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S KOREA-USA A new nuclear treaty with the United States governing South Korea's commercial nuclear activities during the next 20 years goes into effect. The treaty opens the possibility of South Korea gaining the ability to enrich uranium to produce non-weapons-grade nuclear fuel depending on future negotiations with the United States.

MALAYSIA A third ship will join the deep sea hunt for a missing Malaysian airliner as the 13-month-old search of a huge expanse of the Indian Ocean ramps up during the southern hemisphere summer.

AFGHANISTAN Moldova's interior minister says three citizens were on a helicopter ambushed by Taliban insurgents in northwestern Afghanistan.

JAPAN should be doing more to help with the global catastrophe of asylum seekers, the head of the U.N. refugee body says.

AUSTRALIA Officials say at least two people have been killed and several others injured by huge wildfires that also destroyed homes near the southern Australian city of Adelaide and continue to burn out of control.

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Man caught for bullet possession bound for Macau

Two persons have been detained at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport, in the Philippines capital Manila, for alleged bullet possession. According to the Philippine Star, one of the suspects, surnamed Udarbe, 25, was bound for Macau when he was nabbed.

Aristocrat swings back to profit



Aristocrat Leisure, a manufacturer of slot machines and gaming systems, has recorded a full-year profit after a strong performance for the company in North America and the Asia-Pacific. Aristocrat said that its performance was driven by the successful acquisition and integration of Video Gaming Technologies in North America, along with improved sales in Asia. "Asia-Pacific performance improved with strong sales into new Macau openings during the period," a representative explained. The Australian company recorded a net profit of USD186.4 million for the year ending September 30, recovering well from last year's loss of USD16.4 million. Revenue rose 85.7 percent to USD1.61 billion in the same period.

Welsh singers upload video shot in town announcing engagement

Welsh singer, actress and model Lucie Jones has publicized her engagement to singer fiancé Ethan Boroian, after the couple uploaded a YouTube video of Boroian using cards to spell the phrase "Will you marry me?". The video features Boroian holding up the cards in various spots around the world, including Macau, Hong Kong, Chicago, Rome, Paris, and in Pentyrch in Cardiff – where Lucie Jones grew up. Jones revealed the happy news for the two former music television show contestants on Instagram, where the 24-year-old shared a picture with her fiancé, the couple flaunting her new engagement ring. The caption read: "Absolutely over the moon. I DO!!!! #cloud9."

Consultant says HK education system needs overhaul

PHILIP Yeung, consultant to the vice-rector for academic affairs at the University of Macau, says that Hong Kong's education sector needs a clear vision through which to effectively channel education funds and donations, in order to give poorer students a chance at a meaningful education.

Yeung does not accredit the failings of the education sector to a shortfall in funding but to an ineffective distribution of these funds. He says that the system needs to be reworked and not propped up, telling the South China Morning Post that "educational philanthropy is blooming [in Hong Kong]; every tycoon worth the epithet has an education foundation to his name."

Among the agencies catering to – as Yeung puts it – "needy students" are the richly endowed Quality Education Fund and the Jockey Club's



Students in Hong Kong

education trust.

Yeung marks the distinction between the offerings to public schools and to elite colleges. The funds offered to elite schools are now being diverted to fee-charging Direct Subsidy Scheme Schools, a choice which is widening the

gap between the two systems and leaving "only crumbs for the poor."

And the difference between the educational offerings affects the choice of teaching strategies among educational institutions.

In order to offer their stu-

dents the opportunity to be accepted into a publicly funded university, poorer schools are left with only one option: ceaselessly drilling their students in preparation for the do-or-die public examination, which Yeung says "is hopelessly beyond their reach."

For the typical poor neighborhood school, as many as 95 percent of students have little chance of being admitted to a publicly funded university.

The problem with the do-or-die approach is that it starves students of "educational excitement" – with precious formative years lost on meaningless repetitive exercises.

Yeung says that bureaucrats could be a part of the solution if they were to allow experimental classrooms to coexist within the public system. "If they can't solve the problem, they should at least let others repair the system," he added.

Staff reporter

Scholar believes more English language support needed

THE government should step up the promotion of the English language in Macau in order to transform the city into a world tourism and leisure hub, according to Hao Yu Fan, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Macau.

"If we only want to have a regional center of tourism, maybe Cantonese, Chinese or Portuguese will be sufficient. But if we want to uplift the city into a world class one, I think the government should give more support to the English promotion of various kinds and also to build up certain infrastructure for people to read in English," the UM scholar, who specializes in public administration, told a TDM reporter, ad-

ding that more support should be given to local English-language media.

Hao Yu Fan also argued that the government needs to expand the region's transport infrastructure by increasing the airport capacity and upgrading the ferry terminals. "The convenient access for international travelers to Macau will be something that the government should put on the agenda," Hao Yu Fan said. "Macau is a city full of culture. But that culture, with hundreds of years of East and West interaction, has not been fully explored and understood by the international community. In a sense, if we pay attention to dig into the cultural aspect of tourism, there's a lot to harvest," he commented.

International printmaking exchange returns on Saturday

AN international printmaking exchange – which will focus on contemporary works – will be held at the Macau Museum of Art and inaugurated on Saturday at 5 p.m.

The 2nd Macau Printmaking Triennial was planned by experienced local printmaker Wong Cheng Pou. Organizers said that this edition, the first to accept global submissions, received more than 560 works from across 22 countries for consideration.

Of the submissions, a total of 122 selected works will be displayed in thematic exhibitions such as the "Masters Exhibition" and the "Specially Selected Entries" exhibition.

The selected works cover a wide range of techniques and plates, such as traditional woodcuts, silkscreen and copper etching. Modern prints that use digital printing and waterless lithography will also

be featured, demonstrating the diversity of contemporary printmaking.

Participating artists include local printmaker Cheong Cheng Wa, whose copper etching "Macau People" was awarded first prize.

"Gray Snow" by Chinese printmaker Wang Li Xing won second prize, and "After Rain" by Chinese-American artist Qing Yu Jian received third prize.

Several exhibition spaces will display the 122 selected works, including the "Chinese Printmaking New Scene" at the Tap Seac Gallery, the "European and American Poetic Printmaking" at the Rui Cunha Foundation, "A Look at Asia" at the Art for All Society Macau, as well as the "Hong Kong x Macao x Taiwan" at the Macau Design Centre.

The exhibitions will run until Feb. 24, 2016.

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Gov't expects to spend more despite slumping income next year

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THE Legislative Assembly (AL) yesterday afternoon passed the government's budget for the next fiscal year on the first reading. Lawmakers have raised eyebrows over the administration's increased spending against the background of possible falling income.

The authorities expected to take in a total of around MOP103.25 billion next year, an amount 13.9 percent less than the target revised in April in response to the volatile gaming economy.

The Secretary for Economy and Finance Lionel Leong explained that the authorities' estimate was responsive to the expected MOP70 billion plunge in next year's gaming tax, in contrast to this year's forecast MOP84 billion.

Albeit the major source of income is expected to narrow in the near future, the government has broadened its budgeted spending by 1.5 percent to roughly MOP85.038 billion.

"We hope to ensure social welfare is unaffected," explained Leong. "Therefore, we continue to pour money in the medical and educational sectors."

He added that the prospective increase was concluded based on promised initiatives to enhance civil servants' remuneration, pensions and other financial support for society.

Lawmaker Lei Cheng I pointed out one of the government's hefty financial burdens which has remained long unaddressed – money



Lionel Leong yesterday at the AL (center)

spent on office rents for accommodation of government agencies in private buildings owing to land scarcity.

She indicated that the spending is expected to grow around 38 percent next year from this year, which has already seen a 69.1 percent increment from the preceding year.

According to the secretary, the authorities were pressed for increased rent by their landlords, with around MOP700 million spent annually. However, this expenditure will rise to MOP1 billion next year.

Leong said that only a new establishment big enough to house public services could relieve their plight. The authorities have reserved land for construction of administrative facilities in the prospective reclaimed area.

With the execution rate of the government's investment plans long hovering under 50 percent, the authorities have reduced the budget by almost one quarter for next year to roughly MOP11.07 billion from MOP14.68 billion this year.

The official explained that

this was not due to the expected drop in earnings. Instead, he said that the estimate came after multiple talks with the Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Raimundo Rosário, who aimed to "enhance the rate based on the actual circumstances."

Lawmaker Mak Soi Kun was critical of the government's plans. Having a construction background himself, he reckoned that the authorities should pursue local economic improvement with deepened investment under the slowdown of the global economy.

Additionally, the sum of money earmarked for certain organizations is said to have grown by 4.8 percent from this year's predicted amount to MOP11.38 billion. The government's comprehensive spending for next year was budgeted at around MOP91.36 billion.

ON THE LAWMAKERS' AGENDA

COOPERATION Lawmaker Ng Kuok Cheong has urged the administration to join the Trans-Pacific Partnership, which was inked on October 5 by 12 countries. He reckoned that the region, with its history of free trade, should explore the possibility of a presence in the partnership given possible conditions to overcome thresholds set out in the agreement. Despite China's absence in the deal, the lawmaker called on the government to approach Beijing to discuss its entry into the pact that is expected to create the world's largest free trade area.

ENVIRONMENT Zheng Anting called on the authorities to hammer out long-term strategies to make the region more environmentally friendly. In his opinion, it is crucial to come forward with measures to shore up local recyclers, which have been left facing financial and geographical obstacles. In addition, he urged the government to move forward on its agenda of dealing with inert waste and aged vehicles. He also expressed wishes to see specific measures rolled out to encourage waste reduction.

EDUCATION Following a mid-year survey that has found local youngsters tend to sacrifice their dreams for better-paying jobs, lawmaker Lau Veng Seng urged the government to encourage self-discovery and pursuit of dreams among middle and primary school students through education. He thought that it would be hard to achieve economic sustainability with possible loss of talents as a result of the worrying trend.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVAMP AUTHORIZED

THE LEGISLATURE also passed a bill on the second reading that allows the Cultural Affairs Bureau and Sports Development Board to respectively take on part

of the Civil and Municipal Affairs Bureau's functions from the beginning of next year. The split in function is expected to make the public service less bureaucratic.

AIRPORT TO RETURN PART OF LOAN THIS YEAR

THE MACAU International Airport Company will pay off its approximately MOP1.7 billion debt in phases to the government. The first payment of MOP86.39 million will be delivered within the year and followed by another equivalent amount in the first phase of next year. The rest of the repayment will be subject to the company's future financial standing, according to the financial authorities. It was also said that the last payment could only be made after 2023 in the third stage.

ONE SHOT NEWS



An emergency drill has been held at the University of Macau's new campus. The drill tested a scenario in which the underwater tunnel connecting the campus and Taipa could not be used. The victims were transferred to Macau for medical treatment via the Hengqin checkpoint.

MUSIC

'Man of the Golden Flute' to make local debut

JAMES Galway, the master orchestral musician and solo flautist who has earned the title "The Man of the Golden Flute," is scheduled to perform a recital at the Macau Cultural Center (CCM) in late January.

In his Macau debut, Galway will bring interpretations of a wide range of masterpieces by musical legends such as Philippe Gaubert, Cécile Chaminade and baroque master Marin Marais, among many others.

Mr Galway is regarded by many as a passionate advocate for the making and teaching of music, and one who crosses musical boundaries as both an orchestral player and a soloist. He has played with some of the most prestigious orchestras in the world, including the Royal Philharmonic, the London Symphony Orchestra, and the Berlin Philharmonic.

While he has sold over 30 million albums, Galway has also collaborated on respected projects such as the soundtrack to "The Lord of the Rings," and has performed with Ray Charles, Elton John and Andrea Bocelli.



James Galway

He was honored twice by Queen Elizabeth II for his services to music and has won numerous prizes, such as the Gramophone Lifetime Award.

The master flautist's concert is or-

ganized by CCM, and will be staged in the Grand Auditorium. Tickets for the performance will be available from this Sunday at CCM's box office and through Macau Ticketing Network outlets.

MUST Dean chairs Macau-Philippines medical partnership panels

THE Sino-Asia Pacific Medical Forum was established this week in Manila. Its envisaged purpose is to be a regional healthcare body which aims to tackle medical challenges facing Asia. The forum seeks to bring together doctors from around the world to address the needs of patients in the region – beginning with a preliminary series of panels held in the Philippines and in Macau.

During the event, Manson Fok, Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences at the Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST), and overall Chair of the forum, presided over several panels in both the Philippines and Macau in order to stimulate collaborative efforts as a means of "creating new ways of advancing science for the peoples of the Asia-Pacific."

At the inaugural session in Manila, the Summit Chairman of the Sino-Asia Pacific Medical Forum, Billy Chan, said, "We are honored to have invited some of the best doctors and professors from all around the world to be present here in this important forum."

Asia's most influential medical associations and the some of the world's most prominent scientists have also agreed to participate in the forum, including the Association of Medical Doctors of Asia, the Chinese Medical Doctors Association, and the Philippine Medical Association. **Staff reporter**

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Group retracts allegation Sands' Adelson tolerated prostitution

Christopher Palmeri

THE Campaign for Accountability, a group that accused casino billionaire Sheldon Adelson earlier this month of tolerating prostitution at his Las Vegas Sands Corp. empire, has retracted that allegation, saying the information has been repudiated.

“Based on evidence provided by Mr. Adelson to CFA after its announcement, the allegation that Mr. Adelson tolerated and possibly promoted prostitution has since been repudiated,” the group said Tuesday in a statement. “CFA therefore retracts any statement asserting or implying that Mr. Adelson tolerated prostitution in any way.”

The Campaign for Accountability on Nov. 3 asked the U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and the Federal Election Commission to investigate Adelson, the 82-year-old founder, chairman and chief executive officer of Las Vegas Sands, the world’s biggest casino company with operations in Singapore, China’s Macau, and the U.S.

The group said it sought to determine the extent of the company’s connection to organized crime in China and whether funds tied to Chinese organized crime may be reaching American campaign committees. **Bloomberg**

Training program attracts 35 gaming and hospitality executives

A hospitality leadership program targeting senior executives opened on Tuesday. The initiative is jointly organized by the University of Macau (UM) and the Asia-Pacific Academy of Economics and Management (APAEM).

“Macau is showing large corrections in terms of economics, and some employees may not immediately react and adjust to the market changes,” said Jacky So, dean of the Faculty of Business Administration and director of the APAEM. “The industry is now streamlining the labor structure. We hope to help the industry tide over these difficulties and challenges by nurturing local talent.”



The training course attracted 35 senior executives from the gaming and hospitality industry and the apparel industry. It covers four main topics: changing customer preferences in the hospitality industry; the changing

landscape of integrated resorts; strategies and innovation in hospitality; and adjusting to changes and economic reality.

Every year, the APAEM organizes a variety of executive development programs and invites experts

and scholars from both academia and industry to give lectures on various topics. The aim of the program is to nurture internationally competitive and socially responsible future leaders for Macau and the Asia-Pacific region.

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Philippines to probe accidents involving Mitsubishi vehicles



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PHILIPPINE regulators will investigate accidents involving Mitsubishi Motors Corp.'s Montero Sport vehicles after complaints they can speed out of control.

The Trade Department formed a panel that will conduct the probe and recommend actions including a possible product recall or sales ban, if warranted, according to a copy of an order issued by Undersecretary Victorio Mario Dimagiba yesterday. The investigation will cover sudden and unintended acceleration incidents from 2010 to 2015.

"We've done a series of tests in 2011 including by our principals in Japan and found nothing wrong with the Montero Sport," Mitsubishi Motors Philippines Corp. Vice President Froilan Dytianquin said by telephone. Other countries haven't reported similar accidents, he said.

The Philippine unit also issued a statement on its website, saying "the performance and behavior of the Montero Sport is completely dependent on driver action and reaction, and that the vehicle will only move upon driver intervention."

Congressman Neri Colmenares also filed a resolution yesterday seeking to probe the accidents after being approached by two complainants who had accidents in the past two months, he said by telephone.

"These accidents have been reported as early as 2011 so we want to know why our regulators haven't acted on some complaints," Colmenares said. "The House investigation will also try to find out whether there's a need to amend the Lemon Law or Consumer Act." **Bloomberg**

Chow Tai Fook rises after company declares surprise dividend

Annie Lee and Daniela Wei

CHOW Tai Fook Jewellery Group Ltd. gained the most in close to two years after the world's largest publicly traded jewelry chain declared a special dividend even as it posted the steepest decline in semi-annual profit since listing.

The stock climbed 6 percent to HKD6.23 by the close of trading yesterday in Hong Kong, the biggest advance since January 2014. The benchmark Hang Seng Index lost 0.4 percent.

The company said Tuesday it will pay a special dividend of 42 Hong Kong cents per share, the first since it went public in 2011, in order to return excess cash to shareholders. Net income fell 42 percent to HK\$1.56 billion (\$201 million) for the six months ended September, the jeweler said Tuesday, in line with its profit warning issued Nov. 10.

The special dividend is only "a short-term stimulus because the share price still depends on the long term earnings outlook," while Hong Kong's retail outlook remained challenging as mainland visitors' purchasing power has declined, Albert Yip, an analyst at Guangfa Securities Co. said.



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Chow Tai Fook's shares have plummeted 41 percent year to date, compared with the 4.7 percent decline in the benchmark Hang Seng Index, as China's economic slowdown hurt luxury retailers. The company is also proposing an interim dividend of 8 Hong Kong cents per share.

Capital expenditure for the fiscal year to March 2016 is expected to fall to less than HK\$1.5 billion, from its previous forecast of HK\$2 billion, Finance Director Hamilton Cheng said in Hong Kong after the results were annou-

nced. The chain plans to open about 60 stores in the period, and won't attempt to meet its target of adding 150 to 200 new stores each fiscal year, he added.

"We expect its fundamentals to remain weak in the second half of 2016, but see earnings stabilizing next year," Jefferies Group LLC analysts led by Kevin Chee wrote in a report.

The chain will shut outlets that do not perform well, but doesn't plan to lay off workers, said Chairman Henry Cheng. "The retail market is soft now, but I think it's just

short-term. I don't have any plans on expanding overseas," he said, adding it will instead focus on the Hong Kong, Macau and mainland China businesses. The company last year said it'll explore other markets as it follows Chinese customers traveling overseas.

Chow Tai Fook reported sales in the six months through September fell 4.1 percent to HK\$28.1 billion, while same store sales, referring to outlets open at least a year, slumped 18 percent in Hong Kong and Macau. Same store sales in mainland China rose 0.1 percent.

Chow Tai Fook's retail network expanded to 2,286 points of sales as of end-September, with a net addition of 29 during the period, it said Tuesday.

About one-third of the chain's Hong Kong stores renew their lease agreements each year, and the company may request rental reductions for those outlets of 30 percent on average, or more in some cases, Hamilton Cheng said.

The company had shut three outlets in Hong Kong in the six months to September, and may "make adjustments" to as many as eight outlets in the city in the latter half of the fiscal year, he added. **AP**

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ECO-FRIENDLY CHRISTMAS AT GRAND HYATT MACAU

'Tis the season to be jolly and Grand Hyatt Macau is presenting 'An Enchanting Eco-friendly Christmas'. Guests arriving at the hotel will see a collection of Christmas trees rising from the fountain at the entrance, inside the lobby and throughout the hotel. The ambience sets the scene for year-end celebrations, including a buffet at mezza9 Macau and holiday afternoon tea set at the Lobby Lounge, along with gifts at the Lobby Christmas Boutique and the Grand Countdown Party to usher in 2016.



Championing a healthier planet, Grand Hyatt Macau decided to take a purposeful approach to Christmas decoration. Instead of the usual plastic and tinsel, the hotel chose to repurpose objects used around the hotel and creatively transform them. The brainchild of General Manager Paul Kwok, the Enchanting Eco-friendly Christmas theme took a full year to plan, prepare and actualize. Grand Hyatt Macau's Florist Master Steven Lu designed seven different types of Christmas trees using 100 percent repurposed materials, ranging from glass vases and wine bottles to kitchen utensils and party hats, and illuminated them with low-wattage LED lighting.

MIA REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND NBAA 2015 IN LAS VEGAS

The National Business Aviation Convention & Exhibition 2015 (NBAA 2015), the largest business aviation trade show in the world, was held in Las Vegas, USA from 17-19 November. Mr. Cui Guang, Director of the Logistics and General Aviation Development Department (LGD) and Mr. Jim Leung, Manager of the LGD represented Macau International Airport Co., Ltd. (CAM) at this event.

World business aviation companies, business jet manufacturers, operators and services providers showcased their products, resources and services, and also conducted business trade and exchanged business aviation viewpoints

during the event. As Macau International Airport is actively developing business aviation related services in the coming years, NBAA 2015 was a great platform for CAM to acquire the latest global business aviation development information and to learn ideas and experience from other professionals.



AUSTRALIAN ROCK DUO AIR SUPPLY TO PERFORM AT THE VENETIAN

Air Supply is set to return to The Venetian Macao almost three years after their last concert. The Australian duo will bring their rock tunes to The Venetian Theatre on Saturday Dec. 12 with 'Air Supply Live in Concert'. Tickets go on sale today.

Since they met over 40 years ago, singer-songwriter and guitarist Graham Russell and lead vocalist Russell Hitchcock have entertained people all over the world with their classic songs including the top ten hit "All Out of Love." The song proved to be so popular internationally that it has been recorded by many different artists over the years, including Cantopop singer Alan Tam



who made the song a hit in Hong Kong in 1981.

The December's concert marks the fourth time the duo has played The Venetian Macao, having performed earlier in 2007, 2008 and 2012.

Xiaomi's USD45b valuation seen 'unfeasible' as growth cools

AP PHOTO



Tim Culpan

THINGS were going so well for Xiaomi Corp. Customers were lining up, investors were swooning and the Beijing-based startup closed funding at a USD45 billion valuation. That was last year.

Now the high-flying smartphone maker is stumbling. Founder Lei Jun's latest business, one of China's most exciting startup stories of the past few years, is likely to miss its own goal of selling 80 million smartphones this year, according to two people with knowledge of its production plans. Suppliers also cut their internal targets for Xiaomi in antici-

tion of the shortfall, they said.

Xiaomi's falter shows the startup's challenge in trying to maintain momentum after a meteoric ascent past Apple Inc. and Samsung Electronics Co. in China. Investors bought into the company's story of youthful disruption and online sales, yet the subsequent lowering of China's growth target and the copying of its sales strategy by rivals have neutralized Xiaomi's first-mover advantage, putting its high price tag in doubt.

"All those expectations of growth aren't being realized, which now makes that \$45 billion valuation unfeasible," said Alberto Moel, an analyst at Sanford C Bernstein in Hong

Kong. "The argument was that their business is kind of like Apple and they're growing very fast, but they're no longer growing so fast and they're not as good as Apple."

Domestic shipments of Xiaomi smartphones, including its premium Mi 4 and more economical Redmi series, dropped 8 percent in the third quarter from a year earlier, its first-ever decline, according to researcher Canalys. IHS, another research firm, estimates that Xiaomi shipments dropped 3.9 percent, barely maintaining the lead over Huawei Technologies Co.

That's a big change from the bold growth projections used to justify Xiaomi's tag as one

of the world's most-valuable technology startups. In March of last year, Lei predicted selling 100 million smartphones in 2015. Through the first nine months of this year, Xiaomi shipped about 53 million smartphones.

Hype and hope seem to have been the two key drivers.

PETER FUHRMAN
CHAIRMAN AND CEO, CHINA FIRST CAPITAL

With its optimistic forecast, Xiaomi secured \$1.1 billion in December from investors including GIC Pte., All-Stars Investment Ltd. and DST. Xiaomi drew comparisons to Alibaba Group Holding Ltd., the Chinese e-commerce company that months earlier held the largest initial public offering ever.

At 3.75 times last year's \$12 billion in revenue, Xiaomi's fundraising gave it a price-to-sales ratio exceeding that of Apple, which currently trades at 2.9.

That pricing of Xiaomi does not seem to have been based on any known or accepted valuation methodology, said Peter Fuhrman, chairman and CEO of China First Capital. "Hype and hope seem to have been the two key drivers," he said.

In March, after that round of funding and after China set its lowest growth target in 15 years, Lei trimmed his earlier prediction to "80 million to 100 million" units for the year.

Its first year-on-year decline came during a quarter when Xiaomi released its Redmi Note 2, a lower-priced handset that sold for an average of 801 yuan (\$125) each. On Tuesday it unveiled a metallic version of that phone with a fingerprint sensor, as well as a new tablet computer and air purifier.

Growth might be reignited in the fourth quarter by China's Nov. 11 Singles' Day shopping promotions and the latest version of the Redmi Note. The company, which traditionally unveils an update to its marquee Mi smartphones during the third quarter, hasn't yet announced a Mi 5 after last year's Mi 4. **Bloomberg**

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Mozambique purchase 200 buses from China's Yutong

THE government of Mozambique has bought 200 buses from Chinese company Yutong Bus Co. to improve the public transport network in the capital, Maputo and its outskirts, said the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry for Transport and Communications.

Pedro Augusto Inglês told Mozambican daily newspaper *Diário de Moçambique*, that the first 100 buses had arrived at the port of Maputo, with the remaining 100 due to arrive in December and February next.

The acquisition is the result of a partnership between the Ministry of Transport and Communications, through the Development Fund for Transport and Communications and Sir Motors, a company focused on import, sale and servicing of vehicles.

The managing director of Sir Motors, Amad Kamal, said the buses would be

sold to the Mozambican Federation of Road Transporters, which will put them into service in the cities of Maputo and Matola and the southern districts of Boane, Marracuene and Manhica.

Kamal said, however, that his company had set up a public-private partnership with the state-owned port and railway company CFM for the acquisition of 126 carriages, 30 of which are for the overground light rail system.

Last October 15 carriages started operating on the southern rail system and 14 in the central system, as part of the first batch of 70 units, which included 62 carriages and eight trucks.

The Yutong Bus Co. is part of Yutong Group, based in Zhengzhou, in China's Henan Province. Its main business is manufacturing buses, along with production of machinery for construction, and real estate. **MDT/Macauhub**

Hainan Airlines group becomes main shareholder of Brazilian carrier Azul



CHINESE group HNA, the owner of Hainan Airlines, has established a strategic partnership with Brazilian carrier Azul by purchasing a stake of 23.7 percent for USD450 million, the group said in a statement.

The investment made by the Chinese group, making it the largest single shareholder of the Brazilian company and entitled to two seats on the board, plans

to benefit from the substantial increase in passenger traffic between China and Brazil.

The statement added that through this partnership the two airlines would cooperate through code-sharing agreements, new routes as well as the expansion of customer loyalty programmes.

Azul is the largest airline in Brazil in terms of number of cities served, with more than 900

daily flights to over 100 destinations.

The HNA Group, in turn, owns the fourth largest airline in China by fleet size, with 561 aircraft serving over 630 domestic and international destinations.

■ Azul's founder acquired 61 percent of Portuguese flagship airline TAP-Portugal

American entrepreneur David Neeleman, who founded Azul in 2008, partnered Portuguese entrepreneur Humberto Pedrosa, in the Gateway consortium, to acquire 61 percent of Portuguese flagship airline TAP-Portugal, following a partial privatization of the state airline. **MDT/Macauhub**

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Vanishing mainland execs a vexatious mystery for HK market



People are reflected on an electronic stock indicator of a securities firm



Yim Fung, chairman and chief executive of Guotai Junan International Holdings Ltd.

Kelvin Chan, Business Writer, Hong Kong

THE chairman of the Hong Kong arm of one of China's biggest securities companies goes missing. The head of another firm resurfaces after months incommunicado. An executive at a film studio is detained for allegedly taking bribes.

They're not plot outlines for crime novels but real life cases lifted from the normally dry Hong Kong stock exchange filings of Chinese companies over the past year.

The latest example came Monday when Guotai Junan International Holdings Ltd., the Hong Kong unit of a Chinese securities company, said it has been unable to reach its chairman and chief executive Yim Fung since Nov. 18, sending its shares plummeting 12

percent.

Speculation swirled in local media that his disappearance was related to a recently launched investigation into a senior official at China's securities regulator. That probe is part of a broad crackdown on the finance industry following China's stock market meltdown over the summer. The company said it would appoint temporary replacements for Yim but declined further comment.

Such cases would be highly unusual for other global financial centers, but have become commonplace in Hong Kong, where the city's stock exchange allows international investors to access an increasing number of mainland Chinese companies.

They highlight some of the risks of investing in China's public companies, which ope-

rate in an opaque political and legal system, and face additional uncertainty because of President Xi Jinping's ongoing and wide-ranging assault on corruption.

"It shows on one level that investing in some of these companies is quite risky," said Jamie Allen, secretary general of the Asian Corporate Governance Association. "It also says a lot about the legal and political system in China. China doesn't have a system of law like Hong Kong. In China you can disappear."

Hong Kong's legal and financial systems are separate from mainland China's.

Among the Hong Kong-listed Chinese companies that have reported missing executives this year:

— Waste disposal company Dongjiang Environmental

Co. last month suspended its shares from trading because it couldn't reach Chairman Zhang Weiyang before a scheduled board meeting. The company said it later found out from Zhang's family that he was being investigated "by the relevant authority" in China,

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JAMIE ALLEN
SECRETARY GENERAL, ASIAN
CORPORATE GOVERNANCE
ASSOCIATION

although it didn't say why.

— Shopping mall and department store operator Century Ginwa Retail Holdings said in September that its chairman, Wu Yijian, who went missing in mid-May, had resurfaced and gone back to work. He explained to the company that he was "assisting the relevant department" of the Chinese government with an investigation while he was away, without disclosing further details.

— China Aircraft Leasing Group said in June it was not able to reach its CEO, Mike Poon, after he submitted his resignation while he was in the middle of his annual vacation. The company said Poon didn't give any reason for his departure in his resignation letter. Nor did he make any reference to news reports in Hong Kong and mainland Chinese media that said he might be caught up in a Chinese government investigation into China Southern Airlines, which is a customer of China Aircraft Leasing.

Aside from disappearing executives, much more clear-cut announcements of alleged wrongdoing are a recurring theme at Hong Kong-listed Chinese companies.

Among the slew of cases this year, Alibaba Pictures Group Ltd., the film arm of the Chinese e-commerce giant, said one of its directors, Patrick Liu Chunming, was detained by the Public Security Bureau in connection with an investigation into the "alleged receipt of bribes" while Liu worked at Internet company Tencent Holdings. The company said the charges were unrelated to his employment at Alibaba.

A Chinese investigation is not always the only reason for an executive's disappearance.

Pearl Oriental Oil Ltd. said in late September it was unable to contact Chairman Wong Kwan, who had been due in a Hong Kong court on fraud charges.

In October, police in Taiwan freed him from a gang of kidnappers who had been holding him captive for more than a month and demanding a ransom of HK\$70 million (USD9 million). **AP**

Shareholders foil 'Superman' Li Ka-shing's USD12.4b deal

Kelvin Chan, Business Writer, Hong Kong

SHAREHOLDERS have foiled Hong Kong tycoon Li Ka-shing's USD12.4 billion proposal to combine his infrastructure and utility companies, dealing a setback to the billionaire known as "Superman" for his business acumen.

By voting against Cheung Kong Infrastructu-

re's proposal to buy out Power Assets, shareholders thwarted Li's plan to reshuffle his business empire in order to accelerate its overseas expansion.

The results of the vote at a shareholders' meeting were released in a stock exchange filing late Tuesday.

The deal's failure also throws an unexpected wrench into the 87-year-old Li's plans to consolidate his sprawling empire



Li Ka-shing

before he hands the reins over to his eldest son, Victor. Earlier this year, Li merged his flagship com-

pany and its subsidiary and renamed the combined company CK Hutchison Holdings.

Cheung Kong Infrastructure Holdings Ltd. said about half of minority shareholders voted for the plan, far less than the 75 percent needed.

The company said in a statement it was "disappointed" that minority shareholders killed the deal. It was offering to swap new stock for all of the shares of Power Assets Holdings Ltd. it didn't yet own.

The deal faced opposition from two influential investor advisory groups, Glass Lewis & Co. and Institutional Shareholder Services, that didn't believe it offered enough value.

It's a rare defeat for Li, who's been revered for decades in Hong Kong for his business acumen that's earned him the nickname "Superman". He has long been one of Asia's richest people, with a fortune estimated at \$33.3 billion, according to Forbes. **AP**



Chinese President Xi Jinping with US President Barack Obama

PRESIDENT Xi Jinping will speak at a key climate change conference in Paris later this month, before making state visits to South Africa and Zimbabwe, officials announced yesterday.

Xi will also meet on the sidelines of the conference with the presidents of France and the United States, Vice Foreign Minister Liu Zhenmin said. Xi will discuss climate change and bilateral relations with Francois Hollande and Barack Obama on Nov. 30, he said.

US Deputy National Security Adviser Ben Rhodes said the opening-day meeting between the leaders of the U.S. and China, the two largest emitters of carbon dioxide, "sends a strong message to the world about their shared commitment to combat climate change and see an ambitious agreement achieved."

Ahead of Paris, Obama struck major climate deals with China, hoping that a commitment by the world's largest polluter to cut emissions would make it impossible for other

Xi to give speech at opening of Paris climate conference

developing nations to avoid making promises of their own. China, which is still building coal plants to fuel growing power consumption, plans to max out its carbon emissions around 2030, if not sooner.

The Paris conference is aimed at crafting a new international agreement to reduce greenhouse gases. China has emerged as a leader in curbing such emissions six years after it was accused of obstructing the last high-level climate talks in Copenhagen. Observers hope China will persuade other developing nations to sign up to a deal.

From Dec. 1-2, Xi will visit Zimbabwe for the first time and meet with President Robert Mugabe. The visit will in-

clude cooperation agreements on infrastructure, investment, wildlife protection, financing and culture, said Zhang Ming, another vice foreign minister.

Xi will travel to South Africa from Dec. 2-5 to serve as co-chairman of the Forum on China-African Cooperation and for his second state visit to that country, including a meeting with President Jacob Zuma.

The China-African forum started as a ministerial-level dialogue 15 years ago. So far, 36 heads of state and five heads of government have confirmed they will attend to discuss "faster and better development," Zhang said.

Zhang said the forum will also discuss continued securi-

ty cooperation between China and Africa.

Three Chinese civilians were among 19 people killed in an

assault on a luxury hotel in Mali's capital last week claimed by an Islamic extremist group. **AP**

BEIJING URGES 'DIFFERENTIATED RESPONSIBILITIES' ON CLIMATE CHANGE

CHINA HAS called for the upcoming Paris Climate Conference to be realistic about the different capabilities and responsibilities among developed and developing countries. The country hopes the gathering of world leaders later this month will stick to the principles outlined in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Vice Foreign Minister Liu Zhenmin said at a press briefing yesterday. "The

principles of equity, common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities should be highlighted as they reflect the fact that developed countries have made a greater historical contribution to climate change," said Liu. The conference should push for more concrete actions from developed countries, who are expected to honor their commitments to offer financing and technology to developing countries, he added.

Singapore to trump Hong Kong in millionaire growth

Pooja Thakur Mahrotri

SINGAPORE will outpace Hong Kong in growth in the ranks of millionaires over the next five years, with about one in 30 people qualifying as high net worth by 2020, swelled by Indians and Chinese keen to avoid social unrest, according to WealthInsight.

Millionaires, or high net

worth individuals, will increase 18.3 percent in Singapore over the period compared to 15.6 percent in Hong Kong, a WealthInsight report showed.

"Though Hong Kong has a much higher millionaire population than Singapore, 193,000 against 154,000, recent events such as the umbrella revolution may have tur-

ned migratory HNWIs away from the city," said Oliver Williams, head of WealthInsight. He was referring to events a year ago when students and riot police clashed for control of Hong Kong's streets in a challenge to Chinese rule.

Singapore's relative stability is underscored by its high net worth individuals having the lowest

average wealth in Asia, at \$5.2 million, reflecting lower inequality. Indonesia has the highest average wealth, at \$6.5 million. Germany's wealthy, for example, have an average wealth of \$3.2 million, according to WealthInsight.

Singapore and Hong Kong are vying to become the pre-eminent financial hub in the Asia-

Pacific. In Hong Kong, Chinese officials have called for voting out pro-democracy lawmakers and reaffirmed the Communist Party's authority over the city in a deepening political rift, even as economic ties with the mainland grow stronger, from cross-border stock links to yuan-denominated bond sales to the millions of tourists who

crowd local shops and hotels.

"Singapore's burgeoning financial markets, renowned private banking and superior quality of life are continuing to attract HNWIs from neighboring countries," Williams said. "We're currently seeing a large influx of Indian and Chinese millionaires into the country." **Bloomberg**

AFGHANISTAN

Doctors Without Borders hospital said to be misidentified before being bombed

Robert Burns and Lynne O'Donnell, Washington

THE crew of a U.S. warplane that attacked a Doctors Without Borders hospital in northern Afghanistan last month, killing and wounding dozens of civilians, misidentified the target, believing it to be a government compound taken over by the Taliban, according to an investigation report obtained yesterday.

The report said the crew of the U.S. AC-130 gunship relied on a physical description of the compound provided by Afghan forces, which led the crew to attack the wrong target. It said the intended target, thought to be under Taliban control and being used in part as a prison, was 450 meters away from the hospital.

Investigators found no evidence that the crew or the U.S. Special Forces commander on the ground who authorized the strike knew the targeted compound was a hospital at the time of the attack.

The plane fired 211 shells at the compound over a 25-minute period before commanders realized the mistake and ordered a halt, it says.

The report says the attack on Oct. 3 in the city of Kunduz killed at least 31 civilians and injured 28 others. Investigators determined that additional civilians likely were killed or injured.

The investigation was led by U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Richard Kim and was comprised of representatives of NATO and the Afghan government. It was charged with determining facts surrounding the incident but not to assign blame.



In this Friday, Oct. 16 file photo, an employee of Doctors Without Borders walks inside the charred remains of their hospital after it was hit by a U.S. airstrike in Kunduz

A subsequent U.S. military investigation was done to look further at the case and to determine accountability. Gen. John Campbell, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, was scheduled to make a public statement yesterday about the further investigation. Officials said they intended to release a summary of that probe but not the full report, which is about 3,000 pages.

Doctors Without Borders, known by its French initials MSF, said earlier this month

in its own report that several doctors and nurses were killed immediately, and patients who could not move burned to death in the ensuing fire. Hospital staff members made 18 attempts to call or text U.S. and Afghan authorities, the group said.

People fleeing the main building were cut down by gunfire that appeared to track their movements, while a patient trying to escape in a wheelchair was killed by shrapnel, the MSF report said.

A copy of the new report was

obtained by The Associated Press yesterday. It has not been publicly released.

The report said investigators found no evidence that the Americans involved knew they were attacking a hospital. It said they found no evidence that key commanders, including the Afghans and the AC-130 gunship crew, had access to a "no strike" list of targets that were off-limits to attack. Under U.S. rules of engagement, no hospital or similar facility is a valid target.

It is unclear whether the U.S. Special Forces commander on the ground, who authorized the air assault, had the map grid coordinates for the Doctors Without Borders hospital available to him at the time he authorized the attack, the report said. The medical charity had provided GPS coordinates for its medical facilities in Kunduz to U.S. military authorities in Kabul and to Afghan government officials on Sept. 29.

President Barack Obama has apologized for the attack, one of the worst incidents of civilian casualties in the 14-year history of the U.S. war effort. **AP**

SOME IN US MILITARY SUSPENDED FOR AFGHAN HOSPITAL ATTACK

THE U.S. commander in Afghanistan says some of those most closely involved in the mistaken air attack on a hospital in Kunduz have been suspended from their duties. Gen. John Campbell isn't giving names or saying how many people have been temporarily removed from their jobs. He said at a news

conference yesterday in the Afghanistan capital that those individuals will be subject to investigation under the military justice or administrative discipline systems. Brig. Gen. Wilson Shoffner says some military personnel involved in the airstrike violated U.S. rules of engagement, but he's not being more specific.

Ninie Karmini, Jakarta

INDONESIA

AUTHORITIES increased security across Indonesia after a video appearing on social media threatened attacks against police and other targets, police and officials said yesterday.

Security was raised at airports, the presidential palace, foreign embassies, and shopping centers in the capital after a threat was made by an Islamic militant group, said Jakarta police chief Maj. Gen. Tito Karnavian.

"There will be enhanced security," Karnavian told reporters. "But pu-

Authorities increase security after Islamist video calls for terror attack

blic vigilance and caution on suspicious behavior in their neighborhood is particularly important to ward off terror attacks."

The video calling for attacks on Jakarta police headquarters and the presidential palace appeared on social media, including Facebook this weekend. It was blocked by authorities on Monday.

The 9-minute voice-recorded video purportedly came from the East Indonesia Mujahidin, led by the country's most wanted militant, Abu Wardah Santoso, who has taken responsibility for the killings of several police officers and has pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group in Syria and Iraq.

Santoso faces charges

of running a terrorist training camp in Poso, a flashpoint of terrorism in Central Sulawesi where a Muslim-Christian conflict killed at least 1,000 people from 1998 to 2002.

Indonesia's security forces began a large manhunt early this month against Santoso and his group in their hideout in Poso.

Karnavian said police are still investigating whether the speaker in the video, featuring a picture of Santoso with black Islamic State flags, is Santoso himself or a follower. But he said that he did not want to downplay any potential threat anytime a terrorist group calls for an attack.

In addition to the increased security, Indo-

nesia's alert level was upgraded from "green" to "yellow" because of the threat to civil aviation after the Paris attacks, the Transportation Ministry's spokesman Julius Barata said.

Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim nation, has seen a spate of deadly attacks by the Jemaah Islamiyah network, including the 2002 Bali bombings that killed 202 people, mostly foreign tourists. Strikes in recent years have been smaller and less deadly and have targeted government authorities, mainly police and anti-terrorism forces. **AP**

Min Khi Thein and Esther Htusan,
Hpakant

MYANMAR

Search ends for victims of jade mining landslide

POLICE in northern Myanmar said yesterday they have ended efforts to find bodies in a jade mining landslide that killed more than 100 people and highlighted the perilous conditions created by a breakneck effort to dig up the world's richest deposits of the green gem.

Separately, the government of Kachin state in the country's far north has offered compensation of 600,000 kyats (USD550) to families of identified victims. The desultory sum reflects the limited resources of a state that is largely locked out of a mining bonanza worth billions.

The collapse early Saturday of a 60-meter mountain of dirt and debris created by industrial jade mining in Hpakant enveloped 70 makeshift huts and killed at least 113 people. Officials have said as many as 100 people are still missing. Many of the dead were itinerant jade pickers and their families who made a living scavenging for scraps of jade in the debris left behind by mining companies.

Hpakant police officer Naing Win said search operations ended yesterday morning.

The landslide was the area's worst such disaster in recent memory, but dozens of other people have been killed or maimed in the past year. In January, a landslide of unstable waste earth killed at least 30 jade pickers.

The jade industry centered on Hpakant was worth more than \$30 billion last year, according to an estimate by Global Wit-



Excavators search for bodies as workers and rescue personnel gather in Hpakant, Kachin State

ness, a group which investigates misuse of resource wealth. But there is so little investment in the region that vehicles on the main road between Hpakant and the state capital need elephants to rescue them from the mud. Researchers believe the dark green rocks that can be the size of giant boulders are enriching individuals and

companies tied to Myanmar's former military rulers.

Lajun Ngan Seng, a Kachin state minister, on Tuesday said the families of 72 identified victims are being offered compensation.

Naing Win, the police officer, said an association of the dozens of jade mining companies in Hpakant could deci-

de further compensation. So far there has been no offer of compensation from Triple One and Yadana Yaung Chi, two mining companies that police say contributed in large part to the waste mountain.

The death toll of 113 has been unchanged since Monday despite earthmoving machines being used in the search.

Zaw Zaw Aung, 29, said he has been searching for his parents for four days, but has only found traces of what was their home.

They ran a karaoke parlor in their home that was part of the community of huts obliterated by the landslide. They were at home when the landslide occurred. Four other family members were away.

"I still can't believe what happened to my parents," he said. "I feel so bad. All I am seeing right now is like a nightmare for me. I cannot deal with it."

■ The death toll of 113 has been unchanged since Monday despite earthmoving machines being used in the search

San Yin, 33, said she came to Hpakant three years ago from Rakhine state hundreds of miles away. She said she has always been fearful of such a disaster and tried to pick a safe spot to live. Eight months' pregnant, she fears that no place will offer her security.

"Of course, I was scared to live here and I was scared even more when I was told that everywhere here is very dangerous," she said. "But where else can we live? This is the only place where we can stay." **AP**

INDIA

Soldiers kill 3 rebels who attack army camp in Kashmir



A Kashmiri Muslim protester shouts slogans amid tear gas smoke during a protest in Srinagar, Indian controlled Kashmir, Friday Oct. 30

Aijaz Hussain, Srinagar

THREE heavily armed rebels stormed an army camp in the Indian portion of Kashmir yes-

terday and were killed in a fierce gunbattle with soldiers, the army said.

A civilian worker with the army also was killed and an army officer was wounded

in the fighting, which took place close to the heavily militarized line of control dividing Kashmir between India and Pakistan, said another officer, who spoke

on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to reporters.

He said the militants used grenades and gunfire to attack the camp, located about 150 kilometers northwest of Indian Kashmir's main city of Srinagar. The camp houses the Indian army's headquarters in the frontier region.

A reinforcement of army commandos led the counterassault, and the intense exchange of gunfire left some barracks and a vehicle on fire, the officer said.

There was no independent confirmation of the incident. No rebel group fighting Indian rule immediately issued any statement.

There also was no confirmation of an earlier report that an oil depot inside the camp had caught fire during the incident.

Rebels have been fighting against Indian rule since 1989. More than 68,000 people have been killed in the uprising and Indian military crackdown. **AP**

PAKISTAN

Prison suspends execution of paraplegic inmate

A prison official says Pakistan has suspended the execution of the only paraplegic inmate on death row. Ahmad Nadeem, the chief of the prison in eastern city of Faisalabad, says he received the order from the Pakistani presidency, hours before yesterday's scheduled execution. It was the fourth time that Abdul Basit's life has been spared on humanitarian grounds. Basit, 43, has been on death row since 2009 for a murder conviction. He became paralyzed from the waist down after contracting meningitis in 2010. Nadeem says the government will seek its legal options during the two-month suspension. His mother Nusrat Parveen has asked the government to free her son. Amnesty International says Pakistan has executed 300 inmates since it lifted a moratorium on the death penalty late last year.

Pakistani fighter jet crashes, killing woman co-pilot

Pakistan's Air Force says a fighter jet has crashed during a routine training exercise and that the aircraft's female co-pilot died following the crash. A statement from the Air Force says there was a "serious in-flight emergency during the final stages" of the exercise over Punjab province on Tuesday and that both the pilot and co-pilot of the FT-7PG aircraft ejected. Both were seriously injured and the female co-pilot later died of her injuries, becoming the first woman pilot in the Pakistani Air Force to die while in service. The jet crashed near the town of Kundian in Mianwali district.

Vladimir Isachenkov

RUSSIA

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin yesterday ordered state-of-the-art air defense missile systems to be deployed at a Russian air base in Syria following the downing of a Russian warplane by Turkey, a move that raised the threat of a military confrontation between the NATO member and Russia.

The S-400 missile systems, which will be sent to the Hemeimeem air base in Syria's coastal province of Latakia, located just about 50 kilometers south of the border with Turkey, are capable of targeting Turkish jets with deadly precision. If Russia shot down a Turkish plane, NATO would be required to intervene.

Turkey shot down a Russian Su-24 bomber Tuesday, saying it crossed into its airspace from Syria despite repeated warnings. One of its two pilots was killed by militants after bailing out, while his crewmate was rescued by Syrian army commandos and delivered in good condition to the Russian base.

Putin said the Russian plane remained in Syria's skies when it was shot down. He described Turkey's action as a "crime" and a "stab in the back," warning of serious consequences.

Yesterday, Putin ordered the military to deploy the S-400s to Hemeimeem and took other measures that "should be sufficient to ensure flight safety."

Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu said yesterday that the Russian missile cruiser Moskva already has moved closer to shore to pro-

AP PHOTO



Russian President Vladimir Putin

tect the Russian aircraft flying missions near Syria's border with Turkey with its long-range Fort air defense system.

Shoigu also said that from now on all Russian bombers will be escorted by fighters on their combat missions in Syria. He said that his ministry has severed all contacts with the Turkish military.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey

Lavrov, who canceled his planned trip to Turkey after the incident, described the shooting down of the Russian plane as a "planned provocation."

He said the Turkish action came after Russian planes successfully targeted the oil infrastructure used by the Islamic State, alleging that Turkey benefited from the oil trade.

Lavrov also said that Turkish territory was used by "terrorists" to prepare terror attacks in other countries, but offered no details.

He said that Russia "has no intention to go to war with Turkey," but added that Moscow will reconsider its ties with Ankara.

The Russian Foreign Ministry already has warned Russians against traveling to Turkey, and

some leading Russian tourist agencies suspended the sales of tour packages to Turkey.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said yesterday that his country does not wish to escalate tensions with Russia over the downing of the plane.

Speaking at an Organization of Islamic Cooperation economy meeting in Istanbul, Erdogan said that Turkey favors "peace, dialogue and diplomacy." He defended his country's move to shoot down the plane saying: "no one should expect Turkey to stay silent to border violations or the violation of its rights."

Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu also sought to ease tensions, saying that Russia is Turkey's "friend and neighbor" and insisting relations cannot be "sacrificed to accidents of communication."

Davutoglu told his party's lawmakers yesterday that Turkey didn't know the nationality of the plane that was brought down on Tuesday until Moscow announced it was Russian.

He again defended Turkey's action, saying Russia was warned on several occasions that Turkey would take action in case its border is violated in line with its military rules of engagement. **AP**

USA

Chicago police officer charged with murder; video released

Don Babwin and Jason Keyser, Chicago

A white Chicago police officer who shot a black teenager 16 times last year was charged with first-degree murder Tuesday, hours before the city released a video of the killing that many people fear could spark unrest.

City officials and community leaders have been bracing for the release of the dash-cam video, fearing the kind of turmoil that occurred in cities such as Baltimore and Ferguson, Missouri, after young black men were slain by police or died in police custody.

A judge ordered that the recording be made public by yesterday. Moments before it was released, the mayor and the police

chief appealed for calm.

"People have a right to be angry. People have a right to protest. People have a right to free speech. But they do not have a right to ... criminal acts," Police Superintendent Garry McCarthy said.

The relevant portion of the video runs for less than 40 seconds and has no audio.

Laquan McDonald, 17, swings into view on a four-lane street where police vehicles are stopped in the middle of the roadway. As he jogs down an empty lane, he appears to pull up his pants and then slows to a brisk walk, veering away from two officers who are emerging from a vehicle and drawing their guns.

Almost immediately, one of the officers appears

to fire from close range. McDonald spins around and crumples to the pavement.

The car with the camera continues to roll forward until the officers are out of the frame. Then McDonald can be seen lying on the ground, moving occasionally. At least two small puffs of smoke are seen coming off his body as the officer continues firing.

In the final moments, an officer kicks something out of McDonald's hands.

Police have said the teen had a knife. Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez said Tuesday that a 7.5-centimeter knife with its blade folded into the handle was recovered from the scene.

Shortly after the video's release, protesters began

marching through city streets. Several hundred people blocked traffic on the near West Side. Some circled police cars in an intersection and chanted "16 shots."

"I'm so hurt and so angry," said Jedidiah Brown, a South Side activist and pastor who had just seen the video. "I can feel pain through my body."

Small groups of demonstrators marched up Michigan Avenue with a police escort before being stopped by officers as they headed toward Lake Shore Drive. After a short standoff, the crowd turned around.

At one point, demonstrators also gathered outside the police department's District 1 headquarters in the South

AP PHOTO



In this Oct. 20, 2014 frame from dash-cam video provided by the Chicago Police Department, Laquan McDonald, right, walks down the street moments before being shot by officer Jason Van Dyke in Chicago

Loop. Officers formed a line in front of the building, blocking anyone from entering.

Protests had mostly dissipated by 11 p.m., with a much smaller group planning to return to the District 1 building.

City officials spent months arguing that the footage could not be made public until the conclusion of several investigations. After the judge's order, the investigations were quickly wrapped up and a charge announced.

Alvarez defended the 13 months it took to charge officer Jason Van Dyke.

She said cases involving police present "highly complex" legal issues and that she would rather take the time to get it right than "rush to judgment." Alvarez said concern about the impending release prompted her to move up the announcement of the murder charge.

"It is graphic. It is violent. It is chilling," she said. "To watch a 17-year-old young man die in such a violent manner is deeply disturbing. I have absolutely no doubt that this video will tear at the hearts of all Chicagoans." **AP**

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Offbeat

DESPITE WARNINGS ABOUT WEST, 007 FINDS HIS WAY INTO IRAN AD

Even amid warnings about Western infiltration, the famed fictional British spy James Bond still found a way to get into Iran.

An ad hawking Omega watches appeared in the daily newspaper Shargh this week, featuring actor Daniel Craig wearing one of the timepieces while in character as 007.

While the ads have appeared around the world as the latest Bond film "Spectre" came out, the ad takes on a special significance in Iran.

Suspensions of Britain, a former occupier, and the United States remain high in Iran, even after a recent nuclear deal with world powers.

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21:00	TDM Talk Show
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26 Nov - 02 Dec



THE HUNGER GAMES: MOCKINGJAY 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

KEEPER OF DARKNESS

ROOM 2

2.30, 4.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Nick Cheung

Starring: Nick Cheung, Kuo Tsai Chieh, Louis Chueng

Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 105min

RETURN OF THE CUCKOO

ROOM 2

7.30 pm

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ROOM 3

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Starring: Nick Cheung, Kuo Tsai Chieh, Louis Chueng

Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 105min

this day in history



Sean MacStiofain

1972 POLICE FOIL IRA HOSPITAL RESCUE ATTEMPT

Eight armed men protesting against the imprisonment of Sean MacStiofain have tried to rescue him from a Dublin hospital.

MacStiofain - who has refused to eat or drink for nine days - was sentenced to six months imprisonment yesterday for being a member of the IRA.

Four men, two of them bystanders, were injured during a gun fight with Special Branch officers on the ward of the Mater Misericordiae hospital where the convicted IRA chief is being held.

But police said they had foiled the attempt and arrested seven of the attackers.

The gang arrived at the hospital near Mountjoy Prison in north Dublin just after dark.

A Garda spokesman said they were disguised as hospital workers and priests and were able to approach the floor where MacStiofain was being held without being suspected.

"But when they got within sight of the ward, handguns were produced and the shooting started," he said.

The gunmen grabbed a nurse and three police officers, but a fourth was able to run into an adjoining office and radio for support.

The gun battle took place in a narrow passageway leading to the ward. A Special Branch officer was shot in the hand and one of the attackers was hit in the stomach.

Troops have been called to the hospital to help guard the building, but a police representative told reporters the situation was under control.

"There was never any danger of their getting MacStiofain out," he said.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Sean MacStiofain was born John Stephenson in east London in 1928. He was brought up in England but had an Irish mother. His involvement in Irish political groups began in his late teens and he joined the Irish republicans' English movement - United Irishman - in the early 1950s.

By the time he was arrested MacStiofain was the IRA's chief-of-staff, but was replaced after ending his hunger strike after 57 days - a sign of weakness in many republicans' eyes.

He died in May 2001.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Now is a great time for you to get started on something new...

Taurus April 20-May 20 Sometimes you need to take the day off - not because you're exhausted...

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Start moving early - and keep on throughout the day! It's all about action for you right now...

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Can you stay home today? You may need to for one reason or another...

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 It's a great day - and your happy energy makes those around you feel a little lighter!

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You get a deeper glimpse into an important issue today - most likely by accident!

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 You've got great energy today - so make the most of it! You need to make sure that you're moving forward...

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 You can't decide between two equally appealing choices. That's not the worst kind of problem in the world...

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Try to enforce fair play today - though that may be much easier said than done!

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Try to get started with something totally new and exciting - your energy is perfect for beginnings!

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 You need to try a different approach to this problem - and your mental energy should help you find the key.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 Your mate or business partner is behaving weirdly today - it's best to talk to them right away to find out what's up.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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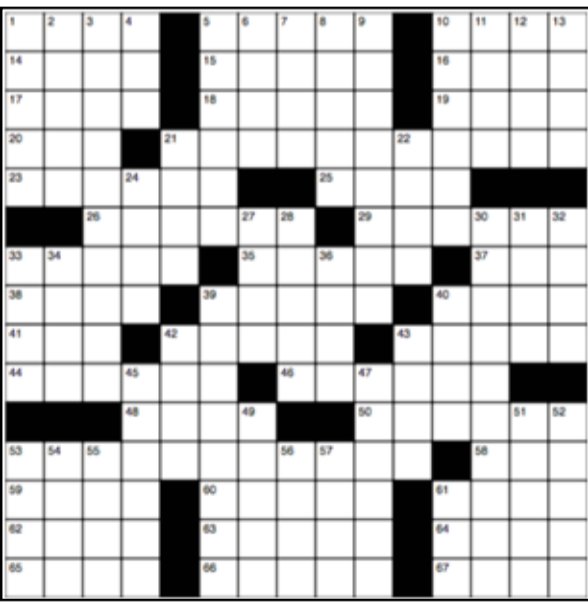
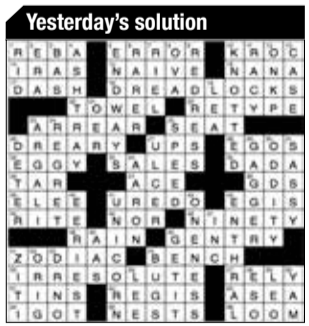
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Weather forecast table with columns for MIN, MAX, and CONDITION. It lists weather for various cities in CHINA and the WORLD.

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**CHAMPIONS LEAGUE ROUNDUP
GOALS GALORE AS BARCELONA
AND BAYERN ADVANCE**



GRUPE

Lionel Messi is back and scoring netting a double in Barcelona's 6-1 win over Roma that put the titleholders into the knockout round for a 12th consecutive season.

Messi showed no rust in his second appearance since recovering from a left-knee ligament he tore on Sept. 26 and scored Barcelona's second and fifth goals of the one-sided match.

Luis Suarez opened the scoring at Camp Nou in the 15th minute. Three minutes later Messi scored his first goal from Suarez's pass.

Suarez and Gerard Pique added more goals before Messi struck again. Adriano capped the demolition after converting from the rebound following Neymar's missed penalty. "Messi is the best and I feel very happy for him for his goals and because he played the entire match," Suarez said.

Edin Dzeko got Roma's goal just before the final whistle. Victory moved the Spanish club on to 13 points at the top of Group E with a game to spare.

Roma was left with five points along with Leverkusen, while BATE has four.

BATE's Mikhail Gordeichuk's took the lead in the second minute, only for Admir Mehmedi to equalize in the 68th.

GROUP F

It's all over, at least for Bayern Munich. Pep Guardiola's team can't concede, let alone lose, even while playing most of the second half with 10 men. Douglas Costa, Robert Lewandowski and Thomas Mueller scored inside the first 20 minutes.

Defender Holger Badstuber was sent off in 53rd minute on his first start after nine months out with a knee injury for downing Ideye Brown. But it was Bayern that went on to score again with Kingsley Coman completing the emphatic win in the 70th.

Bayern now tops the group with 12 points and cannot be dislodged with one match remaining.

"We managed to win the group again, that was our goal," Guardiola said. "My compliments to the team, we can be pleased."

Arsenal can still advance to the knockout stage as second in the group after beating Dinamo Zagreb 3-0. Alexis Sanchez scored twice and set up Mesut Ozil for Arsenal's first goal.

Arsene Wenger's side must beat Olympiakos 2-0 or by a one-goal margin of at least 3-2 due to the head-to-head formula used by UEFA to separate teams. Arsenal is third, three points behind Olympiakos with nine.

GROUP G

Chelsea remained in the hunt to advance from Group G after easing past 10-man Maccabi Tel Aviv 4-0.

Tel Aviv was reduced to 10 men five minutes before half-time when former Chelsea defender Tal Ben Haim was sent off for a rash challenge on Diego Costa, but it took Chelsea more than half an hour to double its lead, when William curled in a free kick.

Gary Cahill had put the visitors up in the 20th minute. Oscar and substitute Kurt Zouma scored the other goals.

In the only negative point for Chelsea, captain John Terry fell awkwardly in the 75th and was taken off on a stretcher. Chelsea's win, and Porto's loss to Dynamo Kiev, tied the first two teams on 10 points, two more than Kiev.

Andriy Yarmolenko and Derlis Gonzalez netted to inflict Porto's first defeat of the season.

In the final round of group games next month, Chelsea hosts Porto in a likely winner-takes-all match, and Kiev hosts winless Tel Aviv.

GROUP H

Russia striker Artyom Dzyuba scored again as Zenit secured top spot in Group H by beating Valencia 2-0, while Gent maintained its chances of qualifying after winning 2-1 at Lyon thanks to Kalifa Coulibaly's injury-time winner.

Gent has seven points, one more than Valencia, and can guarantee qualification by beating Zenit at home on Dec. 9. But Lyon's one point sees it miss out on a Europa League berth.

GOLF

Scott's 14-year title streak under threat as 2015 winds down

Dennis Passa, Sydney

ADAM Scott is without a tournament victory thus far in 2015, putting his 14-year record of winning at least one tournament a year in jeopardy going into this week's Australian Open.

But Scott said yesterday that his family life — he became a father in February — had nothing to do with it.

"I think it would be a bit rough to blame my daughter for my bad golf, so I won't go there," a smiling Scott said of his daughter, Bo. "I made some equipment changes this year with shafts and fiddled around a little bit with my game, and that's a bit dangerous."

Scott, a former No. 1, has dropped to 12th in the world rankings. He's won a tournament in every year since 2001, but his last victory came last year in the Colonial tournament.

He led after each of the first two rounds at last week's Australian Masters, but shot a 77 on Saturday to end his chances of winning at Huntingdale in Melbourne.

Scott switched from his soon-to-banned broomstick putter to a traditional one last month. Even before that, he called his putting "poor."

"In the end I guess making what is a forced change now of the putter was actually good timing, and it's refreshing to have something new to work on," Scott said. "When you putt average for a season, it definitely has a kind of knock-on effect on the rest of the game."

Darren Clarke's first look at the Australian Golf Club course came during yesterday's Australian Open pro-am, which was only hours after his arrival on an overnight flight from Dubai.

As is usually the case these days, Clarke was asked more about his captaincy of Europe's Ryder Cup team for 2016 than the upcoming tourna-



Adam Scott of Australia

ment, and he sees plenty of new faces in the continental mix.

"Our qualification has obviously started," Clarke said. "A lot of young guys are playing very well, got a lot of points up early at this stage. At the moment it's looking as if there's going to be quite a few changes ... (but) the older, more-seasoned guys probably will start collecting a few points again starting off from next year."

Those "more-seasoned guys" include familiar names like Henrik Stenson, Justin Rose and Rory McIlroy, as well as others with leading points, such as Matthew Fitzpatrick, Thorbjorn Olesen, Lee Slattery, Chris Wood and Lucas Bjerregaard.

"It's going to be interesting, the Americans obviously are going to have a very strong team, as always, but I think the European team is going to be very strong, as well," Clarke said.

The 2016 Ryder Cup is scheduled for Sept. 30-Oct. 2 at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minnesota. Europe has

won the last three tournaments, including last year at Gleneagles in Scotland.

Clarke says his past Ryder Cup experience will be valuable as captain for the first time.

"I know both sides, both as a player and a vice captain (twice) but there's been a lot of things to do behind the scenes which I didn't know," Clarke said.

"As a player or vice-captain, you rock up, go to your room, you have an itinerary, you have all your clothes, everything's laid out for you. But it's all me having to make all these decisions, so it's a little bit different."

Jordan Spieth credits last year's Australian Open victory with giving him the confidence for his breakthrough season this year, winning the Masters, U.S. Open, Tour Championship and FedEx Cup.

Lee Westwood has similar memories of how his 1997 Australian Open win at Melbourne's Metropolitan course helped change the course of his career. Westwood beat Greg Norman in a playoff that

year in a field that included Vijay Singh and Phil Mickelson (they finished tied for seventh), as well as Darren Clarke.

"It still is one of the biggest wins of my career," Westwood said yesterday before his pro-am round. "Greg was world No. 1 at the time ... and a hero of mine growing up. So to get into a playoff with him and beat him on the fourth extra hole was obviously a very special week."

It was only the beginning.

"That finish to 1997 really kicked off a good three years for me," he said. "In 1998, I think I won eight tournaments and 1999 three or four and then 2000 eight more, so it propelled me into some good form ... and 2000, I won the money list. Maybe I could do it this time around."

Westwood will have a morning tee time today in the same group as Spieth and 2010 champion Geoff Ogilvy. Adam Scott is in the featured afternoon group with countryman John Senden and Nicolas Colsaerts. **AP**

opinion

HK Observer
 Robert Carroll



SHIFTING SANDS

Isn't it great to have a new force in politics here after so many years of stalemate; in this case the youth? For so long voters have been mainly divided between the middle class pro-democracy parties, up against Party members and friends combined with business community representatives, as well as the bussed-in-here's-who-you-vote-for old folks who get dinners and presents for voting pro-China DAB - and, not forgetting the fringe - the radicals. Now the young have a voice as elected district councilors and are standing up for autonomy and rejecting the radicals. Sands are shifting.

In a very unfair playing field they have managed to get into positions of political power, not just to have local influence but in sufficient numbers to put forward a candidate for the so-called super seats, Legislative Council members voted in by the whole electorate, who because of this can claim more legitimacy for their mandates.

It remains a shame that the pro-establishment parties are able to wield huge resources against the bunch of idealistic lawyers and their volunteers who largely make up the pro-democracy camp.

It is a pity too that after so many years - since the 1990's - that the pro-democracy camp has not been able to combine majority local support with an ability to engage Beijing. There are some signs that the new faces in politics here may be able to re-think the Hong Kong-China relationship for the better, but it will very much an uphill struggle unless without a watershed shifting of attitudes in the corridors of power over the border.

The ancient given in China of kowtowing to the emperor and his officials has long gone in Hong Kong. The attitude of subservience to higher authority exists in the workplace - obey your boss or else - albeit reluctantly and resentfully, but not towards government. To address the reality and get locals on their side Chinese officials must step down from the traditional paternalistic approach to rule. Hong Kongers, especially the young, do not accept to be children under the mandate of heaven's representative on Earth - the Communist Party of China - they want to be treated as equals. Leaving aside the special case of Taiwan, they are part of the two most successful autonomous regions of China - the other is of course Macau - which are far more developed in many ways than their counterpart cities on the mainland. So isn't it, and hasn't it long been a reality, that Hong Kong needs to wooed not threatened or coerced into what was a most dreaded re-emerging?

However local citizens need to bear in mind that it's a fait accompli and an inevitable conclusion of history that the city will return to China and is part of China. Even if the then government of China, the Kuomintang nationalists, had won the civil war the result would have been the same, and quite possibly soon after the second World War; that was the declared aim of the KMT leader Chiang Kai-shek.

On the other hand Beijing must accept that this is a very different Chinese society here, needing considerable courting; while Hong Kongers need to find a modus vivendi with the mainland. That means mutual respect. There has been far too much talk - and threatening - about how Hong Kongers should bend to the needs of the motherland.

Hong Kong, Taiwan and Macau investment and business acumen were largely responsible for the huge leap forwards in economic development of China from the opening up in 1979.

Commencing with the creation of the free trade zone in Shenzhen and Zuhai, expanding into Guangdong, the province became the factory of the world, the engine of economic growth of China for decades. The mainland has long opened the doors through law and by providing locations and manpower. It's been a partnership. Let partners talk as partners; the time of paternalism has gone. So, Hong Kongers must accept, has the dream of separation.

THE BUZZ BETTING COMPANY TO SPONSOR DAVIS CUP AND FED CUP TENNIS

A leading online betting company has become an international sponsor of the Davis Cup and Fed Cup tennis competitions.

The International Tennis Federation says Betway will sponsor the men's and women's team events for three years through 2018. The ITF sought to dispel any concerns about having a gambling company as a sponsor, saying

"all elements of the new sponsorship are fully compliant with the rules and interpretations of the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program."

ITF President David Haggerty says both parties "share the mission to keep the sport of tennis clean."

Betway was first introduced as a sponsor at the recent Fed Cup final in Prague.

Israel court allows transgender woman's cremation



An undated photograph shows May Peleg, an Israeli transgender woman

Tia Goldenberg, Jerusalem

The body of an Israeli transgender woman who committed suicide will be cremated despite her ultra-Orthodox family's wishes, Israel's Supreme Court ruled in documents obtained yesterday.

Before she killed herself earlier this month, May Peleg wrote in her will that she wanted to be cremated, a practice that Jewish law forbids. Her religious family took the request to court, which sided with Pe-

leg's representatives.

The court balanced Peleg's wishes against her family's desire for a Jewish burial, pitting religious law against individual rights and highlighting the contrasts between the country's Jewish character and its often liberal orientation. Rabbinical authorities oversee the country's Jewish burial practices, though a single crematorium is allowed to operate quietly.

Peleg, 31, was raised in the deeply conservative ultra-Orthodox community,

which shuns gay and transgender people, and was estranged from her family. She was a prominent LGBT activist in Israel and her suicide elicited an outpouring of grief.

Peleg said she did not want a Jewish burial because the religion would not recognize her as a woman. "This constitutes a lack of respect and an erasure of my identity," according to a statement released by her supporters.

Her will stipulated that she wanted some of her ashes to be buried under a tree, where her two children could come to mourn.

Lawyers representing Peleg's mother, who brought the appeal to the Supreme Court, argued that Peleg was mentally unstable. Lawyer Yitzhak Dahan said the family wanted a Jewish burial so that they could have a grave to visit.

The court sided with Peleg's lawyers, who had argued that her individual rights outweighed her family's desire.

"May's will and wishes prevailed. Human dignity prevailed. The LGBT community prevailed," a campaign for Peleg wrote on its Facebook page following Tuesday's decision. **AP**

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

AP Photo/Martin Meissner



Gloves on. Challenger Tyson Fury exercises during a public training session at the airport in Duesseldorf, Germany, prior his heavyweight boxing fight against world champion Wladimir Klitschko, yesterday. The title bout will take place in Duesseldorf's LTU arena on Saturday.

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

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS



BELGIUM After a four-day shutdown prompted by a threat alert across Brussels, schools are reopening their doors with the help of beefed up security, including police armed with machine guns. Though the Belgian capital continues to be under the highest-level threat alert, meaning that an attack is serious and imminent, schools and subways began reopening across the city yesterday.

UK Britain's Treasury chief abandoned controversial cuts in tax credits for the working poor and refrained from slashing funding to the police yesterday as he updated Parliament on the government's tax and spending plans. George Osborne said improvements in public finances made it possible to back away from the unpopular credit cuts his government had proposed earlier.

RUSSIA-UKRAINE Tensions between Russia and Ukraine escalated further yesterday as Ukraine decided to stop buying Russian natural gas - hoping to rely on supplies from other countries - and closed its airspace to its eastern neighbor.



TUNISIA Authorities said yesterday they have discovered a 13th body in the bus attacked Tuesday in central Tunisia. The body is believed to be the "terrorist who caused the explosion," the Interior Ministry said. The attack on the bus carrying Tunisia's presidential guards involved about 10 kilograms of military explosives, the ministry added.

QATAR A year's worth of rain deluged parts of Qatar yesterday as seasonal storms moving through Saudi Arabia flooded streets in a city northwest of the capital, Riyadh.