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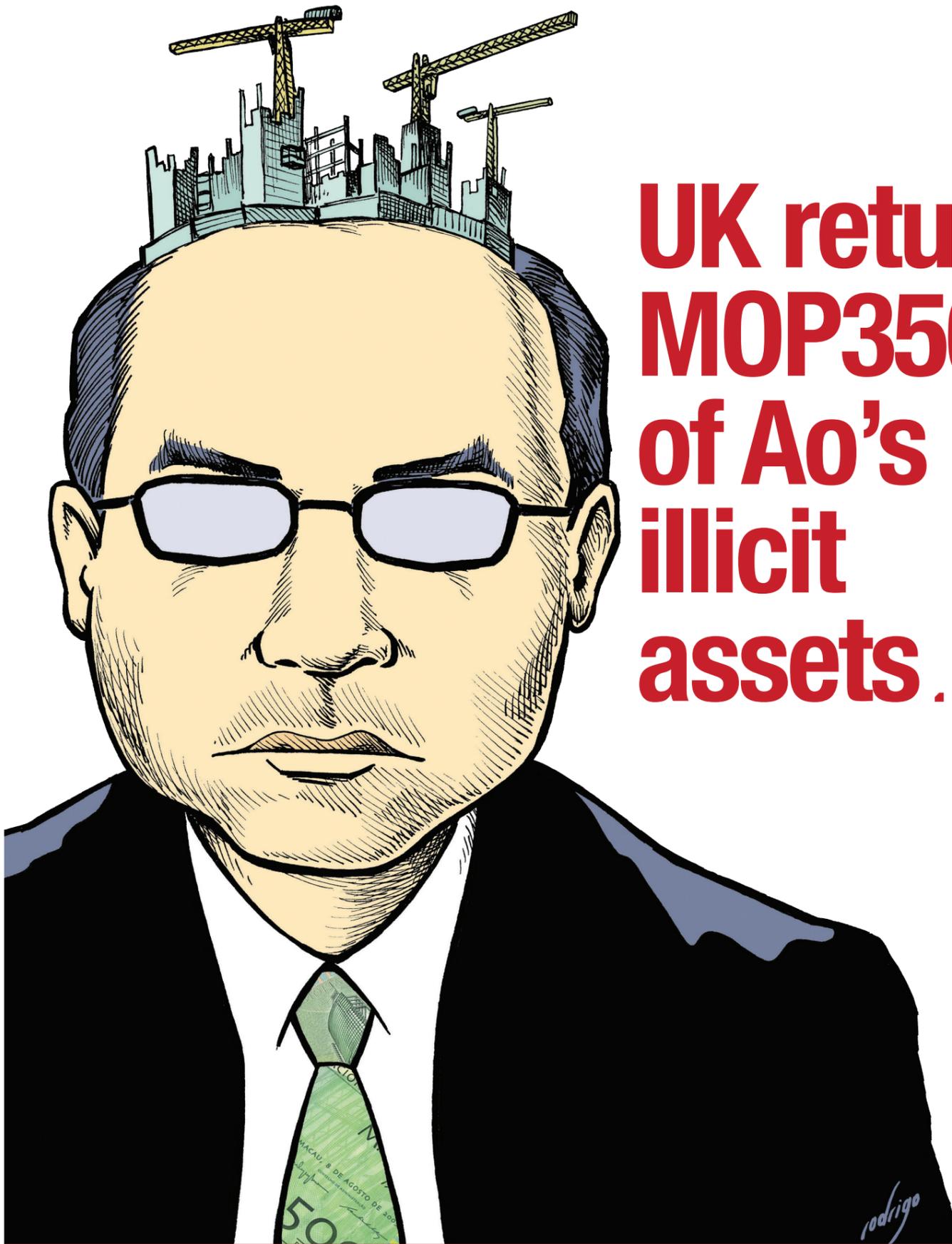


INDIA An Indian court sentences an Uber driver to life in prison for raping a passenger in his vehicle in New Delhi last year.



INDONESIA An Indonesian court sentences two British television journalists to two and a half months in jail for violating immigration regulations by working with tourist visas. Neil Bonner and Rebecca Prosser were detained in May in Batam, a city just south of Singapore, while making a documentary about piracy in the Malacca Strait.

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Vehicle registration decreases, more cross-border traffic

THE total number of licensed motor vehicles in Macau reached 246,452 at the end of September 2015, up by 4.3 percent year-on-year. Motorcycles and private cars accounted for 52 and 41 percent of the total respectively.

According to information from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC), the new registration of motor vehicles in the first three quarters (14,757) decreased by 2.4 percent year-on-year. Traffic accident casualties totaled 394 in September, with only one fatal accident. In the first three quarters, the number of traffic accidents (11,747 cases) rose slightly by 0.1 percent year-on-year, resulting in 4,010 injuries and 10 deaths.

DSEC also indicated that cross-border vehicle traffic totaled 418,089 trips in September 2015, up by 4.7 percent year-on-year. In the first three quarters, cross-border vehicle traffic (3,819,356 trips) increased by 4.6 percent year-on-



year, with 77.5 percent of cars crossing at the Border Gate.

Regarding passenger ferry movements between Macau

and Hong Kong, and between Macau and mainland China, a total of 109,618 trips in the first three quarters shows an increa-

se of 3.8 percent year-on-year, with the Outer Harbor Ferry Terminal involved in 66.4 percent of the total.

The Macao International Airport had 4,131 commercial flight movements in September 2015, up by 5.6 percent year-on-year. In the first three quarters, commercial flight movements (38,702 trips) increased by 9.1 percent year-on-year, with movements to and from mainland China, Taiwan and Thailand, rising by 5.8 percent, 3.7 percent and 16.6 percent respectively.

The airport handled 2,646 tons of air cargo in September 2015, up by 4.2 percent year-on-year. In the first three quarters, inward air cargo (5,415 tons) and outward air cargo (11,376 tons) increased by 16.1 and 4.2 percent respectively year-on-year. Taiwan remained the major origin and destination of air cargo.

SEABORNE CARGO ON THE RISE

THE GROSS weight of seaborne containerized cargo has increased by 35.8 percent year-on-year to 25,163 tons in September. According to SSEC, during the first three quarters of the year, gross weight of seaborne containerized cargo (199,290 tons) increased by 11 percent, of which 58.7 percent passed through the Ka Ho Harbor.

ILCM fundraiser celebrates Aussie racing tradition

THE International Ladies' Club of Macau (ILCM) raised over MOP 120,000 during its annual Melbourne Cup charity event yesterday.

The Melbourne Cup fundraiser was attended by 120 ILCM members and partners from over 30 nationalities at the Banyan Tree, including two Australian in-house guests of Banyan Tree, who happened to be at the venue and joined the event: "We just landed 20 hours ago in Macau, and we were so excited to join Aussie tradition here! What a wonderful day to start a holiday in Macau," they exclaimed.

The ILCM president Saroj Chaterjee expressed her gratitude to all those



involved in organizing the ILCM Melbourne Cup fundraiser. "I enjoyed my first Melbourne Cup event here in Macau. It has been a great cultural learning experience. Thank you Aussie friends for bringing this to Macau, and I can see that everyone is honoring the tradition by donning such great attire and hats," she said in her speech.

After enjoying a lavish brunch, guests watched

the race broadcasted live from Victoria Racing Club at Melbourne's Flemington Racecourse. "We witnessed history today; Ms. Michelle Payne won and became the first female jockey to win the Melbourne Cup", Ms Chaterjee stated, while also mentioning a special link to Macau: "Her brother, Mr. Paddy Payne was 1999 champion in the Macau Jockey Club competition." **AU**

Wynn Palace construction workers protest outside Liaison Office

A group of around 130 construction workers from Wynn's new project in Cotai headed to the PRC Liaison Office to request help in a work dispute with the contractor.

The workers claim that they were forced to work overtime and that there were no guarantees given that they would receive any additional pay.

The Labour Affairs Bureau (DSAL) announced that they were aware of the situation and sent their staff to follow up on the case.

The meeting held yesterday morning to ask for help came on the heels of another from the same group of non-resident workers, held on October 26, when the disgruntled employees first headed to DSAL to present their claims, the moment in which, DSAL says, it opened the investigation process to follow up on the case.

DSAL also states that during the



investigation process, some of the workers were demanding compensation that was not in accordance with the law, which led to the department having to clarify the duties and rights of both employees and employers.

The labor department appealed to the workers to actively cooperate in the investigation process and follow the laws of the territory in order to maintain harmonious workplace relations, reminding them that their job is to guarantee fair treatment for all parties involved. **RM**

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THE Uber platform is in full compliance with local laws and regulations" states Uber's North Asia General Manager Sam Gellman. In a press conference held yesterday in Macau, Uber claimed that the ride-sharing transportation service that local travel agencies and their drivers are providing through the Uber platform to customers in Macau is in full compliance with the law.

The company, through its Asia Pacific Legal Counsel Hon Ng, said it intends to work together with its partners to file a formal complaint to the Public Security Police Force (CPSP) and Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) over the "unjustified fines and unjustified impounding

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SAM GELLMAN
UBER NORTH ASIA GENERAL
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Uber to file complaint over alleged police abuse



Sam Gellman (center) and Hon Ng (right)

of their cars," given the legally compliant nature of the service. They will also challenge these supposed injustices on the basis of "the fact that the CPSP is not complying with a ruling by the Administrative Court that states it cannot impose such fines on drivers of travel agency cars nor impound these vehicles of its own free will."

Uber says there are numerous irregularities in the way the police have carried out their law

enforcement duties regarding Uber, such as having drivers sign pre-completed statements, and attempting to confiscate their phones despite the fact that no one was arrested.

"In spite of being fully compliant with the legislation and fully licensed by the MGTO to conduct their activities, our partners experienced a number of law enforcement activities last week, which included fines and the impounding of their

cars. We are currently working with them and with the authorities to get those cars returned," said Mr Hon Ng.

Uber cites local legal experts and its own extensive due diligence prior to launching in Macau to clarify that the travel agencies and drivers that have partnered with the platform have been providing for-hire transportation to both residents and visitors in Macau for a long time, as well as to busines-

ses such as hotels and casinos. The company states that what it is doing is exactly the same as what Uber was doing before. "There are no legal restrictions on such businesses using applications to find customers, just as there are no legal restrictions on hotels using travel booking applications to find customers," said Sam Gellman.

As stated by the company's spokesperson, Uber does not own or rent any cars or drivers' services; it is merely a technology platform that provides an additional way for the agencies to find customers.

The company highlighted that the partnership with the travel agencies and other legally established service providers is an expression of the company's commitment to serving the people of Macau. It aims to do this by providing a new, reliable, safe, and high-quality transportation option that is on demand for visitors to Macau from around the world.

"We have added over 127,000 individual persons who opened our app in Macau over the last year, looking for a ride. The demand for the service was already there," said Mr Gellman.

According to him, since the soft launching of the service in Macau (on October 22), it has been used by locals and tourists from 40 different cities that have been providing very positive feedback.

Wong Sio Chak dismisses rumors, says investigation points to Customs head suicide

SECRETARY for Security Wong Sio Chak dismissed public speculation surrounding the death of Customs service head Lai Man Wa, asserting that no information was withheld from the public on Lai's death.

During a press conference yesterday afternoon, Wong stressed that the police's inquiry into the top official's death is being carried out in line with "scientific and international standards." Yet so far the investigation has yet to figure out any motive for Lai's apparent suicide.

Claims published in social media hinted that the official was killed in a public lavatory, 200 me-



Wong Sio Chak (center), accompanied by police top agents and government officials

ters from her Ocean Gardens residential block. It has been argued that her death could be linked to the gaming industry and internal scuffles at the agency.

However, Wong ruled out all claims that raised any doubts on the official explanation, and said that

suicide cases were different from each other. He added that the authorities would release more details in the future as the ongoing inquiry progressed.

According to him, the late official was driven home by her chauffeur at 13.24 p.m. She was captured on nearby sur-

veillance cameras leaving her residence around one hour later in casual wear, carrying the handbag later seen lying next to her at the scene.

It was not until 15.30 p.m. that the authorities received a call from a female cleaner who discovered the body. The official was pronounced dead at 16.41 p.m. at the public hospital after being rushed there by ambulance. Asked why Lai was not accompanied by her G4 security entourage along the way, Wong said that it depended on actual needs.

It was said that the official had been online using the Whatsapp messaging

service right up until 15.28 p.m. However, according to the authorities, Lai's cellphone was found soaked in urine on the site, which required a lengthy time for investigators to access its operations history before it went dead.

The investigators were yet to receive court approval to access the deceased official's medical history in order to ascertain whether she had been taking the Benzodiazepine-based tranquilizers found in her handbag.

The bureaucrat's abrupt death has come as a shock to the public, and many refuse to believe the authorities' claims. According

lawmaker Au Kam San's statements published in *Hoje Macau*, "It's impossible that a person who wants to commit suicide cuts her wrists and neck and then places the knife on her bag afterwards. (...) And how did she find time to take a pill if supposedly she covered her face with a bag?" Another lawmaker, Pereira Coutinho, also told the same newspaper that he had "a lot of reservations" about the official version.

Lai Man Wa's funeral service is set to take place today at the Kiang Wu funeral parlor. Her body will be buried at the São Miguel Arcanjo cemetery tomorrow.

Locally-set soap spinoff debuts in town

Aries Un

HONG Kong's hit soap, "Return of the Cuckoo," which was broadcast in 2000, is graduating from television to the big screen and continuing its storyline set in Macau, now with a revamped cityscape.

The television series, which featured the subtle relationship between a mute local and his non-biological sister from the same family, clocked up more than 3 million viewers for its finale. It still remains one of the most watched dramas in Hong Kong television history to date.

The spin-off, directed by Patrick Kong and starring almost all of its original cast, focuses on the encounter between the pair after the girl returns to Macau from the United States.

During a media briefing ahead of a red-carpet premiere yesterday afternoon at the Venetian Macao, Charmaine Sheh, the



All the cast members and guests take group photo on the red carpet for the premiere of 'Return of the Cuckoo'

40-year-old diva, told media that she was very moved by the plotline upon seeing its details.

"Something regretful has befallen her, which has significantly altered her," said Sheh, referring to the female protagonist in the film who was a university undergraduate. "Her character has changed a lot as well. I'd say the mental challenges facing her in the film are greater than those in the TV drama."

The actress, who made her way into the movie industry earlier this year, said the territory remained similar to how it looked in the past,

except for the gambling boom. "There were not that many casinos before. Now the night scene here has become so glittering," said Sheh.

The end of the soap drama, based around the brother-sister affection, disappointed many at that time. However, Taiwanese actress Joe Chen, who arrives as a mute cake baker in the film, helps reignite the pair's love despite her role as the man's girlfriend.

"There was so much to consider when we were both young. That's why we didn't go together. After over a decade when Joe

appeared, we came to understand how we felt about each other," she said. "In other words, we have been pulled towards each other."

"I don't think I am the other woman in the film. The pair dares to face their true selves and their love because of me," said Chen. "I know it has been disappointing for everybody who wanted them to get together."

Nancy Sit, another significant actress who stars as the pair's mother, told media that she was also looking forward to the film's ending, which was withheld by the director from her until the first screening. "It's really worth watching, and bring along tissues," she said, also noting that there could have been several endings.

She also said that all of the actors joyfully reunited and quickly found themselves immersed in the story. Sit added that the territory has turned into a more dazzling city after 15 years, with many high-rises, the nuances of which would also be presented in the film.

The film will be released nationwide on November 20. Yesterday's red carpet premiere was held at the Venetian Theater.



'Hunger Games' entertainment center in Hengqin

HUNGER Games" fans in the U.S. and China may get to find out for themselves if the odds are forever in their favor. Lions Gate Entertainment Corp. confirmed on Monday that the blockbuster movie franchise has been licensed for development into a theme park in Atlanta, and an indoor entertainment center in the neighboring island of Hengqin.

The New York Times, which earlier reported the news, said that the Atlanta park is targeted to open by 2019, while the Chinese center aims to open by late 2018.

Fans are already able to interact with the story featuring heroine Katniss Everdeen through attractions such as the traveling display "The Hunger Games: The Exhibition," which is now exhibiting in Discovery Times Square, New York. An immersive theatrical show is to open in London next summer, and a theme park featuring a "Hunger Games" zone is planned to debut in Dubai late next year.

The franchise's finale, "Mockingjay Part 2," is set to hit the big screen this month.

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Anniversary antique map collection opens



THE Central Library and the University of Science and Technology (MUST) are jointly launching an exhibition of antique maps of Macau, exploring the transition, growth and development of the territory.

To mark the 120th anniversary of the Central Library and the 10th anniversary of the inscription of the Historic Center of Macau on the World Heritage List, the Macao Central Library and MUST will exhibit nearly 40 reproductions of maps dated before the 18th Century. The maps will highlight Macau's important roles in maritime trade and as an

exchange hub linking the East and West.

The exhibition, entitled "Global Mapping of Macau," will contain maps categorized according to three themes: "Oriental Mapping of Macau"; "Occidental Mapping of Macau"; and "Macau City Map".

The variation of the three themes is intended to "demonstrate Macau's standing in the world and its own transformation," as well as the external perceptions of the territory. The historical city maps included in the exhibition will also commemorate the Historic Center's ascension to the World Heritage List.

The original copies of the exhibits are from collections all around the world, including Harvard Library, the National Library of France and the Library of Congress.

The exhibition will run from November 7 until January 31, 2016 in the Sir Robert Ho Tung Library, while the opening ceremony will take place on Friday, November 6 at 6 p.m. in the same location. Admission is free.

IC launches new survey on public libraries

THE Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) has decided to commission the University of Macau to conduct the "Macao Public Library Survey 2015" in order to evaluate the public need for library services and facilities. The survey will take place between November and December this year.

The IC hopes to understand residents' current use of Macau public library services as well as expectations among users and readers. The survey will take into account the reading habits of Macau residents and the current optimization of services and facilities. It is also intended to serve as a reference point for future years, in terms of the potential development of public libraries and other related research.

The network of public libraries has expanded in recent years, as new venues have been completed and implemented, the bureau noted in a statement. As a consequence, the IC intends to collate the relevant statistical informa-



Aspect of the recently inaugurated Taipa public library

tion about the current use of and future need for libraries.

The questionnaire will be comprised of two parts: "Survey of Public Library Users' Needs and Opinions on Library Services"; and "Survey of Macau Residents' Needs and Opinions on Library Services." The survey will be conducted by telephone, re-

gistering needs and opinions on various facilities, electronic information and promotional activities.

The survey will only contact a random sample of the population, and personal information provided by interviewees will be kept strictly confidential and only used for statistical analysis.

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UK returns over MOP350 million of Ao Man Long's illicit assets

Paulo Barbosa

THE British authorities will return over MOP350 million of illicit assets confiscated in the Ao Man Long case to the MSAR government. The assets recovered include money from the sale of a property that was owned by Ao in the United Kingdom, as well as about MOP275 million in bank accounts that had been frozen.

The UK's consul general to Hong Kong and Macau, Caroline Wilson, yesterday led a delegation to the government headquarters to sign an agreement with the MSAR, which was represented by the Secretary for Administration and Justice, Sonia Chan. Both were questioned about the whereabouts of Ao Man Long's wife, Camila Chan, who was tried in absentia in Macau for money laundering and sentenced to four years in prison. She is believed to be li-

It is commonly known that executing a court's order for the confiscation of corruption proceeds abroad is a difficult area in law enforcement.

SONIA CHAN



Caroline Wilson and Sonia Chan (center)

ving in the UK with the couple's two children. Caroline Wilson said that she didn't have "any information on that" and Sonia Chan corroborated.

Ao Man Long was the first Secretary for Transport and Public Works after the handover and was reappointed in 2004, before being arrested in December 2006. He is serving 28-and-a-half years in prison after being convicted in trials that occurred in 2008 and 2009 for taking bribes, laundering money and abusing his power to grant lucrative public contracts. When Ao was arrested, the Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) found that he owned money and assets worth about MOP800 million, even though his salary would have totaled just MOP14 million.

Sonia Chan pointed out that

most of Ao's corruption proceeds abroad that were confiscated by a local court have now been recovered. "We have already recovered some of the proceeds [as part of Ao Man Long's case]. The corruptly accumulated amount is MOP800 million and basically all of that money has been recovered," she said. This amount already includes the assets that have previously been confiscated by the MSAR government in Hong Kong.

During her speech at the signing ceremony, the Secretary for Administration and Justice noted, "It is commonly known that executing a court's order for the confiscation of corruption proceeds abroad is a difficult area in law enforcement." According to her, there was "smooth and successful coo-

peration" on this case between the UK, the MSAR and China, since the first procedure for the return of money was a request made by Beijing to the authorities in London (given that the MSAR doesn't have the capacity to deal with foreign affairs).

"The British government returning the confiscated assets is indeed an exemplary case of the successful implementation of the UNCAC [United Nations

Convention Against Corruption]. It is significantly meaningful in terms of combating money laundering abroad, fighting crimes and upholding justice," Ms Chan expressed.

Giving a broader view on the issue of corruption, Caroline Wilson mentioned estimates made by the World Bank, according to which bribery can add up to 10 percent to business costs globally and USD1 trillion is paid in bribes each year. "Some argue that corruption is necessary to get things moving and a part of everyday life. Like all of us here today, I do not believe, and firmly reject, the notion that corruption has to be a part of everyday life," she declared. Ms Wilson noted that the UK and China are co-chairs of the G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group, and they intend to improve cooperation on matters like strengthening procedures for the return of stolen assets.

Regarding how the recovered MOP350 million is to be used, the British consul said that the issue is "entirely for the Macau authorities to decide," but said that her government expects that the assets return will be "for the benefit of the people of Macau." After being questioned, Sonia Chan said that the local authorities will "allocate the proceeds to the public fund of the MSAR."

Since there isn't a bilateral cooperation agreement between Macau and the UK regarding the return of assets, the deal announced yesterday is only valid for Ao Man Long's case.

UK ESTABLISHES INT'L CORRUPTION UNIT

THE UK has this year established an International Corruption Unit in the National Crime Agency. According to Caroline Wilson, setting up the Unit has yielded results and has become

the central point of contact for investigating cases of global corruption. "We are improving the intelligence picture and seeing operational success," the consul said.

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MGM VALKYRIE-THEMED PASTRY SALE RAISES MOP183,000 FOR ORBIS



In connection with "Joana Vasconcelos at MGM Macau", an exhibition that unveiled the artist's Valkyrie Octopus sculpture, MGM China launched the "Joana Vasconcelos at MGM Macau - Orbis Fundraising Program," from which the company doubled-up all proceeds from the sale of the Valkyrie-themed pastries to

support Orbis' sight-saving projects around the globe. A check-presentation ceremony was held yesterday to mark the donation of the raised proceeds amounting to MOP183,000.

The exhibition was held from March until the end of October. During the exhibition, MGM China organized the "Joana Vas-

concelos at MGM Macau - Orbis Fundraising Program," with the support of Vasconcelos' charity foundation, Fundação Joana Vasconcelos - Lisboa. Inspired by the vibrant colors of the Valkyrie Octopus, MGM's Pastry Team created the Valkyrie-themed pastries, which were on sale between April and October 31.

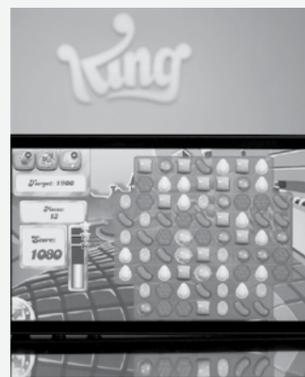
Grant Bowie, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of MGM China Holdings Limited, said, "The exhibition of Joana Vasconcelos' Valkyrie Octopus at MGM Macau may have ended, but the beauty of art, vision and compassion within our community stays with us. While we continue to bring in spectacles and unparalleled experiences to Macau, we are also dedicated to creating a better tomorrow today by giving back to the community."

ACTIVISION TO BUY CANDY CRUSH'S MAKER IN USD5.9B DEAL

Activision Blizzard Inc. agreed to buy King Digital Entertainment Plc for USD5.9 billion in a tax-saving deal that unifies console and PC games Call of Duty and World of Warcraft with the leading mobile game Candy Crush Saga.

Activision will pay \$18 a share in cash, a 16 percent premium to King Digital's closing price of \$15.54 Monday in New York. That's also 20 percent lower than King's initial public offering price of \$22.50 in March 2014. The stock fell after the IPO on concerns that the Dublin-based maker of Candy Crush may fail to diversify from its top-selling game and become a one-hit wonder.

The agreement adds a mobile publisher to the arsenal of the biggest U.S. video-game maker, positioning Activision to capitalize on growing smartphone-based



play. Activision will use \$3.6 billion of cash stored outside the U.S. to finance the deal, a move that will help save about \$1 billion in taxes the company would have had to pay to repatriate the money, according to tax consultant Robert Willens.

"It's a very astute investment from a tax point of view," said Willens, president of Robert Willens LLC.

Activision's stock dropped 0.7 percent to \$34.32 at 9:57 a.m. in New York. Chief Executive Officer Bobby Kotick, who won independence from Vivendi SA in 2013, had guided the stock to a 72 percent increase this year through Monday, third-best in the Standard & Poor's 500 Index. King soared to \$17.75.

Mobile gaming is already the industry's biggest category with revenue forecast to reach \$36 billion in 2015, according to the companies. That's projected to grow by more than 50 percent by 2019.

"Now is the right time to enter mobile gaming," Kotick said on an earnings call.

Hong Kong stock rally seen as too good to last

Kana Nishizawa

WHEREVER Alex Wong looks, he sees signs that Hong Kong's stock rebound isn't going to last.

The Hang Seng Index's 8.6 percent surge in October came on the lowest trading volume since February. Chinese investors sold more shares in the city than they bought, and small-caps were the worst performing part of the market.

The Hong Kong equity gauge was still down 21 percent from its April peak through Monday after getting squeezed between concern about China and the outlook for U.S. interest-rate increases. The economic slowdown and stock rout across the mainland border curbed demand for more than 500 Chinese companies listed in the city, while the Fed's plan to increase borrowing costs is weighing on property developers.

"People are extremely cautious," said Wong, a Hong Kong-based asset-management direc-

tor at Ample Capital Ltd. "They don't believe in the rise because many people see this as a bear market rally, and their experience from the last five months has

Companies that had slumped the most led the October rebound, from Macau casino operators to Chinese energy producers

been too bad. A short-covering rally usually has these kinds of characteristics - the rise is very sharp and brief, and not sustainable."

Companies that had slumped the most led the October rebound, from Macau casino operators to Chinese energy producers. Short-selling as a percentage of turnover slipped, after reaching its highest this year in late September. Short interest as a proportion of shares outstanding averages 0.9 percent on the Hang Seng Index, according to the most recent data available from Markit Group Ltd., with Want Want China Holdings Ltd. and Li & Fung Ltd. among ones with the highest ratio. The Hang Seng Index climbed 0.9 percent at the close yesterday.

"What we've seen is short covering so far," said Adrian Mowat, the chief Asian and emerging market equity strategist at JP-Morgan Chase & Co. "There's a lot of interest in Asia but at the moment it's not really translating into accounts executing and putting the big buy orders on. The question is whether you can persuade the global accounts to start to return to emerging markets."

U.S. exchange-traded funds



Traders work at the Hong Kong Stock Exchange in Hong Kong

that buy emerging-market stocks and bonds are still recovering from outflows of USD12.4 billion in the third quarter. A total of \$2.58 billion flowed into the developing-nation ETFs in the first three weeks of October, the longest winning stretch since May.

A measure of small-cap shares on the Hang Seng Composite Index climbed just 6.1 percent in October, compared with an 8.6 percent gain for the biggest companies and a 28 percent surge in April. In mainland markets, the pattern was reversed, with the Shanghai Composite Index climbing 11 percent and the ChiNext index soaring 19 percent. By the end of October, Chinese investors had an extra 1.4 billion yuan (\$221 million) of quota left to

buy Hong Kong securities via the city's Shanghai exchange link. The balance rises when investors sell shares.

China's multiple cuts to interest rates and bank reserve requirements have helped stabilize growth and sentiment, which should drive equities higher toward the year-end, according to ReOrient Group.

"I'm sure a lot of the gains are because of short covering and some investors reducing underweight positions," said David Welch, head of equity sales trading at ReOrient Group in Hong Kong. "But I think it's the start of a multi-month rally so I'm convinced in that regard. China goes up, it takes Hong Kong along for the ride." Bloomberg

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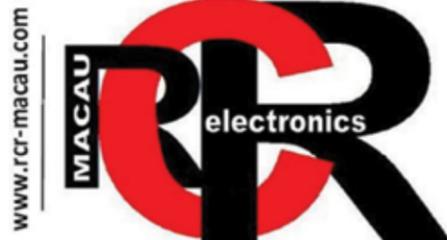
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Sao Tomé wants to become the 'Dubai of Africa' with a port built by China

AFTER 2014 was marked by an unprecedented visit to China by a president of São Tomé and Príncipe, the archipelago will now receive a huge Chinese investment in order to become the "Dubai of Africa."

The deep-water port costing an estimated USD800 million and whose construction was awarded to a Chinese group was presented in October by the government of São Tomé and Príncipe to investors in London, where Prime Minister Trovoada in an interview with the Independent on Sunday, defended the archipelago's "business plan".

"What China is offering in a deal like this is a loan, not a donation. What we have is a technically capable Chinese company that has engaged. It's a business arrangement, not a political one," said the head of the government of São Tomé.

The China Harbour Engineering Company (CHEC) will co-finance the construction of the port, with at least \$120 million. The government describes the new port as a "world-class in-



frastructure to serve the logistics needs of the Gulf of Guinea."

The first deep-water port on the archipelago will be built in the Fernão Dias area, Lobata district, 12 kilometers from the capital, and should become operational in 2019.

The Prime Minister of São Tomé told the Independent on Sunday that São Tomé had the goal of being the "Dubai of Africa," a "services platform" that takes advantage of its geographical proximity to some of the largest economies in the continent.

Last year, the relationship between China and São Tomé and Príncipe became less distant with the visit of Manuel Pinto da Costa, the first by a President of São Tomé to China in almost twenty years, despite being in a private capacity.

Also last year, Chinese company Guangxi Hydroelectric Construction Bureau started construction of a housing development on the island of São Tomé, a self-funded scheme worth an expected \$300 million.

To be built between the capital of São Tomé and Príncipe and the Lobata district in an area of 214 hectares, the new development will have just over 100 houses as well as supermarkets, schools, kindergartens and a hospital.

Part of the "Expu Conga" project designed by the Ministry of Public Works of Sao Tome and Príncipe, the new development will also have buildings for the diplomatic corps accredited in the archipelago as well as various facilities with a maximum of seven floors for public administration services, including tourist, shopping, culture, sports and leisure areas.

In addition to building the new development from scratch, the contract also includes upgrading of the present city of São Tomé, built in the 1950s by the then Portuguese colonial administration. **MDT/Macauhub**

LUZ Saúde is investing 100 million euros in the expansion of Hospital da Luz in Lisbon, Portugal, a project to double its capacity and which will be completed in 2018, said Isabel Vaz, chief executive of the company.

The company is controlled by Chinese group Fosun through insurance company Fidelidade and both were acquired in 2014 following the collapse of the Espírito Santo financial group.

Chinese group Fosun expands health business in Portugal



Vaz, introducing a partnership with Fidelidade with the launch of insurance against cancer risks, said "the expansion of Luz Saúde is running smoothly and organically," and she did not rule out the analysis of other business opportunities.

The opening of a hospital in Angola was part of

the plans of the former Espírito Santo Group healthcare company, but this plan is not a priority for the new owners, despite not being completely ruled out.

In June, John Ma who accompanied the acquisition of Luz Saúde on Fosun's behalf, said investments in Fidelidade and Luz Saúde were advan-

cing on schedule, albeit with caution.

Regarding the construction of a hospital in Angola, where Fidelidade is present, the Fosun official said that the operation had been planned but would not go ahead in the short term, noting "first we have to capitalise on and expand the business in Portugal." **MDT/Macauhub**

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Joe McDonald
Business Writer, Beijing

Xi says growth should be at least 6.5 percent

PRESIDENT Xi Jinping said yesterday that China needs at least 6.5 percent economic growth in coming years to raise living standards and become “moderately prosperous.” The ruling Communist Party also announced plans to let the country’s tightly controlled currency trade freely by 2020.

The announcements follow a high-level planning meeting last week at which ruling party leaders promised to make the world’s second-largest economy more productive and raise living standards.

Xi said growth of “no less than 6.5 percent” is required to achieve the party’s goal of doubling the economy’s size by 2020 from its 2010 level, the official Xinhua News Agency said. It gave no indication where he spoke.

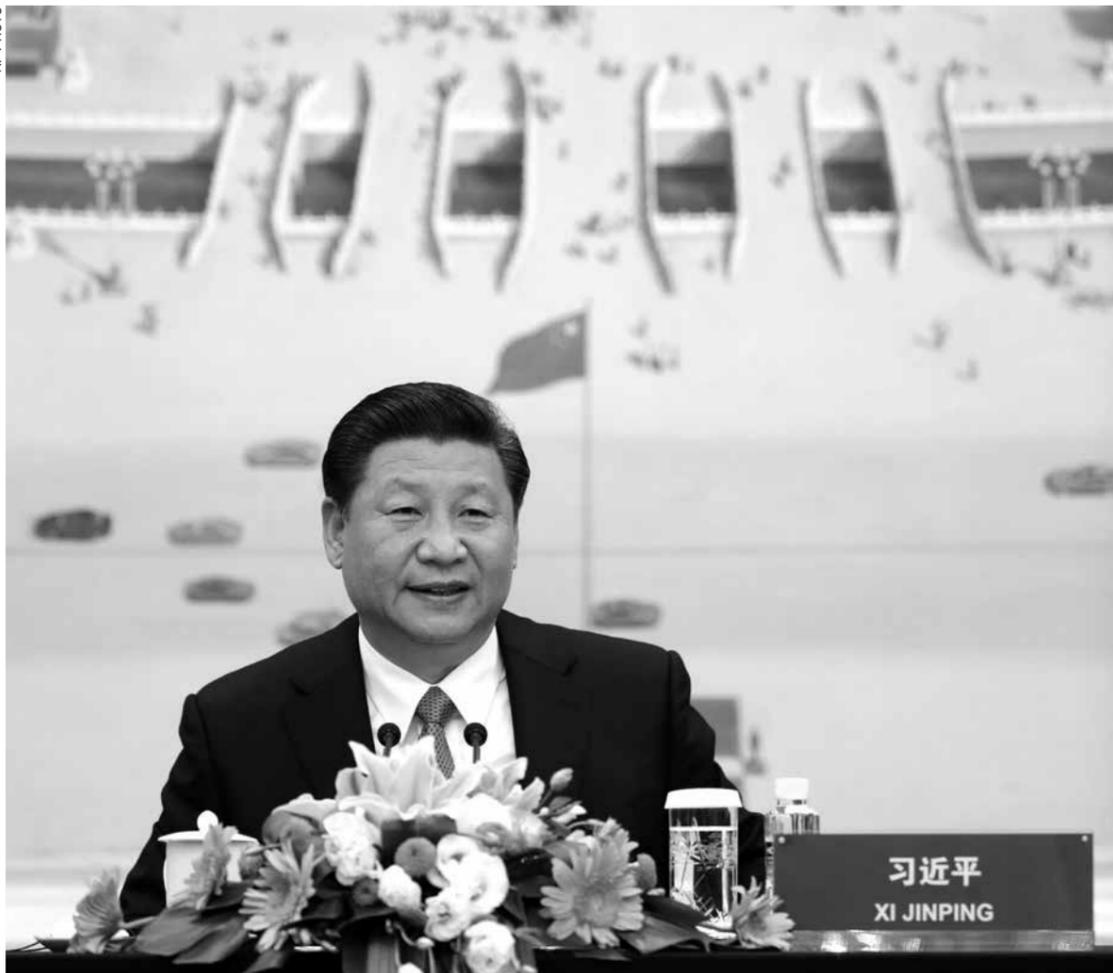
Chinese growth has slowed steadily over the past five years as the ruling party tried to steer the economy to a more sustainable expansion based on domestic consumption instead of trade and investment. An abrupt decline over the past year prompted Beijing to try to shore up growth by cutting interest rates six times since last November.

Xi’s comment was the latest indication the party might reduce its official growth target, which has stood at 7 percent in recent years.

Private sector analysts have warned sticking to a high target could conflict with official efforts to shift China to more sustainable growth based on domestic consumption instead of trade and investment. Some say a more realistic level would be 5.5 to 6 percent, which still would rank China among the fastest-growing major countries.

Xi said “maintaining a medium-high level of growth” was required for “comprehensively

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China's President Xi Jinping attends a meeting of the second Understanding China Conference, in Beijing

building a moderately prosperous society,” according to Xinhua. China’s GDP per head is about USD8,000 compared with \$55,000 for the U.S. and \$36,000 in Japan.

Last week, the ruling party eased its birth limits to allow all couples to have two children in a response to the need for more young workers in a rapidly aging society.

Yesterday, the party also said its leaders agreed last week to make the yuan a “freely trad-

able and freely usable currency” by the end of their next five-year development plan in 2020.

The United States and other governments have pressed Beijing for years to end controls they complained kept the yuan undervalued, giving Chinese exporters an unfair price advantage. Some American legislators had demanded punitive tariffs on Chinese goods in retaliation.

Beijing has been gradually expanding use of the yuan abroad

for trade but restricts the daily movement of its exchange rate and the flow of money into and out of China.

Chinese leaders have said for years they eventually would allow the yuan to be freely traded. But they said that would require extensive reforms to China’s state-run financial system to make banks and other entities capable of coping with more abrupt changes in interest rates and financial flows that might result from that.

Yesterday’s one-sentence party statement gave no indication what changes in currency regulation were to come or when.

The announcement comes at a time when analysts say market forces are putting downward pressure on the yuan. That could mean a loosening of controls would cause the currency to weaken, making the decision more politically acceptable domestically by reducing the price of Chinese exports and helping exporters who are struggling with weak global demand.

■ The Party also announced plans to let the country’s tightly controlled currency trade freely by 2020

At the same time, the party plans to switch to a “negative list” in regulating foreign exchange, the statement said. That would allow companies to do whatever is not explicitly prohibited, instead of only what regulators say is allowed.

The party said it also would promote the yuan’s addition to the basket of currencies used by the International Monetary Fund to determine the value of its in-house currency, known as Special Drawing Rights. Gaining a place alongside the dollar, euro, yen and British pound would be a political trophy reflecting China’s growing financial importance.

Beijing rattled global markets Aug. 11 with a surprise change in its exchange rate mechanism to make the yuan more market-oriented. That resulted in the yuan falling by 2 percent, which prompted suggestions it was devaluing the currency to help struggling Chinese exporters. **AP**

XINJIANG

Authorities to prosecute former head of border guards

PROSECUTORS plan to bring charges of selling promotions against the former head of border guards in China’s strategically key northwestern region of Xinjiang, the ruling Communist Party said yesterday.

Zhang Genheng has been expelled from the party and the military, and his case has been sent to prosecutors, according to a notice on the website of the party’s anti-corruption watchdog.

The Central Commis-



sion for Discipline Inspection also said that an investigation found that Zhang had accepted bri-

bes and favors in return for commissioning soldiers for officers’ school, appointing college stu-

dents to positions in the internal security forces and otherwise abusing his rank.

“Zhang Genheng severely violated organizational and anti-corruption discipline,” the commission said.

Beijing has invested enormous resources in the security of Xinjiang, which borders Afghanistan, Pakistan and several unstable Central Asian countries plagued by insurgencies and terrorism. Xinjiang itself has seen

a number of violent attacks by extremist Muslim separatists among the native Uighur population, some of whom Beijing says received training or inspiration from outside China’s borders.

The move to prosecute Zhang underscores President Xi Jinping’s determination to uproot corruption across government, including in the military, which has long had a reputation for the sale of positions, embezzlement and abuse of

perks granted to officers.

Among the highest-ranking targets of the campaign is the former vice chairman of the powerful Central Military Commission, Guo Boxiong, who is accused of accepting bribes to grant promotions and other benefits.

Another former commission vice chairman, Xu Caihou, had been indicted on charges of taking bribes and brokering promotions prior to his death from cancer earlier this year. **AP**

Robert Burns
and Christopher Bodeen, Beijing

THE U.S. Navy's challenge last week to China's sovereignty claims in the South China Sea was not designed as a military threat, the head of U.S. Pacific military forces said yesterday in a mostly upbeat speech about prospects for preventing U.S.-China disputes from escalating to conflict.

During a high-level meeting of military officials from the two nations later yesterday in Beijing, a top Chinese general again expressed his country's pique over the U.S. warship sailing past Chinese-built islands, while also expressing hope that the two sides could build further trust.

Speaking at a university in the Chinese capital, Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr. cited a recent statement by U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter that the international order "faces challenges from Russia and, in a different way, from China, with its ambiguous maritime claims," including Beijing's claim to nearly all of the South China Sea.

However, Harris said the decision to send the USS Lassen, a guided-missile destroyer, into the South China Sea last week near Subi Reef, within the 22 kilometer territorial limit claimed by China, was meant to demonstrate the principle of freedom of navigation.

"I truly believe that these routine operations should never be construed as a threat to any nation," Harris said, according to his prepared remarks. "These operations serve to protect the rights, freedoms and lawful uses of the sea and airspace guaranteed to all nations under international law."

China at the time protested the Lassen patrol, calling it a "deliberate provocation," and sent two warships to shadow the U.S. vessel and issue warnings. Although China labeled the action illegal, international law allows warships to transit other countries' territorial seas under the principle of "innocent passage."

Carter was scheduled to meet yesterday in Kuala Lumpur with his Chinese counterpart, Chang Wanquan, on the sidelines of an Asia defense ministers gathering.

At the meeting yesterday between Harris and Gen. Fang Fenghui, chief of general staff for China's military, Fang said the sailing of the U.S. vessel had cast a shadow on the talks, and reiterated Chinese claims to South China Sea territory since "ancient times."

"Just before your visit, regardless of the solemn representations of the Chinese side, the U.S. sent a naval vessel to cruise near the islands of China's Nansha Islands, which has created a disharmonious at-

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Adm. Harry B. Harris, Jr., US Navy Commander, US Pacific Command walks past a photograph showing an island that China is building on Fiery Cross Reef in the South China Sea

SOUTH CHINA SEA

US commander says sailing past PRC isles not a threat

mosphere for our meeting, and this is very regretful," he said in remarks in front of reporters at the Defense Ministry in Beijing.

Fang went on to say that "it is my hope that we can enhance mutual understanding and trust and remove negative effects."

In his speech earlier yesterday, Harris said the U.S. does not want disagreements to interfere with opportunities for building closer military-to-military ties with China. He cited recent advances, such as a Military Maritime Consultative Agreement on measures to improve safe military operations in the Asia-Pacific.

Harris has been outspoken in his criticisms of China's land reclamation in the South China Sea. In March, he said China is "creating a great wall of sand" that is causing serious concern about militarizing reefs and artificial islands in an area of competing territorial claims by several nations. China and five other governments claim the South China Sea either in part or in whole.

The U.S. does not recognize

the man-made features, including Subi Reef, as legitimate islands entitled to territorial seas, and U.S. officials say they plan to patrol near them on a regular basis to enforce that view. China has reclaimed approximately 809 hectares of land in the Spratly island chain since last year, and is now adding harbors, housing and airstrips.

Harris spoke yesterday to Stanford University students studying at Peking University in Beijing. He is in Beijing on

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his first visit as commander of U.S. Pacific Command, which is responsible for U.S. military operations throughout the Asia-Pacific. International media were not invited to the speech.

In his remarks, the admiral was mostly upbeat in his assessment of prospects for improving relations with China, saying he did not subscribe to the pessimistic view that a conflict was inevitable. While saying that as a military commander he is required to "look through a darker lens and drink through a glass half-empty," he emphasized areas of mutual U.S.-China interest and ways in which the two countries are cooperating.

"I agree with many of my Chinese counterparts who have emphasized cooperation over confrontation," Harris said, according to a copy of his prepared remarks provided to reporters traveling with Defense Secretary Carter in Malaysia.

"I continue to have personal and candid conversations with Chinese military leaders, which is why I'm in China this week,"

he added.

Harris' remarks reflect in part the Obama administration's emphasis on deepening U.S. economic, diplomatic and military relations across the Asia-Pacific — a so-called "pivot to the Pacific" after years of wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. U.S. relations with China, however, have been complicated by what the U.S. sees as opaque Chinese military intentions and aggressive moves in the South China Sea.

Although mistrust remains on both sides, engagement is increasing. Along with recent agreements meant to prevent unintended incidents between their ships and planes, the two militaries have ratcheted up exchanges and dialogue at bilateral and multilateral forums.

Last month, a 27-member U.S. Navy delegation toured China's sole aircraft carrier at dock and visited a Chinese navy submarine training academy. That was in return for a weeklong visit by 29 Chinese naval officers to the U.S. in February, the first time China had sent such a large delegation. **AP**

COMFORT WOMEN

Japan, S Korea agree to work to resolve WWII sex slave issue

Hyung-Jin Kim, Seoul

THE leaders of South Korea and Japan resumed formal talks Monday after a 3½-year freeze and agreed to try to resolve the decades-old issue of Korean women forced into Japanese military-run brothels during World War II.

The agreement is a step forward but not a breakthrough. Ties between the two countries have sagged to one of their lowest ebbs since the late 2012 inauguration of Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who takes a more hawkish, nationalistic stance than many of his predecessors. Seoul believes that Abe seeks to obscure Japan's brutal colonial rule of the Korean Peninsula in 1910-1945.

The biggest source of friction is over Japanese responsibility for wartime sex slaves, who were euphemistically called "comfort women." Historians say tens of thousands of women from around Asia, many of them Korean, were sent to front-line military brothels to provide sex to Japanese soldiers.

Japan has apologized many times before, but many South Koreans see the statements and past efforts at private compensation as insufficient.

Abe hoped to weaken a 1993



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, left, offers his hand to shake hands with South Korean President Park Geun-hye before their meeting at the presidential Blue House in Seoul

apology but later promised not to do so following protests from South Korea and elsewhere.

On Monday, Abe and South Korean President Park Geun-hye agreed to try harder to settle the issue through dialogue, according to Park's office.

"President Park noted the issue of 'comfort women' is the biggest obstacle in efforts to improve bilateral ties. She stressed that the issue must be quickly settled in a way that our

people can accept," said Park's senior adviser for foreign affairs and national security, Kim Kyou-hyun.

Abe confirmed the agreement.

"On the comfort women issue, I think the issue should not become an obstacle for the next generation so we can build future-oriented cooperative relations," he told reporters after the meeting. "We have agreed to speed up our negotiations toward a resolution as soon as possible."

In Washington, U.S. State Department spokeswoman Elizabeth Trudeau welcomed the reports that Park and Abe agreed to accelerate their efforts "to resolve this sensitive issue."

South Korea and Japan together host about 80,000 U.S. troops, the core of America's military presence in the Asia-Pacific. Washington wants to solidify its alliances with the two countries to better deal

with a rising China and with North Korean threats.

The closely watched meeting between Park and Abe came a day after they joined a three-way summit with China's premier and agreed to improve ties strained over historical and territorial disputes. Many in China also harbor similar resentment against Japan.

Nothing major came from the trilateral summit in Seoul. But just sitting down together was seen as a positive sign after the gap in such meetings, which used to be an annual affair. A joint statement said the three agreed to try to resolve the issues by "facing history squarely and advancing toward the future," boosting exchanges, and cooperating in economic, cultural and other areas.

Despite their harsh history, South Korea, Japan and China are closely linked commercially. China is the largest trading partner for both South Korea and Japan, while South Korea and Japan are each other's third-largest trading partners.

The last two-way summit between Japan and South Korea was in May 2012, when Park's predecessor, Lee Myung-bak, met with then Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda.

Park has faced calls at home to improve ties with Japan.

Park and Abe agreed Monday to strengthen South Korean-Japanese-U.S. relations to deal with North Korea. On Sunday, they and Chinese Premier Li Keqiang said they would make further efforts to resume stalled negotiations on ending North Korea's nuclear weapons program. **AP**

MALAYSIA

UN group says Anwar jailing politically motivated

IMPRISONED Malaysian opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim was prosecuted for political reasons and should be released, a U.N. body concluded after reviewing the case widely seen as politically motivated. The government rejected the findings and called for the legal process to be respected.

Anwar began serving a five-year jail sentence in February after the country's top court ruled that he sodomized a former male aide in 2008. His case has been seen as intended to eliminate any threats to the ruling coalition, whose popularity has eroded in the last two elections.

The U.N. Working Group on Arbitrary Detention found Anwar was denied a fair trial and his jailing was politically motivated.



Anwar Ibrahim

It called for his immediate release, according to a letter from the group seen Monday. Its full report is not yet available.

Anwar's daughter, Nurul Izzah Anwar, said she hopes the government will abide by the group's conclusion.

"I am deeply grateful that the United Nations has called for Anwar's release," said Nurul Izzah, a lawmaker. "Its strong stan-

ce in solidarity with my father sends a clear and unequivocal message to Prime Minister Najib Razak, and ensures that the sharp decline in human rights under his administration will not go unnoticed."

The government reiterated that Anwar's trial was "a criminal, not a political case" as it was brought against him by a private individual. It also said the final verdict was re-

ached by the courts after an exhaustive and comprehensive legal process over many years.

"It had nothing to do with the government," the prime minister's office said in a statement. "Malaysia has an independent judiciary - with many rulings going against senior government figures - and the government does not have the power or authority to overrule the decisions of the courts."

It urged all parties to respect "the legal process, the judgment of Malaysia's courts and the rights of the victim to seek justice."

The working group is appointed by the U.N. Human Rights Council and its five current members are from Australia, Benin, Mexico, South Korea and

Ukraine. The independent body is mandated to consider and render opinions about alleged cases of arbitrary detention.

In the letter, the group also expressed concerns about Anwar's physical and psychological health amid allegations that he is being held in solitary confinement. It said the Malaysian government didn't respond to its queries on the case.

The U.S. State Department yesterday reiterated its "deep concern" that Anwar's detention was apparently politically motivated. Spokeswoman Elizabeth Trudeau said that Secretary of State John Kerry had raised the issue with Malaysia's Deputy Prime Minister Zahid Hamidi when he visited Washington in October.

"The decision to prosecute Anwar and his trial have raised serious concerns about the rule of law and the independence of the court," Trudeau told reporters in Washington.

Anwar, who was seen as the most potent political rival to the government, has been jailed twice for sodomy in just over a decade. Homosexuality is a crime in Muslim-majority Malaysia, punishable by up to 20 years in prison and by whipping, although prosecutions are rare.

He previously was imprisoned for six years after being ousted as deputy prime minister in 1998 on earlier charges of sodomizing his former family driver and abusing his power. He was freed in 2004 after the top court quashed that sodomy conviction. **AP**

Robin McDowell, Yangon

MYANMAR

Anti-Muslim backlash casts shadow over election

STANDING before a glistening monastery, Myanmar's most infamous monk adjusts his saffron robe and then does something that would have seemed unthinkable a few years ago: He launches into the formerly untouchable Aung San Suu Kyi, accusing her of being lackadaisical about the threat Muslims pose to both the country's security and Buddhist traditions and values.

The comments by Ashin Wirathu highlight the rising role Buddhist nationalism is playing as the country heads into general elections this Sunday.

The issue has helped shape who can vote, who can run and, quite possibly, what form the new government will take.

Though Suu Kyi's opposition party is still viewed as the favorite — tens of thousands turned out for a rally in the former capital Yangon over the weekend — analysts say the “race and religion” card could hurt her in rural, conservative areas.

“Rightly or wrongly, Suu Kyi has been painted as being on the wrong side of the (Muslim) issue,” said Richard Horsey, an independent analyst. “That could affect the proportion of the popular vote the National League for Democracy gets in some regions.”

“Will it be enough to tip the ruling party across the finish line in those constituencies? That's still very unclear.”

The predominantly Buddhist nation of 50 million started transitioning from dictatorship toward democracy in 2011, putting in place a nominally civilian government that won widespread international praise for quickly implementing political and economic reforms, many of which have since stalled or started rolling back.

Wirathu and his radical Buddhist nationalist fringe, 969, took advantage of newfound freedoms of expression to fan prejudices against the long-persecuted Rohingya Muslim minority. His hate-filled sermons helped incite violence that began in 2012, leaving hundreds dead and sending a quarter-million others fleeing their homes.

With little or no pushback from the government or society — the large silent majority helped served as an incubator — 969 morphed into a more palatable, politically powerful organization that today boasts millions of supporters, including moderate monks and members of the ruling elite.

Wirathu plays a less public role in the group, now known by its Burmese acronym, Ma Ba Tha. Its members say the organization is peaceful and was created in part to help end the violence.

The influence of Buddhist na-



Controversial Buddhist monk Wirathu, second right foreground, performs Buddhist rituals with Myanmar's powerful Buddhist clergy on the outskirts of Yangon

tionalists on politics, however, is undeniable.

For the first time, the country's 1.3 million Rohingya are not allowed to vote or run for seats in Parliament, including sitting lawmakers.

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“This election, which has been touted as historic for its potential to be the freest and fairest in over two decades, could have been a breakthrough for democracy in Myanmar,” Shwe Maung, a Rohingya member of Parliament barred from seeking another term, wrote in a column published yesterday in *The New York Times*. “Instead it is poised to institutionalize and entrench the longstanding persecution of minorities.”

The ruling Union Solidarity

and Development Party and the NLD have refused to field any Muslim candidates, presumably because they fear a backlash at the polls. There are dozens of smaller parties, some representing ethnic minorities living in border regions, and others largely proxies of the military-backed government.

Despite her popularity, even Suu Kyi is fair game.

“I was crazy about her, too, but now I know we can't trust her,” said Wirathu, rattling off a list of actions he considers suspicious, including her refusal to take sides during the first wave of sectarian violence, which killed Buddhists as well as Muslims.

Conversely, Human Rights Watch and other rights groups have criticized Suu Kyi for staying silent on the plight of Rohingya. She told Indian TV last month she wanted to reconcile the two communities, not add to the divisions.

The international community has expressed concern that the rise of Buddhist nationalism, and especially hate speech, is undermining Myanmar's democratic process.

Rather than push through key laws needed to spur the economy, the outgoing legislature spent its final months working on passage of four Ma Ba Tha-

drafted “race and religion” laws that were widely criticized by the U.S. and others because they could be used to discriminate against Muslims, women and other minorities.

The laws impose strict regulations on Buddhist women who want to marry outside their faith and for anyone who wants to convert to another religion. They also call for punishment for those living with an unmarried partner, and require women in heavily populated areas to space children at least three years apart.

In a pre-election campaign video, President Thein Sein listed the laws among his administration's biggest accomplishments.

Showing tactical approval of the Ma Ba Tha, he also granted it permission to use a massive sports stadium just outside Yangon to celebrate the laws' passage. More than 10,000 people turned out, packing every inch of the giant hall and spilling outside, watching speeches on giant monitors.

On center stage was a revered moderate monk, U Nyanissara, also known as Sitagu Sayadaw.

Though monks are forbidden by law from mixing in politics, he said it is sometimes important for religious leaders to step in, in the name of national

security. He listed a series of historical examples in Europe, and said, “Like them, we need to make use of religion in political affairs.”

Critics blame the rapid rise of Buddhist nationalism in part on the muted response to violence targeting Rohingya, whom the government considers to be illegal migrants from neighboring Bangladesh, even though many of their families arrived generations ago.

They are effectively stateless. A government offer of citizenship is full of conditions most Rohingya are unwilling or unable to make: They would have to call themselves “Bengali” and offer proof that their families have lived in the country for more than 60 years, among other things.

The majority are confined to isolated villages in the northern tip of Rakhine, where they have limited access to adequate health care, jobs or education.

The level of desperation in camps outside the state capital, Sittwe, where 140,000 have been forced to live as result of the recent violence, is even more staggering. They are trapped, even for medical emergencies, unless they pay hefty bribes to officials.

The government tossed the aid group Doctors Without Borders from the camps for many months, accusing it of showing bias in favor of Muslims. The group has since been allowed back in on a limited basis, but not soon enough for some.

On a recent visit to one of the camps, *The Associated Press* showed Salema Khatu a picture of her 10-year-old son, Habil. The 27-year-old wailed uncontrollably, pressing the image to her wet eyes as stunned, empathetic crowds looked on. It was the first time she had seen the boy's face since he died six months ago.

Habil, his wide, dark eyes sunken in his skeletal face, was being treated for tuberculosis by Doctors Without Borders before the group was forced out.

Aung Kyaw, 60, says the little hope Rohingya once had has evaporated.

“We can't work, so we are living now off savings from our past,” the Rohingya man said, adding he's lived in Rakhine his whole life, that his parents were civil servants and his grandparents well-to-do village chiefs.

“Now we have nothing,” he said.

“I feel like we are all living in a prison.” AP

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EGYPT

El-Sisi dismisses Islamic State claim to Russian plane crash

EGYPT'S president dismissed Islamic State's claim that it brought down a Russian airliner on Egyptian soil over the weekend, as investigators tried to piece together clues to what caused the jet to explode, killing all 224 people aboard.

President Abdel-Fattah El-Sisi's comments marked the latest attempt by Egyptian officials to shift the narrative away from terrorism. The militant group has taken credit for the crash in the Sinai peninsula, where security forces have been battling its local affiliate for more than a year.

"Believe me, the situation in Sinai, especially in this limited area, is under our full control," El-Sisi said in a BBC interview ahead of his visit to London. "Propaganda" linking it to the Islamic State "is one way to damage the stability and security of Egypt."

Russian and Egyptian officials have said the Airbus A321 exploded in midair about 23 minutes after takeoff Saturday from the Red Sea resort of Sharm El-Sheikh, scattering debris over more than 20 kilometers.

Egyptian officials have given contradictory reports on whether the pilots radioed for help. The director-general for the carrier, Kogalymavia, Alexander Smirnov, told reporters on Monday that an unspecified "mechanical impact" on the aircraft may be "the only reasonable explanation." Russian



Egyptian Military cars approach a plane's tail at the wreckage of a passenger jet bound for St. Petersburg in Russia that crashed in Hassana, Egypt

aviation officials in Cairo said it was too early to determine the cause.

Recordings of crew and dispatcher conversations show the flight was proceeding normally four minutes before the crash, followed by "uncharacteristic" sounds moments before it broke up midair, Interfax reported, citing unidentified individuals in Cairo. Investigators are also probing whether

repairs done on the tail in 2001 may have played a role. Russian news agency Tass, citing an unidentified person in Cairo, said foreign objects not belonging to the plane were found at the scene.

Sabotage is another possible explanation. Airport and ground staff at Sharm El-Sheikh's airport will be investigated, Civil Aviation Ministry spokesman Mohammed Rahma said

in an e-mailed response to questions.

Islamic State claimed responsibility for the crash both in a statement released hours afterward and in translation on Monday, offering no details of its purported operation.

Egyptian and Russian officials, as well as military analysts, have been skeptical that Islamic State possesses the type of advanced missile necessary

to shoot the plane down. A US infrared satellite detected a heat flash over the peninsula at the same time the aircraft went down, CBSNews reported, speculating that a bomb or an exploding fuel tank or engine could have caused it.

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Pending the results of the probe, several major airlines, including Lufthansa and KLM, said they would reroute flights away from Sinai. The US Embassy in Cairo, in a statement, warned its staff to avoid travel anywhere in Sinai until the investigation is over. **Bloomberg**

SOUTH AFRICA

Prosecutor seeks murder conviction as Pistorius case goes to appeal

Nquobile Ntshangase and Gerald Imray, Bloemfontein

A prosecutor yesterday sought a murder conviction against Oscar Pistorius before South Africa's Supreme Court of Appeal, saying a lower court erred in acquitting the double-amputee athlete of that charge for killing his girlfriend, instead convicting him of culpable homicide.

"On the objective facts, the accused cannot escape the conviction of murder," prosecutor Gerrie Nel said, addressing a panel of five judges, who could convict Pistorius of murder. The judges could also rule that his manslaughter conviction should stand, or even order another trial.

The Olympic runner's chief defense lawyer, Barry Roux, also presented arguments to the judges, who wore black robes and sat on ornate wooden chairs with red backing.

If convicted of murder, Pistorius he would face a minimum sentence of 15 years in prison. South Africa no longer has the death penalty.

Prosecutors say Judge Thokozile Masipa made an error at Pistorius' trial last year when she acquitted him of murder for killing Reeva Steenkamp on Valentine's Day 2013. On being found guilty of culpable homicide, a charge comparable to manslaughter, he was sentenced to five years in prison. Pistorius, 28, was released from jail

last month after serving a year in prison and was moved to house arrest at his uncle's mansion. He was not present at yesterday's hearing.

June Steenkamp, Reeva Steenkamp's mother, was inside the wood-paneled courtroom in the central city of Bloemfontein. She sat behind Nel as he presented his arguments. The panel is headed by Judge Lex Mpati, the president of the Supreme Court of Appeal, the second-highest court in South Africa.

Asking the judges to upgrade Pistorius' conviction to murder, Nel said Masipa didn't correctly apply the law at the culmination of Pistorius' dramatic seven-month trial.

The prosecution's argument rests on a part of South African law known as "dolus eventualis," which calls for a person to be convicted of murder with lesser intent if they foresaw that someone could be killed as a result of their actions, but went ahead anyway.

Prosecutors believe Pistorius knew someone could die when he shot four times through a toilet cubicle door in the pre-dawn hours of Feb. 14, 2013, killing Steenkamp. Pistorius testified he had no intention to kill, and fired out of fear for his life, believing a dangerous intruder was inside the toilet cubicle.

Nel also said Masipa ignored or simply paid "lip service" to some circum-



In this Feb 22 2013 file photo, photographers take photos of Olympic athlete Oscar Pistorius as he appears at a bail hearing, in Pretoria

tantial evidence against Pistorius at his trial.

The judges, who have studied the tens of thousands of pages of court transcript from Pistorius' trial, interrupted Nel and Roux frequently yesterday to question them.

One of the judges pressed Roux on whether Pistorius could not have foreseen that he would kill someone by shooting multiple times through the door of the very small cubicle.

"If you look at the photographs, there's room behind there for a toilet

bowl and a person and just about nothing else," Justice Lorimer Leach said. "There's nowhere to hide. It would be a miracle if you didn't shoot someone."

Arguments were scheduled to last just one day and the judges can reach a decision with a simple majority. The judges were not expected to issue their verdict yesterday and there is no timeframe for when they will, although the court has said it would aim to release a decision by the end of this month. **AP**

what's ON



THE TENSION OF TALENT
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BY WU RANGZHI AND ZHAO ZHIQIAN
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Offbeat

ISRAEL MINISTER PROPOSES STREET
CATS LEAVE THE COUNTRY

A Cabinet minister has drawn outrage and mockery after suggesting transferring the thousands of stray cats that walk the streets of Israel to another country.

The Yediot daily published what it said was a letter by Agriculture Minister Uri Ariel proposing the idea. It said he cited Jewish law against animal cruelty as reason not to neuter cats and a biblical commandment to populate the earth.

Ariel is from the religious Jewish Home party and usually known for fiery rhetoric against Palestinian statehood.

Opposition legislator Tzipi Livni posted a picture on her Facebook page of her playing with a black and white cat. "No way will I get a foreign passport for little one," she wrote.

Israeli animal rights activists condemned the minister. Thousands of stray cats roam Israel's streets.

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13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:30	RTPi Live
18:20	Trail of Lies (Repeated)
19:00	TDM Interview (Repeat)
19:40	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Montra do Lilau
21:40	ISIS Terror in Iraque
22:10	Trail of Lies
23:00	TDM News
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23:45	UEFA Champions League: Benfica - Galatasaray

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2.30, 9.45 pm
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Duration: 114min

OUR TIMES

ROOM 1
4.30, 7.15 pm
Director: Ding Sheng
Starring: Andy Lau, Liu Ye, Wu Ruofu, Wang Qianyuan
Language: Mandarin (English/Cantonese)
Duration: 134min

BRIDGE OF SPIES

ROOM 2
2.15, 4.45, 7.15, 9.45 pm
Director: Steven Spielberg
Starring: Tom Hanks, Mark Rylance, Alan Alda
Language: English (Cantonese)
Duration: 141min



BRIDE WARS

ROOM 3
2.15, 5.45, 9.30 pm
Director: Tony Chan
Starring: Angelababy, Ni Ni, Chen Xiao
Language: Mandarin (English/Cantonese)
Duration: 90min

ARE YOU HERE

ROOM 3
4.00 pm
Director: Jill Wong
Starring: Nina Paw, Helena Law, Susan Shaw
Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/English)
Duration: 114min

GOOSEBUMPS

ROOM 3
7.30 pm
Director: Rob Letterman
Starring: Jack Black, Dylan Minnette, Odeya Rush
Language: English (Cantonese)
Duration: 103min

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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

1956 SOVIET TROOPS
OVERRUN HUNGARY

The Soviet air force has bombed part of the Hungarian capital, Budapest, and Russian troops have poured into the city in a massive dawn offensive.

At least 1,000 Soviet tanks are reported to have entered Budapest and troops deployed throughout the country are battling with Hungarian forces for strategic positions.

The Soviet invasion is a response to the national uprising led by Prime Minister Imre Nagy, who has promised the Hungarian people independence and political freedom.

Mr Nagy's anti-Soviet policies, which include withdrawal from the Warsaw Pact, have been worrying Eastern Bloc countries and Moscow has demanded his government's capitulation.

News of the attack came at 0515 local time on Radio Budapest in an urgent appeal by Mr Nagy himself for help from the West.

Despite an apparent withdrawal only last week, Soviet troops deployed outside Budapest swept back into the capital with Russian and Romanian reinforcements between 0400 and 0800 local time.

The Times newspaper reports that artillery units pounded Budapest from the surrounding hills as Soviet MIG fighters bombarded the capital from the air. Sources say Soviet infantry units stormed the Parliament building, a key strategic and symbolic target, early this morning.

Reports that Mr Nagy and other members of his cabinet were captured in the attack have not been confirmed.

But in an unscheduled newscast on Moscow radio shortly after 1200GMT, Russia claimed to have "crushed the forces of reactionary conspiracy against the Hungarian people".

Despite Moscow's claims, heavy fighting is reported to be continuing throughout the country for key installations such as railway stations and major bridges across the River Danube.

Moscow is now backing a new breakaway Hungarian government led by Janos Kadar, whose stated purpose is to destroy Mr Nagy's "counter-revolution".

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The "de-stalinisation" process initiated by Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev gave Soviet satellite countries like Poland and Hungary new hope of democratic freedom. This prompted mass anti-Soviet demonstrations in October 1956.

In Hungary the protests became a full-scale revolt. Ordinary Hungarians battled with Soviet troops and the hated state security police.

Thousands of political prisoners were freed and the Central Committee elected the popular Imre Nagy as prime minister. He began to dismantle the one-party state.

Encouraged by an apparent promise of help, Nagy appealed to the UN and Western governments for protection. But with the Suez crisis in full swing and no real appetite for fighting the USSR over a crisis in Eastern Europe, the West did not respond.

The Soviet military's response was swift and devastating. Some 30,000 people were killed in Budapest alone and about 200,000 Hungarians sought political asylum in the West. Over the next five years, thousands were executed or imprisoned under Janos Kadar's puppet regime.

Nagy and others involved in the revolution were secretly tried and executed in June 1958.

Soviet troops finally withdrew from Hungary in 1991.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Try to pitch in when you see something that's not working out at the office or at home — you don't need to wait for the distress signal before snapping into action. Your initiative earns kudos.

Taurus April 20-May 20 You need to get out there and enjoy the nightlife — or daytime — of your city, town or village. A concert would be perfect for your energy, even if it's just the lull of a low-key jukebox.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Don't let anything accumulate in your inbox for long today — you need to answer messages as soon as you get them, or you risk losing out on great opportunities. Make it fast!

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Your ability to communicate is heightened today, so reach out to an old family member or make a new friend — use that social energy before it dissipates! It's a good time to build bridges.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 How does your budget look? If you don't have one to check on, now is a great time for you to draw one up — with the help of a smart friend, of course. You may be surprised by what you find.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You find yourself on the receiving end of some serious praise — or maybe an award of some kind. You know you deserve it, but it's hard to take this in the right way. You can make it work!

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 You're facing far too many details today — you need to make sure that you can cover them all, or maybe get them covered by someone else. Things don't have to get too crazy, right?

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Your secrets are starting to come out — but only the ones that you want to make public! Your strategic release of information should come as a surprise to at least one key player.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 This is not the time to rush ahead — you have to cover all the details of your new work or home situation first. One step at a time gets it all done, whereas impulsive behavior moves you backward.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You need to spend some time online or in a good, old-fashioned library today — the information you need isn't going to come to you! Ask questions and follow up leads until you know it all.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 You feel a little closer to normal today, and better able to see things through a prism of responsibility rather than freaked-out worry or wild fantasy. It may not be as fun, but it's closer to the truth.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 You need to get to work on a new project — and today is perfect for picking out new things to do. You may find that your energy is better spent on intense and focused tasks than diffuse brainstorming.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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Frankfurt 2 9 cloudy/clear
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London 10 14 drizzle
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CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Must have; 5- Take ___ at (try); 10- Bryce Canyon site; 14- Glamour rival; 15- Spoils; 16- Hawaiian outdoor feast; 17- Hit with an open hand; 18- Belgian painter James; 19- Blind as ___; 20- Body of an organism; 21- Capital of Iowa; 23- Hightailed it; 25- Pouch; 26- Uneasy; 31- Kids toys; 35- Toronto's prov.; 36- Playing marble; 38- Polite refusal; 40- "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" author; 42- ___ Mio; 44- Expose; 45- Best of a group; 47- Conductor Georg; 49- X; 50- ___ the hole; 52- Ball game; 54- Maiden name indicator; 56- Chow down; 57- Repulsive; 62- Must've been something ___; 66- Of high grade; 67- Bristles; 68- Oil of ___; 69- Appraise, charge per unit; 70- TV studio sign; 71- Tart; 72- Org.; 73- Nabisco's ___ Wafers; 74- Novel ending;

DOWN: 1- Scottish loch, home to a monster; 2- Cockney greeting; 3- Jack of "Rio Lobo"; 4- Leave; 5- Companion of Daniel; 6- Unit of loudness; 7- Throw; 8- Tiny particles; 9- Scenic route path; 10- ___ Bator, Mongolia; 11- Pipe; 12- Small batteries; 13- Simple shelter; 22- Screen image; 24- Menu words; 26- Portrayal by an actor; 27- Name on a bomber; 28- Unemotional; 29- Impudence; 30- Simple seat; 32- High hit; 33- Atty.-to-be exams; 34- Fathers; 37- Singer Fitzgerald; 39- Actress Russo; 41- Canonized Mlle.; 43- And so forth; 46- ___ kleine Nachtmusik; 48- 401(k) alternative; 51- Wrestling hold; 53- Lazy; 55- 1985 Kate Nelligan film; 57- Narrow inlets; 58- Tolkien tree creatures; 59- Hammer head; 60- And others, briefly; 61- Metal fastener; 63- Immensely; 64- Lacking slack; 65- Fictional Jane; 66- Brother's title;

Monday's solution



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HORSE RACING

Female jockey makes history with 1st win at Melbourne Cup



Prince of Penzance jockey Michelle Payne, right, with trainer Darren Weir, left, hold the winning trophies after the Melbourne Cup

MICHELLE Payne became the first female jockey to win the Melbourne Cup yesterday when she rode the 100-1 outsider Prince of Penzance to victory in Australia's richest horse race.

Payne pushed the six-year-old Prince of Penzance through a narrow gap in the straight and surged ahead of the Irish stayer Max Dy-

namite, ridden by Frankie Dettori, and New Zealand-owned Criterion, ridden by Michael Walker, for the victory.

Australian bookmakers Ladbrokes paid a winning dividend of AU\$101 (USD72) on Prince of Penzance, who is owned by six self-described "small-fry owners": a podiatrist, two engineers, an IT consultant, a solutions ex-

pert and a producer. The owners paid AU\$5,000 (\$3,500) each to buy the horse.

Payne has ridden the horse throughout its career and said she always considered it a potential Melbourne Cup winner.

"This is unbelievable," Payne said in a television interview immediately after the race. "I laid in bed last night and I gave myself time to think and dream about it."

"This horse is awesome, what he's been through. Darren Weir is an unbelievable trainer to get him here like this today."

Prince of Penzance has battled sickness and injury throughout its career, but still managed to accumulate AU\$600,000 (\$428,000) in prize money to qualify for a start at the AU\$6.2 million (\$4.4 million) Melbourne Cup.

If it hadn't been for Payne — the only female rider in the race and only the fifth in history to gain a Cup ride — the horse would barely have been mentioned in pre-race commentary. The Japanese-trained stayer Fame Game started as favorite, but fell far behind in the 24-strong field and was unable to fi-

nish among the placings.

"When I won on this horse as a three-year-old, he won here and I thought this is a Melbourne Cup horse," Payne said. "He just felt he would run the two miles out that strong but, far out, I didn't think he would be that strong."

"He just burst to the front and I've never yelled so loud at a horse in all my life. This is everybody's dream as a jockey in Australia."

Weir, who trains in the small town of Wangoom near Melbourne, praised Payne's outstanding ride against some of the world's best jockeys.

"I couldn't thank her enough," he said. "What a beautiful ride and what a great family."

The Melbourne Cup, raced since 1861, is known as "the race that stops a nation." Australians traditionally stop work at 3pm on the first Tuesday in November to watch the two-mile race at Melbourne's Flemington racecourse.

Last year, Australians bet almost AU\$800 million (\$571 million) on the race and betting was expected to exceed that amount this year. **AP**

RUGBY

All Blacks to celebrate World Cup title with parades



The All Blacks will celebrate their championship at the Rugby World Cup with parades in three cities across New Zealand this week, starting in Auckland today. New Zealand beat Australia 34-17 in Saturday's final at London's Twickenham stadium to become the first team to win back-to-back World Cups and the first to win the Webb Ellis Trophy three times. The team arrives in New Zealand early Wednesday and will parade through central Auckland from midday, with thousands of fans expected to turn out to greet them. Parades are also planned for Christchurch tomorrow and the capital of Wellington on Friday.

FOOTBALL

Mourinho given 1-match stadium ban for misconduct



Already enduring the worst run of results in his Chelsea career, Jose Mourinho will be banned from the stadium for Saturday's match at Stoke after being punished by the English Football Association. Mourinho admitted to a charge of misconduct toward the referee during a loss to West Ham last month and he has already been fined 40,000 pounds (USD61,700) by the FA's regulatory commission. Mourinho was sent to the stands by the referee against West Ham on Oct. 24, and the FA said the Portuguese coach "admitted an FA charge of misconduct regarding his language and/or behavior towards the match officials in or around the dressing room area during halftime." Meanwhile, Chelsea midfielder Cesc Fabregas has denied media allegations he is organizing a dressing room revolt against the manager, the BBC reported yesterday. Chelsea are 15th in the league table.

TENNIS

Williams opens Zhuhai tournament with win over Keys



Venus Williams opened the WTA Elite Trophy in Zhuhai yesterday with a 3-6, 7-6 (5), 6-1 win over Madison Keys. Williams has already won two titles in a resurgent season and could return to the top 10 in the rankings for the first time in more than four years with a strong showing in the 12-player tournament. Williams was two points from defeat in the second set before pulling out the victory in a rematch of the Australian Open quarterfinals, won by Keys. The tournament brings together 11 of the top players who did not qualify for last week's WTA Finals in Singapore, including Caroline Wozniacki, Jelena Jankovic and U.S. Open finalist Roberta Vinci. Zheng Saisai of China was added to the field as a wild-card entry.

F1 Briton who intruded Singapore track jailed for 6 weeks

A British national who walked into the track while cars were hurtling toward him at about 280 kilometers per hour during Singapore's Formula One night race was yesterday sentenced to six weeks in jail.

Yogvitam Pravin Dhokia, 27, pleaded guilty to committing a rash act that endangered the personal safety of F1 drivers on Sept. 20. He was arrested soon after the intrusion.

It is the first case of track intrusion in Singapore, which has held highly-anticipated F1 night races since 2008 and has a reputation for being tough on visitors and citizens alike who break the law.

Closed-circuit television footage showed Dhokia squeezing his way through a gap in the Marina Bay circuit's metal fencing, clad in a t-shirt and shorts. He was seen casually strolling against the flow of traffic for a short distance while holding up a camera, before climbing over a trackside



barrier to safety.

In sentencing Dhokia, District Judge Chay Yuen Fatt took into account a second charge of criminal trespass that stated he entered the race track with an intent to cause annoyance. The six-week sentence was backdated to Oct. 16 as he had voluntarily spent a period in remand.

He had faced a maximum sentence of six months in jail and a fine of 2,500 Singapore dollars (\$1,791).

On Lap 37, eventual race winner Sebastian Vettel was first to raise the alarm over Ferrari's team radio. "The-

re's a man on the track! Man on the track!" Vettel screamed, and a safety car was deployed. Dhokia climbed over a barrier was helped to safety by two marshals a few moments later.

Vettel told reporters after the race that the fan's actions were "pretty crazy" as cars were traveling at around 280 kilometers per hour (175 mph) approaching that corner.

"I had to look again because I wasn't sure whether I had a problem with my eyesight," Vettel said. "I think I saw him taking a picture. I hope it was a good one at least, I hope it was in focus."

Red Bull driver Daniel Ricciardo, who was runner-up in the race, said the emergence of the safety car at that point affected his winning chances. "I was tempted to swerve, clip him," Ricciardo told reporters.

Singapore Grand Prix organizers are considering tighter security for next year's race, featuring higher fences and more marshals. **AP**

opinion

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MODERN DAY GREETING: BUSY?

There are different things we say when meeting people we know on the street. Among these, the most common greeting used to be “最近好嗎 Zui jin hao ma?” which translates as “Are you well these days?”, similar to “How are you?” or “Como está?”. So, when people meet on the street, we hear:

“Are you well these days?”
“I’m well. Thank you. And you?” (Said with a smile!)
“I’m very well. Thank you.” (Said with an even bigger smile!)
That is the same as most other cultures in the world, I think, but lately it has been observed that this traditional way of greeting has become outdated. The usual greetings I’ve heard, or eavesdropped, these days have replaced “Hao” (well or good) with “Mang” (busy). Quite a few times a day, whether on the bus, in an elevator, in a restaurant, or on the street, I’ve heard the following conversation when two people meet:
“Are you busy these days?”
“Yes. Very busy. You?” (Said with a sigh!)
“Oh. I’m busier than you.” (Said with an even heavier sigh!)

This made me wonder: since when have we started caring if our acquaintances are busy rather than well or not? More importantly, how does one know if one is busier than the person they meet? Has a normal greeting become a competition of who has a busier life? And will people get offended if one answers, “Not at all?”

I guess this has to do with the perception of success that we have created in modern society. As Macau becomes more and more economically developed, the workforce becomes more aggressive, adopting office mantras such as “Business is War” and “Survival of the Fittest”. These are phrases we have heard in office conversations on Hong Kong or American television programs, but which I never actually heard in real life when I first started working here. Back then, office workers got ready to punch our cards five minutes before we were off work, and called each other to discuss where to go for dinner. Well, group chats were not invented then, the appointment-making process was time-demanding enough to take up an hour or so of our daily lives. But nowadays, workers discuss, or announce, in different Whatsapp or Wechat groups how long they need to stay doing overtime, and who has to work through weekends. Those who can get off work on time wouldn’t dare let anyone know.

It seems like “the fittest” is equivalent to who works the longest hours, and perhaps, who makes the fewest mistakes. As a result, managers are reluctant to empower employees for fear they will be blamed for mistakes made in their departments, or that they may be thought of as not working as hard as their subordinates, and so work becomes redundant. Then, not wanting to actually be made redundant, subordinates spend hours and hours working on tasks they know their managers are going to redo anyway. After that, they have to spend hours and hours writing reports and proposals on what they have done and what they plan to do, from which managers have to write more reports on their teams’ performance for senior management. So, how can anyone who has a job not be busy?

Therefore, the greeting “Are you busy these days?” becomes an invitation to a who-is-busier competition. Not wanting to be seen as “unfit”, leisure becomes a sin.

So, we need to find more things to do, or courses to take, to fill up our schedules. When one manages to fill up every minute of their time, how can anyone else be busier? In the end, it is not really a matter of who has a busier life, but rather who is perceived as the “fittest” in this survival game. Next time, when someone greets you with “Are you busy these days?”, who would dare answer, “Not at all. I don’t have much to do”?

THE BUZZ 2,000 HOUSEHOLDS LOSE POWER ON MONDAY NIGHT

More than 2,000 households in the Three Lamps District were affected by an abrupt power outage on Monday. The blackout occurred at around half past seven in the evening as one of the middle-voltage cables in the area malfunctioned. The power supply resumed to the affected families four minutes after the ini-

tial blackout as CEM activated another system. The utility company apologized for the inconvenience caused. The incident hasn’t been the only outage of late. Last month, the central part of the territory suffered a massive nighttime blackout with around 4,800 households reportedly losing power.

Storm kills 1, causes severe flooding in Portugal, Spain



US surfer Garrett McNamara rides a big wave during a tow-in surfing session at the Praia do Norte, or North beach, in Nazare, Portugal

Authorities say a heavy storm has killed one person and caused severe flooding in Portugal’s Algarve region.

Authorities were cleaning up and counting the cost of the damage in the seaside resort.

Municipal workers, storekeepers and residents shoveled away thick mud and fire crews pumped rainwater out of basements in Albufeira, the hardest-hit vacation town some 200 kilometers south of the capital, Lisbon.

Police said they discovered the body of an 80-year-old man whose car was found submerged.

The storm Sunday swept away cars, uprooted trees and washed away roads. Stores in the downtown area were flooded with brown water almost to the ceiling.

Heavy rains also started hitting Spain on Monday, causing extensive flooding but there were no immediate reports of injuries.

Spain’s meteorological agency issued a warning that substantial rains and strong gusts of wind would affect “most of the Peninsula, Balearic and Canary Islands” until Nov. 3.

The regional government of the Canary Islands off the northwest coast of Africa said Tenerife had been buffeted by stormy weather and that it was maintaining its emergency services on alert to deal with the aftermath, with intense precipitation predicted.

Spain’s agency forecast “very heavy” rainfall in Andalusia and Valencia, while strong winds were expected in the Balearic island of Ibiza. AP

EU looks into reports of fake fish labeling in Brussels

The European Union is looking into reports that cheap seafood is often mislabeled as choice fish in some of the Belgian capital’s fine restaurants and even in EU cafeterias.

The Oceana environmental group said yesterday it found that 31.8 percent of seafood it tested in and around EU institutions in Brussels was a different fish than what was labeled on the menu. In the cafeterias of the EU, which sets fishery policies for the 28-nation bloc, the total amount of falsely labeled fish stood at 38 percent.

“We take this very seriously,” EU spokesman Alexander Winterstein said of the report.

Oceana said 95 percent of what was labeled Bluefin tuna — a fatty, sublime sushi favorite — was actually a less expensive species, served to make a hefty profit. In 13 percent of the cases, cod was also mislabeled and people sometimes were fed pangasius instead, a freshwater fish farmed in southeast Asia.

“Some restaurants with a good reputation are not better than others,” said Oceana executive director Europe Lasse Gustavsson. “Obviously, it is a way to make more money.”

The study did not assign blame or say



Atlantic bluefin tuna are surrounded by fishing nets during the opening of the season for tuna fishing off the coast of Barbate, Cadiz province, southern Spain

whether the restaurants themselves were being unscrupulous or if they were being duped by some fish wholesalers.

A 2014 Oceana study of Danish fishmongers found that 18 percent of the cod sold there was not cod, but haddock or saithe. France stood out, however. When Oceana had a study there, only 4 percent of targeted species were mislabeled.

At EU headquarters, Gustavsson found some of the strangest mislabeling cases.

“This is almost hilarious,” he said, “because this is not even for profit ... you are replacing cheap fish with an expensive one.”

Winterstein said EU institutions are dependent on the labeling controls of Belgium, where EU headquarters is based. AP

Station	Air quality
Roadside	60-80 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	65-95 Moderate
Ambient	65-95 Moderate

WORLD BRIEFS

UK Banking group Standard Chartered is slashing 15,000 jobs worldwide and plans to raise USD5.1 billion from shareholders through a rights issue as part of a major restructuring to shore up its financial position. The Asia-focused bank also announced plans yesterday to shift operations away from institutional and corporate banking toward private banking and wealth management.

UK Christie’s is set to sell personal possessions of the late British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, including papers, mementos, clothes — and her iconic handbags. The auctioneer said yesterday that 150 lots will go under the hammer Dec. 15 in London, with a further 200 sold by online auction between Dec. 3 and Dec 16.



IRAQ Ahmad Chalabi, a prominent Iraqi politician who helped convince the Bush administration to launch the 2003 invasion to overthrow Saddam Hussein by providing false evidence of weapons of mass destruction, has died of a heart attack, Iraqi state TV reported yesterday. He was 71.

CANADA-USA After waiting seven years for a decision, the company behind the proposed Keystone XL pipeline from Canada to Texas has asked the U.S. State Department to suspend its review of the project. The move comes as the Obama administration increasingly appears likely to reject the pipeline permit application before leaving office in January 2017.

USA Shares in automaker Volkswagen are sliding after U.S. environmental officials said the company equipped more models than previously thought with software that let the cars cheat on diesel emissions tests. The scandal over emissions cheating widened when the EPA said that Volkswagen installed software on thousands of Audi, Porsche and VW cars with six-cylinder diesel engines that allowed them to emit fewer pollutants during tests than in real-world driving. Volkswagen denied the charge, but faces the prospect of more fines and lost sales.