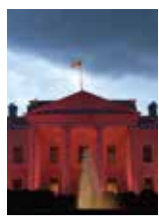




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Hotels team up with police to combat crimes

The Public Security Police Force has launched a cooperative scheme with local hotels in order to strengthen anti-crime efforts inside hotels. A total of 22 hotels have joined the security authorities in what appears to be a platform to regularly exchange information on maintaining security within and around hotel premises. Such an initiative harks back to the program that was launched in 2013 in a variety of neighborhoods, where liaison officers actively approached the police in order to report suspicious situations in their respective areas.

Jetfoil rescues three men and dog from sea

Personnel on a TurboJet ferry rescued three fishermen and a puppy after they were spotted floating in the waters off the territory. The three mainland men, ranging from age 39 to 65, together with their dog, were afloat in a raft when the vessel sailed past them. It was said that they had ditched a sinking fishing boat and were waiting to be rescued. The marine authorities, which were alerted by the Zhuhai officials, sent a wireless broadcast to all vessels in the water. The personnel spent around half an hour dragging them onto the ferry before they were taken to the public hospital for checkups.

Computer scientist gives lecture on big data

The University of Macau (UM) held the first lecture in its University Lecture Series last week. The lecture, entitled, "The Coming of the Age of Big Data", was presented by Professor Lionel Ming-Shuan Ni – a computer scientist and vice rector for academic affairs at UM. Professor Ni shared the results of the research which he had conducted with his team and discussed the immense potential of big data. He noted that big data has not only changed people's way of thinking, but has dramatically altered the role of technology.

MACAU CONNECTION

UN ambassador wins bail as prosecutor outlines bribe plot

Patricia Hurtado

A Dominican Republic ambassador at the United Nations who prosecutors called a bagman in a wide-ranging bribery scheme can be freed from jail on USD2 million bail, a judge ruled.

Francis Lorenzo, a naturalized U.S. citizen born in the Dominican Republic, must surrender his four passports and sign an agreement that he won't invoke diplomatic immunity to avoid arrest, the judge said.

"This is a serious case, but I don't think it warrants detention," U.S. Magistrate Judge Henry Pitman in Manhattan said.

Lorenzo may not be immediately released from jail because he's unlikely to meet the conditions set by the judge, defense lawyer Brian Bieber said. Lorenzo is innocent, the lawyer said.

Lorenzo, 48, was charged this week with five others, including the UN General Assembly's former president John Ashe and



Francis Lorenzo, ambassador of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations

billionaire Macau developer Ng Lap Seng, on charges that they paid more than USD1.3 million in bribes to UN officials to promote the interests of Ng and other Chinese businessmen. Lorenzo acted as a middleman, arranging for at least \$500,000 in bribes from Ng to Ashe to promote a UN conference center the developer sought to build in Macau.

Lawyers for Ng and Ashe have said their clients aren't guilty.

In court Friday, Assistant U.S. At-

torney Daniel Richenthal outlined a network of non-governmental organizations linked to Ng that allegedly paid Lorenzo bribes of as much as \$400,000. He said Lorenzo might flee if released and that several wealthy people who are also suspects might help him.

"He's been paid by extraordinarily wealthy foreign nationals, not all of whom are in custody," Richenthal said. "They have every reason to see that this defendant never talks."

Lorenzo received payments from Ng through the Sun Kian Ip Group Foundation, which Ng controls, and from South-South News, a media organization tied to Ng, the prosecutor said. The two groups couldn't be reached for comment after regular business hours on Friday. Richenthal said Lorenzo also got cash from other groups the prosecutor didn't name.

"High-ranking foreign officials" may help Lorenzo obtain additional passports without the U.S. knowing it, prosecutor added.

Bieber told the judge that Lorenzo, a former travel agent, had never been arrested before and wouldn't flee. Lorenzo became involved in international politics after befriending Leonel Fernandez Reyna, who was later elected president of the Dominican Republic, the lawyer said. Lorenzo was suspended from his job by the Dominican Republic after his arrest this week.

Among those vouching for Lorenzo was Carlos Enrique Garcia Gonzalez, the former permanent representative of El Salvador to the UN, who now works with Lorenzo at South-South News. "For me, he's a leader," Garcia Gonzalez said in court. "He's promoting the UN's status in the world."

The prosecutor said Lorenzo lived at two Manhattan residences, including a \$3.6 million apartment bought by Ng. Bieber said Lorenzo never lived in the apartment.

The case is U.S. v. Ashe, 15-mj-03562, U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York (Manhattan). **AP**

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

Gov't may extend detention period to 90 days

THE government has formulated proposals for the management of Macau's customary waters, including one that might extend the maximum detention period for illegal immigrants from 60 to 90 days.

Wong Sio Chak, the Secretary for Security, released the information following a graduation ceremony of the 21st Training Program for Public Security Forces' Police Cadets. He said that the new proposals would include the training of professionals, the acquisition of necessary equipment and the development of new regulations.

As previously reported, the MSAR has begun negotiations with mainland authorities regarding the management of Macau's coastal waters. Mr Wong added that some changes to the existing cross-boundary cooperation model would be necessary, and that more details will be announced in due course.

He also noted that illegal immigration was a complicated issue and not one that could be resolved easily, despite the government's proposals for their new role in managing Macau's customary waters.

Mr Wong said that the government might re-

visit the existing laws dealing with unlawful entry to Macau. Any such revision might include an increase in the maximum detention period from 60 to 90 days. In addition, training programs for Police Cadets would become more regular, taking place every six months instead of the current eight months.

The secretary specified that the proposals would not only maintain the current system for monitoring unauthorized immigration, but would also improve police officers' operational efficiency and upgrade their equipment. **Staff Reporter**

Elderly woman dies after falling at ID sports event

THE elderly woman who has been comatose in hospital after an accident at the sports authorities' event last month passed away over the weekend, according to the Judiciary Police.

The 63-year-old, who was hospitalized for 20 days after the fall, passed away on Saturday at 2.15 p.m. at the public hospital. The exact cause of death will be an-

nounced after an autopsy.

During the "2015 Macao Elderly Sports Day", a sporting function at the Tap Seac Pavilion on September 20, the elderly woman lost her balance and fell down a staircase during a melee where a crowd of seniors were scrambling for prizes on the building's second floor, according to her son, who appeared on the news earlier this

month asking for assistance in the police probe.

Devastated by the tragic accident, he accused the authorities of failing to deploy sufficient safety personnel for the activity, as well as criticizing the organizer for not contacting the police immediately after the incident. He told media that the investigators admitted to him that they had

faced difficulties in gathering evidence several days after the incident.

The Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam, also commented on the case, saying that he has issued instructions for the Macau Sport Development Board (ID) to improve safety measures when organizing sports events. **AU**

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Macau, Hong Kong see slowing 'golden week' tourism

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THE number of Chinese tourists flocking to Macau and Hong Kong during the "golden week" holidays increased at a slower pace than last year after a typhoon disrupted travel.

Arrivals in Macau from mainland China during the Oct. 1-7 break, officially called the National Day holidays, rose 7.1 percent from last year, when visitations gained 17 percent, according to Macau government data. In Hong Kong, growth in visitations from China decelerated to 2.3 percent from 6.8 percent, according to Hong Kong government data.

Both Macau and Hong Kong had been counting on "golden week," a key gambling and shopping season, to provide relief from their recent slumps. Gaming revenue in Macau has shrunk for 16 straight months as China's anti-corruption crackdown keeps high rollers away from the baccarat tables, while



retail sales in Hong Kong have been dropping nonstop since March.

Typhoon Mujigae, the strongest October storm to hit the Chinese mainland since 1949, didn't help. As the typhoon made landfall in southern China on Oct. 4, the number of arrivals in Macau from the mainland fell 16 percent. Yet opti-

mists remain.

"There's still pent up demand coming into the market, especially over holiday periods," Vitaly Umansky, a gaming analyst at Sanford C. Bernstein, said by phone referring to arrivals in Macau. "It would be a bad indicator if there were no growth or a decline in visitation."

There are also indications that

betting volumes in Macau got off to a "strong start" during the "golden week," according to an Oct. 7 note by Daiwa Securities Group Co.

The picture in Hong Kong may be grimmer. Some retailers there saw sales shrink, sometimes by a double-digit percentage, during the first two days of October, compared with a year earlier, according to the Hong Kong Retail Management Association. And the comparison wasn't coming off a high base because shops in the city last year were hit by pro-democracy protests that blocked key shopping districts and prompted some stores to shut.

Signs also point toward Macau and Hong Kong losing their luster among Chinese tourists. Though they were the top choices last year, Japan and South Korea became the most popular destinations for Chinese tourists during the first four days of Golden Week, according to a recent Credit Suisse Group AG report. **Bloomberg**

No injuries from TurboJET fire



A TurboJet ferry heading from Hong Kong to Macau last Saturday afternoon caught fire, but its 134 passengers escaped unharmed. The flames started abruptly at the stern of the vessel while it was setting off from the Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park in Sai Wan at around 5 pm. The fire brigade responded immediately and arrived in time to put out the flames. Initial investigations suggested that a malfunctioning machine caused the fire, ruling out any suspicious causes. Black smoke was seen billowing from the vessel after it was dragged to the Hong Kong-Macau ferry terminal in Sheung Wan. The ferry operator said that all passengers were moved to the lower cabin as soon as the incident occurred, as required by the ship's emergency protocol.

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Question for readers:
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All aboard but Au Kam San and Ng Kuok Cheong

NG Kuok Cheong and Au Kam San rejected an invitation from the Central Government to participate in a four-day visit to Beijing and Hebei that started yesterday.

While 31 of the 33 invited local lawmakers flew to the mainland after being asked by the Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office of the State Council, the New Macau Association (ANM) lawmakers stayed, becoming the first ones to turn down the central government. They justified their decision by commenting that the trip would be "a waste of time as it's not specifically related to political reform or livelihood issues", according to Ng Kuok Cheong, as quoted by TDM.

"This trip has nothing to do with political reform. If the purpose of this trip was to activate political reform and listen to Macau residents' opinions, then I would be more than happy to participate," he said.

The program of the SAR lawmakers' visit includes meetings with officials in both Beijing and Hebei. Speaking at the airport before departing for Beijing, the president of the Legislative Assembly Ho Iat Seng indicated that he dis-

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Au Kam San and Ng Kuok Cheong

agreed with the decision of the ANM lawmakers, since he hopes that this visit will enhance communication between the SAR and the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, of which he is a member.

Au Kam San and Ng Kuok Cheong decided to stay in the SAR to work on their daily tasks and as usual, they held a Sunday forum at Iao Hon Park on issues related to social welfare and livelihood.

Au Kam San, on the sidelines of the Sunday event, agreed with his bench partner that the trip to the mainland will not help to solve the social issues faced by Macau citizens. "If there were specific topics or issues we needed to focus on, then we would be happy to participate in the trip. However, the purpose of this trip is only to visit the standing committee and to tour Beijing and Hebei." **RM**

Ladies Club of Macau celebrates 30 years

The International Ladies Club of Macau (ILCM) hosted their annual dinner on Thursday to conclude their previous year and usher in a new one, as well as celebrate over 30 years of charitable works.

The dinner was held at the Grand Coloane Resort and attended by around 100 people, who enjoyed Indian cuisine and a selection of drinks.

The ILCM celebrated successful fundraising efforts in 2014/2015, totaling MOP1.5 million, ranging from an array of events such as the annual Charity Ball to the Melbourne Cup event and the ILCM Charity Bazaar. The club also toasted its growth in membership – up to 300 members from over 30 nationalities as of June 2015.

The new president of the group, Saroj Chatterjee, gave an emotional speech and thanked the club's partners, contributors and members for their work. Among those thanked were the Macau Foundation and MdME Law Firm, who have provided legal advice to ILCM over the past five years.

The ILCM is a non-profit, volunteer-run association that assists those in need through charity work, and helps expatriate families adjust to life in Macau. Established in 1984, the organization seeks to bring together and foster friendships between English speakers of different nationalities, backgrounds and interests, mainly through participating in community activities in Macau.

In 2014/2015 the club contributed 1,300 volunteer hours in support of 20 charities, 1,400 people and 2 scholarships in Macau. Donations included the proceeds from the purchase of bathing chairs, wheelchairs, an oxygen machine, bedding and other necessities. **Staff reporter**

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US Congress calls for more democracy in Macau

THE US Congressional-Executive Commission on China has called on the US government to “increase support for democratic reforms in Macau” in their annual report about the human rights situation in China, Hong Kong and Macau.

Similar to their previous reports, the US congressmen say that it is in the hands of the US to “urge Macau authorities to set a clear timeline for transition to universal suffrage in executive and legislative elections”, as has been repeatedly recommended by the UN Human Rights Committee.

The local government responded to the report on Sunday, stating that the “content relating to the territory mentioned in the 2015 annual report by the Congressional-Executive Commission on China of the United States of America is ignoring facts.”

The response also added that the local government “strongly opposes such groundless accusations”, reaffirming that “[the]



MSAR is an inalienable part of the People’s Republic of China and the United States of America has no right to interfere in China’s domestic affairs.”

In the report, which was released on Friday, the Congressional-Executive Commission also states that it had not made “any advance” after the appeals they made in both the 2013 and 2014 reports, where similar concerns and requests made to the authorities were seemingly also ignored.

The document highlights the concerns of the congressmen regarding political freedom in the territory, stating that, “civil society and media organizations in Macau [have] reported threats from intimidation and self-censorship. Macau authorities [have] reportedly refused Hong Kong journalists and activists entry for political reasons” and pointing out that Macau political activists have been pressured into softening their actions due to “fears of

contagion of the pro-democracy protests in Hong Kong.”

The report also cites “anonymous complaints” received by the Macau Journalists Association regarding an “increase of self-censorship in TDM.” Another “concern” has to do with the fact that the territory allegedly “[remains] a center for violations of China’s financial control”, blaming the problem on insufficient regulation of the gaming industry. **RM**

Urge Macau authorities to set a clear timeline for transition to universal suffrage

US CONGRESS REPORT

No progress over A-Ma Temple expansion plan



The charity organization managing the A-Ma Temple has said that their managers are still in talks with the government over possible expansion of the premises despite years of negotiation, reported TDM Radio. The group’s initial plan was to devote another 3,000 square feet to facilities promoting the history and culture of the Chinese goddess. No details on the expansion are available, as the plan has yet to enter the developmental stage and many of its aspects are still unconfirmed.

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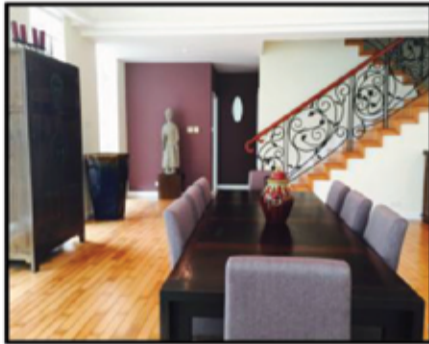
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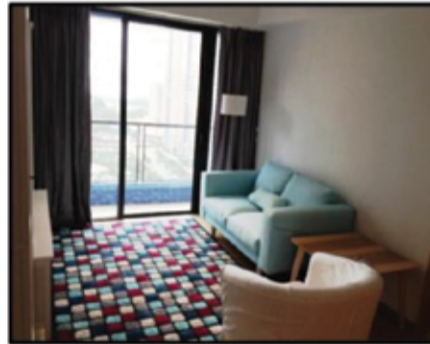
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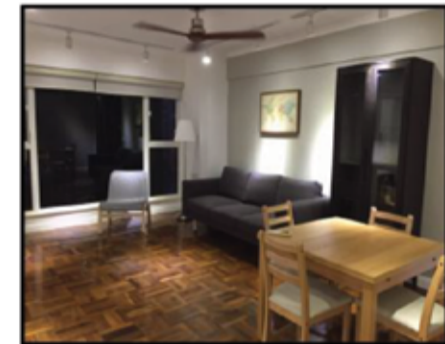
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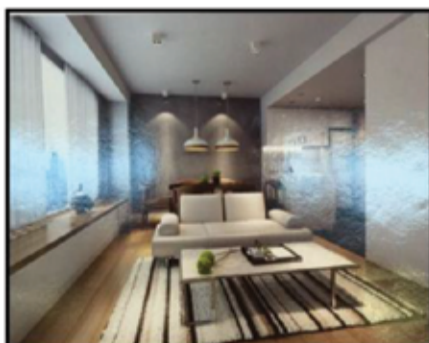
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ALEXIS TAM

No answers on opening of second public hospital

ALEXIS Tam has said that he does not know when Macau's second public hospital will be ready to open, adding that he "has not been made privy to the information."

"I have been asked by many [people] as to when the new hospital in Taipa will open and I can tell you that I myself would like to know the answer. I would. We do not have information on the matter. The project has been delivered to the Infrastructure Development Office," the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture said, as cited by TDM.

Mr Tam clarified that the final project has been submitted and is now in the hands of the Infrastructure Development Office (GDI). He added that it would be more appropriate to ask GDI when the hospital will open, as they are currently in a better position to answer.

Mr Tam made these comments at the sidelines of a visit to the public health clinical center in Coloane. The facility, which is worth MOP340 million, is undergoing renovation. The completed center will accommodate 60 beds and top-of-the-line medical equipment specifically to address infectious diseases such as MERS, Ebola and bird flu.

The plan is for the center to receive patients suffering from infectious diseases over the



Alexis Tam inspects medical facilities

next three years, whereupon the responsibility will be moved to the new public hospital in Taipa.

Along with Tam's visit to the clinical center in Coloane, the secretary also took the opportunity to visit a new staff residential facility near the hospi-

tal. The residential building is intended to provide lodging for medical professionals who have been engaged in emergency situations. However, according to TDM, Alexis Tam hinted that the facility might also provide temporary housing for some of the 500 medical professionals

who have recently been hired by the government.

In July 2014, the Health Bureau confirmed that the construction of the Taipa hospital was taking longer than expected, as the bureau had hoped to finish the first phase of the project in 2017. Officials also

indicated that the opening of a new health center in Edificio do Lago, initially scheduled to open in 2013, would be postponed.

The reason for these delays was explained to be a result of the construction company's lack of relevant experience, as well as deficiencies in the area's infrastructure, such as insufficient roads.

There are currently three hospitals in Macau offering basic and primary healthcare services – the Hospital Conde S. Januário, Hospital Kiang Wu and the Macau University of Science and Technology Hospital. The latter two are both private institutions.

None of the hospitals in Macau currently have an international healthcare accreditation, which sets the international standards for safe and good quality healthcare.

According to the Macau Yearbook, an annual publication by the Government Information Bureau, Macau also has inadequate resources for the training of healthcare professionals. Many physicians in the city obtain their medical education and qualifications from Hong Kong. **Staff reporter**

HK, Macau to strengthen cooperation on healthcare

ALEXIS Tam met his Hong Kong counterparts last week to discuss the possibility of strengthening the cooperation between healthcare services in the two Special Administrative Regions.

Mr Tam visited medical facilities in Hong Kong last week, along with senior officials from the city such as Hong Kong's Secretary for Food and Health, Dr. Ko Wing Man, and the Chief Executive of Hong Kong's Hospital Authority, Mr Leung Pak Yin.

The secretary expressed his hopes that

Hong Kong's medical professionals could share their expertise with Macau's healthcare practitioners, especially at a time when new healthcare facilities are being constructed and developed.

He added that Macau's ageing population has resulted in increased demand for medical services. He believes that the completion of new medical facilities in Taipa and Coloane will lead to an improvement in the standard of medical services being offered.

According to Mr Tam, the aim of these meetings was therefore to improve cooperation between the two cities in order to optimize the quality of their healthcare systems.

The delegation visited a total of three hospitals under the management of Hong Kong's Hospital Authority. They also visited emergency facilities at Hong Kong's Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital, including an emergency ward and an emergency transport heliport.

EDUCATION

Student council slams school management for interfering with election

Aries Un

THE University of Macau's student union is locked in an ongoing dispute with the school's management over the latter's alleged "unsolicited involvement" in the preparation for the 18th election of the student council.

As the union's electoral committee gears up for the election, the incumbent student council condemned the school's Student Affairs Office for muscling in the group's subcommittee's handling of the election, which is slated to occur between October 14 and 16. A total of 8 candidate groups are running for the election.

In a statement on its Facebook page early Saturday morning, the group noted that

some requests made by the office, which allegedly claims to have a legal right to supervise the election, would compromise the council's independence.

The office reacted to the union's accusations in a statement a few hours after the original post, asserting that some of their so-called "reasonable suggestions" had already been approved by the committee's president and other members during a previous meeting.

However, in a separate statement responding to the school department, the committee has rebuffed the consensus that the office claimed to have reached, stressing that, "the opinions exchanged during the meeting do not serve as any decision as to how the election would be conducted."

MUSIC

South Korean jazz duo to play at CCM

THE Macau Cultural Centre has announced that "Winterplay", a South Korean pop-jazz band, will perform on its grand auditorium stage on December 12. The Korean duo, consisting of trumpeter-songwriter Juhan Lee and vocalist Haewon, released their debut album "Choco Snowball" in 2008, which promptly soared to the top of the Korean and Japanese jazz charts.

"Winterplay" covers a wide range of tunes – from the band's original compositions and arrangements, to refreshing covers of songs from well-known and acclaimed artists such as Michael Jackson and Sting. The band's style can be described as mellow; their music imbues soft, easy-listening tunes with fused elements of pop, jazz, latin and lounge.

The group's regional breakthrough

took them overseas and all the way to London, where The Sunday Times hailed the group's music as having "demolished the separation between jazz, pop and lounge."

Their latest album, entitled "Two Fabulous Fools," was released in Korea in July 2013. It was subsequently released in Macau, Hong Kong, China, Taiwan, Thailand, Singapore and Indonesia in October 2013.

Tales Azzoni, Madrid

MONCHI'S METHOD

HE'S known as Monchi. And his method for evaluating soccer talent has Europe's attention.

Ramon Rodriguez Verdejo, who still goes by the nickname from his goalkeeping days, has become one of the most sought-after football directors in European soccer after revolutionizing Spanish club Sevilla with a scouting system that helped rescue the team from the brink of financial collapse and turned it into a perennial contender in the continent's second-tiered competitions.

Monchi is soccer's version of Billy Beane, the baseball general manager whose innovative methods to evaluate players helped revitalize the Oakland A's and whose story later became a book and the movie, "Moneyball," starring Brad Pitt.

No Hollywood blockbuster is in the works about the bald-headed Monchi, but like Beane, he has his own way of doing things and has achieved significant success despite a limited budget compared to the powerhouses of European soccer, including local rivals Real Madrid and Barcelona.

In the last decade, the club based in the southern Spanish region of Andalucia has won eight titles: two Copa del Reys, one Spanish Supercup, one European Supercup, two UEFA Cups and the last two Europa Leagues.

Many label him one of the best soccer directors in the world, and there is widespread talk that Europe's top teams are trying to sign him. In the most recent presidential election at Barcelona, one of the candidates tried to draw voters by promising to hire Monchi if elected. Tottenham and Real Madrid are among the teams that reportedly showed interest in talking to the gritty general manager.

What everybody is after is the

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Ramon Rodriguez Verdejo "Monchi"

so-called "Monchi Method," the scouting system that helped Sevilla discover and profit from players such as Dani Alves, Ivan Rakitic, Julio Baptista, Sergio Ramos, Seydou Keita, Jesus Navas and Carlos Bacca.

Monchi is believed to have helped Sevilla earn more than 200 million euros (USD225 million) in transfers in the 15 years he has been with the club. Alves, now a regular on Brazil's national team, is seen as one of his most successful signings — being bought for 1 million euros (\$1.1 million) from a small Brazilian club and sold to Barcelona for 30 million euros (\$33.8

million).

"We are trying to work with a method that helps us find new talent that could benefit us on the field and also generate income," the 47-year-old Monchi said. "The biggest thing is to show our fans that this is something good for the team, that it's not only about making money. Nobody would defend this model anywhere in the world if the team wasn't winning titles."

There are no novel ideas in the Monchi Method, and its goal is quite simple: Find cheap players with potential and resell them to bigger teams at a higher price. It's an obvious

formula for success, but not easy to achieve with the same efficiency as the always-upbeat Monchi.

So what is his method?

Monchi has put together a network of scouts and soccer specialists to watch games in leagues around the world, focusing on places where he knows his club will have a competitive edge in the transfer market.

"We go looking for unknown players in places where we know the richer teams won't go because they don't think they will find anyone talented enough for them," Monchi said. "We know we can't compete with

Madrid, Barcelona, Chelsea, City, Juventus, Milan ... But we know that we can find these good players. We know our market and we try to take advantage of it."

The first phase of the method begins in August, when Mon-

By December, Monchi has a list of about 150 players selected for each position

chi's staff of about 15 comes up with "11 ideal players" in the top European leagues and the lesser-known ones in Asia, South America, Africa and other places across the world.

By December, Monchi has a list of about 150 players selected for each position. He and his analysts start examining players by traveling to specific matches and watching videos.

"It's important to see how each player will react when his team is winning, when it's losing, when it's playing at home, away, in a decisive game. We want to avoid being surprised later on," Monchi said. "There is really no secret. We watch a lot of football, we travel a lot, we work hard."

By March or so, Monchi's staff comes up with a final report, with players graded on a scale from A to E, with A indicating the best options. **AP**

corporate bits

SANDS DONATES MOP970,000 TO LOCAL TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS



Sands China Ltd. donated MOP 970,000 worth of scholarships and fellowships to six Macau tertiary institutions on October 8 in support of local students. The donations will be distributed to 97 students, selected for their academic performance and financial status during the previous

academic year.

Antonio Ramirez, senior vice president of human resources, stated in a press release that Sands China Ltd. has donated a "total of MOP 6.49 million for scholarships and fellowships since 2006, benefitting nearly 900 students".

ZEGNA TO CUT EXPENDITURE

Luxury fashion house Ermenegildo Zegna has announced plans to reduce capital expenditure (CapEx) in 2016 amid a global decline in physical customer traffic at the company's stores.

Chief Executive Officer, Gildo Zegna said that they had spent a lot of CapEx in the previous year and that "if we [the company] reduce CapEx for one year it would be fine." The CEO has not yet decided on the size of the reduction, merely that he will be more "careful" next year.

Zegna believes that the drop in customer traffic was created by confusion over the devaluation of China's Yuan and the stock exchange rout, however he affirmed that he



is not expecting a decline in 2015 sales.

The company currently has three outlets in Macau - located in the Wynn Macau, Venetian Macao, and in the New Yaohan department store, respectively.

HARD ROCK "TURNS PINK"

The Hard Rock Hotel at City of Dreams has "turned pink" for the entire month of October to support the annual "Pinktober" campaign for International Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The campaign will raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research through a charity sale of Pinktober merchandise and other hand-crafted goods made by Hard Rock staff themselves.

This year, Hard Rock Hotel is teaming up with the Kwang Wai Charity Association (KWCA) to host a Pinktober Afternoon Tea Charity Event at R Bar on October 9. The hotel will donate a quarter of the campaign's proceeds to the Hong Kong Breast Cancer



Foundation. KWCA will match the same percentage of funds raised from the Afternoon Tea Charity Event and Pinktober charity sale.

Private investment in Angola has new regulations

THE new regulations for carrying out private investment in Angola stipulates the creation of a "fast lane" to speed up procedures and technical support units in each ministry, according to a presidential order.

"The investment process must be urgent and benefit from the practice of a 'fast lane' (via verde), with expedited and automated processing, dedicated, personalized support and computer integration of public services at a 'service desk' within each ministerial department," according to paragraph 5 of Article 12.

Presidential order 182/15, of 30 September, entered into force immediately after its publication and is intended as an incentive for investment in Angola, which has experienced a significant drop in tax revenues due to the fall in oil prices and is now trying



A Sonangol EP gas station attendant fills a vehicle with gasoline at a petrol pump in Luanda, Angola

to accelerate economic diversification, reducing dependence on oil.

Investments of less than USD10 million will be analyzed by the "the ministerial department responsible for the main activity of the private investment," and above this amount the responsibility passes to the President, who can still delegate analysis of the investment to the appropriate Ministry.

Outside this scheme,

and therefore the sole responsibility of the President, are proposed investments in sectors with "special legal regimes, including financial, mining and diamonds, as well as others provided by law, except when these regimes stipulate statutory assignment of responsibility to another body."

The document defining the new rules for private investments also addresses the issue of ministry

responsibility according to the dominant activity of the investment area, stipulating that, "when the dominant activity of the investment to be made is the responsibility of more than one ministerial department, the leaders of the ministerial departments concerned are considered responsible."

The law cited by Portuguese news agency Lusa also requires creation of specific units to support investors, both at the ministries and provincial governments, called Technical Units to Support Private Investors (UTAIP), which are "responsible for the investment of procedure outlined in this regulation."

In the provinces, these UTAIP should work alongside the provincial governor's office and will be charged with "facilitating, preliminary contacts and guidance of the private investor." MDT/Macauhub

Millennium Angola merges with Banco Privado Atlântico

BANCO Millennium Angola will merge with Angolan bank Banco Privado Atlântico under a memorandum of understanding signed Thursday, Portugal's Banco Commercial Português (BCP) said in a statement to the market.

In the statement issued through the Portuguese Securities Market Commission (CMVM), BCP also said the MoU was signed with the largest shareholder of Banco Privado Atlântico, Global Pactum – Gestão de Activos.

The current shareholder structure of Banco Millennium Angola is composed of BCP África, with 50.1 percent of the capital, Angolan oil company Sonangol, with 29.9 percent, Banco Privado Atlântico, 15 percent and Global Pactum, with the remaining 5 percent.

In turn, Banco Privado Atlântico's shareholders are the management company of Global Pactum, with 58 percent, state oil company Sonangol with 9.5 percent, Portugal's Banco Millennium Angola with 10 percent and bank staff with the remaining 22.5 percent.

In a statement BCP said this merger allowed Banco Millennium Angola to meet conditions to grow in adverse conditions and at the same time adapt to the implications of the change on supervisory equivalence.

The Memorandum of Understanding provides for a new Board of Directors with 15 members, of which five are appointed by BCP, as well as an Executive Committee of seven members, including two appointed by BCP, who will be responsible for risk analysis and credit.

Following the merger the new bank will be the second largest private bank in Angola in terms of credit to the economy, with a market share of about 10 percent. MDT/Macauhub

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Wang Yu, a lawyer for Chinese activist Li Tingting

Son of rights lawyer missing in Myanmar after escaping China

Louise Watt, Beijing

THE 16-year-old son of a rights lawyer detained in China's sweeping crackdown on civil society has disappeared in Myanmar after trying to escape to the United States, a rights campaigner involved in the plan said yesterday.

Bao Zhuoxuan, also known as Bao Mengmeng, and two men helping him were taken away by local police from a guest house in a Myanmar border town on Tuesday, Fengsuo Zhou said by phone from San Francisco, citing information from the guest house in Mong La.

"The plan was for him to travel to Thailand and I would meet him there and help him seek refugee entry into the United States," Zhou said, adding that friends of Bao's family who live in San Francisco want to adopt him.

"He has expressed his will to study abroad, and eventually study

law, like his mother," Zhou said.

Bao is the son of Wang Yu, a lawyer who disappeared July 9 amid a rounding up of dozens of rights lawyers and social activists in a broad crackdown on civil society in China. Wang has represented people involved in politi-

“We're really worried now. He's just a 16-year-old boy.”

FENGSUO ZHOU

cally sensitive cases and earlier this year was the legal counsel for one of five women's rights activists jailed over a planned event against sexual harassment.

Chinese authorities routinely put pressure on activists by tar-

getting their family members.

Bao and his father were also detained on the same day by police at Beijing's international airport on their way to Australia, where Bao was to attend high school. Bao was released after two days, but his passport was revoked, Zhou said. His parents are still missing.

The two men helping him to leave China were Tang Zhishun, 40, an engineer from Beijing, and Xing Qingxian, 49, a human rights activist in the southwest city of Chengdu, Zhou said.

"We're really worried now. He's just a 16-year-old boy," said Zhou, who lives in San Francisco. "We know that the intention is to use him as a hostage against his parents, both of them famous human rights defenders, in particular Wang Yu. She has been very courageous, outspoken, one of the best human rights lawyers in China — she was arrested exactly for that reason." **AP**

SOUTH CHINA SEA

Beijing starts operating lighthouses on disputed reef

CHINA has started operating two lighthouses on a reef on a disputed island chain in the South China Sea, a state news agency reported, amid rising concerns among the U.S. and China's neighbors about Beijing's maritime ambitions.

The Ministry of Transport held a completion ceremony last week for the 50-meter-high Huayang and Chigua lighthouses on Huayang Reef in the Spratly Islands, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

The Spratlys, mostly barren islands, reefs and atolls that are believed to be atop oil and natural gas deposits, straddle one of the world's busiest sea lanes. They are also claimed by Taiwan, Malaysia, the Philippines, Vietnam and Brunei.

Tensions have been rising as Beijing has grown more assertive about its claim to virtually the entire South China Sea. The U.S. and the Philippines have expressed concern that China's land reclamation projects around reefs and atolls could be used to base military planes and navy ships to intimidate other claimants and threaten freedom of navigation, and have called for a freeze on such activity.

China has bristled at what it sees as U.S. interference in the region and says it is within its sovereign rights in developing islands made from sand piled on top of reefs and atolls.

Xinhua said the lighthouses were meant to address a severe shortage in navigational aids, as well as shortages in maritime emergency and oil-spill response forces, that "has immensely hindered the navigational safety and economic and social development" in the South China Sea. It said China's transport ministry would continue to construct facilities to provide passing vessels and countries in the region with navigational services. **AP**

ANHUI

Gas container explodes in restaurant in Wuhu, killing 17

A leaking liquefied gas container exploded on contact with fire in a restaurant in eastern China, killing 17 people, authorities said.

The explosion happened just before noon Saturday at a small privately run restaurant in Wuhu city's Jinghu district, the Wuhu city government said on its microblog. Wuhu is in Anhui province, about 350 kilometers west of Shanghai.

An initial investigation found the gas cylinder leaked and came into contact with fire, triggering an explosion, the city government said.

The restaurant was one of many in an alley about 50 meters long, said a worker at a rice noodles restaurant across from the one where the blast happened.

"When the fire broke out, people from nearby restaurants rushed to the scene and used fire extinguishers to try and put it out, but there was a lot of smoke and it was quite fierce and already blocked the door," the worker, who would only give his surname, Wang, said by telephone. **AP**

Japanese woman detained in Shanghai over alleged espionage

A Japanese woman in her 50s has been detained in Shanghai since June over her suspected involvement in spying activities, sources quoted by Kyodo news agency yesterday said.

The news comes on the heels of revelations that three other Japanese are also being held by Chinese authorities over alleged espionage, the sources added.

The woman is employed by a Japanese-language school in Tokyo but the purpose of her visit to China was unclear, according to a Japanese government source. The visit is one of several she had made to China recently, the source said.

She was arrested in Shanghai by national security officials, the source said, but the charges against her are not known.

On Sept. 30, the Chinese government said two men from Japan had been arrested on suspicion of spying. Sources familiar with the matter have said the two were believed to have been collecting information at the request of Japan's Public Security Intelligence Agency.

One of the two men was being held in Liaoning province, near the northeastern border with North Korea. The other was detained near a military facility in the eastern province of Zhejiang. They were formally arrested later.

"As part of their measures to gather information, Public Security Intelligence Agency officials have been courting (Japanese) businessmen who often travel to other countries," said military journalist Buntaro Kuroi. "In the course of the relationship, some may ask (the businessmen) to visit a facility if they can."

Kuroi said the two men may have been approached with a



Chinese President Xi Jinping has toughened Beijing's stance towards both internal dissent and foreign espionage

casual request, but probably not in a form that would require specific instructions or an exchange of money in return.

According to a Japanese government source, a resident of Sapporo in his 60s was detained in Beijing in June. The Public Security Intelligence Agency had asked the man, who has connections with Communist Party executives in China, to gauge the political climate there, the source said.

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An acquaintance of the Sapporo man is a former airline employee who became a consultant with extensive connections and often traveled between Japan and China, the Japanese agency said.

The Chinese government is increasingly cracking down on alleged spies after launching a strict new counterespionage law last November. In China,

the maximum sentence for espionage is the death penalty.

According to BBC, the woman is the fourth Japanese citizen to be detained on spying charges since May, all in different parts of China.

On Friday, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga stressed again that Tokyo has not sent Japanese civilians overseas to spy on other countries.

The arrest is likely to increase

tensions between the two countries, BBC Asia editor says.

China has not commented on the latest report.

But BBC's correspondent says the leadership in Beijing has toughened its stance on national security - with a new commission and stronger laws.

Sino-Japanese relations are already strained by revived war memories and tensions over the South China Sea. **MDT/Agencies**

SHENZHEN | PRESEASON NBA

Hornets top Paul-less Clippers 106-94

CODY Zeller and Jeremy Lin each scored 16 points to lead seven Charlotte players in double digits as the Hornets topped the Los Angeles Clippers 106-94 yesterday in the first of two preseason NBA games between the teams in China.

The Clippers were without point guard Chris Paul, who fractured his left index finger in practice on Saturday.

Kemba Walker added 13 points and Brian Roberts and Jeremy Lamb each had 12 for Charlotte, which improved its pre-

AP PHOTO



The Charlotte Hornets guard Jeremy Lin drives past Los Angeles Clippers guard CJ Wilcox

season record to 3-0 with owner Michael Jordan courtside in Shenzhen. The southern Chinese city was hosting its first NBA game.

HORNETS: Zeller was 6-for-6 from the floor and added 10 rebounds ... Former Clipper Spencer Hawes also had a double-double with 10 points and 13 rebounds ... Al Jefferson struggled, missing seven of 11 shots and finishing with eight points.

CLIPPERS: J.J. Reddick had a team-high 23 points, shooting 4-for-9 from 3-point range ...

Starting in place of injured Paul, Pablo Prigioni had five points and seven assists in 30 minutes.

STAR WATCH: The Clippers' Blake Griffin had 13 points and 10 assists, while teammate DeAndre Jordan was limited to four points and eight rebounds in 30 minutes.

DID NOT PLAY: Paul's injury was not considered serious and he was to be re-evaluated before Wednesday's rematch in Shanghai. The Clippers also lost Austin Rivers to a mouth injury that he suffered in practice Friday.

UP NEXT: Los Angeles and Charlotte play a second game in China at Shanghai's Mercedes-Benz Arena on Wednesday. **AP**



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INDIA

With Hindu party leading the country, beef grows more political

Tim Sullivan, New Delhi

THE legislator was full of outrage when he arrived in the north Indian village days after the killing of a Muslim farmer who was rumored to have slaughtered cows. A Hindu mob had smashed through the heavy wooden door to the man's home, then beat him to death with his wife's sewing machine.

The legislator's anger, though, was not about the killing. Instead, Sangeet Som was furious that men had been arrested in the attack in the village, just 30 miles from New Delhi. Som, a member of India's ruling Bharatiya Janata Party, called the arrests "atrocities on innocent villagers." As for the family of the dead man, he dismissed them as "those cow killers."

A few days later, a half-dozen BJP politicians slapped around a legislator on the floor of a state legislature, angry that he had served beef at a party. In southern India, six members of a leftist student political party were suspended after their attempt to serve beef curry on campus to protest the farmer's killing set off a melee. On Friday, violence swept another northern village amid rumors that a cow had been slaughtered, with a crowd, who had chased down two Muslim men they suspected of cow-killing, clashing with police and burning several cars. Some villagers and police were



A woman leads her cow across a road collecting alms from devout Hindus in Mumbai, India

injured, but no major injuries were reported.

Cows have long been sacred to Hindus, worshipped as a mother figure and associated since ancient times with the god Krishna. But increasingly, cows are also political. They have become a tool of political parties, an electioneering code word and a rallying cry for both Hindu nationalists and their opponents.

Last week, Prime Minister Narendra Modi broke his silence on the late September mob killing of Mohammad Akhlaq, saying religious and ethnic bigotry threatened the country's economic growth.

"We should decide if Hindus want to fight Muslims or poverty. Muslims must decide if they want to fight Hindus or poverty," Modi said at a cam-

paigned rally in Bihar state, where elections start next week. "It is unity, communal harmony, brotherhood and peace that will take the nation forward."

But Modi also rose to power as Hindu nationalist, and since his election last year hard-line Hindus have been demanding that India ban the sale of beef — a key industry within India's poor, minority Muslim community. In many Indian states, the slaughtering of cows and selling of beef are already either restricted or banned.

In the past, Modi has spoken out angrily against India's beef industry.

"Brothers and sisters, I don't know whether this saddens you, but my heart screams out" at the rise of Indian beef exports, Modi said in a 2012 speech. "I am

unable to understand why you are silent, why you are taking this lying down."

Since becoming prime minister, though, he has danced delicately between an intense desire to be seen as a tolerant international statesman — the sort of man who is greeted warmly by presidents and jokes around with Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg — and the need to satisfy a political base that is deeply distrustful of Muslims and other minorities.

That dance has, his critics say, emboldened extremist Hindus and given rise to everything from a series of church vandalism to the recent mob killing. Criticism of cow slaughter, some say, is often simply code for anti-Muslim sentiments.

India, a country of 1.3 billion, is about 81 percent Hindu and 13 percent Muslim.

"I am afraid the hotheads will get busier. They are greatly encouraged and their strength is rather strong," said Inder Malhotra, a political analyst and former editor of the Times of India newspaper. "One of the reasons this prime minister keeps quiet about it, is that he doesn't want to lose these Hindus because they are a very strong proportion of his supporters."

He criticized Modi for not speaking more strongly against the recent mob attack, and for his silence about comments like Som's. "Modi has not said a word against those in his party

who have been making the most obnoxious statements," Malhotra said.

Authorities are still investigating after the arrests of eight villagers for Akhlaq's death, but announced Friday that the meat found in his home turned out to be mutton — not beef. Meanwhile, Som, the Hindu firebrand and avowed strict vegetarian, has denied media reports that he once owned part of a major Indian meat export company. The company exports goat and buffalo meat, but apparently not beef.

Amid so much rancor, it is not hard to find people sympathetic to the attack on Akhlaq.

"We should drink cow's milk, not its blood," Ram Mandal Das, a priest at a Hindu temple in New Delhi that also shelters abandoned cows, said Friday. "If someone attacks mother cow, or eats it, then this sort of reaction should happen," he said of Akhlaq's killing. "It is justified."

Modi supporters see some opponents as deliberately provoking Hindus. Some "beef parties" — when beef is eaten in defiance of local laws — are clearly intended to invite a backlash and score political points against the BJP.

Such actions "have pushed a society that worships the cow as mother to question the real motives of the seculars," Tarun Vijay, a member of parliament and top BJP official, wrote recently in The Indian Express. **AP**

NEPAL

Parliament elects Communist party leader new PM

NEPAL'S parliament elected Communist party leader Khadga Prasad Oli the new prime minister yesterday, thrusting him into the center of daunting challenges, from ethnic protests over the new constitution that has also upset vital neighbor India to rebuilding from April's devastating earthquake.

Oli received 338 votes from the 597-member chamber, Parliament speaker Subash Nemwang announced. Oli defeated his predecessor Sushil Koirala, who received 249 votes.

Oli, 63, is generally popular in Nepal and has a reputation for being an outspoken leader who is not afraid to criticize. Some describe him with the phrase, "Oli ko goli," which means, "When Oli speaks he fires" (a bullet).

The leader of the Communist Party of Nepal Unified Marxist Leninist received the support of many smaller parties, including their rival United Communist



Nepalese men, mostly from the ethnic Madhesi community, protest against the country's new constitution outside the Nepalese embassy in New Delhi, India

Party of Nepal Maoist.

It is the first time that Oli has become the prime minister. He has served as deputy prime minister and ministers in previous governments. He suffers from a kidney illness and has had to make trips abroad for treatment to India and Thailand.

Oli and Koirala are leaders of the top two political parties and were coalition partners in the last government. Koirala became prime minister in 2014, but the constitution that was adopted last month required him to step down.

It was still undecided which other parties would join in Oli's new government.

He comes to power at delicate time, with ethnic Madhesi and other groups in the south protesting against the new constitution in riots that have left 45 people dead. India, which has close ties to the Madhesi, is also unhappy with the constitution.

The country is facing a severe fuel shortage, thanks to an unofficial blockade by India and Madhesi blocking a key border checkpoint. Fuel and cargo trucks have been stopped at the border since late last month, after the constitution was approved.

The constitution approved Sept. 20

divides Nepal into seven new states, with some borders slicing through the Madhesi' ancestral homeland in the southern plains along the border with India. The Madhesi, along with several other small ethnic groups, want the states to be larger and to be given more autonomy over local matters.

Talks last week between the government and protesters made little progress.

Indian officials deny there is a blockade and say drivers are afraid to enter Nepal, but Nepali authorities say there is no trouble at many other border crossings.

Oli also must lead the country as it rebuilds from the devastating earthquake that damaged hundreds of thousands of homes and killed thousands were killed. The disaster also damaged the tourism industry, which relies on Westerners to trek the mountain trails and climb the soaring peaks. **AP**

Suzan Fraser, Ankara

TURKEY

Suicide bombings kill 95 people at Ankara peace rally

NEARLY simultaneous explosions targeted a Turkish peace rally in Ankara, killing at least 95 people and wounding hundreds in Turkey's deadliest attack in years — one that threatens to inflame the nation's ethnic tensions.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility but Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said there were "strong signs" that the two explosions — which struck 50 meters apart just after 10 a.m. on Saturday — were suicide bombings. He suggested that Kurdish rebels or Islamic State group militants were to blame.

The two explosions occurred seconds apart outside the capital's main train station as hundreds of opposition supporters and Kurdish activists gathered for the peace rally organized by Turkey's public workers' union and other groups. The protesters planned to call for increased democracy in Turkey and an end to the renewed violence between Kurdish rebels and Turkish security forces.

The attacks over the weekend came at a tense time for Turkey, a NATO member that borders war-torn Syria, hosts more refugees than any other nation in the world and has seen renewed fighting with Kurdish rebels that has left hundreds dead in the last few months.

Many people at the rally had been anticipating that the rebels of the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, would declare a temporary cease-fire — which it did hours after the bombing — to ensure that Turkey's Nov. 1 election would be held in a safe environment.

Television footage from Turkey's Dogan news agency showed a line of protesters Saturday near Ankara's train station, chanting and performing a traditional dance with their hands locked when a large explosion went off behind them. An Associated Press photographer saw several bodies covered with bloodied flags and banners that demonstrators had brought for the rally.

"There was a massacre in the middle of Ankara," said Lami Ozgen, head of the Confederation of Public Sector Trade Unions, or KESK.

The state-run Anadolu Agency said the attacks were carried out with TNT explosives fortified with metal ball-bearings.

Turkey's government late Saturday raised the death toll in the twin bomb blasts to 95 people killed, 248 wounded. It said 48 of the wounded were in serious condition.

Selcuk Atalay of the Turkish Medical Association's Ankara branch put the death toll at at least 97 and feared the toll could rise even higher, since several of the wounded were in serious condition with burns.



Participants in a peace rally react as an explosion happens behind them, in Ankara

"This massacre targeting a pro-Kurdish but mostly Turkish crowd could flame ethnic tensions in Turkey," said Soner Cagaptay, an analyst at the Washington Institute.

Cagaptay said the attack could be the work of groups "hoping to induce the PKK, or its more radical youth elements, to continue fighting Turkey," adding that the Islamic State group would benefit most from the full-blown Turkey-PKK conflict.

"(That) development could make ISIS a secondary concern in the eyes of many Turks to the PKK," Cagaptay said in emailed comments, using another acronym for IS militants.

Small anti-government protests broke out at the scene of the explosions and outside Ankara hospitals as Interior Minister Selami Altinok visited the wounded. Some demonstrators chanted "Murderer Erdogan!" — referring to President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, whom many accuse of increasing tensions with Kurds to profit at the ballot box in November. Erdogan denies the accusations.

Later Saturday, thousands gathered near Istanbul's main square denouncing the attacks and also holding the government responsible.

The Turkish government imposed a temporary news blackout covering images that showed the moment of the blasts, gruesome or bloody pictures or "images that create a feeling of panic." A spokesman warned

media organizations they could face a "full blackout" if they did not comply.

Many people reported being unable to access Twitter and other social media websites for several hours after the blasts. It was not clear if authorities had blocked access to the websites, but Turkey often does impose blackouts following attacks.

At a news conference, Davutoglu declared a three-day official mourning period for the blast victims and said Turkey had been warned about groups aiming to destabilize the country.

"For some time, we have been receiving intelligence information based from some (Kurdish rebel) and Daesh statements that certain suicide attackers would be sent to Turkey... and that through these attackers chaos would be created in Turkey," Davutoglu told reporters, using the IS group's Arabic acronym.

"The (Kurdish rebels) or Daesh could emerge (as culprits) of today's terror event," Davutoglu said, promising that those behind the attacks would be caught and punished.

Davutoglu said authorities had detained at least two suspected would-be suicide bombers in the past three days in Ankara and Istanbul.

Authorities had been on alert after Turkey agreed to take a more active role in the U.S.-led battle against the Islamic State group. Turkey opened up its bases to U.S. aircraft to launch air raids on the extremist group in

Syria and carried out a limited number of strikes on the group itself. Russia has also entered the fray on behalf of the Syrian government recently, bombing sites in Syria and reportedly violating Turkish airspace a few

■ The two explosions occurred seconds apart outside the main train station as hundreds of opposition supporters and Kurdish activists gathered for the peace rally

times in the past week.

On a separate front, the fighting between Turkish forces and Kurdish rebels flared anew in July, killing at least 150 police and soldiers and hundreds of PKK rebels since then. Turkish jets have also carried out numerous deadly airstrikes on Kurdish rebel targets in northern Iraq.

Erdogan condemned Satur-

day's attacks, which he said targeted the country's unity, called for solidarity and canceled a planned visit Monday to Turkmenistan.

"The greatest and most meaningful response to this attack is the solidarity and determination we will show against it," Erdogan said.

President Barack Obama offered condolences to Erdogan in a phone call Saturday. The White House said in a statement that Obama affirmed that the U.S. will stand with Turkey in the fight against terrorism.

Critics have accused Erdogan of re-igniting the fighting with the Kurds to seek electoral gains — hoping that the turmoil would rally voters back to the ruling Justice and Development Party, or AKP. Electoral gains by the country's pro-Kurdish party caused the AKP, founded by Erdogan, to lose its parliamentary majority in a June election after a decade of single-party rule.

The attacks Saturday, which even surpassed twin al-Qaida-linked attacks in Istanbul in 2003 that killed some 60 people, also drew widespread condemnation from Turkey's allies.

Turkey's state-run news agency said President Barack Obama called Erdogan to extend his condolences. The Anadolu Agency, citing unnamed officials, said Obama told Erdogan the United States would continue to side with Turkey in the fight against terrorism. It quoted Obama as saying the U.S. "shared Turkey's grief."

Erdogan earlier said the twin bombings aimed to destroy Turkey's "peace and stability." Anadolu said the two leaders agreed to talk more in the coming days.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel sent her condolences, calling the attacks "particularly cowardly acts that were aimed directly at civil rights, democracy and peace."

"It is an attempt at intimidation and an attempt to spread fear," she said. "I am convinced that the Turkish government and all of Turkish society stands together at this time with a response of unity and democracy."

NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said "there can be no justification for such a horrendous attack on people marching for peace... All NATO allies stand united in the fight against the scourge of terrorism."

Saturday was the third attack against meetings of Kurdish activists. **AP**

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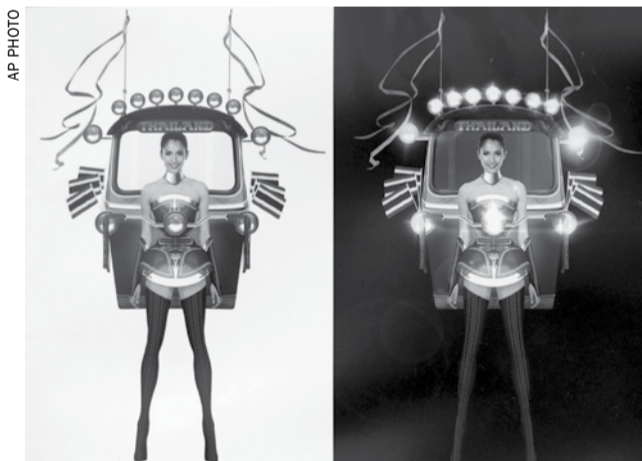
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Offbeat

**THAI BEAUTY QUEEN TO DRESS LIKE
A TUK-TUK AT MISS UNIVERSE**


The smoke-belching, ear-splitting, undisciplined rickshaws known as tuk-tuks are part of the chaos on Bangkok's clogged streets.

Soon however, the tuk-tuk will stroll down a more refined runway, when Miss Thailand pays homage to her country at the Miss Universe 2015 pageant dressed as the iconic motorized rickshaw. Her outfit comes complete with headlights and handlebars.

The "Tuk Tuk Thailand" dress will be worn by Aniporn Chalermburanawong in the "national costume" round at the pageant in December in the United States. It was the winning design from 356 entries in a contest held by Miss Universe Thailand.

The Miss Universe Thailand organization announced the selection on its Facebook page, saying the outfit "has a metallic feel and look" that utilizes 3-D technology.

The outfit features an electric blue bustier and mini-skirt with thigh-high black.

Kaveerat said a 5-member panel of judges that included fine arts professors, fashion designers and Miss Thailand herself wanted to break from the past style of traditional Thai silk dresses and present something "eye-catching but still representative of Thailand."

Reviews of the dress were mixed. Some hailed it as unique and creative. Others cracked jokes, like one online commentator who said it looked more like an outfit from the "Transformers."

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ROOM 2

7.15 pm

Director: Nancy Meyers

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this day in history


**1986 REYKJAVIK SUMMIT ENDS
IN FAILURE**

US President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev have failed to reach agreement at a disarmament summit in Reykjavik.

The two men came close to striking a radical arms reduction deal after a weekend of lengthy negotiations at Hofdi House in the Icelandic capital.

But the talks finally stalled over President Reagan's refusal to abandon his Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI).

The White House spokesman, Larry Speake said, "We had high hopes and we came very close to realising them but in the end we are deeply disappointed at the outcome."

After the summit, Mr Gorbachev said that he had told President Reagan, "We are missing an historic chance. Never had our positions been so close together."

Before flying back to Washington, President Reagan said:

"We moved towards agreement on drastically reduced numbers of intermediate-range missiles in both Europe and Asia and sharply reducing our strategic arsenals for both."

"We made progress in the area of nuclear testing, but there was remaining at the end of our talks one area of disagreement."

This was the American SDI programme - also known as Star Wars - a series of networked satellites intended to protect the USA from foreign missile attacks.

The two leaders have met for 11 hours over the past two days including an unscheduled meeting today.

Stalemate was reached this afternoon.

President Reagan agreed to develop and test his missile defence system for a decade but wanted a definite plan to deploy it after then.

Mr Gorbachev insisted a decision on its implementation should be reserved until the end of the 10 year period.

Soviets officials questioned the need for Star Wars if America's stated ambition was arms reduction.

They fear the project could potentially give the US a first strike capability and promote an arms race.

The US Secretary of State George Shultz defended SDI saying it "was the best insurance policy" against the USSR backing out of arms reduction.

The leaders plan to meet in Geneva next but no fixed date has been arranged.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

President Reagan's administration invested heavily in building up America's nuclear capability.

It was estimated that SDI would cost \$26bn over a five-year period.

Critics dubbed the project Star Wars indicating they thought SDI was nothing more than a futuristic plan that would never work.

Gorbachev eventually de-linked negotiations on arms control from the SDI issues.

In December 1987, Gorbachev and Reagan signed the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty. This was the first ever treaty to reverse the arms race.

The INF treaty effectively eliminated more than 2,500 long and short range missiles.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Think of your situation in heroic terms if it helps keep you motivated. You'll defend your kingdom until there's nothing left to defend, for example. Whether you're getting close to that point shouldn't be the issue.

Taurus April 20-May 20 Terms of endearment mean nothing to the universe these days. You can't charm cash into the bank or win it over in courtship. You can't even earn it the old fashioned way. It's time to admit you're at its whim.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Errands and other petty details may feel beneath you, but with time on your hands, you might as well enjoy them. Think of it as earning money to pay the bills, even if it's not a source of income.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Sit down and come up with a financial road map, again and again and again. Keep trying to make plans, even if they don't seem to ever pan out. The alternative is to give up altogether.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Having to be thrifty and conservative has been good for your character in many ways. You're less impulsive, for one. Use your new skill to think through your next move, way before you make it.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You'd love to start a new financial project or move forward with one of your plans, but that just don't make sense right now. Sitting idle takes a lot more work than you realize, so spend the time getting organized.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 How can you be overwhelmed when you have so much less to manage these days? Life seems upside down, but it's you and your reactions that are topsy-turvy. Take a deep breath and don't let things get in a total mess.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Remembering the small details can make or break a friendship -- or your finances. Letting one bill slip behind the refrigerator is all it takes to lose that loving feeling. Stay on top of things.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Asking for a raise would appear as utter insanity, and yet that's just what you should do. It doesn't have to be financial. Extra time off or shorter days are just as valuable to you as money now.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Grand schemes have their time and place, but not today. A lot of money can be either made or saved based on the small details. Do your research, right down to the minutiae.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Everyone technically has the same agenda: A personal one. How that plays out varies, but when money is involved, make sure everyone agrees on the same bottom line before any of you get started.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 If you had known all the facts beforehand, would you have done things any differently? Probably not. Playing it safe just isn't in your make up. So stop being so critical of your actions and look to the future.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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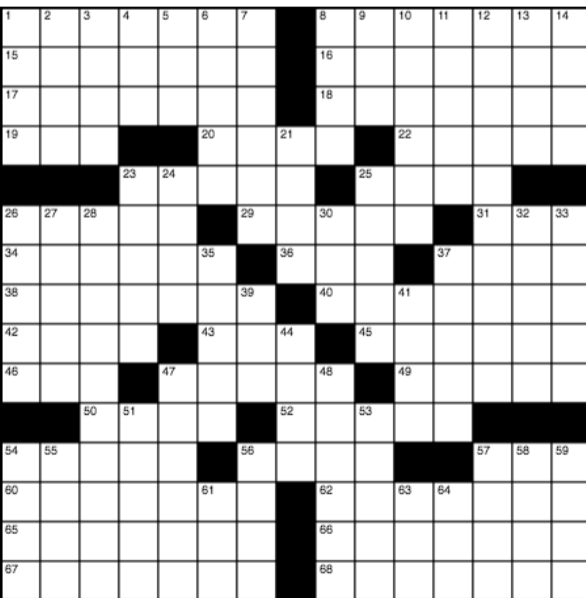
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VENETIAN MACAO OPEN

Chinese Amateur 'Golf King' to debut in Coloane



SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD Jin Cheng of China, the newly-crowned winner of the Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship (AAC), will be one of the players competing in the Venetian Macao Open at the Macau Golf & Country Club from 15-18 October.

The Times talked to Jin to learn more about his achievements and what to expect from this young and talented golfer. He admitted that the win at the AAC was meaningful and boosted his confidence, and that his family shares his joy in his achievement. In his words, the AAC was "the best so far" and he thinks the victory will be very important for his future career.

He is now very happy with his game and says that he has been very lucky this year, which has been reflected in his results – this in turn has served as great motivation.

A first-timer in Macau, Jin does not know exactly what to expect from the tournament or even the course, but he is very excited to be part of it and to have the chance to again meet golf legends such as Zhang Lian-wei, who won the

I'm very happy to be part of this [Macao Open] and I expect to play my best.

JIN CHENG - GOLFER

open twice, and has become a "role model" for what Jin intends to achieve.

Regarding the possible outcomes from the tournament, Jin does not want to think too much about results. He will face serious competition such as four-time Champion Ernie Els, defending champion Anirban Lahiri and 2013 champion Scott Hend, as well as China's Zhang Lian-wei and Liang Wen-chong. He is happy to have this chance and expects to play his best, relishing the opportunity to prove himself on a big stage, as he thinks he has a lot to learn yet from all the players that will participate in the event.

"I really treasure this chance to play with the best professional players in the world. It is a great opportunity for me to learn from those champions. I believe that their experience will be able to inspire me to be a better golf player and I'm really looking forward to meeting them and improving myself," he said.

Jin sees the 22-year-old American Jordan Spieth as the world's best player at the moment, since "he is still very young and plays so well and carries so much potential".

However, Jin says it is still too early to jump to the professional level. "I don't think I'm ready for it, I need to play more, improve my game and gain more experience [before thinking about becoming a professional]".

Questioned about the growth of Chinese golf and when he thinks China will have professional champions like its top players at the amateur level, Jin says: "It is really hard to tell. We started late and most of the good golfers are at an advanced age already. Now we have a new generation of young players, but maybe we need one more for that."

The Venetian Macao Open is a tournament organized by the Macao Sport Development Board of the Macao SAR Government, alongside the Golf Association of Macau. Sanctioned by the latter and the Asian Tour, the USD 1 million event has the Venetian Macao as its title sponsor for the fourth consecutive year. Currently in its 17th edition, the event has already played host to many of the biggest names in the sport, such as Lee Westwood, Colin Montgomerie, Nick Faldo, Pádraig Harrington, Fred Couples, Ian Woosnam and Mark O'Meara. **RM**

The Macau Daily Times is the tournament's official media partner.

GOLF

Jessica Korda wins LPGA Malaysia for 4th title



Jessica Korda won the LPGA Malaysia yesterday for her fourth tour title, closing with a 6-under 65 in sweltering conditions at Kuala Lumpur Golf and Country Club

for a four-stroke victory. After winning twice last season, the 22-year-old American entered the week with only one top-10 finish this year, a tie for second in January in Florida in the season-opening event. She made five birdies in a seven-hole stretch that ended on the 10th, dropped a stroke on the par-4 11th and sealed it with birdies on the par-3 15th and 17th. Second-ranked Lydia Ko, No. 3 Stacy Lewis and 2014 winner Shanshan Feng tied for second. She cried on the 18th green after her final putt.

MOTOR RACING

Pedrosa claims Japanese MotoGP title, Rossi adds to lead



Dani Pedrosa won the Japanese MotoGP yesterday while championship leader Valentino Rossi extended his lead in the standings with a second-place finish. Repsol Honda

rider Pedrosa came from sixth on the grid and crossed the finish line with an 8.573-second lead over Yamaha rider Rossi. Rossi's Yamaha teammate Jorge Lorenzo was third. Pedrosa took the lead for good on lap 17 and continued his record of winning at least one race in every season he has competed in MotoGP. With three races left, Rossi now has 283 points for an 18-point lead over Lorenzo. Defending world champion Marc Marquez is a distant third with 197 points. The next race will be held at Phillip Island, Australia, on Oct. 18.

RUGBY

England thrashes Uruguay 60-3 in World Cup



England has beaten Uruguay 60-3 in their last Rugby World Cup Pool A match, grabbing

10 tries to add some gloss to an otherwise miserable campaign. After losing 33-13 to Australia at Twickenham last Saturday, a week after losing 28-25 to Wales at the same ground, England became the first tournament host to fail to reach the quarterfinals. Given that coach Stuart Lancaster's side needs to build for the future, it was somewhat ironic that three of the tries came from Nick Easter, the 37-year-old No. 8 playing in his third World Cup. More encouragingly, left winger Jack Nowell also scored a hat trick of tries on his World Cup debut.

ONE SHOT NEWS



Hole-in-one. Our reporters visited the Coloane green yesterday where the Venetian Macao Open is about to start, in three days, and all seems ready to go. Macau Daily Times is the official media partner of this important golf event, already part of the Asian circuit.

opinion

Rear Window

Severo Portela



SLOW COOKING RECIPES

It is often hard to explain to gambling "Impresarios" that the game has changed for good... in such a definitive way they have to adapt themselves to the new reality...for good. Casino business is not facing the contingent ups and downs of luck, much less surfing the waves of ever growing money. In a way, we can understand how difficult it is for the diehard gaming operatives to absorb the new reality. The gambling mentality tells them that an unbelievable run of luck can come again, and again. Let us say that these optimists see the glass half full.

What we find harder to swallow is this self-inflicted blindness affecting social, political, regulatory and relevant business people outside the industry circle. They took good notice of Li Gang words to implement measures to "revitalize the Region's continuously sluggish economy"... but at the same time they tended to ignore the words of the utmost importance Li Gang added to explain the causes of the sluggish economy, or rather "the enduring casino economic woes".

Actually, besides the allocation of clearer jurisdiction over MSAR surrounding waters, Li Gang pointed to other policies, highlighting the ones to address "the gaming industry, the mainstay of the Region's economy". However, Beijing's representative used careful and explicit wording in order to explain the troubles in the casino industry: general economic slowdown and the strengthened supervision of UnionPay, thus downplaying the impact of the anti-graft crackdown.

No "double entendre" coming from Li Gang's assessment. Macau has now all the arguments to view the glass as half empty, putting aside the cynics who wonder who drank the other half.

In this scenario of the resolute mainland China drive against corruption, the arrest of Macau developer Ng Lap Seng, in New York, on grounds of alleged illegal cash dealings, later upgraded to corruption at the highest level in the United Nations happens at the worst of times.

Macau is taking steps to improve gambling industry practices, and Ng is no stranger to the business. According to the Wall Street Journal, he has a stake in the Fortuna Casino and last year he was summoned to answer questions before a grand jury in Nevada. He failed to comply with the request.

However, the detention of Ng seems to be a case of slow cooking. First of all, the allegedly illegal cash dealings (around USD25 million) that took him to a Federal Court could have begun in 2010, involving somebody who was not unfamiliar to the American investigators. His name also appeared in the Clinton 'donorgate' scandal. Secondly, as the probe unrolls, the narrative seems to belong to a political thriller, but better than fiction.

Ng Lap Seng, who is a Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference member, allegedly bribed UN top officials to grant support to build, under the auspices of the United Nations, a multi-billion dollar project in Macau: a conference centre.

As we've said, this is part of a slow cooking process. The New York prosecutor admitted that his investigative team "only scratched the surface".

Final note: Disgraced former HK Chief Executive, Donald Tsang, ended his term in June 2012. Then, he admitted to have accepted gifts. Now, three years later, a few days ago, ICAC finally charged him with misconduct in public office. It looks like slow cooking.

THE BUZZ IRAQI AIR FORCE CLAIMS HIT ON IS LEADER AL-BAGHDADI

Iraq's air force says it struck a convoy carrying Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the leader of the Islamic State group. A statement yesterday said "the Iraqi air force carried out a heroic operation targeting the convoy of the criminal terrorist Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi" as he made his way to a meeting in the town of Karablah, in Iraq's western Anbar province. The statement says al-Baghdadi's fate and whereabouts are not known.

Officials from the U.S.-led coalition bombing the IS group in Iraq and Syria could not immediately be reached for comment.



Iraqi Defense Ministry spokesman Brig. Gen. Yahya Rasool says the military is still investigating whether al-Baghdadi was in the convoy that was struck.

Station	Air quality	
Roadside	20-40 Good	
High Density Residential Area	40-60 Moderate	
Ambient	30-50 Good	

WORLD BRIEFS

PHILIPPINES The quick-thinking crew of a Philippine cargo ship thwarted a possible a hijacking or robbery at sea over the weekend in the volatile southern region by locking themselves in their quarters, the coast guard said. About eight men on two motorized outriggers boarded the MV Cecilia off Davao del Sur province, but the crew quickly locked all the vessel's hatches and windows. The suspected pirates left empty-handed before a coast guard vessel arrived at the site, near Balut Island.



PANAMA During the four years that Trump Panama Condominium Management LLC had managed the property, Central America's largest building, a team installed by the Trump family was accused of running up more than USD2 million in unauthorized debts, paying its executives undisclosed bonuses and withholding basic financial information from owners.

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MEXICO Authorities say they've seized some 4 tons of shark fins and fish air bladders that were being shipped illegally to Hong Kong. The environmental prosecutor's office says about 3.5 tons of dehydrated shark fins and a half ton of the corvina bladders were found in a container at the Pacific Coast port of Manzanillo over the weekend. It says the company shipping the products did not have a permit to do so.



GOLF The Americans won for the sixth straight time yesterday in Presidents Cup when Chris Kirk made a 15-foot birdie putt to win his match in a stunning turnaround on the final hole, and Bill Haas provided a storybook ending with the winning point for his team and for his father. "A moment I'll never forget," U.S. captain Jay Haas said, so choked up when it ended that he couldn't speak.



Singapore Airlines jet collapses during checks; no injuries

Annabelle Liang, Singapore

A Singapore Airlines jet collapsed yesterday morning with no passengers or crew on board as an engineer conducted routine landing checks before a scheduled flight from Singapore to Hong Kong, the airline said.

The carrier said in a statement that the nose gear of an Airbus A330-300 "retracted while the aircraft was undergoing a landing gear system check."

"There were no passengers or crew on board at the time. One engineer

who was on the aircraft was not injured. Singapore Airlines will be cooperating fully with the authorities in their investigations," the statement said.

It said the damage to the plane would be assessed after it is removed from the gate.

The plane had been due to serve flight SQ890, scheduled to depart for Hong Kong from Singapore's Changi Airport at 7:35 a.m. It had arrived from Shanghai's Pudong International Airport in the wee hours of the morning.

Another plane was used for the flight to Hong Kong, taking off more than 40 minutes after the scheduled departure time.

The collapsed plane had been in service for more than six years, according to records. Its maiden flight was in April 2009.

On May 23, another Singapore Airlines Airbus A330-300 temporarily lost power in both engines on a flight from Singapore to Shanghai carrying 194 people, causing it to descend 13,000 feet (4,000 meters) before normal operation was restored. **AP**



THE DECISIVE MOMENT AP Photo/Ivan Sekretarev
 Force India driver Nico Hulkenberg of Germany, center, collides with Toro Rosso driver Max Verstappen of the Netherlands, right, during the Formula One Russian Grand Prix at the 'Sochi Autodrom' Formula One circuit in Sochi, Russia yesterday. Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton won the race.