



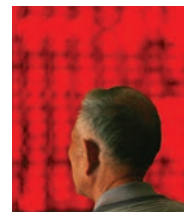
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# Economic diversification efforts require better planning

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To take off, economic diversification requires long-term strategic planning from authorities and coordination with industry stakeholders. However, the scarcity of land resources and traffic congestion could foil the government's attempt to transform the region, according to Steven M. Rittvo, chairman and CEO of the Innovation Group.

"If Macau were to build what Las Vegas did – second-tier hotels – the land is not available. If you increase visitation to Macau, the traffic will become worse than it already is," the service consultant told the Times after a Macau Gaming Show panel discussion at the Venetian yesterday. The expert's speech centered on how the territory could learn from its American counterpart, Las Vegas.

In Rittvo's opinion, Macau would recover earlier than the American gaming hub did after the 2008 global financial crisis, but it would still take a long time to recover, owing to many hurdles along the way.

With traffic woes and land shortages having long been left unaddressed, the group's head questioned the feasibility of the government's diversification ef-



Steven M. Rittvo

orts, especially in the absence of a holistic blueprint detailing the strategies. "All they have said is that we need to diversify, they haven't said how, and how they will support it," said Rittvo.

"We need to look at basically what are the strengths, what are the weaknesses, and the opportunities for change, and what's gonna threaten the growth," he

added. "When you look at that, it gives you the basis to put everything together."

Furthermore, he urged the government to take a more proactive role in deciding what entertainment should be introduced into the region, rather than leaving the decision up to the gaming operators themselves.

Casino-resorts usually reward gamblers with discounted ac-

commodation, which is not offered to non-gambling tourists. The policy, which reflects the companies' favoritism of gamblers over non-gamblers, will have to be revised if the resorts aim for a wider tourist market in the future, said Rittvo.

**If Macau were to build what Las Vegas did – second-tier hotels – the land is not available.**

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"They would always control the rooms for gamblers," he said. "They may have less valuable gamblers coming, but they would still control it until they start building more hotels."

In addition, the consultant company head also criticized the government's move to only grant 250 tables to Melco Crown's Studio City, despite the operator having fulfilled

the goal of diversification on its premises.

"I don't think it's a good government policy because I think they should have been rewarded, not punished with less tables," he said. "That doesn't make sense to me."

Speaking of the controversial full smoking ban, the consultant stood with the gaming concessionaires. He said that, from a humanitarian perspective, some sort of ban should be in place for the sake of the staff.

Nonetheless, Rittvo asserted that the ban would have a definite effect on the industry, especially amid a regional rivalry where other countries and cities such as Vietnam, Laos, Russia, Saipan and South Korea are catching up to Macau in terms of offering smoking-friendly facilities.

He forecasted that if the regulations to be put in place, the already declining gaming revenue would further drop by 16 percent.

Another speaker, Roberto Coppola, global director of market research from YWS Design and Architecture, commented that the authorities have always left the gaming operators directionless in their business.

"I think there needs to be a very clear message about what the government wants. It seems like there are a bunch of uncertainties, especially from the US operators," he commented.

Both the consultants recommended that the government conduct more studies into the industry to understand the different demands from the broader market that will need to be met in the future.

## CRIME

## Police bust gambling syndicate siphoning enough to make a casino blush

MAINLAND police have busted an online gambling syndicate that they say generated more than RMB500 billion (HKD608 billion) in bets, and which had a membership of nearly one million users.

The Beijing News reported that the syndicate had a complex structure with overseas divisions administering over 500 websites, targeting mainland gamblers. While the main server was in Taiwan,

Cantonese and Mandarin-speaking customer service staff were situated in Hong Kong, Thailand and the Philippines.

The police estimated that the online network had accumulated more than HKD608 billion in bets from its customer base, of which no fewer than 120,000 registered gamblers were actively betting on the websites at any one time.

The HKD608 billion accumulated by the syn-

dicate dwarfs the revenues of some of the biggest casino operators in Macau. Sands China's four casinos in Macau recorded USD8.35 billion (HKD64.72 billion) in net revenue last year, while SJM Holdings took in HKD79.2 billion.

The massive crackdown, called Operation 109, began last year and involved 84 arrests in July in several cities throughout Guangdong province. The police action in this case

was only revealed when the crackdown was announced by the Ministry of Public Security on Tuesday.

"From our data analysis, every sign is pointing to a professional team working in the background," said Peng Zhihong, from the Yueyang Public Security Bureau's internet crime investigation unit in Hunan.

The police said that the suspects used false identity cards and "illegitima-

te" mobile phone cards to create identities, and that the investigation was made challenging by the operators' strategy of regularly disposing of their computer and communication equipment.

According to the report, winnings were paid into users' bank accounts. Gamblers who lost were required to pay their losses back to the website, while those who didn't repay would trigger unspecified retaliation.

The mastermind was identified as a 39-year-old man surnamed Xu from Chaoshan in eastern Guangdong. Xu rented most of the gambling websites in the network to smaller groups, which operated as companies, for between RMB30,000 and 50,000 per month.

A Shenzhen-based internet technology company was reported to have provided coding and website design for the server in Taiwan.

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# Chui explains 'prudent and conservative' gaming revenue forecast

**S**EVERAL lawmakers asked the Chief Executive about plans to deal with the gaming revenue downturn during the second consecutive day of the Policy Address presentation at the Legislative Assembly.

In a session fully devoted to lawmakers' questions, the CE reiterated the forecast he made on Tuesday, saying that casino revenue is expected to come in at MOP200 billion (USD25 billion) next year, the lowest since 2010. According to him, this is a "prudent and conservative" estimate that bears in mind the "very significant" drop in gaming revenues.

Mr Chui said that the massive economic growth registered during previous years has allowed the administration to save "for periods of greater hardship," stating that the region has a surplus of MOP30 billion.

The government's long-term strategy, he answered, is to depend less on gambling, inviting operators to invest in areas like hotel services and retail.

"The non-gaming sector represents one third of the [gaming operators'] revenues. In the past, that ratio was 9 to one (...) We can't deny that the gaming industry is relevant to allow the development of other sectors, but there are other areas linked to gaming concessionaires that registered growth," he said. "It's important to provide opportunities so that the working-age population may work in other areas besides gaming."

The ongoing mid-term review of the gaming industry will also include junket operations. "Given the recent incidents [a reference to the Dore case, among others] we will strengthen oversight."

The shortage and unavailability of housing at affordable prices was a recurrent issue brought up by lawmakers during yesterday's Q&A session. Recognizing that many people are unable to buy residential properties in Macau and can't apply for affordable housing (given that they have incomes above the cap to apply), Chui showed a special concern for the younger generation. He reiterated that a new housing scheme may be



Chui Sai On

established for them. Under that scheme, they would be able to rent flats at affordable prices and later buy them.

"The essential is that we have the land to be able to develop [that scheme]. After finding a job, youths want to have a house. But it is difficult to ascertain which kind of housing they need," he stated, adding that the government intends to organize a public consultation on the matter.

The CE also mentioned the plan to provide 28,000 public housing units within the new reclamation Zone A. Besides, he expects that the real estate market will develop "in a healthy way" and pledged to promote the recovery of un-

## VOUCHERS TO PURCHASE GOODS AND SERVICES

**ANSWERING** A question posed by Chan Chak Mo on how to stimulate internal consumption, the CE hinted that a new type of voucher may be introduced. "The government may launch a new type of voucher to be used when purchasing goods and services, for example in restaurants," he said.

sed land lots in order to build affordable housing.

Concerning delays in major infrastructure projects, like Taipa's Pac On ferry terminal and the Light Rapid Transit (LRT), Chui noted that interruptions are not exclusive to Macau: "Slippages also happen in other regions, given the technical difficulty and litigation that sometimes arises."

Also regarding major infrastructure projects, Ho Iong Sang expressed his disappointment with the announcement that fourth link between Macau and Taipa will be via a bridge, instead of a tunnel. "There's a big discrepancy between the will of the people and this decision," he said, alleging that the bridge doesn't allow the motorcyclists to circulate under all kinds

of weather.

The CE reiterated that the decision to build a bridge linking Taipa to reclamation Zone A has already been taken, and hinted that a fifth link could be built in the future: "Some people argue that more connections between Macau and Taipa should be made. But we must be pragmatic. At this point, the government is focused on the works to create a fourth link as soon as possible. While the region's development, other infrastructure projects will be studied."

Unsatisfied with the 2.53 percent raise for civil servants announced at the Policy Address, lawmaker Pereira Coutinho questioned how services can improve if the stability of the public administration human resources

is at stake. "The workers' morale is at a low point. There were cases of civil servants that even committed suicide," said Coutinho, who is also the Macau Civil Servants Association president.

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CHUI SAI ON

"I was very shocked with what happened to two public administration workers," Chui said yesterday, two weeks after the alleged suicide of the director-general of the Customs Service, Lai Man Wa. "We must pay more attention to the pressure that is put on the shoulders of workers. There's a need to be more aware of those issues. Next year we will bear that in mind when we revise the public administration careers. People expect to improve their livelihood, be less affected by inflation and have a healthier relationship with their family members."

Other topics discussed yesterday included public transportation (a set of policies to prioritize it over private transportation was listed), healthcare (students were advised to invest in a medical career), and national education. "When he visited Macau in December, Xi Jinping left us four wishes, one of them being the strengthening of youth education so that the nuclear values of patriotism may continue," he said, adding that students should be informed about Macau and mainland China. Consequently, schools are being financed to teach the subject, whose curriculum has been established for primary and secondary institutions.

## PEARL HORIZON PROPOSAL BEFORE DEC 10

**THE CE** mentioned that the government will present a solution for disgruntled Pearl Horizon buyers, sharing their concerns regarding the investments they made in the high-end project. The Pearl Horizon 25-year land-use term is set to expire on December 10. Uncertainty remains over whether

the land-use agreement will be extended. Kwan Tsuin Hang was one of the lawmakers that criticized the administration over its slowness to solve the issue. She said that waiting until December 10 to present a solution is "too late." Chui said that the proposal would be made before December 10.



## Nomura expects Nov to see dip in gaming revenues

Nomura, in its latest research report, says that the average daily gaming revenue for the week of November 9-15 rose by 7 percent week-on-week to USD517 million. Assuming that the average daily revenue for the rest of the month stays within the range of USD480-540 million (compared with USD597 million in October), it is estimated that gaming revenue for November will range between USD14.7 billion and USD15.6 billion, down 16-21 percent on a monthly basis, and down by between 31 and 35 percent on a yearly basis.

## Chong Wei makes his way to local badminton open



Thirty-three-year-old Malaysian badminton player Lee Chong Wei will be taking part in the Hong Kong Open Super Series Championship and the Macau Grand Prix Gold Championship, the latter of which starts next week on November 24. Chong Wei, the former world number one, collected the only Super Series title missing from his collection on Sunday after defeating the current world number one, Chen Long. He returned to the court in June this year with his ranking at its lowest point in more than a decade after being suspended for eight months by the Badminton World Federation for failing a drugs test.

# Gov't may delay decision on smoking ban

**R**ESearch and brokerage firm Bernstein Research has estimated that the decision on the smoking ban will take the government longer than two months to finalize, as authorities look to buy time amid the gaming industry's poor performance.

After last week's meeting between the Macau Legislative Assembly's Second Standing Committee and the six gaming concessionaires, Bernstein commented that the government will "be loath to make a decision while the gaming industry is still weak."

Chan Chak Mok, the chairman of the committee, had indicated that it may take until June 2016 for the bill to return to the full Assembly after passing through a series of consultations and potential amendments.

While the current bill being discussed proposes a full smoking ban through-



out casinos, the Macau government has, since the initial passage of the smoking bill in July, made comments suggesting that it could potentially open to allowing the retention of smoking lounges.

The six gaming operators warned the administration last week that a full smoking ban could negatively affect gaming revenues, government tax revenues, and in turn, the social welfare of Macau locals. The opera-

tors proposed retaining the smoking lounges arrangement, whereby smoking is permitted in special areas with separate and adequate ventilation.

The MSAR government conceded that smoking lounges could be an option if the gaming operators are able to scientifically prove that the lounges can effectively prevent others from being harmed by tobacco smoke.

"If a full smoking ban were implemented, it would have a negative impact on GGR [Gross Gaming Revenue], as the current partial smoking ban has had a negative impact on Mass GGR since October 2014," Bernstein told Asia Gaming Brief.

"We believe the impact of a full smoking ban [...] is already priced in the current valuation. A retention of the lounges and the smoking VIP rooms would be a positive catalyst," the research group added. **Staff reporter**

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**R**OY Eric Xavier, a researcher and visiting scholar from the University of California, Berkeley's Institute for the Study of Societal Issues, is being supported in Macau by the US J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship. He has been selected for a project to be developed at the University of Macau during the next month.

In this project, the scholar will offer a new perspective on the region's social and cultural history, which has implications for its present and future. The Times spoke with him in order to learn more about his new perspective and how it relates to the history of the territory.

**Macau Daily Times – In your work you have concluded that the ability of Macau to survive and prosper over the years is somehow related to the movement of different groups in and out of the city in which many eventually settled. This created an environment that was culturally tolerant, but also which economically and socially benefited from that broad mix of influences. Do we still have this multicultural influence and benefits nowadays?**

**Roy Xavier** – Well, although I've visited Macau every year for the last couple of years, I'm not a resident so I cannot really say if day-to-day life is like that. However from what I can see from the outside, and certainly from the history, there has been a long history of cultural influences from different cultures, not just Portuguese but all of Southeast Asia and most recently from all over the world. Macau has always been a sort of 'cultural crossroads'. My study has always been to look at the cultural diversity of Macau and also how that impacts today on economic diversity. In my opinion, Macau is still a connection between East and West, it is still a 'cultural crossroads' so I think it still has that role.

**MDT – Do you think that this region has some kind of "extra potential" due to its history that makes it more able to perform that role than other neighboring regions?**

**RX** – I really think it does! And I think that is mainly because of its cultural diversity. Let me give you an example: Macau's major competitor, because it is so dependent on gaming, is Las Vegas. Las Vegas and Macau are pretty similar in development trends. In the 1990s, Las Vegas was dependent on high-rollers in the same way Macau has been

**Q&A** ROY XAVIER  
SCHOLAR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

## Macanese diaspora is a 'huge network' largely unused



Roy Xavier

and the problem was that they put a lot of money into moving beyond high-rollers to appeal to families and middle class visitors. So they built new hotels, different types of venues. They tried to appeal to this group, and this worked for about ten years until the global recession and then Las Vegas crashed even worse than the rest of the US economy leading

**Macau is still a connection between East and West, it is still a 'cultural crossroads'.**

ROY XAVIER

to 11 percent unemployment, a house market crash, and so on. What I mean with this is that 'throwing money at it' is not always the solution. So what did they do? After learning from these experiences, they realized that they needed to expand the economy somewhere, so the next solution was digital resources. Use the internet and technologies in different areas, including medicine. I think that this experience provides a lesson for Macau. You cannot be so dependent on gaming, there has to be something else, you have to use the resources that you have. One of the biggest resources that Macau has is its connections to the outside world, given its international communities are fairly large, and provide a huge network. This is something that Macau has not yet tapped, and that

is what I am advocating, the need to start to tap that network. The first step for that is certainly to start gathering this information from a business perspective.

**MDT – Who are these people in this network and how can they contribute to this new development of Macau?**

**RX** – This network includes many associations around the world who are international Macanese, not just Portuguese but Goans, Malaysians, Thais, Chinese, Japanese and many others that have some kind of cultural tie to Macau. Their parents did not necessarily connect with Macau other than having a nostalgic feeling but this feeling was passed along to their children and grandchildren, which I am part of too. This newer ge-

neration is well positioned as professionals. They now work for places like Google, Apple, Chase Manhattan Bank, Genentech and other huge companies that have global perspectives. They too have global perspectives and they wish to connect back to Macau. So, one of the solutions could be to develop international exchanges. Countries like India, China, Germany, and the US have done this to a certain way. Macau has not, maybe because they had too much wealth and that made them complacent.

**MDT – In those areas you mentioned, will Macau be able to compete with Singapore, for example?**

**RX** – I think it can, with the right training and expertise. And that is why the international exchanges are so important. If we do site visits, internships, and training sessions and we have these experts coming to do start-ups and incubators like they are doing currently in Shanghai and Beijing, those types of connections will lead to a transfer of knowledge and expertise that ultimately will lead to an expansion of business.

**MDT – So, what's missing? Is it as simple as connecting those dots?**

**RX** – It is a matter of connecting dots, and in order to connect the dots you have to know what the dots are. We have to do a little research, and it is fairly easy to do. We can gather that research under an archive which serves two purposes: one – it provides profiles of these professionals, where they work and who they are and their interests; two – it reinforces the historical and cultural connection and enables us to collect information from them. That is why I think there is a strong correlation between the cultural and the economic.

**MDT – The government has been speaking about attracting local talents among high qualified professionals that are working abroad. Are these people available for that?**

**RX** – I think that there are many locals who went abroad and got training that can contribute and are willing to. Most of those are in the US, Canada, Australia and the UK. In fact, I think the government has neglected the English speaking countries a little – they were a little left out of the loop. I want to raise this issue because Portuguese speaking countries bet that it is fine, they are part of the culture, but I think you are losing a huge advantage by not connecting with locals in English speaking countries. I am sure that motivation from companies and people is there.



**T**HE impact of the United Nations bribery scandal involving Macau developer Ng Lap Seng can again be felt in the MSAR, as the global organization announced its intention to cancel planned events and offices in the city.

The UN's World Alliance of Cities Against Poverty, a network of around 900 municipal governments, had planned to hold its next "Global Forum" in the territory. However, according to a spokesperson for the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation, the next Global Forum will no longer be held in Macau as planned.

The cancellation of this event is seen as a blow to officials in the MSAR, who are keen to promote the meetings and conferencing industry as a part of the diversification of the economy. According to government figures, the city hosted 23 meetings, each involving some 200 people, in the April-June quarter, while the previous World Alliance of Cities Against Poverty forum, held in Dublin in 2013, attracted more than 500 delegates.

The news comes in addition to the setback in discussions over the proposal to build an expo center in the SAR, which was halted after Ng's arrest in September. Some 200 delegates had hitherto endorsed the building of the center during a mee-

## UN bribery scandal leads to global forum cancelation



Ng Lap Seng

ting on August 25 and 26 at the Grand Hyatt Macau.

According to the Nikkei Asian Review, the official added that another plan discussed at the August meeting in Macau, to shift part of the office's secretariat to the city, also "will not be pursued."

The South-South office has said that it would not be ac-

cepting the USD13.5 million in funding offered by Ng's Sun Kiap Ip Group Foundation, and is mounting multiple reviews of its ties to the group. This follows the arrests of Ng Lap Seng and John Ashe, the former president of the United Nations General Assembly.

However the office reported that it has already spent USD1.5

million of donations from the foundation to finance the August meeting in Macau and another held in Dhaka, Bangladesh, in May.

Ng has been charged by prosecutors in New York on allegations of bribery and money laundering, amounting to an alleged USD500,000 paid to John Ashe. It is alleged that the

money was used to enlist Ashe in Ng's bid for the construction of a "multi-billion dollar" U.N South-South expo center.

One of Ng Lap Seng's defense lawyers, Benjamin Brafman, has said that Ng "wants to clear his name" to protect his real estate empire, which would "crumble in an hour" if banks demanded payments of loans after a conviction. That, Brafman added, would cause Ng to "lose everything."

However, Ng's business partner, Kuan Via Lam, said in October that the Sun Kiap Ip Group Foundation would be unaffected by the case and detention of the Macau developer because Ng's son is the company's board chairman, and the elder Ng "has not directly participated in the company's operations for the past few years."

In a separate case, Ng was arrested last month after being accused of bringing USD4.5 million into the U.S. and deceiving the authorities as to its purpose.

Ng and Ashe have pled not guilty to all charges and have been released on bail. **Staff reporter**

### REAL ESTATE

## Prices of residential and commercial units see consistent decline

**T**HE average price of a residential unit in Macau has fallen by 11.5 percent quarter-on-quarter to a value of MOP84,342 per square meter for the third quarter of 2015, according to data released by the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC).

The average price of existing residential units decreased by 6.2 percent over the past quarter to MOP76,711 per square meter, with Coloane, Taipa and the Macau peninsula slipping by 9.1 percent, 8.8 percent, and 4.9 percent respectively. Meanwhile, prices for pre-sale residential units fell by 9.2 percent, 4.5 percent and 1.7 percent respectively for the same areas, with the average price recorded at MOP113,857 per square meter.

The average price per



square meter of office units decreased by 13.0 percent quarter-on-quarter to MOP102,967, while that of industrial units dropped by 9.1 percent to MOP50,205.

For the third quarter of 2015, there were 2,734 real estate sale contracts signed involving 2,747 properties, up by 8.6 percent quarter-on-quarter.

At the same time, 2,949 mortgage contracts were signed, down slightly by 0.9 percent.

However, the number and value of real estate transactions in the third quarter decreased by 24.7 percent for residential and 30.7 percent for commercial properties. Of these transactions, pre-sale residential units saw a drop of over 40 percent in both the number and the value of transactions. A total of 2,323 transactions involving building units and parking spaces were recorded, valued at MOP12.49 billion in the third quarter.

In terms of construction in the private sector, the gross floor area of new construction projects totaled 465,456 square meters, while that of completed buildings amounted to 106,285 square meters.

## SJM hopes for leveling-out in gaming revenue drop

**A**MBROSE So, the Chief Executive Officer of gaming operator SJM, has expressed his hopes that the gaming revenue decline will slow down during the fourth quarter of 2015.

The CEO made the comment in the context of SJM's profit announcement, with the company recording an 80-percent slump in net profits in the third quarter of this year. He said that the slump was mainly because SJM needed to reserve some of its profits for stock market investment.

"We didn't perform very well in the third quarter as we had already reserved some [of] it for areas such as the stock market. We have already announced the result and we hope the decline of the entire market in the fourth quarter can slow down a little so that everybody can take a breath," said So.

The CEO revealed that the construction of SJM's new Cotai resort, the Lisboa Palace, is progressing smoothly and that it's slated to be ready in 2017.

TDM asked So how many gaming tables the operator is planning to apply for. According to the broad-



Ambrose So

caster, the gaming CEO replied that they have not decided on an exact figure but "the more the better."

He added that SJM is transitioning to diversify its business and that only 10 percent of the Lisboa Palace's total area will be reserved for gaming activities.

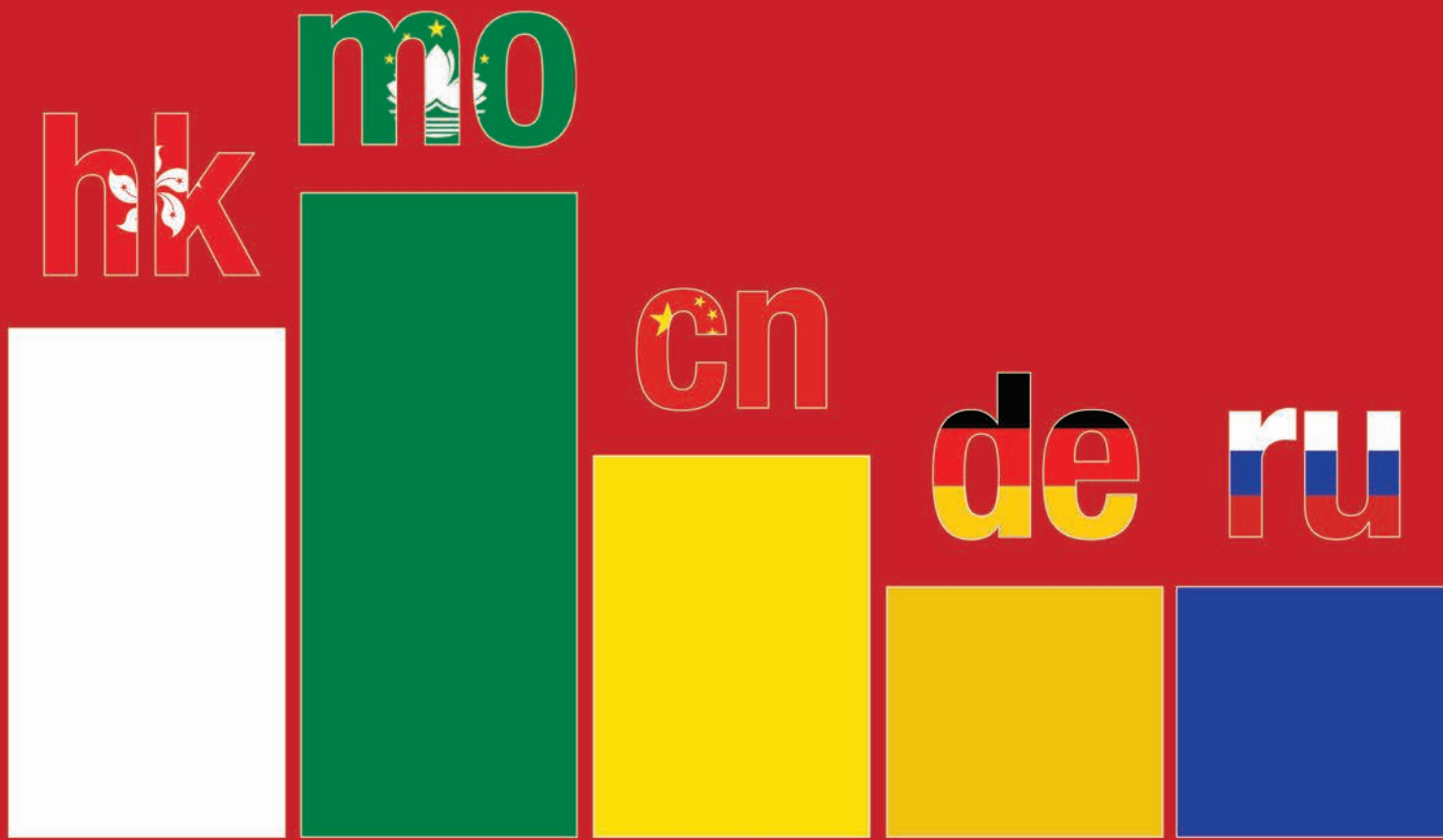
The fully constructed complex will span over 500,000 square meters and cover nearly seven hectares, including space for gaming facilities, retail shops and restaurants, as well as entertainment services and products.

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**T**HE high-drama highway arrest of a prominent hedge fund manager. Seizures of computers and phones at Chinese mutual funds. The investigations of the president of Citic Securities Co. and at least six other employees. Now, add the probe of China's former gatekeeper of the IPO process himself.

The arrests or investigations targeting the finance industry in the aftermath of China's summer market crash have intensified in recent weeks, creating a climate of fear among China's finance firms and chilling their investment strategies. At least 16 people have been arrested, are being investigated or have been taken away from their job duties to assist authorities, according to statements and announcements compiled by Bloomberg News.

The authorities' goal is to root out practices such as insider trading as part of China's anti-corruption campaign, and a desire by "some in the political leadership to find scapegoats to blame" for the market crash, according to Barry Naughton, a professor of Chinese economy at the University of California in San Diego.

"Together these are creating uncertainty and anxiety that

# Fear spreads as China's finance firms face arrests



Zhang Yujun

can only undermine the effort to make these markets work better," he said by e-mail.

Chinese authorities have long encouraged funds and brokerages to create new investment products to keep the finance industry along a development path. Now that's been halted by regulators' raids, arrests by police and anti-corruption investigations of even regulators themselves by the Communist Party's disciplinary committee. JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Credit Suisse Group AG have scaled back products that allowed foreign investors to bet on stock declines. At least one Chinese research firm has withdrawn information it used to provide to the market, calling it "too sensitive."

The government's response to

the market crash was intervention: state-directed purchases of shares, a ban on initial public offerings and restrictions on previously allowed practices, such as short selling and trading in stock-index futures. Next, high-ranking industry figures came under scrutiny as officials investigated trading strategies, decried "malicious short sellers" and vowed to "purify" the market.

Policy makers say "now we're innovating, so you can all come in - using high-frequency trading, hedging, whatever - to play in our markets," Gao Xiqing, a former vice chairman of the China Securities Regulatory Commission, told a forum in Beijing on Nov. 6. "A few days later, you say no, the rules we made are not right,

there are problems with your trading, and we're putting you in jail for a while first."

"That makes our markets hardly predictable - such rules won't bring stability," said Gao, who later led China's sovereign wealth fund and now teaches at Beijing-based Tsinghua University.

In the latest probe announced last week, Yao Gang, a vice chairman at the CSRC, is under investigation for "alleged serious disciplinary violations," the Communist Party's Central Commission for Discipline Inspection said. Known as China's "King of IPOs," he supervised China's initial public offerings until earlier this year, when he changed to approve bonds and futures, according to Caixin magazine. He joins two other

CSRC officials being investigated, one of whom, Zhang Yujun, was formerly the general manager of the Shanghai and Shenzhen stock exchanges.

The securities regulator carried out unannounced inspections of several Chinese investment firms including Harvest Fund Management earlier this month, taking away hard drives and mobile phones, according to people familiar with the seizures. Police in Shanghai also confiscated computers and froze USD1 billion of shares in listed companies connected to Xu Xiang, the manager of Zexi Investment known as "hedge fund brother No. 1," who was arrested Nov. 1 on a highway between Shanghai and Ningbo.

Amid tumult in China's stock market, five funds managed by Xu yielded an "astonishing" 249 percent on average this year through September, according to Shenzhen Rongzhi data. The Shanghai Composite Index fell 5.6 percent in the same period, after a 41 percent market plunge since June 12 wiped out earlier gains. His returns prompted speculation about the methods and strategies he used, according to analysts including Hao Hong, chief China strategist at Bocom International Holdings Co. in Hong Kong.

"The extent of this round of clampdown in the financial industry has surpassed everybody's expectations," he said. "Over the longer term, the clampdown on corruption in the financial industry will level the playing field in the market for smaller investors." **Bloomberg**

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ANALYST, BOCOM INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS CO.

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#### SHERATON MACAO LAUNCHES FESTIVE "CULINARY JOURNEY" IN DECEMBER



The Sheraton Macao Hotel, Cotai Central has launched a "culinary journey" for the holiday season for guests to "experience the cornucopia of Christmas and New Year's feasts" at four of their restaurants. The culinary events will be available on specific days from Dec. 20 to Jan. 1, 2016.

The Palms lobby lounge will be offering festive afternoon

high tea sets throughout the period. Classics will include homemade mince pies with brandy butter, and éclairs with gingerbread spice and vanilla fondant.

On Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve, roast turkey, honey glazed Virginia ham, chestnut stuffing, and grilled rib eye & beef ribs with Yorkshire pudding will be

on offer at Feast.

Xin has created an array of winter-themed dishes to complement its hot pot offerings on Dec. 24, 25, 31, or Jan. 1, 2016. Amongst the dishes featured are "Tom Yam Goong" spicy prawn soup and Nyonya Laksa soup.

Bene's New Year's Eve Dinner will offer traditional Italian-cuisine buffets this December, including fresh poached seafood on ice, from oysters to Boston Lobster to Hokkaido Scallops.

The festive activities at Sheraton extend to include a DreamWorks Experience banquet, with DreamWorks animation stars from Shrek, Madagascar, Kung Fu Panda, and How to Train Your Dragon. Characters will perform special renditions of holiday songs and young guests will receive festive mystery gifts.

#### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MENUS AT THE VENETIAN, SANDS COTAI CENTRAL AND SANDS MACAO



The Venetian Macao, Sands Cotai Central and Sands Macao have launched their Christmas and New Year dining promotions during the festive season. The promotions and special menus will span across six restaurants from Christmas Eve until New Year, including Portofino and Bambu at The Venetian; Grand Orbit, Dynasty 8 and

the Conrad Lobby Lounge at Sands Cotai Central; and Copa Steakhouse and 888 Buffet at Sands Macao.

Throughout the festive season, Portofino will be adorned in festive décor and traditional Christmas carols will greet guests as they indulge in Five-course Christmas Eve and Christmas Day set menus, and a Six-course New Year's Eve set meal.

Bambu buffet restaurant will be decorated in full Christmas regalia with gingerbread houses and Christmas candies. The Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve dinner buffets will include seasonal offerings such as roast turkey with sausage and mushroom stuffing and roast ham with pineapple honey glaze at the carving station, as well as a selection of Christmas cookies and traditional Christmas pudding.

Copa Steakhouse features an open kitchen that allows guests to watch the chefs at work. The restaurant will offer a Five-course Christmas Eve and Christmas Day dinner as well as a Four-course New Year's Eve dinner.



# IS group says it has killed Chinese, Norwegian captives

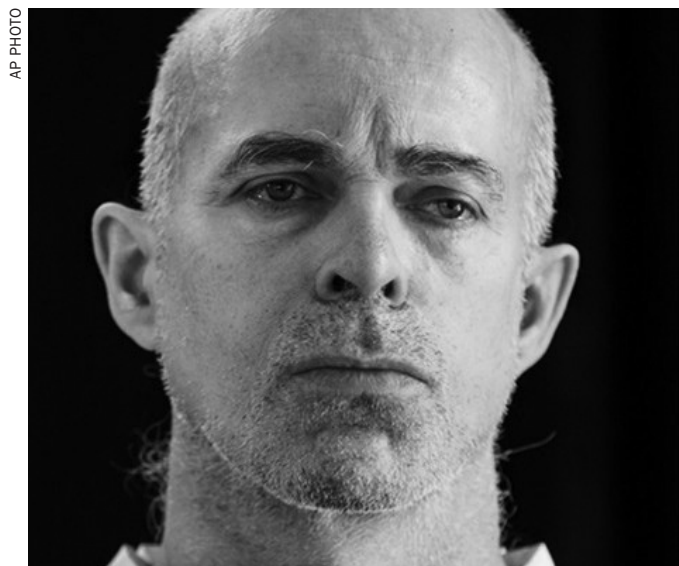
Joseph Krauss  
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**T**HE Islamic State group said yesterday that it has killed Chinese and Norwegian captives after earlier demanding ransoms for the two men.

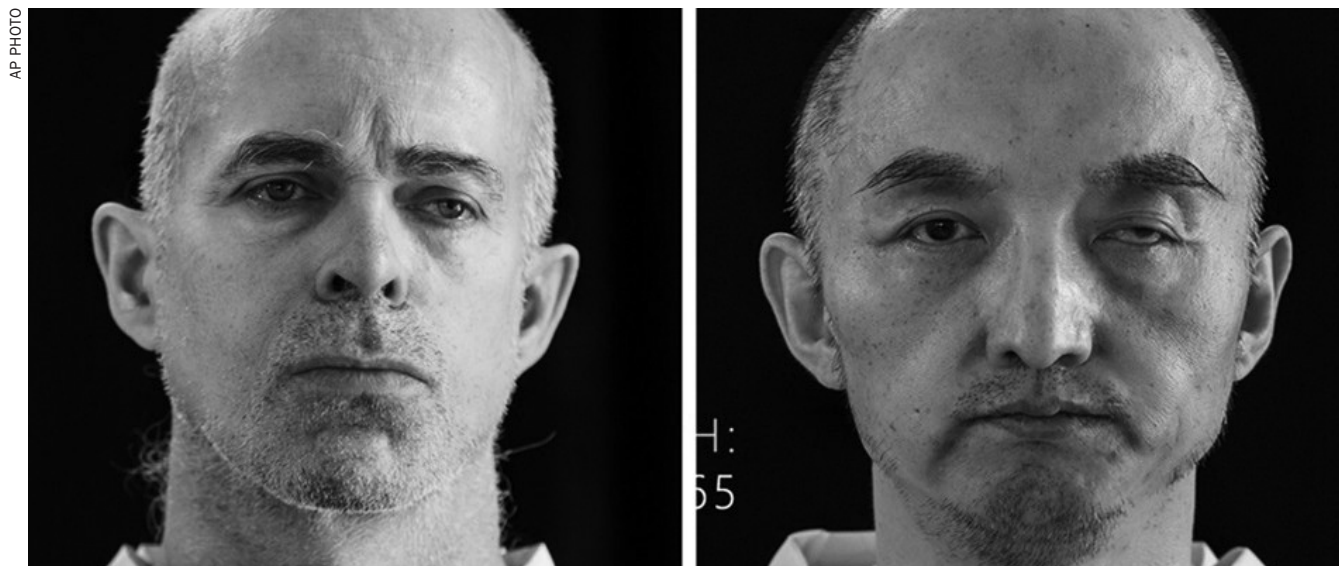
The extremist group published two images of the men in the second-to-last page of its glossy English-language magazine, saying they had been “executed after being abandoned by kafir nations and organizations.” “Kafir” is the Arabic word for infidel. In the images, the men both appeared to have been shot to death.

There was no immediate reaction in Beijing to the announcement, nor from the state-run Xinhua news agency.

The Norwegian prime minister’s office could not confirm the death. Its spokeswoman Trude Maseide told the Norwegian news agency NTB that there are “published pho-



Ole Johan Grimsgaard-Ofstad



Fan Jinghui

tos that indicate that the hostage Ole Johan Grimsgaard-Ofstad has been executed. We are trying to get it verified and will come back with further information.”

Grimsgaard-Ofstad has previously been identified as a 48-year-old graduate student in political philosophy from Porsgrunn, south of Oslo. The Chinese man had been identi-

fied as Fan Jinghui, 50, a self-described “wanderer” from Beijing who once taught middle school.

The militants did not say when or where the two were captured when announcing their captivity in a previous issue of the magazine, which showed them in yellow jumpsuits. However, the last post on Grimsgaard-Ofstad’s Facebook page, dated Jan. 24, said he

had arrived in Idlib, Syria, on his way to Hama.

The IS group controls large areas in Iraq and Syria. The killing of the two men stood in contrast to other filmed beheadings and atrocities carried out by the group since it seized a third of Iraq in a lightning advance in 2014.

The demand for a cash ransom also stood in contrast to the group’s other

hostage demands, though journalists, aid workers and others have been abducted for ransom by a variety of militants in the Syrian civil war. Some were later sold to the Islamic State group.

Norwegian Prime Minister Erna Solberg had told journalists in September her nation would not pay a ransom.

The announced killin-

gs come as Islamic State militants face increasing airstrikes from a variety of countries, including the U.S., Russia and France, as well as ground attacks from Kurdish and other forces.

The group’s online magazine, which is titled “Dabiq” after a town in Syria, contains articles, interviews, opinion pieces and other propaganda. It has a professional layout, complete with photos and graphics. The latest issue celebrates the Paris attacks on its cover with the headline “Just Terror.” AP

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**M**CDONALD’S has opened an outlet in a historic residence in east China’s Zhejiang Province, sparking heated debate about whether such sites should be used for commercial purposes.

The burger chain began operating in the main building of a former home of Chiang Ching-kuo, son of Kuomintang leader Chiang Kai-shek, in Hangzhou on Nov. 13, less than two months after a Starbucks opened in another section of the residence.

Chiang Ching-kuo and his family lived in the building for less than a month in 1948.

McDonald’s proposed to rent the two-story house near the scenic West Lake and turn it to a 100-seat cafe in January.

The story has sparked a public uproar, with many people accusing authorities of ignoring the historic value of the buildings and risking their damage.

“Commercialization will eventually ruin the buildings,” wrote someone with the screen name “Miilansmith” on microblog Sina Weibo.

“Are the authorities really in such dire need of money?” commented another.

Even Chiang Ching-kuo’s grandson, Demos Yu-bou Chiang, questioned the McDonald’s deal, with a microblog post on Weibo asking point-

## McDonald’s controversially opens in historic KMT-linked residence

dly, “Is having a McDonald’s in a historical residence or a Starbucks in a palace really an OK thing in management of cultural real estate?”

An industry insider who declined to be named said Chiang’s

■ **The burger chain began operating in a former home of Chiang Ching-kuo, son of Kuomintang leader Chiang Kai-shek, in Hangzhou**

residence had significant historical value and it is improper to use it as a commercial or private building.

But Chen Wenjin, former deputy director of the Zhejiang



Provincial Administration of Cultural Heritage, defended the idea, saying that “the ownership of the residence changed several times over the past few decades. There were few historic things left.”

Representatives of the Zhejiang Provincial Government Offices Administration, which owns the buildings, told Xinhua that the interior of the residence is no longer how it was when

Chiang lived there.

Chen said the residence could be used for commerce if the original layout is not changed.

He admitted the possibility of commercialization ruining the buildings, and suggested “whoever rents the residence should take care of the repair work in the future.”

“Government bodies should also step up supervision,” Chen said.

There has been much controversy in recent years surrounding commercialization of noted buildings in China.

Starbucks caused a storm in a coffee cup in 2012 when it opened a branch in the grounds of Lingyin Temple on the bank of West Lake in Hangzhou.

In 2007, similar uproar forced the closure of a Starbucks that had operated for seven years in Beijing’s Forbidden City. Xinhua



Elaine Kurtenbach, Manila

**C**HINESE President Xi Jinping yesterday sought to reassure regional economic and political leaders that his government will keep the world's No. 2 economy growing.

In a speech to a business conference on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit, Xi said China is committed to overhauling its economy and raising the living standards of its people.

China's growth fell to a six-year low of 6.8 percent in the latest quarter as Beijing tries to shift the economy away from reliance on trade and investment. The slowdown, which has been unfolding for several years, has rippled around the world, crimping growth in countries such as South Korea and Australia that were big exporters to China.

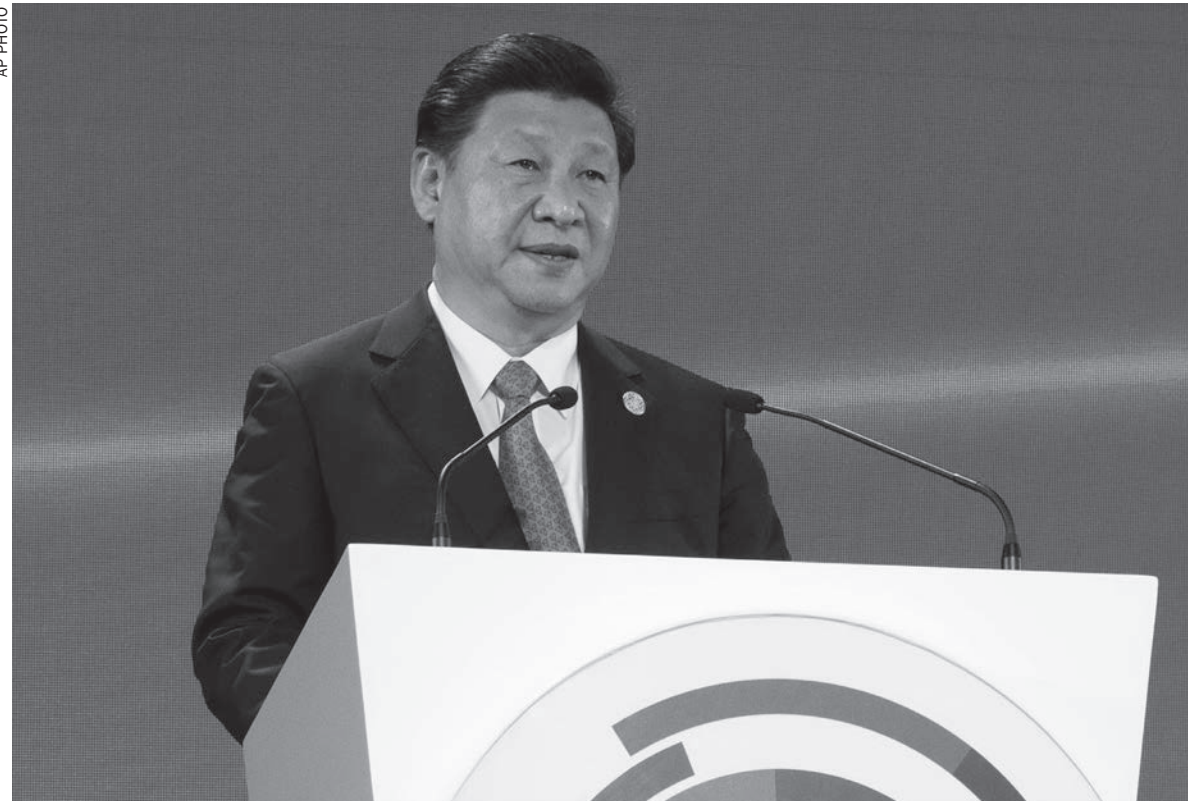
Xi acknowledged that China's vital signs are a concern and that it is facing "difficulties and challenges." But he also alluded to the fact China is growing much faster than Western countries even as it slows.

"China's positive economic fundamentals and long term trajectory remain unchanged," he said.

**China's economy has strong resilience, great potential and ample room for maneuvering.**

XU JINPING

# Xi says Party will keep economic growth on track



In this photo provided by China's Xinhua News Agency, Chinese President Xi Jinping addresses the audience at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) CEO summit in Manila

"China's economy has strong resilience, great potential and ample room for maneuvering."

He also said Beijing is stepping up efforts to counter climate change and clean up its environment, which has been heavily polluted by years of breakneck economic growth.

"We will make ecological progress part and parcel of the entire process of our economic and social development," Xi said.

Weeks away from a deadline

for an agreement to limit global warming, President Barack Obama sought to build momentum for the pact yesterday, reasoning that bold climate action will be a boon for businesses in Asia and around the world.

At the APEC business conference, Obama urged business leaders to reduce their own emissions and pressure governments to sign on to an international carbon-cutting pact to be discussed beginning Nov. 30 in Paris.

"Your businesses can do right by your bottom lines and by our planet and future generations," Obama said. "The old rules that said we can't grow our economy and protect our economy at the same time — those are outdated."

The 21-member APEC bloc accounts for about 60 percent of the global economy. It groups the United States and China with middle powers such as Australia as well as developing nations in Asia and South America.

All the events at the summit are tightly scripted and security has been extremely heavy. Thousands of police and military personnel are deployed in Manila and some downtown thoroughfares are closed to all but official vehicles.

About two hundred protesters trying to march on APEC venues yesterday were blocked by riot police.

The anti-globalization protesters waved "Junk APEC" banners, jostled with police and burnt a mock U.S. flag.

Xi did not comment on territorial disputes in the South China Sea, which are not part of the official APEC agenda but are hanging over the summit.

Yesterday, Obama called on China to halt further land reclamation and new construction in the disputed waters.

At a meeting with Philippine President Benigno Aquino III, Obama called for "bold steps" to lower tensions over China's territorial ambitions, which have recently centered on construction of artificial islands in seas claimed by the Philippines and other Southeast Asian countries.

Such rifts often have strained APEC's facade of handshakes and unity, overshadowing talks on trade and development.

In a high-profile show of support for American allies in Asia, the U.S. has conducted military maneuvers recently near islands where China has reclaimed land and built settlements. **AP**

## Obama calls on Beijing to halt land reclamation

**P**RESIDENT Barack Obama called on China to halt land reclamation and construction in the disputed South China Sea in his latest show of support for Southeast Asian nations unnerved by China's assertiveness in the region.

Obama met yesterday with Philippine President Benigno Aquino III on the sidelines of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in Manila, where he called for "bold steps" to lower tensions over the contested waters.

China claims most of the South China Sea, creating a fault-line in relations with its Southeast Asian neighbors including the Philippines and Vietnam.



U.S. President Barack Obama gestures during a dialogue at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) CEO summit in Manila

Through land reclamation, China has created artificial islands from reefs to bolster its claims. But the U.S. has recently responded with military maneuvers near the islands to show it won't

allow freedom of navigation to be compromised in seas that are crucial to political stability in Asia and global trade.

Obama said he and Aquino discussed the impact that China's land

reclamation is having on regional stability. He's said that maritime disputes need to be resolved peacefully.

"We agree on the need for bold steps to lower tensions, including pledging to halt further reclamation, new construction, and militarization of disputed areas in the South China Sea," Obama said.

Aquino said freedom of navigation and overflight in the South China Sea must be continuously ensured, consistent with international law.

South China Sea disputes and the Paris attacks have overshadowed the trade- and business-focused agenda of the annual APEC summit.

China's president Xi

Jinping did not mention the South China Sea in his speech yesterday to a business conference held alongside APEC.

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percent of global GDP. It groups the United States and China with midlevel powers such as Australia as well as developing nations in Asia and South America. **AP**

### PHILIPPINES, CHINA PRESIDENTS MEET BRIEFLY

**CHINA'S PRESIDENT** Xi Jinping and his APEC summit host Philippine president Benigno Aquino III have briefly met as the two days of leaders' meetings officially begins. According to presidential spokesman Herminio Coloma, Aquino said: "Welcome, President Xi! Thank you for coming to Manila and attending the APEC meeting." He then gestured for Xi to join the

other leaders. China is at odds with the Philippines and other Southeast Asian nations over China's expansive claims to the South China Sea. The disputes are not part of the APEC agenda. Meanwhile, Aquino and President Barack Obama have had a meeting and joint press conference and Obama has underlined his support for allies in the region such as the Philippines.



## WHALING

# Australian court fines Japanese company for contempt

**A**N Australian court fined a Japanese whaling company 1 million Australian dollars (USD700,000) yesterday for violating a court order that it stop hunting whales in an area off Antarctica.

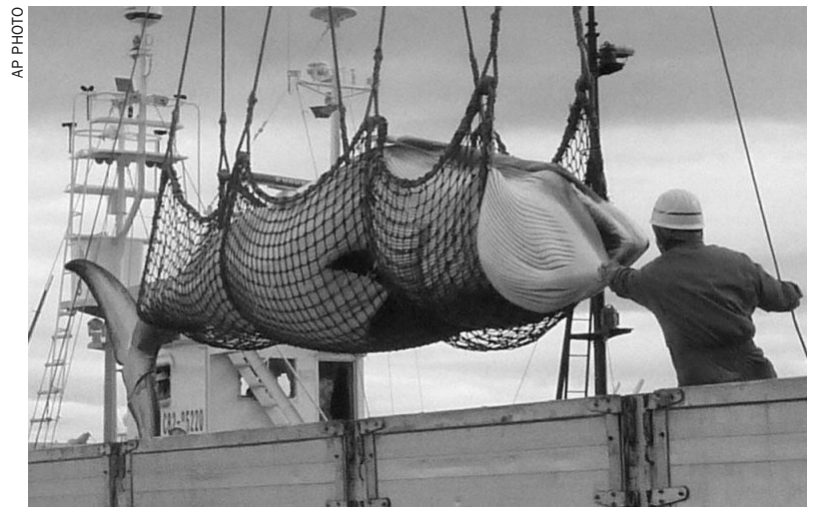
Federal Court Justice Jayne Jagot found that Kyodo Senpaku Kaisha, the company that operates Japan's hunting

ships, had repeatedly breached a 2008 court injunction to stop killing whales inside Australia's exclusive economic zone, which extends 200 nautical miles from Australian-declared territory in Antarctica.

Commercial whaling was banned in 1986, but Japan continued to kill whales under an exemption for scientific research. The country

does not recognize Australia's territorial claim on the waters off Antarctica, and kept up its annual hunt despite the 2008 injunction until the International Court of Justice ruled last year that the hunts were not truly scientific.

In June, Japan said it would resume whaling in the Antarctic this year, with plans to catch 333 minke whales annually be-



A minke whale is captured off Kushiro, in northern Japan, last year

tween 2015 and 2027 — about a third of its previous targets.

The Australian court action was brought forward by Humane Society International. The group's director, Michael Kennedy, said he hoped the judgment would prompt Australia's government to increase pressu-

re on Japan to end the hunt.

Kyodo Senpaku Kaisha and the whaling division of Japan's Fisheries Agency both declined to comment on the ruling, though Japan has previously said Australia has no authority to enforce its domestic laws on the high seas. **AP**

## MALAYSIA

## Authorities 'sickened' by citizen's beheading in Philippines

**M**ALAYSIAN Prime Minister Najib Razak has asked Philippine authorities to punish kidnappers who reportedly beheaded a Malaysian man in the southern Philippines, saying he and his people were "shocked and sickened" by the savage act.

The Philippine military said yesterday that it is verifying intelligence reports that the militants killed Bernard Then Ted Fen in a jungle in Sulu province, where the militants are holding other foreign and Filipino kidnap victims.

In a statement posted on his Facebook account late Tuesday, Najib called on Philippine authorities "to take action against those who have perpetrated this savage and barbaric act and ensure that they are brought to justice."

"I, the government, and all Malaysians are shocked



Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak

and sickened by the murder of our countryman Bernard Then and we condemn it in its strongest terms," said Najib, who is in Manila to attend an annual summit of Asia Pacific leaders.

He said Malaysia will cooperate with the Philippine investigation of Then's killing.

Then was abducted with a compatriot, Thien Nyuk Fun, by Abu Sayyaf gun-

men in May in the Malaysian state of Sabah and taken by boat across the sea border to Sulu. Thien was freed earlier this month after a ransom was reportedly paid.

The United States and the Philippines have listed the Abu Sayyaf as a terrorist organization for conducting kidnappings, beheadings, extortion and bomb attacks. The al-Qaida-linked militants have been weakened but have survived more than a decade of U.S.-backed offensives.

The Abu Sayyaf has been suspected of kidnapping two Canadians, a Norwegian and a Filipina from a marina in the south in September. Militants who identified themselves in an online video as belonging to the Abu Sayyaf have demanded more than USD60 million for the release of the three foreigners. **AP**

## NORTH KOREA

## Talks under way for first UN rights chief visit

Edith M. Lederer,  
United Nations

**N**ORTH Korea and the United Nations both confirmed Tuesday that discussions are under way for what would be the first visit to the reclusive north Asian country by a U.N. human rights chief.

North Korea's rights record has been called abysmal and led to a recommendation that the country be prosecuted by the International Criminal Court for crimes against humanity. The U.N. General Assembly is expected to vote later this week on a resolution sponsored by the European Union and Japan that would condemn North Korea's rights violations and again encourage the U.N. Security Council to refer the country to the war crimes tribunal.

North Korean Ambassador-at-large Ri Hung Sik told a news conference Tuesday that the government invited High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Raad al-Hussein to Pyongyang to follow up on his office's interest in "te-



North Korean diplomat Ri Hung Sik, center, speaks to reporters at the North Korean mission in New York

chnical cooperation." He said contacts were under way on the details and timing of the visit.

Zeid's spokesman, Andre-Michel Essoungou, says that in September the high commissioner for human rights welcomed an invitation from North Korea's foreign minister to visit the country. He said discussions were continuing to prepare the ground work for a possible visit to engage North Korea on a "human rights dialogue."

Essoungou said it would be a first by a U.N. human rights chief.

The resolution was expected to be voted on this week. **AP**

## BANGLADESH

## Court upholds death sentences of 2 politicians

**B**ANGLADESH'S Supreme Court yesterday upheld death sentences given to two influential opposition leaders who were convicted of war crimes during the country's 1971 independence war against Pakistan.

A special war crimes tribunal convicted Salahuddin Quader Chowdhury of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party and Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mujahid of Jamaat-e-Islami in 2013 of several charges, including genocide and rape during the war.

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam said the court's rejection of the men's appeals



Bangladeshi freedom fighters shout slogans during a protest outside the National Press club in Dhaka

cleared the way for them to be hanged unless they seek and get presidential clemency. The men's lawyer, Khandaker Mahbub Hossain, said he would speak to them about seeking clemency.

Shortly after the court's verdict was announced, the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Authority said in a statement that it had blocked social media sites including Facebook, Viber and WhatsApp for an indefinite period to stop any propaganda that could trigger violence in the country.

Jamaat-e-Islami called for a nationwi-

de general strike Thursday to protest the court's decision.

More than 15 people, mostly leaders of Jamaat-e-Islami, have been convicted of war crimes as part of a series of decisions by two separate tribunals set up by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in 2010.

Bangladesh was the eastern part of Pakistan until the 1971 war of independence. It says Pakistani soldiers, aided by local collaborators, killed 3 million people and raped 200,000 women during the war.

Jamaat-e-Islami and the Bangladesh Nationalist Party say the trials ordered by the government are politically motivated, an allegation Hasina rejects outright, saying justice for victims' families is overdue. **AP**



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## USA

# Muslims face backlash after Paris attacks

Dave Collins, Hartford, Conn.

**M**MUSLIMS around the U.S. are facing backlash following the deadly attacks in Paris, including vandalism to mosques and Islamic centers, hate-filled phone and online messages and threats of violence.

Advocacy leaders say they have come to expect some anti-Muslim sentiment following such attacks, but they now see a spike that seems notable, stirred by anti-Muslim sentiment in the media.

"The picture is getting increasingly bleak," said Ibrahim Hooper, a spokesman for the Washington, D.C.-based Council on American-Islamic Relations. "There's been an accumulation of anti-Islamic rhetoric in our lives and that I think has triggered these overt acts of violence and vandalism."

He said the rise in the level of anti-Muslim sentiment is reflected by some GOP presidential candidates, governors and others speaking out in opposition to the U.S. accepting more



A member of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community of Connecticut walks past the Baitul Aman mosque in South Meriden, Conn.

Syrian refugees.

Hooper said the council is seeing an increase in anti-Muslim incidents since Friday's attacks in Paris that killed 129 people and wounded more than 350.

In Connecticut, the FBI and local police are investigating reports of multiple gunshots fired at the Baitul Aman mosque in Meriden hours after the attacks.

Leaders of the mosque don't know the motive of the shooter or shooters, said Salaam Bhatti, a spokesman for the

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in New York, to which the mosque belongs. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is a movement within Islam.

Bhatti said the shooting has not rattled mosque members. He said many are from Pakistan, where conditions for the Ahmadiyya movement are much worse.

"It's a teachable moment," Bhatti said. "As we do raise awareness of attacks in mosques, we will see mosques do not respond in violence. Islam teaches us to teach peace."

At the University of Connecticut, authorities are investigating after the words "killed Paris" were discovered on Saturday written beneath an Egyptian student's name on his dorm room door.

Muslim leaders also have reported recent vandalism, threats and other hate crimes targeting mosques in Nebraska, Florida, Texas, Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee, Ohio, New York and other states.

After the Paris attacks:

— The Omaha Islamic Center in Nebraska reported that someone spray-painted a rough outline of the Eiffel Tower on an outside wall. The Council on American-Islamic Relations has called for the FBI and local police to investigate the incident as a possible hate crime, and they're doing just that, according to Nasir Husain, general secretary of the center. Muslims in the central U.S. city are afraid, he said.

— In a suburb of Austin, Texas, leaders of the Islamic Center of Pflugerville on Monday discovered feces and torn pages of the

Quran that had been thrown at the door of the mosque. Muslim leaders also encouraged authorities to investigate the act as a hate crime.

— In a suburb of Houston, Texas, authorities on Tuesday arrested a man accused of threatening on social media to "shoot up a mosque." He was charged with making a terroristic threat, a felony.

— Two Tampa Bay-area mosques in Florida received threatening phone messages on Friday night. FBI officials said the same person made the calls to the Islamic Society of St. Petersburg and the Islamic Society of Pinellas County. The person was identified and interviewed over the weekend, but investigators found no actual plans to carry out acts of violence, the FBI said. One of the calls threatened a firebombing.

Nihad Awad, national executive director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, asked law enforcement officials to step up patrols at mosques and other Islamic institutions. **AP**

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## PARIS ATTACKS

# 2 dead, 7 arrested in raid targeting jihadi mastermind

A woman wearing an explosive suicide vest blew herself up yesterday as heavily armed police tried to storm a suburban Paris apartment where the suspected mastermind of last week's gun and bomb rampage was believed to be holed up, police said.

They said one man was also killed and seven people arrested in the standoff, which began before dawn and continued more than six hours later, when a loud bang rang out around the streets near the apartment building.

Police said one person was thought to be still inside the apartment, but it wasn't clear who.

A senior police official said he believed Abdelhamid Abaaoud, a Belgian Islamic State militant, was inside the apartment in the Paris suburb of Saint-Denis with five other heavily armed people when the raid started.

The official, who was not authorized to be publicly named according to police rules but is informed routinely about the operation, said scores of police stormed the building and were met with unexpectedly violent resistance.

Another police official not authorized to be publicly named because of police rules said four police officers were injured. No hostages were being held.

The Paris prosecutor's office said SWAT teams arrested three people in the apartment. It said they haven't been identified yet.

Another man and woman were detained nearby, the office said in a statement.

French President Francois Hollande held an emergency meeting with senior ministers at the Elysee Palace to monitor the raid.

Residents said an explosion shook the neighborhood shortly after 4 a.m. (0300GMT).

"We guessed it was linked to Friday night," said Yves Steux, barman at L'escargot restaurant 250 meters from the assault. "My wife panicked and was scared and told me not to leave, but I ignored her. Life goes on."

Baptiste Marie, a 26-year-old independent journalist who lives in the neighborhood, said a second large explosion was followed by "two more explo-

AP PHOTO



Police forces and soldiers patrol in Saint-Denis, a northern suburb of Paris

sions. There was an hour of gunfire."

Another witness, Amine Guizani, said he heard the sound of grenades and automatic gunfire.

"It was continuous. It didn't stop," he said. "It lasted from 4:20 until 5:30. It was a good hour. I couldn't say how many shots were fired, but it was probably 500. Hundreds, definitely. There were maybe 10 explosions."

Sporadic bangs and explosions continued, and at 7:30 a.m. (0630GMT) at least seven explosions shook the center of Saint-Denis. Associated Press reporters at the scene could hear what sounded like grenade blasts from the direction of the standoff.

Investigators have identified 27-year-old Abaaoud, a Belgian of Moroccan descent, as the chief architect of Friday's attacks in Paris, which killed 129 people and injured 350 others.

A U.S. official briefed on intelligence matters said Abaaoud was a key figure in an Islamic State external operations cell that U.S. intelligence agencies have been

tracking for many months.

Police vans and fire trucks rushed to the scene north of Paris, less than two kilometers from the Stade de France stadium. Three suicide bombers blew themselves up Friday near the stadium during an international soccer match with French President Francois Hollande in attendance.

In Saint-Denis yesterday, police cordoned off the area nearby, including a pedestrian zone lined with shops and 19th-century apartment buildings. Riot police cleared people from the streets, pointing guns at curious residents to move them off the roads.

Saint-Denis is one of France's most historic places. French kings were crowned and buried through the centuries in its famed basilica, a majestic Gothic church that towers over the area. Today the district is home to a vibrant and very ethnically diverse population and sees sporadic tension between police and violent youths.

Saint-Denis Mayor Didier Paillard said public transport was suspended and that schools in the center of town would not open yesterday.

Seven attackers died in Friday's attacks, which targeted several bars and restaurants and the Bataclan concert hall, as well as the national stadium. The Islamic State group has claimed responsibility for the carnage.

Police had said before the raids that they were hunting for two fugitives suspected of taking part as well as any accomplices. That would bring the number of attackers to at least nine.

French authorities had pre-

viously said that at least eight people were directly involved in the bloodshed: seven who died in the attacks and one who got away and slipped across the border to Belgium.

However, there have been gaps in officials' public statements, which have never fully disclosed how many attackers took part in the deadly rampage.

## Police say two suspects in last week's Paris attacks, a man and a woman, have been killed in a police operation north of the capital

On Tuesday, officials told The Associated Press they now believe at least one other attacker was involved and they were working to identify and track down that suspect. Three officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to provide details about the ongoing investigation.

Surveillance video obtained by the AP also indicated that a team of three attackers carried out the shootings at one of the cafes. The video was among evidence authorities used in concluding that at least one other attacker was at large, the French officials

indicated.

The brief clip shows two black-clad gunmen with automatic weapons calmly firing on the bar then returning toward a waiting car, whose driver was maneuvering behind them. Authorities believe the car is the same black SEAT-make vehicle that was found Saturday with three Kalashnikovs inside.

Police have identified one subject of their manhunt as Salah Abdeslam, whom French police accidentally permitted to cross into Belgium on Saturday. One of his brothers, Brahim, blew himself up in Paris.

Meanwhile, French fighter jets attacked Islamic State targets in Syria for a third night. The French defense ministry said 10 jets had hit two Islamic State command centers in the militants' base of Raqqa, Syria.

The Paris attacks have galvanized international determination to confront the Islamic State group in Syria and Iraq, bringing France, Russia and the United States closer to an alliance.

Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered the missile cruiser Moskva, currently in the Mediterranean, to start cooperating with the French military on operations in Syria.

Meanwhile, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said a cease-fire between Syria's government and the opposition could be just weeks away. He described it as potentially a "gigantic step" toward deeper international cooperation against IS.

France — and the rest of Europe — remain on edge four days after the attacks. Two Air France flights bound for Paris from the U.S. were diverted Tuesday night — one to Salt Lake City and one to Halifax — because of anonymous threats received after they had taken off. Both were inspected and cleared to resume their journeys.

In the German city of Hannover, a soccer game between Germany and the Netherlands was canceled at the last minute and the stadium evacuated by police because of a bomb threat.

Lower Saxony state Interior Minister Boris Pistorius said the match was called off after "vague" information that solidified late in the day.

No arrests have been made and no explosives found. Pistorius said this may be because the plot was called off after the game was canceled.

"We won't know what would have happened if we didn't cancel it," he said. AP

### FATE OF SUSPECTED PARIS RING LEADER UNCLEAR

**PARIS PROSECUTOR** Francois Molins says authorities are working to determine the fate of the suspected mastermind of last week's Paris attacks after a seven-hour police raid on an apartment where he was believed to be hiding. Francois Molins says the police began the raid yesterday after gathering information that suspect Abdelhamid Abaaoud could be in a

safe house apartment in the Paris suburb of Saint-Denis. Molins said the information was collected from tapped telephone conversations, surveillance and witness accounts. He told reporters in Saint-Denis after the operation was over that authorities are still working to determine who was inside. Seven people were arrested and two suspects were killed.



## what's ON



## MACAU PRINTMAKING TRIENNIAL

TIME: 10am-7pm

(Closed on Mondays, No admission after 6:30 pm)

UNTIL: February 14, 2016

VENUE: Macau Museum of Art,

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DONATED BY LAU SIN PENG

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## PATH AND ADVENTURE

- WORKS BY MIO PANG FEI

TIME: 10am-7pm

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UNTIL: November 22, 2015

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## Offbeat

## ZIMBABWE'S MISTER UGLY PAGEANT HAS RECORD NUMBER OF ENTRIES



The man who reigns as Zimbabwe's Mister Ugly has tough competition in this year's pageant, with organizers saying they received a record number of entries for this beauty contest with a twist.

For the first time since the competition began in 2011, organizers will hold preliminary rounds to whittle the number of hopefuls

from 36 to 12 who will compete in the Nov. 20 finale, said pageant organizer David Machowa.

"We are looking for natural ugliness," Machowa said.

Facial features count the most, but contestants will also be judged according to their confidence when walking the runway and how they handle the question-and-answer round of the pageant.

"People have always seen ugliness as something to be ashamed of," said Machowa, explaining why he launched this alternative pageant. "Looks are God given. We should all be proud of who we are."

There is no female version of the contest. Machowa plans to expand it to other countries in southern Africa.

William Masvinu has held the title since 2012, when there were only a total of five contestants. He won \$100 and a voucher for a night's stay at a hotel, which he cashed in for food.

He still works at a market in Harare, hauling vegetables for USD10 a day. He had hoped the wins would lead to advertising contracts but they haven't materialized. This year, the owners of a string of Harare nightclubs donated \$1,000 for prize money, a crown and the event itself, to be held in a nightclub, said Machowa.

## TV canal macau

07:25	Suncity Group Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix - 49th Edition - Practice
08:50	Suncity Lotus Celebrity Cup Race - Practice
09:35	Suncity Group Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix - FIA F3 Intercontinental CUP - Practice
10:30	Macau Road Sport Challenge - Practice
11:25	Suncity Group Macau Guia Race 2.0T - Practice
11:55	TDM News (Repeated)
12:30	SJM Macau GT Cup - FIA GT World Cup Practice
13:20	CTM Macau Touring Car Cup - Practice
14:20	Suncity Group Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix - FIA F3 Intercontinental Cup - Qualifying
15:05	Documentaries
15:20	Fillers
15:45	Suncity Group Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix - 49th Edition - (Qualifying)
16:40	Chinese Racing Cup - Practice
17:15	Zig Zag
18:10	Trail of Lies (Repeated)
19:00	Montra do Lilau (Repeat)
19:30	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	TDM Talk Show

## cinema

## CINETEATRO

19 Nov - 25 Nov



## THE HUNGER GAMES: MOCKINJAY PART 2

ROOM 1

(2D) 2.15, 4.45, 9.45 pm

(3D) 7.15 pm

Director: Francis Lawrence

Starring: Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson,

Liam Hemsworth

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 137min

## RETURN OF THE CUCKOO

ROOM 2

2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Patrick Kong

Starring: Chi Lam Cheung, Chairmaine Sheh

Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 86min

## LOST IN HONG KONG

ROOM 3

7.30 pm

Director: Zheng Xu

Starring: Zheng Xu, Wei Zhao, Bei-Er Bao, Juan Du

Language: Mandarin/Cantonese (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 114min

## OUR TIMES

ROOM 3

7.00 pm

Director: Ding Sheng

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

Language: Mandarin (English/Cantonese)

Duration: 134min

## MACAU TOWER

05 Nov - 25 Nov

## 007 - SPECTRE

2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm

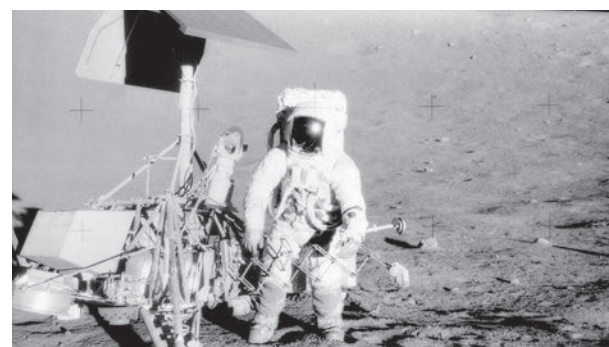
Director: Sam Mendes

Starring: Daniel Craig, Christoph Waltz, Léa Seydoux

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 148min

## this day in history



## 1969 SECOND APOLLO MISSION LANDS ON MOON

The crew of the latest Apollo mission has carried out the second manned landing on the Moon's surface.

Apollo 12 almost failed before it began because of a leaking hydrogen tank, but launch crews raced against time to change it before takeoff.

There was another moment of drama shortly after launch as Apollo 12 was struck by lightning.

Instruments shut down for a few seconds, but power was quickly restored.

Since then, the mission has run smoothly apart from the early failure of the television camera which was to have sent the first live colour pictures back to Earth.

The astronauts, Commander Charles "Pete" Conrad and Lieutenant-Commander Alan Bean, made a perfect landing on smooth ground between craters in the Ocean of Storms at 0653BST (0553 GMT), four days after takeoff.

Pete Conrad was first to step out of the lunar module, codenamed Intrepid, becoming the third man to walk on the Moon's surface at 1244 BST (1144 GMT).

The ladder used to climb down onto the surface was slightly short, and forced him to jump the last few feet.

As he did so, he joked, "Man, that may have been a small one for Neil, but that's a long one for me!"

He found the surface soil was softer than at Tranquillity Base, where the first manned mission, Apollo 11, landed in July.

It is believed Intrepid had landed on a ray of debris thrown out by the crater Copernicus, 150 miles (240 km) away. The astronaut's boots sank noticeably into the soil.

"I can walk okay," he said, "but I've got to take it easy."

The camera failed 15 minutes after Commander Conrad left the module. Engineers are trying to find out what caused the fault, and believe it may have been caused by the intense light of the sun.

One of the objectives of the mission was to recover Surveyor 3, a previous American probe sent to the Moon in April 1967.

When Intrepid landed, it was within sight of the probe, 600 feet (200 metres) away and perched on the edge of a small crater.

The two astronauts will attempt to retrieve the probe during a second moonwalk tomorrow.

During their three-and-a-half hour walk on the surface, Pete Conrad and Alan Bean were in high spirits, whistling, laughing and joking.

They carried out experiments, collected samples, and left a lunar surface experiment package with a number of devices to measure phenomena like solar winds and atmosphere.

Throughout the two men's stay on the moon, their colleague, Richard Gordon, has remained orbiting the Moon in the command module, Yankee Clipper.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

It emerged that the failure of the television camera was caused by Alan Bean, who had accidentally pointed it directly at the Sun, frying the optics.

The two astronauts spent a total of seven-and-a-half hours on the lunar surface during their two trips outside the Intrepid.

They successfully retrieved parts of the Surveyor lander and returned it to Earth.

The next mission, Apollo 13, took off on 11 April 1970 and was to have carried out the third Moon landing.

It nearly ended in tragedy when there was an explosion on board.

All the astronauts returned safely, but without carrying out their mission.

Afterwards, American investment in the space programme began to decline.

A further eight astronauts travelled to the moon in five more missions with the final manned lunar landing, Apollo 17, completed in December 1972.

Then in January 2004, US President George Bush announced American astronauts would return to the Moon by 2020 as the launching point for missions further into space.

The commander of Apollo 12, Pete Conrad, was killed in a motorcycle crash in 1999.



YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Friends and family will have to wait, at least one more day. Place your career above any other considerations today. Making a living requires blocking out as many distractions as is humanly possible.

Taurus April 20-May 20 If you had a good personal day yesterday, it's back to the grindstone today. Don't allow yourself too much time to ease yourself back into the swing of things. Your finances can't handle more than one day off.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Don't let yourself get paranoid. Not only are you not being personally held back, you're in the same boat as exactly the rest of the world. Join the crowd.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 You can hardly get out of bed, much less face making money today. But the work week has one more day left in it and the last thing you can afford is time off. Wake up and smell the coffee.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 You're tempted to limp through the day, but you should face it with enthusiasm instead. Remind yourself of what you really want. If material things don't motivate you, think of financial security.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 More than money calls today. You could finally meet the right business partner, and it's a marriage made in heaven. But only if you make it out of bed and get to work.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 You still haven't adjusted to the new financial landscape. Denial isn't helping you or your bottom line. It's past time to stop feeling sentimental and weird and face the music.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 How can you implement plans when you have no idea what the financial world will look like tomorrow? As hard as it is to hold still, it's a good time to put your ambition on hold. Relax, just for the foreseeable future.

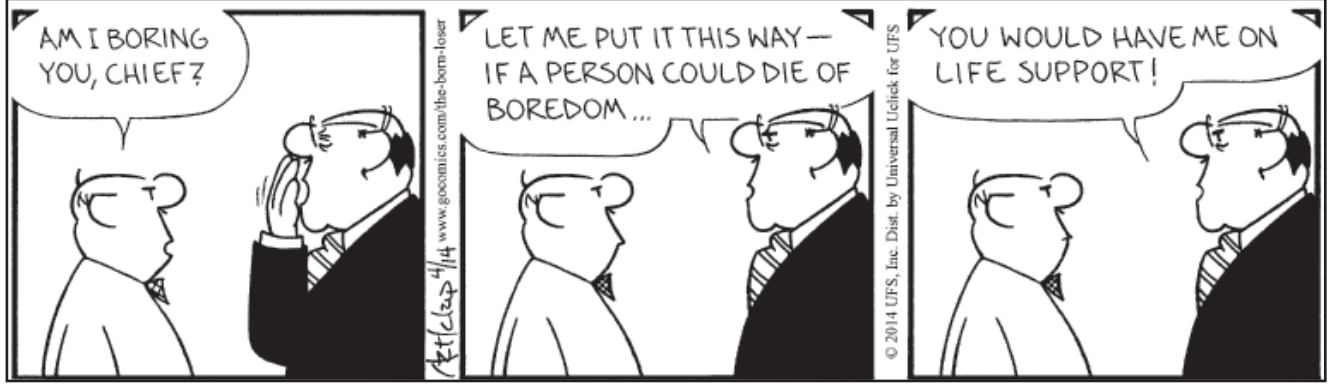
Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 If ever there was a time to see the world with an original and fresh mind, this is it. Everything is brand, spanking new and your approach to it should match. How's that for looking on the bright side?

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Impressing others should be the last thing on your to do list. You have much more important things you should be working hard to achieve. Just the basics require all your energy and stamina.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Everything has changed, and that should include you. Don't start feeling bitter because your normal discipline isn't getting you anywhere. It's time to reevaluate your way of doing things, and that's just the tip of the iceberg.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 Face it, you need something new. If you're used to being independent minded, suddenly needing a leader may feel a bit alien to you. Get used to it, even if it's only a short term attitude adjustment.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles categorized by difficulty: Easy, Easy+, Medium, and Hard. Each category contains a 9x9 grid with some numbers pre-filled.

WEATHER

Weather forecast table with columns for MIN, MAX, and CONDITION. It lists weather for various cities in CHINA and the WORLD.

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Conductor Dorati; 6- Standard; 10- Dull pain, often in the head or back; 14- Flowery verse; 15- Arch type; 16- And \_\_\_ goes; 17- Closes; 18- King of comedy; 19- Pound sounds; 20- Bony prefix; 21- Capital of Finland; 23- Freddy Krueger's street; 25- Adult male; 26- Light source; 29- Slaughter of baseball; 32- Glide along smoothly; 37- Buckeyes' sch.; 38- Group of individual facts; 39- Elevated; 40- In spite of; 43- Vigor; 44- Must've been something \_\_\_; 45- Gidget portrayer Sandra; 46- Color anew; 47- Psychiatrist's response; 48- Hardens; 49- Distress call; 51- Dwarf with glasses; 53- Scenes; 58- Fasten, at sea; 62- Scorch; 63- Japan's first capital; 64- Name on a bomber; 65- It's a long story; 66- Honeycomb unit; 67- Simple seat; 68- Gradual; 69- Robt. \_\_\_; 70- Lauder of cosmetics;

Down: 1- Lhasa \_\_\_; 2- Denials; 3- Nipple; 4- Out, in bed; 5- Disinfectant brand; 6- Ark builder; 7- Eyeball; 8- Kingdoms; 9- Brainy org.; 10- Slippery \_\_\_ eel; 11- Wine topper; 12- LP player; 13- UFO pilots; 22- Demented; 24- Full of substance; 26- Hermit; 27- All together; 28- Toned down; 30- \_\_\_ degree; 31- Fertile area in a desert; 33- Young goat; 34- Line in a play directed to the audience; 35- Article of faith; 36- Boundaries; 38- Abstract; 39- Like most movies; 41- Twisted; 42- \_\_\_ kwon do; 47- Sharon's land; 48- Perfumes; 50- Pound part; 52- Corpulent; 53- Burst of laughter; 54- Villainous character in Shakespeare's 'Othello'; 55- Stick in one's \_\_\_; 56- Author \_\_\_ Stanley Gardner; 57- Garage event; 59- Booty; 60- Lotion ingredient; 61- Ivy League school; 62- Conspiration org.

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

A crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1 through 70 indicating starting positions for clues.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

List of useful telephone numbers including Emergency calls (999), Fire department (28 572 222), PJ (Open line) (993), PJ (Picket) (28 557 775), PSP (28 573 333), Customs (28 559 944), S. J. Hospital (28 313 731), Kiang Wu Hospital (28 371 333), Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) (28326 300), IACM (28 387 333), Tourism (28 333 000), Airport (59 888 88), Taxi (28 939 939 / 2828 3283), Water Supply (Report 1990 992), Telephone (Report 1000), Electricity (Report 28 339 922), Macau Daily Times (28 716 081).



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RUGBY

# Lomu, who revolutionized rugby with size, speed, dies at 40

**M**ORE by instinct than choice and off balance after fending off two desperate defenders, Jonah Lomu barreled straight over the top of a crouching Mike Catt, leaving the battered England fullback sprawling on his back as the All Black sprinted to the try line.

It was the first of Lomu's four tries in New Zealand's 1995 Rugby World Cup semifinal win over England, a performance that confirmed his burgeoning reputation as a virtually unstoppable ball-runner with a sprinter's pace and launched him to international fame.

He made it look like it man against boys — after all, he was the size of a front row forward but had the speed of a sprint champion.

Lomu, whose kidney illness extinguished his meteoric All Blacks career, died suddenly at his home in Auckland yesterday. He was 40.

Nadene Lomu, the wife and manager of the rugby great, confirmed Lomu's death in a statement yesterday Lomu had struggled with a kidney illness for 20 years but former All Blacks doctor and family friend John Mayhew said the cause of death was cardiac arrest.

"It is with great sadness that I must announce my dear husband Jonah Lomu died (overnight)," Nadene Lomu said. "This is a devastating loss for our family and may I ask that our privacy, especially the privacy of our two very young boys, be respected as we take them through this traumatic time."

New Zealand Rugby chief executive Steve Tew said "Jonah was a legend of our game and loved by his many fans both here and around the world."

The son of immigrants from Tonga, humble off the pitch, was at his



1995 file photo, New Zealand All Blacks winger Jonah Lomu

devastating best at the 1995 and 1999 World Cups, scoring 15 tries in 11 games but never winning the trophy.

The stabbing death of a friend steered Lomu away from street gangs in the blue-collar suburbs of Auckland, New Zealand's largest city, where he grew up.

Rugby gave him new direction. He channeled anger he felt about his father into the sport. Aged just 19 for the first of his 63 tests, he was a physical colossus for a winger — 1.96 meters tall (6-foot-4); 119 kilograms (262 pounds) — and quite terrifying when pounding through defensive lines at speed.

Nephrotic syndrome, a degenerative kidney illness, curtailed his career at his peak. Lomu tried making a comeback after a 2004 transplant but was forced to abandon hopes of playing the 2007 World Cup. He played his last match in 2006.

At the height of his career, Lomu

had the ear of Nelson Mandela, charmed Hollywood comedian Robin Williams — who wore an All Blacks cap and called him "mate" — and visited parliaments and palaces.

His father, Semisi Lomu, was a factory worker, devoutly religious and a harsh disciplinarian. His mother, Hepi, held together the family living on a shoestring and acted as a buffer between father and son.

"At times he was the best dad that he could be," Lomu said in a 2013 interview. "It was just when he drank, that's when me and him disagreed. He was quite violent when he was drunk."

"Mum was always there to protect the kids. And when Dad got angry and wanted to bash us, she would get in the way. It builds up a lot of things inside of me."

At age 1, Lomu was sent to Tonga to be raised by an aunt who, for the next five years, he thought of

as his mother. On return to New Zealand, Lomu rebelled against the strict father, leading to their eventual estrangement, and he gravitated toward the streets.

"It made me battle-hardened for rugby," he said. "When I was playing, when I found it hard, I just thought of my father and that got me through it."

After the stabbing death of his friend, Lomu found new direction at Auckland's Wesley College, a famous nursery of Polynesian rugby talent. There, he first showed the devastating combination of strength fused with speed. Playing out on the wing, with time and space to hit his stride, he crashed through or cruised around opponents.

He played for New Zealand's under-19 team and starred in rugby sevens before his international debut in June 1994 as the youngest-ever All Black, aged 19 years, 45 days. He became a formidable scoring weapon after mastering the technique of test rugby, scoring 37 test tries.

Selected to the All Blacks squad after an injury to John Timu, Lomu burst to international fame at that 1995 World Cup in South Africa. He scored seven tries in five matches, including the four over England.

But by then he also knew he was sick. He missed tests against South Africa in 1996 and almost all of the 1997 season.

In 1998, he won a rugby sevens gold medal at the Commonwealth

Games. At the 1999 World Cup, he scored eight tries in six games, including two in New Zealand's semifinal loss to France.

Lomu remained an All Black until 2002, but his health faded. He required dialysis three times a week. After his kidney transplant, he played with New Zealand's North Harbour province and, with moderate success, for the Cardiff Blues in Wales.

"I was hoping that it would get better but it never did," he said. "But, you know, I would never change anything."

Lomu is survived by Nadene, his third wife, and his sons Brayley, 6, and Dhyreille, 5. He was previously married to Tanya Rutter from 1996 to 2000 and Fiona Lomu (nee Taylor) from 2003 to 2008. AP

**Jonah [Lomu] was a legend of our game and loved by his many fans both here and around the world.**

STEVE TEW  
NEW ZEALAND RUGBY CHIEF

FOOTBALL

## France, England soccer teams unite in defiance, respect

**U**NITING in a symbol of defiance and respect, players and fans of the French and English soccer teams delivered a moving display of solidarity at Wembley Stadium at a friendly staged four days after the deadly attacks in Paris.

A touching pre-game ceremony saw England and France supporters sing the French national anthem as one, before the squads came together around the center circle for an impeccably observed minute of silence in honor of the 129 people killed.

Social media was awash with praise for the dignified way a sensitive occasion was handled, while French spor-

ts daily L'Equipe's yesterday front page comprised a photo of the players observing the minute's silence with the single word "Respect."

Wembley's iconic arch was lit up in the blue, white, and red of the French flag, while the French motto "Liberte, Egalite, Fraternite" was projected on the front of the national stadium.

England won 2-0, but rarely has the result of a soccer match — particularly one this prestigious — felt so irrelevant.

"This will be shown round the world and will show unity," said England captain Wayne Rooney, one of the team's goal-scorers. "Football is a global game and . it

is not about religion or race. We need to stand tall together in these tough times."

France striker Olivier Giroud said it was an emotionally charged occasion, "illustrated by the minute's silence and 'La Marseillaise (France's national anthem).'"

Prince William, who helped lay floral tributes beside the field, and British Prime Minister David Cameron were among the 71,223 spectators at Wembley, where there was an increased police presence and enhanced security measures that included compulsory bag searches.

With a police helicopter whirring overhead and ar-

med officers on patrol, England and France soccer fans had mingled outside Wembley in a calm pre-match atmosphere on a wet and windy evening in London. There was no sense of panic among supporters, who appeared intent on sending a defiant message of unity after the bombings in the French capital.

"We have been welcomed here like it's our own home," Sebastien Correia, a train driver from the northern French city of Calais who was attending the game with nine friends, told The Associated Press.

France's players were caught up in the attacks that ripped through Paris



England and France players stand together as a mark of respect for the victims of Friday's attacks in Paris

in several locations on Friday. Suicide bombers attacked the Stade de France, where France was playing Germany in a friendly. The teams spent the night in the stadium as carnage struck elsewhere.

France midfielder Lassana Diarra's cousin was killed and France forward Antoine Griezmann's sister escaped from the Bataclan concert hall where 89 people died. Diarra and Griezmann were among the 23-man squad that came to London, and both came on as second-half substitutes to applause.

Diarra lowered his head during the minute's silence. Many France players, who had been told to play the game by the French Football Federation, looked emotional for what was the country's first major public event since Friday's atrocities.

Dele Alli and Rooney, with his record-extending 51st England goal, were the scorers for the home side. Yet, worldwide focus was not on the game or the result between two of the major powers in European soccer, but on what the occasion came to represent. AP



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ENDING ISLAMIC STATE INC.

What it means for a European nation and member of NATO to declare war against a stateless band of terrorists is an interesting and important question, made urgent by Islamic State's brutal attack on Paris last Friday. As Europe and the West weigh their military and political responses, however, they should also avail themselves of a simpler strategy: Follow the money.

Raising cash, it turns out, is something Islamic State excels at. It pulls in up to USD10 million a month from oil smuggling. It has profitable side businesses in ransoming hostages, selling sex slaves and looting antiquities. And it specializes in shaking down locals for protection money and taxes.

This plunder gives the group a lot of advantages. It can typically pay fighters more than rival terrorist factions, and - unlike their former colleagues in al-Qaeda - the terrorists of Islamic State don't have to rely much on foreign benefactors or the international financial system. The group can also fund the rudiments of a civil service, with some totalitarian flourishes, to cement its authority in areas it controls.

All of which means that defeating Islamic State will require applying financial pressure as well as military might.

There are some hopeful signs. The U.S. military is bombing the group's oil fields in eastern Syria and belatedly demolishing its smuggling trucks, which will hurt its bottom line. Many of Islamic State's financial supporters have been hit with sanctions. International efforts to investigate and cut off its cash - such as the Counter-ISIL Finance Group - are also making some progress.

But a few other steps would help. Countries should stop paying ransoms to Islamic State, for one thing, and encourage insurers to do the same. Intelligence agencies should better coordinate their investigations of the middlemen who facilitate its oil sales. Banks and auction houses must be more alert to cutting off trade in pilfered antiquities. Neighboring countries - notably Turkey - still need to do more to stop the flow of illicit money and goods through Iraq and Syria. And Iraq's central bank must crack down on financial firms that funnel U.S. dollars to Islamic State and its associates.

The group's expansive extortion apparatus presents a much more complicated problem. Dismantling it will require weakening its grip on local populations through airstrikes, diminishing its support among disaffected Sunnis and stabilizing the surrounding region after years of brutal warfare. In other words, it will require a comprehensive military and political solution - and comprehensive solutions are not abundant in Syria these days.

The good news is that, while it is still capable of great harm, Islamic State almost certainly cannot sustain its fundraising. It is waging a multifront war and attempting a global jihad while also trying to pick up the trash, fill the potholes and keep the electricity on for millions of people. Its dominion is economically devastated. As other countries get more aggressive in squeezing its funding, a day of reckoning is visible on the horizon.

THE BUZZ MARVEL, TRANSFORMERS DISPLAY HEADS TO VEGAS' TREASURE ISLAND

Batman has his bat cave. Superman has his fortress of solitude. And soon the Avengers and a team of Transformers will call a corner on the Las Vegas Strip home.

Treasure Island casino-hotel has leased 2,600 square meters above a CVS drugstore to Victory Hill Exhibitions to create immersive displays dedicated to the pop-culture brands. The 10-year lease includes USD2 million in tenant improvements to the corner space on Las

Vegas Boulevard and Spring Mountain Road.

Victory Hill ended its 18-month run at the Discovery Times Square space in New York where it offered its Marvel's Avengers S.T.A.T.I.O.N. exhibit. The Transformers exhibit is exclusive to Las Vegas and is still in development.

The exhibit is expected to open by March or April. Company officials haven't decided on an admission price.

ORGANIZED CRIME

FBI agent testifies against San Francisco Chinatown figure

Sudhin Thanawala, San Francisco

THE undercover FBI agent at the center of an organized crime investigation in San Francisco's Chinatown testified yesterday (Macau time) that he posed as a vulgar, racist member of an East Coast crime syndicate that was involved in illegal sports betting and marijuana cultivation and needed help laundering money.

The character he played for more than three years was not someone he would like, the agent, testifying under the pseudonym "David Jordan," to protect his identity, said during his first hour on the stand in the murder and racketeering trial of Raymond "Shrimp Boy" Chow. He is expected to resume his testimony yesterday.

"He was abhorrent to say the least," the agent said. "Unsavory, just amoral."

The judge overseeing Chow's trial did not allow reporters or members of the public in the courtroom during the agent's testimony to protect his identity. Only the top of the agent's head was visible on a screen in a separate room where the



An FBI agent carries out boxes of evidence following a search of a Chinatown fraternal organization in San Francisco

proceedings were broadcast.

The agent said he developed a false back story that included a grandfather whose Italian name was changed to 'Jordan' when he emigrated from Italy to the United States and a dummy company, Madison International, which his family used to launder money.

Jordan spent hours with Chow and people connected to him at fancy restaurants, recording many of their conversations as he built a case that would ultimately lead to criminal charges against Chow and more than two dozen others and the conviction of a state senator. Former state Sen. Leland Yee pleaded

guilty to racketeering in July.

Federal prosecutors say Chow took over a Chinese fraternal group with criminal ties after having its previous leader murdered and ran a racketeering enterprise that engaged in drug trafficking, money laundering and the sale of stolen cigarettes and alcohol.

They say Chow introduced the agent to people who helped the agent launder money and engage in other crimes and accepted money for the introductions. Chow's attorneys say the agent instigated the crimes for which people were later arrested, and forced money on Chow, often when he was drunk.

One of the Chow's associates during a 2011 meeting in Las Vegas put a gun and bag of cocaine on the table before they began talking about buying drugs and whether the associate could trust the agent, the agent said. He said he was "incredibly frightened" and tried to deescalate the situation.

"If I didn't compromise the case that would be good," he said he thought to himself at the time. "But my safety and going home to my family was certainly more important." AP

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

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Holy Door. Altar boys take pictures of the opening of a metal box, also containing the keys, documents and memorabilia, that was extracted after removing the brick wall which has hidden the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica since the Holy Year of 2000. The Holy Door is normally sealed from the inside by cement and bricks and is only opened for the Jubilee year.

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

SOURCE: DSI/MG

WORLD BRIEFS



THAILAND Two airports in northern Thailand say nearly 150 flights will be canceled or rescheduled during a three-day festival next week when revelers launch lanterns into the sky that can pose danger to airplanes.



USA Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal dropped out of the 2016 race for president Tuesday, ending a campaign that failed to gain much support among Republicans sifting through a long list of contenders for the party's nomination. 44-year-old Jindal, the nation's first elected Indian-American governor, said he wasn't ready to endorse another candidate, but intended to support the eventual Republican presidential nominee.

USA Aggressive action to fight climate change will be a boon for businesses in Asia and beyond, President Barack Obama asserts as he reaches for a global climate change agreement he hopes will burnish his environmental legacy.



USA President Barack Obama lashes out at Republicans who insist on barring Syrian refugees from entering the U.S., deeming their words offensive and insisting "it needs to stop." "Apparently they're scared of widows and orphans coming into the United States of America," Obama said.

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