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CHINA's live-streaming sites have become a burgeoning cottage industry, offering money-making opportunities and even stardom to their mostly female hosts and an entertaining new alternative for millions of viewers to online dramas and stodgy state-controlled TV. *More on p11*



SOUTH KOREA President Park Geun-hye has long been known as the "Queen of Elections" for a decades-long track record of steering her party to sometimes unlikely victories. Now, a crushing, shocking defeat in parliamentary elections sets up the fight of her political life.



NORTH KOREA
Pyongyang drivers are feeling some pain at the pump as rising gas prices put a pinch on what has been major traffic growth over the past few years — and that might not be good news for the isolated country's shifting domestic economy. The hikes come as North Korea is facing tougher international sanctions over its nuclear program.

INDONESIA A lawyer for the spiritual leader of the militants who carried out the 2002 Bali bombings is urging Indonesian authorities to end his "inhumane" treatment in prison. *More on p12*

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'Macau Local Cadet Program' excludes non-Chinese

Renato Marques

THE application criteria for Air Macau's "Local Cadet Pilot Program" is raising questions among residents. Among other requirements, Cadet Pilot candidates must be "Macau permanent ID card holders with Macau SAR passports," effectively excluding all residents not of Chinese nationality.

According to a local lawyer, the complaints of local residents who are non-passport holders may have a legal case. Carlos Lobo cited article 25 of the Basic Law, saying, "people might invoke principles of equality, proportionality, need, and [...] of the prohibition of discrimination on grounds of nationality." "Further to the Basic Law, Macau's Labor Law - Law 7/2008 - explicitly prohibits discrimination of residents on access to employment on



grounds of nationality. This basic principle of equality, enshrined in Article 6, does allow for differentiation - as long as it is justifiable," Lobo said, adding that the contentious point relates to the justification for such a requirement.

"If the company is able to justify why the candidates need to be Chinese nationals

in addition to being Macau residents, perhaps those general principles do not apply,"

he said. "Prima facie and without any information about the reasons for such a requirement, I would say that this is of dubious legality."

Article 25 of the Macau Basic Law clearly states that "Macau residents shall be equal before the law without discrimination on grounds of nationality, ancestry, race, gender, language, religion, political or ideological convictions, education level, economic status or social condition."

The Times tried for several days to obtain the official position from Air Macau but did not receive a reply by press time.

MOP20 MILLION TO TRAIN 10 AIR CADETS

AIR MACAU'S Cadet pilot program will train 10 young local cadets to be the next Air Macau pilots. According to a Tribuna de Macau report, the program will cost the airline around MOP20 million. Deputy director Du Guofu told JTM that the cadets would undergo a two year intensive course at a training center in France.

Hong Kong bound jets diverted

THE Hong Kong Civil Aviation Department's (CAD) online booking system for private aircraft takeoff and landing times malfunctioned causing chaos and diverting several business and private jets to airports in Macau, Zhuhai and Shenzhen.

Traffic to the CAD booking system has since eased, but technical glitches have already prevented potential bookings.

Although there is a 75 percent chance of success for each time slot booking, private jet operators have always faced constraints when applying for time slots in Hong Kong International Airport.

Sing Tao Daily reported that several different factors contributed to this phenomenon. Industry insiders suspect the deliberate occupation of time slots for resale, and that some operators have also tried to secure multiple slots for later use.

112 local merchants attend Wynn's procurement partnership event

THE launch of the "2016 First Quarter Local SME Procurement Program - Business Matching Session in Food & Beverage Category," organized by Wynn Resorts (Macau) and the Macau Chamber of Commerce, was held yesterday in the Ballroom of Wynn Macau.

The organizers said 112 local merchants joined the business matching session during which the heads of the Food & Beverage Department and Procurement Department at Wynn Macau gave an overview of their basic operations, food safety standards, product categories and standards, procurement procedures and requirements, among others.

Linda Chen, executive director of Wynn Resorts (Macau), said local SMEs play a vital role in diversifying the region's economy, supported by the government's "diversified and multi-angled" initiatives.

"These initiatives aim to bring convenience to people and sim-



plify the bureaucratic process, while strengthening the business environment for SMEs. Wynn Macau hopes to continually cooperate with local SMEs to establish a stable [...] economic environment," Chen noted.

Meanwhile Chui Yuk Lam, vice-president of the board of directors of the Macau Chamber of Commerce, hopes that more SMEs can build resources by establishing partnerships with

large corporations, which in turn would enable them to support the development of other SMEs.

Design solutions by the five finalists of the "Procurement Platform Mobile App Design Competition," were also showcased yesterday. The platform allows local SMEs to pursue opportunities with larger corporations, and is open to the public to promote "mutually beneficial development."

Despite the city's "suppressed" economic growth, Robert Gansmo, senior vice president and chief financial officer of Wynn Palace, told the Times that Wynn Palace could reach out to local SMEs.

"It has been a bit suppressed recently, but we're hoping to see some growth in the near future, and as part of that we want to bring in local businesses [...] we're opening up Wynn Palace and that's going to be a significant opportunity for us to expand our local business base."

Staff reporter

Collisions between ferries and cargo ships 'highly likely'

ACADEMIC and former observatory director Lam Chiung has criticized a confidential report commissioned by the Hong Kong Airport Authority assessing the risk of marine traffic accidents for failing to take into account the number of vessels sailing through Hong Kong waters.

The report on the risk of marine traffic accidents, after a large area of water is reclaimed for the proposed third airport runway, has underestimated the number and scale of potential accidents, declared Lam.

The report states that the estimated number of accidents would increase at a rate of one per year after the reclamation, rising to 37 accidents per year by 2030.

Lam said after the reclamation is completed, the width of Urmston Road, a major marine passage between Lantau and Tuen Mun, would shrink to half its current size, while the number of vessels sailing through the area would continue to grow, including ferries and hea-



In October 2012 a boat packed with revelers on a long holiday weekend collided with a ferry near Lamma Island and sank, killing at least 36 people and injuring dozens

vy cargo ships sailing between Hong Kong, Macau and the Pearl River Delta. This suggests that the reclamation would make large-scale accidents such as collisions between passenger ferries and cargo ships "highly likely".

"I'm very disappointed," Lam said. "I've raised the errors with the government several times, but they brushed them aside as mere opinions instead of statements based on scientific grounds."

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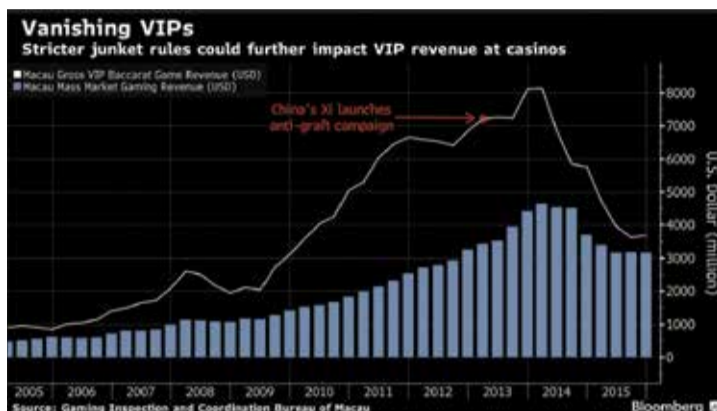
VIP gamblers deterred as Macau weighs stricter rules

CASINOS may see a further squeeze in casino revenue if the local government passes a proposal to hike capital requirements 100-fold for new gaming promoters.

Macau's government is working with new junket operators - companies that bring in high-stakes gamblers and lend them money - on a proposal to tighten operations for new entrants, according to people familiar with the matter. Proposals under consideration include raising capital requirements for new junket operators to 10 million patacas (USD1.3 million) from 100,000 patacas, and would require at least one Macau resident as a shareholder, said one of the people, who asked not to be identified because the deliberations are private.

The change could deal another blow to the world's largest gambling hub, tightening money flows as Macau's \$30 billion casino industry struggles with almost 22 months of slumping revenue. Chinese President Xi Jinping's anti-graft campaign, as well as heightened scrutiny of junket operators, have sent gambling revenue plunging. Operators such as Sands China Ltd. and Galaxy Entertainment Group Ltd. are now turning to tourists by building new resorts.

"We expect the Macau government to crack down on junkets and ensure they comply with various requirements," said CLSA Ltd. gaming analyst Aaron Fischer in a telephone interview. "We're not expecting many, if any, new junkets in Macau as the



current ones are fighting for survival."

Macau's VIP revenue, as measured by their favorite baccarat card game, was worth \$16 billion last year, after plunging by 40 percent from 2014. Still, these high-stakes gamblers remain a critical part of the casino industry.

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AARON FISCHER
GAMING ANALYST

try, contributing about 55 percent of the city's 2015 gaming revenue.

Casino operators are trying to offer more than gambling in their new resorts in an effort to draw more families and mass-market gamblers to offset the VIP slump. The \$4.1 billion Wynn Palace will

offer air-conditioned cable car rides and Sands China's \$2.7 billion Parisian will feature a replica Eiffel Tower when they open later this year.

The more sustainable mass-market business will be the key to a recovery for Macau gaming, said Bloomberg Intelligence analyst Tim Craighhead. Stricter rules for junket operators may also "indirectly be a positive for casino revenue" by supporting the health of existing gambling promoters which are under pressure, he said.

Las Vegas Sands, which gets about 57 percent of its revenue from Macau, slipped 0.4 percent to \$50.80 at 11:21 a.m. in New York trading. Sands China shares pared gains to close up 1.8 percent in Hong Kong after rising as much as 3.1 percent earlier. Wynn Resorts, which gets 60 percent of sales from Macau, gained 0.3 percent to \$97.94 in New York while Wynn Macau Ltd. and MGM China Holdings Ltd. retraced gains in Hong Kong, causing the Bloomberg Intelligence Macau gaming index to close below the day's highs.

Junket operators plan to dis-

cuss the proposal as early as this month, said the person. The new rules won't affect the 141 existing, licensed providers. Promoters are also working with the government to establish a shared "blacklist" of players considered to be at high risk of defaulting on gambling loans, said the person.

The Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau in Macau didn't respond to requests for comment.

About \$46 billion of market value was wiped out last year from the city's six gambling houses as casino revenue sunk to the lowest level in five years. Sands China has gained 48 percent since hitting a four-year low in January, while MGM China Holdings Ltd. has advanced 24 percent this year.

The planned changes to junket operators comes ahead of an evaluation of Macau scheduled to be conducted later this year by the Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering, an international organization of which the city is a member, according to the government's Financial Intelligence Office.

Gambling middlemen have found it increasingly difficult to recoup their loans to VIP players. The city's junket industry, which includes Jimei International Entertainment Group Ltd., Iao Kun Group Holding Co Ltd. and Golden Resorts Group, also saw its reputation further hurt by scandals involving employees of promotion companies accused of stealing customers' money.

Representatives for Sands China, Galaxy and Wynn Macau couldn't be immediately reached for comment.

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Tourist Price Index decreases during Q1

The Tourist Price Index (TPI) for the first quarter of 2016 decreased by 6.67 percent when compared to a year ago. The Statistics and Census Service attributes the index drop to lower charges for hotel accommodation, and the reduced prices of handbags and women's clothing. The price index of Accommodation decreased most significantly by 23.80 percent year-on-year, followed by Entertainment & Cultural Activities (-2.35 percent) and Clothing & Footwear (-1.98 percent). Conversely, the price index of Food, Alcoholic Drinks & Tobacco increased by 3.77 percent and that of Transport & Communications rose by 2.31 percent.

Student left alone on school bus

A kindergarten student from Escola Fong Chong da Taipa was left alone on a school bus for seven hours on Monday, Macao Daily News reported. The school bus arrived on campus around 8 a.m., and was parked in the playground of the primary school wing. At 2:40 p.m., the bus driver found the student alone in the vehicle. The student's head teacher had acknowledged the student's absence but had not contacted the parents. The school later apologized for the carelessness of the both the driver and the school bus escort, also admitting the teacher's negligence in dealing with the situation. Going forward, bus drivers will be required to count all students on board, and teachers will have to call parents before 9:30 a.m. if any of the students are missing from school.

UM to host 'Portuguese Language Day'

The University of Macau's (UM) Department of Portuguese will host its annual Portuguese Language Day this coming Monday in two sessions, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The event will kick off with an open lecture on learning Portuguese as a foreign language, presented by two graduating students from the department. The lecture will be followed by a presentation of UM's Portuguese studies programs. In addition to a Portuguese food festival, and music and drama performances by students, the UM will hold a second edition of the Portuguese Language on-Campus Challenge, along with a guest performance by a UM alumna from the Department of Portuguese, who is now an artist in Hong Kong.

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Exhibition celebrates 40 years of China-Cape Verde friendship

Daniel Beitter

AN exhibition of works by renowned Cape Verdean artist Alex da Silva opened at Casa Garden on Wednesday evening, in celebration of 40 years of friendship between China and Cape Verde.

Hosted by the Association for the Promotion of Cape Verdean Culture, the "Distant Shore" exhibition will remain open to the public until April 21, when it will move to Beijing.

Alex da Silva was born in Angola, but grew up in Cape Verde before moving to Holland. His paintings draw equal inspiration from different sources and cultures. Most of his works depict people of African origin in both African and European art styles.

"My art is about contrast and contradiction... it's a work of fusion," Silva explained to the Times. "It's a reflection of the human condition, highly influenced by expressionism," he said, but added that it also features abstract concepts like the physical expressions of emotion.

Silva's work appears to be in-



Alex da Silva, artist behind the "Distant Shore" exhibition

fluenced by the art of English philosopher Francis Bacon and Austrian painter Egon Schiele, particularly in the depiction of twisted body shapes and the intensity – sometimes even sexuality – of the subjects.

In 2012, Silva was commissioned to create a monument to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the abolition of the Dutch slavery trade, from Africa to the Surinam and Antilles in the Dutch Caribbean. The statue, titled "Clave", is located in Rotterdam and depicts four humans in different poses, balanced on a rus-

ty metallic object resembling a boat.

China and Cape Verde will celebrate 40 years of bilateralism on April 25. Silva and the "Distant Shore" exhibition will fly to Beijing on April 22.

Humberto Évora, president of the Association for the Promotion of Cape Verdean Culture, said that the exhibition – which coincides with the anniversary – was a chance to "spread the Cape Verde culture in Macau and China, by bringing [and exchanging] paintings, musicians and even literature" between the two countries.

DSAT to ease access to bus driving licenses

Renato Marques

THE Transport Bureau (DSAT) plans to facilitate the examination procedures to access bus driving licenses "in order to motivate more people to work in the profession," said Lam Hin San, director of the Transport Bureau, while exiting the plenary meeting of the Traffic Advisory Board (CCT) at DSAT headquarters yesterday.

According to Lam, the measure is justified by the "heavy pressure" on this professional sector, which is set to lose "110 drivers in the next four years" as these drivers reach retirement age. These figures represent about 10 percent of the total.

The move to facilitate the licenses will be mostly related to the mechanics examination, which will no longer be a requirement.

The need for more bus drivers is also due to the growth in the number of passengers.

Another of the measures being prepared by DSAT is the use of new articulated buses, which are 18 meters long.

The revision of the traffic regulations has already been concluded and is "just waiting for the legislation procedures that will take more time."

Questioned by journalists over whether DSAT is open to the hiring of non-resident workers for bus driver positions, the bureau head said, "For the moment we are focused on encouraging the local citizens that are interested in serving Macau citizens. For the moment, one driver is serving about 540 citizens a day and we are trying to adjust this in order to provide more services. We still have a lot of resources to develop," he said.

Another of the topics addressed at the meeting was the implementation of the GPS location and information system, which will allow passengers to know when the next bus will arrive at the bus stop.

The system, revealed the DSAT director, cost MOP19 million and will kick off its trial period "within the next two months."

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THE U.S. Department of State has released its country report on the condition of human rights in Macau SAR in the period July 2014 through to June 2015, noting that prominent rights problems persisted throughout the period including limitations on citizens' ability to change their government, constraints on press and academic freedoms and a failure to enforce laws pertaining to workers' rights.

Despite the existence of self-censorship among media managers - who are suspected of supposing that negative coverage of the MSAR government or the PRC government would limit public funding - international media mostly "operated freely." However, there were nonetheless a handful of incidents that have concerned activists, such as when MSAR police denied two photographers of Hong Kong's Apple Daily News entry to the territory, for "posing a threat to stability of internal security."

In terms of academic freedoms, the report said: "The SAR's public and private universities lacked a tenure system, leaving professors vulnerable to dismissal for political reasons. Some academics reported university officials dissuaded them from studying or speaking on controversial topics concerning mainland China and some academics reportedly practiced self-censorship."

While there were no reports that the MSAR government or its agents had committed arbitrary or unlawful killings, used torture on detainees or suppor-

US State Dep't claims human rights problems still persist



Secretary of State John Kerry presents the 2015 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices

ted politically-motivated disappearances, the country report recorded activists' concerns

that the "legal system was being abused to target political dissidents through exaggerated or

misapplied charges." The U.S. Department of State also made reference to activists'

claims that the government had monitored their telephone conversations, though this "arbitrary interference" is prohibited by the law. Separately, the Office for Personal Data Protection acknowledged a continuing increase in complaints and inquiries regarding data protection.

Another notable issue raised by the report included the trafficking of persons, though the report noted that authorities "were building capacity to pursue trafficking cases."

On the issue of corruption, the Department of State report recognized the authority of the Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) to investigate the public and private sectors and to arrest and detain suspects. However it also raised alarm over the fact that the Ombudsman Bureau within the CCAC had reviewed complaints of mismanagement or abuse by the CCAC itself.

In reference to the Labor Relations Law, the department acknowledged that the some 180,523 non-resident workers, as per the law, enjoy equal treatment with local workers, including the same rights, obligations and remuneration. However there were concerns over the efforts to enforce laws pertaining to workers' rights. **DB**

US says global protections declined

THE Obama administration is blaming a global crisis in governance, as well as atrocities by non-state actors, for a decline in human rights standards around the world last year.

In its annual human rights report released Wednesday, the State Department said governments in 2015 pushed back with increasing vigor and viciousness against groups that seek to empower ordinary people and fight corruption.

The report singled out North Korea, China, Cuba, Sudan and Iran and also cited Russia, Rwanda, Congo, Venezuela, Azerbaijan, Ugan-

da, Egypt and Vietnam for repressive steps.

"In every part of the world, we see an accelerating trend by both state and non-state actors to close the space for civil society, to stifle media and Internet freedom, to marginalize opposition voices, and, in the most extreme cases, to kill people or drive them from their homes," Secretary of State John Kerry said.

The report also condemned abuses by the Islamic State group, Boko Haram, al Shabab and the Taliban in Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and several African nations where it said lack of governance, poor governance or outright repression fueled radical movements.

China blasts US human rights in tit-for-tat report

CHINA yesterday blasted U.S. human rights record in its annual tit-for-tat report, saying money and family connections are corrupting politics and calling U.S. airstrikes in Syria and Iraq a "gross violation of other countries' human rights."

The report issued by the Cabinet's State Council Information Office also cited gun crime and excessive use of force by police, and touched on other topics including corruption in the prison system, homelessness, racial conflict and gender pay disparity.



A petitioner with her grievances written on her clothes walks along a street in Beijing

"Since the U.S. government can't be bothered to raise a mirror to look at itself, it's up to others to complete the task," the report said.

The U.S. is also guilty of rights violations outside its borders, the report said, citing estimates of civilian deaths in Iraqi and Syrian airstrikes, drone attacks and the monitoring of foreign citizens' communications.

"America is still committing gross violations of other countries' human rights, viewing lives in other countries as worthless," it said.

China publishes such reports each year in response to the U.S. State Department's annual report on China's human rights situation issued on Wednesday as part of a larger review of the human rights practices around the world.

This year's report on China highlighted repression against civil society, saying repression and coercion markedly increased. It especially criticized China's crackdown on lawyers, saying it reflected the government's insecurity in the face of popular aspiration for the rule of law.

Hundreds of lawyers and law associates were interrogated, investigated and in many cases detained in secret locations for months without charges or access to attorneys or family members, the report said.

The U.S. report also criticized the enforced disappearances of five men working in Hong Kong's publishing industry, saying Chinese security officials were believed to be responsible. The Chinese Embassy in Washington did not immediately respond to a request for comment. **AP**

IMF: Macau economy expected to grow in 2017

THE International Monetary Fund (IMF) has published its latest World Economic Outlook report including, for the first time, forecasts for Macau's major macroeconomic indicators.

According to the report,

the local economy is expected to contract by 7.2 percent for 2016 and to resume a positive growth of 0.7 percent for 2017. Inflation and unemployment rates are predicted to remain at around 3 and 2 percent, respecti-

vely. The IMF predicts that the global economy will grow by between 3.2 and 3.5 percent for 2016 and 2017, respectively. The respective figures are 0.2 and 0.1 percentage points lower than earlier fore-

casts made in January. The pace of global economic recovery is expected to slow even more this year due to increased volatility in financial markets and weakened demand in large commodity-exporting countries.



Pedestrians walk past stores and residential buildings near Senado Square

JÚLIO PEREIRA AND THE TERRORIST THREAT

‘Security measures are only legitimate if they amplify our space of freedom’

Paulo Barbosa

THE legal challenges posed by the eruption of new forms of terrorism were the main focus of a talk by Júlio Pereira this week at the Foundation Rui Cunha.

A former assistant to Macau's first corruption commissioner, Pereira has been the Secretary-General of the Intelligence System of the Portuguese Republic for the past 11 years. He is fluent in Chinese and is considered a specialist in mainland Chinese criminal law, and has written books and academic papers on the subject.

Speaking to a packed auditorium, Pereira commented on the difference between the recent wave of terrorist actions and the ones occurring in the second half of the 20th century, when terrorist groups like the Irish Republican Army or ETA in the Basque Country sought recognition as political groups.

“The jihadist terrorism is not searching for any kind of recognition. [...] It is mega-terrorism that tries to inflict the maximum number of casualties, evoking religious motives,” Pereira said, adding that the outlook on the terrorist threat is bleak.

According to the magistrate, the world can expect more terrorist attacks, especially given the turmoil in the Middle East following the invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as the problem of Islamic communities in Europe.

Bearing in mind the complexity of the issues involved, Pereira said that the first step



Júlio Pereira (right)

to containing terrorism relates to the question: is it an internal security threat or a defense matter? “The U.S. was the first to give an answer to that question: it is impossible to stop the attacks without sticking to the territories where the Islamic state is based,” he said.

Countries have been trying to adapt to the terrorist threat by changing their penal codes and considering “preparatory acts to terrorism” as “autonomous crimes”. However, Pereira noted, singling out such acts poses challenges, for example in cases where “attempted travel” to join a terrorist organization or consulting websites that promote terrorism may be considered crimes.

“Criminal law is essentially reactive. But in matters related to terrorism, criminal

law must prevent crimes. [...] How do we bypass this? Some people argue that the criminal law should be preventive. By criminalizing preparatory acts, the law is treading in that direction but by doing that we risk an excessive judicialization of internal security issues,” the expert argued.

In a message that could summarize his lecture at the Rui Cunha Foundation, Júlio Pereira argued that “security measures are only legitimate if they amplify our space of freedom.” He used the metaphor of a man that likes to go out at night but stops doing so because he knows that there is a big risk that he is going to be robbed. “Hence, in practical terms, he loses the liberty to go out at night that he had previously had,” Pereira said.

‘SCARCE RISK’ OF TERRORISM IN MACAU

A REPORT by Hong Kong-based risk consultancy Steve Vickers and Associates indicated that although the risk of a terrorist attack occurring in Macau remained low, the territory presented itself as “an attractive target, given the nexus of Chinese, American and Jewish interests in the gaming sector.” Asked about the Vickers report, Júlio Pereira said: “If we do a risk assessment based on the origins of the terrorists, we may say that the risk is scarce.”

EU approves anti-terror plan to collect air passenger info

Lorne Cook, Brussels

EUROPEAN Union lawmakers approved yesterday a scheme to share airline passenger information that nations hope to use to track foreign fighters travelling to and from conflict areas like Syria and who might pose a danger in Europe.

The move ends years of wrangling over how to balance security needs and privacy rights. Lawmakers came under great pressure to adopt the scheme in the wake of the Nov. 13 attacks in Paris that killed 130 and last month's suicide bombings in Brussels, which left 32 dead.

The so-called Passenger Name Record law was approved at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France, by 461 votes to 179, with nine abstentions.

“PNR will be a precious tool for boosting the security of European citizens by helping to detect early the movement of jihadi terrorists that take air transport throughout Europe, but also between Europe and other regions of the world, to prevent them taking action,” Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said.

Critics say that many of those linked to the attacks were already known to the authorities, and that the scheme will needlessly collect private information about ordinary citizens, as well as be costly and cumbersome to operate. They say that the 28 EU countries are simply not sharing the information they already have.

Under the scheme, law enforcement agencies in all 28 nations would have access to traveler details gathered by airlines, including names, travel dates, itineraries, and credit card details.

The data will be collected on

any flights entering or leaving the EU and on flights between member countries. The information will be kept for five years, but identifying details like name, address and contact details will be masked out after six months to protect people's identities.

At least 5,000 Europeans are

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believed to have trained or fought in Syria and Iraq but authorities are struggling to track their movements and prove their activities.

Cazeneuve said the system will improve “the sharing of information between police forces and European intelligence, one of the crucial requirements to enhance our protection against a new and mobile terrorist threat.”

The EU agreed to passenger data deals with the U.S., Canada and Australia years ago but has struggled to finalize one to share data among its member states. The EU scheme was originally proposed in 2007. It spent five years under debate at the assembly.

The member states must now rubber stamp the law, but this is considered a formality. **AP**

corporate bits

MGM ANNOUNCES LE FRENCH GOURMAY MENU

MGM Macau will launch a 3-course Le French GourMay menu at Aux Beaux Arts in May, crafted to bring out authentic French provincial flavor. Under the renowned annual Le French May program, Le French GourMay lines up chefs and wines to showcase France's culinary art.

The annual event honors a different gastronomic and wine region of France each year for discerning gourmands. According to a press release, this year's program features Région Alsace, located in Northeast France near both Germany and Switzerland; bringing in a wide range of dishes with characteristics of the three cultures.

The menu promises to bring



Alsatian favorites including Foie Gras, Choucroute Sour Cabbage, Baeckeoffe Casserole and Munster Cheese. Other dishes include “Baeckeoffe of duck legs and lemon confit, braised baby vegetables, as well as Munster cheese ravioli with caraway seed, French bacon, Kronenbourg beer emulsion and purslane.”

CTM TO MAINTAIN NORMAL SERVICES

CTM Network Management Center detected an abnormality in part of the SMW3 submarine cable in the South China Sea, around Hong Kong yesterday. The telecom company contacted the Administrative Committee and dealt with a request to adjust the configuration of the network resources to maintain the cable's stability.

CTM said in a press release that it has prepared for restoration works by undertaking a series of contingency measures to ensure the stability of its service. These include increasing bandwidth resources and rerouting traffic via other systems. CTM will monitor the system round the clock.

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WE3 submarine cable system is the world's longest. It covers four continents, making it one of the world's major international communications cables.

AMAZON LAUNCHES NEW KINDLE

Amazon's latest Kindle is its smallest and lightest yet. But it's also the most expensive, at USD290 — almost a hundred bucks more than the current champ, the \$200 Kindle Voyage. Now the company is betting that its sleek frame and a cover that doubles as a rechargeable battery will attract dedicated e-book users to its eighth generation device, called the Kindle Oasis.

Amazon says the new Kindle is 30 percent thinner and 20 percent lighter than previous Kindles. It's also asymmetrical, with a grip on one side for one-handed reading. (Lefties can just flip the device over.)

The company's goal? “To make the device disappear,” said Neal Lindsay, vice president of Amazon Devices, so that peo-



ple can read without distraction.

The e-reader landscape has experienced a few plot twists since Amazon introduced the first Kindle in 2007. Sales surged for a few years, but started leveling off around 2012 as e-readers grew more commonplace. They even dipped slightly in 2013 but then rose 3.8 percent to \$3.37 billion dollars in 2014, according to the most recent stats available from the Association of American Publishers.

Burberry blames collapse in Hong Kong, Macau for 'challenging demand environment'

BLOOMBERG



Pedestrians and shoppers walk past a Burberry Group Plc store on Canton Road, Hong Kong

BURBERRY has warned of a "challenging demand environment" after a tough year in which the luxury British retailer has struggled to recover from a sales collapse in Hong Kong and Macau, FastFT reported yesterday.

The high-end fashion brand said full year profits before tax are likely to be at the bottom of analysts' expectations this financial year, after comparable revenues fell 5 per cent in the fourth quarter – far short of consensus expectations of a 1.4 per cent decline.

In the six months to March 31, group revenue fell 1 per cent, compared with a 9 per cent increase over the same period last year.

Chief executive Christopher Bailey said: "In an external environment that remains challenging for luxury, we continue to focus on reducing discretionary costs and are making good progress with developing enhanced future productivity and efficiency plans. Meanwhile, brand momentum is strong, digital continued to outperform in the half and innovation in new products is resonating well with our customers."

Burberry, FastFT said, is more reliant than other luxury goods groups on Chinese buyers, who for a time, flocked to Hong Kong in search of status design brands.

But sales in Hong Kong turned after pro-democracy protests in late 2014, which added to fears over a deeper than expected economic slowdown in China. More broadly, sales in the terri-

tory and on the mainland have taken a hit as Beijing cracked down on corruption, hurting demand for flashy fashion.

Hong Kong and China together account for 35 per cent of Burberry's retail revenues.

According to the World Travel & Tourism Council, tourism revenues in Macau fell 32 per cent in 2015 and by more than 8 per cent in Hong Kong.

According to the FT, Bailey has stepped up cost-cutting initiatives to boost performance, including in China itself – which returned to growth at the end of last year.

However, the Financial Times reported that "some shareholders have criticised the company for combining the chief executive and creative director roles under the 44-year-old Mr Bailey."

A profits warning by Hugo Boss earlier this year, which was triggered by falling Chinese spending and led to the resignation of chief executive Claus-Dietrich Lahrs, was initially read by investors as bad news for other luxury brands – including Burberry.

Investors in luxury stocks were further spooked this week when LVMH reported that sales in France had been affected by a drop in tourism following terrorist attacks in Paris and Brussels.

Although Burberry's shares have lost almost 25 per cent over the last 12 months, they are up 19 per cent since its third quarter results in mid-January – FastFT said.

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The best places to live in Macau
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Welcome back to the second installment in this article on the most popular places to live in Macau.

We are often asked by people new to hunting for a home in Macau "Where is the best place to live?". Last week we highlighted Manhattan in Taipa, Hellene Gardens in Coloane and One Central in Macau.

This week we will take a look at property in Macau, Taipa and Cotai.

Of course there will always be pros and cons in any property and location, so its good to know what is essential and what is desirable to make it a good choice for you.

1. MACAU – VILE DE MER, RESIDENCIA, THE PRAIA

a. Area: Newly developing residential area on Macau side near to the China border and bridge to Taipa.

b. Amenities: Increasing number of restaurants, supermarkets, and coffee shops. Bus Stops are walking distance as are taxis.

c. Building facilities: These

are usually very good including gym, pool, entertainment rooms, gardens and concierge.

d. Property Features: New, modern and good value money.

e. Rental Prices: Mid-range.

f. Advantages: Great value for money.

g. Drawbacks: Getting across the bridge to Taipa.

2. ONE GRANTAI, COTAI

a. Area: Edge of Old Taipa and the closest residential building to Cotai.

b. Amenities: Walking distance to Old Taipa, Cotai casinos and hotels. Shops at the Venetian are on hand as are the restaurants and bars of Old Taipa. Bus Stops and taxis are a short walk. There is also a shuttle bus service.

c. Building facilities: This is a newly opened spacious high rise building with modern facilities including a gym and swimming pool.

d. Property Features: Good ceiling heights give a feeling of space and provide good views to Taipa hill or

Cotai.

e. Rental Prices: High End.

f. Advantages: Location half way between Taipa & Cotai.

g. Drawbacks: Dark floors make the apartments feel quiet dark.

3. PEARL ON THE LOUGH, TAIPA

a. Area: Outskirts of Taipa, residential.

b. Amenities: 10 minute walk to Taipa also close to the airport.

c. Building facilities: Play area for children, gym, dance studio and swimming pool.

d. Property Features: Good floor plan, bright and airy with excellent views across to Macau.

e. Rental Prices: High End

f. Advantages: Great living spaces

g. Drawbacks: Location can be difficult to travel to.

In the remaining articles we cover the historic areas Coloane Old Village, Old Taipa and St Paul's Ruins as well as developments in Taipa and Cotai.

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MARKETS

Asian stocks surge, buoyed by Wall Street rally, China trade

ASIAN stocks surged in morning trading yesterday in a second day of solid gains, buoyed by a rally on Wall Street and European markets, and an uptick in China's trade.

KEEPING SCORE: Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 added 2.5 percent to 16,788.28. Hong Kong's Hang Seng gained 0.8 percent to 21,326.90 while the Shanghai Composite index was up 0.3 percent at 3,076.16. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 rose 0.8 percent to 5,168.60. South Korea's KOSPI climbed 1.2 percent to 2,004.08.

WALL STREET: U.S. stocks climbed Wednesday as quarterly results from JPMorgan Chase, the largest bank in the U.S., lifted financial stocks. Industrial stocks and tech stocks rose on reports that exports from China grew 11.5 percent in March compared with a year earlier. The Dow Jones industrial average jumped 187.03 points, or 1.1 percent, to 17,908.28.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 20.70 points, or 1 percent, to 2,082.42. The Nasdaq composite index advanced 75.33 points, or 1.6 percent, to 4,947.42.

THE QUOTE: "Overnight action confirms that China trade data released yesterday is a game changer," said Michael McCarthy, chief market strategist at CMC Markets. "Strong continuations of commodity and US share rallies, and a melt-up on continental bourses, have futures traders expecting further strength in Asia Pacific shares in trading today."

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude oil fell 44 cents to USD41.32 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It lost 41 cents to \$41.76 a barrel on Wednesday. Brent crude, the international standard, fell 50 cents to \$43.68.

CURRENCIES: The euro fell to \$1.1268 from \$1.1275 on Wednesday. The dollar fell to 109.36 yen from 109.43 yen. **AP**

OFFSHORES

German state fighting tentacles of tax fraud wants banks liable

NORBERT Walter-Borjans, the finance minister of the German state of North Rhine-Westphalia, has stopped at nothing in his quest to bring tax evaders to justice, even resorting to the purchase of leaked bank data in his pursuit of outstanding dues.

The publication of the Panama Papers, more than 11 million documents exposing the use of shell companies and the financial dealings of some of the world's richest people, has made him even more resolute in his campaign as he calls for more accountability from banks and a better exchange of information between countries.

Financial institutions don't do enough to point out loopholes in the law and in some cases even exploit them for their own gain and the gain of their clients, Walter-Borjans, 63, said in an interview in Berlin. Tougher sanctions against banks are not included in Germany's 10-point plan to tackle international tax havens prompted by the Panama Papers.



Norbert Walter-Borjans, the finance minister of the German state of North Rhine-Westphalia

"As institutions underpinning the state, banks should be obliged to draw attention to loopholes in the law, not use them to create business," he said. "Because banks are systematically important in so many areas, they should be made more accountable, right up to and including a revocation of their license. That's why we bailed them out."

Walter-Borjans's unorthodox methods have resulted in 6 billion euros (USD6.8 billion) in additional tax revenue since he began buying CDs that revealed secret bank accounts of North Rhine-Westphalia residents in

2010. North Rhine-Westphalia and the states of Baden-Wuerttemberg and Lower Saxony have used their influence in Germany's upper house of parliament, made up of representatives of the country's 16 states, to force tougher measures against white-collar crime.

With an area bigger than Belgium and an economy comparable in size to Switzerland, Germany's most populous state has introduced amnesty programs and other measures, spurring an increase in the number of voluntary self-disclosures to avoid criminal prosecution in the minister's crackdown. **MDT/Bloomberg**

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THE VENETIAN MACAO

SOUTH CHINA SEA

US reveals joint patrols with Philippines, upsets Beijing

Lolita C. Baldor, Manila

IN a military buildup certain to inflame tensions with China, the United States said yesterday it has been conducting joint South China Sea patrols — and eventually will conduct air patrols — with the Philippines, while dispatching U.S. troops and combat aircraft there on more frequent rotations.

The announcement by Defense Secretary Ash Carter in a news conference with Philippine Defense Secretary Voltaire Gazmin was the first time the U.S. revealed that its ships had conducted patrols with the Philippines in the South China Sea, a somewhat rare move not done with many other partners in the region.

While Carter insisted the U.S. did not intend to be provocative and was “trying to tamp down tensions here,” Gazmin said he expects that U.S. forces, “with their presence here, will deter un-called-for actions by the Chinese.”

While the military boost doesn't include permanent basing for U.S. troops, Beijing views any increased U.S. military presence and activities in the region as a threat.

“Military exchanges by relevant countries should not target third parties, much less support a few countries in challenging China's sovereignty and security, inciting regional contradictions and sabotaging regional peace and stability,” the Chinese Foreign Ministry



Philippine President Benigno Aquino III (right), greets U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter

said in a statement in response to Carter's announcement.

“At present, the situation in the South China Sea is stable overall due to the common efforts of China and relevant regional countries. China resolutely opposes any country harming China's sovereignty and security and sabotaging peace and stability in the South China Sea under any conditions,” the statement read.

Carter said the United States will be keeping nearly 300 troops, including Air Force commandos armed with combat aircraft and helicopters, in the Philippines through the end of the month. The U.S. will also increase troop rotations to strengthen training and support increased military operations in the region.

Speaking in the guest house of the presidential complex, Carter

said the joint patrols will improve the Philippine's navy and “contribute to the safety and security of the region's waters.”

The increase in military support comes just days after the Philippines' ambassador to the United States asked the U.S. to help persuade China not to build in the nearby Scarborough Shoal, which is viewed as important to Filipino fishermen. Ambassador Jose Cuisia Jr. said the Philippines cannot stop China from building there. China has built man-made islands in other contested spots in the South China Sea.

Charlito Maniago, the leader of a northwestern Philippine village where many fishermen lost access to the disputed Scarborough Shoal after China seized it in 2012, said the joint patrols will spark hope that they can sail free-

ly again to the rich fishing ground.

“This will boost the confidence of our fishermen because they think the U.S. has the capability to defend them,” Maniago told The Associated Press by telephone from the coastal village of Cato in Pangasinan province. “The presence of America will make China think twice.”

Maniago, however, expressed concern that if China takes a more hard-line position because of Washington's increasing involvement in the disputed waters “a dangerous situation may happen and our fishermen may all the more lose the chance to fish in those waters.”

The Pentagon said the U.S. forces that will remain in the Philippines are already there participating in the Balikatan, or shoulder-to-shoulder combat exerci-

ses, that will end Friday. About 200 airmen, including special operations forces, will remain at Clark Air Base, along with three of their Pave Hawk attack helicopters, an MC-130H Combat Talon II special mission aircraft and five A-10 combat aircraft.

This initial contingent will provide training to increase the two militaries' ability to work together, laying the groundwork for forces to do joint air patrols as well as the ship movements.

Up to 75 Marines will also stay at Camp Aguinaldo to support increased U.S. and Philippine combined military operations in the region.

The troops and aircraft are expected to leave at the end of the month, but other U.S. forces and aircraft would do similar rotations into the Philippines routinely in the future. Carter would not say how frequently those rotations would happen, but called it a “regular periodic presence.”

The increased troop presence is part of a broader U.S. campaign to expand its assistance to the Philippines, as America shores up its allies in the Asia Pacific who are roiled by China's building of manmade islands in the South China Sea.

Last week the Pentagon announced that the U.S. will give the Philippines about USD40 million in military assistance to beef up intelligence sharing, surveillance and naval patrols. Carter said the aid will include an enhanced information network for classified communications, sensors for patrol vessels and an unmanned aerostat reconnaissance airship to help the island nation keep a watch over its territory.

The U.S. will also get access to five Philippine military bases to house American forces that will rotate in and out of the country for training and other missions. **AP**

Australia premier praises China ties, skirts touchy subjects

AUSTRALIAN Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull hailed business ties with China but skirted sensitive political issues yesterday, on the first day of an official visit to his country's key trade partner.

In a speech to business leaders in the financial hub of Shanghai, Turnbull praised a bilateral free trade agreement signed last year as offering important new opportunities for Australian exporters.

China absorbs about one-third of Australia's exports, but China's slowing demand for iron ore, coal and other resources has taken a major toll on Australia's economy. Two-way trade between them totaled 150 billion Australian dollars (USD115 billion) in the last financial year, down 6.3



Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull (second from right) shakes hands with an official as he witnesses a signing of the memorandum of understanding following announcement of the Tourism Australia at the Shanghai International Expo Center

percent.

While that dealt a massive shock to Australian trade, the country is now “most of the way through” the crisis and looking for new opportunities in China's efforts to stimulate personal consumption among its citizens, Turnbull said.

“It is with these objectives

in mind that we embrace all of the extraordinary opportunities presented by China's own economic transition toward a more consumption-driven economy,” Turnbull said, according to a copy of the speech provided by his office.

The China-Australia Free Trade Agreement will

eventually eliminate tariffs on almost all of Australian products sold to China. Turnbull singled out exporters of beef and dairy products, cherries, crayfish and wine as particular beneficiaries.

The pact will also ease employment terms for Australian service providers, including lawyers, educators, and financial professionals, while encouraging investments in Australia by major Chinese firms such as Baosteel, Bright Foods and property developer Greenland Group, he said.

China is also Australia's most important tourism market with more than 1 million visitors last year.

Australia will further smooth the way for its firms to enter the Chinese market with the establishment of a “landing pad” in Shanghai

that will provide physical space for Australian entrepreneurs and access to networks and expertise, said Turnbull, who is leading a large delegation of government officials and about 1,000 business leaders.

Turnbull made no mention in his speech of concerns that Australia, a close-U.S. ally, has about Chinese activities in the highly disputed South China Sea, where Washington and others have accused Beijing of creating political instability by building man-made islands.

China responded harshly to critical comments on the South China Sea contained in Australia's recent Defense White Paper, highlighting Canberra's difficult task of striking a balance in its relationships with China and the U.S.

“These pose an acute policy dilemma for Australians, because while they know that their economic future depends on a strong relationship with China, they still believe that their security depends on their long-standing alliance with the U.S.,” Hugh White, a professor of strategic studies at the Australian National University, said in an editorial published in China's official English-language Global Times newspaper yesterday.

“Like many others in Asia, Turnbull wants to avoid escalating rivalry and instead see a peaceful transition to a new stable order in Asia in which both the U.S. and China play important leadership roles,” White wrote, adding that questioned whether Turnbull knew how to achieve that hope **AP**

Louise Watt, Beijing

CHINA'S live-streaming sites have become a burgeoning cottage industry, offering money-making opportunities and even stardom to their mostly female hosts and an entertaining new alternative for millions of viewers to online dramas and stodgy state-controlled TV.

Zhang Qige, a 23-year-old woman who plays computer games and chats on her webcam, attracts hundreds of thousands of real-time viewers at once. She has more than 2 million subscribers on the website Douyu TV and an average viewership of 400,000 for each nightly show.

"They like me chatting with them," explained Zhang, who says she earns more than 1 million yuan a year (USD150,000) from her performances. "They feel like I'm talking to them face to face."

The proliferation of such shows and sites demonstrate the entrepreneurial drive of young Chinese as well as the financial potential of social media in the country, which has 668 million people online — the world's largest.

But their popularity also reflects the loneliness of Chinese urban life as well as the growing surplus of single men, blamed in part on the country's former one-child policy.

Much of the content on various live streaming sites could be considered seedy, and some goes well beyond the borders of good taste. Many female broadcasters wear revealing costumes, and authorities recently cracked down after live pornographic scenes were broadcast on at least two sites. In one case, 34 people in the central province of Anhui were arrested for taking part.

The spread of such platforms has drawn close government scrutiny, with the Ministry of Culture saying yesterday that Douyu and other sites have been added to a list of websites found broadcasting pornographic and other objectionable content and will be handed unspecified penalties. The ministry said online live-streaming platforms draw around 200 million users, with major sites running several thousand live-streaming "studios" simultaneously.

These sites derive a small proportion of their revenue through advertising. They survive primarily through a practice invented by Chinese companies: virtual gifting.

Viewers can buy these imaginary gifts such as images of flowers or bottles of beer for their favorite performers, who receive a portion of the

AP PHOTO



Web performer Zhang Qige broadcasts a live streaming session at an Internet broadcasting studio in Shanghai

Live-streaming sites offer chance to gain cash, fame

cash, with the site getting a hefty cut. Viewers can also send comments that pop up onscreen, giving them the perception they are interacting with the host.

"I think everyone, without exception, likes to watch beautiful girls," said a 28-year-old single office worker who asked that he be identified only by his surname, Zhai. He said he spends 500-800 yuan (\$80-120) a week purchasing virtual gifts on four or more different sites.

This business model works in China because it builds on the traditional culture of giving red envelopes stuffed with money at weddings and fruit, cigarettes or bottles of booze at Lunar New Year.

"Gifting is a common practice offline, and having that happen online to make it easier to form social relationships seems quite natural," said Hans Tung, a managing partner at GGV Capital, a venture capital firm.

U.S. players are paying attention, but so far haven't gotten this model to work. "There are a lot more ways people can make money now online [...] that is not as prevalent outside of Asia," Tung said.

One of the biggest Chinese hosting sites, YY, is listed on the Nasdaq stock exchange and saw its revenues rise 60 percent to 5.9 billion yuan

(\$910 million) last year, according to unaudited financial results announced in March. It claims more than 120 million active users who spend an average of 48 hours per month on the site.

Young Chinese see virtual gifting as a fun way to spend

■ [The sites'] popularity also reflects the loneliness of Chinese urban life [and] the growing surplus of single men, blamed in part on the country's former one-child policy

their disposable income, said Dong Mengyuan, head of entertainment content at China Renaissance, an investment bank that focuses on Internet and technology companies.

"They don't just only pay for their clothes, food and some other basic demands," she said. "They also want to pay for something like entertainment."

Many young people are exploiting the trend simply to make some money.

Eighteen-year-old Wang Weiyang has turned to one live broadcast site, Huajiao, to earn money to study abroad. She pulls in around 2,000 yuan (\$310) each month for 20 hours of broadcasts, sometimes talking into her mobile phone as she walks along the street.

"I'm dressed very cute today," she says in one broadcast, showing her pink painted and bejeweled nails to her invisible fans.

The competition is already stiff. In the quest to draw viewers, Wang has sometimes broadcast 100 hours a month or more.

"After classes, I'm already tired but I have to compete with others in terms of the time I broadcast for," she said. "I have to keep a smile on my face even though I'm already exhausted. I get depressed at times."

In the U.S., there are live streaming services like Meerkat and Twitter's Periscope that allow people to use their smartphones to shoot video, and Facebook has recently expanded its own version — Facebook Live — to all users. Initially, the feature was just for celebrities and other public figures.

One woman who has made

it big in China is Papi Jiang, whose real name is Jiang Yilei.

The film student started posting videos of herself cracking jokes on the Twitter-like Sina Weibo last year. She now has more than 10 million followers and has raised 12 million yuan (\$1.8 million) from investors for a share of her brand, according to media reports. Suggested amounts for tipping on her WeChat channel go as high as 256 yuan (\$40).

Online courses have also become money-earners. A physics teacher in southwest China made 18,842 yuan (\$2,910) after more than 2,000 students signed up for his one-hour high school physics class for 9 yuan (\$1.40) each, local newspaper Guiyang Daily reported last month. The hosting platform took a 20 percent cut.

Wang, a first-year university student, says she's different from the performers who want to make a name for themselves and enter the entertainment industry.

"I see it as a stepping stone to reach my ultimate goal [...] to earn some money to be able to study abroad," said Wang, who has been live streaming for five months. She is still trying to establish herself with just 26,000 subscribers. AP

INDONESIA

Lawyer of cleric says his jail conditions inhumane

NinieK Karmini, Jakarta

A lawyer for the spiritual leader of the militants who carried out the 2002 Bali bombings is urging Indonesian authorities to end his "inhumane" treatment in prison.

The radical Islamic cleric Abu Bakar Bashir has been confined to a tiny isolation cell on the Nusa Kambangan prison island as part of a broad tightening of security in the wake of the Jan. 14 suicide bombings in the Indonesian capital Jakarta.

Authorities say isolation measures, which are also being applied to other top convicted militants, are needed to stop the ailing 77-year-old Bashir from radicalizing prisoners and to cut him off from extremist networks.

Lawyer Mohammad Mahendradatta said yesterday that Bashir is kept in his 2 square meter cell for 23 hours a day and sleeps on thin mats over a

cement floor without blankets.

He is denied reading materials and personal items, regularly awakened from his sleep because of mosquitos, and consultations with medical staff take place behind barriers.

"The condition of his cell is simply shocking and inhumane treatment against him is causing his health to deteriorate," Mahendradatta said.

The claim of mistreatment comes amid heightened concerns among the public and rights groups about possible extrajudicial killings following the recent death in custody of an alleged militant.

Police said the militant, known as Siyono, had concealed a handgun and attacked officers. But an autopsy conducted last week at the request of Siyono's wife and backed by Muhammadiyah, Indonesia's second-largest Muslim group, revealed that the 34-year-old died from trauma to the chest and had no

defensive wounds on his body.

The findings prompted Indonesia's parliament to summon the national police chief and the anti-terrorism agency chief to a hearing next week.

Bashir, known as the spiritual leader of al-Qaida-linked militants behind the Bali bombings that killed 202 people, was sentenced to 15 years in prison in 2011.

Prosecutors said he was a key player in supporting a militant training camp in Aceh that brought together men from almost every known extremist group in predominantly Muslim Indonesia. A higher court later cut the sentence to nine years.

Akbar Hadi Prabowo, spokesman for the directorate general overseeing prisons, said Bashir has appropriate facilities for an isolation prisoner.

"The information we have is that Bashir is in a state of good health," he said. "There



Indonesian militant cleric Abu Bakar Bashir

is no mistreatment against Bashir, he gets proper facilities for the inmate who is placed in isolation."

Mahendradatta said his assessment of Bashir's prison conditions was based on recent access by his team of lawyers. AP

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Mari Yamaguchi, Tokyo

JAPAN

Strong quake hurts 45 in Kyushu town; people may be trapped

A powerful earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 6.4 knocked over houses in southern Japan yesterday evening, and police said people may be trapped underneath.

Japanese Red Cross Kumamoto Hospital said it has admitted or treated 45 people, including five with serious injuries.

The quake struck at 9:26 p.m. near Kumamoto city on the island of Kyushu. There was no risk of a tsunami.

"There was a ka-boom and the whole house shook violently sideways," Takahiko Morita, a resident of Mashiki, a hard-hit town near the epicenter, said in a telephone interview with Japanese broadcaster NHK. "Furniture and bookshelves fell down, and books were all over the floor."

Morita said some houses and walls collapsed in his neighborhood, and water supply had been cut off.

Police in Kumamoto prefecture said they have received reports of a number of collapsed houses and people possibly trapped inside.

Mashiki is 15 kilometers east of Kumamoto city, and about 1,300 kilometers southwest of Tokyo.

Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told a news conference that damage was being assessed, but there were no abnormalities at nearby nuclear facilities.

The epicenter was 120 kilometers northeast of the Sendai

nuclear plant, the only one operating in the country.

NHK showed Mashiki town hall in the dark, apparently having lost power. Other footage showed rubble on the road, shards of glass and broken windows, and fire breaking out in

■ There were multiple aftershocks, the largest one measuring magnitude 5.7 about 40 minutes later

some places, with firefighters battling an orange blaze.

Keisuke Urata, an official in nearby Uki city who was driving home when the quake struck, said parts of the ceiling at Uki City Hall collapsed, windows broke and cabinets fell to the ground.

Kasumi Nakamura, an official in the village of Nishihara, said that the rattling started mo-



A woman collects fallen dishes at a restaurant after an earthquake in Kumamoto

destly and grew violent, lasting about 30 seconds.

"Papers, files, flower vases and everything fell on the floor," he told NHK.

There were multiple aftershocks, the largest one measuring magnitude 5.7 about 40 min-

utes later, according to the Japan Meteorological Agency.

The U.S. Geological Survey measured the quake's preliminary magnitude at 6.2 and said it was 23 kilometers deep. It said there's a low likelihood of casualties but some damage is

possible.

Footage from an NHK bureau in the area showed books, files and papers raining down to the floor. One employee appeared to have fallen off a chair, while others slid under their desks to protect their heads. AP

MYANMAR

Quake hits country, but no deaths reported

A strong earthquake that struck Myanmar damaged at least nine Buddhist pagodas and was felt in parts of eastern India and Bangladesh, but an official said yesterday there were no reports of serious damage or injuries in the Southeast Asian country.

The magnitude 6.9 quake struck Wednesday night at a depth of 135 kilometers, 396 kilometers north of Myanmar's capital, Naypyidaw, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

Residents in Myanmar's main city of Yangon panicked after the quake struck causing people to rush out of their homes. An Associated Press journalist who was in a Yangon hospital at the time of the quake said the six-story Shwegonedine Specialist Center shook



Resident women who rushed outdoors following tremors speak on their mobile phones outside their houses in Kolkata

strongly and many people, including patients, staff and visitors, ran outside.

The quake was centered in the jungle and hills 220

kilometers northwest of Mandalay, Myanmar's second-biggest city. While the area is prone to earthquakes, it is generally sparsely populated, and

most houses are low-rise structures.

In the Sagaing region just southwest of Mandalay, Sa Willy Frient, the director of the Relief and

Resettlement Department, said there were no reports of serious injuries.

"There are still no death reports," he said, adding that nine pagodas had been damaged.

"None of the pagodas collapsed, but there are cracks in some parts," he said.

Government offices were closed yesterday because of a three-day national holiday to mark Myanmar's traditional new year, and there was no official announcement about the quake's impact.

Zaw Myint Htoo, a 38-year-old resident of Mogok, 200 kilometers north of Mandalay, confirmed there was no major damage in that city either.

The tremors were felt in the eastern Indian states of West Bengal

and Assam, where the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge were visiting during their tour of India. Prince William and his wife, the former Kate Middleton, were staying in Assam's Kaziranga National Park on Wednesday night and were safe, according to the British High Commission in New Delhi.

"We felt the tremor very strongly, but all is fine," said British Deputy High Commissioner Scott Fursedonn-Wood, who was accompanying the royal couple.

William and Kate left for neighboring Bhutan yesterday and were to return to India today to visit the Taj Mahal.

People also reported feeling the quake in Bangladesh's capital, Dhaka, 484 kilometers from the epicenter. AP



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Rob Gillies, Toronto

CANADA

Assisted suicide bill precludes tourists

CANADA'S new assisted suicide law will only apply to Canadians and permanent residents, meaning Americans won't be able to travel to Canada to die.

A senior government official told The Associated Press visitors will be excluded under the new law to be announced yesterday, precluding the prospect of suicide tourism. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss details ahead of the announcement.

The official said to take advantage of the law the person would have to be eligible for health services in Canada.

The law also excludes the mentally ill and does not permit advance requests to end one's life in the future.

Canada's Supreme Court last year struck down laws that bar doctors from helping someone die, but put the ruling on hold while the government came up with a new law. New Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Liberal government asked for a four month extension to come up with the new law.

Assisted suicide is legal in Switzerland, Germany, Albania, Colombia, Japan and in the U.S. states of Washington, Oregon, Vermont, New Mexico and

AP PHOTO



Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

Montana. The Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg allow doctors, under strict conditions, to euthanize patients whose medical conditions have been judged hopeless and who are in great pain.

Canada's Supreme Court declared last year that outlawing that option deprives dying people of their dignity and autonomy. It had been illegal in Canada to counsel, aid or abet a suicide, an offense carrying a

maximum prison sentence of 14 years.

Last year's ruling immediately triggered emotional responses from both sides of the debate.

The decision was spurred by cases brought by the families

of two British Columbia women, who have since died. The decision reversed a Canadian Supreme Court ruling in 1993. At the time, the justices were primarily concerned that vulnerable people could not be properly protected under physician-assisted suicide. But the top court said last year that doctors are capable of assessing the competence of patient-

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ts to consent, and found there is no evidence that the elderly or people with disabilities are vulnerable to being talked into ending their lives.

It has been more than 20 years since the case of another patient with Lou Gehrig's disease, Sue Rodriguez, gripped Canada as she fought for the right to assisted suicide. She lost her appeal but took her own life with the help of an anonymous doctor in 1994, at the age of 44. **AP**

GERMANY

University wants refugee teachers back in classroom



Claudia Hubatsch (right), teaches German to a class of people who were teachers in Syria and are now part of a program to enable them to teach in Germany at the University of Potsdam

A German university has launched a program aimed at enabling teachers who fled Syria and other countries to return to the classroom in their new home.

The University of Potsdam, just outside Berlin, this week started intensive German courses for 25 Syrians — the first part of an 11-month course that aims

to familiarize them with the language and the country's education system.

Project initiator Mirjam Vock said yesterday it remains to be seen what jobs the students may get after their course. But she said that they could have "an important function as go-betweens, as bridge-builders between parents, children and German teachers."

The project starts as Germany increasingly focuses on integrating last year's many new arrivals into society and the workforce.

Meanwhile, defense ministers from Croatia and Albania say the two countries will work together to prevent possible opening of a new migrant corridor through their territories after Balkan nations closed

their borders.

Croatia's Defense Minister Josip Buljevic and Albania's Mimi Kodheli agreed to exchange information and jointly act in case migrants try to reach EU member Croatia over the Adriatic Sea from Albania.

The state HINA news agency quoted Buljevic as saying: "We can do a lot to prevent the migrant wave."

Rights group Amnesty International said the announced religious leaders visit to the Greek island of Lesbos was a "golden opportunity to expose the disturbing plight of thousands of refugees and migrants arbitrarily detained there since the ill-begotten EU-Turkey deal came into force on 20 March."

Gauri van Gulik, deputy director for Europe at Amnesty International, called on the pope to "speak out about the violations, fear and uncertainty suffered by thousands of refugees and migrants trapped in limbo on Lesbos and elsewhere in Greece."

Pope Francis will be accompanied by Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, the spiritual leader of Orthodox Christians, and Athens Archbishop Ieronymos, the head of the Church of Greece. **AP**

FRANCE

Paris responds to watchdog criticism with parenting leaflet

A year after Europe's top human rights body said France was not doing enough to prevent corporal punishment of children, the French government is sending guidance to all future parents.

Directed by Family Minister Laurence Rossignol, a 16-page leaflet issued this week provides advice on various parenting issues and recommends dialogue, insisting that "beating a child has no educative property."

Every soon-to-be parent in France is set to receive it between the fourth and fifth month of pregnancy.

Last year, the Council of Europe said that France is violating the European social charter because French law doesn't prohibit parents and others from corporal punishment of children in a sufficiently clear manner.

France has not amended its legislation since, and spanking a child generally remains acceptable.

Cecile Grosjean, who works as an advisor at the Family Ministry, told the AP that there was a need to teach parents about the impact of corporal punishment on their offspring.

"Our scientific knowledge has become more and more refined and parents should understand the consequences it can have on a little child or a budding adult," she said. **AP**

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FRIDAY

- 13:30 News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
- 15:00 Documentaries
- 16:25 Europa League: Shaktar Donetsk - Braga (Repeated)
- 18:05 Fillers
- 18:10 Trail of Lies (Repeated)
- 19:00 TDM Talk Show (Repeated)
- 19:40 Soap Opera
- 20:30 Main News, Financial & Weather Report
- 21:15 Documentary Serie
- 21:45 Miscellaneous
- 22:10 Trail of Lies
- 23:00 TDM News
- 23:30 Europa League Highlights
- 23:45 Portuguese Movie
- 01:35 Fillers
- 01:45 Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)

SATURDAY

- 10:30 Young Children
- 10:50 Drama
- 11:30 Young Adult
- 13:00 TDM News (Repeat)
- 13:30 News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
- 15:00 Soap Opera
- 18:00 Classic Music
- 18:30 Contest
- 20:00 Documentary Serie
- 20:30 Main News, Financial & Weather Report
- 21:00 Drama
- 22:00 Intelligence S.1
- 22:45 Documentary Series
- 23:00 TDM News
- 23:30 Brother's & Sister's S5

SUNDAY

- 10:30 Young Children
- 11:00 Sunday Mass
- 13:00 TDM News (Repeat)
- 13:30 News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
- 14:30 Zig Zag
- 16:40 Comedy
- 17:35 The Rising City
- 18:15 Non-Daily Portuguese News
- 19:05 Documentary Serie
- 19:40 Comedy
- 20:30 Main News, Financial & Weather Report
- 21:00 Contraponto
- 22:00 The Rise of Female Violence
- 23:00 TDM News
- 23:30 Non-Daily Portuguese News

offbeat

NZ: SO LONG, SUCKERS! INKY THE OCTOPUS MAKES AN AMAZING ESCAPE



Inky the octopus waited until it was dark and the staff had gone home from the National Aquarium of New Zealand before making his move.

He squeezed and pushed his way through a tiny gap in the mesh at the top of his tank and slithered 2 meters to the floor. Then he made a beeline across the room to a drain hole.

With a body the size of a rugby ball, Inky managed to stretch out and squeeze into the hole. From there, he shimmed down the 50-meter pipe until he was back in the Pacific Ocean.

All he left behind three months ago was a slimy trail, allowing staff at the Napier aquarium to re-create his amazing escape. He's not been seen since.

Inky's story begins on Pania Reef, several hundred meters out to sea from the aquarium. He was pulled up by a fisherman in a lobster pot and wasn't in good shape. He'd been attacked, probably by a snapper or some other fish, and a couple of his tentacles were half their normal length.

After a year recuperating at the National Aquarium, said manager Rob Yarrall, Inky was once again in good health. And he'd been delighting the staff with his intelligence.

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ROOM 1
(2D) 2.30, 6.30, 9.30 pm
(3D) 7.30 pm

Director: Cedric Nicolas-Troyan
Starring: Chris Hemsworth, Charlize Theron, Emily Blunt
Language: English (Cantonese)
Duration: 114min



10 CLOVERFIELD LANE

ROOM 2
2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Dan Trachtenberg
Starring: Mary Elizabeth Winstead, John Goodman
Language: English (Cantonese)
Duration: 106min

TRIVISA

ROOM 3
2.15, 4.00, 9.45 pm

Director: Jevons Au, Frank Hui, Vicky Wong
Starring: Richie Jen, Jordan Chan, Ka Tung Lam
Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/English)
Duration: 97min



ZOOTOPIA

ROOM 3
5.45 7.45 pm

Director: Byron Howard, Rich Moore
Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/English)
Duration: 108min

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BATMAN V SUPERMAN: DAWN OF JUSTICE

1.15, 4.00, 6.45, 9.30 pm

Director: Zack Snyder
Starring: Amy Adams, Jesse Eisenberg, Diane Lane
Language: English (Cantonese)
Duration: 153min

this day in history



1989 FOOTBALL FANS CRUSHED AT HILLSBOROUGH

At least 93 football supporters have been killed in Britain's worst-ever sporting disaster.

They were crushed to death at Hillsborough stadium in Sheffield during the FA Cup semi-final between Nottingham Forest and Liverpool.

The crush is said to have resulted from too many Liverpool fans being allowed in to the back of an already full stand at the Leppings Lane end of the ground. More than 2,000 Liverpool fans had still not got into the stadium when the match started at 1500.

A police spokesman said orders were given for the gate to the stand to be opened because they believed the pressure of fans outside the ground was "a danger to life".

But as fans rushed in, those already there were pushed forward and crushed against the high, wire-topped safety fences.

However, it was more than five minutes into the match before what was happening became apparent to those not in the Leppings Lane stand.

Then, alerted by fans spilling through a narrow gap onto the pitch or being lifted by others into the seating areas above, a policeman ran onto the field and ordered the referee to stop the game.

But improved security measures recently introduced at grounds to keep rival fans apart meant, for many, there was no escape from the crush.

Police and match officials attempted to help those trapped clamber over the safety barrier.

Bodies were lifted forward and laid out on the pitch - many of them teenagers and children.

Other injured fans were ferried to ambulances on stretchers improvised from crash barriers and advertising hoardings.

At least 200 people were injured, about 20 seriously. Some fans have said bad ticket allocation contributed to the disaster.

Liverpool has far more supporters than Nottingham Forest but were given 6,000 fewer tickets and allocated the smaller Leppings Lane stand.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The previous worst sporting disaster was in 1971 when 66 fans were crushed to death during the Glasgow Derby in Scotland.

In 1985, 39 Italian fans were crushed to death at the Heysel ground in Belgium in 1985 after a wall collapsed during a stampede by Liverpool supporters.

A total of 96 fans died as a result of the Hillsborough disaster. After a public inquiry, new safety measures were introduced at football grounds around Britain.

Relatives of the victims pressed for police officers in charge of safety at the Hillsborough ground to be prosecuted.

Finally in 2002 the two most senior officers were put on trial. One was acquitted, charges against the other were dropped when the jury could not agree on a verdict.

YOUR STARS

Aries
Mar. 21-Apr. 19
It's all on you — today's big project requires your initiative to push things through. You may find that it's easier to just start on your own and let others peek over your shoulder.

Taurus
April 20-May 20
Can you spend all day puttering around the house? That might be ideal, but of course, it may also be impossible. Try to clear some time to just take care of chores or paperwork. You should feel better.

Gemini
May 21-Jun. 21
Changes are less welcome today, but you may be able to cope if you get others to help you plan and prioritize. Soon you should be back in business and able to adapt with the best of them!

Cancer
Jun. 22-Jul. 22
You should focus on your own issues today — otherwise, things may just start to get confusing. The good news is that your personal energy is near-perfect to take care of this stuff.

Leo
Jul. 23-Aug. 22
You are keeping your mood under control today, and you may also be able to keep a lid on the explosive situation going on at work or at home. Things need to be addressed, but they can wait.

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Someone close needs help — can you afford the time it is likely to take to set them up? It's a good time for you to rack up some bonus karma and get yourself back in the game socially.

Libra
Sep. 23-Oct. 22
Flexibility is key to your success — especially on a day like today when things can change at the drop of a hat. You should be able to get your people to join you for some fun and games.

Scorpio
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
This is not a good day to cling to frustration or control — though you've got terrific personal energy, it's best reserved for emergency use. Your people can live their own lives comfortably.

Sagittarius
Nov. 22-Dec. 21
You and your sweetie (or date, or pal) are seemingly at odds, but it's just a temporary flare-up. Don't read too much into it, and try to just chill out and let time pass.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19
When that friend or coworker goes berserk and yells at you (or snarks at you in a passive-aggressive way), don't take it personally. Lots of other people are dealing with stress you know nothing about.

Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18
Get some extra exercise today — otherwise, you may find that you're even more tired than you would have been otherwise! That may be a contradiction, but you're used to dealing with those.

Pisces
Feb. 19-Mar. 20
Your emotional side is dominant today — and your energy is terrific, so this should be a pretty great day for you! If anything goes wrong, you are likely to let it slide over you pretty quickly.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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Harbin	1	14	clear
Tianjin	11	21	clear
Urumqi	7	15	cloudy/clear
Xi'an	12	23	overcast
Lhasa	4	16	overcast/cloudy
Chengdu	15	21	drizzle/overcast
Chongqing	19	23	thundershower/overcast
Kunming	13	27	clear
Nanjing	17	28	cloudy
Shanghai	15	25	cloudy
Wuhan	16	25	cloudy/drizzle
Hangzhou	16	25	cloudy/overcast
Taipei	22	26	moderate rain
Guangzhou	22	27	overcast/shower
Hong Kong	23	27	shower
WORLD			
Moscow	8	12	drizzle
Frankfurt	5	15	drizzle
Paris	4	16	drizzle
London	2	14	drizzle
New York	4	12	cloudy

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Lens holders; 5- Gaucho's rope; 10- Capital of Yemen; 14- Single entity; 15- ___ the side of caution; 16- Sheltered, nautically; 17- Swank; 18- BoÃ@te ___; 19- Hog fat; 20- Agent; 23- Wise ones; 24- Elaine's last name on "Seinfeld"; 25- Specify; 28- Ale, e.g.; 30- 401(k) cousins; 31- Feigned; 36- Plant; 37- Utmost; 39- "___ Beso" (1962 hit); 40- Land mass; 42- Freelancer's encl.; 43- Invitation request; 44- Deer horn; 46- Very, to Verdi; 49- "M'A'S'H" name; 51- Process of capitalizing; 56- ___ for All Seasons; 57- Accept eagerly; 58- Gardner and others; 60- Ascended, flower; 61- On one's toes; 62- Fruit-filled pie; 63- Sailing girl; 64- Declines; 65- Airline to Ben-Gurion;

DOWN: 1- Groove; 2- Are you ___ out?; 3- Pit; 4- Staunching the flow of blood; 5- Go back on one's word; 6- Uneven, as if gnawed away; 7- Sign of spring; 8- Ripped; 9- Work without ___; 10- NaCl site; 11- Actor Delon; 12- Audacity; 13- Yellow-fever mosquito; 21- Sought office; 22- Red as ___; 25- It may be compact; 26- Switch ending; 27- Young deer; 28- Borscht ingredient; 29- "The X-Files" extras; 31- Type of school or cook; 32- ___ Tin Tin; 33- Bargain; 34- "___ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto); 35- Person of action; 37- Be a guest; 38- Ltr. holder; 41- Apprentice; 42- Furrow; 44- Goes with the flow; 45- Writer Hentoff; 46- Without ___ in the world; 47- Greek island; 48- Muscle contraction; 49- Grow to maturity; 50- Sky blue; 52- What there oughta be; 53- In ___ land; 54- Egg-shaped; 55- Japan's first capital; 59- Letters on a Cardinal's cap;

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BAYERN Munich advanced to the semifinals of the Champions League despite being held to a 2-2 draw at Benfica yesterday.

The draw in the return leg of their quarterfinal meant Bayern went through 3-2 on aggregate after its 1-0 win at home. Unfancied Benfica made the German club fight till the end, though, as substitute Talisca's curling free kick beat Manuel Neuer in the 76th to make it level on the night.

It's the fifth time running that the German powerhouse, a five-time winner of the competition, has made it through to the semifinals. Benfica was hoping to reach the last four for the first time in 26 years.

In the night's other quarterfinal, Atletico Madrid ousted holder Barcelona with a 2-0 win.

Raul Jimenez's 27th-minute goal, when he met a lobbed pass from Eliseu and beat two defenders to head past Neuer, put Benfica level over the two legs and fired up the Portuguese team.

Arturo Vidal replied for Bayern in the 38th with his second goal over the two legs. Benfica goalkeeper Ederson pushed out Philipp Lahm's cross as far as the Chile midfielder, who was alone on the edge of the area and fired a shot into the empty goal.

Thomas Mueller, who hadn't scored in his past three games, made it 2-1 for the Bundesliga club on the night with a header in

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Benfica, Barcelona out of semis; Bayern, Atletico in



Benfica's Raul Jimenez leaps over Bayern goalkeeper Manuel Neuer

the 52nd.

"I'm happy with the way we stood toe-to-toe with them and took them on over the two games, but I'm not happy with the outcome," Benfica coach Rui Vitoria said. "We've gone out against one of the best teams in the world."

The opening goal unsettled Bayern, and Jimenez — making a rare start for Benfica — had a clear chance to score a few minu-

tes later when the Mexico striker was unmarked in the Bayern area but fluffed his shot.

With the aggregate score level, the match burst into life.

Ederson sprinted off his line to deny Lahm, playing his 103rd Champions League match, but it was the German international who set up Vidal for his crucial goal.

After the restart, Javi Martinez at the back post headed Vidal's

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RUI VITORIA
BENFICA COACH

corner towards Mueller to make it 2-1.

Douglas Costa hit the Benfica

woodwork with a low drive in the 60th, and then Andre Almeida's shot forced a save from Neuer as the home side kept pushing forward.

In the other game of the night, Lionel Messi, Luis Suarez and Neymar all failed to deliver as holder Barcelona was dumped out of the Champions League quarterfinals in a stunning 2-0 defeat by Spanish rival Atletico Madrid.

Barcelona's star trio was kept in check by some tough defending from the home side, and France striker Antoine Griezmann scored a goal in each half as Atletico overturned a 2-1 loss at Camp Nou in last week's first leg to win 3-2 on aggregate.

The result sent Diego Simeone's team, which had played most of the first leg match with 10 men, to the semifinals for the second time in the last three seasons. And it shattered the hopes of favorite Barcelona, which had reached the semifinals seven times in the last eight years.

The defeat ended Barcelona's hopes of repeating the treble of Champions League, Copa del Rey and Spanish league titles. **AP**

BIG TWO IN FABULOUS LAST FOUR

BAYERN MÜNCHEN and Atlético Madrid have joined Manchester City and Real Madrid in the draw for the UEFA Champions League semi-finals. Giants Bayern and Real are into the UEFA Champions League semi-finals for at least the fifth season running. The draw will be streamed live in the UEFA.com from 6:30pm today.

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FORMS OF EXPAT CAPITAL

For those move to Macau from somewhere else, those first few weeks bring an incredible array of responses – excitement and awe but also frustration and bewilderment. Most telling are the often hilarious emails and letters back home or to friends, describing the new experiences and emotions – both incredulity and incredulation.

Recently, I have been receiving post-cards from a close friend who is having difficulty experiencing expatriate life for the first time. In her previous role she had become very adept at travelling to oft-times dangerous, exotic, and also familiar destinations as part of her responsibilities running global projects and managing diverse teams. She did not expect the assignment to be much different from an extended business trip. Living semi-permanently overseas is however very different from a temporary stay.

Adapting to a new working environment or organisation, even in the same country, is tough enough: it takes time to navigate the work systems, ways to interact and the organisation chart, let alone the new work responsibilities. Learning that accepted norms in a previous workplace might build resentments in the new one is a hard lesson. It takes time to stake one's claim to hierarchical space and build credibility.

Many expatriates are selected for key positions overseas precisely because of their success in previous roles. They might anticipate that their credibility and career reputation will easily make the transfer and that they will have the support of management. For those without much experience transferring to new jobs or organisations, the realisation that the expatriate needs to be self-reliant in the new environment can come as a huge shock. Not able to hit the ground running at the same level of productivity as having been used to can cause enormous self-doubt and anxiety. For very senior people, this can be a terribly uncomfortable time.

Human Resource decisions like hiring a high-flying outsider are based upon earlier career successes. It is about merit and the human capital calculation. Similarly, the heretofore highly successful new expatriate also believes in their own personal intellectual capital and their capacity to bring their abilities, knowledge and skills into play.

Beyond these attributes, however, there are cultural, social and organisational reasons behind success in expatriate relocations which serve to navigate constraints and obstacles that get in the way of doing a good job. Not being aware of these other forms of capital, failing to use them, and sensing inexplicable failure can risk hasty decisions such as pulling out and repatriating back to the familiar.

Expatriate role success is not just about the human capital – the “merit” side of the equation. Sociologist, Pierre Bourdieu proposed other forms of capital that are crucial. Economic capital, social capital, cultural capital and symbolic capital require concerted effort and opportunity to build in a new environment. Social capital accrues from our relationships. Economic capital can include the ability to buy trappings that are appropriate to aspirational status. Cultural capital includes appreciating local preferences for art, food, entertainment, and forms of etiquette. The power and reputation that come from applying all these is symbolic capital.

Developing these forms of capital in a place like Macau for someone new tends to detract from the work at hand for a while.

A foreign assignment can make us realise that part of earlier job success was these other forms of capital, built throughout a career and often subconsciously. They do not transfer as easily as personal intellect. However, all these are needed to succeed in a role, especially a senior one. Being good at using skills is not enough; especially not for an expatriate.

THE CHINA PULLS LICENSE OF PROMINENT RIGHTS LAWYER

Prominent Chinese human rights lawyer Pu Zhiqiang has been disbarred, a further step in what rights groups call a relentless crackdown by Beijing on efforts to establish an independent rule of law.

Pu posted a photo of a letter from the Beijing City Legal Affairs Department to his micro-blog yesterday that said his law license was pulled in accordance with regulations. It

cited his conviction in December for disturbing public order and inciting ethnic hatred.

Pu was detained shortly after attending a May 2014 meeting to discuss commemorating the 25th anniversary of the bloody military crackdown on Tiananmen Square. He was given a suspended three-year sentence.

Pu told AP by phone that he hasn't decided whether to appeal his disbarment.

ROYALS ON THE ROAD

Duke and Duchess of Cambridge in Himalayan nation of Bhutan



Kate and William with Bhutan's king Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuk and queen, Jetsun Pema inside a Buddhist temple in Thimphu

Wasbir Hussain, Gauhati

THE Duke and Duchess of Cambridge visited Bhutan yesterday, meeting with the Himalayan nation's popular king and queen with whom they have much in common.

After arriving in a jet on a windy morning, Prince William and his wife, the former Kate Middleton, checked into their hotel in the capital of Thimphu and later headed to the 13th-century royal fortress.

From their vehicle, they were ushered by traditional dancers, flag-bearers, pipers, drummers and Buddhist monks down a 500-meter walkway to meet Bhutan's King Jigme Khesar Namgyal Wangchuck and Queen Jetsun Pema, who are wildly popular in the nation of 800,000.

The royal pairs posed for

photos in front of a statue of the laughing Buddha before going inside. Later, Will and Kate visited Thimphu's open-air archery venue, with archers aiming at very small, brightly decorated wooden targets positioned 145 meters from where they stand.

In the evening, they were meeting the Bhutanese royal couple's baby, born in February, and having a private dinner with Bhutan's king and queen.

“Two of the world's young royal couples are meeting. It's a great message of friendship to the international community,” said Tenzin Lekphell, who heads a management institute in Thimphu.

Today, the British royal couple will hike to a Buddhist monastery called Tiger's Nest, perched at an altitude of 3,000 meters, though there will be ponies on standby to

help carry them should they tire on the trek. William's father, Prince Charles, had planned to make the same hike in 1998 but was injured in a polo match so instead stopped before the ascent and painted a scenic picture in watercolors.

The visit “is a symbol of the centuries-old relationship between Bhutan and the UK,” said Michael Rutland, who has lived in Bhutan since the 1970s and serves as honorary UK consul in the country.

Agents of the British East India Company first arrived in the region in 18th century, at a time of tension and internal struggle between rival fiefdoms spread across the remote, mountainous region. The British engaged in decades of low-level trading with local rulers amid squabbles over borders and domain.

In 1910, the two sides signed a treaty guaranteeing the British would not interfere in Bhutan provided the small nation on the northern border of what was then the British Empire in India accepted advice on external relations.

The two young couples have much in common. Both were married in 2011, and both Kate and Jetson Pema did not come from royal families. The Bhutanese queen's father is a pilot, though her mother has royal lineage. AP

Station	Air quality
Roadside	35-55 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	55-75 Moderate
Ambient	25-45 Good

SOURCE: D5M/G

WORLD BRIEFS

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Twelve people, including three children, were killed after their light plane crashed in a remote part of Papua New Guinea. The fixed-wing aircraft was approaching an airport in the port town of Kiunga when it crashed into a shallow swamp. Air crash investigators were trying to determine what caused the accident.



USA A woman used a social media app to livestream the alleged rape of a 17-year-old girl, an Ohio prosecutor said. The case came to light when authorities were contacted after a friend of the woman saw the images. Marina Lonina, 18, and co-defendant Raymond Gates, 29, were charged with rape, kidnapping, sexual battery and pandering sexually-oriented matter involving a minor.



HOLLYWOOD Rachel McAdams, the actress who portrayed a Boston Globe reporter in the Oscar-winning “Spotlight,” believes journalists should be praised as “unsung heroes,” although nothing is easy about their jobs except for the frumpy clothes they get to wear. “It really is a dying art, and not for the faint of heart either,” she told reporters in Tokyo.

UNITED NATIONS An open letter to U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon signed by more than 1,000 people, including financier Warren Buffett, U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren and rock star Sting, says the war on drugs has failed and calls for a shift in global drug policy from emphasizing criminalization and punishment to health and human rights. The letter signed by former presidents of Mexico, Colombia, Brazil, Switzerland and others, was made public yesterday.

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