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SOUTH KOREA Police detained more than 50 protesters and were seeking out others yesterday after violent clashes marred the largest anti-government demonstrations in South Korea's capital in more than seven years. Police fired tear gas and water cannons on Saturday to disperse about 70,000 people allied with labor, civic and farmers' groups, who took to the streets to rally against conservative President Park Geun-hye.

NORTH KOREA-USA The Treasury Department has blacklisted North Korea's ambassador to Myanmar for alleged involvement in illegal weapons trade. Treasury says Ambassador Kim Sok Chol is paid by the Korea Mining Development Trading Corp., a state-owned arms dealer and exporter of equipment related to ballistic missiles.

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Jason Chao in Geneva to brief UN on local situation

THE United Nations Committee against Torture will, from today and for the next three days, discuss matters on China at its ordinary meeting. The New Macau Association (ANM) vice-president Jason Chao is in Geneva, from where he yesterday participated in a press conference held at the association's headquarters, stating that the report submitted to the UN by the local government is misleading and omits facts.

"The Paris Principles demand that every country, and regions like Hong Kong and Macau, have an agency to protect human rights. Besides taking complaints, it should also promote human rights. The Macau



Scott Chiang (left) and Jason Chao during a press conference held yesterday at ANM's headquarters

government claims repeatedly that the CCAC [Commission Against Corruption] is performing this function, but CCAC can't do so," Chao said.

ANM's president Scott Chiang submitted a report to the Committee about one month ago. Jason Chao was invited to go to Geneva in order to comment on the ANM report. In the document, the association expresses concerns in different areas, namely the judiciary cooperation agreement with mainland China and Hong Kong that would allow criminal extradition between the three regions. According to the ANM, these "deals" are against both Macau law and best international

practices.

"For example, Macau has legislated for the Basic Law's Article 23 on national security, but Hong Kong hasn't. If there were judiciary cooperation, it could be the case that Macau may ask Hong Kong to extradite some people to Macau, because they have committed some crimes that aren't even a crime under Hong Kong law, for example, treason," said Scott Chiang.

Speaking by videoconference from the Swiss city, Jason Chao revealed that he will ask the committee to urge the local government to reject extradition in such situations. He also urges local authorities to set up a human rights protection agency.

Besides this topic, in their report New Macau also addressed other concerns like the lack of a law to address sexual harassment cases and domestic violence as well as other forms of discrimination like gender and sexual orientation, which the association claims are currently in force in the territory. **RM**

Stanley Au says gaming operators will face losses in Cotai

THE head of the Small and Medium Enterprises Association, Stanley Au, has said that gaming operators have been "too ambitious" in Macau and that the new Cotai development will suffer losses.

Au was skeptical about what optimists refer to as the "new casino effect," which posits that new Cotai developments will boost the gaming industry and restore revenues to pre-dip levels.

However, Au attributed the fall in gaming revenue to the anti-corruption campaign in Beijing, and said that new developments would not relieve the pressure on gaming operators.

"The 'new casino effect' will not bring any good, and in contrast, I believe new casinos will bring deficit to the gaming corporations. Gaming companies were too ambitious when building the new casinos in Cotai. They shouldn't have been built," Au recently told TDM.

Au's association issued a white-paper calling on the government to implement two different sets of policies for what he termed the "virtual economy," including in-



Stanley Au

dustries such as gaming, and the "real economy," which includes small and medium-sized enterprises.

"When the virtual economy faces difficulty, they have less revenue and need to downsize. Their imported laborers should return home. However, the real economy suffers from manpower shortages. We should be allowed to import workers," he continued, adding that the government should limit the pace and scale of the gaming industry's growth.

Melco Crown Entertainment's

Studio City opened last month. Several other developments are scheduled to open in 2016 and 2017, including the Wynn Palace and the Lisboa Palace.

SMES STRUGGLE WITH MANPOWER SHORTAGE

THE INDUSTRY and Commerce Association of Macau Northern District has said that despite the government's support for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs), these organizations still face a critical labor shortage. Ma Kin Cheong, director of the group, says that SMEs depend on migrant workers, without whom they "wouldn't be able to run [their] businesses." While some have accredited the lack of local manpower to above-market salaries in casinos, the Federation of Trade Unions says that it wants to prioritize re-training residents, who they claim "also cannot find an ideal job", adding that there is a structural imbalance for employment in the SAR.

IPIM promotes Macau as events destination

JACKSON Chang, the President of the Macau Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM), attended an exhibition and convention association in Malaysia last week, where he promoted Macau as a top destination for Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions (MICE). The visit is a prelude to the government's intention to step up the development of the territory's MICE industries, starting next year.

The Asian Federation of Exhibition and Convention Associations (AFECA) held an Advisory Council meeting in Kuala Lumpur from November 10 to 12, where leaders and elites of the convention and exhibition industry planned the sustainable development of Asia's MICE industry.

Chang also visited the AEC+ Expo, an exhibition platform that aims to share current innovation technologies and latest developments as a platform for improvement in the MICE industries.

MICE, a branch of tourism in which large groups are brought together for a particular purpose, has become a key industry in many Asian cities. To this end, AFECA is bolstering the overall development of the MICE industry by building a platform for exchange and cooperation.

Chang met with numerous leaders and elites, to whom he introduced the advantages of Macau as a MICE destination, and highlighted IPIM's role in supporting event and exhibition planners in the SAR. The IPIM president said that the meeting had been useful in reinforcing contacts and communication, and had been a platform from which to promote the many advantages of Macau's MICE industry.

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LIVING in Macau, we invariably have questions about what's happening over the border in Hengqin. The redevelopment of the neighboring island is a hot topic that will impact the future of the entire region, and one that the British Business Association of Macau (BBAM) is keenly watching.

International architecture and design firm Hassell is re-imagining Hengqin's southern tip. At a BBAM luncheon last week, Hong Kong-based John Pauline, design principal for the firm, described his vision for the island and spoke about the design process. The project is already two years old, having evolved from an entry in an international design competition through to the current development phase. Hassell is partnered with the Zhuhai Institute of Urban Planning & Design to oversee the development of the milestone project.

At the southernmost tip of the Pearl River Delta, a series of interconnected reclaimed islands have been proposed to fulfil the key goal of a high-end development. "It's a land reclamation project. In essence, it's like a series of islands that are being built off the southern tip of Hengqin island - 17 square kilometers of development that actually has about 14.5 million square meters of usable floor space. So it's an enormous project, substantial for the entire region," explained Mr Pauline.

The site is positioned for high-end business services and international resort and tourism zones, while also balancing the needs of the surrounding marine environment. In terms of planning principles, the idea has been to divide the area up into a series of zones, each with their own characteristics. The development of this plan will proceed over a number of stages, beginning with a land reclamation phase that will be completed in between five and eight years. The rest of the plan will be executed in-



John Pauline



Plan for Hengqin's southern tip

HENGQIN DEVELOPMENT

Architect unveils urban design project for southern reclamation zone

crementally, since the project covers an enormous scale and duration.

The one thing Hassell has tried to do is emphasize Hengqin's greatest asset: the water. Consequently, every single spot is no more than five minutes away from the waterfront, whether in terms of views or access. "We're trying to create an authentic waterfront lifestyle - not just more of the same but something different," Mr Pauline stated. The areas of higher development density will be placed in the inner, internal urban core, with lower-rise buildings surrounding the perimeter so sea views are universally available. Sustainability is also a key element being taken into consideration throughout the project.

"We have these zones and precincts: there's a resort precinct up towards the north, which becomes the northern heart of the island; then we have the waterfront urban core precinct that comes through the middle

of the scheme; we have the resort aspects, which wrap around the perimeter; and then, at certain points around the edge,

“The development that surrounds Macau is extraordinary. With Hengqin and the southern tip, it's almost like this incredible, wonderful, dynamic chessboard.”

JOHN PAULINE

we have mixed-use precincts featuring waterfront marinas," Mr Pauline explained.

Marinas will be a "significant" part of the project, and because of its sheer scale there will be several of them. At some point, the reality of planning will kick in; government regulations will come into play in order to determine what is actually feasible in terms of the boat moorings and the depth of the interconnecting canals. However, the architect has confidence in the integrity of his vision. "Obviously there's a grey zone in terms of how these aspirations are going to resolve themselves and work themselves out. At the moment, all signs are showing full speed ahead," he affirmed.

Diversity is also another keyword that has been emphasized. A strategic split of residential, hospitality, healthcare, commercial and office facilities will be implemented to ensure that the development has a permanent day-to-day population

living there. "All of these things offer multifunctional, diverse aspects: different in scale; different in function; different in terms of their integration throughout the master plan to get that diversity," Mr Pauline stated.

The scheme is being seen as one part of an integrated development and one piece of a long-term development process for the whole delta region encompassing Shenzhen, Zhuhai and Macau. "The development that surrounds Macau is extraordinary. With Hengqin and the southern tip, it's almost like this incredible, wonderful, dynamic chessboard," Mr Pauline declared. "There's no doubt that opportunities are enormous. The scale of what we're doing in southern Hengqin is something that vastly out-populates anything from where I've come... I would say that from a Macau perspective, embracing and connecting to this development is the only thing that makes sense."

TOURISM

'Treasure hunt' themed parade hits city next month

THIS year's "Parade through Macau, Latin City" on December 6 will follow a "treasure hunt" theme with its route divided into three secret areas, according to the Cultural Affairs Bureau, who are organizing the event. Each secret area will feature decorations and creative characters designed by the three young local illustrators: Eric Fok Hoi Seng, Un



Chi Wai and Lam Ieong Kun.

The secret area created by Eric Fok Hoi Seng is entitled "Party Gathering", and is inspired by the belief that an earthly paradise was hidden on the other side of the ocean. The artist has used fine point pens to recreate ancient European maps featuring additional contemporary elements. His area will be displayed at

the Ruins of St. Paul's.

Meanwhile, Un Chi Wai is presenting "Mysterious Energy", which, starting from Rua de S. Paulo and heading to Rue de Sanches de Miranda, will embody the theme of love. Lam Ieong Kun has created a series of eccentric bacteria in an array of colors, shapes and positions, which will be displayed between Calçada da Igreja de S. Lázaro and

Tap Seac Square.

In total the treasure hunt comprises more than 50 local and foreign performing groups and around 1,500 participants. The performances will include Cantonese opera, mime, theatre, magic, music, martial arts, folk and oriental dances. In addition, a number of foreign groups will be featured, including performers from France, Portugal, and the Caribbean.

The parade is being held as a celebration of the 16th anniversary of Macau's handover to China.

Former Obama advisor to speak at local conference

ORGANIZERS of the Macau Tourism and Culture Summit (MTCS) have announced the summit's debut this week alongside the Macao Gaming Show (MGS), and have said that the speaker line-up has an "outstanding mix of some of the leading authorities on gaming in Asia."

The MTCS will take place between November 17 and 19 at the Venetian Macao, following the theme of the MGS: "New Rules, New Vision, New Opportunities: How is Macau planning to channel gaming to power a new entertainment mix for tourism and culture?" According to organizers, over 50 keynote speakers will attempt to address these questions and share their insights into the Asian gaming market.

Some of the keynote speakers include: Michael Bresnick, former advisor to President Obama's Financial Fraud task force; Christopher Jones, Head of North American Research at Union Gaming US; Grant Govertsen of Union Gaming Securities Asia; and Li HaiBin, President of Renmin University of China. Other



speakers from across Asia will be present, hailing from countries such as Cambodia, Taiwan, Singapore, Macau, Laos, and Japan.

The primary focus of the first day of the summit will be on China's One Belt, One Road policy and the important role that Macau can play in the development of supporting infrastructure in the region.

Fatima Nunes, Secretary-General of trade body MGEMA and organizer of the summit, said: "We know, from the research that was undertaken among attendees last

year, how important the summit is to them. Attendees have a real thirst for knowledge and being able to, for example, learn about who will be the driving forces behind the 'One Belt One Road' initiative, as well as understanding the legislation that governs gaming in Asia-Pacific."

On the industry front, sessions over the three days will include: the rise of lotteries; the emergence of virtual sports in Asia; the impact of the financial crisis on Las Vegas and the lessons that can be applied to Macau; banking and finance in the gaming industry; electronic gaming machines; emerging markets in Asia; and policy issues of any new and emerging jurisdictions.

The official organizing partner of this year's summit is the International Association of Gaming Advisors (IAGA), who will submit some of their own members to speak at the MTCS platform. In addition, the speaker list will feature a number of senior Chinese and Macau figureheads, alongside leading players from international industries. **Staff reporter**

GAMING

Paulo Martins Chan confirmed as new DICJ director

ASSISTANT Public Prosecutor-General Paulo Martins Chan has been confirmed as the new director of the Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau (DICJ), the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lionel Leong, revealed on Friday.

The appointment of Paulo Chan to lead the bureau has been endorsed by Chief Executive Chui Sai On and will take effect from December 1, after the current director, Manuel Joaquim das Neves, retires this month.

Chan had been regarded as the most likely candidate to assume the directorship of the bureau, after broadcaster TDM revealed that he would be the new DICJ head.

Speaking to the press on Friday, Mr Leong said that Chan was appointed because of his experience in the Public

Prosecutions Office, his legal knowledge and his language proficiencies. Leong said that he believes the appointment will strengthen both the bureau's law enforcement capabilities and its efforts to "optimize" gaming regulation.

Leong reaffirmed the importance of the bureau in aiding the sustainable and healthy development of the city's gaming industry. It is the duty of the bureau, he added, to study how it can further support the aims of existing legislation and regulation.

The Secretary said that he received official approval from the Chief Executive on Friday to make the announcement public knowledge due to growing public interest. Leong added that he also received consent from the Prosecutor-General, Ip Son Sang.

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Korean-themed food festival kicks off attracting crowds

THIS year's Macau Food Festival is riding on the growing popularity of Korean culture worldwide. Through this focus, organizers hope to strengthen the event's appeal for locals who have shown a waning interest in the festival in recent years.

After the gastronomic fair kicked off last Friday, up to 25 booths operated by owners of Korean eateries began serving up treats for the very first time in fifteen years at the plaza in front of the Macau Tower.

"We have been engaged [in talks] with them for a couple of years," Chan Chak Mo, a lawmaker and also the president of the festival's organizing body, the United Association of Food and Beverage Merchants of Macau, told the Times.

Both sides finally struck a deal this year after the Korean travel authorities and chambers of commerce overcame concerns about the event's feasibility and profitability over 17 days, Chan noted.

Visitors started streaming into the venue in the late afternoon. The booth operators had already prepared themselves for the possibility of a large crowd, which would continue to swell as night descended.



Making rice rolls without pause, In-Seon Kang, vice-president at the Korean Food Association and also a restaurateur from Incheon, told the Times through an onsite Korean-speaking assistant that he aimed to accumulate sales of around HKD330,000.

However, achieving high profits is not the top incentive for most other merchants. Rather, they are aiming to achieve exposure to the Chinese market. Raam Man Hou, a supervisor at Kumkang World System - who also used the services of an interpreter -, said that the culinary tool manufacturer sought to not only promote his home country

abroad, but also to let people get a better grasp of their products through its three stalls.

He expressed the company's willingness to broaden its business venture into the Chinese market, given the vast population.

Kang Kyunng Kab, a chef from another restaurant that has 50 branches across the country, said that he hoped his brand could be popularized through the event prior to venturing into the Chinese market.

Although the festival has always managed to secure tourists' participation, the organizer, along with some local eateries admitted that the response

from locals has been lukewarm for the past few years.

Long queues, shortages of tables and seats for dining, and overcrowding are some of the main criticisms of the attendants. However, the organizer has yet to work out solutions despite ongoing efforts. "We did, but couldn't come up with anything," said Chan Chak Mo, adding that, in the years ahead, the festival would remain similar to what it is now. He did not think it was within the organizer's capacity to control the venue size and crowds with the purpose of simply catering to locals.

The event has been branded as a platform to promote local eateries since it was initially introduced. The territory's booths this year totaled a record number of 122, with 43 of them added from the last edition.

Although it is largely underwritten by the government, the festival was still viewed as lucrative based on marketing opportunities for local restaurants, Chan noted.

GGCT monitors Kagoshima earthquake

The Tourism Crisis Management Office (GGCT) has issued a statement saying that it is paying close attention to the earthquake that occurred on Saturday morning in Kagoshima, Japan. The office says that it is maintaining close contact with the Macau travel industry for further developments, but there has so far been no indication that any Macau tour groups have been affected. The earthquake was reported to have occurred in the sea, 159 kilometers south-west of Makurazaki, near Kagoshima. GGCT reports that, as of Saturday, the office has received one request for information.

Two cleaners deemed responsible for patient data breach

The Health Bureau has dismissed two of its cleaners following last month's patient information leak where classified documents were found lying across the Av. do Dr. Rodrigo Rodrigues. It was initially suggested that a total of six full-time assistants working at the Hospital Conde S. Januário's laboratory center were subject to the month-long inquiry for not following official guidelines in processing waste. The dismissal was supported by the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Alexis Tam. No management-level officials took responsibility for the episode.

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CE to deliver Policy Address tomorrow

THE Chief Executive (CE), Chui Sai On, will deliver the Policy Address for the Fiscal Year 2016 tomorrow in the Legislative Assembly (AL) at 3 p.m. The address will be followed by a Legislative Assembly plenary session on November 18, in which Chui will explain his policy program and answer the questions of legislators.



Chui Sai On at the AL

The five policy secretaries and their subordinates will present their policy guidelines to the AL over the next four weeks, concluding with the Secretary for Transport and Public Works, who will present over December 9 and 10.

The postal services will deliver copies of a pamphlet containing highlights from the Policy Address to every household in Macau, and this will be distributed in both Chinese and Portuguese. This is to ensure that citizens have "a better understanding of the policies" included in the address.

A hard copy of the full Policy Address will also be made available from a number of government offices and cen-

ters, including the Public Information Centre. The materials are available for download on the websites of several of these public bodies.

Users of portable devices can watch the live sessions via GCE Macau, the mobile application recently issued by the CE's office, or through MSAR News, the mobile app of the Government Information Office.

Live broadcasts can also be viewed online on the government portal website, and on the websites of the CE's office and the Legislative Assembly. In addition, TDM will transmit the above events live on its television and radio services.

Gov't expresses shock and concern over Paris attacks

THE government has expressed its shock and concern over the recent terrorist attacks in Paris, France, and has extended its sympathy and deepest condolences to victims and their families. The condolences were conveyed in a statement issued yesterday by the Government Information Bureau.

The declaration was released following a series of coordinated terrorist attacks in Paris on November 13, consisting of mass shootings, suicide bombings and hostage-taking. As this newspaper goes to print, at least 129 people have been reported to have died, and a further 352 have been injured, including 99 people who are described as being in a critical condition.

As a result of the terrorist attacks, the Tourism Crisis Management Office (GGCT) has issued a travel security alert for France, warning Macau residents who plan to travel there to closely monitor the situation, assess the security risks,



An image is painted on a garage door opposite an attacked restaurant on Rue de Charonne, Paris

and reconsider their travel plans carefully.

In addition, Macau residents in France have been urged to stay vigilant and strengthen their own security precautions.

The Embassy of China in France also issued urgent advice to its citizens. The embassy recommended that Chinese citizens in France stay at

home and avoid leaving their residences, to follow the news closely, and to cooperate with police inspections.

"Some terrorist attacks took place on the 13th of November. President François Hollande has declared a state of emergency in France. The borders are closed and the French government is taking emergency measures," read the statement issued by the embassy.

As an international tourism destination, Macau has well-established protocols for responding to large-scale crises and emergency situations.

Although the terrorist threat level in Macau has always remained low, the SAR's security forces stage regular simulation exercises to strengthen inter-departmental coordination and rescue capacity. In addition, the security forces participate in counter-terrorism meetings, intelligence exchanges and bilateral anti-terrorism exercises with their counterparts in neighboring regions. **Staff reporter**

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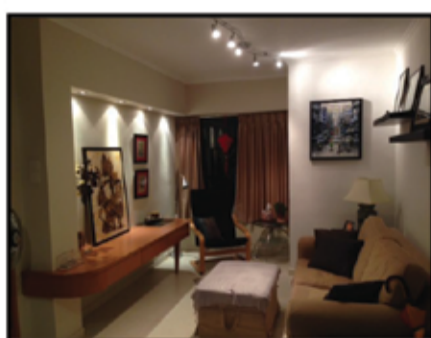
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China's currency gets key backing from IMF

THE head of the International Monetary Fund says she supports adding China to an exclusive club of the world's top currencies.

Christine Lagarde said Friday that she supports findings by staff at the IMF that China's currency, the yuan, meets the criteria for inclusion in the basket of currencies used in the fund's operations.

China has wanted to join the club known as the IMF's Special Drawing Rights basket. It's a virtual currency the IMF can use for emergency loans and IMF member countries can use to bolster their own reserves in times of crisis.

Joining the basket would give the yuan the IMF's seal of approval and might encourage foreigners to use the Chinese currency more and to have more confidence in China's financial markets.

The yuan would join the U.S. dollar, euro, British pound and Japanese yen. Unlike those currencies, the tightly managed yuan does not trade freely.

Earlier this month, however, China announced it will allow the yuan to trade freely by 2020, potentially easing trade tensions with the United States and other nations.

The recommendation now will go before a vote by the IMF board on Nov. 30. **AP**

Frederik Balfour

PURE coincidence or impeccable timing? Either way, Hong Kong billionaire Joseph Lau has just pulled off a twofer for the history books.

On Wednesday night he paid 48.6 million Swiss francs (USD48.4 million) at Sotheby's in Geneva for a 12.03-carat blue diamond, the most ever spent on a gem at auction. Then, less than 24 hours later, his company Chinese Estates Holdings Ltd. sold an office tower in Hong Kong for HK\$12.5 billion (\$1.6 billion), more than twice the previous record for a commercial sale.

Lau, 64, who made his fortune in real estate, has been on a buying spree, collecting paintings from blue-chip artists as well as jewelry. He also generated headlines last year when he was convicted in Macau for bribery and money laundering in a trial he didn't attend. He's appealing the conviction.

Lau's company sold the 26-story Mass Mutual Tower in Hong Kong's Wan Chai district to Chinese developer Evergrande Real Estate Group Ltd. Chinese Estates paid HK\$460 million for the tower when it bought part of it in 1987 and the rest in 1991, yielding a 27-fold return.

Hours after the deal was announced, China Life Insurance Co. said in a press statement it was buying an office tower and retail space from Wheelock & Co. for HK\$5.85 billion, making it the second-most expensive building purchase in Hong Kong.

It was the third property sale to Evergrande by Chinese Estates this year, Chinese Estates spokeswoman Eunice Yeung said. In July, it sold a residential, commercial and hotel complex in the western Chinese city of Chengdu for HK\$6.5 billion. The company sold another property in nearby Chongqing for

HK billionaire Lau sets two records in 24 hours



Joseph Lau is pictured during a press conference in Hong Kong, China, on Jan. 1, 2013.

HK\$1.75 billion.

The previous most-expensive transaction for an office tower in Hong Kong was the HK\$5.4 billion paid by Citigroup Inc. to a unit of Wheelock in 2014.

Lau has also been busy on the auction circuit this year. On May 12 he picked up Roy Lichtenstein's painting "The Ring (Engagement)" at Sotheby's New York auction for \$41.7 million, just a day after purchasing Pablo Picasso's "Buste de femme" across town at Christie's for \$67.4 million.

Unlike Liu Yiqian, a Chinese billionaire collector who this week bought an Amedeo Modigliani nude for \$170.4 million and pays for his purchases using his AMEX card, Lau wired the money to the two auction houses in New York, according to copies of receipts obtained by Bloomberg.

Lau's blue diamond purchase on Nov. 11 came a day after he paid 28.7 million Swiss francs for a 16.08-carat pink diamond at a sale by Christie's in Geneva. Both purchases were made for his seven-year-old daughter Josephine, his office said.

Known as the "Blue Moon," the record-breaking gem had a pre-sale estimate of 34.2 million francs to 53.7 million

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francs, according to Sotheby's website, and has the highest possible color grade of fancy vivid blue. Lau renamed it "The Blue Moon of Josephine" and christened the pink diamond "Sweet Josephine."

Last year he bought pieces of jewelry for another daughter, 13-year-old Zoe: the 9.75-carat "Zoe Diamond" for \$32.6 million at Sotheby's New York, and the "Zoe Red" ruby for HK\$65 million at Christie's Hong Kong.

Not all headline news about Lau has been good. In March 2014 he stepped down as chairman of Chinese Estates after he was convicted in Macau for bribery and money laundering in connection with land secured for a luxury housing project. Lau, who did not attend the trial, was sentenced to five years and three months in prison. As Hong Kong and Macau do not have an extradition treaty, he remains free. **Bloomberg**

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FIRST 'TAIWAN MUSIC SERIES' KICKS OFF AT STUDIO CITY EVENT CENTER



The three-concert Taiwan Music Series presented by Studio City kicked off Saturday night with performances by heartthrob Show Lo, together with rising star Calvin Chen

and Taiwanese sweetheart Amber An.

Long-time musical personality Show Lo said: "It is truly thrilling to perform at this amazing world-class venue and to

kick off this exclusive 'Taiwan Music Series' produced by legendary Taiwan showman, Chen Cheng Chuang, and his acclaimed production team. It was fabulous to see so many of my fans simply blown away by the music extravaganza I was able to deliver through the state-of-the-art acoustics and luxurious environment of this spectacular Studio City Event Center."

The 'Taiwan Music Series' is slated for three consecutive weekends from 14 to 28 November 2015. JJ Lin and A-Lin will take the stage jointly for the second performance of the series on November 21, while the finale on November 28 will spotlight "Supernova Diva", Hebe Tien.

SPA INDULGENCE AT MANDARIN ORIENTAL



Mandarin Oriental, Macau is promoting its Spa Indulgence package, a spa escape that offers a suite stay and a spa gift.

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a choice of 80-minute body massage for two at The Spa at Mandarin Oriental, and a five-piece set of Mandarin Oriental Spa fragrance oil.

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listic approach to treatments where therapists adopt both ancient and contemporary techniques and use custom-blended essential oils.

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Chinese national slightly injured in Paris attacks: embassy

A Chinese national was slightly injured in the Paris attacks Friday night, the Chinese Embassy in France confirmed yesterday to Xinhua. After verification with the French authorities, "we confirmed there is a Chinese national slightly injured (during Paris attacks)," it said in a statement. Chinese Embassy staff also visited the young woman at hospital and reported that she was already in recovery after receiving treatment. The embassy won't disclose other details in accordance with her wishes. French authorities on Saturday night put the provisional death toll of the attacks at 129. A total of 352 others were injured, with at least 99 of them in very critical situations.

21 bodies found after landslide hits Zhejiang village

The death toll from a landslide that buried homes in eastern China has risen to 21 people with 16 others still missing, a local government said yesterday. A torrent of mud and rocks unleashed by heavy rains buried nearly 30 homes in a village in Zhejiang province on Friday night. Four people were confirmed dead soon after the landslide. The Lishui city government, which administers Lidong village, where the landslide happened, said that 21 bodies had been found as well as one survivor, who was in stable condition.

2 inmates get death for killing guard in jailbreak

Two Chinese prisoners were sentenced to death on Friday, and another to life in jail for killing a guard and then fleeing from a prison in police uniform last year, a court official said. Gao Yulun, Wang Damin and Li Haiwei were convicted on charges of murder and breaking out of jail in Yanshou county in the northeastern province of Heilongjiang, said Suo Hang, a press officer for the Intermediate Court in the provincial capital of Harbin. Gao was already on death row when he fled the jail in September 2014, while Wang and Li were awaiting verdicts on assault charges. Gao and Wang were sentenced to death for the murder and rare jailbreak, which made national headlines in China when police launched a massive manhunt for the trio. Gao had been on the run for 10 days when police caught him at a relative's home, where he sought food, according to media reports.



Taiwan's ruling Nationalist Party chairman and presidential candidate in the 2016 elections, Eric Chu

TAIWAN

In US, presidency candidate criticizes rival on mainland relations

Matthew Pennington, Washington

The ruling party candidate in Taiwan's upcoming presidential election hinted Friday that there's an increased risk of war with China if his main opponent wins.

Eric Chu's remarks in a Washington Times commentary, which angered the opposition, came as he made an otherwise low-profile U.S. visit ahead of the January election. He met senior U.S. officials Thursday.

"Any declaration by Taiwan to separate itself legally and permanently from China will be viewed by China as a violation of Chinese territorial integrity, hence incurring war," Chu wrote.

He is the candidate for the ruling Nationalist Party, which has forged economic agreements with mainland China, easing tensions across the Taiwan Strait. That culminated in a historic meeting last weekend between current president of the self-governing island, Ma Ying-jeou, and the president of the

mainland, Xi Jinping.

But Ma's rapprochement with Beijing has gotten a mixed reception in Taiwan, and Chu is badly trailing in the polls to Tsai Ing-wen, whose opposition party has traditionally advocated for independence.

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Her Democratic Progressive Party, or DPP, has moderated its stance, and when Tsai visited Washington in June, she said she wanted to maintain

the status quo in Taiwan-China relations. But she still refuses to endorse the principle of there being only one China. Beijing has claimed sovereignty over Taiwan since the Chinese civil war of the 1940s.

Chu said that the DPP was offering the policy goal of maintaining the "status quo" that had been by Ma, but was "shirking the responsibility of providing a workable formula" to achieve it, according to a copy of his prepared remarks for a private appearance at a Washington think tank Friday.

The DPP quickly accused Chu of diplomatic impropriety and distorting its policy position.

"Mr. Chu would be well advised to follow professional diplomatic policy, standard for any serious politician, to not bring domestic differences over foreign policy beyond one's country's shores. Perhaps Mr. Chu is not ready for prime time yet," said Michael Fonte, director of the DPP mission in Washington.

The U.S. has welcomed improved cross-Straits relations, but is being careful not to take sides in the Taiwan elections. The U.S. recognizes Beijing as the government of China but retains robust unofficial relations with Taipei and has legal commitments to help Taiwan maintain the ability to defend itself.

Visits to Washington by Taiwanese officials and politicians are diplomatically sensitive. Daniel Russel, the top U.S. diplomat for East Asia, who met with Chu, said that both presidential candidates had been granted the same level of access. He said discussions focused on policy, including on how stability across the Taiwan Strait can be sustained.

"We don't play favorites," he told reporters. "It's for the voters on Taiwan to decide who their favorite is."

Unlike Tsai, Chu has had not made a public policy address in Washington. In brief comments to reporters Friday, he stressed the importance of U.S.-Taiwan relations. **AP**

David Tweed

SOUTH CHINA SEA

Beijing spooks neighbors with lighthouses

LIGHTHOUSES have for centuries guided the world's seafarers, preventing ships from striking rocks and reefs and helping fishermen find their way home. In the disputed South China Sea, they may be taking on a darker role.

China's program to build beacons on reclaimed reefs it occupies in the waters - through which about 30 percent of global trade passes - is spooking other claimant countries concerned it will use them as political tools. Having lighthouses perched on top of the reefs, ostensibly to help navigation in the waters, could boost China's argument for sovereignty.

The country is expediting construction, having built two lighthouses in the Paracel islands and two in the Spratly archipelago as of October. They are part of an array of civilian facilities that China says will serve the public good by providing bases for search and rescue operations and meteorological information.

There's potentially another motivation: So that China can promote the idea that the reefs it occupies have enough infrastructure - and height - to be regarded as islands, albeit artificial ones. It has indicated this entitles it to a 12-nautical mile territorial zone in the surrounding waters, something recently challenged by a U.S. warship that came within that range of one reef.

"Building facilities on any features for which the sovereignty is disputed, and you are building a case toward administrative control, which can make quite a difference in international legal proceedings," said Alexander Sullivan, an associate fellow at the Center for a New American Security in Washington. "Doing things like building lighthouses as opposed to runways or barracks allows them to make the argument they are providing public goods."

China claims more than 80 percent of the South China Sea based on a nine-dash line drawn on a 1940s map lodged informally with the United Nations in 2009. The map covers around 2 million square kilometers of maritime space equal to about 22 percent of China's land area, according to a U.S. State Department estimate. It also overlaps claims from Vietnam, the Philippines, Taiwan, Brunei and Malaysia.

In the past year China has alarmed some neighbors with a dredging program that has dumped millions of tons of sand and coral onto seven features in the Spratlys, creating at least 2,900 acres of land - more than three times the size of New York's Central Park - on the features, some of which were previously submerged at high tide. Under the United Nations Convention



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on the Law of the Sea these are known as "low-tide elevations" that don't warrant a 12-mile territorial zone.

The U.S. last month sailed the USS Lassen within 12 nautical miles of Subi Reef, an artificial island created by Chinese engineers on a low-tide elevation. China's foreign ministry protested the patrol, saying it passed in waters "near" its territory and "threatened" its sovereignty.

Two B-52 bombers flew "a routine mission" this week near the Spratly islands, according to Pentagon spokesman Bill Urban. The planes, which didn't pass through the territorial zones around the reclaimed reefs, received verbal warnings from Chinese ground controllers and continued their operation in accordance with international law,

he said.

"China is aware of the situation," Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei said at a briefing. China "resolutely opposes any country, in the name of freedom of navigation and flight, violating international law and undermining China's sovereignty and security interests."

China earlier this year mounted a diplomatic campaign contending that the construction blitz, while partly for military purposes, was mainly to improve the living and working conditions of personnel stationed there, as well as better performing its "international responsibilities" by building civilian facilities that neighbors could use.

A recent decision by the Permanent Court of Arbitration that it has jurisdiction to hear Philippine complaints about China's claims in the South China Sea may have implications for China's approach.

Sullivan said the tribunal may determine that the most expansive version of China's nine-dash line assertion is illegitimate, raising the possibility it withdraws the map and resubmits separate claims for maritime features and the entitlements that go with them. That's a big if, though, given how much President Xi Jinping has embedded the nine-dash line into China's psyche of a resurgent regional power.

When China announced in October that it had completed two lighthouses on two Spratly

features - Cuarteron Reef and Johnson Reef - it sparked an angry response from the Philippines. "These actions are obviously intended to change the actual conditions on the ground and aimed at bolstering China's territorial claim in the South China Sea," foreign affairs department spokesman Charles Jose said. "We will not accept these unilateral actions as a fait accompli."

China's construction work was an "unwarranted provocation," Malaysia's Armed Forces chief Zulkefli Mohd Zin said at a security conference in Beijing last month.

"China has pledged to make these facilities available to all ships, and so this very much plays into that idea that they are just proving a public service to the international maritime community," said James Kraska, research director at the Stockton Center for the Study of International Law at the U.S. Naval

War College. "The lighthouses, along with all of the other infrastructure they are putting on these features, at least in China's mind, will buttress their claims."

Vietnam is also sensitive to China's construction program in the Paracel islands, occupied by China since 1974. Two lighthouses were completed in the islands, known as Xisha in Chinese, official news agency Xinhua reported Oct. 22.

Vietnam Foreign ministry spokesman Le Hai Binh said the building on the Paracels infringes Vietnam's sovereignty, "increases tension, and seriously threatens regional peace and stability."

"China is using the lighthouses to support their claim that the Paracels belong to China," said Ha Hoang Hop, visiting senior fellow at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore. "That is the problem." **Bloomberg**

FOREIGN MINISTRY SAYS IT RESPECTS NAVIGATION FREEDOM

CHINA SAID Friday it respects freedom of navigation and overflight in the South China Sea despite reports its ground controllers issued warnings to U.S. strategic bombers flying over the area last week. Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei said Friday that China opposed flights that used such freedoms as mere legal cover, strongly implying that Beijing

considered the flights by the B-52 bombers last Sunday and Monday as an excuse to challenge China's territorial claims in the South China Sea. China "firmly opposes violating international law and undermining China's sovereignty and security interests under the pretext of navigation and overflight freedom," Hong told reporters at a regular news conference.

MYANMAR

Junta says transition of power will be smooth



Myanmar President Thein Sein attends a meeting with representatives of political parties in Yangon

Esther Htusan, Yangon

MYANMAR'S president vowed yesterday to abide by the law to ensure a smooth transition to a new government next year, after his ruling party was trounced in the Nov. 8 general election.

President Thein Sein, whose Union Solidarity and Development Party lost by a landsli-

de to the National League for Democracy of Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, spoke at a meeting with the leaders of more than 70 political parties to discuss the period before power is handed over early next year when the new Parliament is seated.

"We have successfully held the crucial election (leading) from the current transition period toward the transfor-

mation of our country," Thein Sein, an ex-general, said, referring to his leadership of the first elected government after almost five decades of military rule. His party, however, was generally seen as being under the sway of the army.

Thein Sein won praise from some of the leaders for his government's holding a transparent, free and fair election, and accepting the results with grace.

Others, however, highlighted the problem of fighting between the army and ethnic rebel groups seeking greater autonomy, and urged his government to stop its offensives. The Shan ethnic minority in the northeast says the army has recently stepped up attacks against them.

"We want the president to kindly stop the offensive war that is happening in Shan state and let the displaced people go back to their homes," said Sai Tun Aung, vice chairman of the Shan National League for Democracy.

Eight ethnic armed groups recently signed a nationwide cease-fire agreement with the government, and political parties will participate in the drafting of a framework for a political dialogue for a permanent solution to those groups' demands. The dialogue is due to start by mid-January.

The outgoing Parliament, meanwhile, will convene another session today and, despite the lame duck status of its members, debate legislation including the next national budget. **AP**

INDIA

Modi meets queen, rallies fans on UK trip

Jill Lawless, London

INDIAN Prime Minister Narendra Modi lunched with Queen Elizabeth II and rallied thousands of cheering supporters on the second day of his high-profile official visit to Britain, as royal officials announced Prince William and his wife Kate will visit India next year.

Modi arrived at Buckingham Palace for lunch Friday in a Jaguar, the iconic British car brand owned by India's Tata Motors — a symbol of the close relationship between India and its former colonial ruler.

Later, Modi was greeted as a celebrity by tens of thousands of supporters waving Indian flags and Union Jacks during a high-energy rally at London's Wembley Stadium — more usually home to rock concerts and England's national soccer team.

He was introduced onstage by Prime Minister David Cameron, who has often been by Modi's side on the trip, a sign of how important Britain considers the visit.

The crowd cheered when Cameron said, "it won't be long before there's a British Indian prime minister in Downing Street."

Modi's ambitious plans to modernize India and his pro-business agenda have won him many fans among the 1.5 million people of Indian origin in Britain.

"In a country that has suffered a lot because of corruption and misadministration, Modi is regarded as someone who is a clean politician and is somebody who delivers," said Manoj Ladwa of the Europe India Forum, which organized the Wembley rally.

But the Hindu nationalist politician has also been met by protests from Sikhs, Muslims, human rights groups and others who accuse him of failing to stop growing religious intolerance and violence in India.

Britain and India have announced major business deals and cultural exchanges during Modi's trip, which ended Saturday, including an Indian tour for historic British texts such as the Magna Carta and the opening of a Madame Tussauds wax museum in New Delhi.

And on Friday William and Kate's Kensington Palace office said the royal couple would make their first visit to India in spring 2016. **AP**

CAMBODIA

Court orders arrest of opposition leader Sam Rainsy

Sopheng Cheang, Phnom Penh

ACambodian court yesterday ordered the arrest of opposition leader Sam Rainsy in connection with a 7-year-old defamation case, and his party accused Prime Minister Hun Sen of being behind the move to gain the upper hand in their ongoing political fight.

It is not clear if Rainsy will actually be arrested since he has parliamentary immunity due to his status as a lawmaker. He is currently on a trip to Japan and South Korea and is scheduled to return Nov. 16.

Rainsy was ordered to be arrested in connection with a defamation and incitement case brought by Foreign Minister Hor Namhong in 2008. In a speech, Rainsy had accused Namhong of colluding with the Khmer Rouge while being held as a prisoner by the radical group.

The Phnom Penh municipal court convicted Rainsy and sentenced him to two years in jail. Rainsy appealed but lost in 2013. The conviction was never enforced and he continued to live freely in Cambodia, serving as the leader of his

party in Parliament.

According to Friday's arrest warrant, Namhong's lawyer, Kar Savuth, requested that the verdict be enforced. In issuing the warrant, the court ordered "all public forces to search for and arrest" Rainsy.

The timing of the arrest warrant raised questions about a possible political motivation given that Rainsy has been engaged in a war of words with Hun Sen. On Thursday, Hun Sen called Rainsy the "son of a traitor" after the opposition leader said in Tokyo that Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi's electoral victory foreshadowed the downfall of Hun Sen.

"I cannot keep calm because of this insult by the son of a traitor," Hun Sen wrote on his Facebook page.

Opposition lawmaker Eng Chhay Eang said the arrest warrant is a "new threat" from Hun Sen and is aimed at forcing Sam Rainsy out of the country to leave the party leaderless ahead of 2017 village elections and 2018 national elections.

"This a politically motivated warrant.



In this Aug. 16 file photo, Sam Rainsy, center, leader of the opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP), talks to journalists upon his arrival in Phnom Penh

It is not about exercising the court's verdict because Sam Rainsy has been living freely (in Cambodia) for nearly three years," he said.

He questioned why the verdict was not enforced when Rainsy first returned to Cambodia in 2013 after nearly five years in self-imposed exile. **AP**

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Paris' Charlie Hebdo-prompted alert does little to defend city

World reaction: Condolences and condemnation



Police forces on patrol pass under the closed Eiffel Tower in Paris

Gregory Viscusi
and Francois De Beauvry

The gunmen who mowed people down in cafes in central Paris and at a packed theater in the French capital on Friday were acting in a city on high alert since terrorists attacked satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo and a Jewish supermarket in January.

That did nothing to stop them.

According to eyewitnesses, the men with machine guns walked down streets crowded with Friday revelers with aplomb to carry out the worst terror attack in over a decade in a Western country. Their action shows the challenge of providing foolproof security in a city of 2.2 million people with a bar or a restaurant dotting practically every corner, said Louis Caprioli, the ex-head of DST, France's former anti-terrorism unit, and now an adviser to Paris-based security consultants Groupe GEOS.

"It's precisely because sensitive sites have been protected by security forces since January that the terrorists attacked all of France," Caprioli said in a telephone interview. "These people knew our habits.

They knew these streets would be busy on a Friday night. There is no way to provide total protection."

The Friday carnage left at least 127 dead and more than 200 wounded in near-simultaneous assaults on cafes, a soccer match and a concert hall. The attacks were carried out by "a terrorist army," French President Francois Hollande said in an address to the nation. It's the deadliest such act since the 2004 bombings at train stations in Madrid that killed 191.

Francois Hollande blamed Islamic State for what he said was an 'act of war'

"Though shocking, the attacks are not completely surprising," risk analysts Stratfor said in a note to clients. "Multiple individuals from France and other European countries have traveled to Syria to join extremist groups there. As the Charlie Hebdo

attacks have also demonstrated, there is a persistent risk of terrorist attacks within Europe."

That said, Hollande's government may draw criticism for what some analysts see as a failure of security.

"This kind of attack is an intelligence failure," said Rohan Gunaratna, head of the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research in Singapore. France was "aware of the threat but did not anticipate an attack of this scale."

After 17 people were murdered at Charlie Hebdo magazine and a kosher supermarket in January, the French government mobilized 7,000 soldiers to protect sites such as government buildings and synagogues. It hired more police and voted in laws giving it greater surveillance powers.

Hollande, who Saturday blamed Islamic State for what he said was an "act of war," pledged that security will be further tightened with more soldiers patrolling the streets of Paris.

There are 571 French residents associated with radical Islamic Groups in Syria now and 141 have died there, Interior Minis-

ter Bernard Cazeneuve said Nov. 12. Another 370 have been arrested upon their return and 11,000 people are being followed, he said.

After the Friday attacks, France is deploying 1,000 additional soldiers to patrol streets in the Paris region, reinforcing the 30,000 police and military who have been protecting sensitive sites in recent months. Another 230 soldiers have been put at the disposal of local authorities.

While armed soldiers in the metro have become a standard sight for Parisians, they can't be everywhere. France has 35,000 cafes according to state statistical institute Insee. Paris alone has about 13,000 restaurants according to the Paris Commercial Court. Visitors spent 22 million hotel nights in Paris in 2014. The Paris metro has an average of 5 million rides a day.

"It's very difficult to secure a city," said Raffaello Pantucci, Director of International Security Studies at Royal United Services Institute in London. "It's access to weaponry which would make this less heinous."

Illegal guns circulate freely in the tough neighborhoods that surround many French cities, even if civilians in France aren't allowed to possess military-style weapons unless they are a certified collector, and permits and background checks are required for hunting rifles and handguns. An AK-47 can be bought for 1,000 euros (USD1,100) on the black market, according to police unions. Police seized 5,300 guns in 2014 of which 175 were "war weapons," according to the Interior Ministry.

"Weapons are circulating very easily," former French anti-terror prosecutor Jean-Louis Bruguiere said on BFM TV.

Thibault de Montbrial, a French lawyer, said France needs to loosen some of its gun laws.

"Civil servants who are authorized to carry weapons should be allowed to do so off-duty," he said on BFM TV. "That wouldn't cost a euro. We could have had people able to fire back in restaurants, concert rooms, in stations and shopping malls." **Bloomberg**

WORLD leaders are reacting to the deadliest violence to strike France since World War II. Some of their comments:

WHITE HOUSE

The White House says it has no information to contradict the French government's assessment that the Islamic State carried out the Paris attacks. Obama earlier called the attacks on Paris "outrageous attempt to terrorize innocent civilians" and vowed to do whatever it takes to help bring the perpetrators to justice. Speaking to reporters at the White House, Obama called the attacks a "heartbreaking situation" and an "attack on all of humanity."

GERMAN CHANCELLOR AND PRESIDENT

German Chancellor Angela Merkel pledged to work closely with the French government to help hunt for the culprits involved in the attacks and their backers. "This attack on freedom was aimed not just at Paris, it targeted and it hits all of us. That is why we must all respond together," said Merkel, dressed in black, her voice faltering. "We, your German friends, feel very close to you. We cry with you," she said. "We will lead this fight together with you against those who did such unimaginable things to you."

CHINESE PRESIDENT

Chinese President Xi Jinping issued a statement addressed to French President Francois Hollande expressing solidarity with the French people and condolences for the victims of Friday's attack. "At the sorrowful moment of the French people, I, on behalf of the Chinese government and the Chinese people, and personally, condemn in the strongest terms the barbaric acts," Xi said.

POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis said he was "moved and saddened" by the attacks in Paris but confessed that "I don't understand these things. They are difficult to understand, carried out by human beings." The pope, speaking in a heavy and measured voice, made the comments in a phone call broadcast on the Italian Bishop's Conference TG2000 on Saturday. Asked if there can be a religious justification for such attacks, Francis responded: "Religious and human. This is not human."

UNITED NATIONS

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon is condemning "the despicable terrorist attacks" in Paris. U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric says Ban "trusts that the French authorities will do all in their power to bring the perpetrators to justice quickly." The U.N. Security Council also condemned "the barbaric and cowardly terrorist attacks," and underlined the need to bring the perpetrators of "these terrorist acts to justice."



A man holds up a sign which reads, "Je Suis Paris" ("I Am Paris") during a rally of solidarity outside the Consulate of France in Montreal, Canada

AP PHOTO



The Brandenburg Gate is illuminated in the French national colors in Berlin



The National Gallery in London is lit up in solidarity with France



A couple look at the sails of the Sydney Opera House that are lit in the colors of the French flag



People participate in a candlelight vigil near the Washington Square Arch in New York



The Christ the Redeemer statue is lit with the colors of France's flag, in Rio de Janeiro

France mourns, seeks clues to those behind deadly attacks

Angela Charlton and Jamey Keaten, Paris

THOUSANDS of French troops deployed around Paris yesterday and tourist sites stood shuttered in one of the most visited cities on Earth while investigators questioned the relatives of a suspected suicide bomber involved in the country's deadliest violence since World War II.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for Friday's attacks on a stadium, a concert hall and Paris cafes that left 129 people dead and over 350 wounded, 99 of them seriously.

The attack had global impact. Security was heightened across France, across Europe's normally open borders, even across the ocean to New York, and how to respond to the Paris attacks became a key point among U.S. Democratic presidential hopefuls at a debate Saturday night.

Countries around the world doused their national buildings in the French colors of blue, white and red to honor the victims — or, like the Eiffel Tower and New York's Empire State Building, went dark to express their sorrow.

Paris prosecutor Francois Molins said three groups of attackers, including seven suicide bombers wearing identical vests containing the explosive TATP, carried out the attacks that began as Parisians enjoyed a night out Friday.

The tentacles of the investiga-

tion reach well beyond France. The attackers mentioned Syria and Iraq, the Paris prosecutor said. Authorities in Belgium arrested three people in raids linked to the Paris attacks. A Syrian passport found next to the body of a man who attacked France's national stadium appeared to suggest he passed through Greece into the European Union last month.

Details about one attacker began to emerge: 29-year-old Frenchman Ismael Mostefai, identified from a finger found amid the carnage

With 3,000 extra troops being mobilized to protect Paris, French authorities labored yesterday to identify the suicide bombers and hunt potential accomplices still at large. French authorities are particularly concerned about the threat from hundreds of French Islamic radicals known to have spent time in Syria.

Details about one attacker

began to emerge: 29-year-old Frenchman Ismael Mostefai, who had a record of petty crime and had been flagged in 2010 for ties to Islamic radicalism. He was identified from fingerprints found on a finger amid the bloody carnage from a Paris concert hall, the Paris prosecutor said. A judicial official and lawmaker Jean-Pierre Gorges confirmed his identity.

Police detained his father, brother and other relatives Saturday night, and they were still being questioned yesterday, the judicial official said, on condition of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing.

Officials in Greece, meanwhile, said the passport's owner entered Oct. 3 through Leros, one of the eastern Aegean islands that tens of thousands of people fleeing war and poverty have been using as a gateway into Europe.

Belgian authorities raided a Brussels neighborhood and arrested three people near its border with France after a car with Belgian license plates was seen close to Paris' Bataclan theater, where at least 89 people died in a hailstorm of bullets.

A French judicial official says a Seat car with suspected links to gun attacks on Paris bars and restaurants was found by police in Montreuil, a suburb 6 kilometers east of the French capital. The official spoke Sunday on condition of anonymity because she was not publicly authorized to speak.

In a statement claiming responsibility, the Islamic State

group called Paris "the capital of prostitution and obscenity" and mocked France's air attacks on suspected IS targets in Syria and Iraq.

French President Francois Hollande vowed that France would wage "merciless" war on the Islamic State group and declared three days of national mourning that began yesterday. He raised the nation's security to its highest level and banned all public demonstrations until Thursday.

The president said France, already bombing Islamic State targets in a U.S.-led coalition, would increase its military efforts to crush IS.

Struggling to keep his country calm and united after an exceptionally violent year, Hollande was meeting yesterday with opposition leaders — conservative rival and former President Nicolas Sarkozy as well as increasingly popular far-right leader Marine Le Pen, who has used the attacks on Paris to advance her anti-immigrant agenda.

The entire nation was enveloped in mourning. Flags were lowered and Notre Dame Cathedral — closed to tourists like many Paris sites — planned a special church service yesterday for families of the victims. Well-wishers heaped flowers and notes on a monument to the dead in the neighborhood where teams of attackers sprayed gunfire on cafe diners and concert-goers.

Parisian Quentin Bongard said he left one of the targeted cafes after a fight with his girl-

friend just moments before the attacks.

"Those are all places that I go often to," he said, still shaken with emotion. "We just want to come here, bring flowers, because we don't want to be terrorized ... but it is frightening."

Yet even in their grief, residents were defiant about the lifestyle that has made their city a world treasure. Olivier Bas was among several hundred who gathered late Saturday at the site of the Bataclan concert hall massacre. Although Paris was quiet and jittery, Bas intended to go out for a drink — "to show that they won't win."

The Islamic State group has claimed responsibility for several recent attacks. On Thursday, twin suicide bombings in Beirut killed at least 43 people and wounded more than 200, and 26 people died Friday in Baghdad in a suicide blast and a roadside bombing that targeted Shiites. The militant group also said it bombed a Russian plane that crashed in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula on Oct. 31, killing 224 people.

French Muslim groups firmly denounced all the attacks. Some are concerned about a backlash against France's overwhelmingly moderate Muslim community.

Elsewhere in Europe, refugees fleeing to the continent by the tens of thousands feared that the Paris attacks will prompt EU nations to throw up even more border fences and other obstacles to their quest to start a new life.

"This is the same act of terrorism like they act in Syria or Iraq," said Zebar Akram, a 29-year-old Iraqi refugee trudging through Slovenia, said of the IS attacks on Paris.

Refugees now "will be considered as probable attackers," said Abdul Selam, a 31-year-old from Syria. **AP**

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Offbeat

POLICE STOP GOOGLE SELF-DRIVING
CAR FOR GOING TOO SLOWLY

A car built by Google that drives itself around city streets had a brush with the law for driving too slowly.

A police officer in the tech giant's Silicon Valley hometown pulled over the prototype car Thursday because it was going a traffic-tying 24 mph in a 35 mph zone.

The officer spoke with the person in the driver's seat but issued no citation, according to the Mountain View Police Department. Though the car was driving itself, state law requires a person to be able to intervene when the technology is tested on public roads.

The officer wanted to "learn more about how the car was choosing speeds along certain roadways and to educate the operators about impeding traffic," according to a department blog post.

The bubble-shaped prototype has two seats. Its top speed is 25 mph.

"Driving too slowly? Bet humans don't get pulled over for that too often," Google's self-driving car project wrote in a blog post. It said the cars — outfitted with high-tech sensors and computing power — have never received a ticket.

Other self-driving cars that Google has been testing on California roads and highways were involved in 17 minor collisions since May 2010, according to the company. Google has said all the collisions were minor, were not caused by its cars, and happened over 2.2 million miles of testing, including nearly 1.3 million miles in self-driving mode.

Representatives of Google's self-driving car project have said that in recent months they've been trying to program the vehicles to drive less like robots and more like people — in part to reduce the number of times they are hit by other drivers expecting certain driving behavior.

Mountain View police say they regularly meet with the tech giant to make sure the vehicles are operating safely.

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RETURN OF THE CUCKOO_

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Duration: 86min



007 - SPECTRE_

ROOM 2

2.00, 4.45, 9.30 pm

Director: Sam Mendes

Starring: Daniel Craig, Christoph Waltz, Léa Seydoux

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 148min

SHE REMEMBERS, HE FORGETS_

ROOM 2

7.30 pm

Director: Wong Say Ping

Starring: Miriam Yeung, Jan Lamb

Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 110min

OUR TIMES_

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4.15, 7.00 pm

Director: Ding Sheng

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

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Duration: 134min

GO AWAY MR. TUMOR_

ROOM 3

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Director: Hang Yan

Starring: Fay Bai, Daniel Wu

Language: Mandarin (Cantonese and English)

Duration: 86min

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007 - SPECTRE_

2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm

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Starring: Daniel Craig, Christoph Waltz, Léa Seydoux

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 148min

this day in history

1983 ENGLAND FANS RAMPAGE
IN LUXEMBOURG

More than 20 English football supporters have been arrested in Luxembourg after a night of violence. The fans are being held for drunkenness, fighting and stealing after England was knocked out of the European Championship in spite of beating Luxembourg.

Denmark's victory over Greece earlier on Wednesday meant England finished second in their group and do not qualify for the finals next year.

The fans were not placated by a 4-0 win over Luxembourg and trouble started inside the stadium during which two police officers were badly hurt.

Afterwards England supporters raced through the city centre overturning cars and smashing shop windows.

About 500 police officers and 150 soldiers were on duty in an attempt to head off trouble.

They were hoping to prevent a repeat of violent disturbances in 1977 when England fans also ran riot.

But the omens had not been good with trouble flaring before many of the 2,000 fans even reached their destination.

On Tuesday about 20 English men beat up a railway employee in Belgium and four police officers needed hospital treatment after fighting broke out among drunken fans who got off a ferry in Ostend.

At the height of Wednesday night's violence riot police from neighbouring West Germany had to be drafted in to help the over-stretched Luxembourg forces.

Weapons seized included axes and aerosol cans filled with tear gas.

Many England supporters spent the night on the streets because local hotels refused to take them in.

Finally they were herded to the railway station by the security forces where a train, brought forward by five hours, was waiting to take them to the ferry port in Ostend, Belgium.

Those arrested are being kept in custody overnight and are expected to appear in court tomorrow.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

A total of 50 fans were arrested - 13 received prison sentences of up to four months and fines of up to £250. Luxembourg's minister of sport said the country would never again host a match involving England.

The trouble further sullied the reputation of England football supporters infamous for rioting across Europe.

In England, courts imposed tougher sentences and football clubs also started to clamp down on violent supporters, sometimes banning them from their grounds.

But numerous attempts by clubs and successive governments have failed to totally eradicate the problem.

However, the good behaviour of England's fans during the World Cup in South Korea and Japan in 2002 went some way to repairing their reputation abroad.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Communication is important today - but keep it short and sweet. At least one colleague or family member starts to derail the conversation with digressions and distractions, but you can politely keep them on track.

Taurus April 20-May 20 Focus on today as much as possible - long-term thinking is best put off for a few more days. You may have an emergent problem to deal with, or maybe you just need to learn more before making plans.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 You are in motion today, which is just how you want it. Even your down-time probably involves web surfing or other forms of active entertainment in which you seek out new opportunities.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 You need to deal with a few extra elements you hadn't counted on when handling big projects today - but you can do it! It may be time to call in that favor from a friend or colleague, though.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 You're torn between two equally appealing options - which is a pretty good problem to have! Unfortunately, one key player wants you to hurry up and make up your mind, so get on it.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You can't let your heart make decisions today - it's all about your head and the left-brain logic that sometimes gets you in trouble. Right now, that's your best bet for getting ahead, so go for it!

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 You need to try new things today - even if you'd rather poke around in the garden or just watch that same movie for the hundredth time. Fortunately, your positive mental energy is on the job.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 You can't stop thinking about some weird little detail that seems to be popping out from a spreadsheet or presentation. It's worth following up on, so make sure that you look into it carefully.

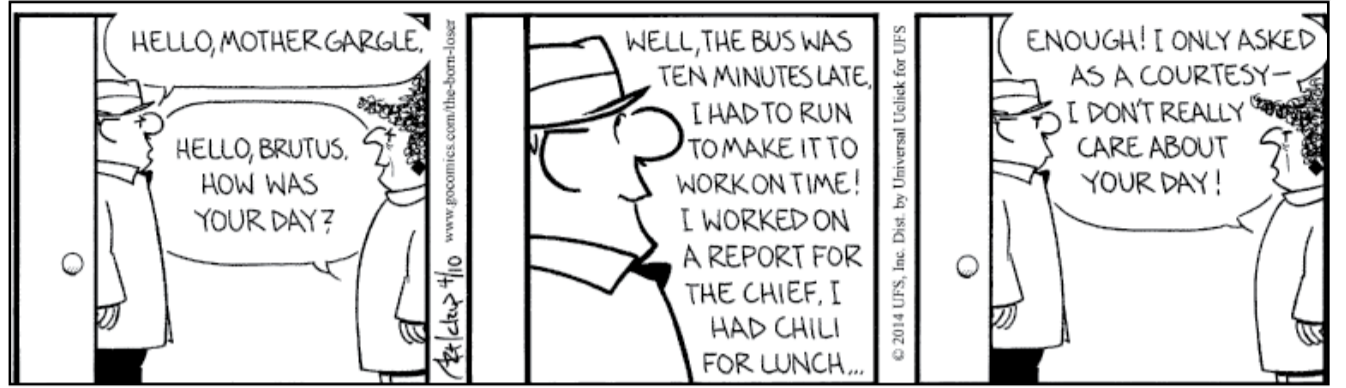
Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You are thinking hard about things, but you're not really sure what you need to do next. See if you can get your people to offer up ideas, but don't expect much depth to come until time has passed.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Today is all about communication, and even your quiet wisdom is much in demand now. Make sure that you're available for those who need you, and then check out what needs to happen next to make it all work.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Something small but meaningful could spark a new romance today - if you're looking for one, that is! You may find that a stray comment about your favorite author or politician leads to something big.

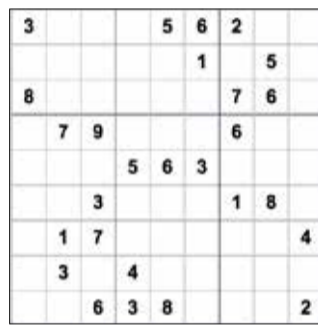
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THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom

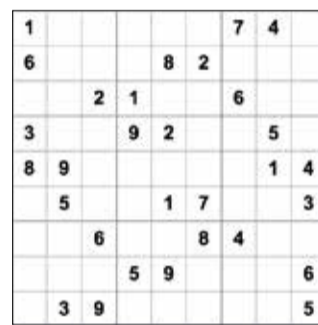


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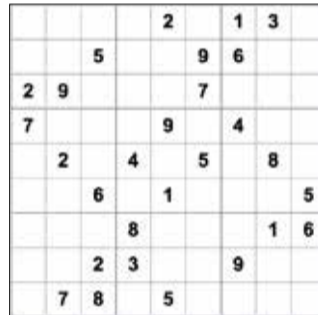
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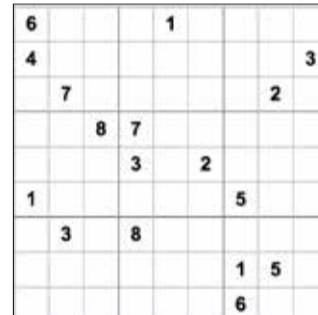
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WORLD

Table listing weather conditions for various world cities: Moscow, Frankfurt, Paris, London, New York.

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Broberg wins BMW Masters title in playoff over Reed

KRISTOFFER Broberg wasn't happy with his putting last week when he was practicing at home in Sweden, so he made an abrupt change. He looked in his coach's wife's bag and decided to give her putter a try.

Yesterday, Broberg made the biggest putt of his career to beat Patrick Reed in a playoff to win the BMW Masters for his first European Tour title.

Broberg and Reed both finished regulation play at 17-under 271 after an afternoon of fine shot-making and dramatic momentum shifts that saw five players briefly share the lead on the back nine. In the playoff, the Swede hit his tee shot straight down the fairway for an easy approach to the pin and a 15-foot birdie putt for victory.

"Last week, in my coach's studio in Sweden, I was putting indoors and was like I'm not putting good, so I just look in my coach's wife's bag," he said. "So I just tried (her putter) and the stroke was much, much better and the technique, so I just keep it. And it was pretty good."

Broberg certainly made the putts when it mattered yesterday, while his rivals came up just short.

Reed surged into a share of the lead with the shot of the day — a stunning eagle from the bunker on the par-5 15th — and then birdied the 16th hole to move one stroke clear of Broberg. But he faltered on his next hole, missing a 4-foot par putt that caught the edge of the hole and curled away.

Two other title contenders, Thailand's Thongchai Jaidee and South Korea's An Byeong-hun, also barely missed birdie putts on the 18th green in regulation to get into the playoff.

For Broberg, the victory comes at just the right moment. He'd had three runner-up finishes on the European Tour over the past three years and was starting to doubt whether he'd ever get a



Kristoffer Broberg

I didn't trust myself. A few weeks ago, I was just like, 'I'll never win here.' I was just so down.

KRISTOFFER BROBERG

breakthrough win.

Now he not only has a maiden title, he's captured one of the four big-money tournaments in the European Tour's Final Series and beaten some of the biggest names on the tour to do it, including Reed, Justin Rose, Sergio Garcia and Henrik Stenson.

"I didn't trust myself. A few weeks ago, I was just like, 'I'll never win here.' I was just so down," said the Swede, who shot a 68 yesterday. "This field is really good, so I'm just happy to beat all of them."

Reed, meanwhile, was searching for answers after yet another disappoint-

ment on the final day of a tournament. The 2014 Cadillac Championship winner has five top-10 finishes in his last seven tournaments, but hasn't come up with a trophy.

"All you can ask for is to have a chance come down late on Sunday and I've put myself in that position quite a bit recently and unfortunately haven't gotten in the winner's circle," said the American, who shot a final-round 67. "It hurts, but at the same time, I know what I'm working on right now is definitely the right thing because I'm moving in the right direction. Just have to close one out."

Thongchai (71) and An (70) finished in a share of third place with Stenson (68), who had five birdies in six holes on the back nine to move into contention, and Lucas Bjerregaard (70), who let an early two-stroke lead slip away.

Rose (67) and Paul Casey (69) were another stroke back in joint-seventh, while Garcia, who briefly had a share of the lead after holing a 25-foot eagle putt on the par-5 13th hole, slumped to equal-11th after carding a bogey and double bogey on his final two holes.

Play was halted briefly during the final round to observe a moment of silence for the victims of Friday's terrorist attacks in Paris.

At noon, tournament officials blew the horns on the course, normally used to halt play due to inclement weather, and all the players took off their hats and bowed their heads for a minute of silence. Many also wore black ribbons on their caps.

"You realize there's so much things more important than golf, for sure," said France's Benjamin Hebert, who wore a white hat with the words "Pray for Paris" written on it. "You wake up in the morning and you see that on Internet and TV and it's just wow, it's happened already this year, and you just don't understand."

"But you can't stop living, actually, and that's the thing in France, we won't stop living." AP

Djokovic stretches ATP finals winning streak to 15

NOVAK Djokovic stretched his winning streak to 15 straight at the ATP finals by beating Kei Nishikori 6-1, 6-1 yesterday.

The top-ranked Serb has not lost at the season-ending tournament at the O2 Arena since 2011. He has won three straight titles since then.

Before the match, the ATP held a minute's

silence for the victims of the Paris attacks. The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for Friday's attacks on the Stade de France, a concert hall and Paris cafes that left 129 people dead and more than 350 wounded, 99 of them seriously.

In the round robin group's late match, Roger Federer will face Tomas Berdych.

Nishikori beat Djokovic in the 2014 U.S. Open semifinals, but the 25-year-old Japanese player has lost to the 10-time Grand Slam champion four times since then.

On Sunday, Djokovic lost only nine points on his serve and never faced a break point. With Nishikori serving, Djokovic won 30 of the 53 points.

Djokovic is having the

best season of his career. He reached the final at all four Grand Slam tournaments, winning three of them. His only loss in a major this year came in the French Open final, when Stan Wawrinka beat him in four sets.

Besides his run at the ATP finals, Djokovic has won 38 straight matches indoors, a streak stretching back to 2012.



Novak Djokovic plays a return to Kei Nishikori during their ATP World Tour Finals tennis match at the O2 Arena in London

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CRACKDOWN ON HONG KONG AND MACAU'S FREEDOMS?

One year after the Occupy movement almost paralyzed Hong Kong as it rallied against electoral system proposals, top representatives of the central government in the neighboring SAR have repeatedly made statements that question the foundations of the "one country, two systems" principle.

All of those statements seem to show an unwillingness from China to develop towards a model that upholds the major provisions of the Basic Law(s) in Hong Kong and Macau, namely the separation of powers (whereby the executive and the judiciary form separate branches), freedom of speech as a basic human right, and the consequent non-criminalization of dissent.

The latest statements indicate that some of China's top officials deem the universal values embodied in the "rule of law" principle to be "Western-style" concepts. Those officials go as far as to say that those values are remnants of colonialism. And they do not clearly explain what alternative they would propose. They don't need to. Their alternative is being implemented, with known results.

Perhaps the most puzzling statements of this nature were the subject of the South China Morning Post (SCMP)'s main headline at the beginning of this month. One of the planners of the "One Belt, One Road" initiative, Ou Xiaoli, went to a conference in Hong Kong to say that he was "skeptical about Hong Kong's ambition to form a bridge between the mainland and the rest of the world, because many countries along the 'One Belt, One Road' corridor did not do business in the Western style that the city was accustomed to." During his speech, which was observed by HKSAR chief executive CY Leung, he argued that the region's strategy and strengths - including the rule of law - wouldn't be efficient in Central Asia, and that Hong Kong should enhance cooperation with Guangdong to set up creative parks (where have I heard this one before?). "The ways of doing business and systems in many of the countries along 'One belt, One Road' are more similar to that one of mainland and Russia," Ou Xiaoli commented.

(At this point, and although it is a side issue to the main point of this column, I must say that I'm always intrigued when I hear about the "One Belt, One Road" strategy. Philip Stephens summarized this sentiment well in the Financial Times: "Everyone in China is talking about President Xi Jinping's 'One Belt, One Road' initiative. No one seems to know precisely what it means." According to the SCMP, "the plan is seen as the Chinese version of the Marshall Plan"...)

Ou Xiaoli was not alone in raising concerns about Beijing's interpretation of the "one country, two systems" principle. The director of the PRC's Liaison Office in Hong Kong, Zhang Xiaoming, said that the chief executive in Hong Kong holds a "special legal position," presiding above the executive, judiciary and legislative branches.

Another speech that stirred controversy was made by a former senior official of the Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office, Chen Zhuoer, who said that "colonial holdovers" are one of the causes of Hong Kong's economic and political problems. Consequently, he indicated that these holdovers needed to be eliminated. Once again, no one knows precisely what he meant by this.

According to the Asia Sentinel, "The underlying reality is that Beijing believes whatever the Basic Law says, all power ultimately derives from the center, which itself is controlled by the party. Separation of powers is alien to it, particularly at this moment when president Xi Jinping is focused on the twin themes of party discipline and nationalism."

People in Hong Kong and Macau should follow with curiosity - and perhaps concern - whatever new interpretations of the basic laws are made by Beijing officials.

Obviously, the SARs' mini-constitutions are not susceptible to all kinds of interpretations and developments. If Beijing cannot understand that, it will deviate from the final goal that explains why the SARs were created and will exist at least until 2047 (HK) and 2049 (Macau): the peaceful reunification with Taiwan.

THE BUZZ ROTARACT CLUB INAUGURATES FIELD HOCKEY FOR ALL

The Rotaract Club of Macau held the opening ceremony of the inaugural "Field Hockey for All 2015-2016", a one-year training program, on Saturday at Escola Secundaria Luso-Chinesa de Luis Gonzaga. Participants will receive training classes in field hockey twice a month over a six-month period, regular practice with the team, and friendly matches with other Macau and Hong Kong-based hockey associations. The one-year program is open to local re-



sidents aged between 16 and 30 years of age.

The opening ceremony was officiated by Maria de Fatima Salvador dos Santos Ferreira, president of Macau's Fu Hong Society General Assembly, and Jo Jo

Cheok, an executive manager for the society. Filipe Fernandes, president of the Macau Hockey Association, and Cathy Lo, president of the Rotaract Club of Macau, also oversaw the event.

Participants can enroll in the program at a cost of MOP100, and proceeds will be donated to the Fu Hong Society. Apart from raising funds for the local community, organizers hope that the activity "boosts the public's attention towards [an inclusive] society."

US PRESIDENTIAL RACE

After attacks, Democrats debate terrorism and economy

Lisa Lerer and Ken Thomas, Des Moines

HILLARY Rodham Clinton cast herself as America's strongest leader in a scary world during Saturday night's Democratic presidential debate, even as she found herself forced to defend her own role during the rise of the Islamic State militants.

"This election is not only about electing a president, it's also about choosing our next commander in chief," Clinton declared in the Democrats' second debate of the presidential campaign. "All of the other issues we want to deal with depend upon us being secure and strong."

Amid the backdrop of global anxiety over Friday's attacks in Paris, Clinton found herself fending off questions about not only her foreign policy record but her economic ties, with both Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders and former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley painting the former senator from New York as a lackey for Wall Street and corporate interests.

"Let's not be naive about it," said Sanders, noting that Clinton collected millions in cam-



AP PHOTO
 Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks during a Democratic presidential primary debate Saturday, in Des Moines, Iowa

paign donations from Wall Street bankers. "They expect to get something. Everybody knows that."

The barbs marked a far more aggressive shift in a primary race that has so far been notable for its civility. Democrats have spent months boasting about the substantive tone of their contest, attempting to set up a favorable early contrast with the "carnival barker" insults of the crowded Republican primary.

Since the Democrats' first debate a month ago, Clinton has built a lead in the early voting states, gains that have come amid other signs the party is coalescing behind her. But the nomination fight is far from over.

Saturday night, Clinton faced criticism of her national security record, when San-

ders traced the current instability in the Middle East to the U.S. Senate's vote - including Clinton's - to authorize military action in Iraq in 2002. He said that U.S. invasion "unraveled the region."

The former secretary of state fought back, saying terrorism has been erupting for decades, specifically mentioning the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. She said the recent unrest in Libya and other parts of the Middle East is symptomatic of an "arc of instability from North Africa to Afghanistan."

She rejected the idea that she and the rest of the Obama administration underestimated the growing threat of the Islamic State.

Clinton has a history of advocating for more robust involvement across the globe - both as a presidential candidate eight years ago and as Obama's secretary of state. In recent weeks, she has called for a more aggressive U.S. role in the Syrian conflict, including a no-fly zone over the area, a move the Obama administration opposes. But she stood by her opposition to seeking a formal declaration of war against the Islamic State. AP

THE DECISIVE MOMENT



Chui Sai On attended the opening ceremony of the 15th Macau Food Festival (see more on page 2).

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

SOURCE: DSI/MG

WORLD BRIEFS

INDIA An Indian man threw acid at a 23-year-old Bulgarian woman on Friday after she reportedly spurned his marriage offer in a northern Indian city popular with foreign tourists, an official said. District Magistrate Rajmani Yadav said Darya Yurieva was hospitalized with severe eye injuries in Varanasi, a holy Hindu city on the banks of the Ganges river in Uttar Pradesh state.

SYRIA A Syrian legislator praised parts of an international plan for ending Syria's conflict yesterday, saying elements of it are similar to those of President Bashar Assad's government. Foreign ministers of 19 nations agreed in Vienna on Saturday to an ambitious yet incomplete plan that sets a Jan. 1 deadline for the start of negotiations between Assad's government and opposition groups.



TURKEY President Barack Obama pledged yesterday to redouble U.S. efforts to eliminate the Islamic State group and end the Syrian civil war that has fueled its rise, as world leaders struggled to offer concrete proposals for how to escalate the fight in the wake of the extremist group's horrifying terror spree in Paris. "The killing of innocent people, based on a twisted ideology, is an attack not just on France, not just on Turkey, but it's an attack on the civilized world," Obama said.



FRANCE A high-speed train undergoing a test derailed, burst into flames, split apart and plunged into a canal in northeast France, killing at least seven people and gravely injuring at least 10 others in what officials said appeared to be an accident. There were no immediate indications that Saturday's crash into the Marne au Rhin canal had anything to do with the deadly terrorist attacks in Paris a day earlier, said spokeswoman Viviane Chevallier of the Bas-Rhin region.