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ISRAEL An Arab citizen of Israel using a paraglider flew into neighboring Syria, the Israeli military said yesterday, in what appeared to be an intentional attempt to join a rebel group there. Military officials said a 23-year-old from an Arab town in Israel planned the maneuver with the intent of joining Syrian rebel fighters. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the still-under-investigation case with the media.



POLAND Citizens voted yesterday in a parliamentary election that is expected to shift power from a centrist and pro-market party to a socially conservative and somewhat Euroskeptic party that favors more welfare spending to help the poor. Opinion polls show the populist Law and Justice party holding a strong lead over Civic Platform, which has governed the country for eight years.

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Authorities launch crackdown on Uber's ride sharing service

THE Transport Bureau (DSAT) and the Public Security Police Force (CPSP) held a joint press conference on Friday to reiterate that the Uber ride-sharing service is illegal because "according to local laws and regulations, a vehicle must be duly registered as a taxi before a driver can offer someone a ride in exchange for the payment of a fee".

According to the local authorities, "both departments are paying close attention to and monitoring this new service", clarifying that the fine of MOP30,000, mentioned in a previous statement, "is being applied, according to the rules and regulations of the road traffic, in cases where a driver is using a vehicle for a different purpose than the one originally authorized" i.e. using a car to partake in paid transportation services.

The two public departments also warned residents that "the service is not legally regulated and [customers'] personal data might be in danger of being used illegally by other peo-

ple". A DSAT spokesperson also added that "if the company would like to run a taxi service in Macau, they will need to comply with the laws that regulate that business."

Repeatedly questioned by reporters about Uber's use of vehicles owned by travel agencies and wanting to know whether or not that procedure is legal, the spokespersons appeared reluctant to clearly state the rules, commenting only that "we need to apply the law case by case, and if the authorities find any irregularities relating to the Tourism department, they will report the case to the Macau Government Tourist Office (MGTO)".

On Saturday, the MGTO director Helena Senna Fernandes, speaking on the sidelines of a ceremony to mark the tenth anniversary of the Macau Businesswomen's Association, added that the government department "is still investigating whether any of Macau's travel agencies have provided car booking services to their customers using Uber". She added that "Ma-

cau travel agencies provide legal car-booking services, but only using vehicles registered under that travel agency," noting that "the driver must be hired by the travel agency as well".

Ms Fernandes admitted that she has not yet looked into the actual patterns of use of Uber in Macau, so she does not really know whether the service has violated any of the office's rules.

"If there is no registered travel agency called Uber, then I think there is no application called Uber belonging to any one of Macau's travel agencies. In addition, we need to launch more enquiries and collect more information before we can confirm whether or not any travel agencies have provided services through Uber. There are many issues on which we need more in-

formation and data before we will know whether Uber has violated any of Macau's laws", said Ms. Fernandes.

On the same topic, speaking last week on the morning program of Radio Macau's Chinese Channel, the president of the General Association of Taxi Owners, while arguing that Uber is illegal, called upon the government to present new regulations allowing such a service to be run in the territory.

The initial statement and consequent press conference from CPSP and DSAT came after Uber announced its transportation services in the territory "for an initial testing period", following a promotion showing the the first ride being given to local singer Siufay, who reviewed the experience positively. **RM**

'TAXI-LIKE' SERVICES

THERE ARE several companies in Macau that have been operating "taxi-like" services for more than 10 years now, including the resorts, casinos and The Macau Fisherman's Wharf, which use a scheme of fixed rates for transportation to several locations on the Peninsula and the Islands.

IACM condemns violent assault of inspectors

THE Civil and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) has condemned the actions of a restaurant owner last Tuesday, when he wounded two inspectors in response to their decision to press charges against him.

The assault occurred at noon when the pair, on patrol along the Avenida do Doutor Rodrigo Rodrigues, discovered that the restaurant was in breach of the regulation against illegal expansion. The owner allegedly refused to cooperate with the IACM agents who asked him for relevant documents before pressing charges, according to a statement from the Bureau.

The owner reportedly punched one of the IACM staff before violently pushing him out of the restaurant and onto the ground. The other officer called the police and tried containing the man, but was struck across his head with a bowl before the assaulter went on to shatter his cellphone. The first officer was sent to the hospital for medical treatment and was released later that day.

Inflation rises in September

MACAU'S composite consumer price index (CPI), the primary measure of inflation, rose by 4.23 percent in September – a slowdown from August's rate, according to data from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC).

Figures released by DSEC indicate that the growth of CPI in September slowed for the fifth consecutive month, easing by a further 0.41 percent since August.

The most significant upward contribution came from the recent increase in tobacco tax, which drove the price index of Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco up by 38.42 percent.

The price index of Education rose by 8.93 percent, while Health grew by 6.12 percent, as a result of an increase in tuition fees and charges for outpatient services respectively.

The downward pressures came from a deceleration in the growth in rental fees and eating out, while the price indexes of the Communication and Clothing & Footwear industries decreased by 0.98 percent and 0.65 percent respectively, according to DSEC.

Macau's average CPI for the first three quarters of 2015 rose by 4.79 percent year-on-year.

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MIF registers slight increase in trade visitors, some exhibitors disappointed

MORE professional purchasers showed up at this year's 20th Macau International Trade and Investment Fair (MIF) than last year, according to the organizer's preliminary data.

Running over four consecutive days at The Venetian Macao since last Thursday, the event saw a total of 50 agreements inked between chambers and governments as well as around 574 negotiation sessions held, according to official figures.

Irene Lau, the Macau Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) executive director, told media yesterday that the authorities recorded around a 9 percent hike in the quantity of professional buyers on the first day alone. But she also downplayed those numbers: "We are not looking for numbers of contracts or signatures that we have on the spot here. This is a platform. It's a chance for everybody to meet here every year," Ms Lau stated.

As this year's fair highlighted, the push focused on services and products from the Portuguese-speaking nations. Lau added that firms from those countries successfully signed more than 40 contracts with other companies from around the globe. She also pledged to introduce new elements to attract more visitors in 2016.

"I think the professionalism has risen to some extent this year, and the Portuguese-speaking countries' participation has been deepened as well. Like I said last year, it's like sowing seeds. The forty-something agreements might stem from two or three years ago," she said.

Up to 117 enterprises from those countries joined the business talks with on-site buyers

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over a wide range of merchandise concerning beverages and food, healthcare, furniture, investment and consultancy services. They also went on a visit to Zhuhai to explore business potential there.

Nonetheless, some smaller-scale firms found the exhibition less fertile ground compared to previous years, with an apparent low turnout. Pedro Nóvoa, who has his own business and heads an art group in Mozambique, told the Times that he

was "disappointed" with the sales. "I think business is going down in general in Macau," he surmised.

The wooden artifact manufacturer's 2012 debut at the expo seemed promising to Nóvoa as he managed to seek out local agents who had sold some of his products, and also some from his fellow artists. However, the remainder of his artworks remained unsold in the following few years.

Besides this, he was similarly

surprised by the dwindling purchasing power of local buyers, who he said largely asked for price cuts.

Echoing his viewpoint, E-ljayum Vavulengan, president of a Taiwanese business delegation from the Rinari community comprised of four aboriginal tribes, said most of her customers would not even make a purchase even after bargaining. "The things here are pretty pricey, yet the customers are not generous," said the Taiwanese

native.

By contrast, Newvida Lei, a barista at local coffee and tea manufacturer Seng Pan Co. Limited said their business strate-

“We are not looking for numbers of contracts or signatures that we have on the spot here. This is a platform.”

IRENE LAU

Several activities foster business opportunities for SMEs



Jackson Chang

THE "SME International Business Days' Opening Ceremony, Cocktail Reception and Protocol Signing Ceremony" was held on the second day of the 20th Macau International Trade and Investment Fair.

According to figures published by the organizer, approximately 283 business-matching sessions were held, contributing to the signing of 26 agreements at the venue.

One of the key activities of the MIF, the SME International Business Day aims to encourage the participation of enterprises and business start-ups, and this year introduced various services such as the Service Counter for SMEs, a business promotion consultation, information on business start-ups, SME business operation and transformation, as well as seminars for young entrepreneurs.

At the opening ceremony, Jackson Chang, president of the Macau Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) remarked that SMEs serve as an important pillar for Macau's economic development. "During the economic evolution of Macau, Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) played a role of great importance because they constitute an indispensable pillar to the Macau economy, absorbing

a large number of the employed population", he said.

Mr Chang also took the opportunity to highlight in his speech the importance of responding promptly to changes in the international markets, noting also the relevance of IPIM's "one-stop" service for SMEs and the opportunities for local companies under the initiative of "Macao Ideas". The Macao Products Display Centre, creator of "Macao Ideas", has lately expanded its marketing reach through its new location in Taipei Station and promotional activities in Lisbon and the five offices in mainland China, promoting "Macao-branded products" in China and abroad.

According to IPIM's Macau Business Support Center, the larger goals of the "SME International Business Days" were to increase the entrepreneurship capacity of SMEs and to stimulate youth entrepreneurship in order to encourage self-employment through the creation of new jobs. **RM**

gies have earned the group some long-term partnerships with agents not only from Macau but also from abroad, as well as buyers from the general public who frequented the booth.

The investment promotion authorities also stressed that the fair's business matching sessions indeed helped several firms in finding business partners.

Lau hoped the budget for next year's fair would remain similar to this year's figure of MOP 37 million despite pledges by the government for increased austerity. "I hope so, but would economize for sure if necessary," she said.

CE inaugurates local company hotel in Zhejiang

Chui Sai On travelled to the Tonglu district of Zhejiang Province on Saturday to attend the opening ceremony of a hotel constructed by Macau investors. According to a statement issued by the Chief Executive's Office, the trip was intended to show the government's support for local companies that invest in the promotion, as well as in regional cooperation and diversification of the local economy. Mr Chui presided over the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Hotel Legend FuChunJiang. The CE took the opportunity to recall that "regional cooperation is a very important direction for the development of the diversification of Macau's economy. Therefore, the government encourages and supports the business sector in its efforts to expand beyond the borders of Macau and to strengthen its cooperation with neighboring territories and regions".

HERITAGE

Macau's historical map 'comes home'

A historical map of Macau and Taipa was presented to "the people of Macau" by Stuart Braga last week, during a ceremony commemorating the launch of his book at the Consulate-General of Portugal in Macau. The volume, entitled "Making Impressions: A Portuguese family in Macau and Hong Kong, 1700-1945," follows the stories of three Portuguese families living in the two territories, and examines the social discrimination faced by Portuguese workers in British Hong Kong.

José Sales Marques, the president of the Institute of European Studies in Macau, spoke at the ceremony. He praised the book's "beautiful maps, photographs and illustrations" and the fact that it was "very rich in terms of information."

José Sales Marques, who was the mayor of Macau between 1993 and 2001, added that the book "illustrates in rich detail how the Portuguese-Macanese communities helped Hong Kong to become what it is today [even] though



Rufino Ramos (left) and Stuart Braga

they were socially discriminated against."

He made reference to a pamphlet written in 1895 by J. P. Braga, grandfather of the author and a central character in "Making Impressions". The pamphlet was titled "The Rights of Aliens [foreigners] in Hong Kong" and became famous for its criticism of the treatment of non-British workers in the region. Mr Marques made a remark in passing that: "I think someone today should publish the 'Rights of Aliens in Macau'."

On the topic of his grandfather, Stuart Braga said that he "sought

to represent those that the British Imperial system had ignored; the Chinese and Portuguese and Macanese." He added: "This book is not only about the members of three families, but the members of a whole community."

The author expressed his gratitude to all those who had helped with the editing and publication of the book. He said that "Making Impressions" is not so much a historical account, but more of a "celebration of Portugal and its sons and daughters who have made a contribution to civilization in East Asia."

The chronology of the book ends in 1945. In his speech, Stuart Braga commended the 300 Portuguese who fought in Hong Kong as volunteers during World War II and Macau's subsequent acceptance of refugees from the area. He adapted a famous Winston Churchill quote when he said that, in reference to the region's treatment of refugees, "this was Macau's finest hour."

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STUART BRAGA

The ceremony concluded with the presentation of a framed map of Macau and Taipa dated from 1779 to the book's chief editor, Rufino Ramos. Stuart Braga said that it originated from the Portuguese community here, and that he had wanted "it to come home to Macau." **Staff Reporter**

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APPROXIMATELY 100 people were injured, with six among them seriously hurt, when a high-speed jetfoil heading from Macau towards Hong Kong hit an “unidentified object” last night south of Lantau Island.

According to the South China Morning Post preliminary accounts, the TurboJet ferry lost power following the incident and water began to enter the vessel as passengers clambered for lifejackets in the dark.

“Some people sustained injuries to their jaws, arms and legs,” one passenger told the SCMP on Hong Kong’s Central pier after being pulled to safety by local marine police.

“Some could not even move. The lights suddenly went out. It was chaotic at first but then the passengers managed to calm down soon. Everyone was bleeding. I was injured on my

At least 100 injured as speeding jetfoil strikes unknown object



A TurboJet ferry docked in Hong Kong

passengers rescued by marine police vessels reached the Central ferry piers at around 8.30pm. Some were wearing oxygen masks as they were lifted into ambulances and taken

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WITNESS

TURBOJET AFFECTED BY SEVERAL INCIDENTS

SEVERAL FERRY incidents in 2014 occurred on the busy route between Hong Kong and Macau. In May, over 30 people were injured after a high-speed TurboJet ferry collided with a cargo ship near Hong Kong. In June, a high-speed ferry from the same company traveling from Hong Kong to Macau crashed into a breakwater, injuring 70 people, one of whom required surgery.

forehead, arms and legs,” the witness told reporters.

According to the paper, police received a call at about 7pm that the ferry – carrying 163 passengers and 11 crew – had slammed into an object near Siu A Chau, one of the Soko Islands.

Photos taken after the collision and circulated on social media showed some passengers sprawling on the ground having been knocked over while others scrambled around trying to don lifejackets, the SCMP article added.

Furthermore, TV footage showed that the first group of

to hospital.

Safety questions will undoubtedly follow as this latest emergency comes just two weeks after a fire broke out in the engine room of a TurboJet ferry from Macau that was carrying 134 passengers – all whom were safely evacuated.

Lawmakers support CCAC on electoral law reform

LOCAL lawmakers have expressed their support of André Cheong’s call for a revision to the electoral law in order to ensure that events held by local associations are not used as part of election campaigns.

The call comes after the Commissioner Against Corruption, André Cheong, last week confirmed his intention to submit an amendment proposal by the end of October.

The intention of the pro-

posed amendment is to tackle vote-buying and to reduce intervention in elections by organizations such as local associations and casino operators. Several lawmakers have agreed that there should be guidelines to prevent events run by associations from acting as a platform for elections.

Ho Ion Sang, vice-president of the Macau General Union of Neighborhood Associations (known as Kai Fong), explained

that “Macau is a society of associations. There are 6,000 to 7,000 associations. Their standing events are held on a regular basis. During the election, clearer guidelines should be used to make sure that the relevant associations’ events do not conflict with the laws governing elections.”

The president of the Legislative Assembly, Ho Iat Seng, agreed to the implementation of boundaries and felt that the matter

should be investigated. He said that “events held by associations happen regularly and can’t be cancelled. Maybe voters should avoid them for two weeks or one month. Then it would be clearer for the voters and for candidates. They wouldn’t step out of bounds.”

The president also pointed out that as society continues to change, new situations and new problems would arise in each election. He said that no

single revision to electoral law is capable of ending all improper election behavior. Instead the law should be reviewed gradually as society develops.

According to Melinda Chan, the “priority is to set up mechanisms that are fair to both new and long-standing candidates.” She stressed that revisions to electoral laws should include a limit on the number of permitted promotional vehicles and posters. The number of vehicles would need to be

registered, and a failure to do so should be considered a “violation.”

Ho Ion Sang and Ho Iat Seng both believe that this is an issue that should be discussed with the public. André Cheong said last week that a public consultation on the matter could take place as soon as the beginning of next year.

Macau’s next electoral campaign will take place in 2017, when a new Legislative Assembly will be elected.

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Local patient attacks nurse at Guangzhou hospital

A local 59-year-old patient who is allegedly suffering from mental health problems was arrested in a Guangzhou hospital early last Friday after attacking and injuring a female nurse with a fruit knife. The Chinese police's initial inquiry suggests that the hospitalized man was suffering from hallucinations that the hospital's medical staff were persecuting him, prompting the attack on the nurse, who was looking through another patient's medical records at the nurses' station at the time. The 28-year-old nurse received three gashes, two on her back and left arm and one on her face. The attacker escaped the bloody scene, but was later apprehended by police after reaching another floor.

GAMING

Melco reportedly seeking to relax USD1.4b loan vows

Jacqueline Poh

THE Melco Crown Entertainment Ltd. joint venture that controls its latest Macau casino project is asking banks to waive financial conditions for a year on its HKD10.85 billion (USD1.4 billion) loan, people with knowledge of the matter said.

Melco's Studio City International Holdings Ltd. unit is requesting a so-called covenant holiday for 2016, meaning during that period its financial ratios don't need to meet requirements imposed by the banks, the people said, asking not to be identified as the information is private. It's also seeking other relaxations on its financial conditions after next year, including about doubling the maximum total leverage it's allowed to as high as 9 times in the first quarter of 2017, the people said.

The company backed by billionaire Lawrence Ho said Oct. 20 it would only get 250 tables for



The main entrance of the Studio City casino resort, developed by Melco Crown Entertainment

its new \$3.2 billion Studio City casino project in the world's largest gambling hub, less than the 400 it had hoped. Fewer places for punters makes it harder for casino operators to recoup the money they're spending on new resorts, and Las Vegas tycoon Steve Wynn last week criticized Macau for delays in giving out the allocations.

Macau's government is seeking to broaden the economy and appeal to mainstream consumers for entertainment and shopping, much like

Las Vegas has done. China President Xi Jinping in December ordered the city to reduce its reliance on casinos, an industry that makes up about 80 percent of its revenue.

Studio City will send out a formal request next week on the changes, which require agreement from at least half the banks, according to the people. A Hong Kong-based spokeswoman for Studio City said she couldn't immediately comment.

The company's \$1.4 billion in secured loans require it to have 400 operating tables by October 2016, according to Standard & Poor's Ratings. Studio City had hired Kirkland & Ellis as legal adviser and consultants Moelis & Co., which specializes in debt restructuring, due to the possibility of a lower than anticipated table allocation, according to Melco in an Aug. 12 statement.

A failure to meet loan requirements means banks can require

immediate repayment. If that happens, bondholders are also entitled to request Melco pay back its \$1.8 billion in notes outstanding right away.

Melco bought a 60 percent stake in the developer of Studio City for \$360 million in 2011 from entities including hedge funds Silver Point Capital LP and Oaktree Capital Group as gaming earnings were on the rise and the Cotai Strip, where the project is being built, was seen as the next frontier in Macau.

Four years later, as the project is about to open its doors, minority shareholders, lenders and bond buyers face a much less profitable venture.

In May, S&P said Studio City's revenue and profit growth in 2015 and 2016 will be slower than anticipated and the project will remain highly leveraged. The rating company also changed its forecast for gross gaming revenue in Macau to a drop of 20 percent to 30 percent in 2015 from previous expectations of a decline of as much as 10 percent.

Melco Crown is touting a Batman ride, Asia's highest ferris wheel and other Hollywood-centric features for Studio City which is scheduled to open on Oct. 27. **Bloomberg**

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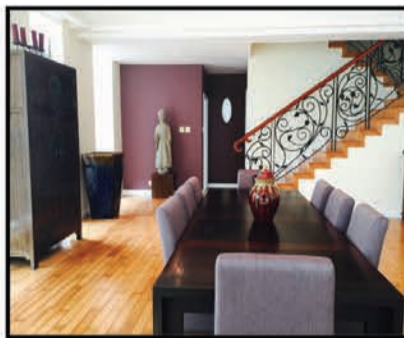
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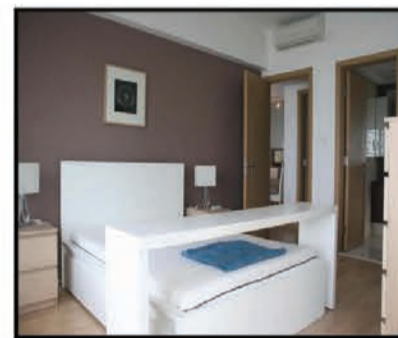
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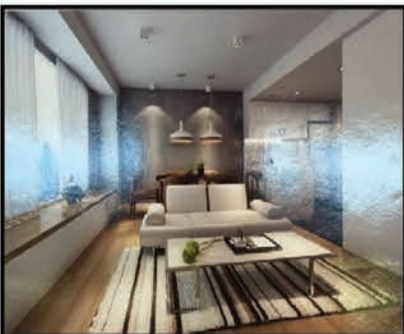


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Chinese investment company to buy Texas oil fields for USD1.3b

A Chinese investment holding company said it has signed a letter of intent to purchase oil fields in Texas for 8.3 billion yuan (USD1.3 billion) through a limited liability partnership. In a disclosure to the Shanghai Stock Exchange, Yantai Xinchao Industry Co. Ltd. said the oil fields in Howard and Borden counties would be bought from Tall City Exploration and Plymouth Petroleum, two Nevada-based companies. In the Saturday filing, Yantai Xinchao said it signed a letter of intent Friday with Ningbo Dingliang Huitong Equity Investment Center, a limited liability partnership, and its seven shareholders to buy the oil fields through a Ningbo Dingliang subsidiary, Moss Creek Resources LLC. It said the transaction has been approved by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States.

Caesars Palace turning 50, getting USD75m upgrade



Caesars Palace on the Las Vegas Strip is getting a USD75 million upgrade for its 50th birthday. The 567-room Roman Tower of rooms that's been closed for construction since mid-September will get 20 additional rooms and a new name: the Julius Tower. Caesars Palace, which opened on Aug. 5, 1966 and became a Hollywood favorite in movies like "Rain Man" and "The Hangover," has grown to about 3,960 rooms spread across six towers. "We continue to reinvent Rome and Las Vegas" said Caesars Palace regional president Gary Selesner in a statement.

Twitter CEO gives up USD200m in stock for company employees

Michael Liedtke, Technology Writer, San Francisco

AFTER laying off more than 300 workers, Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey is trying to lift the spirits of the remaining employees by giving them 6.8 million shares of the stock he owns in the on-line messaging service.

Dorsey is giving up the stock, currently worth more than USD200 million, so Twitter can award the shares to its employees, according to documents filed Friday with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The gesture comes a week after Dorsey laid off 8 percent of Twitter's workforce in an effort to make the company profitable for the first time in its nine-year history. The gift represents nearly one-third of the stock Dorsey owns in the San Francisco company.

"I'd rather have a smaller part of something big than a bigger part of something small," Dorsey tweeted about surrendering some of his stock. "I'm confident we can make Twitter big!"

Twitter said Dorsey's shares will be earmarked for stock issued to employees next year under the company's incentive plan.

Dorsey will still own 15 million Twitter shares worth about \$460 million, based on Twitter's current market value.

Twitter's stock gained \$1.13,



Twitter co-founder Jack Dorsey

or nearly 4 percent, to close Friday at \$30.28.

The shares have declined by 40 percent in the past six months amid concerns about Twitter's slowing user growth and inability to make money.

Twitter Inc. brought back Dorsey, one of its co-founders, as its CEO in hopes that he can figure out a way to make the messaging service more appealing beyond its

core audience of about 300 million users. By comparison, Facebook's social networking service has 1.5 billion users, even though it is only two years older than Twitter.

Dorsey was Twitter's original CEO, but was ousted because the company's board didn't think he was the right leader at that time.

While he tries to re-tool Twitter, Dorsey is also serving as CEO of Square, a payment

processor that is preparing to price an initial public offering of its stock.

Dorsey has given back nearly 15.1 million shares of Square stock during the past two years, too, according to Square's IPO documents. He remains by far Square's largest shareholder with a 24 percent stake in that San Francisco company, which is located a block away from Twitter's headquarters. **AP**

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CEM HOLDS FOURTH 'HEALTHY EATING' INDUCTION COOKING CONTEST



CEM's "Healthy Eating" Induction Cooking Contest, co-organized by the Macau Federation of Trade Unions (FAOM)'s Catering Services & Cooking Training Center and supported by Macau Profes-

sional Nutritionist Association, came to a close yesterday.

The contest aims to promote induction cooking, nutrition and healthy eating among the public. Nearly 30 individuals signed up to participate in this

year's contest. Contestants had to design and cook highly nutritious dishes. After undergoing reviews, 20 contestants were shortlisted for yesterday's finals and cooked nutritious dishes on-site using induction cookers.

Judges included Wong Kuai Leng, FAOM Vice Director, Lei U Weng, Director of the United Association of Food and Beverage Merchants of Macau, Olivia Chau, Executive Director of the Macau Professional Nutritionist Association, Chan Chak Keong, instructor at FAOM's Catering Services & Cooking Training Centre, and Iun Lok Meng, Advisor to CEM's Executive Committee.

Ip Mei Leng was finally named winner of the contest.

BIGBANG CAPTIVATE FANS AT THE VENETIAN MACAO



BigBang kicked off their "BigBang 2015 World Tour [Made] in Macao" last Friday at The Venetian Macao's Cotai Arena. Two more shows followed on

Saturday and Sunday, making BigBang the first ever foreign artist group to hold three consecutive concerts at The Venetian Macao.

This was BigBang first visit to Macau, and all tickets sold out in advance. Concert-goers anticipated the long-awaited event and started to fill up the venue hours before the show began.

The five members kicked off the show with a blockbuster video produced by the crew of the Fast & Furious movie series. The K-Popsters began the concert with "Bang Bang Bang" and followed that with hits including "Tonight" and "Stupid Liar". The group then performed "Haru Haru", which is one of their most recognizable songs. The concert continued with "Blue" and "Loser" that saw audience members singing along. They were followed with "Bad Boy" and "If You".

MOZAMBIQUE

Gas exploration will require USD31b investment



A natural gas transit pipeline

OIL companies operating in Mozambique will need to invest USD31 billion over the next few years to begin exploration of the natural gas reserves discovered in the north of the country, the president of national oil and gas company ENH said last week in Maputo.

Omar Mithá said operating costs could reach US\$5.6 billion, to which another US\$10 billion must be added for construction of natural gas liquefaction units.

In his estimates the ENH chairman included US\$3.3 billion for further development studies and US\$4.4 billion in interest payments related to the loans needed to build processing plants and bank costs.

“Then there is a contingency portion of 25 percent, and all together that totals about US\$24 billion just for exploration of natural gas discovered

in the Area 1 block of the Rovuma basin,” Mithá said, cited by news agency AIM.

The remaining US\$7 billion for the total amount of US\$31 billion will be invested in the Area 4 block, operated by Italian group ENI, in which ENH holds a 10 percent stake.

Mithá said the amount given was based on a scenario in which 55 percent of the investment is represented by debt and 45 percent by equity.

The investments to be made in those blocks depend on a final investment decision, which should be made by the end of the first quarter of 2016. The time needed to build the processing units is estimated at five years.

To date natural gas deposits of 200 trillion cubic feet have been discovered in both the Area 1 and Area 4 blocks. **MDT/Macauhub**

Cape Verde International Fair runs from 18 to 22 Nov

THE 19th edition of the Cape Verde International Fair (FIC) is set to run from 18 to 22 November on the island of São Vicente under the theme, “Cape Verde, the business platform with the world,” said the chairman of the event.

José Martins, cited by local media, said that the choice of theme was based on the intention of businesspeople and the government to increase international sales of goods and services and the participation of Chambers of Commerce in management of the fair.

Alongside the International Business Centre (CIN), recently updated to adapt it to more coherent and modern practices to encourage internationalization of the economy, FIC’s intervention strategy is supported by initiatives that encourage and guide foreign direct investment to the areas of greatest national economic interest.

Martins also said the fair promoted activities that drive exports of goods and services, which also make the business sector more robust, with a significant presence of medium-sized companies able to be part of international business chains.

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SANDS CHINA NEWS

Las Vegas Sands and Sands China Build 200,000 Hygiene Kits for Clean the World

More than 4,000 volunteers work around the clock and around the world to deliver much-needed hygiene supplies to people in need

Sands China Ltd. recently joined parent-company Las Vegas Sands Corp. and international social enterprise Clean the World to complete an unprecedented 24-hour global volunteer effort, building 75,000 of the project’s 200,000 hygiene kits to be distributed to populations in need worldwide, including in Macao.

More than 4,000 LVS team members and community volunteers participated in the *Las Vegas Sands Global Hygiene Kit Build with Clean the World* – which was both organisations’ largest volunteer effort to date, resulting in the most kits ever built for Clean the World at one time. The build was held at LVS’ Singapore, Macao, Bethlehem and Las Vegas properties sequentially and all within a 24-hour period on Saturday, Sept. 26. It all began at Marina Bay Sands, LVS’ property in Singapore, at 9 a.m. local time and culminated at 6 p.m. local time in Las Vegas. The effort was part of LVS’s global corporate citizenship program, Sands Cares, and its ongoing partnership with Clean the World.

More than 1,500 Sands China team members and volunteers from the Macao community worked together at The Venetian® Macao’s Cotai Expo 2-9 p.m. Sept. 26 to assemble 75,000 kits, supporting the global effort spearheaded by Sands China’s parent company, Las Vegas Sands Corp. Ming Fai Group was supporting entity for the Macao build.

Knowing that he was part of a global effort is what made the event special for one of the volunteers: “I really feel I’m part of something bigger than myself today. It’s not often that we get the chance to do something locally that can impact people around the world. I’m glad I’m here to help put together these hygiene kits for people in need – here in Macao and around the world.”

A total of 14 associations joined Sands China team members in the hygiene kit build at The Venetian Macao: Association of Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers of Macao, Young Men’s Christian Association of Macao, Macau Special Olympics, Kinwa Family Service Centre of the Social Service Division of the Methodist, Caritas Macau, Macau Deaf Association, Macau Association for the Parents of the Mentally Handicapped, Fuhong Society of Macau, Macau Youth Volunteer Association, Richmond Fellowship of Macau, Shiu Pong College of the University of Macau, Macau Green Student Union, Green Future, and Rotary Club of Macau.

Each hygiene kit contains soap and other hygiene items collected from Clean the World’s hospitality partners, including LVS properties globally, such as Sands China’s integrated resorts in Macao. Soap is recycled through Clean the World’s sanitation and processing equipment and packed with other amenities, such as shampoo, conditioner, a toothbrush and toothpaste, to form individual personal care kits. Through these types of kits, Clean the World is able to help hundreds of thousands of people without access to hygiene supplies stay healthy.

LVS and Clean the World have a strong partnership built upon a collective commitment to help people in need while protecting the planet. Since 2011, LVS and Clean the World have recycled more than 50 tons of waste from LVS properties worldwide into more than 550,000 bars of soap. LVS’ partnership with Clean the World is part of the company’s global corporate citizenship program, Sands Cares.



More than 1,500 Sands China team members and members of the Macao community build 75,000 hygiene kits Sept. 26 at The Venetian Macao for the Las Vegas Sands Global Hygiene Kit Build with Clean the World.

Couple in Philippine killings brought back for trial

Oliver Teves, Manila

A Chinese consular officer and her husband, who allegedly killed two other Chinese diplomats and wounded their consul-general in a Philippine city, have been taken back to China where they will be tried, officials said Saturday.

Philippine police turned over the couple to Chinese authorities, who flew them to Xiamen in southeastern China on a chartered flight from central Cebu City on Friday, two days after the fatal shooting inside a restaurant, said Foreign Affairs spokesman Charles Jose.

Police say the consul's husband has been accused of killing diplomats Sun Shan and Hui Li and wounding Consul-General Song Ronghua on Wednesday at the Lighthouse Restaurant in Cebu, where China had established a consulate.

Jose said the Chinese government had invoked diploma-



In this photo taken Friday, Oct. 23, police escort a Chinese man, allegedly the husband of a Chinese consul who is a suspect in the fatal shooting of two Chinese diplomats and the wounding of the consul-general, prior to being deported back to China

tic immunity for the couple under the 1961 Vienna Convention and a 2009 bilateral accord between Beijing and Manila.

"They will be tried under Chinese law," Jose said. "They (Chinese authorities) asked for help, so the evidence obtained by the (Philippine police) will be shared with them."

Regional police director Chief Superintendent Prudencio Tom Banas said the couple has not issued any statement that could explain the motive for the shooting partly because they could not speak English. The victims and the suspects were attending a birthday lunch in a private room at the restaurant when the shooting occurred, Banas said.

Police Senior Superintendent Rey Lyndon Lawas said one of the restaurant staff heard arguments "over financial matters" before shots were fired.

China has previously insisted on trying its citizens who have been accused of crimes in other countries. A Beijing court sentenced a Chinese man to life in prison in 2012 for murdering his girlfriend in Canada. In 2011, a Shanghai court handed a 15-year prison term to a Chinese man who admitted he killed a taxi driver in Auckland. AP



Men chat on the street near a billboard promoting deposit rates for the U.S. dollar in Beijing

Joe McDonald and Paul Wiseman, Business Writers, Beijing

CHINA'S sixth interest-rate cut in a year shows how hard it is to keep the world's second-biggest economy growing vigorously while attempting one of history's most audacious economic transformations.

The country's central bank on Friday annou-

nced cuts in benchmark interest rates on loans and deposits.

The moves by the People's Bank of China are the latest sign that the world's major central banks remain committed to unusually low rates to try to spur economic growth. Last week, the head of the European Central Bank made clear that the ECB is weighing further steps to ease borrowing rates.

And this week, the Federal Reserve is widely expected to hold its key rate near zero, where it's remained for seven years.

China's latest rate cut came four days after the government reported that growth had slowed to a six-year low of 6.9 percent from July through September. The Chinese economic slowdown has unnerved investors around the wor-

PBOC move shows global reliance on low rates to lift growth

ld, hurt countries that had prospered by supplying China with raw materials and weighed on global growth.

China's deceleration is partly deliberate. Beijing wants to move the country away from an over-reliance on exports and often-wasteful investment in housing, factories and infrastructure projects such as roads and high-speed trains. Instead, China is seeking slower but more sustainable growth driven by consumer spending.

Recent economic figures reflect the transition. In September, growth in factory output slowed to 5.7 percent from August's 6.1 percent. At the same time, retail sales growth rose to 10.9 percent from July's 10.5 percent. E-commerce spending surged 36 percent in the third quarter over a year earlier.

But the growth in consumer spending and

services isn't entirely offsetting the decline in older industries. As a result, overall growth is slowing, raising fears of job losses and unrest.

The government is stepping in to try to keep official measures of growth close to 7 percent. The Chinese central bank said it will reduce the benchmark rate on a one-year loan by 0.25 percentage point to 4.35 percent, effective Saturday, and cut one-year deposit rates by the same margin to 1.5 percent.

The bank also freed up more money for lending by reducing the level of reserves Chinese banks are required to hold.

"There still exists some downward pressure on China's economic growth," the People's Bank of China said in a statement. "We need to continue to use monetary policy tools to strengthen economic structu-

ral adjustment and create a good monetary and financial environment."

The rate cut "is not a cure for all their ills," says Ajay Rajadhyaksha, head of macro research.

Chinese consumers save too much and spend too little, Rajadhyaksha says, so the country needs "consumers to start spending more, a lot more, and quickly."

Beijing has also started a mini-stimulus program to boost the economy through public works projects.

David Dollar, senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, says that given the difficulty of managing an ambitious transition, Beijing might want to give itself more leeway — broadening its target for annual economic growth to 6 percent to 7 percent instead of shooting for 7 percent.

"It's easier to rebalance at 6 than at 7," he says. AP

Christopher Bodeen, Beijing

Mainland dissidents protest Britain's treatment of activist

VETERAN Chinese pro-democracy campaigners have protested Britain's treatment of an activist detained during Chinese President Xi Jinping's pageant-filled visit to the country, saying London was putting economic ties over rights concerns.

Shao Jiang was arrested in London on Wednesday after scaling barriers and standing in front of Xi's motorcade holding placards. His home was searched and computer equipment taken away.

Veteran dissidents Wang Dan and Wu'er Kaixi said in a statement Saturday that Britain appeared to have jettisoned human rights concerns in favor of securing business deals.

"Britain is sadly lending legitimacy to a regime with no rule of law, no freedom of speech, and with geopolitical ambitions that threaten the security of its neighboring nations — and perhaps the world," the statement said.

"Trade takes priority over basic human rights, and exiled protesters with legitimate grievances with the Beijing government are now no longer safe even the democracies that gave them refuge," it said, describing Britain's actions as "shameful."

Wang and Kaixi were top student leaders of the 1989 pro-democracy movement centered on Beijing's Tiananmen Square that was brutally suppressed by China's army. Like Shao, also



In this Oct. 20 photo, human rights demonstrators stand beneath a protest banner bearing an image of Chinese President Xi Jinping on Parliament Square outside the Houses of Parliament

a veteran of the movement, they now live in exile.

Speaking to Britain's The Independent newspaper, Shao said he was surprised by the extent of the actions taken by police, but hoped his arrest would raise awareness of human rights in China.

"I was protesting peacefully," the Independent quoted him as saying. "And when I was arrested I couldn't believe that this

country was no longer protecting freedom of expression. It's just like China now."

Xi's state visit sparked a series of protests over China's human rights record and other issues. Two Tibetan activists, Sonam Choden and Jamphel Lhamo, were also arrested for attempting to unfurl Tibetan flags as Xi's motorcade passed.

Chinese state media provided blanket coverage of Xi's visit,

with an emphasis on the ostentatious ceremonies laid on for Xi and the respect their country's leader commanded.

However, reports on the visit by international broadcasters such as CNN and the BBC were blacked out in China for several minutes at a time, apparently because Chinese censors objected to their reporting on human rights and other sensitive issues. London's Metropolitan Po-

lice confirmed that three people were arrested "to prevent a breach of the peace" and on suspicion of conspiracy to commit threatening behavior. They were later released on bail and have not been charged.

Lucy D'Orsi, commander of the police operation for the state visit, said in a statement that police had worked "tirelessly" to facilitate peaceful protests, but that tight security was needed to ensure the safety of Xi and his wife, as well as the British royal family and prime minister.

"The assertion that political manipulation of the command team or, indeed, the broader Metropolitan Police took place is wrong and doesn't reflect the facts," D'Orsi said.

Xi returned to China on Friday after a carefully orchestrated visit that included a stay at Buckingham Palace and an address to Parliament.

Organized crowds waving Chinese flags greeted Xi throughout, outnumbering pro-Tibet and human rights protesters concerned about the lavish welcome accorded to Xi.

The two countries signed more than USD46 billion in economic agreements during the trip. AP

Xi given lessons on chillaxing as Cameron shows off Manchester City

Rodney Jefferson and Tariq Panja

IT'S not like a Chinese president to ditch the red banners before a big day, but Xi Jinping had to go for blue before last weekend's soccer derby in Manchester.

Before the Red Devils of United took on the Sky Blues of City in a crucial match yesterday, Xi's British roadshow headed to Manchester as Prime Minister David Cameron took him to visit City's training ground and meet star player Sergio Agüero. What followed was a photo of Xi, the Argentine striker and Cameron in what the Daily Telegraph called "one of the most surreal selfies ever to have graced the Internet."

There was a flurry of comments on Twitter about the photo, with one user referring to "two

blues and a red, you might say," another calling it "cringeworthy," and the Independent newspaper dubbing it "awkward."

Xi's trip to Britain, which included a trip to the pub with Cameron, has gone down well in China. State-owned media trumpeted everything from the state banquet hosted by Queen Elizabeth II to his appearance with Prince William inspecting the car driven by 007 in the latest James Bond movie. The visit has been less celebrated in the U.K., however, which came as thousands of British steelworkers lose their jobs as a result of cheaper Chinese imports.

When it comes to soccer, China and its 1.4 billion people have grown into a key market for European clubs selling TV rights and merchandise. Manchester United, England's most successful team at home

and winner of three European Cups, mainly competes with Real Madrid, Barcelona and Bayern Munich for support, though its crosstown rival City has been gaining some ground since being bought by an Abu Dhabi sheikh in 2008.

City said the visit to its facilities coincided with the induction into the National Football Museum's Hall of Fame of former City player and Chinese international, Sun Jihai, the first Chinese player to score in the English Premier League.

A United spokesman downplayed the visit to City's base, saying Xi's delegation was interested in seeing an example of regeneration and the club sent along two of its most famous former players, Gary Neville and Denis Law. City's Etihad stadium is on the site of the

2002 Commonwealth games, an event that led to a whole revamp of one of the most-deprived parts of urban Britain.

Under Xi, China is trying to improve its soccer fortunes. The country is creating several new academies to try lift itself from an also-ran. China's national team ranks 81st in the world, below the likes of Burkina Faso, Haiti and Uganda.

The BBC reported that Chinese social media users were questioning why their leader was taken to the blue side of Manchester rather than the red.

Xi has been spending much of his time in the U.K. with a prime minister who has been criticized for being too laid-back and prone to "chillaxing." Cameron's relationship with the beautiful game has been patchy. In the run-up to winning a se-



cond term in May, he got confused over which club he supported, muddling cities and teams from different regions playing in

the same colors. Xi, on the other hand, makes no such mistake: he's reportedly an ardent United fan. **Bloomberg**

MALDIVES

President appeals for calm after deputy arrested

Sinan Hussain, Male

THE president of the Maldives appealed for calm yesterday, one day after his deputy was arrested on suspicion of links to an assassination attempt against him, and said the arrest was made in the best interest of the country.

Vice President Ahmed Adeeb was detained Saturday, nearly a month after an explosion aboard President Yameen Abdul Gayoom's boat that was later determined to be an assassination bid.

"The decision (to arrest) was not easy, but it was taken for the security of the country," Gayoom told reporters.

A criminal court on Sunday allowed police to detain Adeeb for 15 days for questioning. He was not brought to court, but judges linked up with him and his lawyers through teleconferencing.

Home Minister Umar Naseer said Saturday that Adeeb would be charged with "high treason," an offense not specified in the penal code, but a term used in



In this photo taken on Oct. 13, Maldives Vice President Ahmed Adeeb speaks to media at the Ibrahim Nasir International Airport, near Male

the Maldives for terrorism or offenses against the state by government officials, lawmakers, judges and others.

Adeeb's lawyer, Hussain Shameem, denied the allegations against the vice president.

Gayoom was unhurt when an explosion went off on his speedboat on Sept. 28 as he was traveling to Male, the capital, from the airport at the end of

a hajj pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia. Gayoom's wife, an aide and a bodyguard were injured in the blast.

Authorities said initially that the explosion could have been the result of a mechanical failure, but they announced later that it was an attempt to assassinate Gayoom and launched a criminal investigation.

The device used to set off the

■ Adeeb was detained Saturday, a month after an explosion aboard President Gayoom's boat was determined to be an assassination bid

explosion had been placed under the seat usually occupied by the president, who escaped uninjured because he was not sitting there, the government has said.

Gayoom said yesterday that an investigation pointed to links between Adeeb and two

soldiers who were arrested for tampering with evidence on the boat soon after the blast. He said police found bomb-making materials at the homes of the soldiers in a subsequent raid.

The president said that while he had dismissed Adeeb from heading some committees, he would not initiate an impeachment to strip him of the vice presidency until his case is decided by a court.


Seven people, including Adeeb, were being held for questioning.

Adeeb was a staunch Gayoom loyalist and became vice president in July at the age of 33. Gayoom was instrumental in promoting Adeeb from tourism minister after the president got his lawmakers in parliament to impeach the previous vice president, Mohamed Jameel.

Lawmakers also lowered the minimum age for president and vice president from 35 to 30 to enable Adeeb to take the position.

The Maldives became a multiparty democracy in 2008, ending a 30-year autocracy by Gayoom's half-brother. **AP**

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INDONESIA

For Jokowi, a chance to build rapport with Obama

INDONESIA'S leader is making his first official U.S. visit since sweeping to power a year ago. It's a chance to build a rapport with an American president with personal ties to his country, and to persuade American companies that he'll make it easier to invest in Southeast Asia's biggest economy.

President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo will meet President Barack Obama today, then huddle with U.S. business leaders, first in Washington, then in the technology hub of Silicon Valley. Business deals valued at USD19.5 billion, including joint projects between Indonesian state utilities and U.S. firms in the power sector, are due to be announced, according to Indonesian officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly about planning for the trip.

Obama, who lived in Indonesia as a child, visited the country twice during his first term as he sought to put more emphasis on America's ties with Asia. But like many countries in the neighborhood, Indonesia remains careful to balance its relations between the U.S. and China, the region's dominant economy. Indonesia doesn't count itself among nations contesting for islands in the disputed South China Sea, although it is concerned that China's expansive maritime claims extend to the waters of Indonesia's Natuna Islands, where Indonesian officials say they want more U.S. investment.

Reflecting the maritime security concerns, the U.S. is expected to provide more support for the sprawling archipelago's



In this Aug. 14 file photo, Indonesian President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo applauds prior to speaking before Parliament members ahead of the country's Independence Day in Jakarta

coast guard. The two leaders will also discuss Islamic extremism. Indonesia, the world's largest majority-Muslim nation, does not contribute to the military effort against Islamic State group, but has been an outspoken critic of the group, which has drawn hundreds of Indonesian recruits to fight in Syria and Iraq.

Despite the areas of common interest between Jakarta and Washington, Indonesian economic protectionism has remained a drag on its relationship.

U.S. trade with Indonesia was

only about \$28 billion last year, less than with Vietnam, a much smaller economy. Foreign direct investment accounts for a smaller percentage of Indonesian GDP than many of its neighbors.

Tami Overby, senior vice president for Asia at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said that regional competition for foreign investment will grow more fierce when the U.S.-backed Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal is ratified and takes effect, likely in a couple of years' time. Indonesia is not among the 12 participating nations.

Citing a 2014 think tank study, Overby said there's potential to double the current \$60 billion in U.S. investment in Indonesia in five years but it needs to take action to improve the business climate by reducing demands for local content, ope-

President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo will meet President Barack Obama today, then U.S. business leaders

ning up more sectors to foreign investment and cutting red tape.

It also needs to make the legal system more predictable, she said, citing the case of U.S. energy giant Chevron, which operates Indonesia's largest oil field and is planning Indonesia's first deep-sea gas field. Chevron is pushing for resolution of cases of several local employees and contractors imprisoned or on bail on contested charges of corruption.

While Jokowi has a clear economic agenda on his U.S. trip — drumming up investment to help revive flagging growth

at home — his positions on foreign policy are more cloudy.

Jokowi, a former Jakarta governor with a humble background who captured popular imagination to win power, has made little impact on the world stage to date. But he did get negative headlines by refusing to stop the executions of foreigners sentenced to death for drug trafficking. That badly strained relations with neighboring Australia.

Jonah Blank, an expert on Asia at RAND Corp., said one area where Jokowi has a chance to make his mark with Obama is on climate change. His visit comes ahead of a global climate change summit set for Paris in December where the U.S. will be pushing nations to set binding targets for reducing emissions.

Indonesia is major source of greenhouse gas emissions. Researchers estimate that since September emissions from Indonesia's rampant land and forest fires exceeded the average daily emissions from all U.S. economic activity. That's because many of the fires are on peat lands that are extremely rich in carbon.

Jakarta has pledged a 29 percent reduction in emissions by 2030, but provided few details on how it will do it. Blank said Jakarta has also spoken of upping that target to 41 percent if it gets billions in foreign aid. **AP**

KOREAS

South fires warning shots at Northern patrol boat amid ongoing family reunions

SOUTH Korea fired warning shots on Saturday at a North Korean patrol boat, as the reunions for families separated by the 1950-1953 Korean War continued, a sign of a thaw in inter-Korean relations.

The North Korean ship violated the northern limit line (NLL), which Pyongyang has never accepted as a sea boundary as it was drawn by U.S.-led forces after the Korean War ended, at about 3:30 p.m. local time on Saturday, Yonhap news agency reported yesterday citing military officials.

While clamping down on fishing boats, the DPRK military ship sailed south several hundred meters away from the NLL, according to the South Korean military authorities.

Seoul's navy vessels fired five warning shots with a 40-mm machine gun at the North Korean boat, which returned back minutes after the firing.

There were no more clashes between the two sides, a military official was quoted as saying by Yonhap.

Spokesman of the North's Committee for Peaceful Unification of Korea



Visitors look at North Korea at the unification observation post near the demilitarized zone between the two Koreas in Paju

said yesterday that the South Korean military conducted provocations against the DPRK ship on a "normal mission" of maritime operations.

The spokesman's remarks, carried by the North's KCNA news agency, denounced the warning shots as "intentional provocative acts" to re-ignite tensions on the Korean peninsula with military clashes in the West Sea waters.

The maritime skirmish came amid ongoing family reunions, which were agreed to between the two Koreas in late

August after top-level military talks to defuse tensions that had pushed the peninsula to the brink of armed conflict.

A total of 254 elderly South Koreans from 90 families on Saturday crossed the inter-Korean border by bus into the North's scenic Diamond Mountain resort to meet their long-lost relatives from the other side of the border. Coming from the North to take part in the highly charged event were 188 people.

They were scheduled to meet each other in public in the evening before coming back to their respective homes today, according to Seoul's unification ministry.

The first round of the humanitarian event ran for three days through Thursday at the mountain resort. **Xinhua**

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ISLAMIC STATE

Blair: Iraq war contributed to rise of IS, but was justified

Jill Lawless, London

FORMER British Prime Minister Tony Blair has said the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq was partly responsible for the emergence of the Islamic State militant group in the Middle East. But he insisted that toppling dictator Saddam Hussein had been the right thing to do.

Blair told CNN that “there are elements of truth” in the assertion that the war caused the rise of IS.

“Of course you can’t say those of us who removed Saddam in 2003 bear no responsibility for the situation in 2015,” he said in the interview to be broadcast yesterday. He added that the Arab Spring had also played a role in creating instability that allowed the Islamic fundamentalist militant group to flourish.

Blair’s decision to take Britain into the Iraq war — based on what turned out to be false claims about Saddam’s weapons of mass destruction — remains hugely divisive, and contributed to his Labour Party’s loss of power in 2010.



Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair

Blair said he did not believe the world would be a better place if Saddam were still in power. But he apologized, as he has before, for failures in post-war planning.

“I apologize for the fact that the intelligence we received was wrong,” he said in clips released by CNN before the broadcast.

“I also apologize for some

of the mistakes in planning and, certainly, our mistake in our understanding of what would happen once you removed the regime.”

Some 179 British personnel died in Iraq between 2003 and 2009. A public inquiry into decisions and mistakes in Britain’s planning and execution of the war began in 2009 but has yet to issue

its findings. The process has been held up while people criticized in the report are given a chance to respond.

Critics of the war hope the inquiry will conclude that Blair was determined to back President George W. Bush in his invasion plans, whether or not it was supported by the public, Parliament or legal opinion. **AP**

TANZANIA

Voting starts in tight general elections



Tanzanians are voting in general elections in which the ruling party faces a strong challenge from a united opposition. In the presidential race, the ruling party’s candidate, John Magufuli, is battling former Prime Minister Edward Lowassa, who defected to the opposition earlier this year after being rejected as the ruling party’s candidate. Lowassa, 62, was prime minister in President Jakaya Kikwete’s government from 2005 to 2008, but was forced to resign by a corruption scandal. Magufuli, 55, is widely seen as a corruption-free, effective public servant who could improve the ruling party’s image in the eyes of ordinary people fed up with state graft. Voters yesterday were also choosing lawmakers for the country’s parliament and local officials. In Dar es Salaam, the largest city, there were long lines at polling centers, as well as a heavy security presence. Many in the lines were young people. “This is going to be a tight race, if this turnout is anything to go by,” said Dar es Salaam resident Amina Abdallah, one of those lining up to vote. “I just pray that it will be peaceful, so we can all go back to our normal life.”

ARGENTINA

Country weighs continuity or overhaul in election



Argentines were weighing continuity versus a financial overhaul yesterday as they took to the polls to pick the successor to President Cristina Fernandez, a polarizing leader who dominated national politics for 12 years. Inflation is around 30 percent, the economy is stagnant and a bitter court fight with a group of creditors in the U.S. has scared off investors and kept Argentina on the margins of international credit markets. Daniel Scioli, the governor of the Buenos Aires province and a former vice president, is the chosen successor to Fernandez, who is the most influential politician in Argentina, with an approval rating of around 50 percent. The lead opposition candidate is Mauricio Macri, the Buenos Aires mayor who has presented himself as the candidate to put Argentina’s economy in order, promising to make a deal with the U.S. creditors that Fernandez blasts as “vultures” and lift unpopular currency restrictions. The race is tight. Scioli is the front-runner, according to a half dozen polls published the last week.

MEXICO

‘Nature was good to us’: Megastorm Patricia inflicts little damage

Christopher Sherman, Chamela

JUST a day after menacing Mexico as one of history’s strongest storms, Hurricane Patricia left surprisingly little damage in its wake Saturday and quickly dissipated into a low-pressure system that posed little threat beyond heavy rain.

The hurricane’s most powerful punch landed on a sparsely populated stretch of Mexico’s Pacific Coast before the system crashed into mountains that sapped its potentially catastrophic force. The popular beach city of Puerto Vallarta and the port of Manzanillo were spared the brunt of the violent weather.

There were no reports of deaths or injuries, said Roberto Lopez Lara, interior secretary for the state of Jalisco. Later, President Enrique Pena Nieto reported that between 3,000 and 3,500 homes had been damaged and the storm also affected 3,500 hectares of farmland. He said 235,000 people had lost electricity when the storm hit, and about half had power restored by Saturday.



Residents walk through the debris of homes destroyed by Hurricane Patricia, in Chamela, Mexico, Saturday

It was a remarkable outcome, considering that Patricia had once been a Category 5 hurricane with winds up to 325 kph before coming ashore with slightly less power in an area dotted with sleepy villages and a few upscale hotels.

Residents of towns nearest the strike described enduring a terrifying night.

“Those were the longest five hours of my life,” said Sergio Reyna Ruiz, who took cover between the shaking concrete walls of a neighbor’s home when Patricia

passed over the hamlet of La Fortuna, about 3 kilometers from the ocean. “Five hours riding the monster.”

That such a monster storm could inflict so little harm seemed wondrous. Patricia formed suddenly Tuesday and quickly strengthened to a hurricane. Within 30 hours it had zoomed to a record-bearing Category 5 storm, catching many off guard with its rapid growth.

By Friday, it was the most powerful hurricane on record in the Western Hemisphere, with a central pressure of 880 millibars, according to the hurricane center.

Patricia’s power while still out at sea was comparable to that of Typhoon Haiyan, which left more than 7,300 dead or missing in the Philippines two years ago, according to the U.N.’s World Meteorological Organization.

Hurricane experts praised Mexico’s expertise at storm preparations and credited good fortune.

Mexico’s transport secretary, Gerardo Ruiz Esparza, put it another way: “Nature was good to us.” **AP**

what's ON



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Offbeat

CHINA TO SUPPLY GASOLINE TO FUEL-STARVED NEPAL

China will provide Nepal with 1.3 million liters of gasoline to help it cope with severe fuel shortages as a result of restricted supplies from neighboring India, officials said yesterday.

The gasoline will be brought to a town near the China-Nepal border, said Nepal Oil Corporation official Deepak Baral. It will take about 100 tanker trucks to transport the gasoline to Kathmandu, Nepal's capital.

It would be the first time Nepal would be getting fuel from China. The countries share a border that has the world's highest mountains, but two border crossings were damaged by an April earthquake. One of the crossings reopened this month.

Madhesi ethnic groups have been protesting in southern Nepal against the country's new constitution for weeks, blocking essential supplies from India.

Nepal usually gets all of its fuel from India, which has close cultural ties with the Madhesi.

Protesters have blocked a key Nepal-India border point for weeks. Other crossing points are free of protesters, but India has refused to allow a normal supply of fuel to Nepal. **AP**

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13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
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18:40	Non-Daily Portuguese News (Repeated)
19:40	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	TDM Sports
22:10	Trail of Lies
23:00	TDM News
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22 OCT - 28 OCT



GOOSEBUMPS

ROOM 1

2.30 pm

Director: Rob Letterman

Starring: Jack Black, Dylan Minnette, Odeya Rush

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 103min

OUR TIMES

ROOM 1

4.30, 7.15, 9.45 pm

Director: Ding Sheng

Starring: Andy Lau, Liu Ye, Wu Ruofu, Wang Qianyuan

Language: Mandarin (English/Cantonese)

Duration: 134min



BRIDGE OF SPIES

ROOM 2

2.30, 4.45, 9.30 pm

Director: Steven Spielberg

Starring: Tom Hanks, Mark Rylance, Alan Alda

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 141min

CRIMSON PEAK

ROOM 3

2.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Guillermo Toro

Starring: Mia Wasikowska, Jessica Chastain,

Tom Hiddleston

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 119min

GOOSEBUMPS

ROOM 3

4.45, 7.30 pm

Director: Rob Letterman

Starring: Jack Black, Dylan Minnette, Odeya Rush

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 103min

MACAU TOWER

15 OCT - 04 NOV

THE MARTIAN

2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm

Director: Ridley Scott

Starring: Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain, Kate Mara

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 141min

this day in history



1979 SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENT KILLED

The President of South Korea, Park Chung Hee, has been "accidentally" shot dead by the chief of his intelligence service, Kim Jea Kyu.

Five other people, including the president's bodyguard, were also killed. The incident took place at the Korean Central Intelligence Agency's headquarters during a dinner being held by Kim in honour of the president.

A government statement revealed that an argument broke out between Kim Jae Kyu and Park's chief bodyguard, Cha Chi Chul, during which a shot was fired by Kim which hit the president as he tried to intervene.

The President was taken from the scene to a nearby army hospital where he later died. There had been a long-standing dispute between the president and Kim Jae Kyu over whether to adopt a tough or moderate policy towards political opponents.

An emergency meeting of the Cabinet has named Prime Minister Choi Kyu-Hua as acting president. Martial law has also been proclaimed throughout the country.

General Chung, the army chief of staff, has been appointed commander of martial law. His first act was to order a nightly curfew and to ban all demonstrations throughout the country.

The US Government reacted immediately saying that it would deal strongly with any attempt by North Korea to exploit the situation. The US Defense Department ordered American troops based in South Korea to be on "alert status" as a warning.

Park Chung Hee became President in 1961. He was known for his firm rule which he said was justified by the constant threat of invasion from North Korea.

He had already survived one assassination attempt. In August 1974 a series of shots were fired at him as he gave a speech. All shots missed him but one killed his wife.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

When the president's body was moved from Government House to the national cemetery more than two million Koreans lined the streets.

In a re-enactment of the incident, required by Korean law, Kim Jae Kyu showed how he first shot the president's bodyguard and then the president himself whom he shot twice. The incident was seen as an attempted coup with intelligence agents admitting to shooting four of the president's other bodyguards after being told of the plan by Kim Jae Kyu. Kim Jae Kyu and four KCIA agents were tried and sentenced to death for the murder of President Park Chung Hee and his bodyguards.

YOUR STARS

Aries
Mar. 21-Apr. 19
You're dying to tackle your problems but it's unclear just what they are. Sure, you're losing money, but before you can plug the leak you have to find it. Start scouring your financial scene.

Taurus
April 20-May 20
Don't expect people to be compassionate just because they're your friends. In fact, it might be your turn to be sympathetic. A kind word won't pay the bills but it's better than nothing at all.

Gemini
May 21-Jun. 21
You need to be as clear as possible. Each miscommunication will cost you dearly. If you can't spell things out just so, then put it off for another day.

Cancer
Jun. 22-Jul. 22
You've had a lot of good energy lately, but today your mind is on anything but the present. Let it wander freely. Exploring your imagination is your most profitable way to spend the day.

Leo
Jul. 23-Aug. 22
You could avoid all financial dealings for the day but don't put your head in the sand or let fear dictate your decisions. Take the bull by the horns, get back on the horse -- whatever image works for you.

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Not a lot will get done today if you let relationship issues dominate your thoughts. Clear your head first thing in the morning. Your bank accounts can't wait as long as your heart can.

Libra
Sep.23-Oct. 22
You may feel like bullets are whizzing by but things really aren't as drastic as all that. Go ahead and keep your head down if it helps you feel safe, but don't let anyone catch you quivering.

Scorpio
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
You need to put some creativity back into the way you go about raising money. Think of it as a romance, with money playing hard to get. Go ahead, put heart and soul into it.

Sagittarius
Nov. 22-Dec. 21
You have trouble getting motivated first thing in the morning, and it's easy to see why. With money as tight as it is, it's hard to get revved up. Imagine future profits if it helps you keep your feet on the ground.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19
Others are impressed with your generosity, but you know something they don't know. What you get out of helping is so much more valuable than money, it's no wonder you're only too glad to help.

Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18
You should understand your own limits by now, or those of your credit cards. You're finally not even tempted by putting yourself first. Now look for further ways to redefine your values.

Pisces
Feb.19-Mar. 20
You can treat yourself well without spending a dime, or even a penny. In fact, you can feel like royalty by the end of the day if you make use of what you already have at your disposal. Lavish yourself.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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Harbin	-3	12	clear
Tianjin	10	16	drizzle/cloudy
Urumqi	-2	7	clear
Xi'an	11	14	drizzle/cloudy
Lhasa	2	18	clear
Chengdu	16	20	drizzle/overcast
Chongqing	18	21	drizzle
Kunming	10	23	clear
Nanjing	17	25	overcast/shower
Shanghai	18	26	cloudy
Wuhan	16	23	overcast/drizzle
Hangzhou	18	26	cloudy
Taipei	22	28	overcast/clear
Guangzhou	23	30	cloudy
Hong Kong	25	28	cloudy/drizzle
WORLD			
Moscow	3	6	drizzle
Frankfurt	7	14	drizzle
Paris	7	14	drizzle/clear
London	6	11	cloudy/drizzle
New York	6	18	drizzle/cloudy

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Tears; 6- Actor Morales; 10- Nick and Nora's pooch; 14- Without ___ in the world; 15- Falls behind; 16- Rich soil; 17- Moan; 18- Pampering places; 19- Annika Sorenstam's org.; 20- Composer Mahler; 22- Counterfeit; 24- ___-tac-toe; 26- Diners; 27- Distribute the wrong cards; 31- Night spot; 32- World book; 33- Viscounts' superiors; 36- Digit of the foot; 39- Cross; 40- California-Nevada lake; 41- NYC cultural center; 42- Plant; 43- Capital of Yemen; 44- Less common or less cooked; 45- Cambridge sch.; 46- Benumbs; 48- Begins; 51- Heavens; 52- Water-bottles; 54- Gentle slope; 59- Immensely; 60- ___ Nui (Easter Island); 62- Eat into; 63- Nerve network; 64- Guitarist Clapton; 65- Scatter; 66- From the U.S.; 67- Depression in a surface; 68- Attack;

DOWN: 1- Sturdy wool fiber; 2- Creamy-beige color; 3- Greek temple; 4- Darn!; 5- Governing bodies; 6- Goffer Ernie; 7- Dupes; 8- Wide open; 9- Litigable; 10- Joined by treaty; 11- Lethargy; 12- Spanish river; 13- Latin 101 word; 21- By way of; 23- Numbered rds.; 25- Unsoiled; 27- Roman god of war; 28- Langston Hughes poem; 29- Gradual; 30- Pop; 34- Gotcha!; 35- Highways, e.g.; 36- Shredded; 37- Sign of things to come; 38- Hearing organs; 40- Ragged; 41- Deranged; 43- Male parent; 44- Unlit; 45- Something that occupies space; 47- Heart chart, for short; 48- "The Crucible" setting; 49- Govt. security; 50- Entrap; 52- Irene of "Fame"; 53- Whirl; 55- Commedia dell'___; 56- Bud of "Harold and Maude"; 57- Prefix with logical; 58- In stitches; 61- Perform in a play

Friday's solution

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Australia into Rugby World Cup final, posts 4 tries v Pumas

ADAM Ashley-Cooper's third try set up by a brilliant run from Drew Mitchell secured Australia's 29-15 win over Argentina and its spot in the Rugby World Cup final against archrival New Zealand yesterday.

It was the deciding match that trans-Tasman organizers of the first World Cup had in mind in 1987, but didn't eventuate for eight editions.

Australia and New Zealand have each won the World Cup twice — the All Blacks in '87 and last time around in 2011, each time on home soil, and the Wallabies won in 1991 and '99, both previous times the tournament has been staged in Britain.

The much-anticipated exhibition of running rugby between the reinvigorated Wallabies and the Pumas lasted a half hour or so before both teams settled primarily into a percentages game, kicking for territory and sweating on errors triggered from brutal defense. The Australians crossed for tries in the second, 10th, and 32nd minutes and Argentina stayed in touch with three penalty goals from the ever-reliable boot of Nicolas Sanchez.

But there wasn't a try scored for another 40 minutes until Ashley-Cooper crossed for his third — moving him to joint fifth on the all-time World Cup list with 11 — in the 72nd to release the pressure on the Wallabies.

It was another veteran winger who deserved credit for the one that sealed it, as Mitchell burst down the left sideline before stepping inside and crabbing his way across field beating five defenders before releasing to the right, where Ashley-Cooper picked it up on the bounce and strolled over untouched.

"We left the game a bit open, which really suited them," Wallabies coach Michael Cheika said. "Then we settled into some structure, which suited us. Defense did well — we didn't let them in for a try."

"Overall, we scored four tries



Australia's Adam Ashley-Cooper, left, dives over to score a try as Argentina's Pablo Matera attempts to tackle during their Rugby World Cup semifinal match at Twickenham Stadium, London

— we can improve again."

The Australians led 19-9 at halftime but were still under pressure at the scrum, as expected, and from Sanchez.

Foley missed a goal just after the break, and the Pumas twice reduced the margin to seven points as the kickers traded goals.

The Pumas tried early to play with the same endeavor and panache that earned them a 43-20 win over Six Nations champion Ireland in the quarterfinals last week, but it backfired to start with.

Running the ball from deep cost them dearly, when lock Rob Simmons intercepted San-

chez to score near the posts after 68 seconds, the fastest try in World Cup history. The Pumas persisted with the attacking strategy, but simple turnovers cost them repeatedly as David Pocock and Michael Hooper poached turnover ball.

Stung after last week's last-minute 35-34 win over Scotland, the Wallabies were more controlled but still expansive in attack when they could be, leading to 113-test winger Ashley-Cooper's diving tries into the left and right corners — both from sprinting onto long, floating cut-out passes from flyhalf Bernard Foley and center Matt Giteau.

Argentina had some serious setbacks in the first half. Flying winger Juan Imhoff staggered off the field after a head knock, lock Tomas Lavanini was sin-binned for a no-arms shoulder charge on Israel Folau, and skipper Agustin Creevy succumbing to a leg injury that threatened to keep him out of the semifinal.

The Argentines stayed in touch via the reliable and accurate boot of Sanchez, and narrowly missed a try that could have swung momentum in first-half injury time, when the flyhalf made a line break, wrong-footed Mitchell and unloaded to Hernandez. But the back-of-the-

hand flick pass from Hernandez went to ground in the right corner.

The Pumas reverted to the tighter play they're famous for, with judicious kicking, and banking points from the powerful scrum earning penalties.

Still, even with Diego Maradona in the 80,025-strong crowd, which heavily backed the Pumas with football-style chants of "Ole, ole, ole, ole, Pu-mas, Pu-mas," Argentina was unable to break through to reach its first Rugby World Cup final. The Pumas will play South Africa in the third-place match, with a chance to equal their finish in the 2007.

GOLF

Rose holds off Bjerregaard to win Hong Kong Open

JUSTIN Rose won his first European Tour title in 15 months Sunday, warding off a stubborn challenge from Lucas Bjerregaard of Denmark to win the Hong Kong Open by one shot.

The Englishman, who started the final round even with Bjerregaard on 15 under and a four-shot lead over the field, carded

an impressive two-under-par 68 for a 17-under 263. It was his eighth career title on the European Tour.

"I'm very happy to get the job done. Last week I had a chance to win in Napa when I was tied for the lead but I let that one flutter away. I wanted to hang on to this one," said Rose, the 2013 US

Open champion whose last victory on the European Tour came at the 2014 Scottish Open.

"Lucas played incredible golf and I was thoroughly impressed. When you separate yourself from the field like we did, it's probably a tough one for him to lose. But he didn't lose it, it's just that both of us played incredibly well,"

added Rose, who has now won in every European Tour season dating back to 2012.

Bjerregaard's attempt to win his first title was blown away at the 14th hole at the Hong Kong Golf Club when he made a double-bogey to let slip a one-stroke lead over Rose who then took over the lead by one. AP



Justin Rose of England hits out of the bunker at the final round of the Hong Kong Open golf tournament

opinion

Rear Window
Severo Portela



400 BLOWS

Macau Special Administrative Region maverick lawmaker, José Pereira Coutinho, was around 400 votes short of landing a seat in the Portuguese parliament. With few expectations, Coutinho dared to run as the overseas constituency's front candidate with a brand new political party, roughly translated as "We, Citizens". This candid move was to agitate the political mood before, during and after, as the pun goes, in both Lisbon and Macau. It proved to have chess-like qualities about it.

Portugal went to the customary but decisive legislative elections after four years of a majority right overseeing a tough financial bailout. According to all surveys, both the incumbent PSD/CDS coalition and the Socialist Party in-waiting would need each and every mandate to succeed and rule.

However, neither of the above, probably out of state considerations, rather than legal ones, seemed to have approached Pereira Coutinho. It is an open secret that the grassroots Macau legislator cum president of the Macau Civil Servants Association (ATFPM) and local head of the Council of the Portuguese Community commands the perimeter of the Portuguese vote: local and expat Portuguese residents as well as a few thousand Chinese residents. In case the meaning of "command" gets a twisted one can replace it by saying Coutinho "has an edge" for the Portuguese vote.

To make a long story short, the two seats on the ballot went to the incumbents, leaving Coutinho in the wilderness by 400 votes. Does this look like plain defeat? Indeed, but in the end not one of the 400 François Truffaut blows wounded or prodded the directly-elected leader of the New Hope.

Allegedly, Coutinho lost due to problems related to the post office delivery service and other ballot incidences, especially in those consulates in China. "We, Citizens" complained but the Portuguese Constitutional Court boxed it on grounds that the case would have no merit since the political outcome of the elections would not be jeopardized. We'll never know if it was just an eventful electoral environment or rather something fishy.

But what we care to underline is that before, during and after, Coutinho succeeded in nudging the predictable chorus of his fellow Portuguese naysayers, especially in agitating his fellow lawmakers to assess his move to run for the Portuguese parliament.

First of all, prominent lawmaker Chui Sai Peng, despite the legislative assembly being in recess and without mentioning Coutinho, hinted at a revision of the Rules and Procedures. Afterwards, opinions piled up about the impediments Coutinho was facing and other ethical issues. Second to none, political heavyweight Ho Iat Seng took the now non-issue into the mires of the Basic Law, raising the question of loyalty and disregarding the fact that if Coutinho got elected it would be only he who would need choose which seat to fill. Article 71 of the Basic Law states succinctly: "The Legislative Assembly shall be composed of permanent residents of the Region".

We chose to open this column with an unusual compliment but well deserved to the New Hope maverick politician. José Pereira Coutinho just enhanced his political credibility by running under the "We, Citizens" banner with the numbers on his side but against all odds, and by answering fair and square to Ho Iat Seng. What about loyalty when local Chinese travel on Portuguese documents? Is that an issue?

Today, when the Legislative Assembly opens its doors to a plenary session, on the table legislators will have matters such as car park monthly passes, social housing and condo fees. Meaning no disrespect, if we were to pick one topic to define Macau's particular brand of uber-gambling destination we would go with Ng Kwok Cheong and Au Kam San... they want to replace the lucky draw system for social flats with a system of points.

THE BUZZ 17 PEOPLE KILLED IN FIRE AT KARAOKE BAR IN INDONESIA

Seventeen people were killed in a fire that raced through a packed karaoke bar yesterday on Indonesia's Sulawesi island, and 71 others were hospitalized for smoke inhalation.

Witnesses told authorities the fire started at around 1 a.m. on the second floor of the three-story building as hundreds of people were singing

in private rooms at the Inul Vizta Karaoke club in downtown Manado, the capital of North Sulawesi province, said the city's police chief, Col. Rio Permana.

Workers were unable to put out the fire with extinguishers. It took firefighters several hours to bring the blaze under control.

Increase in visitors reported at Lusofonia Festival

COURTESY HOUSE OF PORTUGAL



THE Taipa Houses Museum was transformed for the 18th time, into the setting for the Lusophone cultural display. This year's festival, having taken place over the weekend, had to deal for the first time with the Prevention and Control of Environmental Noise Law (the Noise Law) that forced

the party to terminate early on Friday night (finishing at 10 p.m.).

Carla Fellini, vice-president of the Brazil House Association, said to TDM that "many people were not aware of this new rule and were a little bit sad to leave the party so early".

On a positive note, the

president of the House of Portugal association, Maria Amélia Antonio, commented on "the presence of much larger numbers of visitors this year".

José Silva, from the Macanese Association (ADM) also acknowledged the growth in the number of visitors, "especially Chinese people".

As is typically the case, ten exhibition stands representing the different Lusophone countries and regions served traditional foods and drinks, and a lively atmosphere was enhanced by music and diverse performances on stage. RM

Las Vegas casinos not rushing to join daily fantasy game

CASINOS and sports books, the only companies who can legally offer daily fantasy sports sites in Nevada, are instead watching and waiting from the bleachers.

It has been more than a week since Nevada regulators told the daily fantasy sports industry to get a gambling license or get out, and before they made their exits, the top two companies inferred regulators were playing favorites to protect Nevada's golden ticket: casinos and sports books.

On Friday, DraftKings reiterated in an emailed statement, "we understand that the gaming industry is important to Nevada and, for that reason, Nevada is taking this exclusionary approach against the increasingly popular fantasy sports industry."

There was no playing favorites, say state re-

gulators and casino operators.

The state's sports books, for one, haven't suffered with the recent existence of daily fantasy sports. They kept \$227 million of what was bet on football, basketball, baseball and other sports last year, up 61 percent since 2011, according to Nevada Gaming Control Board statistics.

While last week's legal opinion opened the door for already-licensed gambling establishments to enter the daily fantasy sports game in Nevada, none appear to be rushing to join.

"No brick-and-mortar wants to put their license at risk," said Chris Jones, a gambling industry analyst with Union Gaming. "I don't think the operators will get involved until there's much better clarity." AP

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

Xinhua/Mamoun Wazwaz



Palestinian protesters throw stones towards Israeli soldiers during yesterday's clashes in the West Bank village of Si'eer, north of Hebron.

Station	Air quality
Roadside	20-40 Good
High Density Residential Area	45-65 Moderate
Ambient	50-70 Moderate

SOURCE: DSI/MG

WORLD BRIEFS



SLOVENIA The flow of Syrians, Afghans and others through the Balkans toward Western Europe continued unabated Sunday as European leaders were gathering in Brussels to try and work out a plan to deal with the massive influx of asylum-seekers.



USA More than 200 countries from the Pyramids in Egypt to the Eiffel Tower in Paris and the Empire State Building in New York were lit up in blue — the official color of the United Nations — on Saturday to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the world body.



USA A woman suspected of driving under the influence plowed into a crowd Saturday during the Oklahoma State University homecoming parade, killing four people — including a 2-year-old boy — and injuring dozens more in a collision that sent some spectators flying through the air.

VATICAN CITY Declaring that "today is a time of mercy," Pope Francis yesterday closed a historic meeting of bishops that approved an important new direction in welcoming divorced and civilly remarried Catholics into the church.