS ASIA STOCKS

ASIAN STOCKS were mixed yesterday after China reported weak factory output. Factory output in August grew by a disappointing 6.1 percent, prompting expectations of new stimulus for the cooling economy. Analysts said even the

level reported was due to comparison with an unusually weak period a year earlier. That came after August exports fell 5.5 percent. The latest data "do cast doubts over the underlying strength of industrial activity," said UBS in a report.

Jamey Keaten, Geneva

UN rights chief airs worry about detained lawyers

THE U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights has expressed concern about the detention and interrogation of more than 100 lawyers in China.

Speaking at yesterday's start of the 47-nation Human Rights Council in Geneva, Zeid Raad al-Hussein delivered a broad-ranging speech on concerns about human rights worldwide like discrimination against African-Americans in the U.S., recent killings and arrests in Burundi, and the "deepening nightmare that is Syria."

Overall, Zeid said he feels "exhausted and angry" about growing "human misery" around the world, and the seeming inability to change it.

The three-week council meeting is expected among other things to examine Sri Lanka's long civil war and the human rights situation in North Korea. Zeid also urged member states to investigate sexual abuses by peacekeepers in Central African Republic.

Several countries, he said, appear to be "engaged in a war on information, in which legitimate critics and journalists are



UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Zeid Raad al-Hussein of Jordan speaks during the opening of the 30th session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland

targeted for violence, arbitrary arrest and detention, and even murder — particularly those

who investigate human rights violations, corruption and malfeasance by officials."

"I am, for example, concerned about the detention and interrogation in recent months of

more than 100 lawyers in China, in connection with their professional activities, and by the adoption of new laws with far-reaching implications for (non-governmental organizations)," he said.

Of those targeted, about two dozen rights lawyers and civil activists have been held since early July on vague accusations of being part of a criminal conspiracy to sabotage China's legal system. The crackdown is seen as part of a wider campaign against NGOs and civil society waged by President and Communist Party leader Xi Jinping.

Zeid also decried "shameless political grandstanding" in the U.S. on the subject of immigration, and said he was concerned about "persistent discrimination against African-Americans," calling on the U.S. to fight racial discrimination in the legal system, housing, employment and elsewhere. **AP**

FILM

Mr Six closes Venice Film Festival with reflection on mainland's transformations

Marzia De Giuli and Ge Chen

THE Venice International Film Festival ended at the Lido of Venice on Saturday with Chinese closing film Mr. Six (Lao Pao Er), directed by Guan Hu and with a talented cast led by Feng Xiaogang.

Mr. Six centers on a once notorious streetwise hoodlum named Mr Six, played by Feng Xiaogang, who lives a lonely existence in a Beijing hutong behind a small convenience store that he owns. Diagnosed with heart disease, he still reminisces about the good old days.

In an interview with Xinhua, Guan highlighted the reasons why he decided to tell this story of family, camaraderie and nostalgia, a tribute to the old values which China's society used to uphold and that should be even more important in modern society.

"Every director has some good stories in his heart, and this is one of them. I was born in Beijing and this is a story that por-

trays the people and places that I grew up with," Guan said.

In fact before turning 12, Guan lived in a traditional Beijing hutong without his parents around.

"The change undergone by China in the 30 years since I started high school until today is equivalent to the change undergone by Europe in 100 years," Guan noted.

"Of course such a fast change bears some problems. In the course of development people have forgotten important things, and especially traditional values," he added.

In Guan's story, Mr Six's son, played by Li Yifeng, never got along with his old father and moved out a long time ago. But one day, the young boy is taken by a group of rich kids after scratching one of their fancy cars. Their leader, played by Kris Wu, is the son of a powerful official.

On his son's behalf, Mr Six tries to reason with them but gets humiliated instead. Enraged by the group's lack of cus-



tomary traditions, he finally erupts in a fury and strikes back with all his strength, defending not only his own dignity, but the dignity of a generation long past.

"I think the generation gap is one of the big problems brought by social change," Guan stated. However, different generations can co-exist despite conflicting views and beliefs through the building of mutual understanding and dialogue

explored by Guan in his story.

Mr Six was key to the entire production, and Feng, a respected director-turned-actor in the film, said he was gratified at being chosen to be part of the cast.

"I felt that this role was close to my real self, as I met many people like Mr Six in my life. I am not a professional actor, so that I could only give a personal interpretation to my role," Feng explained to

Xinhua. The work was demanding, he pointed out.

Feng also said he was helped in the filmmaking process by his young fellow actor, Li, who managed just fine with the role of a cynical kid who does not understand and rebels against his father, but deep down inside still considers him as his closest person in the world.

"I learnt a lot from the collaboration experience with these two great directors, which incites me

into making more and more efforts in the future to become a good actor," Li, a young singer and actor who achieved fame in 2007 on the popular My Hero TV talent show, told Xinhua.

Li also learnt something from his character.

"It is a good thing that young generation have their own ideas and dreams," he said. "But at the same time we should treasure the good values passed down to us by our forefathers," he underlined.

An actor, Li stressed, like any other professional has the social responsibility to make a positive influence and remind society of good values that everyone should embrace.

Talking about Mr Six in an interview with Xinhua, the Venice International Film Festival's director Alberto Barbera explained the reasons why Mr Six was chosen to close the festival.

Among China's commercial films, Barbera noted, there are also interesting artistic ones exploring new roads.

He said Mr Six was a commercial film but "with strong original elements" and "a capacity to reflect on the transformations of China's society, both its old and contemporary values." **Xinhua**

Rod McGuirk, Canberra

AUSTRALIA

Party ousts PM Abbott for more moderate rival

AUSTRALIA'S beleaguered prime minister was ousted from power in an internal party ballot yesterday as the ruling conservative party attempts to win back a disenchanted public by replacing the nation's polarizing, gaffe-prone leader with his more moderate rival.

Prime Minister Tony Abbott lost a leadership ballot by members of his party, who voted 54 to 44 to replace him with former Liberal Party leader and Communications Minister Malcolm Turnbull, Liberal Party whip Scott Buchholz told reporters. Turnbull had called for a leadership ballot earlier yesterday amid flagging opinion polls for the 2-year-old conservative coalition government.

Abbott lost a leadership ballot 54 to 44 to replace him with Malcolm Turnbull

The change in leadership continues an extraordinarily volatile period in Australian politics. Turnbull becomes Australia's fourth prime minister in just over two years.

The political turbulence comes as Australia enters its record 25th year of continuous economic growth. However a cooling mining boom that helped Australia avoid recession during the global financial crisis has slashed tax revenue and a hostile Senate has blocked several key parts of the government's financial agenda.

The change at the helm will also likely lead to a major cabinet reshuffle, with Treasurer Joe Hockey, Finance Minister

AP PHOTO



Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott speaks during a press conference, in Sydney

Mathias Cormann, Defense Minister Kevin Andrews and Employment Minister Eric Abetz among ministers who publicly supported Abbott against the Turnbull challenge.

Abbott's former Liberal Party deputy, Foreign Minister Julie Bishop, who supported Turnbull's bid, was re-elected party deputy. She defeated Andrews 70 votes to 30.

The Liberals were elected in 2013 as a stable alternative to the then-Labor government. Labor came to power under Kevin Rudd at elections in 2007, only to dump him for his deputy Julia Gillard in 2010 months ahead of elections. The bitterly divided and chaotic government then dumped Gillard for

Rudd just months before the 2013 election.

Before Rudd was elected in 2007, John Howard was in power for almost 12 years.

Yesterday night's contest pitted a man who has been described as the most socially conservative Australian prime minister in decades against a challenger some think is not conservative enough.

Unlike Abbott, Turnbull supports gay marriage, wants Australia to replace the British monarch with an Australian president as head of state, and backs a policy of making polluters pay for their carbon gas emissions.

"This country needs strong and stable government and that

means avoiding at all costs Labor's revolving-door prime ministership," Abbott told reporters before the ballot, referring to the opposition Labor Party that changed its prime minister twice in three years.

"The prime ministership of this country is not a prize or a plaything to be demanded. It should be something which is earned by a vote of the Australian people," he added.

Turnbull earlier said the government was doomed to defeat with Abbott as leader.

"Ultimately, the prime minister has not been capable of providing the economic leadership our nation needs," Turnbull told reporters. "He has not been capable of providing the econo-

mic confidence that business needs."

Nick Economou, a Monash University political scientist, said before the ballot the party had done "done enormous damage to themselves" through the challenge.

The government has trailed the opposition in a range of opinion polls since April last year. Abbott survived a leadership challenge from within his party in February that was prompted by those polls and what some say were questionable judgments he made. At the time, Abbott asked his colleagues to give him six months to improve his government's popularity.

That deadline passed without a change in polling. General elections are due around September next year.

Turnbull, a 60-year-old former lawyer and merchant banker known for his moderate views, has long been considered Abbott's chief rival. Turnbull was opposition leader for two years before he lost a party-room ballot by a single vote to Abbott in 2009. His downfall was his belief that Australia should make polluters pay for their greenhouse gas emissions, a position that split the coalition.

Opinion polls show that Turnbull is more popular than Abbott, but many of those who prefer him vote for the center-left Labor Party.

Turnbull is the type of classical liberal that has become rare in the oddly named party, which has been overrun by conservatives in recent decades. It was called the Liberal Party when it was established in the early 1940s because it believed in individual freedoms, while their Labor opponents favored state control and heavy regulation.

Turnbull is a self-made multimillionaire regarded by some as arrogant and has been nicknamed "The Silvertail," an Australian term for wealth and privilege. AP

JAPAN

Volcano in Kyushu erupts, sending smoke into the air

MOUNT Aso, a volcano on the southern Japanese island of Kyushu, has erupted, sending huge plumes of black and then white smoke 2,000 meters into the air.

The eruption yesterday prompted authorities to raise the alert level for the area, banning people from approaching within 2 kilometers of the volcano's mouth.

There are no homes wi-

thin that area and there were no immediate reports of injuries or damage.

The national television network NHK cited local police as saying they had safety evacuated people from a ropeway station on the mountain and were having other visitors move to lower elevations. Police were still checking to see if any hikers were in the restricted area.

Some flights to the

nearby city of Kumamoto were diverted due to the ash pumped into the air by the eruption.

The Japan Meteorological Agency said the eruption fired bits of volcanic rock, smoke and steam into the air. It was unclear if there was any volcanic flow from the mountain.

"This could happen a few times," Yasuaki Sudo, a researcher at the Aso Volcano Museum,

AP PHOTO



In this image taken from a surveillance camera observed from Kusasenri and released by the Japan Meteorological Agency, a column of black smoke rises from Mount Aso, Kumamoto prefecture

told NHK. "The most important thing is to stay out of the danger zone."

The Japanese archipelago sits atop the Pacific "ring of fire" and has more than 100 volcanoes. Mount Aso had a smaller eruption in August and eruptions in 2014 that disrupted tourism in the area.

During the summer, authorities closed part of a popular hot springs about 80 kilometers from Tokyo because of fears of an eruption of Mount Hakone, which is southeast of Mount Fuji.

The eruption last September of another volcano, Mount Ontake in central Japan, killed 57 people. AP

Papitchaya Boonngok, Bangkok

THAILAND

Police say Bangkok bombing suspect fled to Turkey

A key suspect in last month's bombing at a Bangkok shrine that killed 20 people has fled to Turkey, Thai police said yesterday, in another indication that the attack could be the work of members of China's ethnic Uighur minority who have sympathizers in Turkey.

Police had previously said the man, carrying a Chinese passport in the name Abudurehman Abudusataer, may have directed the Aug. 17 bombing of the Erawan Shrine. Investigations revealed that he left Thailand on Aug. 16 for Bangladesh, and police speculated that he might have gone to China.

However, national police spokesman Prawut Thavornsiri said that information gathered by Thai police and Bangladeshi officials showed that the man departed Bangladesh's capital, Dhaka, on Aug. 30 and traveled to Istanbul in Turkey as his final destination, via New Delhi and Abu Dhabi.

"He departed Dhaka on Aug. 30 for Delhi by Jet Airways," Prawut said. "From Delhi, he continued his travel to Abu Dhabi, and from Abu Dhabi he traveled on Aug. 31 to Istanbul. This is his final destination. It's clear."

This bolstered the theory that those behind the blast are Uighurs from the Chinese region of Xinjiang who have close ties to Turkey. Several of the 12 bombing suspects for whom arrest warrants have been issued are believed to be Turkish.

After weeks of demurring, Thailand has suggested that those behind the blast may have been from a gang invol-



In this Aug. 17 file photo, a policeman photographs debris from an explosion in central Bangkok, Thailand

ved in smuggling Uighurs. But others speculate they may be separatists or Islamist extremists angry that Thailand repatriated more than 100 Uighurs to China in July.

Uighurs complain of oppression by the Chinese government, and some advocate turning Xinjiang into a separate Uighur state.

Thai efforts to identify the members of the network believed responsible for the bombing continued Sunday, when police in Bangkok raided an

apartment that they suspected was linked to a bombing suspect. Police said no bomb-making materials were found in the apartment, which is in a building that serves as a hostel for women. Thai media reported that the two women tenants and a guest were taken away for questioning.

Two other key suspects are also in custody, charged with possession of illegal explosives. One of them was captured from an apartment on the outskirts of Bangkok where

police also discovered bomb-making material. The other was caught near the border between Thailand and Cambodia, and police said his fingerprints were found on a container with explosive material confiscated from the apartment.

Also yesterday, Malaysia's police chief announced that a Pakistani and two Malaysians have been detained in connection with the Bangkok bombing.

Inspector General Khalid Abu Bakar told reporters that

the three were detained a few days ago following a tip-off by Thai authorities. He said one of the Malaysians is a woman.

Among those who died in the blast were five Malaysians from one family. Many of the victims were foreigners as the shrine is a popular destination for tourists and Thais alike.

Khalid did not give details or say where in Malaysia the three were detained, when they will be formally charged, or what the charges would be. He said Malaysian police will investigate and work with Thai authorities on the detainees.

Thai police say the man who may have actually planted the bomb may have fled across Thailand's southern border to Malaysia, but Khalid refused to speculate on that.

Prawut, the Thai police spokesman, said his department had told the Malaysians that some suspects might have escaped to Malaysia.

Malaysian police then investigated and arrested suspects who are allegedly involved in illegal human smuggling and they might have some information, Prawut said.

"However, we haven't had any confirmation. ... As a preliminary step, they have arrested suspects who are allegedly involved in illegal human smuggling. Whether they are involved in our bombing incident or not we will have to wait and see," he said. AP

AFGHANISTAN

Taliban insurgents raid prison and free inmates

MORE than 350 inmates escaped an Afghan prison following a coordinated attack by Taliban insurgents, an Afghan official and the Taliban said.

Mohammad Ali Ahmadi, deputy governor of Ghazni province, said yesterday that insurgents wearing military uniforms launched a well-organized attack early yesterday morning that included using a suicide bomber to breach the compound's walls. Four guards were killed and seven others were wounded, while three insurgents were also killed, Ahmadi said.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid claimed responsibility for the attack on the Ghazni prison in an email sent to the media.

A total of 355 prisoners escaped, the Afghan Interior Ministry said in a statement, and only 82 prisoners remain in custody in the prison.

However Ahmadi added that 20 of the prison's most dangerous inmates had been transferred to another facility a day earlier after a fight broke out.

Officials in Ghazni said that there were attacks by the Taliban in at least 10 different parts of the city overnight.

"There was an organized attack around 2:00 a.m. on the Ghazni prison, to make their plan successful the enemy at the same time launched attacks in different locations of the city as well," Ahmadi said, adding that the suicide car bomber breached the jail's entrance gates while security forces were busy defending other parts of the city.

"At least 148 of the escaped inmates are considered to be a serious threat to national security," the Interior Ministry statement said, adding that three of the escaped prisoners have been recaptured so far. AP



The Afghan national army stands guard near the dead body of a Taliban attacker in front of the main prison building after an attack in Ghazni province

EUROPEAN MIGRANT CRISIS

German border checks add urgency to EU refugee debate

Lorne Cook and Raf Casert, Brussels

GERMANY announced yesterday it expects to handle one million people fleeing their homelands this year and Slovakia joined Berlin in reintroducing border checks with Austria, underscoring the need for European Union nations to quickly forge a common strategy to deal with Europe's immigration crisis.

Interior ministers from the EU's 28 nations gathered for emergency talks in Brussels to try to narrow a yawning divide over how to share responsibility for the thousands of migrants arriving daily and how to ease the burden on the front-line states of Greece, Italy and Hungary.

Their talks will focus on distributing 160,000 refugees over the next two years — but at least four Eastern European nations have strongly rejected suggestions they should take in any more people.

The decisions by some EU nations to have checks at borders that have been open as part of the EU's landmark Schengen passport-free zone has added urgency to the talks.

The arrival of around 500,000 migrants so far this year has taken the EU by surprise — and Germany warned yesterday those figures would



Migrants arrive from Munich at Schoenefeld train station near Berlin

swell further.

Germany's vice chancellor Sigmar Gabriel said in a letter to his Social Democratic Party that "everything points the fact that we won't have 800,000 migrants as has been predicted by the Interior Ministry but 1 million" in Germany alone.

Lacking a quick and comprehensive policy answer, EU nations have begun tightening

border security or, in the case of Hungary, erecting fences. Greece is simply overwhelmed by the numbers of people coming across the sea from Turkey and cannot properly screen the migrants, let alone lodge them.

Germany's decision to reintroduce border checks temporarily is allowed under the Schengen rules governing free movement within the EU.

Gabriel defended his government's move, saying it should be a "clear signal" to our "European partners that Germany, even if we are prepared to provide disproportionate assistance, cannot accommodate all of the refugees alone."

Germany takes in more refugees than any other European nation by far.

Dutch Foreign Affairs Minister Bert Koenders said the

temporary border measures showed the need to quickly come up with a more comprehensive deal on the refugees.

"It means that we have to make progress about the relocation today," he said.

Adding to the unraveling of free travel within most of the EU, Slovakia said yesterday that 220 extra officers have been deployed at border crossings and along the border. It said authorities were also coordinating with police forces in neighboring Austria, Hungary and the Czech Republic.

The Czech Republic on Sunday boosted its presence along its border with Austria but has not reintroduced border checks yet.

Humanitarian groups have been critical of the slow European response to the crisis that has seen thousands of families trekking across its eastern nations by train, bus or foot — and fear the meeting could turn into yet another ineffectual meeting.

"Bear in mind that the decisions adopted in previous summits have so far largely failed to improve the situation," Doctors Without Borders President Joanne Liu said in a letter to EU leaders. **AP**

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The number of migrants predicted to arrive in Germany

EGYPT

12 killed when security forces accidentally fire on Mexican tourists

AT least 12 people were killed and 10 injured in Egypt's southwestern desert Sunday when security forces mistakenly fired on a group of Mexican tourists, Egyptian officials said.

The Mexican Foreign Ministry confirmed the incident and said at least two of the dead were Mexican nationals. It said in a statement that the victims were still being identified, and Foreign Ministry personnel were

working with the families of the victims.

Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto posted a statement on his Twitter feed yesterday morning saying his government "condemns these acts against our citizens" and demanding a thorough investigation.

A joint military-police force was pursuing "terrorist elements" in the area and fired on four cars that turned out to be carrying tourists, according to Egypt's Interior

Ministry. The ministry said the victims were Egyptian and Mexican.

Egyptian officials claim the safari convoy had wandered into a restricted area of the western desert. The tour company involved "did not have permits and did not inform authorities," Rasha Azazi, a spokesperson for the Egyptian Ministry of Tourism, told The Associated Press, adding that any trips to that area are required to be cleared by officials.



Acting Egyptian Prime Minister Ibrahim Mehleb speaks to journalists after his visit to injured Mexican tourists at the Dar Al Fouad Hospital in Cairo

"They were not supposed to be there," she said, but could not provide further information on the circumstances of the shooting.

Mexican Foreign Minister Claudia Ruiz Massieu was in contact with Egypt's ambassador to Mexico and also demanded an investigation

and explanation of what happened, the Mexican statement said. She also demanded the support of Egyptian authorities for Mexican nationals being transported to Cairo.

Jorge Alvarez Fuentes, Mexico's ambassador to Egypt, and consular representatives visited the wounded at the

Dar el-Fouad Hospital in suburban Cairo, and Fuentes had interviewed five survivors, the Foreign Ministry statement said. It did not provide details on the survivors' accounts of the incident.

Egypt's western desert is popular among safari enthusiasts, but has not been known as a hotbed of militant or insurgent activity. Police and military there have primarily been concerned with combatting smuggling along Egypt's large and porous border with Libya.

Cairo has been battling an Islamic insurgency on its eastern flank in the Sinai peninsula for years; attacks targeting army and police in Sinai escalated and spread after the July 2013 military ouster of Islamist President Mohammed Morsi. **AP**



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Offbeat

UTAH TWINS PREGNANT AGAIN WITH 2ND SET OF TWINS

Kerri Bunker and Kelli Wall know a thing or two about twins.

The two women are identical twins who already each have one set of twins. Now, they are getting ready to each have a second set of twins next spring, KSL-TV reports.

"To have twins twice is incredible," Wall said.

The Lindon women both had their first set of fraternal twins after using in vitro fertilization after they struggled to get pregnant. This summer, both found out they are having twins again. They are both due two weeks apart next spring.

"It was like just one shock after another all summer long," said Bunker.

It marked the latest sign that the two women are destined to live similar lives. They are both teachers at the same school, and they married best friends.

Their first sets of twins are similar in age, as well. Bunker's twins, Kole and Hallie, are 3-years-old. Wall's twins, Madison and McKell, are 4-years-old.

Bunker and Wall say they see similarities in how their twins interact and how they get along, including how they are protective of each other.

One difference between Bunker and Wall and their own twins is that they probably won't have to worry about people not being able to distinguish between them. Since they are fraternal twins, they look more like siblings than identical twins.

Bunker and Wall, on the other hand, still get people confused. They said the principal at Timpanogos Academy where they teach couldn't tell them apart when they first started working there.

Bunker does know what it's like to have a single baby: she has a 2-year-old girl, Sadie, who was not a twin.

Wall considers it a blessing to be a twin.

"Truthfully there's nothing better than having a best friend with you all the time," Wall said.

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Brodie-Sangster

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 131min

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Starring: Lake Bell, Pierce Brosnan, Owen Wilson

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ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE

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Director: Richie Jen

Starring: Richie Jen, Shu Qi, Ti Lung

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ROOM 1

2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

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Duration: 105min

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Brodie-Sangster

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 131min

this day in history



1964 THE SUN NEWSPAPER IS BORN

The Sun newspaper is published today for the first time.

It is replacing the Mirror Group's Daily Herald, which has been losing readers and advertising revenue for several years.

The newest arrival on Fleet Street is promising to follow a "radical" and "independent" agenda - unlike its predecessor which had strong ties to the Labour party. The TUC sold its 49% stake in the paper in 1960.

Mirror Group Newspapers (MGN) and the International Press Corporation (IPC) took over ownership of the Herald in 1961.

It was previously owned by Odhams Press, which had seen it reach a circulation of two million in 1933, the highest in the world at the time.

In a bid to broaden the Herald's appeal once more, MGN, is relaunching the paper as the Sun, with the slogan "A paper born of the age we live in".

Editor Sydney Jacobson said his new paper would be "totally independent, no ties with any party or movement... totally free to make up its own mind."

The paper's launch coincides with the announcement of a general election next month.

Prime Minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home, whose Conservative party has been in power for 13 years, will be up against the man described as Labour's thrusting new grammar school boy, Harold Wilson.

Asked where his party's loyalties would lie in the coming election battle, Mr Jacobson replied: "The Sun is a radical newspaper. Can a radical newspaper support the present government?"

It is a competitive time for newspapers. Faced with rising costs, the Daily Sketch was the first to raise its cover price from 3d to 4d in June, but others are expected to follow suit.

The Daily Mirror - The Sun's stalemated - has a current circulation of five million but even so it is not expected to be able to resist the price increase beyond the end of the year.

The Mirror Group is splashing out on free beer and christening mugs for new babies to promote the Sun's arrival and Herald's demise.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Five years after its arrival on Fleet Street, the Sun was up for sale partly because of losses dating back to its predecessor, the Herald.

As a broadsheet, the paper was attracting a daily readership of one million.

There were two key players interested in buying: the millionaire Labour MP Robert Maxwell and the right-leaning Australian newspaper proprietor Rupert Murdoch, who already owned The News of the World.

Mr Murdoch clinched the deal and immediately relaunched the Sun as a tabloid - shortly followed by the introduction of the Page Three girls.

In 1978 The Sun overtook its closest rival The Mirror in the circulation war.

In 1986 Mr Murdoch introduced new print technology and moved the Sun to Wapping.

In 1997 the Sun returned to its Labour roots and backed Tony Blair for Prime Minister.

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FOOTBALL

Barcelona, Real lead Spanish clubs' charge in Champions League

Tales Azzoni
Sports Writer

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SPANISH clubs have dominated the Champions League lately, and the odds are stacked in their favor again when the group stage begins this week.

There will be five of them fighting for this year's title, the most ever for a country in the tournament's group phase.

That's because Europa League winner Sevilla joins the four teams who qualified through their league positions.

Among those, of course, are defending champion Barcelona and 2014 winner Real Madrid, who are both having terrific starts to their seasons.

Barcelona leads the Spanish league after three straight wins, including at rival Atletico Madrid on Saturday. Real Madrid is coming off two remarkable victories — 5-0 over Real Betis and 6-0 at Espanyol, with Cristiano Ronaldo scoring five goals in the latest one.

Barcelona will debut at Roma tomorrow (Thursday, 2:45am), while Real Madrid hosts Shakhtar Donetsk today (Wednesday, 2:45am).

PRESSURE TO SUCCEED

English teams have much to prove in Europe. And it's not just about last season's failure to be represented in the last eight of either continental competition for the first time in 22 years.

Manchester United is back after its rare season-long absence from Europe, but captain Wayne Rooney is set to miss today's game at PSV Eindhoven through injury, leaving manager Louis van Gaal with a shortage of options.

United has won the European Cup three times but neighbor Manchester City has never advanced beyond the round of 16. After spending another \$250 million on new talent, City is running out of excuses — especially with Tuesday's opponent, Juventus, struggling domestically.

While City leads the early Premier League table, Chelsea has opened its title defense with three losses in five games. Failure to beat Macabbi Tel Aviv on Wednesday would heighten the sense that Chelsea's slump is more than a blip.



Barcelona's Lionel Messi, right, celebrates with team mates after scoring during a Spanish La Liga soccer match between Atletico Madrid and Barcelona at the Vicente Calderon stadium in Madrid

For once, the pressure in London is on Jose Mourinho rather than Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger, whose team opens against Dinamo Zagreb on Wednesday.

STRUGGLING START

Last year's runner-up Juventus will be looking to the Champions League for respite from domestic woes after its worst ever start to the Italian league.

The four-time defending champion lost both its opening matches for the first time and needed a late penalty to rescue a 1-1 draw against Chievo Verona on Saturday.

With top players Carlos Tevez, Andrea Pirlo and Arturo Vidal having departed and new signees like Mario Mandzukic still settling in, Juventus has a long way to go to match its form from last season, when it came close to winning the treble.

"We're in a period of transition but that shouldn't be used as a way of excusing ourselves, that's not the way we do things at Juventus," Juventus CEO Giuseppe Marotta said ahead of the team's opening match at Manchester City.

Midfielder Claudio Marchisio will miss the match and could be out for a month after injuring his right thigh on his comeback from a similar injury.

UNTIMELY RETURN

Borussia Moenchengladbach's joy of returning to Europe's premier competition after a 37-year absence has been tempered by its

worst ever start to the Bundesliga.

Lucien Favre's side has lost all of its four games and is last in the standings with 11 goals conceded and just two scored. Friday's 3-0 home defeat to Hamburger SV was compounded when captain Martin Stranzl, who had just returned from six months out with a knee injury, sustained a fractured eye socket and a concussion. He will be out for six to eight weeks.

The team faces the daunting trip to Sevilla with Granit Xhaka suspended and injuries ruling out Alvaro Dominguez (back), Fabian Johnson (calf) and Patrick Herrmann (knee).

"If I had the choice, I'd rather have three points next Saturday in Cologne (in the Bundesliga) than in Seville," sporting director Max Eberl said.

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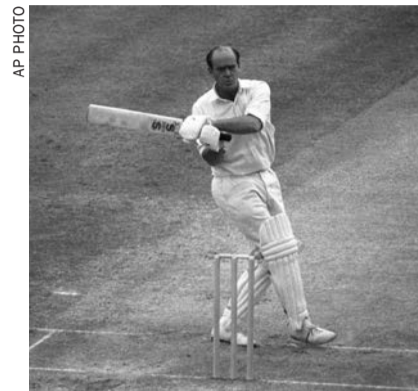
Paris Saint-Germain's new goalkeeper Kevin Trapp is already under pressure just five games into the season.

PSG dropped its first points in Friday's 2-2 home draw with Bordeaux after two glaring mistakes by Trapp. He spilled a routine header from a corner and let the ball slip over the line for the first goal, then allowed the ball to be taken away from his feet for the second.

Signed by coach Laurent Blanc in the offseason from Kaiserslauten, Trapp relegated Salvatore Sirigu to the bench. That move is already being questioned, even before Trapp's first Champions League game. **AP / Oddschecker.com**

CRICKET

Former England, Yorkshire captain Brian Close dies aged 84



The Yorkshire County Cricket Club says Brian Close, the former England and Yorkshire captain, has died. He was 84. Close became the youngest

player to make his test debut for England when he started against New Zealand at Old Trafford in 1949, at 18 years and 149 days — a record which still stands. Yorkshire issued a statement yesterday confirming that Close had died on Sunday, and describing him "one of Yorkshire and England's greatest ever captains and one of the game's most courageous players." Close, who also played for Somerset, scored 22,650 runs and captured 967 wickets in a 21-year stint at Yorkshire. He played his last first-class match at the age of 55 in 1985, finishing only six runs short of 35,000 career runs at that level.

TENNIS

Djokovic beats Federer for 2nd US Open title, 10th major



After winning a point in the U.S. Open final, and bent on proving a point, Novak Djokovic leaped and roared and threw an uppercut, then glared at some of the thousands of spectators pulling for Roger Federer. Following another point in that game, Djokovic nodded as he smiled toward the stands. And moments later, Djokovic shook his right arm, bloodied by an early fall, and screamed, "Yes! Yes!" to celebrate a missed forehand by Federer. Djokovic appeared to be all alone out there in Arthur Ashe Stadium, trying to solve Federer while also dealing with a crowd loudly supporting the 17-time major champion proclaimed "arguably the greatest player in the history of the sport" during prematch introductions. In the end, Djokovic handled everything in a thrill-a-minute final on a frenetic night. Thwarting Federer with his relentless defense and unparalleled returning, Djokovic took control late and held on for a 6-4, 5-7, 6-4.

TENNIS

Date-Krumm beats Doi to reach 2nd round of Japan Open

Four-time champion Kimiko Date-Krumm of Japan cruised into the second round of the Japan Open yesterday with a straight-set win over a player 20 years her junior. The 44-year-old Date-Krumm, ranked 160th, beat 83rd-ranked Misaki Doi of Japan 6-4, 6-2. Third-seeded Madison Brengle and No. 6 Christina McHale of the United States advanced in straight sets. Brengle, who made the fourth round of this year's Australian Open, beat Anna-Lena Friedsam of Germany 6-3, 6-1, while McHale defeated Yulia Putintseva of Kazakhstan 6-3, 7-5.

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Editorial Board, Bloomberg

**BRITAIN'S LABOUR PARTY
 CHOOSES DEATH WITH HONOR**

Jeremy Corbyn's landslide victory in the election for leadership of the U.K. Labour Party begins a fascinating experiment. Voters and political parties everywhere, not least in the U.S., ought to pay attention.

The upset underscores one striking fact: People are fed up with politics as usual. And it raises one especially important question: Can a party of the left be true to its principles and still get elected?

Corbyn, a hard-left activist rather than a career-building politician, had been such an unlikely candidate that he barely secured the nominations he needed to run. (Colleagues who didn't want him to win, and never dreamed he would, nudged him into the race as a friendly gesture.) But after starting out as a 100-to-1 outsider, he won a four-way race against well-qualified rivals, with almost 60 percent of the vote. The runner-up polled less than 20 percent. Corbyn didn't crush his opponents: He annihilated them.

Yet the outcome is even more dramatic than that. The Labour Party members who voted - many of them newcomers who'd joined for that purpose - have repudiated not just the other candidates but the party's entire leadership, its rank-and-file members of Parliament (only 15 out of 232 backed Corbyn) and its whole "modern left" posture. It is nothing less than a counter-revolution.

That's why many of the party's shadow ministers are saying they won't serve under Corbyn, whose circle comprises mainly hard-line activists like himself.

The Corbynistas want to renationalize the railways; increase public spending and tax the rich to pay for it; pull the U.K. out of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and maybe the European Union as well; and command the Bank of England (which is independent, for now) to print money to pay for public investment. Anti-Americanism is a prominent part of the mix. Corbyn once called the killing of Osama bin Laden a "tragedy" and has called Hamas and Hezbollah "friends."

In short, it's prehistoric leftism. As you'd expect, the ruling Tories are struggling to contain their joy. They now face an opposition in the mold of Labour before Tony Blair - an outfit so out of touch with the broader electorate, it kept the Conservatives in power for the better part of two decades.

Corbyn is as familiar with this history as anybody, and therefore faces a dilemma. His strength is an unassuming authenticity - like Bernie Sanders in the U.S., he is a straightforward man who tends to say what he means. People like that, and his seeming lack of guile will appeal to voters beyond his political base. The problem is, his policies won't.

Corbyn is a winning personality with a losing program. But if he softens his line to reach out to wavering Tories - as he surely must, to win a general election - he'll be committing the very offense his supporters most despise. Perhaps, like them, he'll prefer to lose honorably than win through compromise (or betrayal, as many activists would see it). Perhaps the party will split, with the left on one side and Blairite social democrats on the other.

Britain's humiliated center-left should think hard about how it ever let this happen - and social democratic parties in other countries ought to reflect as well. It boils down to this: The Labour Party failed to truly embrace the changes wrought by Blair in the 1990s. It saw no real virtue in pragmatism: Rather than champion moderation, it came to apologize for it. That's a posture that inspires nobody and quickly shades into cynicism.

Now, the British left will have to learn all over again to advocate moderation on principle, not just as a tactical calculation. It must again believe that competence and restraint in pursuit of its goals make for good policy, not just good politics.

Chances are that Corbyn, one way or another, will help the point to sink in.

THE BUZZ **KERRY SIMON, LAS VEGAS 'IRON CHEF' WINNER, DIES AT 60**

Kerry Simon, a former "Iron Chef" champ who served up dishes to rock bands such as Led Zeppelin and Mötley Crüe, has died.

Simon died Friday morning at a hospice facility in Las Vegas, according to his business partner, Cory Harwell. He was 60.

Simon was diagnosed with Multiple System Atrophy, a degenerative neurological disorder, and died from complications related to

the disease.

Harwell, who met Simon in 2009, said he did not let his disorder keep him from doing what he wanted to, which was open restaurants. Simon operated restaurants at several Las Vegas hotels. He and Harwell formed their own restaurant-hospitality management group in 2013 and opened four restaurants together with a fifth one still on the horizon.

South Korea, Philippines sign pact on protecting classified info

Jim Gomez, Manila

The South Korean and Philippine defense chiefs signed an accord yesterday to regulate and protect exchanges of classified military information on regional security, including on potential hostilities between the rival Koreas.

The Philippine defense department said the five-year accord signed by South Korean Defense Minister Han Min-koo and Secretary Voltaire Gazmin would enable the Manila government to be better informed of developments on the Korean Peninsula to protect thousands of Filipino workers in the tense region.

The "safety and repatriation of Filipinos residing in the Republic of Korea will be the Philippines' paramount concern when such contingency erupts between the two Koreas," the Philippine defense department said in a statement.

About 50,000 Filipinos live and work in South Korea, and a few are in the North. About a tenth of the Philippines' more than 100 million people have left the poor Southeast Asian nation in search of better



South Korean Defense Minister Han Min-koo

jobs and opportunities, and many had been trapped in armed conflicts in recent years, including in the Middle East.

In a news conference following his talks with Gazmin, Han expressed support to the Philippine military's efforts to modernize and said Seoul was ready to intensify defense ties with Manila.

The underfunded Philippine military has traditionally leaned on the United States, a longtime treaty ally, for military hardware but has turned to other countries, including South Korea, as it scrambled to

reflect its ill-equipped air force and navy amid escalating territorial rifts with China.

A South Korean firm will deliver the first two of a dozen fighter jets to the Philippine military later this year. The Philippines has had no fighter jets since it decommissioned its aging F-5 jets in 2005.

When asked about his assessment of regional security, Han tackled the issue of the territorial disputes in the South China Sea carefully. South Korea looks "with great interest" at the disputed region, where about 90 percent of Seoul's petroleum trade and 30 percent of its trade transit, he said. The disputes have endured in a region where economic cooperation has deepened "but security cooperation has not been up to speed" in a phenomenon he called the "Asia paradox."

"It is my stance that the relevant nations regarding this area and this situation should solve this situation based on mutual respect toward each other's sovereignty ... and mutual understanding of each nation's perspective," Han told reporters. **AP**

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

AP Photo/Matt Dunham



NY-based Japanese artist Ushio Shinohara, known for his performance boxing stroke style of painting, punches the air as he poses for photographs in front of his painting "Doll Festival" at the press launch of "The EY Exhibition: The World Goes Pop" at the Tate Modern gallery in London, yesterday. The exhibition opens to the public from Sept 17 to Jan 24.

Station	Air quality
Roadside	35-55 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	65-85 Moderate
Ambient	55-75 Moderate

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS

AFGHANISTAN An Afghan official says that more than 350 inmates have escaped after an attack by the Taliban insurgents on the main prison in eastern Ghazni province. Mohammad Ali Ahmadi, deputy provincial governor of Ghazni, said that insurgents wearing military uniforms launched a well-organized attack to free the inmates. **More on p13**

PAKISTAN A police official says a blast outside of a bus terminal in central Pakistan has killed at least nine people and wounded 48.

ISRAEL-PALESTINE Israeli police briefly clash with Palestinian protesters at Jerusalem's most sensitive holy site, raising tensions in the holy city ahead of the Jewish New Year.



USA An explosive wildfire burned largely unchecked yesterday after incinerating homes, apartment blocks and hundreds of other buildings as it raced through rural communities in Northern California's Lake County, leaving at least one person dead and sending thousands fleeing down flame-lined streets. A second massive wildfire, less than 320 kilometers away is blamed for destroying 135 homes as it spread through the Sierra Nevada. That fire was 30 percent contained.

SAUDI ARABIA Saudi King Salman and the imam of the Grand Mosque in the holy city of Mecca visit people injured by the deadly collapse of a giant construction crane last week.

UK British Prime Minister David Cameron urged the international community on Monday to send more aid to Syrian refugees in host countries in the Middle East, as a way of stemming mass migration to Europe. Cameron made the comments during a tour of Jordan's sprawling Zaatari refugee camp, which is home to more than 80,000 Syrians.