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WORLD BRIEFS



HONG KONG People lit candles in the Tamar Park yesterday evening to mourn for the victims killed in the Nov. 13 attacks in Paris.

CHINA The death toll from a landslide that buried homes in eastern China has risen to 25 people with 12 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. The Lishui city government, which administers Lidong village, where the landslide happened, said that 25 bodies had been found as well as one survivor, who was in stable condition.

TAIWAN Tsai Ing-wen, chair of Taiwan's opposition Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), on Monday announced her running mate for the 2016 leader's election would be Chen Chien-jen, an epidemiologist. Chen, born in 1951, had served as the head of Taiwan's health and science authorities and as vice president of "Academia Sinica", a major academic institution. The Taiwan election is scheduled for Jan. 16. This will be the second time Tsai has run for the post.

PHILIPPINES Thorny American ties with China and the Paris terrorist attacks are expected to grab attention from trade issues at the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation summit that will be held under extra-heavy security in the Philippine capital this week.

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Signatures of world leaders at the G20 Summit in Turkey, including: Canada, Spain, Malaysia, Senegal, Zimbabwe, Indonesia, Mexico, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, China, Turkey, USA, Brazil, Russia, Republic of Korea, Japan, India, Singapore, Argentina, France, EU Commission, EU Council, and Azerbaijan.



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One-minute silence held at Alliance Française

ONE-MINUTE'S silence was observed last night at 7p.m. at the library of the Alliance Française de Macao to pay homage to the victims of Friday's Paris terrorist attacks.

According to organizers around 30 people attended, among them a mix of Chinese, Portuguese, and French nationals. After the minute, attendees stayed in the library where they exchanged ideas and thoughts about the attacks.

The minute of silence was synchronized with a broadcast from TV5 Monde, in France, where the time was noon.

Thursday will mark the French celebration of Beaujolais Day. Xavier Garnier, the Director of Alliance Française de Macao said that despite the sorrow of the recent attacks,



Xavier Garnier

Paris is just about 'joie de vivre.'

XAVIER GARNIER

cks, they are expecting high turnouts for the celebration's events.

"We can expect many French people coming to be united and to celebrate the joy of living that we want to [hold on to] after the attacks," he said,

before explaining that "Paris is about 'joie de vivre'."

A similar minute of silence was held earlier this year in January, in memory of the victims of the attack at the headquarters of Charlie Hebdo, also in Paris. **Staff reporter**

Chinese groups dominate in Lion Dance Championship



CHINA'S two lion dancing troupes both won top prizes in the fifth MGM International Lion Dance Championship, which concluded on Sunday.

After two days of fierce competition, the Foshan Nanhai Huangfeihong Zhonglian Cable Lion Dragon and Martial Art Association from China took home the championship title, while

the China Guangdong Zhaoqing Electricity Dragon & Lion Dance Troupe was awarded the Gold Trophy in the female lion dance performance competition.

He Can Tian, a member of the winning team, told the media after the event that the victory at the troupe's first attempt came after only one month of advance training.

"We became the champions by fluke (...) I wish to continue to make breakthroughs in terms of difficulty," said He.

A lion dance fan watching the final, which was held at MGM's resort, said that the Foshan group's performances are famous back on the mainland.

During the event, a total of 23 competitive troupes performed gravity-defying moves as a part of skillful and acrobatic pole-jumping routines.

The traditional Chinese Lion Dance has gained popularity across the globe in recent years, and has now grown into an internationally recognized sport. **AU**

Gov't urged to improve rehab and treatment for drug addicts

TWO scholars have suggested that authorities improve rehabilitation services and implement appropriate treatment options for drug addicts, recommending policy centered on treatment, rather than imprisonment. The scholars said that drug abuse in Macau is comparatively low, at 2 percent of the population, but that it remains one of the most critical social concerns.

The government's plans to increase penalties for those caught using drugs have raised some concerns among citizens. Macau currently has lenient penalties for drug users, whereby the maximum prison term for those found using drugs is three months.

But scholars believe that heavier penalties are ineffective when it comes to encouraging people to reduce or abstain from drug consumption.

"The evidence suggests that heavier penalties don't make a difference. If you want to change people's behavior, certainly a penalty can make a difference but again the evidence suggests that in the longer-term a penalty [...] is unlikely to achieve benefit," Stuart Kinner, a scholar at the Griffith Criminology Institute, told TDM.

He added that drug users who are incarcerated, for "even a short period," face an increased risk of re-offending once released. Kinner says that other effects of incarcerating drug users could include an increased risk of death from overdose and an escalation in risky behaviors such as sharing injecting equipment.

Spencer De Li, President of the Asian Association for Substance Abuse Research, believes that young people, who are more prone to recreational drug use, should be treated as patients, rather than criminals. He said that imprisoning drug users is not the best solution for preventing drug abuse.

"Young people use drugs on an experimental basis. They are not what we call the drug addicts, at least not yet. For those people, we should treat them as a patient. Young people have problems and we should try to help them recover from drug abuse," said Li, before adding that, "it may not be appropriate to treat them as people who commit illegal acts, in other words, criminals."

IAS discovers unlicensed nursery

DURING an inspection carried out by the Social Welfare Bureau (IAS) in a pre-school education center, it was discovered that the establishment was in fact operating as a nursery, despite not having the proper license. As a result, the bureau has given the center a fine.

In a statement issued last Friday, the IAS reminded all facilities of this nature that they must acquire a valid license prior to commencing such operations. According to the statement, the operation included several surprise-inspections carried out by the IAS between August 6 and September 2 at the "Cenoura" Pre-school Education Center, located in the northern district of the peninsula.

According to the law, all facilities providing social support activities for children, youth, the elderly, and people with disabilities must request and obtain a license prior to commencing operations. If not fully or partially observed, this law and its regulations require that the offending establishment incur a fine of between MOP3,000 and MOP20,000. In addition, the offender can be called to assume civil or criminal liability. **RM**

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GAMING

The decline of Atlantic City seen as a lesson to Macau

THE Macau Polytechnic Institute (IPM) organized a gaming forum yesterday that examined the decline of the gaming industry in Atlantic City and its implications for Macau.

Reflecting on the theme “Postcards from the Past, Lessons for Macau,” Michael J. Pollock from Spectrum Gaming Group, related the Atlantic City downturn to the collapse of Lehman Brothers in 2008 that saw USD8 billion “evaporate” from a private capital planned investment worth about USD10 billion. The focus of his presentation, however, was based on the “universal truth” related to the gaming industry: “Having a regional monopoly is not an effective long-term business model.”



Michael J. Pollock

Peter Angelides

Zhonglu Zeng

Macau should build a big enough industrial cluster alongside gaming and non-gaming entertainment clusters.

ZHONGLU ZENG

Mr Pollock added that the “formula for success” consists of 4 factors: Effective regulation, effective public planning, free-market forces, and realistic expectations. In his words, “The public sector’s role is in investing the necessary funds, fostering a positive investment climate and building infrastructure related to tourism, transportation, housing and retail.”

“Gaming should be viewed as part of tourism infrastructure and work in tandem with other attractions to encourage broader visitation, requiring a

proper planning to ensure that it can serve as a catalyst for tourism,” the executive concluded.

Focusing mostly on the issues caused by regional competition, Peter Angelides recalled the fact that any gaming city or location is potentially exposed to the possibility of a neighboring region starting to develop a similar industry, highlighting the fact that a “strict regulation at the start can be very useful for the healthy development of the gaming industry”. According to him, “gaming laws and regulations should not become loose and then get enforced

when things fail to comply with the goals”, but, instead “start strict and firm and then you start to peel-off from it when necessary in order to keep the market running”.

Referring to tourism and other industries in areas were gaming has a big share of the market, Mr Angelides said, “to achieve stability the government must make sure that everybody [all business sectors] is on the same page.”

An IPM professor from the Gaming Teaching and Research Centre, Zhonglu Zeng, proposed some suggestions to the

local market, also based on the example of Atlantic City. “Macau should learn from the Atlantic City example because there are a lot of similarities between the two cities in the way that they are both facing the potential of competition with more casinos being built in nearby cities, regions or countries that will compete against Macau,” he said.

Mr Zhonglu also used the example of Las Vegas to say that, “Macau should build a big enough industrial cluster and also gaming and non-gaming entertainment clusters. According to the industrial clustering theory, the bigger the cluster you have, the more competitive your pace will be, so one bigger cluster will have the ability to strengthen itself.” He concluded that “the thrive of Las Vegas was due to the big industrial clusters it possesses.”

Another of the problems with similarities to Las Vegas detected by the IPM scholar is the fact that currently no surveys on gaming visitors are being done. “We only do general surveys and it is very important to know in-depth what the gaming visitors think, need and expect from Macau,” he said.

Chinese companies invest heavily in broadcasting sports events

CHINESE media and Internet companies have over the past few months signed significant deals for the rights to air everything from worldwide TV and film, to European sports matches such as the Spa-

nish soccer league, La Liga. The companies are driven by a growing internet audience in China – the largest market in the world at 461 million video watchers – and government encouragement for the promotion of professional sports.

However, according to a Wall Street Journal report the market in China is still underdeveloped, and despite being the largest worldwide, industry revenue amounted to only RMB 24 billion in 2014, much of that from advertising.

Baidu Inc. says that it has more than five million paying customers for its video streaming service. The Chinese search giant signed a USD269 million deal this year to stream matches of popular teams such as Real Madrid and Barcelona from Spain’s La Liga and deliver them to Chinese audiences. “China is a huge market for us, and we are always

trying to increase our fan base [there],” said Ignacio Martinez Trujillo, general director of La Liga. Trujillo added that the online search engine “pay[s] more than other” traditional television broadcasters.

While some industry figures say that bidding for broadcasting rights can be extremely lucrative for sports leagues and teams, others warn that there is little evidence to suggest that Chinese consumers will necessarily pay for the service.

Ren Wen, the chairwoman of sports media company Wisdom Holdings Group in Hong Kong, told the Wall Street Journal that “China’s sports industry is still very underdeveloped, and red-hot money will burn it, not ripen it.”

In August, Shanghai PPTV Media Tech Co. acquired the five-year exclusive all-media rights for La Liga in main-

land China, Macau and Taiwan. Earlier in the year, Tencent Holdings secured a similar five-year deal for the rights for the National Basketball Association in mainland China – a deal which was estimated to be worth at least USD 500 million.

“We believe the football industry has huge development potential, and La Liga with its top-tier games provides us with a great strategic opportunity to explore and develop this market,” said Dong Li, head of PPTV Sports.

“China used to get content for free or at a very low cost, but now there is a serious shift as the broadcasters themselves are competing to get the different rights,” said David Hornby, sports director of Shanghai-based sports digital agency Mailman Group. “Prices will keep going up as long as the demand is there.”

Staff reporter

ONE SHOT NEWS



Three employees from the Beijing Imperial Palace Hotel (formerly the New Century Hotel) in Taipa yesterday afternoon staged a new protest in order to call the attention to their unpaid salaries, the three men climbed atop the edge of the property’s balcony, facing the road and intending to jump off. The Fire department and the police attended the incident, placing a pneumatic protective cushion underneath them. The incident caused traffic congestions in the nearby areas that lasted for several hours.

'Experience Macau' tours Guangdong

The Macau Government Tourist Office (MGTO) has rolled out the "Experience Macau Carnival" in three cities across Guangdong Province (Zhanjiang, Qingyuan and Heyuan) in recent months. The event aims to promote local products as well as events and festivals for tourists. A booth under the theme "Touching Moments, Experience Macau" was set up at the launch ceremony, which was held at the tour's first stop, Zhanjiang. The booth showcased local places and events, including the historic center of Macau and the Macau Grand Prix. The Experience Macau Carnival visited Hong Kong and Zhuhai in September and October of this year respectively.

Foreign exchange reserves slightly down

The Monetary Authority of Macau announced yesterday that the preliminary estimate of Macau's foreign exchange reserves at the end of last month amounted to MOP144.9 billion. The reserves are down by 0.3 percent from the revised value of MOP145.3 billion for the previous month. The trade-weighted effective exchange rate index for the pataca dropped 0.4 points month-to-month, however is up by 5.92 points in a year-on-year comparison. This implies an average appreciation of the pataca against other currencies on an annual basis. Foreign exchange reserves at the end of last month represented 12 times the currency in circulation.

Vintage HK and Macau picture exhibition opens

AN exhibition of original antique and vintage photographs of Hong Kong, Macau, and Guangzhou c.1868 - 1964 is being held at the Wattis Fine Art gallery on Hollywood Road, Hong Kong.

Organizers said that they are delighted to feature the work of British photographer, Robert Crisp Hurley, who lived in Hong Kong for over 48 years between 1879 and 1927. Hurley is remembered as a "guidebook pioneer" who specialized in photography and cartography in Hong Kong, Macau and Guangzhou.

Gallery owners Jonathan and Vicky Wattis say that, with assistance from Dr Stephen Davies of Hong Kong University, they were able to conduct "fascinating research" on Hurley and place the illusive character in the context of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

The organizers said that their research led them to conclude that Hurley "was an extraordinary man," after un-



A magnificent view of Hong Kong from the Time Ball c.1886 (unknown photographer)

covering his diverse talents. They felt that this exhibition presents some of his "unusual photographs".

"From the record we know that at one time or another he was a businessman making hats, an accountant, a hotelier-restaurateur, a writer and publisher, a tour guide, a civil servant, and amateur mapmaker and a photographer," wrote Jonathan Wattis.

He added that "often his [Hurley's] photographs are of a documentary nature, and although he recorded buildin-

gs that are familiar to us, they were often from an unusual angle. He also took unusual and possibly unique pictures of lesser-known buildings."

The exhibit will also include early photographs by Afong Lai, John Thomson and William Pryor Floyd - three of the most accomplished early photographers working in Hong Kong and South China in the 1860s.

Fast forward to the mid-20th century; the exhibition includes two group portraits of Hong Kong policemen,

taken in 1949 and 1950 by commercial photographic studios.

These photographs capture a historical period of rapid change, much like our own, in which people were acutely aware of the quickening pace of technological change. Between the latter half of the 19th century and the first half of the 20th century, authorities entirely revised modes of transport, usually incorporating railroads and steam shipping into their networks.

Some of the photos to be exhibited have eerie connections with the Pearl River Delta region of today. According to Jonathan Wattis, some of the photographs show early land reclamation projects, typhoons, and the replacement of old modes of transport with the new, by land and by sea.

When asked what the collected photographs of Hong Kong, Macau and Guangzhou can tell us about modernity in the region, Wattis quoted Confucius: "Study the past if you would divine the future."

There will be a private viewing of the exhibition today, while the display will open to the public tomorrow and run until December 12.

Staff reporter

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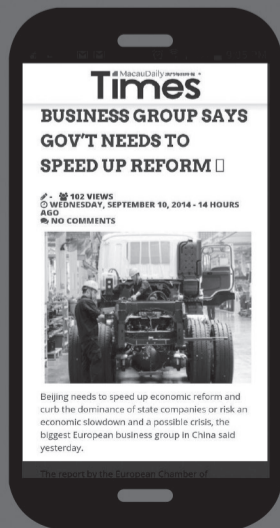
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COOPERATION

Seminar highlights city's role as service platform



A seminar on "Tourism, Conventions and Exhibitions between China and Portuguese Speaking Countries" prompted debate on the different possibilities for cooperation and expansion of the MICE and and tourism-related businesses between Macau and the Lusophone countries.

The event took place last Friday at the MGM resort. It was organized by the Permanent Secretariat to the Forum for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries (Macau) with the collaboration of the Institute for Promotion of Trade and

Investment of Macau and the Macau Government Tourist Office.

The new tourist industries and conventions and exhibitions were discussion points, as was the business sector's ability to play a key role in the diversification of the economy for all parties. As for Macau, in line with its positioning of itself as a service platform, it was resolved during the seminar to continue to work on the facilitation, creation and development of a Convention and Exhibition Center for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and the Portuguese Speaking Countries. **RM**

Gaming operators to publish commissioned report on smoking ban

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THE complete KPMG report on the impacts of a full smoking ban for gaming operators will be accessible to the public in the future, according to MGM China's CEO and executive director, Grant Bowie.

The findings of the report, commissioned by the six gaming operators earlier this year, were presented to the Legislative Assembly's subcommittee last week.

Grant Bowie yesterday told the media while at a function that the full report would be available to the public after a review



Grant Bowie

The smoking lounges are probably the best option.

GRANT BOWIE

by the authorities. However, gaming operators have already presented its main conclusion, which recommends the retention of smoking lounges.

"The smoking lounges are probably the best option in terms of finding the compromise and protecting our staff, while at the same time giving our customers a choice," stated Bowie, citing the report.

He also added that "more clarity" on the group's USD3 billion Cotai property – slated for opening at the end of next year – would come alongside the ongoing talks with the government.

Discussions revolve around the group's expectation of 500 gaming tables at the Cotai property. Bowie indicated that this would go a long way to meet an entertainment quota in the complex, which seeks to introduce activities other than gaming.

"When we do open the property, we'll certainly be bringing some new, different and unique opportunities... we're confident that we will meet the expectations of the government which will allow them to support us with tables," he said.

Convinced that the VIP market would recover in the future, MGM's China CEO also suggested that the territory should brace itself for mass-market growth.

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EDUCATION

Students join contest to promote English skills

Renato Marques

THE 14th edition of the Macao-wide English Speech Contest took place over the weekend. The final stage had 62 contestants, divided into 6 categories.

The Macao Polytechnic Institute auditorium was transformed into the stage of dreams for students of several ages performing to their best under the overall theme of "Global Values".

The contest rules require that each age group develop their speeches under a specific topic. This year, the Lower and Upper Primary school categories spoke about "My Favorite Place" and "I Believe I Can..." describing the qualities of their environment, and their beliefs and aspirations, sharing their intimate view of their world.

"Social Justice" and "Friendship" were the topics

that drew the attentions of Senior and Junior High School Categories, with the students eloquently speaking about alleviation of poverty among other social justice issues, as well as commitment and feelings towards each other.

For the older students' categories - College and Open - the set topic was on "Citizenship in the 21st Century", leading to some very interesting views on this matter.

The event was also an opportunity for Professor Roland Sussex, speaking on behalf of the judges, to impart a few ideas to the contestants about how to become an even better speaker.

The contest distributed a total of 40 awards and prizes in all categories, totaling MOP144,000.

The Macao-wide English Speech Contest was established in 2002 with the purpose of promoting the use of English in Macau in the era of globalization, to encourage people from all walks of life to learn English, and to promote English language teaching. Since then, it has been organized by the Macao Polytechnic Institute with the support on many government and non-governmental organizations and associations.

DSEJ accepts allegation of insufficient supervision

THE Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ) has accepted the Audit Commission's allegation last week that the bureau's regulation of tuition fees charged by private schools that also receive public subsidies is insufficient. The DSEJ maintained, however, that they have already collected all receipts for the subsidized activities.

According to last week's audit report, some of the schools under the supervision of the DSEJ were illegally charging tuition fees, or did not decrease their fees as required by the bureau. The report also found that there was a lack of receipts for the subsidies provided by the Education Development Fund. The report alleged that the bureau had failed to appropriately address these issues.

The DSEJ has explained that the academic year of 2012/13 was the first in which the bureau had asked for receipts,



Leong Vai Kei, head of the Education Department at DSEJ

ts, and a longer than expected collection of the receipts had meant that some were necessarily absent from the audit report. The bureau added that schools are now required to keep their receipts for five years, according to recently introduced regulations.

"I want to emphasize that we took [a] longer time than usual to collect some of the receipts and therefore some of the receipts were missing in the audit report. However, they were actually not missing as the receipts were confirmed by our staff workers. Now all the receipts are there and we have already collected them," Leong Vai Kei, head of the bureau's education department, told TDM.

In reaction to the finding that some schools have not cut their tuition fees, Wong I Lin, coordinator of the bureau's school inspection division, said that "during the process, many schools have lowered the tuition fees [...] however, we have just found one school that has increased tuition; but the increase is smaller than before."

The bureau added that some schools have already taken its suggestion of lowering tuition.

POLICY ADDRESS
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Residents fear gov't will cancel cash handout

RESIDENTS have expressed their concern that falling gaming revenues will force the government's hand in cancelling or reducing cash handouts. The main source of income for the SAR government is the taxes on gaming revenues. However, the 17-month downward trend in gaming revenues has sparked concerns over whether or not the fall in government revenue will affect the social welfare policy.

The policy includes a cash handout scheme, under which Macau permanent residents received MOP 9,000 this year, while non-permanent residents received MOP 5,400.

"The cash handout scheme is helping us with inflation, and it's not really difficult to continue the scheme and help us," one resident told TDM. Another resident warned that "if the government does not run the cash handout scheme anymore, everybody will have an opinion on it."

Despite these concerns, Chief Executive Chui Sai On and Secretary for Economy and Finance Lionel Leong have maintained that the scheme will continue next year.

Meanwhile, scholars have encouraged authorities to cut unnecessary spending in the SAR whilst improving healthcare services and the social security system. Macau Polytechnic Institute (IPM) gaming lecturer, Loi Hoi Ngan, says that unnecessary spending, such as event promotions and subsidies for associations, should be reduced.

"We are increasing spending of pensions, retirement pensions, and healthcare services. Along with the increasing population, spending will increase constantly. However, when the income resources shrink, the burden on the government will increase. In other words, 'without a sheep, there can be no wool'," he said, before adding that "the government should consider if it really has to bear everything or if the government wants our society to be more active."

Loi suggests setting up a department to supervise budget drafting and spending, which he believes will lead the authorities to use public resources more efficiently.

The Chief Executive, Chui Sai On, will deliver the Policy Address for the Fiscal Year 2016 today in a live-broadcast Legislative Assembly session, in which he is expected to announce the cash handout policy for next year.



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Review of Major Policies of the MSAR Government in 2015

Livelihood issues

Education and sports

- Fully implemented the requirements of key competences for kindergarten education;
- Introduced a cultivation scheme for outstanding secondary school students;
- Increased free education subsidy and school fee subsidies for all students, and textbook allowances for primary and secondary school students;
- The first reading of the bill on the Tertiary Education System was passed at the Legislative Assembly;
- Commenced the establishment of the assessment system for tertiary institutions;
- Signed a cooperation agreement with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to create favourable conditions for outstanding students to study abroad; and
- Completed the third Macao Residents Physical Fitness Assessment.



Healthcare

- Established the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Traditional Medicine;
- Effectively handled epidemics and continuously improved disease prevention and control measures;
- Introduced measures to shorten queuing times for emergency and speciality outpatient services;
- Extended opening hours of health centres;
- Commenced the territory-wide health survey pilot scheme;
- Launched the Elderly Health Support Hotline scheme;
- Gradually commenced certain construction works of the Islands District Medical Complex;
- The newly constructed or expanded Carmo Health Centre, Coloane Public Health Clinical Centre and Coloane Health Station were completed or commenced operations this year; and
- Implemented the third phase of tobacco control measures.



Coordinated planning

- Established the Committee for the Establishment of a World Tourism and Leisure Centre; and
- Announced the research report on population policy.

Social security

- Considered establishing a fund allocation mechanism that links fiscal surplus with the Social Security Fund;
- Expedited legislation on the non-mandatory central provident fund system; and
- Completed the increases in various disbursements under the social security system.



Social services

- Introduced a new subsidy system to optimise the operation of the social services sector;
- Formulated a 10-year action plan for elderly services and a 10-year development plan for rehabilitation services; and
- Expanded coverage of the Disability Assessment Card Concession Scheme.



Culture and tourism

- Organised a series of activities to celebrate the tenth anniversary of Macao's successful application for inclusion in the World Heritage List;
- Commenced operation of the new Taipa Library; and
- Commenced formulation of a masterplan for tourism development.



Cooperation and Development

Deepening cooperation

- Integrated convening and exhibition, trade and cultivation of talents into the commercial and trade services platform, to facilitate coordinated development;
- Commenced operation of the Economic and Trade Cooperation and Human Resources Portal between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries;
- Continued to assist enterprises in launching investment projects in the Guangdong-Macao Cooperation Industrial Park; and



Employee protection

- Implemented the Amendment to the Compensation System for Work-related Accidents and Occupational Injuries;
- Passed the bill on the Minimum Wage for Cleaning and Security Workers of the Property Management Industry;
- Promulgated the Protection System for Workers' Credit Rights; and



- Increased the maximum monthly salary compensation for unjustifiable dismissal of employees to 20,000 patacas.



Public finance

- Studied the proposal of investing in major cooperation projects between Guangdong and Macao, with a portion of the financial reserve; and
- Completed the Internal Assessment Report on the MSAR Investment Development Fund.



Economic development

- Commenced a series of studies on the interim review of the gaming industry;
- Commenced the establishment of the Adequate Economic Diversification Statistical Benchmark System for Macao;
- Established the Young Entrepreneur Incubation Centre;
- Completed the first round of assessment of applications for the Cultural Industry Fund and gradually disbursed the subsidies;
- Increased profit tax allowance from 300,000 patacas to 600,000 patacas;
- Increased the ceiling for subsidies under the financial incentive scheme for exhibitors;
- Increased the subsidies of the E-Commerce Promotion Incentive Measures;
- Considered abolishing charges for industrial licences and applications for Certificates of Origin;

A series of measures to assist small and medium-sized enterprises (as of 30 September 2015)

Project	Number of cases approved	Amount (patacas)
Industrial and Commercial Development Fund	53	About 43.26 million patacas
SME Assistance Scheme	380	About 148 million patacas
SME Credit Guarantee Scheme	38	About 56.98 million patacas
Financial Support for SME Websites	1,129	About 21.52 million patacas
Interest Subsidy Scheme for Enterprises Raising Capital Through Bank Loans	54	Subsidies for loans totalling about 233 million patacas
Young Entrepreneurs Aid Scheme	167	39.53 million patacas

- Waived annual fee, monthly fee and software installation fee for enterprises using electronic declaration;
- Raised the maximum credit guarantee loan of the SME Credit Guarantee Scheme;
- Commenced research on the import, export and re-export credit insurance scheme;
- Capitalised on the Industrial and Commercial Development Fund to promote development of small and medium-sized enterprises;
- Introduced measures to assist small and medium-sized enterprises to tackle shortage of human resources; and
- Extended coverage of subsidies under the Building Maintenance Fund Scheme to industrial buildings.



Liveable and accessible city

Transport

- Optimised bus operational models;
- Expedited issuance of new taxi licenses valid for eight years;
- Conducted an open tender for 100 special taxi licences;
- Completed construction of most foundations, piers and railway overpasses of the LRT Taipa line;
- Commenced a feasibility study on the LRT Seac Pai Van line;
- Expedited construction of the new Taipa Ferry Terminal;
- Updated the overall development plan of Macau International Airport; and
- Gaming operators provided dedicated transport for their staff.

Environmental protection

- Commenced the interim review of the Planning of Environmental Protection of Macao (2010-2020);
- Introduced the Subsidy Scheme for Replacement of Highly-polluting Vehicles; and
- Tightened the scope of tax incentives for new light-duty vehicles that meet environmental emission standards.



Completed consultation on planning new districts, and commenced detailed planning and construction of various infrastructure projects.

Security and network

- Ensured effective deployment to combat all types of crimes and maintain public order;
- Commenced food safety supervision on schedule, to ensure food safety; and
- Issued licences for 4G mobile telecommunication networks.

Land and housing

- Introduced the urban renewal concept to facilitate redevelopment of old districts;
- Revoked the land grants of 22 plots of idle land;
- Adjusted the use of five pieces of reserved land, on which over 4,000 public housing units can be built;
- Amended the Home-Ownership Scheme Housing Law to adopt a "ballot drawing before assessment" mechanism;
- Expedited the feasibility study on new public housing categories; and
- Followed up on the legislative work of the Law on Property Management of Condominiums and the Law on Management of Common Parts of Condominiums.

Public administration

First-phase restructuring launched in 2015

- Disbanded the Secretariat of the Urban Planning Committee
- Disbanded the Secretariat of the Medical and Health Care System Follow-up Committee
- Abolished the post of the Secretary General of the Economic Development Committee
- Disbanded the Secretariat of the Science and Technology Committee
- Revamped the Consultative Committee on Legal Reforms and abolished the post of Secretary General
- Transferred the culture and sports related functions of the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau
- Disbanded the Law Reform and International Law Affairs Bureau and merged it with the Legal Affairs Bureau

- Restructured the Social Affairs Bureau and transferred the Legal Affairs Bureau's juvenile reintegration function to the Social Welfare Bureau
- Restructured the Macao Prison to undertake the Legal Affairs Bureau's function of rehabilitation of juvenile delinquents
- Disbanded the Combustibles Safety Committee and integrated its function into the Fire Services
- Disbanded the Human Resources Office and integrated its function into the Labour Affairs Bureau
- Established the Post and Telecommunications Bureau by integrating the Post Office with the Bureau of Telecommunications Regulation
- Disbanded the Macau Grand Prix Committee, the original functions and tasks of which would be taken up by the Sports Development Board
- Restructured the Science Development Fund

- Implemented the first phase of the plan for restructuring and integration of functions;
- Optimised the Government's consultative bodies;
- Reformed the centralised recruitment system;
- Commenced consultation on the Recruitment, Selection and Promotion Training System for Civil Servants;
- Introduced new measures to address the needs of junior civil servants;
- Completed the preliminary research on the establishment of a municipal organisation that is not an organ of political power;
- Formulated the Master Plan for MSAR e-Government 2015-2019;
- Established a centralised, coordinated legislative mechanism; and
- Expedited the enactment of laws related to livelihoods.





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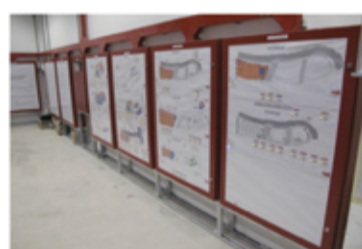


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Apple to open retail store in Singapore powered only by sun



Annabelle Liang, Singapore

APPL will open its first retail store in Singapore, which will also be Southeast Asia's first to be powered solely by solar energy, officials said yesterday.

Solar energy developer Sunseap Group said in a statement that it will provide the store with renewable energy by harnessing its systems set up across 800 of the city's rooftops from January next year.

The tech-giant, however, did not reveal the store's location in Singapore or the opening date, likely to be in 2016. It also did not confirm the store would be run by solar energy, but directed media queries to the Sunseap statement.

A Singapore government official also confirmed the venture.

"Sunseap's strategic partnership with Apple represents a new frontier in Singapore's drive to utilize more cost-competitive renewable energy," said Goh Chee Kiong, a top official at the government's Economic Development Board.

All that Apple would say through a statement by Angela Ahrendts, a corporate official, is that it is "thrilled to begin hiring a team that will open our first Apple Store in Singapore."

With the deal, Apple will be the first company in Singapore to run exclusively on renewable energy. Apple's website lists 14 open positions for its Singapore retail store, ranging from store leaders, to business managers and technical assistants.

Ripples of an impending official announcement started in late October, when a popular gym informed members it would close its four-story Knightsbridge mall outlet in Orchard Road — Singapore's prime shopping district — on Dec. 15.

Pure Fitness said this will make way for the opening of Apple's first store in 2016.

Apple currently sells its products in the physical stores of two authorized premium resellers, which have a total of 18 outlets across the city-state, and its online store. **AP**

Japan falls into recession for second time under 'Abenomics'

Keiko Ujikane

JAPAN'S economy contracted in the third quarter as business investment fell, confirming what many economists had predicted: The nation fell into its second recession since Prime Minister Shinzo Abe took office in December 2012.

Gross domestic product declined an annualized 0.8 percent in the three months ended Sept. 30, following a revised 0.7 percent drop in the second quarter, meeting the common definition of a recession. Economists had estimated a 0.2 percent decline for the third quarter.

Weakness in business investment and shrinking inventories drove the contraction as slow growth in China and a weak global outlook prompted Japanese companies to hold back on spending and production. While growth is expected to pick up in the current quarter, the GDP report could put pressure on Abe and Bank of Japan Governor Haruhiko Kuroda to boost fiscal and monetary stimulus. The BOJ holds a policy meeting later this week.

"This report shows the increasing risk that Japan's economy will continue its lackluster performance," said Atsushi Takeda, an economist at Itochu Corp. in Tokyo. "The weakness in capital spending is becoming a bigger concern. Even though their plans are solid, companies aren't confident about the resilience of economy at home and abroad."

Inventories subtracted 0.5 percentage point from growth this



quarter as companies reduced stocks that had expanded over the previous two quarters, the Cabinet Office said.

Business investment subtracted 0.2 percentage point from growth.

Private consumption added 0.3 percentage point of growth.

The reduced investment is a rebuff for Abe, who called on Japanese companies to put more of their record cash holdings into capital spending. From the previous quarter, business investment fell 1.3 percent in the July-September period, following a revised 1.2 percent contraction, according to the report.

Abe has made bolstering the economy a priority and advocated for reflationary policies that weakened the yen and boosted corporate profits. Kuroda had said in September it wouldn't be unusual for the economy to grow in the July-September quarter.

Bank of Japan officials didn't see the GDP report as likely to change their outlook for an improving trend in inflation, people familiar with discussions at the central bank said last week.

Hiroaki Muto, chief economist at Tokai Tokyo Research Center Co., said that while he thinks the economy "might have hit the bottom" in the third quarter, there's a strong chance that the government will compile an economic package to shore up growth.

The yen strengthened after the data was announced and was up 0.1 percent at 122.52 per dollar at 11:50 a.m. yesterday in Tokyo. Investors have purchased the yen as a haven following the terrorist attacks in Paris. The Topix stock index dropped 0.8 percent in the morning session amid a broad-based decline in Asian share markets. **Bloomberg**

corporate bits

ENGLISH BEEF AND LAMB PROMOTION KICKS OFF



A month-long restaurant promotion entitled 'The Best from the English Countryside - Healthy Beef and Lamb', launched yesterday in restaurants throughout Hong Kong and Macau.

The event is organized by AHDB Beef & Lamb, part of the Agriculture and Horticulture De-

velopment Board in England.

Seven restaurants from the two SARs have joined this promotion, which will run from now until 16 December. Among the seven, two have just recently opened their doors to the public: La Villa, TST East, Kowloon; Locofama, Sai Ying Pun, Western

District; Marbling by Mr. Steak, Causeway Bay (new); Shore Central; Spotlight, Studio City Hotel, City of Dreams, Macau (new); The Continental, Pacific Place; and Watermark, Central Pier 7, Star Ferry.

During the promotion the public can win prizes. All they need to do is to order one of the English lamb or beef promotional dishes, take photos and create names for the dishes (better than the ones on the menu), uploading the photos with the names to the English Beef Facebook page www.facebook.com/englishbeef and invite their friends to like their post. Seven people with the most likes will receive restaurant vouchers worth up to HKD2,000 in value.

GAMAL AZIZ JOINS ECOLE HÔTELIÈRE DE LAUSANNE'S INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD

Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne (EHL) hotel school has appointed Gamal Aziz, President and Executive Director of Wynn Macau Limited, to its International Advisory Board (IAB).

The IAB is composed of international hotel, education and hospitality leaders, who provide EHL with industry insights and market trends to support the development of its academic programs.

"It is a great honor to have someone of Mr. Aziz's caliber join EHL's International Advisory Board," said Dr. Fabien Fresnel, Dean of EHL. "Our two institutions share a common standard for excellence and quality," he added. "As EHL looks to expand academic programs and opportu-



nities for students in Asia and the international gaming industry, it is invaluable to have the perspective and experience of Mr. Aziz as an advisor. He has served in executive leadership positions in

the world's two largest gaming markets — Las Vegas and Macau — and his depth of expertise in luxury hospitality adds another layer of talent and insight to our International Advisory Board."



Former police officer and mayor Abner Afuang burns a Chinese flag to protest the visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping who will attend this week's APEC Summit of Leaders

APEC

Sino-US rivalry, Paris attack in spotlight at Manila summit

Jim Gomez, Manila

TENSIONS with China and the Paris attacks could upstage trade issues at the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation summit, being held under extra-heavy security in the Philippine capital this week.

President Barack Obama and the leaders of China, Japan, Mexico and other nations in the 21-member APEC bloc are converging with 7,000 officials, CEOs and other participants at a convention center by Manila Bay.

The meetings culminate in a 2-day summit of leaders beginning tomorrow.

Russia's president, Vladimir Putin, is skipping the Manila meetings, partly to focus on an investigation into the Oct. 31 crash of a Russian passenger jet in Egypt that killed all 224 people on board. He will be represented by Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev. Indonesian President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo will likely stay home to deal with domestic problems, according to Philippine officials.

Founded in 1989 in Canberra, Australia, APEC aims to demolish barriers to trade and investment through nonbinding accords. The unwieldy grouping of countries and self-governing territories that range from liberal democracies to dictatorships accounts for 3 billion people, half of global trade and

■ Including security-related topics in APEC is touchy for China, which fears that could pave the way for discussion of territorial conflicts in the S China Sea

60 percent of world GDP.

Critics say APEC, which has focused mainly on economic and trade issues, has few concrete achievements because of its nonbinding status. They dub it a talk shop and joke the acronym means "A Perfect Excuse to Chat." But proponents believe those qualities are its strengths.

"That's exactly the beauty of APEC, you don't have to worry about committing yourself to anything because it's non-binding," said Philippine Finance Secretary Cesar Purisima. "It gives leaders the freedom to bounce ideas, new ideas."

Though members tend to shy

away from divisive security and geopolitical issues, rifts and political strife often overshadow the annual show of unity that is symbolized by the photo-op of leaders dressed in quirky or traditional shirts provided by the host country.

Friday's attacks in Paris that killed at least 129 people have already created a dilemma for APEC. The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attacks on a stadium, a concert hall and Paris cafes.

Behind closed doors, senior diplomats were divided over whether to issue a statement on the attacks or let each leader speak on his or her own. The compromise: a paragraph on terrorism is being added to the APEC summit statement.

One diplomat rejected any mention of the attacks in the statement, fearing it would draw the Islamic State group's attention to APEC, said a Southeast Asian diplomat who attended the meetings. The diplomat spoke on condition of anonymity because the conversations were not intended to be public.

The diplomat said the United States wanted a strongly worded response and APEC's response could still change when the leaders meet.

They have a precedent. APEC leaders issued a statement in Shanghai in October 2001 to

condemn the attacks in the U.S. the month before and vowed to help combat terrorism.

Including any security-related topic in APEC's formal talks is touchy for China, which fears that could pave the way for discussion of territorial conflicts in the South China Sea. Beijing says the disputes are an Asian problem that outsiders such as the U.S. have no business dabbling in.

The Philippines has been the most outspoken among five APEC governments that have formal territorial disputes with Beijing in the South China Sea. Yesterday, as economic ministers met ahead of the summit,

US NAVY SHIP VISITS SHANGHAI IN WAKE OF RECENT TENSIONS

A U.S. Navy destroyer docked in Shanghai yesterday in a sign that contacts between the U.S. and Chinese militaries are continuing despite tensions over the South China Sea. The visit by the USS Stethem follows Chinese protests over the sailing last month of the guided missile destroyer USS Lassen within 22 kilometers of disputed Subi Reef. The reef has been transformed by Beijing into an island over the objections of other claimants. The U.S. maintains that such man-made islands do not qualify for territorial waters. The

anti-Chinese protesters burned a Chinese flag to vent their anger over the territorial standoff.

"Boycott all China products," said a banner at the protest, which took place outside the U.S. Embassy in Manila — not in front of the Chinese Embassy.

China's top diplomat, Wang Yi, visited Manila last week and asked the Philippines not to raise such contentious issues during the APEC summit for the sake of the "political dignity" of Xi's visit, Philippine diplomats said.

China and the U.S. are constantly jockeying for economic and political clout in the region, during APEC summits and other occasions, and at the moment Xi is battling headwinds given the friction over territorial spats.

Massive Chinese construction work aimed at turning seven disputed South China Sea reefs into islands that could be used militarily have raised alarm. In contrast, two U.S. military patrols in seas claimed by China, including flights last week by a pair of B-52 bombers near the artificial islands, were welcomed by America's allies in Asia.

"The U.S. image in the region is again on the rise and China's has taken a bit of a battering due to its actions in the South China Sea, the slowing growth of its economy," said Malcolm Cook of the Institute for Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore.

The recent success in wrapping up protracted talks on a free-trade deal called the Trans-Pacific Partnership has also boosted Obama's prestige, said Ernie Bower, director of the Southeast Asia program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

The deal includes the U.S. and 11 other Pacific Rim countries, but not China.

"Obama and the White House have done everything they need to do to be well prepared for a strong Asia trip," Bower said. "Obama will be received in Manila as an American leader who 'gets Asia' and is emphasizing U.S. long-term interests." AP

Stethem's commanding officer, Cmdr. Harry Marsh, told reporters that U.S. freedom of navigation operations were routine and shouldn't complicate relationships with the armed forces of other countries. "Sometimes countries might have some disagreements, yet our navies are able to operate safely at sea," Marsh said. The visit by the Arleigh-Burke class destroyer to China's financial center followed a stop in the northern port of Qingdao. The two countries are also planning a combined search and rescue exercise at sea.

Louise Watt, Beijing

CLIMATE CHANGE

Coal not going away anytime soon despite renewables push

COAL: Can't live with it and can't live without it — at least not yet.

It is the biggest source of heat-trapping greenhouse gases that negotiators around the world hope to limit in an agreement to be thrashed out in Paris next month.

Demand for coal is leveling off, but it will remain a key energy source for decades, no matter how many billions of dollars of investment go into cleaner energy like wind and solar. Too much of the world depends on it now for heating and power generation for us to suddenly live without it.

There are vast parts of the developing world that will continue to see growth in demand for electricity, driven by sales of televisions, refrigerators and the construction of highways and malls as incomes increase, said Xizhou Zhou, the China chief for energy consultants IHS Energy.

"The cheapest way to provide electricity in many of these places is still coal-based," Zhou said.

This underlines the challenge facing negotiators who will convene in Paris Nov. 30 to agree on how to limit emissions of fossil fuels. Scientists say coal, oil and gas emissions, including carbon dioxide and methane, are key drivers of rising temperatures that could lead to intense droughts or flooding of island nations.

Abundant and cheap, coal emits not only soot but double the greenhouse gas emissions per unit of energy of natural gas.

In recent years, slowing economic growth, gains in energy efficiency and advances in renewable-energy production have dampened demand for coal in key markets. Stricter air emissions regulations in Europe, the production of shale gas in the U.S. and the restructuring of the Chinese economy away from heavily polluting industries are all weighing down on demand.

An analysis released yesterday by the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis suggests coal consumption peaked globally in 2013 and is set to decline a further 2 to 4 percent in 2015 because of declining consumption by China and other big coal consumers.

The institute said China's coal consumption had fallen 5.7 percent from January to September. In the U.S., domestic consumption was down 11 percent and coal's share of the electricity market has fallen to 35 percent, from 50 percent a decade ago. Record-low U.S. gas prices, record expansion of renewable energy and a decoupling of electricity demand from economic growth



A worker watches as a conveyor loads coal onto a trailer truck at a coal mine near Ordos in northern China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region

are "permanently eroding" coal demand in the U.S., the Cleveland, Ohio-based IEEFA said.

Still, coal provides more than 40 percent of the world's electricity and 29 percent of its energy supply, second only to oil at 31 percent, according to the Paris-based International

Coal's future is closely tied to China, the world's biggest coal user, producer and importer

Energy Agency. The agency projects coal consumption to continue growing somewhat in coming years, largely owing to increased coal demand in India and Southeast Asia.

Coal's future is closely tied to China, the world's biggest coal user, producer and importer. It burns 4 billion tons of coal a year, four times as much as the United States.

Coal accounts for nearly two-thirds of China's energy, but in 2014 its coal consumption fell 2.9 percent year-on-year according to official statistics, or 2.6 percent according to the IEEFA report — the first annual decrease in 15 years. A revision to official Chinese data released earlier this year showed the country had greatly underestimated its coal consumption from 2000 to 2013, but still showed a dip last year.

Beijing is trying to reduce dependency on coal to ease air pollution by switching to natural gas in major cities.

China also has become a leader in clean energy. Last year, it invested more in renewable power and fuels and had more hydropower and wind capacity than any other country, and was second to Germany in solar capacity, according to a report earlier this year by REN21, a Paris-based nonprofit group that promotes renewable energy.

The cost of renewable energy is becoming more competitive every year, while coal-fired power plants are increasingly expensive as air pollution controls grow more stringent.

"You have got a wave of new

technologies and investments coming where historically power grids were heavily reliant on coal," said Tim Buckley, a Sydney-based energy analyst with the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis.

The continued development of wind, solar and hydropower is good for combatting global warming, "but that's almost an ancillary benefit — the key drivers are economics, technology, leadership and energy security and air and water pollution," Buckley said.

India, the nation with the third-highest carbon emissions after China and the U.S., is at a point where both clean and dirty energy are being scaled up. About a fifth of its more than 1.2 billion people still lack electricity.

India plans a fivefold boost in renewable energy capacity in the next five years to 175 gigawatts, yet it is also planning to expand coal power. Coal-fired plants account for about 60 percent of India's installed power capacity.

Zhou, of IHS, said the coal industry is waiting to see if a Paris agreement would spur new laws requiring coal plants to limit

carbon emissions, in the way they have been required to limit particulate matter in the past. This would mean they either find technology to reduce plant emissions or switch to natural gas or other energy sources.

Ultimately, the world needs to decide how much energy from fossil fuels is "reasonable" considering the consumption patterns and development stages of different countries, he said.

"But that's a very controversial task because politicians in developed countries may have to bring a plan back to their respective countries and say, 'We have to change our lifestyle. We cannot consume nearly as much as energy as we consume today.'" AP

4b tons

The amount of coal China burns per year

CAMBODIA

Authorities poised to arrest opposition leader; violence feared

Sopheng Cheang, Phnom Penh

CAMBODIAN opposition leader Sam Rainsy was stripped of his lawmaker status and parliamentary immunity yesterday, paving the way for his arrest in connection with a defamation case that the opposition says is politically motivated.

Rainsy, who was on a visit to South Korea, announced in a Facebook post that he would not fly home yesterday evening as scheduled, but that he planned to return "in the next few days." Officials from his party said he had delayed his return to avoid the possibility of violence.

"Sam Rainsy is not afraid of coming back and going to jail, but he is worried about a confrontation between his supporters and authorities," said Eng Chhay Eang, an opposition lawmaker.

The prospect of Rainsy's arrest has sparked fears of unrest in this politically volatile nation, which has seen several bouts of violence following crackdowns



Cambodia National Rescue Party President Sam Rainsy

by authorities on opposition supporters.

The Phnom Penh Municipal Court ordered the arrest of Rainsy on Friday in connection with a defamation case brought by Foreign Minister Hor Namhong in 2008. In a speech, Rainsy had accused Hor

Namhong of colluding with the Khmer Rouge while being held as a prisoner by the radical group.

The court convicted Rainsy in 2013 and sentenced him to two years in jail. Rainsy appealed but lost. The conviction was never enforced and he continued

to live freely in Cambodia, serving as the leader of his party in Parliament.

Yesterday, amid questions about the legality of arresting a sitting lawmaker, the National Assembly's standing committee called a special session and emerged with a statement

saying it had revoked Rainsy's special privileges.

"Sam Rainsy has lost his parliamentary privileges, his rights and membership as a lawmaker of the National Assembly," said the statement from the standing committee, which is dominated by lawmakers from Prime Minister Hun Sen's ruling party.

The 13-member standing committee comprises seven lawmakers from the ruling Cambodian People's Party and six from the opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party, all of whom boycotted yesterday's special session.

The U.S. Embassy in Phnom Penh issued a security message Monday warning of the "heightened possibility" of protests, particularly near airports in the capital or the city of Siem Reap. It urged citizens to "immediately leave" any area where there are large gatherings.

Rainsy's allies in the opposition party have accused Hun Sen of being behind the move to gain the upper hand in their ongoing political fight. **AP**

NORTH KOREA

UN chief to visit Pyongyang this week



U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

Hyung-jin Kim, Seoul

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon will visit Pyongyang this week for a possible meeting with leader Kim Jong Un, a South Korean news report said.

The possible trip comes six months after Pyongyang at the last minute canceled an

invitation for Ban to visit an inter-Korean factory park in the North Korean city of Kaesong. Ban has said North Korea gave no reason for the cancellation. He had not planned to visit Pyongyang at that time.

Yonhap news agency cited an unidentified source in the U.N. when it reported Sun-

day about Ban's Pyongyang trip. It gave no details on the purpose of the trip or the day it would take place.

U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric and Seoul's Unification Ministry said they had no comment.

If the trip does take place, Ban would be the first U.N. head to visit North Korea since Boutros Boutros-Ghali in 1993.

Yonhap, quoting another unidentified U.N. source, said Ban is expected to meet Kim because it's unlikely for the secretary general to visit a U.N. member state without meeting the country's leader.

That source was quoted as saying Ban's trip could serve as a breakthrough in the standoff over North Korea's nuclear weapons program and strained ties between the two Koreas. Ban was South Korea's foreign minister before taking up the top U.N. job.

Ban had said before his canceled Kaesong park trip that he hoped his visit would help improve ties between the Koreas. Analysts in Seoul said at the time that Pyongyang may have scrapped the trip because it felt Ban would back only the views of Washington and Seoul. **AP**

AUSTRALIA

Widow admits supporting IS husband in Syria

THE widow of a notorious Australian Islamic State militant pleaded guilty in a Sydney court yesterday to supporting her husband's fighting in Syria.

Sydney-born jihadi Mohamed Elomar was killed in an airstrike in the Islamic State movement stronghold of Raqqa in Syria in June. He was 30 years old.

His widow Fatima Elomar, 31, was stopped at Sydney Airport with her four children in May last year as she attempted to join her husband in Syria.

She was carrying cash, camouflage gear and medicine.

She pleaded guilty in the New South Wales state District Court to one count of supporting foreign hostile acts in the month before she attempted to leave the country.

She was released on bail and will appear in court for sentencing on April 1. It was not immediately clear what prison sentence she could face.

Australian police announced in July last year that they had arrest warrants for Mohamed Elomar and his Sydney-born friend Khalid Sharrouf for terrorist offen-

ses. Both left Australia in 2013 for Syria.

The police announcement came a week after photographs were posted on a Twitter account linked to Sharrouf that showed Elomar smiling and holding the severed heads of two Syrian soldiers.

With Fatima Elomar stranded in Australia, her husband married Sharrouf's 13-year-old daughter in Syria. **AP**



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PARIS ATTACKS

World leaders pressed for coordinated response



U.S. President Barack Obama, left, speaks with Russian President Vladimir Putin, right, prior to the opening session of the G-20 summit in Antalya, Turkey

Vladimir Isachenkov and Josh Lederman, Antalya

PRESSED for a strong response to the Islamic State group's assault on Paris, the world's top industrial and developing nations are set to outline their coordinated response to what President Barack Obama has described as an "attack on the civilized world."

The leaders of the Group of 20 were wrapping up their two-day summit in Turkey yesterday against the backdrop of heavy French bombardment of the Islamic State's stronghold in Syria. The U.S. was expanding its intelligence sharing with the French and helping them identify targets, according to American officials.

Numerous meetings about next steps in Syria and the Islamic State campaign were being held on the sidelines of the summit at the Turkish seaside resort of Antalya.

Obama was to huddle with European leaders from France, Britain, Germany and Italy. French President Francois Hollande skipped the summit to stay home and deal with the aftermath of the attacks, but Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius planned to attend the meeting with the U.S. president.

Russian President Vladimir Putin, a key player in ending the conflict in

Syria that created a vacuum for the Islamic State, met separately with Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi and British Prime Minister David Cameron.

Putin and Cameron both emphasized the need for joint action against terrorism in the wake of Paris terror attack.

"The latest tragic events in Paris show that we have to unite our efforts in fighting this evil, something we should have done long time ago," Putin said.

Putin launched an air campaign in Syria a month-and-half ago with the Islamic State as the top declared target. The U.S. and its allies, however, have accused Moscow of focusing on other rebel groups in a bid to shore up Syria's leader Bashar Assad, whom the West sees as the main cause of the Syrian conflict and the chief obstacle to peace.

Ahead of the G-20, foreign ministers met in Vienna to discuss a new diplomatic plan to end the Syrian war. The plan appears to be based largely on a Russian proposal that envisions negotiations between Assad's government and opposition groups starting by Jan. 1.

Still, sharp differences over Assad's future and disagreements about what militant groups in Syria should be considered terrorists have dampened hopes for a breakthrough.

The Vienna talks were high on the agenda when Obama and Putin met huddled for about 35 minutes yesterday on the sidelines of the G-20.

Obama appeared to take a softer tone with Putin in the talks, noting "the importance of Russia's military efforts" aimed at IS, according to a White House readout of the meeting.

Putin's foreign affairs adviser, Yuri Ushakov, said the leaders share similar "strategic goals" for defeating the Islamic State extremists "but tactical differences remain."

Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, said yesterday it would be "absolutely unrealistic" to expect a brief Obama-Putin meeting to mark a turning point in bilateral ties. "The bilateral relations

are as they are. There are differences, but there is understanding that there is no alternative to bilateral dialogue to discuss the existing problems," Peskov told reporters.

Obama also met Sunday with Saudi Arabia's King Salman, another key player in the effort to end the Syrian war. The Saudis have pushed strongly for the ouster of Assad and have funded his foes. Putin is set to have talks Monday with the Saudi king, who is scheduled to visit Moscow soon.

Amid the diplomatic wrangling, the shock over the Paris attacks that killed at least 129 people raised the demand for quick action. The attacks in Paris, along with earlier bombings in Lebanon and Turkey, as well as the downing of a Russian airliner in Egypt, indicated that the Islamic State has grown bold enough to strike a variety of targets far away from its base in Syria and Iraq.

■ G20 leaders were wrapping up their two-day summit in Turkey against the backdrop of heavy French bombardment of the Islamic State in Syria

In Turkey, five police officers were injured Sunday when a suicide bomber blew himself up during a police raid on a suspected IS hideout near the Syrian border. Turkish security forces also rounded up 20 suspected IS militants in and around Antalya before the summit.

While U.S. officials said Obama viewed the attacks in France as an act of war, they cautioned he had no plans to overhaul his strategy for dismantling the IS and said he remained staunchly opposed to an American ground war in Syria. Instead, they foreshadowed an expansion of steps the U.S. is already taking, namely airstrikes and train-and-equip missions for rebels inside Syria.

In addition to the violence and instability afflicting much of the world, this year's G-20 agenda also included efforts to hasten global economic growth, with a particular focus on addressing the effects of China's economic slowdown. In a draft of the final G-20 communiqué obtained by The Associated Press, leaders renewed their goal to grow their collective GDP by another 2 percent by 2018. **AP**

LEADERS IN SILENT TRIBUTE TO PARIS VICTIMS

GERMAN CHANCELLOR Angela Merkel and British Prime Minister David Cameron joined French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius and other European leaders at a G-20 summit for a minute of silence in honor of the 129 victims Paris attacks. Standing between the French and the European Union flags, the leaders stood in silence at 1100GMT yesterday, at the same time as French President Francois Hollande

observed a minute of silence to along with schoolchildren and bystanders in Paris. Black ribbons were tied around the French and EU flags in a mark of mourning. The leaders were seen hugging Fabius at the end of ceremony. G-20 leaders are meeting on the sidelines of the summit at the Turkish seaside resort of Antalya to discuss next steps in Syria and the Islamic State campaign.

Lori Hinant and Sylvie Corbet, Paris

PARIS ATTACKS

France carries out raids, names more potential jihadis

FRENCH police raided 168 locations across the country and detained two dozen people as authorities identified more members of a sleeper cell said to be behind the Paris attacks that killed 129 people.

French and Belgian jihadis — and at least one potential Syrian member — were being implicated yesterday in what was the worst attack on French soil since World War II. The mastermind is said to be a Belgian national linked to thwarted earlier attacks on a train and a French church.

With France under a state of emergency that gives police special powers, the hunt continued for members of the cell that carried out last Friday's gun and bomb attacks.

French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said police arrested 23 people and recovered a Kalashnikov and other weapons during the overnight raids.

Heavily armed Belgian police also launched a major operation in the Molenbeek neighborhood of Brussels, which authorities consider to be a focal point for extremists and fighters going to Syria from Belgium.

Across France and throughout Europe, people paused for a minute's silence at noon French time (1100GMT) in memory of the victims.

Overnight, France launched its heaviest airstrikes yet on the Islamic State group's de-facto capital in Syria. Prime Minister Manuel Valls said, "We are at war" against terrorism.

French authorities say Sunday night's airstrikes destroyed a jihadi training camp and a munitions dump in the city of Raqqa, where Iraqi intelligence officials say the attacks on Paris were planned.

Twelve aircraft including 10 fighter jets dropped a total of 20 bombs in the biggest air strikes since France extended its bombing campaign against the extremist group to Syria in September, a Defense Ministry statement said. The jets launched from sites in Jordan and the Persian Gulf, in coordination with U.S. forces.

Three teams of attackers including seven suicide bombers attacked the national stadium, the concert hall and nearby nightspots Friday. In addition to those killed, the attacks wounded 350 people, 99 of them seriously.

French authorities have identified several suspected attackers, most with links to France or Belgium.

A French official identified the suspected mastermind as Belgian Abdelhamid Abaaoud, who is said to be linked to the thwarted attacks on a Paris-bound high-speed train and a



People pay their respects to the victims in front of the Carillon Restaurant in Paris

Paris area church earlier this year. The official has direct knowledge of the investigation but is not authorized to be publicly identified as speaking about the probe.

As efforts were being made to capture those behind the attacks, more details have emerged of those who carried them out.

■ The suspected mastermind is Belgian Abdelhamid Abaaoud, said to be linked to the thwarted attacks on a Paris-bound high-speed train

The Paris prosecutor's office said yesterday one of the suicide bombers who blew himself up in the Bataclan music hall Friday night was Samy Amimour, a 28-year-old Frenchman charged in a terrorism investigation in 2012. Amimour was placed under judicial supervision, but dropped off authorities' radar in 2013 and an international arrest warrant was issued.

An attacker who blew himself up outside the national

soccer stadium was said to have been found with a Syrian passport with the name Ahmad Al Mohammad, a 25-year-old born in Idlib. The prosecutor's office said fingerprints from the attacker match those of someone who passed through Greece in October.

Another, said to have been identified by the print on a recovered finger, was 29-year-old Frenchman Ismael Mostefai, who had a record of petty crime and had been flagged in 2010 for ties to Islamic radicalism.

A judicial official said police have also identified two other suicide bombers, both French nationals who'd been living in Belgium: 20-year-old Bilal Hadfi, who detonated himself outside the Stade de France; and 31-year-old Brahim Abdeslam, who blew himself up on the Boulevard Voltaire.

At least one key suspect is on the loose. The arrest warrant for 26-year-old Salah Abdeslam — brother of bomber Brahim — describes him as very dangerous and warns people not to intervene if they see him.

French officials revealed to The Associated Press that police already had him in their grasp early Saturday, when they stopped a car carrying three men near the Belgian border. By then, hours had passed since authorities identified Abdeslam as the renter of a Volkswagen Polo that carried hostage takers to the Paris theater where so many died.

Three French police officials and a top French security offi-

cial confirmed that officers let Abdeslam go after checking his ID. They spoke on condition of anonymity, lacking authorization to publicly disclose such details.

The Islamic State group has claimed responsibility for the attacks. Its statement mocked France's air attacks on suspected IS targets in Syria and Iraq, and called Paris "the capital of prostitution and obscenity."

Tantalizing clues about the extent of the plot have emerged from Baghdad, where senior Iraqi officials told the AP that France and other countries had been warned on Thursday of an imminent attack.

An Iraqi intelligence dispatch warned that Islamic State group leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi had ordered his followers to immediately launch gun and bomb attacks and take hostages inside the countries of the coalition fighting them in Iraq and Syria.

The Iraqi dispatch, which was obtained by the AP, provided no details on when or where the attack would take place, and a senior French security official told the AP that French intelligence gets these kinds of warnings "all the time" and "every day."

However, Iraqi intelligence officials told the AP that they also warned France about specific details: Among them, that the attackers were trained for this operation and were sent back to France from Raqqa, the Islamic State's de-facto capital.

The officials also said a sleeper cell in France then met with the attackers after their training and helped them to execute the plan. There were 24 people involved in the operation, they said: 19 attackers and five others in charge of logistics and planning.

None of these details have been corroborated by officials of France or other Western intelligence agencies.

All these French and Iraqi security and intelligence officials spoke with the AP on condition of anonymity, citing the ongoing investigation.

The identification of several French suspects stoked fears of homegrown terrorism in France, which has exported more jihadis than any other in Europe, and seen many return from the fight. All three gunmen in the January attacks on the Charlie Hebdo newspaper and a kosher supermarket in Paris were French.

In the worst of Friday's attacks, gunmen stormed the Bataclan theater during a rock concert, taking the audience hostage and firing on them repeatedly. Eighty-nine people were killed and many more wounded.

Julien Pearce, a journalist at Europe 1 radio who escaped by crawling onto the stage, said he got a good look at one attacker who appeared "very young."

"That's what struck me, his childish face, very determined, cold, calm, frightening," Pearce said.

Refugees fleeing war by the tens of thousands fear the Paris attacks could prompt Europe to close its doors, especially after police said a Syrian passport found next to one attacker's body suggested its owner passed through Greece into the European Union and on through Macedonia and Serbia last month.

Paris remains on edge amid three days of official mourning. French troops have deployed by the thousands and tourist sites remain shuttered in one of the most visited cities on Earth. Panic ensued Sunday night as police abruptly cleared hundreds of mourners from the famed Place de la Republique square, where police said firecrackers sparked a false alarm.

"Whoever starts running starts everyone else running," said Alice Carton, city council member who was at the square. "It's a very weird atmosphere. The sirens and screaming are a source of fear." AP

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Offbeat

2 ZEBRAS FLEE CIRCUS, RUN
THROUGH PHILADELPHIA STREETS

A pair of zebras escaped from a circus and went running through the streets of west Philadelphia before they were recaptured, police said.

The two animals somehow fled the UniverSoul Circus outside the Mann Center for the Performing Arts in west Philadelphia at about 2 p.m. Sunday (yesterday in Macau). A circus spokesman told The Philadelphia Inquirer in a statement that the animals "briefly went on the loose." No injuries were reported.

Witnesses took to social media to post photos and video footage of the animals running through the streets before police confirmed their recapture at about 3 p.m. Sunday.

"Zebras in custody," police said on their Twitter account. "They are already sporting old-timey prisoner getup ahead of trial and sentencing. Have faith, fellas."

Last month, a circus trapeze artist at the UniverSoul Circus show fell into the crowd during a performance in Philadelphia.

Police said the 19-year-old performer fell about 30 feet (nine meters) from his apparatus on Oct. 31 and landed in the crowd. A witness told The Philadelphia Inquirer that he bounced off a safety net and then landed among the spectators. No injuries were reported to anyone in the crowd and circus officials said the performer was expected to make a full recovery from a lower back injury.

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RETURN OF THE CUCKOO_

ROOM 1

2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Patrick Kong

Starring: Chi Lam Cheung, Chairmaine Sheh

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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_

ROOM 3

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

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Language: Mandarin (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 86min

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this day in history

1997 EGYPTIAN MILITANTS
KILL TOURISTS AT LUXOR

More than 60 people have been killed after an attack on a group of foreign tourists visiting a temple in southern Egypt.

The tourists' bus was fired on as they visited the temple of Hatshepsut, one of the main attractions in the town of Luxor in southern Egypt.

An Egyptian police spokesman said most of the dead were Swiss and Japanese tourists.

The spokesman said the six gunmen were killed in an ensuing two-hour gun battle with police.

According to initial figures released by Egypt's interior ministry, 57 tourists, a local guide and two policemen died in the attack.

Other reports say the number of people who have been killed could rise to 75 with up to 85 people injured.

An Islamic extremist group, the outlawed al-Gamaa al-Islamiya, is reported to have said it carried out the attack.

It came as 65 alleged members of the Islamic group went on trial in Cairo accused of conspiracy to murder.

Islamic militants have targeted tourists since beginning a campaign in 1992 to topple the government of Hosni Mubarak and set up a strict Islamic state.

Two months ago, nine Germans and an Egyptian driver were killed when gunmen opened fire on a bus in Cairo.

Two men have since been sentenced to death for the shootings.

Luxor, about 310 miles (500 km) south of Cairo, is visited by about two million tourists a year.

It has not previously been attacked by militants who have strongholds in other parts of southern Egypt.

In the past five years, attacks by militants have seen 34 foreign tourists killed and cost a total of more than a thousand lives.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The final number of people known to have died in the Luxor attack was 68.

It devastated the tourism industry and the Egyptian economy. The Egyptian authorities said they believed it was carried out by members of the Egyptian Islamic extremist group al-Gamaa al-Islamiya and financed by Osama Bin Laden and his al-Qaeda network.

Several people were arrested for the attack but none stood trial.

Al-Gamaa al-Islamiya declared a cease-fire in 1999 after the government agreed a prisoner amnesty.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 You may say the wrong thing to the wrong person today...

Taurus April 20-May 20 You need to avoid the temptation to talk over the crowd today...

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 You and your closest friend or romantic partner need to talk today...

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 You are feeling pulled in too many different directions today...

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Your terrific energy is making it all the more likely that you end up adventuring out in the world tonight...

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You've got to let yourself respond to the day's pressures without resisting too much...

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 Your current projects need some attention, so make sure that you're giving them your all...

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Things are larger than they seem, and you need to take them more seriously...

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Your inner sense of satisfaction is showing - people can sense your positive spirit...

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Your progress today is dependent on one thing: how willing you are to forget the rest of the world...

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 It's a social day for you - though your interactions may be largely online or otherwise non-traditional...

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 You can count on a little stroke of luck today - maybe not enough to change your life...

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles in four difficulty levels: Easy, Easy+, Medium, and Hard. Each puzzle is a 9x9 grid with numbers and empty cells.

WEATHER

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CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Bloody conflicts; 5- Run-of-the-mill; 10- Forcible impact; 14- Monumental; 15- John ___ Garner; 16- ___ Camera; 17- Concerned; 19- Skier's transport; 20- Grim character; 21- Person who plays the cathedral pipes?; 23- Sneaking coward; 25- Henri's hat; 26- Sewing machine inventor Howe; 28- Outcome; 31- German river; 34- Kernels; 36- Light ___; 37- Pinch; 38- Pertaining to fire; 40- Half a fly; 41- Monument; 43- One of a matching pair; 44- Workout count; 45- Make beloved; 47- Roofing stone; 49- "Oklahoma!" aunt; 51- Devour; 55- Never converging or diverging; 58- Richards of "Jurassic Park"; 59- Dudley Do-Right's org.; 60- Machine for chopping ice; 62- Elevator man; 63- Slender boat; 64- Hawaiian goose; 65- Zaire's Mobutu ___ Seko; 66- Bridges; 67- General ___ chicken;

DOWN: 1- Off-the-wall; 2- Sleep disorder; 3- Rudner and Moreno; 4- King's staff; 5- Infallible; 6- KLM rival; 7- Golden rule preposition; 8- Sour; 9- Account book; 10- See; 11- Train; 12- Latin lesson word; 13- Trading center; 18- Genuine; 22- Neighborhoods; 24- Intimidate; 27- Crookpot concoctions; 29- Speech issue; 30- Very, in Vichy; 31- Suffix with exist; 32- Zoologist Fossey; 33- Cuticle; 35- Dirties; 38- Counting everything; 39- Without warning; 42- Backslide; 44- Trustful; 46- Souvenirs; 48- Shipping deduction; 50- Summary; 52- HOMES, e.g.; 53- Bridge bid, briefly; 54- Merchandise; 55- Career golfers; 56- Entr___; 57- Actress Olin; 61- ___ vivant;

Yesterday's solution crossword grid with filled-in letters.

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Water Supply - Report 1990 992
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Jenna Fryer, AP Auto Racing Writer

NASCAR

Shortened race in Phoenix determines final 3 Chase spots

NASCAR'S championship field was set Sunday at rain-soaked Phoenix International Raceway when the race was called 93 laps from the scheduled finish — denying Joey Logano and three others a chance to race their way into the finale.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. won the race when NASCAR pulled the plug after a frustrating day of trying to get a pivotal Chase for the Sprint Cup championship elimination round completed. Rain initially delayed the start almost seven hours and turned a day race into a showcase under the lights, and Earnhardt inherited the lead when Kevin Harvick made a routine pit stop.

"That's the way this game is played. That's the way this Chase is," Logano said. "There's no doubt in my mind we're still the strongest team on the race track."

Earnhardt was eliminated from the playoffs in the second round, though, so the victory had no championship implications. Advancing into the season finale next Sunday were reigning series champion Harvick, Kyle Busch and Martin Truex Jr. They joined Jeff Gordon, who had earned his spot in the final four two weeks ago with a win at Martinsville, in the winner-take-all showdown at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

Eliminated Sunday were Logano and his teammate Brad Keselowski, as well as Carl Edwards and Kurt Busch. All could have earned a spot in the finale with a victory at Phoenix, but the weather ruined their



Joey Logano

shot to race their way into the championship.

"I don't think it matters what's fair, it matters what entertains the fans and if the fans are happy then that's what it's all about," said Keselowski.

But the fans were likely left unsatisfied after the anti-climactic ending.

It was a bitter defeat for Team Penske, which nearly locked both drivers into the finale. Logano, the Daytona 500 winner who swept all three races of the second round of the Chase, was headed to the win at Martins-

ville until he was intentionally wrecked by Matt Kenseth and Keselowski nearly won last week at Texas but was chased down in the closing laps by Jimmie Johnson.

Logano finished a frustrating third and was denied a chance to race Earnhardt and Harvick on a restart because of the rain.

"You don't know if there's another restart if we're going to win," Logano said. "You just want a chance. It's no one's fault. It's not NASCAR's fault. What are they supposed to do when it's pouring out?"

Also left wondering what might have been: Edwards, who missed advancing by just five points, and Kurt Busch, who had one of the strongest cars at Phoenix. Kurt Busch had to win the race to advance, and he might have had a shot had it gone to completion.

He was penalized minutes into the race for jumping the start — he grabbed the lead from pole-sitter Johnson — but fell to last in the field when he made his pass-through on pit road. But he still climbed to seventh and might have been able to challenge teammate Harvick for the win.

"I don't even think it was a penalty," Kurt Busch said after the race ended. "It's not even a call in my mind."

Meanwhile, Earnhardt had no guilt in celebrating the win. He was eliminated from the Chase after the second round when a caution prevented him from racing Logano to the checkered flag at Talladega.

"A lot of guys would love to see this race continue and have an opportunity to race to the Chase," said Earnhardt. "If I had four or six inches at Talladega, we would be going there to Homestead to race for a championship, too. It works out for some and some it doesn't."

Earnhardt ended Harvick's streak of four consecutive wins

at Phoenix, but the champion was the class of the field. He led 143 of the 219 laps and had just pitted when a wreck brought out the caution.

"It's kind of bittersweet," Harvick said. "Just caution came out at the wrong time. I feel like I don't want to be greedy and be disappointed with how it went today when you look at the big picture."

"You always want to win when you have a car like we did today, but I'll take it again next week."

Harvick won at Homestead last year to clinch his first career championship. This time he'll be up against four-time champion Gordon, who will try to win the title in his final race before retirement, and Kyle Busch and Truex, who will both be racing for the championship for the first time in their career.

Kyle Busch has been a favorite to win the title at various times in his career, but he never made it far enough in the Chase to win a Cup title. It gives him the chance for a storybook ending to a season that began with a crash at Daytona that left him with a broken leg and broken foot.

Sidelined until late May, he was given a waiver by NASCAR to compete in the Chase.

"I'm playing with house money, so I've got the advantage," he said. **AP**

ATHLETICS

Scotland's Andrew Lemonchello wins Las Vegas Marathon

SCOTLAND'S Andrew Lemonchello won the Las Vegas Marathon yesterday (Macau time) in 2 hours, 21 minutes, 47 seconds in cold wind and rain.

Panama's Williana Rojas won the women's race in 3:08.18.

The 33-year-old Lemonchello, an Olympic steeplechase competitor in 2008, pulled away with 10 miles left. With the weather and little competition, he slowed off pace.

"The winds were ferocious out there," said Lemonchello, based in Flagstaff, Arizona. "It's always hard running by yourself. Today with the wind, you play mental games with yourself. You keep saying to yourself, 'one more mile, one more mile.'"

Tommy Rivers Puzey, also

from Flagstaff, was second at 2:34.36.

The 22-year-old Rojas, originally from Venezuela, held off Canada's Jen Annett by 19 seconds.

"(The wind) was like running into a wall," Rojas said through an interpreter. "The race was too windy and I'm not used to this being from the tropics. I've been working very hard."

In the half marathon, Jeffery Eggleston of Boulder, Colorado, won the men's race in 1:04.40, and Jennifer Bergman of Portland, Oregon, took the women's title in 1:15.22.

Teddy Kassa of Torrance, California won the men's 10-kilometer race in 33.37, and Emily Schulik of Houston topped the women's field 41.24. **AP**

FOOTBALL

FIFA bans leaders of Nepal, Laos federations in bribes case

IN yet another case of FIFA election bribery, the president of Nepal's soccer federation was banned for 10 years yesterday.

Ganesh Thapa, who will lose his place on FIFA's Under-20 World Cup organizing committee, was implicated in bribery at elections to choose Asian delegates on the world governing body's executive committee.

Thapa was a former vice president of the Asian Football Confederation when it was led by now-banned Mohamed bin Hammam of Qatar, yet retained his positions in Asia and at FIFA despite being under suspicion since 2012.

Thapa's misconduct related to elections for Asian seats on the FIFA ruling committee in 2009 and 2011, the FIFA ethi-

cs committee said in giving its verdict yesterday.

Thapa was guilty of the "solicitation and acceptance of cash payments from another football official, for both personal and family gain," the ethics panel said.

His ban comes more than three years after a forensic audit of Asian Football Confederation accounts identified Thapa's son, Guarav, for receiving USD100,000 from Bin Hammam in July-August 2009. Guarav Thapa was then an AFC staff member, the audit report said.

In May 2009, Bin Hammam won a bitterly contested election to retain his FIFA executive committee seat against Sheikh Salman Bin Ibrahim Al Khalifa of Bahrain, who is now a FIFA presidential candidate.

That 2009 election was marred by allegations of vote-buying by both sides.

As well as the 10-year ban from soccer, Thapa was fined 20,000 Swiss francs (\$19,900).

In a related case yesterday, the top soccer official from Laos was suspended from soccer for two years by FIFA's ethics committee.

Lao Football Federation President Vipheth Sihachakr was found to have sought and accepted a payment from another official relating to the 2011 election for a place on FIFA's executive committee.

Sihachakr was fined 40,000 Swiss francs (around \$39,700).

He will also lose his place on the FIFA development committee which allocates tens of millions of dollars annually in project funding. **AP**

opinion

Artifacts
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DONE WITH ONE?

Probably the most hyped-up single policy change to come out of China for years, the relaxation of Beijing's one child policy has been chronicled to death in the media over the last few weeks. So why am I still talking about it if everything's already been done and dusted? Well actually it hasn't.

First of all, a little bit of clarification is in order. All the blaring "End of China's one child policy" headlines have been somewhat misleading. They haven't actually axed it, just "relaxed" it. The end of the one child policy does not equal reproductive freedom. The million or so bureaucrats who work for the Party's Family Planning Commission would be out of a job if the policy disappeared altogether. In fact their policing work will continue, intrusively limiting the birth rate of couples who now pass the magic number of two.

Although the horror of forced abortions and cauldens chronicling the monthly reproductive cycles of peasant villagers on office walls may well ease off, through a mixture of fines and withholding of household residency, the Party's agents still manage to interfere in what is otherwise seen as a basic human right. Amnesty International recently issued a statement warning that the change in policy was "not enough," adding that, "the state has no business regulating how many children people have".

But before I get to the nitty gritty of why the change probably won't matter that much in the lives of most city-dwellers compared to other policies, according to The Economist the official success figure being touted is its having prevented over 400 million births. As a result of a sustained decades-long propaganda campaign, most Chinese think their country has too many people. If anything, now there are too few.

A quarter of the mainland's population will be over 65 by 2050, meaning an increased welfare burden as well as a drop in the number of working age adults. Result? China will suffer economically as its labor force shrinks up. Likewise, a preference for boys and selective abortions have skewed the gender balance ratio. The Chinese Academy of Social Sciences has projected that more than 24 million men will not be able to find spouses by 2020 because of the disparity.

So even if the one child policy has had a less dramatic effect than the Party likes to claim, it could have a titanic impact in the next century, putting it in the same category as the Cultural Revolution and the Great Leap Forward in terms of colossal social engineering failures.

Besides the threat of forced abortions or monetary fines, probably the other main weapon in enforcing birth control has been denying "hukou", or household registration, to babies whose parents violate the one-child rule. (A hukou is required to access subsidized government services like healthcare and education. It's so important in China that without a hukou you can't even buy a train ticket).

Besides one-child policy violators, migrants don't get the same access to schools and hospitals as resident city dwellers as the hukou system ties facilities to hometowns. Currently, migrant children can enroll in approved primary and middle schools, but most have to then return to their hometowns to attend high school. They can only take the Gaokao, the national university entrance exam, in their home provinces. The test results determine which university students can go to, in turn influencing the kind of job they can get, and their entire future in fact. That's a lot of pressure.

For most parents a combination of propaganda and the rising cost of living has meant that even if they did feel inclined to expand their families, in all likelihood they won't. Those who have been able to afford it have already paid the fines. But for migrants and smaller town residents who might consider a second child, going some way to reforming the strict Gaokao and hukou requirements might just give their offspring a better chance at one day achieving the all-elusive China Dream.

THE BUZZ ROMANIA: 3 HANDBALL PLAYERS DIE AFTER TEAM BUS HIT BY TRUCK

The Romanian handball federation says three players died and 11 were injured when the bus they were traveling in was hit by a truck.

The accident occurred late Sunday outside the eastern city of Ramnicu Sarat when the team was returning home from a game against Vicov Bucovina.

The federation said yesterday that three players from the CSU Targoviste men's team died instantly. The truck driver was among the 11 injured.

Mediafax news agency reported a truck loaded with timber smashed into the team bus, which had stopped on the side of the road.

Marriott buys rival hotel chain Starwood for USD12.2 billion



Scott Mayerowitz, New York

MARRIOTT International is buying rival hotel chain Starwood for USD12.2 billion in a deal that will secure its position as the world's largest hotelier.

The stock-and-cash deal, if completed, will add 50 percent more rooms to Marriott's portfolio and give it more unique, design-focused hotels that appeal to younger travelers.

The new company would have 5,500 properties with more than 1.1 million rooms around the world, uniting Starwood's brands, which include Sheraton, Westin, W and St. Regis, with Marriott's two dozen brands including Marriott's Courtyard, Ritz-Carlton and Fairfield Inn.

The next-largest hotel company is Hilton Worldwide with 4,400 properties and about 720,000 rooms.

Back in April, Starwood announced its board was exploring strategic options for the hotel company. The Stamford, Connecticut, company has struggled to grow as fast as its rivals, particularly in "limited service hotels," smaller properties which don't have restaurants or banquet halls. They are often located on the side of the highway, near airports or in suburban office parks.

There was speculation in the markets about a potential deal with Holiday Inn owner Intercontinental Hotels Group and more recently Hyatt Hotels Corp. But in the end, it was Marriott who prevailed.

The deal comes at a time of record hotel occupancy and rates.

During the first nine months of this year, guests filled 67.3 percent of the available rooms in the U.S., according to research firm STR. That's the highest level since STR started collecting data in 1987. Guests paid an average of \$120.35 a night so far this year. The prior record, adjusted for inflation, was \$119.70 in 2008.

Marriott, based in Bethesda, Maryland, has been aggressively growing. In April, it acquired Canadian chain Delta Hotels and Resorts, helping it become the largest hotel company in Canada.

The boards of both companies approved the acquisition unanimously, which now must be approved by investors in both hotel chains.

Arne Sorenson will be president and CEO of the combined company and the headquarters will be in Bethesda. Marriott's board of directors following the closing will increase from 11 to 14 members, with the expected addition of three members Starwood's board.

Marriott said it expects to deliver at least \$200 million in annual savings in the second full year after closing. AP

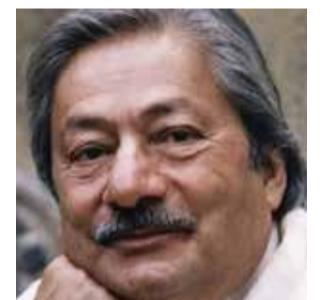
Station	Air quality
Roadside	25-45 Good
High Density Residential Area	30-50 Good
Ambient	20-40 Good

WORLD BRIEFS

AUSTRALIA The widow of a notorious Australian Islamic State militant pleaded guilty in a Sydney court to supporting her husband's fighting in Syria. Sydney-born jihadi Mohamed Elomar was killed in an airstrike in the Islamic State movement stronghold of Raqqa in Syria in June. He was 30 years old. More on p12

INDONESIA An Indonesian court opens the trials of three Indonesians and five Thais charged with human trafficking connected with slavery in the seafood industry. The suspects were arrested in the remote island village of Benjina in May after the slavery was revealed by The Associated Press in a report two months earlier.

MYANMAR The military-backed party overwhelmingly voted out of office in Myanmar's general election still has another 2½ months to make laws as the majority — and retains enough potency to complicate matters if it chooses to do so.



INDIA Saeed Jaffrey, an Indian actor acclaimed for his roles in international films including "Gandhi," "A Passage to India" and "My Beautiful Laundrette," dies at age 86.

THAILAND An error by race organizers has made Bangkok home to the world's longest half-marathon. Instead of the typical 21-kilometer run through Thailand's steamy capital, the Standard Chartered Bangkok Marathon on Sunday accidentally extended its annual half-marathon to nearly 28 kilometers.

USA Five men who have been held for more than 13 years at the U.S. base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, have been released and sent to the United Arab Emirates, the Pentagon said Sunday. The five Yemeni men were accepted for resettlement in the Persian Gulf nation after U.S. authorities determined they no longer posed a threat, the Defense Department said in a statement. Their release brings the Guantanamo prison population to 107.

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

Mary Spano/Eduardo D. Rodriguez/Wyss Department of Plastic Surgery/NYU Langone Medical Center via AP



This combination of photos provided by the NYU Langone Medical Center shows Patrick Hardison before and after his facial transplant surgery in New York. Hardison was burned Sept. 5, 2001.