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**INDONESIA** Rescuers yesterday found the bodies of six university students who were among nearly two dozen who went missing in rain-triggered floods and landslides at a waterfall in western Indonesia, an official said. The disaster occurred Sunday as more than 70 students were visiting the Air Terjun Dua Warna waterfall in North Sumatra province.



**NEPAL** Supporters of ethnic minority groups demanding changes in Nepal's new constitution clash with police and block main streets near the prime minister's office, as their newly started protests enter their second day.

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# Local delegation goes to Cannes to prepare int'l film festival

**D**ELEGATIONS of the Government Tourism Office (MGTO) and the Macau Films & Television Productions and Culture Association (MFTPA) are attending the 69th edition of the Cannes Film Festival, which is taking place between May 11 and 22.

Participation in the famous event which occurs in the South of France aims to promote the inaugural edition of International Film Festival & Awards Macau (IFFAM), introducing the event to international film and television production companies. The local delegation hopes to entice individuals to join the event which will be held in the territory in December of



Film festival organizers and film distributors attend a luncheon meeting with the Macau delegation

this year.

According to the MGTO, this will be the first of several local delegations participating in

major film festivals. Other festivals which will be attended include the Shanghai and Busan events, with the hope that de-

legations will "learn, promote and foster connections between Macau and international movie industry professionals."

In order to achieve these goals MGTO is hosting several luncheon meetings during the festival period to which it has invited some key people for various international film festivals and film distributors in order to meet them and share with them news of Macau's developments as well as what it may offer to the film industry in the future.

At the same time, a booth is being run at the Film Market area ("Marché du Film"), a venue that gathers over 10,000 film industry professionals from across the globe.

The first ever IFFAM is set to kick-off on December 8 and run for a period of 5 consecutive days with screening sessions to be held at the Macau Science Center and at the UA Galaxy Cinemas.

The Macau government has invited Marco Mueller, the former director of the Locarno, Venice and Rome festivals to head the inaugural event, which has a budget of approximately MOP80 million. **RM**

## 'The Kid's Project' wins Macao Indies contest

**T**HE Kid's Project" by Io Lou Ian has won the Jury's Award in the tenth edition of the Macao International Film and Video Festival, beating 24 other movie productions, according to the Cultural Centre (CCM) who announced the results on Sunday.

The Jury's Commendation Award for Feature film was given to Emily Chan with "The First Decade of Blademark," an intimate display of Pakeong Sequeira and his rock band's journey over the last ten years.

Meanwhile the Short-Feature Commendation was awarded to Hong Heng Fai, who directed "Crash," a work dealing with loss and social recognition, while the Commendation Award for Animation was given to Leong Kin and Cobi Lau for their imaginative "Leno," which is a humorous cartoon addressing the serious subject of environmental protection.

To further boost the ingenuity of ideas, the Macao Indies awarded



'The Kid's Project'

a "Best Story prize" to Hugo Cheong for his "Orpheus", an intricate story on the pursuit of dreams and the perception of reality.

According to CCM's statement, the competition displayed 25 productions, from animation works to shorts and full-length features, also including experimental projects and documentaries. The films addressed various topics regarding culture, its developments

and various impacts on society; from recurrent love triangles to the pursuit of dreams. A great variety of stories gained the cinematic attention of our film makers.

The Film and Video Festival will continue with a string of events, the following being the video challenge "1-minute Rush," where participants are given only 24 hours to create a one-minute film with the use of a smartphone.

## G2E Asia kicks off today with 180 exhibitors

**G**2E Asia is set to host 180 international exhibitors on its 10th Anniversary from today to Thursday at The Venetian.

The event will incorporate an "iGaming Zone," which provides a direct market networking platform and access to over 50 gaming exhibitors.

Industry experts will also lead seminars on global market developments, the growing importance of non-gaming activities, and opportunities for integrated resorts, according to the organizer, Reed Exhibitions.

The executive vice president of Reed Exhibitions, Josephine Lee, said they are expecting 12,000 visitors to attend the exhibition to be held in a 9,200 square meter space.

"We have about 5,000 plus pre-registered visitors [...] We have actually mapped [this] out; all the casinos in Asia [are represented] in the pre-registered visitor number," said Lee.

According to the organizer, the exhibition's "Personalized Matchmaking Service" helps buyers and suppliers to meet at G2E Asia in a streamlined and more cost-effective way by providing a systematic and customized business matching service.

G2E Asia will also host its first "Gaming Regulators' Networking Luncheon" to provide a networking platform. Lee claimed that there are cur-



Josephine Lee

rently 30 gaming regulators joining the luncheon to explore opportunities for cooperation that may facilitate the future development of the gaming industry in Asia.

The exhibition also features the "Asia Lottery Forum," which will explore latest developments in the lottery industry in the internet era, with over 300 lottery industry experts and operators from China and abroad.

In addition, produced by Asia Gaming Brief, in association with G2E Asia and the Innovation Group, the inaugural Asia Gaming Awards will be recognizing operators, regulators, suppliers and service providers for their contributions to the industry. **Staff reporter**

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# Macau Legend buys troubled casino in Laos

Renato Marques

**M**ACAU Legend Development Limited announced via press release on May 13 that it had entered into a USD42 million (approximately HKD326 million) project development agreement (PDA) with a company wholly-owned by the Ministry of Finance of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, to purchase the Savan Vegas Hotel and Entertainment Complex, a full-service casino, hotel and resort located in Laos' Savannakhet Province.

However, the apparently very advantageous and profitable business might be tainted for David Chow's company, as the Savan Vegas Hotel and Entertainment Complex is involved in a series of serious disputes and legal actions that are directly connected to



David Chow

its owners.

In another statement on May 5, Lao Holdings N.V., the parent company of Sanum Investments Limited, stated that it has filed three legal actions against Laotian authorities for violating the 2014 settlement agreement reached by both parties, stipulating the sale of the Savan Vegas Hotel and Casino,

and other assets, for maximum value to the benefit of all parties.

According to the same statement, "these actions have been taken in direct response to the expropriation and planned sale of Sanum's gaming and hotel complex located in Savannakhet, Laos," that has now reportedly gained the involvement of the Macau company as the buyer.

"All of the actions taken by the Lao Government over the past two years have been a blatant attempt not only to avoid, but systematically obliterate its legal obligation to work with us in good faith," said Jody Jordahl, President of Sanum Investments in the same statement.

However, none of these actions and lawsuits have been reported or identified in the note sent by the Macau Le-

gend to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange as potential risks for the business.

The Savan Vegas Hotel and Entertainment Complex occupies 50 hectares of land, which currently features gaming facilities with 92 tables and 493 slot machines; a 476 room hotel and convention center, restaurants, bars and other dining, recreational and retail shopping facilities.

The PDA announced that Macau Legend has an initial term of 50 years which may be extended for an additional period up to another 49 years.

Regarding the business agreement, the co-chairman, executive director and CEO of Macau Legend, David Chow, said: "We have been looking to invest in and develop integrated resort projects outside of Macau." He thanked the support of the Lao PDR Government, for their trust in the company to turn the Savan Vegas project into a regional entertainment hub in Southeast Asia.

## CRIME

# 255 detained in joint operation to fight cross-border crime

**T**HE police authorities of Macau, Hong Kong and Guangdong performed a joint operation between May 9 and 13 to fight cross-border crime, the Unitary Police Service (SPU) informed in a statement.

During the coordinated operation conducted simultaneously in the three regions, the SPU, responsible for managing the operation of the Judiciary Police (PJ) and the Public Security Police Force (PSP), undertook several enforcement actions in games and entertainment centers, karaoke bars and Internet cafes.

Simultaneously, a number of road and traffic operations were conducted on the main roads of the territory.

As for results, the

SPU noted that during this operation the Zhuhai and Macau authorities found a case of cross-border prostitution exploitation that resulted in the arrest of four people from mainland China, three of whom are suspected of prostitution exploitation and one who is suspected of selling drugs to the prostitutes.

The operation involved a total of 813 police officers. A total of 255 people were investigated during this period, resulting in the prosecution of 92 of them for crimes such as criminal organization, aggravated offense to physical integrity, possession of prohibited weapons, drug trafficking, prostitution exploitation and kidnapping.

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## Abandoned cars in UM free parking lots

**UNATTENDED** cars have been occupying the free parking lots in the University of Macau (UM). According to a report by Macao Daily News, these cars include double plate cars and sports cars.

The report indicates that over ten "zombie cars" (a term derived from the Cantonese expression for cars whose maintenance and usage are absent for a long period of time), which are already covered in dust, have been spotted in the area. Missing valid car licenses, with only temporary movement permits issued in 2015, as well as flat tires are some of the signs indicating the abandonment of the vehicles.

A student from UM, surnamed Chow, noted, "[There are] many fancy double plated cars, including several sports cars, which can be seen when you pass by." He then questioned, "Are people in UM that rich?" Chow further revealed that cars of people who have no connec-



tion to the university sometimes occupy a large number of spaces, leaving UM staff and students with no place to park.

When interviewed, a UM teacher complained that zombie cars keep being abandoned in UM parking lots, and that they "basically occupy the preferred spots for drivers."

UM parking lots are currently free to everyone, including visitors. The school allows visitors' cars to be parked for a maximum of 24 hours, and once any vehicle is overdue, it might be locked. The school revealed that an implementation of small fees for visitors may occur in the third quarter of this year, however, such policy will only come into effect after certain legal procedures have been completed. **Staff reporter**

## Are people in UM that rich?

STUDENTS

## Gervais joins campaign to stop greyhound exports

**BRITISH** actor and comedian Ricky Gervais has called for a ban on the export of Irish greyhounds to China, declaring that "every dog sent to Macau will die there."

The well-known animal welfare supporter issued a plea to the Irish Government on May 14 to ban any further exports of the dogs after the 24 Irish greyhounds were stopped in Britain en route to the Macau Canidrome.

Speaking to the Irish Mail on Sunday, the actor urged the government to act now and ban the trade, the Independent reported.

"If they are unconcerned about the agony that awaits these innocent animals then the Irish government will pay the price in terms of damage to its international reputation," Gervais said.

An import of 24 Irish greyhounds was expected to arrive Macau on May 13,



Ricky Gervais

the Times reported. However, the arrival never came to fruition. "The export of the 24 dogs has been blocked in Manchester, after several rallies against it in Ireland and England," local animal rights group Anima informed.

The Birmingham Greyhound Protection organization with the help of the "Caged

North West" organization had previously reported that the greyhounds had been illegally transported from Ireland to England before they would be shipped to Macau via Hong Kong. At that time, the organization stated that among other mistreatments, the dogs had not been fed or watered for at least three days. **RM**

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## JINAN UNIVERSITY DONATION

# Government losing 'credibility' and 'trust' with Macau youth

Daniel Beitler

**H**UNDREDS of protesters took to the streets on Sunday in a large-scale demonstration in opposition to the MSAR's controversial RMB100 million (around MOP123m) donation to Jinan University. Some analysts say that this act is severing the government's credibility with Macau's youth.

The demonstrators are demanding the withdrawal of the donation to Jinan University and the resignation of Chief Executive (CE) Chui Sai On over the scandal. The CE is being accused of using his ties to the Mainland education institution to facilitate the monetary transfer.

"Thousands of people showed up on the weekend, most of them young people who will be the future of Macau," social affairs commentator Larry So told the Times. "The point is very clear: young people do not trust the government."

The lack of government transparency in the issue is causing a credibility problem for the government, the analyst sur-

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LARRY SO  
SCHOLAR

mised, which is alienating young people in the MSAR.

However the activism is not solely in response to the donation, but rather the culmination of a dissatisfied and disengaged youth who feel that the government is not listening to them.

"This is not the only issue that the public cares about. Overexpenditure on public works and a lack of transparency [over government decisions] are major issues too," said lawmaker Pereira Coutinho, who did not attend the rally.

"There is collusion between the government and private enterprise in Macau that needs to be addressed," he added. "We need to upgrade the CCAC's [Commission Against Corruption] ability to crack-down on the private sector in particular" he noted, suggesting that otherwise residents will continue to feel isolated from the political process.

"Trust is a necessary ingredient in any society for societal development. The government gravitates toward the rich and powerful and [in the process] alienates the young people and forces them toward anti-establishment ideas," agreed Larry So. "The government now has a credibility issue."

While organizers say that as many as 3,300 may have attended the demonstrations on Sunday, the police put their estimate at just 1,100. Nevertheless the hundreds of protesters chanting, "Chui Sai On, resign!", present an unwelcome challenge to the government after the Government Spokesperson Office and the Macau Foundation tried to downplay the issue last week.

On Sunday, a large poli-

ce presence beside Nam Van lake prevented the crowd from approaching the government's headquarters on the grounds of a court order issued on Friday. They also claimed that the march constituted an "illegal demonstration."

"The police are trying to scare us by saying that it is an illegal assembly," New Macau Association (ANM) president Scott Chiang told the Times, "I expect that they are preparing a case against us."

ANM were one of the principal organizers of the demonstration. They are calling for the withdrawal of the donation to Jinan University and for the resignation of Chui Sai On.

"We consider the demonstration a success," Chiang declared. "However, none of the demands have been enforced yet, so that's why we will continue our efforts."

In response to the demands articulated by ANM, lawmaker Pereira Coutinho agreed that the donation should be withdrawn though he thinks it is unlikely that the CE will resign.

"[The donation] should be withdrawn. I requested that a week ago and I also insisted that the government answer the questions I submitted to them [regarding the issue] within 30 days," said Coutinho. "I don't think that the Chief Executive will resign. It's not the first time that people have called for it [Chui's resignation]."

However Larry So believes that these demands are part of a bargaining strategy: "When you bargain you always ask for more. You can use drastic slogans to get people behind the cause."

"[These demands] are not

even a threat; they are slogans... it is only propaganda," he added.

Asked about the traditional view of political apathy in Macau, ANM president Scott Chiang confidently stated that residents are not as complacent as has been suggested.

"People in Macau douse themselves in the illusion that we have always been apolitical but this is not true [...] Some of the young people were not satisfied with yesterday's demonstration (with just taking a walk); they want something else done. The 'energy' has not

**The police are trying to scare us by saying that it is an illegal assembly.**

SCOTT CHIANG  
NEW MACAU PRESIDENT

been released yet," he explained to the Times.

"What we [ANM] want is a more organic social movement, and what I mean by 'organic' is that people go out [to demonstrate] because they feel strongly about this issue," and not because it is being led by a particular group, added Chiang.

On the other hand, Larry So cautioned against Macau adopting the kind of political activism that occasionally grinds Hong Kong to a halt.

"I don't want to see the same things here in Macau as those happening in Hong Kong," he cautioned, adding that it really doesn't suit the MSAR.

Coutinho remarked that the weekend's demonstrations seem to be textbook Hong Kong.

"This could have happened in Hong Kong," he said. "People have resigned [there] for less. For example the former Hong Kong Financial Secretary [Antony] Leung, who resigned in 2003 after he was accused of knowingly buying a car shortly before raising the taxation on motor vehicles."

"Actually, this is a very important analogy and one that I hope Macau pays more attention to," added Coutinho.

"The government should now take this as a lesson: they should enact the necessary measures to see how many members of the Executive Council are holding similar posts and this should be made public [knowledge]," he concluded.

## JOURNALISTS ALLEGEDLY CENSORED

**LAST FRIDAY**, the Macau Journalist Association published an announcement on its Facebook page with accusations of censorship over the news reports concerning the Macau government's donation to Jinan University. According to the announcement, some journalists of Chinese language media outlets were requested not to mention the names of certain governors in their reports; some were assigned to other work instead of following the Macau Founda-

tion story; and some journalists' reports involving content that expressed doubts over whether or not the government was corrupt were cut. The association believes that such incidents were the result of governmental manipulation, in addition to the self-censorship present within the media industry. The announcement condemned the intervention as a violation of press freedom, as well as being a show of disrespect towards the journalist profession.



CRISIS MANAGEMENT

# Education is crucial to dealing with dangerous viruses



Soon Joo Wang

**T**HE MERS incident, which occurred in South Korea, in 2015, resulted in a total failure of communication, according to Soon-Joo Wang, a professor of Medicine from the Republic of Korea. Last year, 186 MERS-CoV cases were associated with the virus outbreak, including 36 that resulted in death.

Wang, who is also the president of the Korean Society of Emergency Medicine, was one of the participants in last week's Asia Emergency Management Conference

The expert argued that there was a lack of communication between the victims and health authorities in South Korea, which resulted in poor medical assistance being provided to those who required it. According to him, there was overcrowding in one or two hospitals, while other medical care centers remained empty.

Wang also claimed that citizens expect too much from their government, which has historically provided inefficient responses in the aftermath of a disaster.

Soon-Joo Wang said that the most efficient way to deal with potential deadly diseases is to teach people how to act, noting that the key for improvement lies in education. "We ou-

ght to teach citizens to learn how to help themselves," argued Wang, emphasizing that communication between government and citizens is crucial.

The expert stated that after years of handling disasters, the Korean government has made some improvements to their responses. However, he said that one of the most crucial things is the change in culture, an idea which was pointed out to him by Harald Drager, the president of the International Emergency Management Society.

Drager exemplified his point with the story of the 2014 Korea ferry tragedy that Wang recounted during his lecture. The Norwegian expressed that the disaster happened partially as a result of the Korean culture, which praises the saying "respect the parents and the masters," referring to students obeying their captain's order, even when the order is clearly wrong.

In 2014, more than 200 people died in a ferry disaster that deeply rattled the country. Korea's top court last year upheld a life sentence for the captain of the ferry, because he fled his ship without giving an evacuation order. **Staff reporter**

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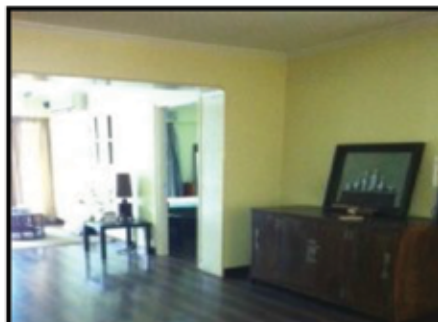
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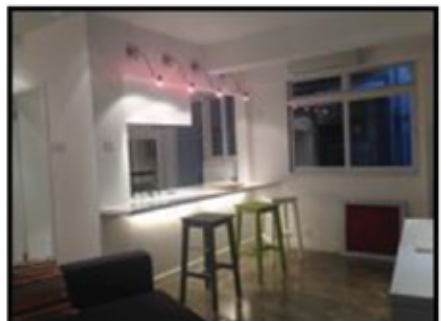
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**'THE VOICE OF LEGENDS'  
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Music legends Liza Wang, Lo Ka Leung, Teresa Carpio, Elisa Chan, Danny Summer and Kenny Bee came to The Venetian Macao on Saturday for a live performance showcasing their talents for "The Voice of Legends" show.

According to a Sands China statement, Elisa Chan delighted fans by kicking off the concert with "Tonight" and "A Thousand Suns." She was followed by Lo Ka Leung and Danny Summer, who performed their biggest hits, including "Love in the World" and "Childhood." Teresa Carpio also thrilled fans with her "Struggle." In addition, Hong Kong singer and songwriter Kenny Bee sang "Tear's Journey" and "Cannot Stop Thinking of You." The concert ended with a blast when Liza Wang sang "Limelight Years" and "Love and Passion."

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# Asia's biggest airplane lessor seeks USD1.1b from IPO

Kyunghee Park

**A**SIA'S biggest aircraft lessor is seeking to raise USD1.1 billion to fund an expansion as the region is poised to become the world's top air travel market in about two decades.

BOC Aviation Ltd., the Singapore-based company that has more than 100 planes leased out to airlines around the world, will sell new and existing shares at HKD42 apiece in a Hong Kong initial public offering. It will become the second Asian plane-leasing company to get listed in the stock markets after China Aircraft Leasing Group Holdings Ltd. went public in July 2014.

Spurred by strong economic growth in the past decade and rising incomes in the world's two most-populous countries, China and India, Asia is on course to beat the U.S. as the biggest market, according to Airbus Group SE and Boeing Co. That potential has lured billionaires such as Li Ka-shing and budget-carrier pioneer Tony Fernandes to the plane-leasing market, where returns from multiyear contracts can exceed those of airlines.

"Asia is the fastest-growing aviation market with demand for pilots, aircraft and leased aircraft," said Mark Martin, founder of Dubai-based Martin Consulting LLC. "Strategically, it's a perfect time for BOC to capitalize on what they have already achieved."

The lessor was established in 1993 as Singapore Airca-



ft Leasing Enterprise Pte., a business that was sold to Bank of China Ltd. in 2006 and renamed BOC Aviation the following year.

BOC Aviation and Bank of China plan to offer a combined 208.2 million shares, according to a statement to the Hong Kong exchange Thursday. Half the offering will be comprised of new shares, with the rest being sold by Bank of China, according to the statement.

Bank of China may sell an additional 31.2 million BOC Aviation shares if an over-allotment option is exercised, the statement showed. The company plans to use the proceeds from the IPO to fund pre-delivery payments for new aircraft, as well as future plane purchases, according to preliminary terms for the deal obtained by Bloomberg last month.

"What is different with BOC is that it is an established lessor," said Will Horton, a Hong Kong-based analyst at CAPA Centre for Aviation. "The initial placement of aircraft with air-

lines is comparatively easy. The challenge is re-marketing them."

Its parent company's overseas investment-banking arm, BOC International Holdings Ltd., and Goldman Sachs Group Inc. are joint sponsors of the offering, the company said in an April 24 pre-listing filing with the Hong Kong stock exchange.

"Our core business model is focused on purchasing new, fuel-efficient, in-demand aircraft at competitive prices directly from aircraft manufacturers," BOC Aviation said in the prospectus. The company also regularly replaces some of its planes to "maintain a young fleet."

At the end of 2015, the average age of its fleet was 3.3 years, according to the prospectus. The leasing company owned and managed 270 aircraft at the end of 2015, with narrow-body planes from Airbus Group SE and Boeing Co. making up 79 percent of the total, according to its website. It had

**The Singapore-based company has more than 100 planes leased out to airlines around the world**

241 airplanes on order at the end of last year.

BOC Aviation posted a record net income of \$343 million in 2015, 11 percent more than a year earlier. Revenue rose 10 percent to \$1.09 billion.

Li's Cheung Kong Holdings Ltd., now part of CK Hutchison, agreed in 2014 to pay \$1.9 billion to buy 45 planes from companies including General Electric Co.'s aviation services unit. Malaysian low-fare carrier AirAsia Bhd. entered the leasing market the same year.

Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd., Qantas Airways Ltd. and Lion Air Group are among BOC Aviation's customers, according to the prospectus. Rental income from its clients in Asia Pacific made up for a third of the total at the end of last year, followed by Europe at 23.9 percent. China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Macau accounted for about 17 percent. **Bloomberg**

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50 YEARS AFTER THE START OF THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION

# Maoists still a force, long for China to reverse path toward market capitalism

Gerry Shih, Luoyang

FIFTY years after Mao Zedong unleashed the decade-long Cultural Revolution to reassert his authority and revive his radical communist agenda, the spirit of modern China's founder still exerts a powerful pull.

Millions of people were persecuted, publicly humiliated, beaten or killed during the upheaval, as zealous factionalism metastasized countrywide, tearing apart Chinese society at a most basic level.

Student groups tortured their own teachers, and children were made to watch mobs beat their own parents condemned as counter-revolutionaries. Gangs engaging in "armed struggle" killed at least a half million people while countless more committed suicide, unable to cope with relentless persecution.

## ■ The surge in Maoist sentiment and distrust of the status quo points to the complex risks facing China

It was only in 1981 — five years after Mao's death — that China's government officially pronounced the Cultural Revolution "a catastrophe."

But in the ancient city of Luoyang, the old, the poor and the marginalized gather daily in the main public square to profess nostalgia for the decade-long political movement, downplaying that period's violent excesses. In the marble halls of power in Beijing, Cultural Revolution-era song-and-dance performances are being revived. China's liberals see ominous signs of a society tugged backward by ideological currents.

"Either it's because people have forgotten the Cultural Revolution or are increasingly dissatisfied with social conditions, but since the mid-1990s these kinds of ideas have been gaining currency," said Xu Youyu, a former Chinese Academy of Social Sciences researcher.

Maoists long for China to reverse its path toward market



A man removes a banner praising the late leader's ideology after a day of singing and dancing in praise of Mao in Luoyang

capitalism and return to Mao's radical vision of a classless society steered by a powerful and ideologically pure leader. They have largely embraced President Xi Jinping as one of their own, though he has never endorsed their views outright, and the nuances of his personal ideology — especially on economic matters — remain a cipher. Many see encouraging echoes of Mao's political style in Xi's crusade against corrupt party bureaucrats, and in his staunchly populist rhetoric, nationalistic bent and repeated demands for ideological conformity.

The surge in Maoist sentiment and distrust of the status quo points to the complex risks facing China. The legitimacy of the Communist Party is staked upon both Mao's legacy and a tacit promise of bettering people's lives. Those two pillars may prove difficult to maintain as China navigates a painful economic transition that threatens to shed countless miners

and factory workers and widen social inequality.

While China went through similar reforms a decade ago, the economy was growing much faster at the time and citizens lacked organizational tools such as the Internet and social media platforms.

Grassroots Maoism has been "blossoming in every corner" in the past few years as social media has taken off, said Han Deqiang, a prominent Maoist lecturer and professor at Beihang University in Beijing.

The Cultural Revolution is considered to have begun May 16, 1966, when the Communist Party's Politburo purged a number of leading officials. Over the following decade, Mao deposed two heirs apparent, his "Little Red Book" of sayings was elevated to the level of holy scripture, and millions were imprisoned, sent to labor camps or exiled from the cities. Xi himself spent years living in a cave dwelling and laboring in the fields of his father's native

province of Sha'anxi.

Still, in Luoyang, a 3,000-year-old city in the central province of Henan, nearly every day retired or unemployed workers sing odes to Mao under a billowing Communist Party flag at Zhouwangcheng Plaza. People swarm around a clothesline and squint at dozens of pinned essays condemning the past 30 years of liberalization or positively reappraising the Cultural Revolution.

It was here in the plaza that Xu Xiaobin met a group of Maoist retirees who changed his thinking five years ago. That was before he was laid off from his 3,000 yuan-a-month (USD460) machining job.

"Even the word 'layoff' didn't exist" in Mao's time, Xu said, standing outside a shuttered state-owned gear factory that used to support his family of four. "You look on the Internet and there are people showing off their wealth. Then there are people like me, working under the sun in 40-degree heat."

Many have taken their grievances to Luoyang's streets. Thousands of decommissioned army veterans have been petitioning for years for retirement benefits, which have led to confrontations with police, who break up even private meetings in restaurants, said veteran Qin Shuiyan.

Perhaps no one has drawn Luoyang authorities' ire more than Wang Xianfeng, a 57-year-old retiree who in recent years has pulled together Maoist rallies with thousands of people, prompting multiple crackdowns.

She discusses Maoist thought semi-weekly in a rented home and organizes followers who distribute thousands of pamphlets. Police once tore down the house door and seized her group's public address system, Wang says.

Luoyang police declined a request for a telephone interview and did not respond to questions submitted by fax.

Wang was sentenced to two years in a labor camp in 2010, but her ardor for the ruling party and its leader has hardly dimmed. In her eyes, Xi is leading a new Cultural Revolution.

"He wants to inspect these people who've enjoyed their lifestyle for so long," she said. "It's a class struggle, so of course they're going to resist him, just like during the Cultural Revolution, when landlords didn't want to give up their position."

"If he needs us, we're ready to fight for him."

Maoism nationwide remains loosely organized, however. The community is bound mostly online by blogs and forums. Public demonstrations of even modest size are quickly shut down and unauthorized monuments to Mao, like giant statues, are razed in the heartland regions where Maoism burns hottest.

Analysts are closely watching how the party endorses or suppresses commemorations of the movement's anniversary this month, seeing that as a measure of Xi's personal authority.

Divisions are beginning to show. In March, a commentary in the state-run Global Times tabloid warned against taking "extreme" positions about the Cultural Revolution. A recent Beijing concert featuring lavish productions praising Mao and his class struggle reportedly drew criticism from some in the party elite. AP





In this file photo taken Aug. 29, 1966, drummers raise their cymbals and sticks as others hold up small booklets containing the writings of then Chairman Mao Zedong



Vendors unfurl a banner from 1969 depicting former Chinese leader Mao Zedong as he "inspects the great army of the Cultural Revolution"

Christopher Bodeen, Beijing

# Beijing barely notes start of Cultural Revolution 50 years ago

**E**XACTLY 50 years ago, China embarked on what was formally known as the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, a decade of tumult launched by Mao Zedong to revive communist goals and enforce a radical egalitarianism. The milestone was largely ignored yesterday in the Chinese media, reflecting continuing sensitivities about a period that was later declared a "catastrophe."

Authorities have generally suppressed discussion of the violent events, now a couple of generations removed from the lives of young Chinese focused on pursuing their own interests in an increasingly capitalistic society.

On May 16, 1966, the ruling Communist Party's Politburo met to purge a quartet of top officials who had fallen out of favor with Mao. It also produced a document announcing the start of the decade-long Cultural Revolution to pursue class warfare and enlist the population in mass political movements.

The start of the Cultural Revolution was not widely known or understood at the time, but soon took on an agenda characterized by extreme violence, leading to the downfall of leading officials, factional battles, mass rallies and the exile of educated youths to the countryside. It wound up severely threatening the Communist Party's legitimacy to rule.

Despite the party's formal repudiation of the movement five years after it ended, vestiges of the Cultural Revolution continue to echo in Chi-

na's authoritarian political system, the intolerance of dissent and uncritical support for the leadership, said veteran journalist Gao Yu, who was a university student in 1966.

Gao said her initial enthusiasm for the Cultural Revolution faded after fanatical young Red Guards raided her home and accused her father, a former ranking party cadre, of disloyalty to Mao. The violence of the era was impossible to avoid, she said.

"I saw so many respected teachers in universities and high schools get beaten up," Gao said. "The movement wasn't so much a high-profile political struggle as a massive campaign against humanity."

A longtime party critic, Gao,

**The movement wasn't so much a high-profile political struggle as a massive campaign against humanity.**

GAO YU  
JOURNALIST

now 72, was allowed to return home last year on medical parole after being imprisoned on a state secrets charge related to her publicizing a party document about ideological controls.

Gao and others say cynicism in Chinese society still lingers from the Cultural Revolution, when students were called on to denounce authority figures, including teachers and even parents. Traditional morals and philosophy were attacked and Buddhist temples were defaced and destroyed.

No official events were held to commemorate yesterday's anniversary, although neo-Maoists have been staging private commemorations. Many are motivated by nostalgia for a simpler time and alienated by a growing wealth gap brought about by the government's pursuit of market economics and abandonment of the former command economy that provided jobs and welfare to its citizens, even amid widespread poverty.

Newspapers monitored in Beijing provided virtually no coverage of the anniversary apart from small articles mentioning demand for antiques dating from the era.

Egged on by vague pronouncements from Mao, students and young workers clutching their leader's famed "Little Red Book" of sayings formed rival Red Guard factions star-

ting in 1966 that battled each other over ideological purity, sometimes using heavy weapons taken from the military. Few sought to oppose them given Mao's approval and the popularity of slogans such as "to revolt is justified," and "revolution is not a crime."

Rising violence later compelled party leaders to send in the People's Liberation Army to reassert control as many government functions were suspended and long-standing party leaders sent to work in farms and factories or detained in makeshift jails. To put a stop to the violence and chaos, millions of students were dispatched to the countryside to live and work with the peasantry, among them current President Xi Jinping, who lived in a cave dwelling for several years in his family's ancestral province of Sha'anxi.

Much of the country was on a wartime footing during the period, with Mao growing increasingly feeble and tense relations with former ally the Soviet Union breaking out into border clashes. Radicals allied with the so-called "Gang of Four," consisting of Mao's wife Jiang Qing and her confederates, battled with those representing the party's old guard, who were desperate to end the chaos in the economy, schools and government institutions.

The Cultural Revolution finally came to a close with

Mao's death on Sept. 9, 1976. In the aftermath, Deng Xiaoping emerged as the country's paramount leader, initiating four decades of economic development and a gradual repudiation of orthodox Marxism.

China formally closed the book on the era with a 1981 party document approved by Deng declaring it a "catastrophe" for the nation, but which largely exonerated Mao, whose portrait continues to hang from iconic Tiananmen Gate in the heart of Beijing and is stamped on banknotes.

The national curriculum offers students only a minimal account of the events, although a number of former Red Guards have written about their experiences and some have come forward to apologize to those they persecuted.

Despite the official silence, recent years have seen the growth of informal discussions online, in private magazines and at social gatherings of those who lived through the events. Revolutionary songs and operas from the period also remain popular, often divorced now from their original context.

"Memory has dwindled, but discussion of the Cultural Revolution has significantly expanded online," said Yang Guobin, a sociology professor at the University of Pennsylvania. **AP**



# Philippine president-elect to offer Cabinet posts to rebels

Teresa Cerojano, Manila

**P**RESUMPTIVE Philippine President-elect Rodrigo Duterte said yesterday he will reimpose the death penalty, offer Cabinet posts to communist rebels, and move to amend the constitution to give more power to the provinces, in some of his first policy pronouncements since winning last week's election based on an unofficial count.

In his first nationally televised news conference since the May 9 vote, Duterte also said he will launch a major military offensive to destroy Abu Sayyaf extremists on southern Jolo Island.

The announcements, a sharp departure from current government policy, reflect his brash campaign pledge to end crime and corruption in the impoverished nation in three to six months. Police officials have said the plan is undoable, and that crime remains prevalent in Davao city, where Duterte has served as mayor for more than 22 years.

The military has been fighting a decades-long Marxist insurgency in the countryside.

Duterte said he would likely offer the Cabinet posts of environment and natural resources, agrarian reform, social welfare, and labor to the communist rebels.



In this photo released by the Office of the City Mayor of Davao City, presumptive president-elect Rodrigo Duterte (right) receives a copy of the book on Chinese President Xi Jinping

"They are the most vigilant group in the Philippines about labor so they would get it," Duterte said.

The move would likely be strongly opposed by big business and industry.

Duterte said he would ask Congress to reimpose the death penalty, which has been suspended since 2006 in the face of staunch opposition from the dominant Roman Catholic church. Capital punishment by hanging, he said,

should be imposed for heinous crimes, and criminals convicted of killing along with robbery and rape should be meted "double the hanging."

"After the first hanging, there will be another ceremony for the second time until the head is completely severed from the body," he said.

Commission on Human Rights Chairman Chito Gascon said his agency opposes the death penalty and would block any attempt to reimpose it,

## Duterte also said he will launch a major military offensive to destroy Abu Sayyaf extremists

adding that the constitution forbids cruel and degrading punishments like hanging.

"In a country where the rule of law has so many loopholes and problems, what will happen is the possibility of a mistaken conviction," Gascon said by telephone.

Duterte also plans to switch to a federal form of government, aiming to give more power and resources to regions, including the country's south, where Davao city is located. Such a change would require an amendment to the constitution.

In a populist move, Duterte said he would sell the presidential yacht and use the money to buy medical equipment for military and police personnel.

"When people are hungry and jobless [...] it would be an obscene thing" to have the

luxury vessel lying unused, he said.

TV network ABS-CBN also quoted him as telling reporters in Davao late Sunday that he plans to ban the use of luxury cars among his Cabinet members and will use his personal pickup truck as his official presidential vehicle.

Duterte reiterated on yesterday his vow to control illegal drugs and crime, even if it means losing the presidency or his life. "Stop messing with me, because I have a sacred promise to save the next generation from the evil of drugs," he told critics.

He also promised to cut government red tape and remove corrupt officials. Duterte said "contaminated" police generals facing corruption cases should "get out now" before he assumes office. If not, they should prepare to be sent to invade the Abu Sayyaf militants, who have been blamed for multiple kidnappings and beheadings.

"And if you are taken hostage there, say your 'Our Fathers' because I will never, never pay anything to retrieve you," he added.

Army Lt. Gen. Ricardo Vi-saya, whom Duterte is considering to head the military, said he met over the weekend with the mayor, who told him he wanted troops to finish off the Abu Sayyaf within the president's six-year term and to back up the police in going after drug syndicates.

After the news conference, Duterte met with the ambassadors of China, Japan and Israel. Chinese Ambassador Zhao Jianhua gave him a book of writings by Chinese President Xi Jinping. **AP**

## MALAYSIA

# Growth eases further as exports, investments slip

Chong Pooi Koon

**M**ALAYSIA'S economy grew at the slowest pace in more than six years as exports weakened and private investment eased, adding pressure on policy makers to boost growth amid an uneven global recovery.

Gross domestic product rose 4.2 percent in the three months through March from a year earlier, after climbing 4.5 percent in the previous quarter, the central bank said Friday. That compares with a 4 percent median estimate in a Bloomberg News survey.

Rising costs are crimping business investment while government finan-

ces for the oil-exporting nation have been hurt by the decline in crude prices over the past two years. The International Monetary Fund last month lowered its forecast for global expansion this year and warned that a prolonged period of slow growth has raised stagnation risk. Malaysia's central bank has kept its benchmark rate steady even as inflation accelerated.

"The balance of risks in 2016 is skewed towards growth disappointment and fiscal slippage, with inflation pressures of second-order concern," said Weiwen Ng, an economist with Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd. in Singapore.



"We see an overhanging risk of a policy rate cut if the growth outlook deteriorates significantly."

The ringgit fell 0.2 percent to 4.0345 a dollar as of 2:55 p.m. in Kuala Lumpur Friday. The Malaysian currency has declined about 3.3 percent this quarter, the weakest performer in the Asia Pacific after outperforming all others in the first three months of 2016.

Growth is expected to

improve in the second half of this year, helped by higher civil servant wages and improved commodities production from the diminishing effect of El-Nino, Bank Negara Malaysia said Friday.

The economy is on track to expand 4 percent to 4.5 percent this year as projected by the government, Governor Muhammad Ibrahim said. Inflation is forecast by the govern-

ment to rise between 2.5 percent and 3.5 percent in 2016. Muhammad succeeded Zeti Akhtar Aziz as central bank governor this month.

The central bank left interest rates unchanged for a 10th meeting in March as accelerating inflation reduced scope for a cut in borrowing costs. Earlier this year, Bank Negara Malaysia lowered the amount of cash that banks must set aside as

reserves to boost funds in the financial system.

The reduction in the statutory reserve requirement has eased pressure on the inter-bank market and banks are lending more among each other, the central bank said. Monetary policy remains accommodative and supportive of economic activity, Muhammad said.

"This is as good a hint as any that the BNM governor is not at all keen to cut rate and shift away from the cautious and prudent policy stance that has been set in place by his predecessor, Dr. Zeti Aziz, any time soon," said Wellian Wiranto, an economist at Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp. in Singapore. **Bloomberg**





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# Temer says delivering results key to winning over Brazilians

**B**RAZIL'S Acting President Michel Temer said he will only gain popular recognition if he produces tangible results for the population, while pledging not to run for the country's top job in the 2018 election.

"I realize I lack popular recognition," he said in an interview Sunday evening on Globo Television. That will only come "if I produce results for the country. I believe and expect we can do that."

His comments come as many Brazilians have mixed feelings about Temer's taking office. Polls show he's nearly as unpopular as the suspended President Dilma Rousseff.

Temer, 75, assumed the presidency last week when the Senate voted to put Rousseff on trial for allegedly doctoring the federal budget. The chamber has six months to decide whether to permanently terminate her mandate. Rousseff denies wrongdoing and accuses Temer of orchestrating her ouster. Many of her supporters call him a coup monger, and residents of some neighborhoods in Sao Paulo, the country's largest city, could be heard jeering Temer during the airing of his interview on Sunday.

Temer said he probably won't run for another term in 2018 elections, and instead will focus his efforts on reviving the economy and pacifying a country that has grown increasingly



Michel Temer

polarized.

"I don't need to make political gestures or take steps to get re-elected," he said. "I can even be unpopular so to speak, because so long as I produce benefits for the country, that's good enough for me."

A constitutional lawyer and career politician, Temer quickly put in place a cabinet last week that includes former

Wall Street banker Henrique Meirelles as his finance minister. Meirelles was expected to appoint yesterday a nominee to run Brazil's central bank but has delayed that announcement, newspaper Valor Economico reported without naming its source. Current central bank chief Alexandre Tombini has struggled throughout Rousseff's five years in office to

cool inflation.

Temer and Meirelles, who spoke on the same Globo TV program Sunday night, said they will reduce expenditures where they can to shrink the budget deficit and help contain consumer prices, while preserving welfare programs that protect the most vulnerable. Temer said his administration will fire as many as 5,000 civil

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servants to contain spending.

Brazilian assets surged in recent months amid optimism that a new administration could pull the country out of a crushing recession. The real and the Sao Paulo stock index retreated at the end of the week after Meirelles refrained from giving details on his strategy. While he didn't provide specifics on Sunday, he said the government may have to temporarily raise taxes to shore up fiscal accounts and revive confidence.

"We need to get the economy back on track," he said. **Bloomberg**

# Iran cracks down on models posing without headscarves online

Amir Vahdat, Jon Gambrell,  
Teheran

**I**RANIAN police have arrested eight people in a new crackdown targeting "un-Islamic acts" online such as female models posting images of themselves without their hair covered, state media reported yesterday, part of a larger cultural struggle in the Islamic Republic over the country's future.

The arrests follow the detentions of artists, poets, journalists and activists as moderate President Hassan Rouhani's administration secured a landmark nuclear deal with world powers.

The arrests and harsh sentences handed down signal that hard-liners in the police and judiciary, who were unable to stop the accord and fear looser social norms will weaken

the Islamic Republic, still hold significant power in the country.

State television said this latest operation, called Spider II, particularly targeted users of the Instagram picture-sharing application. Instagram, owned by Facebook, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The television report included footage of model Elham Arab, known for her portraits in wedding dresses, speaking before Tehran prosecutor Abbas Jafari Dowlatabadi in a conference room, her blonde hair hidden under a black chador.

"All people love beauty and fame," Arab said. "They would like to be seen, but it is important to know what price they will pay to be seen."

Arab could not be immediately reached for

comment. It wasn't immediately known if she had a lawyer.

The TV report did not say what charges she faced, nor did it identify the other seven people arrested. It said police identified some 170 people in the operation through social media activity as being involved in modeling, including 58 models, 59 photographers and makeup artists.

It said those targeted saw their businesses shut down, as well as their pages on Instagram and Facebook removed. Arab's Instagram account could not be accessed yesterday.

"We must fight with enemy's actions in this area," Dowlatabadi was quoted by the state-owned IRAN newspaper as saying. "Of course our actions in this area will continue."

The previous Spider operation targeted "pornography and insulting Islamic sanctity," officials have said.

In recent years, Iranian women — especially in the capital, Tehran — have worn the mandatory scarf loosely on their head, drawing the ire of conservatives in the Islamic Republic. Tehran police chief Gen. Hossein Sajedinia in April announced his department had deployed 7,000 male and female officers for a new plainclothes division — the largest such undercover assignment in memory — to enforce the government-mandated Islamic dress code.

The model crackdown is just the latest move by authorities to control online expression in Iran. Nearly 40 percent of Iran's 80 million people



Iranian journalists follow the country's parliamentary runoff elections at the Interior Ministry in Tehran, on April 29

can access the Internet, though the U.S.-based watchdog Freedom House describes web access as "not free" in the Islamic Republic due to censorship and filtering.

In May 2014, authorities arrested a group of young Iranian men and women for an online video of them dancing to Pharrell Williams' song "Happy." While the arrests drew widespread criticism, including from the musician himself, those involved each received suspended sentences of six months'

imprisonment and 91 lashes.

Meanwhile, journalists, filmmakers, writers and activists also have been detained, sentenced or imprisoned.

Yesterday, Iran's semi-official ISNA news agency reported authorities arrested Mahdi Boutorabi, the manager of an Iranian blogging service called persianblog.ir. The ISNA report did not elaborate on the case of Boutorabi, who previously was arrested following Iran's disputed 2009 presidential election. **AP**



## what's ON



## RUBBER DUCK MACAO TOUR

UNTIL: May 29, 2016

## •THEME GAMES

TIME: 10am-6pm (Saturdays and Sundays)

VENUE: Outside the Macao Science Centre

## •RUBBER DUCK GARDEN

TIME: 10:30am-8pm (Fridays to Sundays)

VENUE: Macao Fisherman's Wharf

ADMISSION: Free to all activities

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2870 6222

## SOU PUI KUN'S WORK "MUSIC BOX"

IN EXHIBIT OF CONTEMPORARY SCULPTURE

TIME: 10am-7pm

(no admittance after 6:30 pm, closed on Mondays)

UNTIL: June 19, 2016

VENUE: The Handover Gifts Museum of Macau,

Av. Xian Xing Hai, s/n, NAPE

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 8791 9814

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TIME: 10am-6pm Daily (No admission after 5:30 pm; Except on Mondays, open on public holidays)

VENUE: Avenida do Conselheiro Ferreira de

Almeida, No. 95 C-D, Macau

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2852 2523

## ARTS IN THE MANDARIN'S HOUSE

TIME: 10am-6pm daily (No admission after 5:30 pm, closed on Wednesdays, opens on public holidays)

ADMISSION: free

VENUE: Travessa de António da Silva, No. 10

(near Lilau Square)

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2896 8820

## HI VACATION - COMIC EXHIBITION

TIME: 10:30am- 6:30pm

(Closed on Mondays and public holidays)

UNTIL: May 31, 2016

ADMISSION: Free

VENUE: 10, Calçada da Igreja de S.Lazaro, Macao

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2835 4582

## BLUE ROOM IN THE SKY

- EXHIBITION BY BLUE CHAN

TIME: 10:30am-6:30pm

(Closed on Mondays and public holidays)

UNTIL: June 26, 2016

ADMISSION: Free

VENUE: 10, Calçada da Igreja de S.Lazaro, Macao

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2835 4582

## Offbeat

## CAUGHT: PHILADELPHIA POLICE VAN IS DISGUISED AS GOOGLE MAPS VEHICLE

Philadelphia police officers attached a large Google Maps logo to a surveillance van in an apparent attempt to disguise it as one of the company's street-filming cars.

Police spokesman Lt. John Stanford said last week that no one was authorized by the department to place the decal on the van. He says it appeared officers were "being creative."

The department was made aware of the decal by a news outlet Wednesday and it was removed the same day.

A Google spokeswoman confirms the van was not part of its Street View fleet and says it's looking into the report.

The fleet records panoramic street views. The most common vehicles used are compact cars mounted with cameras and wrapped in the company's logo and mapping graphics.

## TV canal macau

13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
15:00	RTPi Live
18:00	Helena's Shadow (Repeated)
18:50	TDM Sport (Repeated)
19:50	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Non-Daily Portuguese News
21:15	TDM Interview
21:50	Happy Endings S3
22:10	Helena's Shadow
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Drama
00:20	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
00:50	RTPi Live

## cinema

## CINETEATRO

12 MAY- 18 MAY

## CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR\_

ROOM 1

2.30, 9.15 pm

Director: Anthony and Joe Russo

Starring: Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr.,

Scarlett Johansson, Sebastian Stan

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 147min

## BOOK OF LOVE\_

ROOM 1

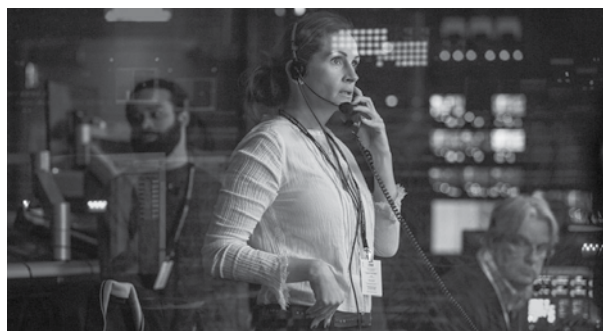
6.45 pm

Director: Xue Xiaolu

Starring: Tang Wei, Wu Xiubo

Language: Mandarin (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 130min



## MONEY MONSTER\_

ROOM 2

2.30, 4.40, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Jodie Foster

Starring: George Clooney, Julia Roberts, Jack

O'Connell

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 98min



## THE INERASABLE\_

ROOM 3

6.45 pm

Director: Yoshihiro Nakamura

Starring: Yuko Takeuchi, Ai Hashimoto, Kentaro

Sakaguchi

Language: Japanese (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 107min

## MACAU TOWER

27 APR - 18 MAY

## CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR\_

1.15, 4.00, 6.45, 9.30 pm

Director: Anthony and Joe Russo

Starring: Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr.,

Scarlett Johansson, Sebastian Stan

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 147min

## this day in history



## 1978 CHARLIE CHAPLIN'S STOLEN BODY FOUND

The coffin containing the body of Charlie Chaplin - missing since his grave was robbed 11 weeks ago - has been found.

It was dug up from a field about a mile away from the Chaplin home in Corsier near Lausanne, Switzerland.

The legendary comedian died on Christmas Day last year, aged 88. He was buried two days later in the village of Corsier in the hills above Lake Geneva.

Swiss police have arrested two men - a Pole aged 24 and a Bulgarian aged 38 - and say they have confessed to stealing the coffin and reburial.

Names of the accused have not been released, but police say they are both motor mechanics.

They were traced after police kept a watch on 200 phone kiosks and tapped the Chaplins' phone after the family received ransom demands of £400,000 for return of the body after it went missing in March.

Sir Charles' 51-year-old widow, Lady Oona Chaplin, refused to pay up saying: "Charlie would have thought it ridiculous." In further calls the kidnappers made threats to harm her two youngest children.

Hollywood rumours

The family kept silent about the ransom demands and various rumours circulated about the missing coffin.

One Hollywood report suggested it had been dug up because Sir Charles was a Jew buried in a gentile cemetery. Lady Chaplin, daughter of playwright Eugene O'Neill inherited about £12m after the death of her husband.

The couple and their eight children have been living in Lausanne since 1952.

A spokesman for the Chaplins said: "The family is very happy and relieved that this ordeal is over."

Superintendent Gabriel Cettou, the head of the Geneva police, said the two men would be charged with attempted extortion and disturbing the peace of the dead.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

Roman Wardas, a 24-year-old Pole, and Gantscho Ganev, a 38-year-old Bulgarian, were convicted in December 1978 of stealing the coffin and trying to extort £400,000 from the Chaplin family.

Wardas was sentenced to four-and-a-half-years' hard labour for masterminding the bizarre plot to hold Charlie Chaplin's body to ransom. He said he was inspired by an article about a similar case in an Italian newspaper and believed it was the answer to his financial difficulties.

His Bulgarian accomplice, described as a "muscle man" with a limited sense of responsibility, was given a suspended 18-month sentence.

Sir Charles' coffin was reburied in a theft-proof concrete grave.



YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19
If you're not active today, you may wonder what you can do to change that.

Taurus April 20-May 20
This is not a good time to take risks. In fact, you should probably play it as safe as you can.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21
You have got to move today - in one way or another. Take action at work, ask out that hottie or plan for a big change in your life.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22
Focus on your own needs today - things are getting harder, but you can nurture your own talents so that things start to get a lot better quickly.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22
You could have fun doing almost anything today - so make sure that you're staying focused.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Your inner being is pushing you to do something new and untested, but you know perfectly well that it won't work out - and why.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22
You are exploring more than just your immediate surroundings. You're checking out the psychic landscape and drifting far and wide over this world.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
Something seems risky - because it is! Your personal energy is better spent on things that are safe and cozy.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Try not to get too wrapped up in ego issues, but it's hard to miss the waves of admiration coming your way today.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19
Your idealistic side is making itself known in a dramatic fashion today, so make sure that you're pushing for what's right.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18
You've got friends who can do almost anything - so don't be afraid to tap into your network!

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20
Exercise your authority early today, so you don't have to deal with conflict or chaos later on.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

Easy

9x9 grid for Easy Sudoku puzzle.

Easy+

9x9 grid for Easy+ Sudoku puzzle.

Medium

9x9 grid for Medium Sudoku puzzle.

Hard

9x9 grid for Hard Sudoku puzzle.

WEATHER

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

CROSSWORDS

CROSS: 1- Short stocking; 5- Stepped; 9- Easy ...; 14- Let's go!; 15- Bundle; 16- We're Off ... the Wizard; 17- Title bestowed upon the wife of a raja; 18- "So be it"; 19- Compare; 20- Structure of an artistic work; 22- As ... resort; 23- Avarice; 24- Relaxes; 28- Geyser in Yellowstone National Park; 34- Adventurous expedition; 38- Small child; 39- Kansas city; 40- Prejudice against old people; 41- English astronomer; 43- Fiber source; 44- Sheep talk; 47- Wears away; 48- Pottery of hardened clay; 51- Ph.D. hurdles; 52- Skylit lobbies; 57- Continental identity of a Chinese person; 61- Flogging; 63- Actress Beulah; 64- Scored 100 on; 66- Como ... usted?; 67- Washbowl; 68- Toward shelter; 69- Leak slowly; 70- For ... (cheap); 71- Ready for picking; 72- Author ... Stanley Gardner;
DOWN: 1- Scrawny person; 2- Astrologer Sydney; 3- Type of artist's crayon; 4- Cutting instrument; 5- Ski lift; 6- Battered; 7- Flamenco cry; 8- Lair, often for wild animals; 9- Finally; 10- Dirty; 11- ... silly question...; 12- Honey producers; 13- Red coin?; 21- Smells; 25- To the rear, on a boat; 26- Paulo; 27- One or the other; 29- Supple; 30- Hawaiian city; 31- Entwine; 32- Peter Fonda title role; 33- Puts down; 34- Kemo ...; 35- Mogul capital until 1658; 36- Phobia; 37- Isn't wrong?; 42- Bailiwicks; 45- Santa ...; 46- Hole-boring tool; 49- Sharpening; 50- Out, in bed; 53- The ones here; 54- Vertical face of a stair; 55- Chip maker; 56- Wide open; 57- Swedish pop band whose hits include "Waterloo"; 58- In order (to); 59- Not ... many words; 60- Point after deuce; 62- Zip-...-Doo-Dah; 64- Swiss river; 65- Second-century date



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Benfica goalkeeper Paulo Lopes shows the trophy

# Benfica wins 3rd straight Portuguese league title

**B**ENFICA won its third straight Portuguese league title by defeating Nacional 4-1 in yesterday's [Macau time] last round, setting a new league record with 88 points from 34 matches.

Nicolas Gaitan scored two goals and Jonas and Pizzi added one each to give Benfica its 13th straight win and secure the title by two points over cross-town rival Sporting Lisbon.

Sporting defeated Braga 4-0 but fell short in its attempt to win the trophy for the first time

**Benfica set a new league record with 88 points from 34 matches**

since 2002.

Benfica won its 35th league title while FC Porto finished with 73 points in third place.

Porto held the previous points record with 86 points set in

the 2002-2003 season with a team coached by Jose Mourinho. AP

### BENFICA ALSO WINS IN MACAU

**THE 2016** Macau Elite League was concluded this month with Benfica de Macau winning the championship for the third consecutive time. The team managed by Henrique Nunes won all the 15 games of the championship, scoring 72 goals.

# Rashford in, Walcott out for England squad for Euro 2016

**T**EENAGE striker Marcus Rashford was selected in England's provisional 26-man squad yesterday ahead of the European Championship, less than three months after making his debut for Manchester United.

The 18-year-old Rashford has established himself as United's No. 1 striker in the final months of this season, scoring seven goals, and was one of five strikers selected by coach Roy Hodgson in an enlarged group for warm-up matches against Turkey, Australia and Portugal.

The squad will be trimmed to 23 players by May 31, and Hodgson said Rashford faces a fight to knock a fellow striker "off their perch" and make the final squad.

"He is one of the contenders, of course," Hodgson said. "The competition for him is quite strong and he'll understand that, but he deserves to be selected in this larger squad and it will be very interesting to see what he can do."

Rashford will have only one friendly to stake his claim —

against Australia on May 27. He will not be available for Sunday's game against Turkey because United plays in the FA Cup final a day earlier.

"If he continues to develop, there is no reason why he cannot become a regular in the England team," Hodgson said.

Arsenal winger Theo Walcott was the most high-profile omission after failing to start a match for his club since February. Andros Townsend was preferred to Walcott after finishing the Premier League season well with relegated Newcastle.

"I wish Roy and all the team the best of luck for a successful Euros," Walcott wrote on Twitter.

Midfielders Jack Wilshere and Jordan Henderson were also picked after recently making their returns after injuries but must prove their fitness to Hodgson, who said he is likely to select his final squad after the Australia game.

England is in Group B at Euro 2016 with Russia, Wales and Slovakia. The tournament runs from June 10-July 10. AP

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Daniel Beittler

BOXING

# Arum relishes double fourth-round KO in HK

**T**OP Rank founder and CEO Bob Arum enjoyed a series of spectacular results in Hong Kong this weekend after Kuok Kun Ng a.k.a. "The Macau Kid," and Hong Kong's Rex Tso both scored fourth-round knockouts. Arum's Top Rank operates as a promoter for both boxers.

Kuok beat Weerachit Kitee of Thailand by knockout in the fourth round after previously sending his opponent down twice and having referee Amnart Saichalard call a halt at the 2-minute mark.

This takes Ng's winning streak to nine fights, just days after finishing his second-year university examinations. The Macau-born fighter, who is studying sports education, defeated his rival through his trademark uppercut.

Meanwhile, 28-year-old Tso defeated South Korean fringe contender Young Gil Bae in the evening's main event. Tso is now ranked among the top 10 according to all of the major sanctioning bodies.

"Right now, my mind is blank. I'm very emotional right now," Tso told the South China Morning Post, after bringing his



Bob Arum

win record to 19-0 with 12 knockouts. "Thank you Hong Kong for your support," he added.

Regarding the weekend bouts in Hong Kong, Bob Arum says that show was "very success-

ful," and two of his three Macau-based fighters walked away victorious.

"We put it [the show] on in Hong Kong because there is tremendous appetite for boxing there. We also felt that we had an obligation to KKN [Kuok Kun Ng] and we don't want him to lose out as there are no fights in Macau [these days]."

Bob Arum held a series of events at the Venetian Macao's Cotai Arena in recent years, including among many others, fights featuring Manny Pacquiao, Zou Shiming and Brandon Rios. However, without continued support from casino operators, he recently decided to opt for nearby Hong Kong as a venue instead.

"We started [here in South China] because of Macau, you know, when they were riding high, when they had a leadership that believed in entertainment. It made Macau a big destination for this sort of thing [...] and because of what we did in Macau over the past few years, we have created a lot of interest in boxing among young people in Macau," Arum told the Times.

Asked about how the Hong Kong event this weekend compared with those held in Macau not long ago, Arum explained that the "fans were very enthusiastic in Hong Kong... but [the show was] not as spectacular as the ones we held in Macau. But the write-ups [from the weekend] were very, very good."

At a press conference in Hong Kong earlier this year, Arum said that the decline in casino revenue had been the catalyst for the relocation to Hong Kong, however yesterday he expressed an interest in returning to the MSAR.

"We still feel that there is a great appetite for boxing in Macau, and we would love to come back. But you need someone manning a property to have the same feeling about how valuable boxing can be to the resorts [...] I believe that the loss of boxing is very short-sighted."

**Because of what we did in Macau over the past few years, we have created a lot of interest in boxing among young people.**

BOB ARUM

## On the next Philippine star

**B**OB Arum, in an interview with the Times, said he is hopeful that 33-year-old Nonito Gonzales Donaire could be the next big Philippine star in boxing if Manny Pacquiao follows through with his boxing retirement plans.

"There is a young man, who by some coincidence comes from the same town as Pacquiao, and who is a rising star. He spent a lot of time in the USA but has recently returned to the Philippines," said Arum.

"[Donaire] just fought in Cebu a few weeks ago, where 25,000 boxing fans paid to watch his fight live in the city. The television rating was 24.7, meaning a quarter of television sets in the Philippines tuned in to watch his fight," the Top Rank CEO added.

In the boxing world Donaire is known as "The Filipino Flash" for his quick hand speed and punching power. Top Rank is a promoter for the Philippine boxer.

## UK police commissioner calls for inquiry into fake bomb

**T**HE mayor of greater Manchester yesterday demanded an inquiry into a security "fiasco" that saw Manchester United's stadium evacuated after a fake bomb was left behind from a security training exercise.

The discovery of the realistic-looking dummy bomb on Sunday prompted the evacuation of the 75,000-seat Old Trafford stadium minutes before Manchester United's last game of the season was due to start.

Police said the device discovered in a toilet just

before kickoff was left by a private company after a drill using search dogs last week.

British media identified the firm involved as Security Search Management and Solutions, which conducted an exercise last week with Manchester United's search-dog teams. The company could not immediately be reached for comment and it was not immediately clear why the device was not found earlier.

Army bomb disposal experts blew up the fake de-

vice, described by police as "incredibly lifelike."

John O'Hare, Assistant Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police, said that "on appearance this device was as real as could be, and the decision to evacuate the stadium was the right thing to do, until we could be sure that people were not at risk."

Mayor Tony Lloyd praised the police response but said the incident had put people in danger.

"This fiasco caused massive inconvenience to supporters who had come

from far and wide to watch the match, wasted the time of huge numbers of police officers and the army's bomb squad, and unnecessarily put people in danger, as evacuating tens of thousands of people from a football stadium is not without risk," he said.

Sunday's evacuation came amid tightened security at Premier League stadiums following last year's Paris attacks that targeted the Stade de France stadium as well as cafes, bars and a concert hall.

Britain last week upgra-



A police bomb squad unit leaves Old Trafford stadium after the final football match of the season between Manchester United and AFC Bournemouth

ded the threat of an attack on the mainland from Northern Irish militants from moderate to substantial, meaning an attack is a strong possibility.

The Provisional Irish Republican Army has observed a cease-fire since July 1997 and renounced violence in 2005, but several rival factions opposed to

Northern Ireland's peace process have mounted gun and bomb attacks on police and security officials in recent years.

The threat level to the U.K. from international terrorism stands at severe — the second highest point on a five-point scale — meaning an attack is "highly likely." AP



opinion

World Views

Editorial Board, Bloomberg

IT'S UP TO GOVERNMENTS TO STOP ENABLING CORRUPTION

It will take more than a "Global Declaration Against Corruption" to rid the world of an age-old scourge, but don't dismiss last week's anti-corruption summit in London too quickly. The surge of interest in the issue is all to the good - and an opportunity that shouldn't be wasted.

Graft may always be with us, but governments can choose either to tolerate and even assist it, or to confront it vigorously. One of the simplest and best ways to fight back is through sharing information. Letting the fruits of bribery, embezzlement and tax evasion be hidden away enables the crime.

Ahead of the meeting, more than 300 economists called on world leaders to restrict the use of shell companies and vehicles that conceal the ownership of assets. They make a good case. There's nothing wrong with owning assets abroad, and investors are entitled to expect appropriate confidentiality - but that doesn't justify a policy of hiding information from other tax and law enforcement authorities.

Pressure on governments that offer such invisibility can yield results. Following the outcry over the so-called Panama Papers, for example, Panama and four other jurisdictions have promised to share information on non-residents' holdings of assets.

Yet tax havens aren't necessarily poor or small. British Prime Minister David Cameron was recently caught on camera calling Nigeria "fantastically corrupt." At the summit, Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari, elected on an anti-corruption platform, didn't dissent. Instead, he asked for Britain's help in finding stolen Nigerian assets parked in London.

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Real estate is one of the easiest ways to launder ill-gotten wealth, and in this regard, Britain has developed a reputation it shouldn't want. More than 100,000 properties in England and Wales, and more than 44,000 in London alone, are owned by foreign companies. Cameron has promised changes, such as making foreign companies that own property in the U.K. declare their assets on a new public register. He's also announced plans for a new anti-corruption coordination center in London, and tougher treatment for executives who fail to prevent fraud or money laundering in their companies.

The U.S. is another haven for offshore wealth. "How ironic - no, how perverse - that the USA, which has been so sanctimonious in its condemnation of Swiss banks, has become the banking secrecy jurisdiction du jour," wrote one Swiss lawyer recently. Earlier this month, the White House said it would act to restrict the use of shell companies in the U.S.

Steps like these shouldn't need to wait for global corruption summits. But better late than never.

THE BUZZ COLOMBIA CLAIMS LARGEST COCAINE SEIZURE IN ITS HISTORY

Colombian authorities say they've made the biggest cocaine seizure in the history of a country long plagued by traffic in the drug.

The National Police agency says 50 commandos backed by helicopters seized about 8 tons of cocaine on a banana plantation in the northwestern department of Antioquia.

It says the drug belonged to a gang known as

the Clan Usuga and was apparently destined for the Caribbean and then to the United States.

Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos sent a tweet Sunday congratulating police on what he called the largest cocaine seizure in the history of Colombia, a major producer of the narcotic.

Police say they've seized more than 86 tons in all so far this year.

Obama casts Trump philosophy as one of ignorance, isolation



Barack Obama waves as he leaves Rutgers graduation ceremonies

**PRESIDENT** Barack Obama cast Donald Trump's positions on immigration, trade and Muslims as part of an ignorance-and-isolation philosophy that the president says will lead the U.S. down the path of decline.

Obama used his commencement speech Sunday at Rutgers University to tear into the presumptive Republican nominee, without ever mentioning his name. Time and again the president invoked specific Trump policies to denounce a rejection of facts, science and intellectualism that he said was pervading politics.

"In politics and in life, ignorance is not a virtue," Obama told some 12,000 graduates at the public university in New Jersey. "It's not cool to not know what you're talking about. That's not keeping it real or telling it like it is. That's not challenging political correctness. That's just

not knowing what you're talking about," the president said.

"And yet, we've become confused about this," he added. Obama's rebuke came as Trump closes in on clinching the GOP nomination, raising the prospect that November's election could portend a reversal of Obama's policies and approach to governing. In recent days, Trump has started focusing on the general election while working to unite a fractured Republican Party around his candidacy. Democrats are readying for a fight against a reality TV host they never

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anticipated would make it this far.

Obama has mostly steered clear of the race as Democrats Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders compete into the summer for the nomination. But in speeches like this one, he has laid out themes that Democrats are certain to use as they work to deny Trump the White House. He's urged journalists to scrutinize Trump's vague policy prescriptions and not to emphasize what he calls "the spectacle and the circus."

Trump has barreled his way toward the nomination by emphasizing the profound concerns of Americans who have felt left behind by the modern, global economy, summed up in his ubiquitous campaign slogan of "Make America great again." He's called for keeping Muslim immigrants out of the U.S., gutting Obama's trade deals with Asia and Europe, and cracking down on immigrants in the U.S. illegally.

In his speech, Obama told graduates that when they hear people wax nostalgic about the "good old days" in America, they should "take it with a grain of salt."

"Guess what? It ain't so," the president said, rattling off a list of measures by which life is better in the U.S. than in decades past. **AP**

Station	Air quality
Roadside	55-75 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	70-100 Moderate
Ambient	70-100 Moderate

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS

**INDIA** Rescuers have recovered 18 bodies from a river in eastern India's West Bengal state where an overcrowded boat sank following a village fair over the weekend.

**PAKISTAN's** prime minister defended his financial record yesterday, denying that he used any Pakistani funds to buy property in London or establish a steel mill in Saudi Arabia. Nawaz Sharif's speech came against the backdrop of the Panama papers, leaked financial documents indicating that his children hold offshore assets worth millions of dollars.

**PHILIPPINES** President-elect Rodrigo Duterte said yesterday he will reimpose the death penalty, offer Cabinet posts to communist rebels, and move to amend the constitution to give more power to the provinces. **More on p12**

**SOUTH AFRICA's** rand fell for a second day, heading for its weakest level against the dollar in two months, after reports that police are set to arrest Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan over alleged irregularities at the nation's revenue service.

THE DECISIVE MOMENT



The Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam (center), runs during the second edition of Macau's Sports Popular Games, which were held over the weekend.



**USA** Federal investigators and local authorities are working to determine what caused a charter bus to crash in far South Texas, killing eight people and injuring 44 others in a one-vehicle rollover.

**LIBYA's** U.N.-established presidency council effectively gave the go-ahead for 18 government ministers to start work, even though they have not received backing from the parliament based in the country's east.