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RUSSIA Methane gas leak at a coal mine in Russia's far north triggered three explosions that ignited a raging fire and partially collapsed the mine, killing 36 people. The dead included five rescue workers and a mine worker who were killed yesterday when the third explosion rocked the Severnaya mine in Vorkuta, a town north of the Arctic Circle in the Komi region, the emergency services said.

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Investment opportunities presented to local investors

AN investment promotion seminar on “Wealth in Andes-Precious Metal Investment Opportunities in Latin America” was held last week by the Macau Association for the Promotion of Exchange between Asia-Pacific and Latin America (MAPEAL). According to organizers, the



From left, Gary Ngai; Gloria Ng, member executive board of IPIM; Consul General of Peru in HK and Macau, Sergio Manuel Avila Travesa; Xiaohuan Tang; Martin Alexander Wurm.

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MARTIN ALEXANDER WURM

event was created in line with recent efforts to turn Macau into an effective hub for outbound investment to Latin America.

The speakers presented a synopsis of the mining industry in the Andean region and the investment climate of certain Latin American countries. MAPEAL President, Gary Ngai, indicated his belief that investing in gold mines in Peru and lithium mines in Chile is a profitable industry.

“You can see it’s growing very fast; gold mines and lithium mines. The whole world is demanding these kinds of products and Macau can jump onto it. Jump on the bandwagon, we call it.”

Ngai, whose biography “A Witness to History: an overseas Chinese in mainland China and Macau” was recently published, argues that Macau must diversify the region’s economy from gaming and that one approach

involves outbound investment. He has additionally identified further investment opportunities that Macau could seize in the future such as in agriculture, manufacturing and real estate.

Martin Alexander Wurm, Founder and CEO of Euromerica Capital Group Inc., hinted that Macau should take advantage of its city’s historical ties with Latin American countries. In this culturally diverse region, Wurm has stated his belief that forums like this particular one are beneficial for Macau and should be continually promoted.

“I think indeed for foreigners, for Europeans, for Latin Americans, this is a place where you would feel comfortable. I think it’s very attractive at some point and Macau should take advantage of it,” said Wurm.

“There’s a lot of money to be invested from China and they’re looking for channels and I would say that Macau can be such a channel,” he added.

In hopes of encouraging the audience to become involved in these investments, a presentation of mining companies’ stock data was shown to the audience to present an overview of the possible investment returns.

To strengthen Macau’s position as a platform for accessing Latin America, Xiaohuan Tang, Director and Chief Operating Officer of Wealth Minerals Ltd., affirmed that now is the right time to start such investments in Macau. He believes that since the city aims to nurture environmental businesses, an awareness of this industry should be raised.

“We present to you a method that you can only find in Latin America, an environmentally and energy friendly business.”

Tang, whose company focuses on the exploration and development of precious metal projects, also said that forums such as this would be needed if the city seeks to be internationalized with the intention of cultivating a favorable environment for investors and local government.

He said that he is a big believer in Macau’s development in terms of these projects.

“If you try, you may fail but if you don’t try you’ll never win, so you’ll have to start,” he added.

Last week’s event was hosted by the Macau Trade and Investment Promotion Institute. **Staff reporter**

MICE statistics show increase of events in Q4

ACCORDING to a Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) report, a total of 239 MICE events were held during the fourth quarter of 2015. This is an increase of six year-on-year. In the same period, the number of meetings and conferences increased by 13, while that of exhibitions decreased by seven. The total number of participants and attendees across MICE events dropped by 23.1 percent to 811,964.

Meetings and conferences held in the fourth quarter of 2015 amounted to 216, up by 6.4 percent year-on-year, while the number of respective participants decreased by 3.9 percent to 26,146. Concurrently, 23 exhibitions were held, down by 23.3 percent year-on-year, and the number of exhibition attendees decreased by 23.6 percent to 785,818.

In accordance with information collected from organizers of the 23 exhibitions in the fourth quarter, receipts of these events amounted to MOP115 million, with financial support from the government or other organizations constituting 76.3 percent. The

exhibitions together attracted 2,010 exhibitors and 56,944 visitors.

The DSEC report also showed an increase of 116 MICE events year-on-year to 909 for the whole of 2015. However, since the number of exhibitions decreased by nine, the total number of participants and attendees (2,481,650) dropped by 4 percent year-on-year.

There were 831 meetings and conferences, up by 125 year-on-year. However, the total number of participants decreased by 10 percent to 88,189, led by a decline in the number of conference participants.

Organizers reported that receipts of 77 (of the 78) exhibitions held in 2015 amounted to MOP232 million, with MOP127 million (54.5 percent) coming from external financial assistance.

The 77 exhibitions attracted a total of 5,607 exhibitors, of which 38.6 percent came from Macau and 23.6 percent came from Hong Kong. Professional visitors totaled 144,866, with 52.3 percent from Macau.

Tap Seac ‘Glass House’ revamp to start this year

ACCORDING to a statement issued by the Lands, Public Works and Transport Bureau (DSOPT) on Friday, the revamp of Tap Seac’s “Glass house” is planned to start during the fourth quarter of this year. Construction works are expected to continue for approximately one year.

The current, largely unused, space is expected to be transformed into “a multifunctional space for the creative industries, where entrepreneurs of this field will be able to exhibit their works.”

The opening of the public tender was held on Friday. For this tender, the DSSOPT received a total of 20 proposals with prices ranging from just over MOP28 million to in excess of MOP40 million.



The transformation works comprise a total of five floors (three floors in the basement and two floors above ground) over an area of about 5,200 square meters.

When finished, the space will hold several shops, studios and workshops for educational purposes to be used by local companies involved with the creative

industries.

The statement also revealed that the renovation aims to set new environmentally friendly standards for venues, using paints low in volatile organic compounds (VOC), eco-efficient lighting equipment, devices for water saving and air-conditioning systems that use environmentally friendly coolant gas. **RM**

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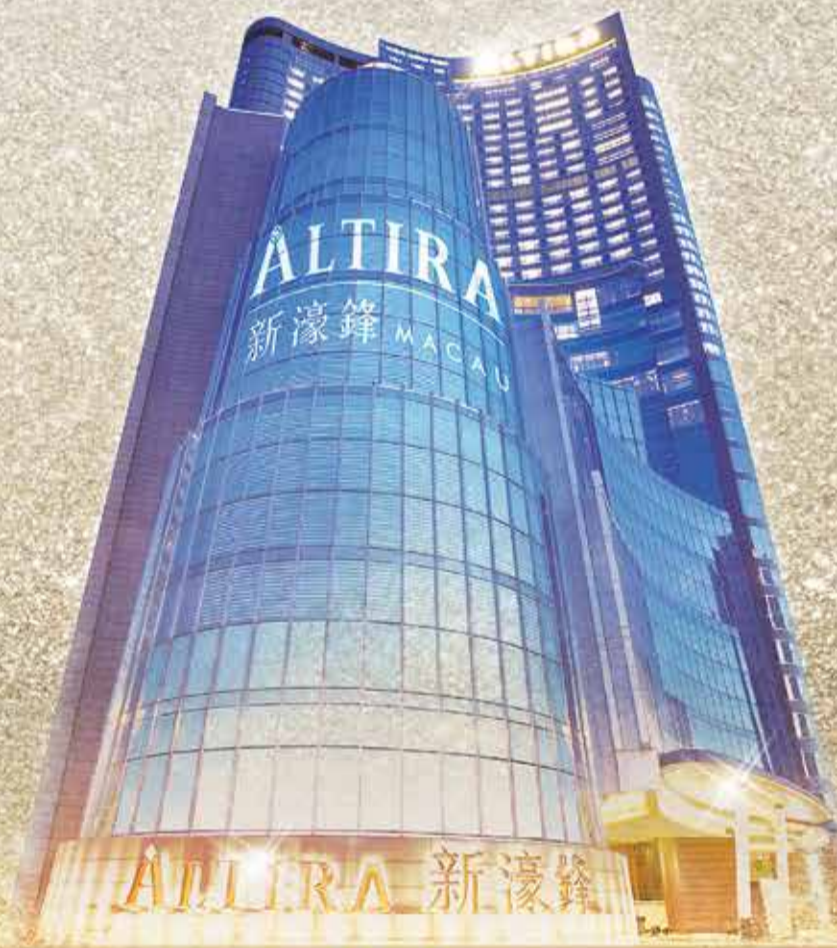
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ENVIRONMENT

Protesters demand public hearing on Coloane skyscraper

SCORES of residents gathered on Coloane's hiking trails on Saturday afternoon to oppose the proposed 100-meter skyscraper planned for Coloane's hill. Demonstrators say that the building will exhaust the last bit of greenery remaining in Macau.

According to the protest's organizers, approximately forty people participated, demanding that the government release more information on the proposed residential building and that they hold a public hearing to determine the opinions of local residents.

The planned skyscraper threatens to diminish what is considered to be the city's last



Agnes Lam

Even just a few buildings could obstruct sunshine from parts of the forest.

AGNES LAM

park area, despite the government's assurance on multiple occasions that the area would be protected as an ecological reserve.

Authorities have not yet approved the project. They say they are still waiting on an environmental impact assessment,

but protestors insisted that the government should also take the concerns of the public into consideration.

Agnes Lam, president of Macao Civic Power, which organized the protest, told the Times that an earlier demonstration in 2013 had pressured the go-

vernment into "appearing to freeze the project," at least until the implementation of the new land law.

However, she stressed that today there remains general confusion among the public as to the status of the environmental impact assessment and

a suspicion regarding how the development plans might be edged forward, despite the government's pledge to protect the area.

Another concern according to Lam is that the "environmental impact could be considerable." She added that it was difficult to forecast accurately "because we don't know how many buildings will be subsequently constructed on the site [if it is approved]."

"It will hurt the wildlife there, because of the destruction [of the greenery] and the noise that may scare birds away," Lam said. "Even just a few buildings could obstruct sunshine from parts of the forest."

Environmental activists participating in the Coloane trail protest told TDM that what they fear most is a chain reaction triggered by the construction of the residential skyscraper, which could lead to a further contraction of Macau's green space.

"[The government] can start other residential building projects on other mountains, and they gradually, step by step, destroy all the green-lung areas in Macau and take away what Macau residents deserve," Macau Green Student Union president Joe Chan told the broadcaster.

In previous demonstrations, activists have highlighted what they consider to be an "unfair privatization of land," which could potentially restrict the ability of residents to enjoy the outdoor space and scenery. **Staff reporter**

'VISA RESTRICTIONS INDEX'

Macau passports slip in rankings



An index measuring the relative strengths of a country or territory's passports showed that Macau has slipped slightly in the rankings despite its index score remaining unchanged from last year.

The index, compiled by London-based consulting firm Henley & Partners, ranked Macau as 40th on the index with a score of 120, indicating the number of territories that holders of the passport may enter without visa restrictions.

Macau ranked 36th in the 2015 index, also with a score of 120, ahead of St. Vincent and the Grenadines

(119), Grenada (117) and Honduras (116). However, while the strength of Macau's passport remained unchanged in 2016, its trai-

ling rivals gained ground; St. Vincent and the Grenadines was awarded 125 points, Grenada 121, and Honduras 119.

Hong Kong found itself in a similar situation. While the number of visa-free territories holders of Hong Kong passports are able to access grew from 152 in 2015 to 154 this year, its ranking fell from 16 to 20, placing it behind Cyprus, San Marino and Chile.

The Henley & Partners Visa Restrictions Index evaluates 199 passports from the 193 Member States of the United Nations, plus Macau, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Kosovo, Palestine and the Vatican City. The maximum score a passport can attain is 218 out of the 219 destination territories.

The availability of visa-free entry to holders of specific passports depends on a variety of factors, in-

cluding the economic status and social welfare policies of the passport holder's country. Diplomatic relations, reciprocal visa arrangements, political stability and security risks also play important roles.

Simon Lee, assistant dean of undergraduate studies at Chinese University's Business School, told the SCMP, "Hong Kong remains a safe city and continues to draw wealthy

mainlanders – who want more freedom to travel abroad – to the city."

Mainland China ranked 87th on the 2016 index – equal to Cambodia – with a score of 50. Meanwhile, Taiwan ranked 29th with a score of 137, placing it on par with Uruguay.

This year's index was topped by Germany (177), followed by Sweden (176), while Finland, France, Italy, Spain and the United Kingdom came next, each achieving a score of 175.

By comparison, the war-torn Middle East dominated the lower rankings on the list, with Syria listed 100th (32), Iraq ranking 102nd (30) and Afghanistan in bottom place.

The index is produced in cooperation with the International Air Transport Association, which maintains the world's largest database of travel information. **Staff reporter**

Sisters barred from HK because of 'Republic of Taiwan' stickers

HONG Kong customs has denied entry to two sisters from Taiwan who were holding passports decorated with "Republic of Taiwan" stickers, the Oriental Daily News reported.

The sisters, aged 30 and 40, flew from Kaohsiung to Hong Kong and were then deported to

Taiwan after being denied entry to Hong Kong.

The Hong Kong Immigration Department stated that any unauthorized change to passports is likely to violate immigration regulations and offenders may be prosecuted. According to the regulations, those

who break the law can be fined up to HKD150,000, followed by a maximum jail sentence of 14 years.

As the Times reported on Friday, at least 15 Taiwanese residents have been barred from entering Macau because of the "Republic of Taiwan" stickers.

Renato Marques

Former top prosecutor accused in MP graft scheme

AT least six people were detained on Friday in connection with a suspected case of corruption under investigation by the Commission Against Corruption (CCAC). One of them was the former Prosecutor General of the Public Prosecutions Office, Ho Chio Meng.

Ho Chio Meng had been the region's top prosecutor after the handover until 2014, when he was replaced and became deputy prosecutor. In February 2015, he was appointed as coordinator of the Committee on Criminal and Legal Studies, the major roles of which are to monitor the development of legal and judicial reforms on criminal matters, and to propose related suggestions and revisions. Ho Chio Meng has on several occasions been considered a potential candidate for the position of Chief Executive, a possibility that he never denied.

■ The case is not linked with the exercise of any judicial powers, André Cheong said

During a press conference held yesterday at the CCAC, Commissioner André Cheong said that five of the people involved in the suspected corruption case are "the former prosecutor [Ho Chio Meng], the former prosecutor's chief of cabinet [António Lai], one office advisor and several local entrepreneurs. From the local entrepreneurs [who hail from about ten different companies], two of them are family members of the former head of the Public Prosecu-



Ho Chio Meng (second from right, front row) pictured at the opening ceremony for the 2014 legal year

tions Office (MP)."
The head of CCAC also confirmed that the case concerns offences of "fraud," "unlawful economic advantage," "abuse of power," and "document forgery" relating to "renovation and maintenance work and acquiring of goods and services." These were allegedly directly granted, without a public tender, to certain private companies worth a total amount of over MOP167 million with at least MOP44 million returned in favor of the suspects.
"Similarities can be seen between this case and others previously found by the CCAC,

where people who have the capacity to exercise power and make decisions have justified the direct awarding of contracts to a certain company that may be owned by people they know or may even be their own, based on urgency to conduct those works or hire the services. Most of the time, those companies are just shell companies that then subcontract other companies to perform the work or provide the services, thereby avoiding the public tender process," André Cheong said.

The same source commented that, "during these ten years [2004 to 2014], these companies have been able to secure all the work and services from the MP. Even when the public tenders were assessed, the tenders were also granted to the same two or three companies. And there are cases where the same renovation work was granted more than once."

According to information, CCAC investigations sur-

rounding the case have been ongoing since last year and initially resulted from a complaint from the MP.

"The case was discovered internally [in MP] last year and as there was evidence of crime, this was communicated to the CCAC and sparked the investigation," Mr Cheong said, adding that "the MP supported and collaborated with the investigations" throughout the entire investigation, "which was run by the CCAC independently."

Answering questions from journalists, Cheong assured the public that the case is only related to the hiring of services and building and related work, and is not linked to the exercise of any judicial powers.

"This case has to do with the former leadership and management staff of MP and does not involve other people, especially other magistrates. It also does not involve the exercising of the judicial powers of the MP," Cheong said.

Questioned again by journalists at the press conference, Cheong revealed that he has explained the case to the Chief Executive, Chui Sai On, who told him to "handle the case according to the law."

Measures including the detention of the former public prosecutor Ho Chio Meng, have been enforced by the MP, which has also enforced restrictions upon another four

suspects, forbidding them from departing the territory, as well as suspending an unidentified number of people from public duties.

There were many questions left unanswered during the press conference due to the fact that the investigation is "still ongoing" as explained by the CCAC, who are not dismissing the possibility of finding "more suspects and related cases."

André Cheong also said "this case will definitely undermine the credibility of the MSAR."

QUESTIONS SENT TO MP LEFT UNANSWERED

THE FACT that the coordinator of the Committee on Criminal and Legal Studies, Ho Chio Meng, has not been seen in public for the past year, or attending ceremonies such as that held for the opening of the judicial year, led the Times to inquire about his whereabouts.

A message sent on August 26 to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP) was left unanswered. In September 24 we insisted that a response be forthcoming, stressing that the matter "was of public interest." Once again, the MP did not reply.

AO MAN LONG CASE HELPED TO IMPROVE THE SYSTEM

DURING A press conference held yesterday regarding the case that led to the arrest of Ho Chio Meng, the head of the Commission Against Corruption (CCAC), André Cheong, said: "Since the establishment of the MSAR, the development of integrity and honesty at the administrative level has been afforded big steps forward. The Ao Man Long case allowed the improvement of the whole system of integrity and honesty." Cheong then added that "the government of the MSAR has been publishing several laws and regulations to reinforce the efforts against corruption."

Gov't declines to comment

THE Government Spokesperson's Office issued a statement yesterday regarding the numerous requests, enquiries and comments it had received regarding a case under investigation by the Commission Against Corruption (CCAC). The case involves staff members of the MP, most notably the former Prosecutor General, Ho Chio Meng, the

former Prosecutor's chief of cabinet, and one office advisor, as well as several local entrepreneurs.

In response to these enquiries, the office stated: "The Government will not comment on the case as this is a pending legal matter. Any further updates on this matter are to be announced by the Commission Against Corruption."

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HUMAN RESOURCES

Construction industry in need of young and well-trained employees

THE Macau Construction Association (MCA) held a forum last week to discuss the current human resources situation in Macau's construction industry, as well as to consider the predictions that may indicate what sort of employees the industry needs. The absence of young employees was one of the topics addressed during the talks.

Currently, according to research conducted by the MCA and the Macau Economic Association, the construction industry employs more than 50,000 workers, of which over 10,000 are local workers.

Statistics from the Human Resources Office (GRH) show that, to the end of last September, there were 45,509 non-residents (39,777 mainlanders) working in the construction sector. Consequently, local residents have been afraid of losing their jobs due to the flow of workers coming from other regions looking for opportunities in Macau.

"Several projects are ongoing, such as public housing, the light rail, and renewals of old buildings. A few gaming properties are expected to be finished before 2019. There are plenty of jobs," said Joey Lao, chairman of the Macau Economic Association.

Guests who attended the forum affirmed that the industry will always



have positions available for construction workers. Moreover, non-local employees will be the first to leave the labor market. It is expected that the current economic situation will not cause serious troubles for local residents.

"Companies will prioritize the hiring of local workers, and once the economy deteriorates, non-local employees will be out of the labor market first," said Lao.

As indicated by an MCA study, the average age of the construction workforce is 44, and workers older than 45 represent 49.9 percent of the whole sector. Construction companies face difficulties attracting college graduates. Several guests said that

"fresh graduates avoid the construction industry because of its '3D' disadvantages: demanding, dangerous, and dirty."

In addition, the salary, work environment and satisfaction are considered unattractive by young people.

It was also mentioned that the Hong Kong government has reportedly been doing a very good job attracting the young generation to work in the construction industry. It has introduced measures to improve both the security and safety of the construction sites. Lawmaker Mak Soi Kun suggested that "the government should learn from Hong Kong."

Over the past ten years, the rapid expansion of the construction sector exacerbated the need for more workers and management experts. However, local workers lack training in professional construction services. Still, the salary of a local worker increased 73.5 percent during the past five years from MOP539 per day to MOP935.

According to the MCA survey, among the 62 construction enterprises that were interviewed, 45 of them (72.6 percent) are planning on recruiting more people, with 41.9 percent hoping to hire foreign workers. Machinery operators and heavy-vehicle drivers are among the most-needed jobs. **Staff reporter**

7 months in prison for threatening inspector



The Court of First Instance (TJB) has sentenced a man to a seven-month suspended prison sentence for intimidation of an anti-smoking inspector on duty, MASTV reported. The man, identified as Chen, was caught smoking near Fai Chi Kei by the tobacco control officer. He subsequently refused to cooperate with the law, even threatening one of the officers. The police were called by the inspector for assistance. In addition to the suspended prison sentence, the TJB announced in the verdict that the accused will be required to pay MOP6,000 to the victim.

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Sands Resorts Cotai Strip Macau hosted the annual Sales Excellence Awards gala dinner last week at The Venetian Macau. The event was held to recognize the contributions made by trade partners to the success of the integrated resort throughout 2015.

A total of 13 sales and marketing awards were presented to trade partners in the leisure and MICE industries in recognition of their efforts. GZL International Travel Service Ltd took home four awards, while Juventude International Travel Ltd was named the "Top Sales Performer of The Year - Other Region" for The Venetian for the second time.

The annual award ceremony, attended by over 150 guests representing approximately 100 companies, "plays a vital part in the business philosophy of Sands Resorts Cotai Strip Macau by developing and nurturing business relationships with trade partners," says a press release issued by Sands.

S Korea grants casino license to Mohegan-KCC consortium

SOUTH Korea has chosen a consortium led by U.S. tribal casino operator Mohegan Sun as the winner of an integrated resort project, allowing one additional casino in Yeongjong's western gateway island.

Yonhap News reported that Mohegan's bid with South Korean chemicals maker KCC Corporation foresees a USD1.6 billion investment to build a casino, luxury hotel and shopping areas, as well as a K-pop entertainment arena and convention venues, by 2020.

According to the South Korea's Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, Mohegan's integrated resort will help boost the nation's tourism industry by adding one more casino on the island in addition to the two other casino resorts currently under construction.

"We will closely monitor the project to help support the [Mohegan consortium] in building a world-class integrated resort," the ministry said. "It is



expected to boost the competitiveness of the South Korean tourism industry with various forms of tourism infrastructure, such as a K-pop arena, a theme park and a convention center."

This will be the first casino resort outside North America built by the casino operator. It is aimed to target the Asian gaming market. Officials have vowed to contribute to tourism with world-class entertainment events and shopping.

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Our plan is to have international celebrities, both K-pop and Western performers," Bobby Soper, Mohegan Sun CEO, told Yonhap News after winning the bid.

The western island is situated less than an hour by express subway from Seoul, which makes it closer than Macau to northern Chinese cities.

The winner is expected to build its resort within four years after receiving a casino license, which would lead to an increase in the number of casinos in the

country to 20 by 2020. The nation's current 17 casinos are far smaller than those in Macau and Las Vegas.

Two casino licenses were promised by the government last year to help boost tourism and foreign investment. However, due to China's anti-corruption crackdown, only one license was granted. **Staff reporter**

CHEN RISES IN
MALAYSIA'S RICHEST

MALAYSIAN CASINO

magnate Chen Lip Keong has edged his way up Forbes's list of "Malaysia's 50 Richest," even as his Cambodia-based casino takes a hit from slackening interest from Macau and mainland China. Chen, who ranks 23rd on the list, is now one spot higher than in 2015, despite the fact that his net worth has fallen 17 percent. The 68-year-old holds a monopoly on gambling in Phnom Penh through his Hong Kong listed corporation, NagaCorp, and owns NagaWorld - the largest casino in Cambodia. He reportedly leases two Airbus A320s to fly in customers from Macau and mainland China.

Las Vegas gaming revenue drops

ACCORDING to the State's Gaming Control Board report, Nevada's non-restricted gaming licensees reported a total "gaming win" of USD925 million in January, a 2.8 percent year-on-year decrease.

More than USD530 million of Nevada's total "win" in January came from the Las Vegas Strip. The current fiscal year total for the Strip is 0.6 percent below last fiscal

year's running total. Win numbers for the Vegas Strip have experienced a large drop-off, down 7.7 percent year-on-year, in stark contrast to the 8.2 percent increase recorded in December.

Downtown Las Vegas has delivered an 8.8 percent year-on-year revenue gain in January. Fiscal year numbers for Downtown Vegas are now 8 percent ahead of that of last year.

Car sales decline 30 percent in Macau

CAR sales saw a 30 percent decline in the first two months of 2016. Macau Daily News reported Patrick Tse as saying that this reflects the economic slowdown.

Tse, who is president of the Macau Motor Traders Association, said that the new car tax policies encouraged customers to buy vehicles before the implementation of the new regulations at



the end of last year, and now the stagnation of the economy has deterred people from buying cars.

During January and February, car dealerships came up with various promotional campaigns, but the increase in the volume of sales remained in the single digits.

Initial reports show that car taxation affects mostly the sales of cars with prices over MOP500,000, and that for cars worth less than MOP200,000 the actual influence of taxes is relatively small.

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Hong Kong Airlines launches direct flight to Cambodia



A Hong Kong Airlines' aircraft is welcomed by a traditional water salute in Phnom Penh

A passenger aircraft of China's Hong Kong Airlines touched down at Phnom Penh international airport on Saturday afternoon, marking its start of thrice-weekly flight service to the Cambodian capital.

The Airbus A320 aircraft was welcomed by a traditional water salute upon its arrival.

Christian Mosebach, representative of Hong Kong Airlines (Cambodia), said strong economic and tourism ties between Hong Kong and Cambodia encouraged the airline to begin regular flights to Cambodia.

"Currently, we operate three flights a week to Phnom Penh and we are looking at increasing frequency, depending on the booking situation," he told Xinhua.

"The flight arriving from Hong Kong today is fully booked, 177 passengers, and the flight going out has around 133 passengers, so about 75 percent occupancy, which is very good for a launch flight," he added.

Johnny Wan, deputy general manager at the airline's business development department, said last month that the airline's flights to Cambodia would offer more choices and greater convenience to passengers travelling to and from Cambodia.

The airline operates flights on the Hong Kong-Phnom Penh route every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Hong Kong Airlines is the third Hong Kong to Cambodia service, adding to Dragonair and Hong Kong Express. **Xinhua**

Finance officials promise to shore up sagging growth

FINANCE officials of the world's biggest economies promised Saturday to use "all tools" to shore up sagging global growth and to avoid devaluing their currencies to boost exports, but made no pledges of joint action.

Finance ministers and central bankers of the Group of 20 rich and developing countries tried to reassure jittery financial markets that the global economy is healthy, though they acknowledged in a statement that they "need to do more" to boost growth.

The declaration following a two-day meeting promised "growth-friendly" tax and spending policies. The governments pledged to press ahead with previously promised reforms aimed at making their economies more efficient and productive.

"We agreed to use all tools — monetary, fiscal and structural — to boost growth," China's finance minister, Lou Jiwei, said at a news conference.

What each country does will be dictated by its circumstances, Lou said. He said some can afford stimulus while others where debt is high have to move faster on structural economic reforms.

Companies and investors were looking to the Shanghai meeting for reassurance and action. But leaders from the United States, China, Europe and elsewhere had tried to squelch expectations that it would produce specific growth plans.

Global growth is at its lowest in two years and forecasters say the danger of recession is rising. The International Monetary Fund cut this year's global growth forecast by 0.2 percentage points last month to 3.4 percent. It said another downgrade is likely in April.

The G-20 statement acknowledged that "vulnerabilities have risen" in the global economy against a backdrop that includes volatile capital flows, the European refugee crisis and the possibility of a British exit from the European Union. But it said that growth should continue at a "moderate pace" in advanced economies and "remains strong" in developing countries. **AP**

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SANDS CHINA NEWS

Sands China Volunteers Help Recycle Soaps and Prepare Gifts for Elderly

Community activity co-organised with Clean the World and the Family and Integrated Community Service Centre of Seac Pai Van of the General Union of Neighborhood Associations of Macao

A group of Sands China Care Ambassadors spent the afternoon recycling soaps and preparing gift packs for the live-alone elderly Feb. 23, at an event co-organised with Clean the World and the Family and Integrated Community Service Centre of Seac Pai Van of the General Union of Neighborhood Associations of Macao.

The Care Ambassadors began by receiving an introduction to the Clean the World recycling programme and its partnership with Sands China and parent company Las Vegas Sands Corp. (LVS) — together, Clean the World and LVS have recycled more than 50 tons of waste from LVS properties worldwide into more than 550,000 bars of soap since 2011, benefitting groups in need in Macao and around the world. After learning more about Clean the World's soap recycling process, the Care Ambassadors began the work of sorting, scraping and wrapping the soaps. The soaps will go to Clean the World for further inspection and final packaging. The activity gave the volunteers a chance to learn more about Clean the World, giving them insight into how much work it takes to process soaps from their raw condition to a recycled end product.

Once finished, they prepared Chinese New Year gift packs for members of the Centre, many of whom are live-alone elderly. Among other items, some of Clean the World's finished soaps were placed in the gift packs by the Care Ambassadors. They then formed small groups and visited the homes of the elderly, sharing the gift packs they had prepared.

"Recycling soap and getting it to the hands (literally!) of those whose health and hygiene depends on it is life-saving work," said Jolene Han, Clean the World's managing director for Asia. "It was great to see the Sands China volunteers contribute their time and their energy to the important work of Clean the World."

Flavio Sam, centre-in-charge for the Family and Integrated Community Service Centre said: "We enjoyed participating in these important acts of service today with the Sands China Care Ambassadors. The live-alone elderly members of our centre were especially pleased by the home visits — it was a really nice way to help them start the New Year."



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Sands China Care Ambassadors visit the homes of live-alone elderly to share Chinese New Year gift packs Tuesday afternoon.

One of the participating Care Ambassadors said: "I always enjoy activities that have us interacting with the older members of our community. They're always so happy to see us, and it brings me a lot of joy to know that I can give something back to my community in this way."

The Sands China Care Ambassador programme aims to give Sands China employees an opportunity to serve the local community by organising community activities and initiatives that work toward creating a better Macao. With a current membership of more than 500 volunteers from across all Sands China properties — The Venetian Macao, Sands Macao, The Plaza Macao and Sands Cotai Central — the Sands China Care Ambassadors have contributed over 7,300 hours of voluntary community service in over 90 activities since the programme was founded in August 2009. Sands China Ltd. considers initiatives like this central to its commitment towards social causes and community involvement.



Hong Kong actor Tony Leung



Pop singer Faye Wong

Chinese celebrities warned not to mix with exiled Tibetans

Louise Watt, Beijing

CHINA'S state media have criticized celebrities for attending an event in northeastern India with members of the Tibetan government-in-exile, adding to Chinese authorities' warnings that actors and singers must "serve the people and socialism."

An article on China Tibet Online this week that was widely carried by other state media said there was nothing wrong with Beijing singer and actress Faye Wong, Hong Kong actor Tony

Leung and Beijing actor Hu Jun worshipping Buddhism and attending religious activities.

But it said that "meddling with the 'Tibetan-independence' clique leaders has gone far beyond the realm of 'freedom of religious belief.'"

The phrase is a reference to the government-in-exile and the Dalai Lama, the Tibetan Buddhists' spiritual leader whom Beijing accuses of campaigning to split Tibet from the rest of China.

The celebrities were attending an event on Feb. 14 commemo-

rating the 92nd anniversary of the birth of the late predecessor of the 17th Gyalwang Karmapa, Tibetan Buddhism's third-highest spiritual leader, said the Karmapa's office.

Karma Namgyal, secretary of the Karmapa's office, said the presence of the three along with one of the ministers of the Central Tibetan Administration and speaker of the Tibetan parliament-in-exile was "coincidental."

He said the celebrities were in Bodh Gaya, a temple-dotted town where tradition has it that the Buddha reached en-

lightenment, to attend an annual weeklong prayer festival for world peace. They arrived a few days early, so attended the commemoration event as well, sitting on the side with all the laypeople, said Karma Namgyal.

Jamphel Shonu, a press officer for the self-claimed government-in-exile in Dharamsala, India, said the event was "purely religious" and had "nothing to do with politics or the Central Tibetan Administration."

The state media commentary last week said it would be "a

pity if they lose their good reputations earned by hard work over so many years" by getting acquainted with people "on the wrong side of the state's major principle of right and wrong."

Representatives of Hu, Leung and Wong, also known as Wang Fei, did not respond to requests for comment.

Hu Jun said on his Twitter-like Sina Weibo account last week that he had gone to India to attend a prayer meeting with his family. "I was totally unaware of the presence of the so-called head of a separatist group as mentioned in some reports. I do not know any separatist and I solemnly declare that, as a Chinese, I oppose any words and acts that divide the country!!!"

Western movie stars, directors and musicians have fallen afoul of Chinese authorities over the years for perceived pro-Tibetan activism or remarks. Last year, performances in China by U.S. bands Bon Jovi and Maroon 5 were canceled, reportedly because they used a picture of the Dalai Lama in a previous concert or tweeted that they had met him.

In a speech made public in October, President Xi Jinping warned Chinese celebrities against pursuing commercial success rather than work that is "morally inspiring ... to serve the people and socialism." After that, dozens of official media and entertainment organizations signed a pledge to uphold self-discipline and professional ethics, which included supporting the leadership of the Communist Party. **AP**

Pastor, wife who opposed cross removals sent to jail

Gerry Shih, Beijing

A Chinese husband and wife who led a Christian congregation that opposed a government campaign to remove crosses atop churches have been given long prison sentences for illegal activities, including corruption and disturbing social order, state media said.

A court in eastern Zhejiang province on Friday sentenced pastor Bao Guohua to 14 years in prison and his wife, Xing Wenxiang, to 12 years after concluding that they had illegally organized churchgoers to petition the government and disturb social order, according to the state-run Zhejiang Daily newspaper.

The couple also was accused of "tricking" members of its congregation into donating USD336,000

that was spent on cars and other personal purchases while pretending to lead an ascetic lifestyle, the newspaper said. The court sentenced 10 other church members to prison, the report said, without giving details.

For the past two years, Zhejiang's Christians,

particularly in the coastal city of Wenzhou, home to a large Christian population, have been locked in a bitter dispute with local authorities who have removed hundreds of crosses from churches in the province, saying they violate building codes, or demolished churches al-

together.

Zhejiang's religious leaders, many of whom lead churches sanctioned by the government, say the attitudes of local authorities have turned sharply negative in recent years as the Christian population grew in number and influence. Several well-known figu-

res who have resisted the government campaign to remove crosses through legal challenges or public denunciations have been targeted with criminal prosecutions.

The clash over the Zhejiang Christians' religious rights has been complicated by the fact that they have received help from overseas supporters at a time when the Chinese government is particularly sensitive to what it considers foreign meddling in domestic issues. In the past year, China's government has relentlessly pursued and jailed human rights lawyers that have received training and funding from foreign sources.

Zhang Kai, a Beijing-based Christian lawyer who was detained one day before he was due to meet a U.S. envoy in August,

was shown on television late Thursday night confessing to organizing illegal religious gatherings and undermining China's political system with backing from China Aid, a Texas-based group that has funded the churches' efforts to resist the cross removals.

China Aid said in a blog post last week that the government action against Bao's church and other Christian leaders amounted to "religious persecution."

Last month, provincial authorities opened a separate corruption probe into the prominent pastor Gu Yue, who openly spoke out against the government's clampdown on Christian activity. With 10,000 members, Gu's Chongyi church is the largest Protestant congregation in the Chinese-speaking world. **AP**

Property mogul silenced for criticizing state media

FOLLOWING its pledge to more tightly control media, Chinese authorities shut down microblogging accounts belonging to a real estate mogul and frequent government critic after he lambasted state media organs for swearing fealty to the ruling Communist Party.

The Cyberspace Administration of China published on its website yesterday remarks by a spokesman saying Ren Zhiqiang had published illegal information that harbored "evil

influence" and urged other online celebrities to behave as "role models who follow laws and regulations."

Known among his more than 30 million online fans as "Cannon Ren" due to his tendency to shoot off on topics ranging from neoliberal economics to housing policy, the 65-year-old stood out in recent years as a high-profile persona who dared to challenge the party leadership in a political environment increasingly intolerant of dissenting voices.

Robert Carroll, Hong Kong

FROM MARCH 21 TO APRIL 4

Movie magic at 40th Hong Kong International Film Festival

THE 40th Hong Kong International Film Festival (HKIFF) kicks off with a bang with “Trivisa,” an innovative crime drama produced by Hong Kong’s legendary Johnnie To, and mainland director Yang Qing’s “Chongqing Hotpot,” which is the eagerly awaited follow-up to his hilariously subversive “One Night in Supermarket.” The film being honored to close out the festival goes to 2015 Cannes Best Director winner (“Journey to the Shore”) Kiyoshi Kurosawa for his new thriller, “Creepy.”

To, who is famous for his iconic, internationally influential gangster movies and who is a film festival favorite in the West, breaks new ground with “Trivisa” by bringing in three up-and-coming Fresh Wave local directors: Jevons Au, Vicky Wong and Frank Hui. Each directed a 30-minute segment of the movie through the eyes of one of the three protagonist villains, who are loosely based on three real-life, high-profile gangsters who operated in 1997 at the time colonial rule was ending. The three come together for a mega-heist bringing they own very different agendas. “Trivisa” has its Asian premiere in Hong Kong after a well-received world premiere at the Berlinale.

Going on “One Night in Supermarket,” and from what the “Chongqing Hotpot” trailer hints at, the new movie appears to follow the pattern of Yang’s 2009 hit – slick, artful and rollicking. The plot hinges on a failing basement restaurant that is to be sold on the condition that it will be enlarged.



Yang Qing (far left), “Chongqing Hotpot” director. Trivisa directors from right: Vicky Wong, Jevons Au, Frank Hui

The sellers hit the jackpot by finding themselves in a bank vault, but they’re not the only ones intending to rob the bank.

Kurosawa’s “Creepy” is an adaptation of Maekawa Yutaka’s novel, in which a former detective finds himself increasingly entangled in a complex investigation into the disappearance of a young child. The master of fear’s latest work will be making its world premiere at the HKIFF.

As usual the film festival brings prize-winners fresh from this month’s Berlinale. This

year, there will be seven films. Silver Bear winners “Death in Sarajevo,” “A Lullaby to the Sorrowful Mystery,” “Crosscurrent,” and “Batrachian’s Ballad,” as well as jury winners “Tomcat,” “Barakah Meets Barakah,” and “Those Who Jump,” are all making their Asian premieres at the festival.

Bosnian Danis Tanovic (“No Man’s Land”) won the Grand Jury Prize with “Death in Sarajevo,” a droll take on modern Europe on the 100th anniversary of the assassination that sparked World War One. Filipino

As usual, the movie festival brings us prize-winners fresh from this month’s Berlinale

no Lav Diaz’s “A Lullaby to the Sorrowful Mystery” earned the Silver Bear Alfred Bauer Prize for an epic eight hours of the Philippines’ history, interwoven with music and folklore. The Golden Bear for Best Short went to “Batrachian’s Ballad,” musings on family by Portugal’s Leonor Teles. Also from the 2016 Berlin festival, independent jury winners include Austrian Händl Klaus’ absorbing drama, “Tomcat,” which took the Teddy Award for Best Feature Film. There were two winners of the Forum Ecumenical Prize: the groundbreaking Saudi romantic comedy, “Barakah Meets Barakah,” by Mahmoud Sabbagh; and the oddball “Those Who Jump” by Malian Abou Bakar Sidebé, Chilean Estephan Wagner and German Moritz Siebert, which documents the would-be EU refugees outside the Spanish enclave of Melilla.

Among the international cinematic greats attending HKIFF 2016 is French superstar actor Sophie Marceau, who arrives with a new film, “Jailbirds.” Directors attending their screenings include Bela Tarr from Hungary (“The Turin Horse”), Taiwan’s Tsai Ming-liang (“Afternoon”), Japan’s Kiyoshi Kurosawa (“Creepy”) and Sono Sion (“Shin Juku Swan,” “The

Whispering Star,” “A Man’s Flower Road”). Also present will be French-Canadian Denis Côté (“Boris Without Beatrice”). Bela Tarr will also be giving a master class after the screening of “The Turin Horse.”

This year’s follow-up to the “Beautiful” omnibus series will see the world premiere of four shorts by China’s Jia Zhangke, Nakata Hideo from Japan, Alec Su from Taiwan and Hong Kong’s Stanley Kwan.

The couple of dozen categories of films include 240 titles from 66 countries, including 63 world, international and Asian premieres. The country in focus this year is South Korea, with all directors attending screenings. Director Park Ki-yong will host a seminar with HKIFF director Roger Garcia on “Training for a Global Industry.”

Wong Kar-wai’s films will also be given pride of place with “In the Mood for Films – 25th Anniversary of Jet Tone Films,” his production company. Fifteen of Wong’s films will be shown including two versions previously unseen here. In addition a seminar will be held.

HKIFF is the territory’s largest cultural event, attracting an audience of 600,000. The festival runs from March 21 to April 4. Details are available at their website: www.hkiff.org.hk



“Death in Sarajevo”



“Trivisa”

The double-edged sword of working with ‘the master’

THE three directors of the opening film of the Hong Kong International Film Festival (HKIFF) “Trivisa,” produced by Johnnie To and Yau Nai-hoi, have revealed to the Times that working with such an esteemed auteur was lengthy and acutely demanding. For Au, working with To was an exceptional education “from the master, his vision and his thoughts.” The feeling was likewise for Yau Nai-hoi, who is a co-producer, a longtime To collaborator, and also a renowned screenwriter and director. “It was a challenge for us to curate a film over three and a half years and to write the story” through

rewrite after rewrite, he said.

Wong said the “dream” turned to “nightmare” because “the expectations were extremely high,” not least because none of them had worked on a character-driven movie before. Nevertheless the change in tack “is already in our blood.”

Hui said it was a great “pleasure” to work with the two hotshot producers. “They are our idols for our generation. They kept telling us to look for our own vision,” to be original, “pushing us over the limit and to the next level.”

Wong said the end result is “a new-generation director’s story. It’s a different angle to watch this world.” The

film stands out for Hui because of “our angles on the characters and Hong Kong and the story,” and for Au because “it’s a fresh idea, a fresh narrative structure.”

Au is known as one of the directors of “10 Years,” which was a Best Film contender at the 2016 Hong Kong Film Awards. The critically acclaimed dystopian vision of Hong Kong in 2025, which satirized local fears of increasing Chinese control, was a smash hit locally, despite being condemned by the Chinese government newspaper Global Times as spreading a “thought virus,” and being banned from broadcast in the mainland.

HKIFF DIRECTOR ON MACAU FILM FESTIVAL

ROGER GARCIA, the veteran executive director of the Hong Kong International Film Festival (HKIFF), has congratulated Macau on its recently announced Macau International Film Festival, which is expected to take place in December of 2016. “We wish it all the best,” he said, adding that the new festival will be “more complementary than competitive to HKIFF, which is a festival of mainly international arthouse cinema driven largely by an appreciation of and interest in the works of filmmakers.” By comparison, he understands that MIFF “will be geared mainly towards popular cinema, such as big Chinese releases in the run up to Christmas and some genre works.” He added that “the IFF Macau is a good initiative that we hope will help develop film culture and creative industries in Macau.”



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Najib Razak, Malaysia's prime minister (center)

MALAYSIA

Ruling party suspends deputy as Najib cements hold

Manirajan Ramasamy and Chong Pooi Koon

MALAYSIA'S ruling party suspended its second-in-command Muhyiddin Yassin for undermining the organization in his quest to oust Prime Minister Najib Razak, the latest indication of the premier strengthening his grip on power after months of political turmoil.

Muhyiddin's suspension as deputy president of the United Malays National Organization will be in effect until the next party elections, Secretary-General Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor told reporters in Kuala Lumpur. UMNO's Supreme Council deliberated for two hours over the decision at a meeting Friday, he said. The next party elections are due by 2018.

Najib has weathered months of attacks from former leader Mahathir Mohamad and Muhyiddin over a political donations scandal and amid concerns of the finances of a troubled government investment company. Muhyiddin's removal, coupled with the replacement of Mahathir's son and fellow critic as chief minister of a northern state earlier this month, indicates Najib has further coalesced his hold

within UMNO, where he retains the support of the bulk of divisional chiefs.

In December, Muhyiddin called for term limits on UMNO's presidency, held by Najib, saying "absolute power corrupts." There are no such restrictions currently. Najib should leave his position as prime minister until investigations on the donations are completed, Muhyiddin also said then.

"As a party deputy president and according to the party's constitution, he was supposed to assist the president," Adnan said of Muhyiddin on Friday. "Whatever views he had should have been done through the proper channel. Overall, he had undermined the party and its constitution."

Muhyiddin said on Saturday he had expected the suspension and would continue to speak up for the truth and press for institutional reforms. Muhyiddin said he wasn't given the chance to defend himself before he was suspended, the Star reported on its website yesterday.

"In the six years that I held the post of deputy president, I never neglected my duties and responsibilities to support the president," Muhyiddin said on his Facebook page. "Does supporting the president mean blindly backing him including defen-

ding his wrongdoing? I do not think so."

Under Article 20 of UMNO's constitution, all members must adhere to its code of ethics, maintain the good name of the party, keep its secrets, and comply and respect its decisions. Those who violate the laws will be referred to the disciplinary board which may issue a warning, prohibit the member from running for any party positions or even dismiss him or her from UMNO.

Until Friday, Muhyiddin had remained UMNO deputy president after being dumped as deputy prime minister in July. The successor of his Cabinet position and UMNO Vice President Zahid Hamidi will take over the duties of the deputy president without assuming the position, Adnan said.

Attorney General Mohamed Apandi Ali last month closed the door on the graft investigation into Najib, clearing him of wrongdoing over a "personal contribution" of USD681 million from the Saudi Arabian royal family in early 2013 that appeared in his personal bank accounts. The premier returned \$620 million in August 2013 that was not utilized, Apandi said. He did not specify what the remainder of the funds were used for. **Bloomberg**

Indian police say man fatally stabs 14 relatives, hangs self



A hospital staff removes his gloves as he takes a break outside a morgue while attending to bodies of some of the victims who were fatally stabbed by a man in Thane

Muneeza Naqvi, New Delhi

A man in western India fatally stabbed 14 members of his family, including seven children, yesterday before hanging himself, police said.

Hasnain Warekar, 35, went on his overnight killing spree following a Saturday evening family gathering at his home, said Gajanan Laxman Kabdule, a spokesman for the police in the city of Thane, located outside of Mumbai. He said a motive was not known.

Warekar's extended family — three sisters, their children and his parents — were among those who apparently had gotten together for dinner, Kabdule said. Warekar's wife and two young daughters were also in

the house and were among those killed.

The only survivor of the attack was a sister who was wounded, the officer said, adding that she was in a hospital and in "a state of shock."

Kabdule said that it appeared that Warekar began his stabbing spree between 1 a.m. and 2 a.m., after everyone had gone to bed.

The victims' bodies were discovered early yesterday morning.

Kabdule said the reason for the killings was not immediately clear. The Press Trust of India news agency reported that a family dispute over property was behind the attacks.

The bodies were sent to a Thane hospital for autopsies. **AP**

MYANMAR

Nationalists rally against constitution change



A Buddhist monk walks as others sign an attendance register during a rally by Myanmar nationalist groups

HUNDREDS of nationalist Buddhist monks in Myanmar and their supporters have rallied in support of retaining a constitutional clause barring Aung San Suu Kyi, the leader of the country's recently elected ruling party, from becoming head of state.

Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party will take over government in March after winning November's election. But Suu Kyi is barred from becoming president because the

military-dictated constitution bars anyone whose immediate family members are foreign nationals from holding the office. Her two sons are British, as was her late husband.

Suu Kyi's party floated the idea of trying to have the article suspended, but seems to have abandoned it due to opposition from the military.

Yesterday's rally was believed to be organized by the Buddhist nationalist group Ma Ba Tha. **AP**

US ELECTION PRIMARIES

Clinton cruises to big win over Sanders in South Carolina

Julie Pace, Lisa Lerer

HILLARY Clinton overwhelmed Bernie Sanders in the South Carolina primary, drawing staggering support from the state's black Democrats and putting her in a strong position as the race barrels toward crucial multi-state contests tomorrow.

Clinton's lopsided win on Saturday — she led by 48 points with nearly all precincts counted — provided an important boost for her campaign and a moment to wipe away bitter memories of her loss to Barack Obama in South Carolina eight years ago. She won the support of nearly nine in 10 black voters, crucial Democratic backers who abandoned her for Obama in 2008.

During a raucous victory rally, Clinton briefly reveled in her sweeping support from South Carolina voters, hugging backers and posing with them for selfie photos. But then she pivoted quickly to the contests to come.

"Tomorrow this campaign goes national," she said. "We are not taking anything, and we are not taking anyone, for granted."

Taken together, 865 Democratic delegates are up for grabs in the March 1 Super Tuesday contests in 11 states and American Samoa.

Clinton's campaign hopes her strong showing in South Carolina foreshadows similar outcomes in states like Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and Virginia that vote tomorrow and have large minority populations.



Democratic presidential candidate, Hillary Clinton (right) is embraced by an audience member while posing for a photo at a campaign event on Saturday in Alaska

Sanders, expecting defeat in South Carolina on Saturday, left the state even before voting was finished and turned his attention to some of the states that vote in tomorrow's delegate-rich contests. In a statement, Sanders vowed to fight on aggressively. He drew 10,000 people to a rally in Austin, a liberal bastion in conservative Texas, the biggest March 1 prize.

"This campaign is just beginning," he said. "Our grassroots political revolution is growing state by state, and we won't stop now."

Clinton's victory came at the end of a day that saw Republican candidates firing insults at each other at rallies in states voting on Super Tuesday. Donald Trump, working to build an insurmountable lead, was campaigning in Arkansas with former rival New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and calling Florida Sen. Marco Rubio a "light little nothing." Texas Sen. Ted Cruz was asking parents in Atlanta if they would be pleased if their children spouted profanities like the brash billionaire. And Rubio was mocking Trump as a "con-

artist" with "the worst spray tan in America."

Clinton made a stop in Alabama, a Super Tuesday state, on Saturday before returning to Columbia, South Carolina's capital, for an evening victory party.

Sanders has energized young people and liberals with his impassioned calls for breaking up Wall Street banks and making tuition free at public colleges and universities. But the senator from Vermont, a state where about one percent of the population is black, lacks Clinton's deep ties to the

African-American community.

Exit polls showed six in 10 voters in the South Carolina primary were black, by far the largest proportion in any of the contests so far. About seven in 10 said they wanted the next president to continue Obama's policies, and only about 20 percent wanted a more liberal course of action, according to the polls conducted by Edison Research for The Associated Press and television networks.

Clinton's sweeping victory suggested South Carolina voters had put aside any lingering tensions from her heated 2008 contest with Obama. Former President Bill Clinton made statements during that campaign that were seen by some as questioning the legitimacy of the black presidential contender.

Clinton's second White House bid lurched to an uneven start, with a narrow victory over Sanders in Iowa and a crushing loss to the senator in New Hampshire. She pulled off a five-point win over Sanders in the Nevada caucuses, a crucial victory that helped stem Sanders' momentum.

Clinton will pick up most of South Carolina's delegates, widening her overall lead in AP's count. With 53 delegates at stake, Clinton will receive 39, Sanders at least 14.

Going into South Carolina, Clinton had just a one-delegate edge over Sanders. However, she also has a massive lead among superdelegates, the Democratic Party leaders who can vote for the candidate of their choice at this summer's national convention, regardless of how their states vote.

Because Democrats apportion delegates proportionally, Sanders is simply hoping to stay close to Clinton in the South. But he's focusing most of his attention on states in the Midwest and Northeast, including his home state of Vermont. **AP**

FORMER Mexican President Felipe Calderon on Saturday joined his predecessor in office in unloading on Donald Trump, calling the Republican front-runner's campaign racist and saying his discourse on immigration is fueling anti-American sentiment around the world.

Calderon, a conservative who was president of Mexico from 2006 to 2012, even said he thought Trump was trying to exploit the same social feelings and resentments as did Adolf Hitler.

"I think his logic of exalting white supremacy

2nd former Mexican president unloads on Donald Trump

isn't even acting against immigration — Donald Trump is the descendant of migrants — it is acting and speaking against immigrants who have a different skin color than him, which is frankly racist and is a bit like the exploitation of raw nerves that Hitler did in his day," Calderon told reporters after a meeting of the National Action Party, or PAN, in Mexico

City. Calderon's comments parallel those made earlier by former President Vicente Fox, who preceded Calderon in office and also belonged to the PAN party.

In interviews with Univision and Mexican media, Fox called Trump "crazy," a "false prophet" and an embarrassment to his party. When asked about Trump's assertion

that he was going to get Mexico to pay for his proposed border wall, Fox used an explicative to make his point the country would never do so.

Trump said Fox ought to be "ashamed of himself" for his vulgarity and demanded an apology.

Trump has angered many Mexicans for his campaign rhetoric denigrating some immigran-

ts as "rapists" who bring crime and drugs to the United States. Threats of mass deportations of Mexicans and other migrants illegally in the country, along with his promise to build a wall separating the nations, have added to the bad feelings.

Calderon said Trump's discourse is "sowing hate" against the United States around the

world and this is not in Washington's interest.

During a visit to Mexico's capital, Vice President Joe Biden apologized for the inflammatory rhetoric about Mexico in the U.S. presidential campaign.

"Some of the rhetoric coming from some of the presidential candidates on the other team are I think dangerous, damaging and incredibly ill-advised," Biden said last week. "But here's what I'm here to tell you: They do not, they do not, they do not represent the view of the vast majority of the American people." **AP**

Peruvian president investigated in Brazil Petrobras probe

BRAZILIAN police investigating a massive kickback scheme at state-run oil company Petrobras are now looking closely at Peruvian President Ollanta Humala and a former Argentine transportation minister, according to an internal document obtained by The Associated Press.

The 44-page federal police report dated Feb. 5 now moves the sprawling corruption probe beyond Brazil's borders, saying investigators suspect Humala received USD3 million in bribes from the large Brazilian construction company Odebrecht in exchange for contracts in Peru.

The document is being reviewed by Brazilian Judge Sergio Moro, who is presiding over the sprawling Petrobras case that has brought down top Brazilian politicians and company executives.

Moro's office declined to comment. Legal experts say the judge could ask Brazil's foreign minister to ask Peruvian authorities for an investigation or order prosecutors to go after Humala in Brazilian courts.

"Brazil will probably request further investigation from Peruvian authorities" as a first step, said Maristela Basso, a professor of International Law at the University of Sao Paulo, adding that if Humala is tried in a Brazilian court it could lead to an Interpol arrest warrant.



Peru's President Ollanta Humala

Hamilton Castro, the Peruvian anti-corruption prosecutor investigating illegal payoffs to politicians allegedly made by Odebrecht and other big Brazilian construction firms, has refused to discuss the case. He has traveled to Brazil several times to talk to prosecutors here.

The document says that police seized emails written by a former Odebrecht executive that made reference to \$3 million for "Project OH," which they believe referred to the Peruvian leader.

Odebrecht has dozens of contracts in Peru, including for ports, gas, bridges and roads. The company has denied any illegal payments to political parties or public authorities.

The company downplayed the naming of Humala in connection with the probe.

"It is not a formal accusation, it is more initial evaluations based on the interpretation of notes by Brazil's Federal Police," the construction firm said in a statement.

The document also alleges that Ricardo Jaime, a former Argentinian minister, had been bribed by Odebrecht for a contract to build a large tunnel project for Buenos Aires trains.

It says that former CEO Marcelo Odebrecht had "direct control" over negotiations with Jaime. Odebrecht has been jailed since June, convicted of criminal association, corruption and money laundering charges in the Petrobras scandal.

Jaime was transportation minister from 2002-2009 and has been charged with more than two dozen crimes related to corruption in Argentina. He was convicted and sentenced to six years imprisonment on a fraud charge related to a 2012 train

accident in Buenos Aires that killed 51 people.

The probe, termed Operation Car Wash, began two years ago and has snared dozens of senior politicians along with executives of multi-national construction companies.

Joao Santana, the campaign strategist behind President Dilma Rousseff's electoral victories in 2010 and 2014, was arrested last week. He and his wife are suspected of using secret foreign bank accounts to receive millions of dollars in illicit funds from offshore companies controlled by Odebrecht.

"In the last couple years in Latin America, we have seen a boom in cases of corruption, with Petrobras being the biggest," said Alejandro Salas, Americas director for Transparency International. "Petrobras is important because it shows that this kind of corruption isn't just about one guy putting money in his pocket, but rather a system of organized crime." **MDT/AP**

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Offbeat

CANADIAN MAN FINED FOR SMUGGLING TURTLES IN HIS PANTS



A Canadian man caught smuggling nearly 40 turtles in his pants has been fined \$3,500 Canadian (USD2,578) and placed on probation for two years.

Dong Yan was convicted this month of illegally importing reptiles. During an inspection at the Niagara border crossing in June 2014, Canadian border officials discovered 38 turtles strapped to Yan's legs.

Yan is also prohibited from owning turtles and tortoises for 10 years.

Officials say live specimens are often sought for use in the pet and food trade.

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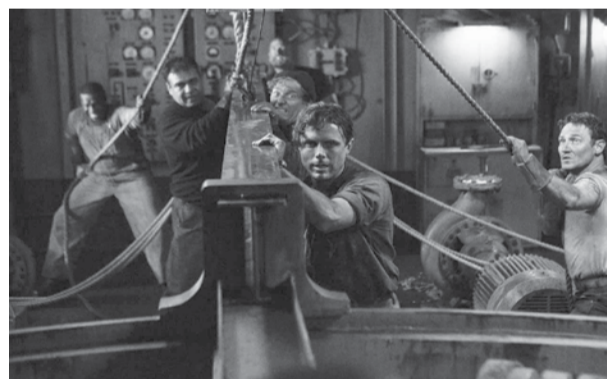
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Starring: Jason Lee, Jessica Ahlberg, Josh Green

Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 92min



THE FINEST HOURS

ROOM 2

(2D) 2.30, 4.45, 9.30 pm

(3D) 7.15 pm

Director: Craig Gillespie

Starring: Chris Pine, Casey Affleck, Ben Foster,

Eric Bana

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 117min

THE SECRET

ROOM 3

2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Barbara Wong ChunChun

Starring: Leon Lai, Wang Luodan, JJ Lin

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Duration: 107min

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THE GOOD DINOSAUR

ROOM 3

2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm

Director: Peter Sohn

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 93min

this day in history



1960 THOUSANDS DEAD IN MOROCCAN EARTHQUAKE

A huge earthquake has devastated the southern Moroccan city of Agadir killing thousands. A major operation is now underway to rescue scores of people, including many tourists, still trapped under the rubble.

Most of the "new town" area of Agadir has been completely destroyed and the heavily populated Talborit quarter is believed to have been the hardest hit.

The number of dead currently stands at more than 1,000 although some have suggested the toll could rise to as many as 20,000. The earthquake, which measured 6.7 on the Richter scale, hit the city at 2339 hrs (local time) tonight.

It lasted for more than 10 seconds and was accompanied by a massive tidal wave which added to the destruction. Fire broke out across the city soon afterwards. Eye-witnesses report hearing screams and cries for help from those trapped.

A British tourist, staying in one of the city's luxury hotels, told the Times newspaper: "It was very frightening, and within a few moments masonry was dropping all around us.

"The lights went out and there was complete darkness. For a moment we just sat, not knowing what was happening." Another said: "I was reading in bed in my room at my hotel when the earthquake came. The room seemed to swirl around and then the ceiling collapsed and the walls caved in."

Rescue teams have been drafted in from Morocco's main regions and from cities around the world. Agadir's airport, which was undamaged, has been set up as a temporary hospital for the injured. Many wounded were flown to Casablanca during the night.

Among the buildings reduced to a pile of rubble were the city's hospital, the newly-constructed luxury Saada hotel and The National Militia headquarters.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Two days after the earthquake the Moroccan authorities ordered the total evacuation of Agadir in a bid to avoid the spread of disease.

Offers of financial, medical and military assistance flooded in from around the world in the days following the disaster.

A week after the earthquake King Mohammed of Morocco visited the site with members of his family. He pledged that the town would be rebuilt by 1961.

People, including several children, continued to be pulled alive from under the rubble for up to 12 days following the disaster.

The final death toll was 12,000. The earthquake was the worst to ever hit Morocco.

Modern-day Agadir was rebuilt 2kms south of the earthquake epicenter and is now a seaport and seaside resort with a large sandy beach.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Get started on something new and cool...

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Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 You're in the middle of something new and invigorating...

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Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You need to deal with kids today - yours, a friend's, or random screamers on the train...

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 All good things must come to an end - but so must all bad things!

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Your big ideas are all lined up and ready to go...

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THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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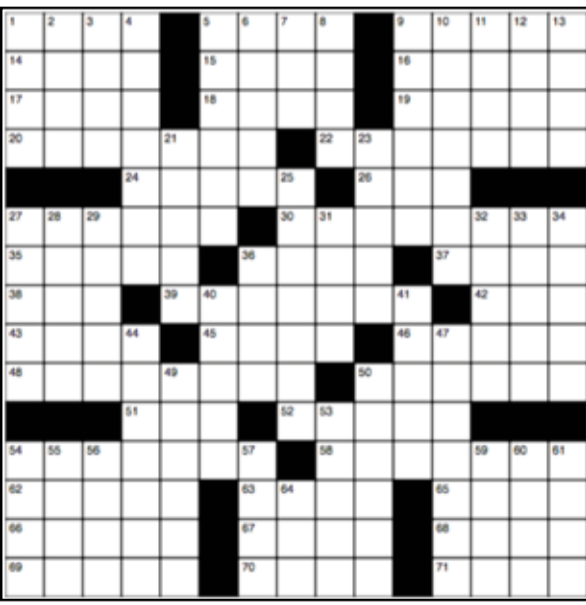
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Infantino assumes FIFA destiny of banned Platini



Gianni Infantino

NEW FIFA President Gianni Infantino is like the substitute who came off the bench to score the winning goal in a cup final to stun the favorites.

When Infantino stepped on the Zurich stage on Friday to be acclaimed as head of world soccer, he knew his former boss Michel Platini should have been there instead of him.

"I thank Michel Platini for everything that he has given me, that he has taught me," said Infantino, who is leaving his job as UEFA general secretary.

Had Platini not billed FIFA for two million Swiss francs (USD2 million) in 2011 and been banned last year from football as a result, the former France captain and not his UEFA No. 2 would be in charge of the global game.

Infantino stunned pre-election favorite Sheikh Salman of Bahrain by beating the Asian confederation president 115-88 in a second round of voting when rivals Prince Ali of Jordan collected four votes and Jerome Champagne failed to garner any. **AP**

Ronaldo: Madrid could be 1st if everyone was at his level

Tales Azzoni, Madrid

CRISTIANO Ronaldo says Real Madrid could be leading the Spanish league if everyone on the team was at his level.

After a 1-0 home loss to rival Atletico Madrid on Saturday virtually ended the team's chances of winning the title, Ronaldo criticized Spanish media for blaming him for the team's poor performances and said that things could be different if others players were playing like him.

"It bothers me when it's said that Madrid is struggling because Cristiano is struggling. It feels like you are after me," Ronaldo said. "If everyone was at my level, perhaps we would be in first place."

The Portuguese striker later tried to downplay his comments, telling local media he was referring to his "physical level."

"I'm not better than anyone," he said. "I was talking about the physical level, about the injuries."

Speaking calmly in a rare appearance in front of reporters after the game at Santiago Bernabeu Stadium, Ronaldo clearly expressed his dissatis-



Cristiano Ronaldo celebrates after scoring a goal

faction with how he's being treated by Spanish media.

"A lot of times you are unfair, you ask me [tough] questions and you question my value," he said, using a few expletives. "It's always been like this in Spain, all these years. By your point of view, it looks like I'm playing like [expletive]. And in reality, the numbers don't lie, statistics never lie. Just look at the statistics, it's easy."

Ronaldo had nine goals in the team's previous seven matches entering Saturday's derby, including seven in his last three games at the Bernabeu. He squandered a few good chances on Saturday, though, and last week missed a decisive penalty kick in the 1-1 league result at Malaga.

Ronaldo said the absence of injured starters was what was keeping Real Madrid from contending in the Spanish league.

"Unfortunately we are without our best players. That makes things more difficult," Ronaldo said. "I'm not depreciating the other players, but if a team doesn't play with its best players, it's hard to win a long competition like this one."

Real Madrid has been without Gareth Bale and Pepe because of injuries, and on Saturday coach Zinedine Zidane also could not count on left back Marcelo. Striker Karim Benzema returned to the squad after missing a game because of a back problem, but had to be substituted at halftime.

"I like when I'm playing with these players," Ronaldo said. "And when they are not playing, it makes everything more difficult." **AP**

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World Views

Adam Minter, Bloomberg

No, your coffee capsules aren't killing the planet

Drowsy German bureaucrats in Hamburg will soon have one less option for a mid-afternoon caffeine jolt, after the city banned single-serve coffee machines such as Nespresso from government buildings. The new regulations have a worthy purpose. They hope to defend the environment, under the assumption that the use and disposal of thousands of tiny coffee capsules or pods leads to "unnecessary resource consumption and waste generation."

A backlash against coffee pods has been, ahem, brewing for awhile. According to a statistic cited by everyone from the Atlantic magazine to National Public Radio, Green Mountain spit out 8.5 billion of its K-cup coffee pods in 2013 - enough to circle the earth 10.5 times. Campaigns, petitions, and high-minded op-eds have attacked such profligacy, turning the humble coffee pod into an environmental bogeyman on par with bottled water.

But lost amid this fervor is any perspective about how to measure the environmental impact of the stuff we consume. There's a real question whether high-profile product bans - of water bottles, plastic bags or coffee capsules - risk causing more damage than they prevent.

First of all, we should understand the true scale of the problem. According to the Hamburg Department of the Environment and Energy, the average coffee pod weighs three grams (Nespresso's popular 1.2-gram pods and others weigh less). Using that figure, all those Green Mountain K-Cups would cumulatively weigh 25,500 metric tons. That adds up to around 0.05 percent of the more than 49 million tons of municipal solid waste generated in Germany in 2012, and just 0.01 percent of the 251 million tons of solid waste generated in the U.S. (For comparison's sake, Americans tossed out 860,000 tons of books that year.) Even adding the 27 billion pods that Nespresso claims to have sold worldwide between 1986 and 2012, the associated waste still wouldn't amount to 1 percent of the total waste generated in the U.S. or Germany in 2012.

Of course, just because coffee pods are a minuscule part of the waste stream doesn't mean that they don't have an environmental impact. But the Hamburg ban seems to assume that other forms of making coffee are less damaging. At best, that's a questionable assumption.

To judge coffee's environmental costs properly, one needs to consider the entire life cycle from cultivation of the beans, to brewing - which requires energy and water - to disposal. Over the last decade there have been several attempts to do just that. Though they differ in important respects, on one point there's near-universal agreement: The brewing process and its associated carbon emissions have the biggest impact on the environment.

Predictably, those emissions vary quite a bit depending on the coffeemaker and how it's used. For example, pod-based machines that power down when not in use are relatively energy-efficient, especially compared to drip coffeemakers that often remain on for hours. If Hamburg officials replace the former with the latter, they could be undercutting their own well-meaning efforts.

Also, because single-serve machines generally use only as much coffee and water as is precisely necessary to brew a cup, they waste less of both than the competition. Indeed, they're so efficient that farmers and roasters are blaming coffee capsules for a dropoff in coffee demand, according to Bloomberg. Or, in the words of one analyst: "The coffee market has lost its best consumer: the kitchen sink." (According to two studies, the most environmentally-friendly option of all is soluble instant coffee, anathema to most coffee snobs.)

This doesn't mean Hamburg's ban is entirely misguided. Waste and disposal are critical environmental issues, especially in countries such as Germany with high landfill costs. But they're not the only priorities, and they shouldn't be considered in a vacuum.

THE LOCAL LITERATURE CAN BE BUZZ 'MORE INFLUENTIAL'

Local writer Pierre Wong attended the 2016 Taipei International Book Exhibition, saying during his lecture that Macau could produce influential literature.

During his lecture, titled "Supporting Role and Being at the Margin - Writing Status in Macau," Wong discussed the conditions for producing literature in Macau, which he considers rather barren. He added that this is an environment in which it is hard for a writer to

persevere. "Macau is small, and small places can have great stories. It is important that we write stories with Macau as a background."

Wong's novels are mostly based on reflections of society, with characters who represent the cultural personalities inherent in each local citizen. According to Wong, "Macau used to be a small city with a slow harmonized pace, but of recent times people from Macau have become impulsive."

US

Salt Lake City police battle rock-throwers after shooting



Police stop a boy as he walks away from a crowd that formed after an officer-involved shooting at 200 South Rio Grande Street in Salt Lake City

UNREST broke out in a Salt Lake City neighborhood after what appeared to be a shooting involving a police officer.

The shooting happened about 8:15 p.m. Saturday near downtown. Selam Mohammad told the Salt Lake Tribune that a police officer shot a 16-year-old boy who was his friend.

In a tweet late Saturday night, Salt Lake City police said that officers were responding to an unrelated call in area when they were told of an assault in progress. The officers "tried to engage altercation," the tweet says.

Detective Greg Wilking told the Tribune that "shots were fired," but not how many or whether an

officer fired them. Later Saturday, Salt Lake City police told the newspaper that one officer, and possibly a second one, were involved in the shooting.

Mohammad told the Tribune that the victim and a man were in a confrontation, and the victim was holding part of a broomstick at his side when officers arrived.

"They told him to put it down, once," Mohammad said, and "started shooting him as soon as he turned around."

The teenager was hit in the chest and stomach, Mohammad said. The victim was taken to a hospital, the Tribune reported.

City police were helped by officers from three other departments as onlookers threw rocks at officers and yelled obscenities, the Tribune said. Police closed a light rail stop in the neighborhood.

Police detained multiple people, but Wilking could not elaborate on the reason for the detentions.

There were "a lot of hostile people upset about what had taken place," Wilking told the Tribune. AP

Station	Air quality
Roadside	50-70 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	50-70 Moderate
Ambient	50-70 Moderate

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS

MYANMAR Hundreds of nationalist Buddhist monks and their supporters rally in support of retaining a constitutional clause barring Aung San Suu Kyi, the leader of the country's recently elected ruling party, from becoming head of state. More on p13

THAILAND Police said yesterday that they have arrested several Cambodian sailors suspected of attacking four French tourists on a resort island, raping the two women in the group. The five Cambodians assaulted the tourists with knives and sticks Saturday night on the island of Koh Kut after anchoring their fishing boat, said Maj. Gen. Nopparat Rintapon, head of police in Trat province. Three of the tourists were badly injured.



POLAND Thousands gathered yesterday at the shipyard in Gdansk - the cradle of Poland's 1980s Solidarity movement - to back Lech Walesa, the former democracy leader and ex-president who is facing renewed allegations of having collaborated with Poland's communist-era secret police.

MEXICO Former President Felipe Calderon joined his predecessor in office in unloading on Donald Trump, calling the Republican front-runner's campaign racist and saying his discourse on immigration is fueling anti-American sentiment around the world. More on p14

NAMIBIAN media report that the Chinese government has sponsored several classrooms in Namibian schools to teach Mandarin. The Namibian Press Agency reported on Saturday that China's Ambassador to Namibia Xin Shunkang inaugurated a classroom at a school outside the capital Windhoek earlier this week. The school is one of several in the district that will offer language classes for two hours after school.

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

Anthony Devlin/AP



Protesters gather during an anti-Trident rally in Trafalgar Square, London. Thousands marched through London on Saturday to oppose the renewal of Britain's Trident nuclear weapons system in what demonstrators describe as the biggest such rally in a generation.