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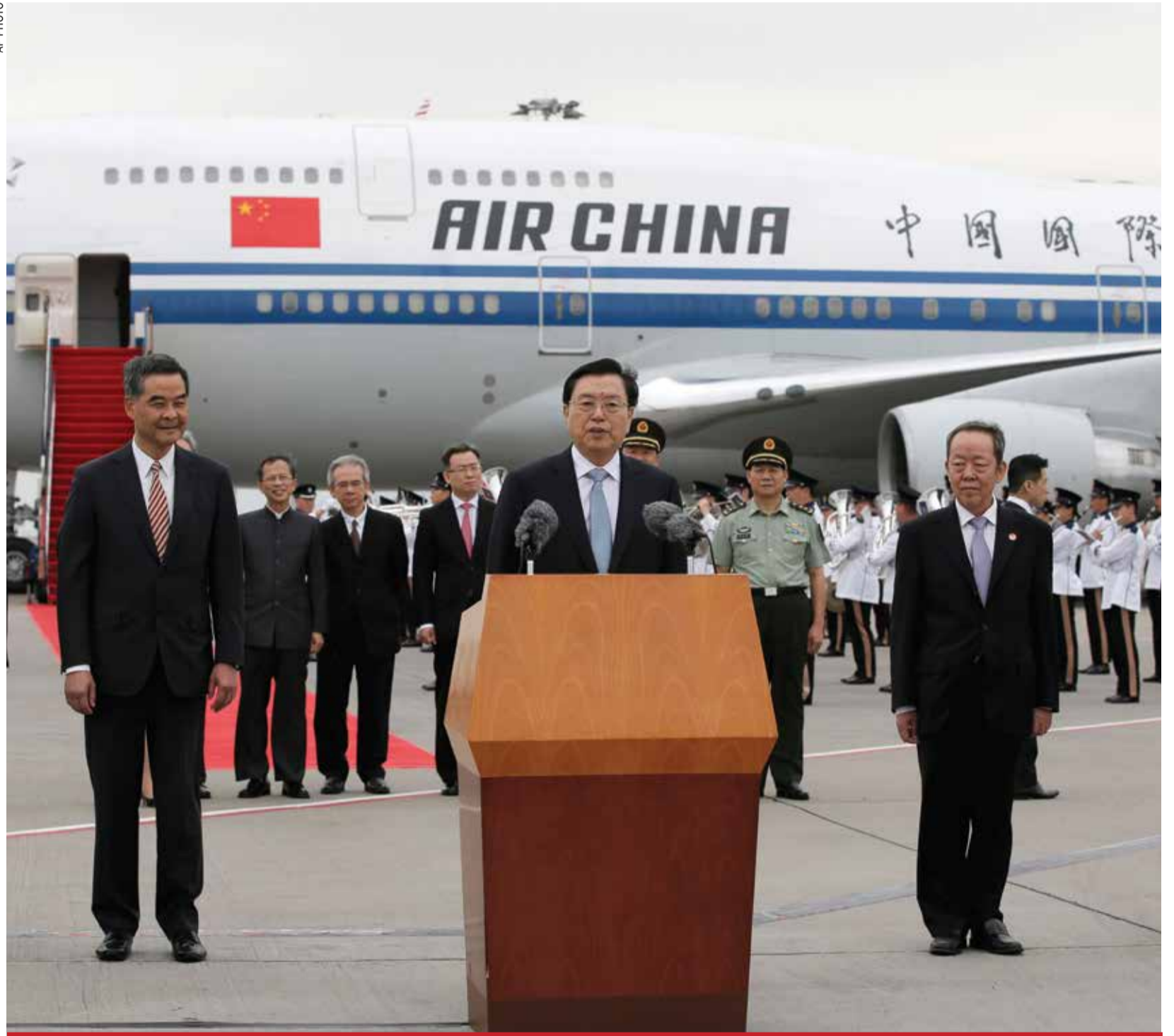
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**MYANMAR** The Obama administration lifted sanctions against 10 state-run Myanmar companies and banks yesterday in response to the nation's historic transition to democracy, but it retained restrictions on trade and investment with the still-powerful military.

**INDONESIA** Three Thai fishing boat captains have escaped from custody in Indonesia after their vessels were seized with dozens of trafficked foreign fishermen on board, an official said yesterday.

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## Hospital claims that it is not the source of wastewater leak

Recently, some neighboring residents of the Macau Public Hospital (CHCSJ) have expressed concerns over the possibility of a leakage in the sewage system in front of the hospital's Emergency building. The Health Bureau issued a statement informing that the CHCSJ drainage network was verified and no clogging on the hospital infrastructure was found. According to the bureau, the problem lies on the public sewage system which prompted the Bureau to inform the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau of this for an urgent follow-up. The Health Bureau also added that the wastewater from the hospital is collected and treated primarily by the hospital's own treatment system, arriving in the public sewage network in similar condition as any other domestic wastewater to ensure there is no possibility of any infection.

## Academic research grants deadline set for May 31

The application deadline for the Cultural Affairs Bureau's (IC) "Academic Research Grants" has been set for May 31. The Bureau is now calling for eligible academics to submit their applications, adding that late applications will not be considered. The research grants are awarded annually and aim to encourage original academic research on the culture of Macau and on the cultural exchange between the MSAR, mainland China and other countries. Local or overseas doctorate degree holders with proven academic research experience or recognized academic accomplishment are eligible to apply. Application for the grants is by submission of an application form to IC, in person or via mail, in addition to their curriculum vitae, research project plan and certified copies of certificates and academic transcripts.

## More vocational training courses

Forty-two institutions offered vocational training courses in 2015, an increase of 11 institutions year-on-year. According to the information from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC), a total of 1,508 courses were provided, up by 9 percent year-on-year. The total number of participants rose by 6 percent year-on-year to 55,841. Participants attending courses in computing and health increased by 1,519 and 858 respectively year-on-year, while those in tourism, gaming and events, and hotel/catering decreased by 612 and 594 respectively. The course completion rate was 87 percent, down by 1 percentage point year-on-year. Analyzed by course type, 34 percent of the participants (19,058) attended courses in Business & Administration, 13 percent (7,135) in language and another 13 percent (7,018) in computing.

## FOREIGN-LANGUAGE PERIODICALS

# Qing dynasty used Macau press for intelligence on foreigners

Daniel Beitler

**T**HE European Union Academic Program – Macau (EUAP-M) organized a talk last week at the University of Macau (UM) on the development of the press in the territory during the 19th and early 20th centuries.

The talk, entitled "Early Press in Macau: Claiming Autonomy and Identity in an International Context," was delivered by Cátia Miriam Costa from the Centre for International Studies in Lisbon, who stated that the early English newspapers in Macau played an important part in intelligence gathering during the Qing dynasty.

Starting from the foundation of Macau's first periodical publication in 1822, Costa traced the early history of the territory's press, detailing the simultaneous evolution of English, Portuguese and Chinese-language newspapers.

She noted that aside from the noteworthy influence of the Portuguese and Chinese newspapers in the territory, the English-language press was circulated in southern China where the publication of many other early periodicals was not permitted.

"It was a way of disseminating information to the Mainland's Canton province," Costa explained during the seminar.

"They [foreign media] also contributed to China in the early 20th century in the new



Cátia Miriam Costa

cultural movement, when they [China] sought to adopt new innovations and modern concepts," added Agnes Lam, a lawmaker in the Legislative Assembly and an associate professor at UM, who chaired a panel discussion after the talk.

Lam was speaking jointly about English and Portuguese-language newspapers in the territory.

"At that time, the Chinese were seeking to gather some foreign intelligence so they collected the foreign newspapers from Macau, collated them and sent them to the Emperor [...] China used them to understand what was going on in the region in terms of intelligence [...] and to understand the British," clarified Lam.

During this era, English-language publications mainly detailed missionary and business interests, such as shipping information and rules for trading in and around the territories of Macau and Hong Kong.

"Firstly the Jesuits printed [in Macau], then the religious settlers, and then traders such as the British East India Company, and other Chinese traders from Guangdong," she added.

On another level, the English press across Asia represented a deeper geopolitical struggle for influence between British and American rival interests on the continent. The British were wary of the Americans trying to get a foothold in southern China, explained Costa.

The Lisbon-based researcher attributed the rise of modern periodicals in Macau to much of the same trends and movements that were sweeping around the world during the 19th century: the trio of liberalism, republicanism and Catholicism.

These prevalent ideas influenced the founders and writers of foreign-language publications in Macau, eventually culminating in growing

demands for autonomy and independence in the territory.

"All the Portuguese and English newspapers [in Macau] are considered 'foreign' papers among the Chinese," said Agnes Lam, "even those with distinctly Macau-based roots. [However] the Chinese press in Macau were Chinese... without [reflecting] a local identity from Macau."

"It was the non-Chinese periodicals which were those to claim some independent identity for Macau," added Lam, continuing on to say "ideas of separatism, independence and liberty grew with the proliferation of these periodicals."

While the Portuguese media predated the English-language periodicals in Macau, most of them "did not last very long" and were governed by the Portuguese administration that only granted select outlets permission to print.

Nevertheless, between 1822 and 1930, 51 newspapers and magazines were established, representing an average of a new periodical about every two years.

Macau-based periodicals matured and in time developed strong reputations in the Asia-Pacific and an extensive outreach. As many as 22 papers published in Macau were distributed to Hong Kong and Shanghai, and some, by the final decades of the 100-year period, had spread as far as Hawaii and San Francisco.

## ARTS

# Annual Visual Arts Exhibition 2016 opens

**T**HE Macao Annual Visual Arts Exhibition 2016 – Western Media Category, opened on Friday, featuring a total of 83 artworks that reflect the development of the city's visual art discipline.

This year's exhibition focuses on Western Media such as (among others) painting, photography, printmaking, ceramics, sculpture, mixed media, installation and video. A total of 361 works were submitted since the open call last October, and a jury of five artists from different regions and disciplines selected 83 artworks to be exhibited.

According to the Cultural Bureau's



statement, ten artworks were selected to receive the Award of Distinction, including "Coloane Shipyard" by Sam Pak Fai; "Wool Sweater" by Wu Hin Long;

"All Living Things Series 1 and 2" by Cheong Hang Fong; and "Refuge for All" by Leong Wai Lap.

In a bid to encourage the development of local visual arts and showcase the city's unique culture, the Cultural Bureau organize the Macao Annual Visual Arts Exhibition every year during the Macao Arts Festival.

The exhibition, open until August 7, has become a regular exchange platform for local artists to showcase their works, reflecting the growth of the city's contemporary visual arts, according to the bureau.

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## CANIDROME RENEWAL

# IACM conducts regular inspections, no comment on greyhound treatment

Daniel Beitler

**T**HE Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) has clarified that it conducts regular inspections of the greyhounds housed at Macau's Yat Yuen Canidrome facility, though it would not comment on the condition or treatment of the animals.

The greyhound-racing facility has come under fire in recent weeks after local animal rights group Anima (Macau) challenged Canidrome representatives to a live televised debate on the merits of keeping the track open. The government is expected to make a decision this year on the facility's renewal.

A representative of IACM told the Times that the dogs at the facility are quarantined mandatorily by IACM and are vaccinated against rabies on a regular basis by their veterinarian staff.

IACM did not respond to requests for a statement on the treatment of greyhounds at the Canidrome. This is despite the fact that their "regular inspections" give them frequent access to the site.

The organization is also responsible for granting licenses for the import of live animals to Macau, all of which are required to undergo a health inspection, as stated on IACM's website.

Additionally, according to a statement released by the organization, the veterinary staff provide services to the IACM-run Macau and Coloane Kennels, where as many as 100 captured dogs are kept.

Under the Municipal Code,

the captured dogs are kept for 72 hours while authorities wait for owners to reclaim them. Some captured or abandoned dogs are made available for adoption once approved by IACM's veterinarians, however a representative of the bureau was unable to clarify by press time as to what happens to the rest of the captured dogs once the 72-hour period expires.

"The Macau and Coloane Kennels provide a clean and safe shelter for keeping captured and abandoned dogs temporarily. They are fed and taken care of by staff and vets of the municipal kennel, including veterinary care," read a statement from the bureau.

Lawmaker Pereira Coutinho told the Times this week that he believes the Canidrome will be successful in lobbying for a renewal but they will "probably close down."

"I think that the [Canidrome] company wants to close down

**The Macau and Coloane Kennels provide a clean and safe shelter for keeping captured and abandoned dogs temporarily.**

IACM



IACM's headquarters

the facility but they want to trade something in exchange [for that], as compensation. Maybe they are after the plot of land," said Coutinho. "Then they can build some residential housing on that land."

New Macau Association (ANM) president Scott Chiang told the Times that nearby residents are uninterested in the dog racing activities at the center, and many do not even know that they are taking place.

**I think that the [Canidrome] company wants to close down the facility but they want to trade something in exchange.**

PEREIRA COUTINHO  
LAWMAKER

"We actually held a workshop last year in the neighborhood next to the facility where we collected opinions about what this place means to them," explained Chiang. "Most people don't care. Many do not even know what is going on there."

"It is therefore not of great value to people nearby," he added.

Asked whether Chiang thinks that the facility will be renewed this year he replied: "I am not going to guess their [the government's] motives but the reasonable thing to do is to end the contract that is earning basically no profit."

According to Anima (Macau) President Albano Martins, the Canidrome has only managed to stay financially afloat in recent years due to taxation reductions granted by the government. Martins is calling on the government to cancel the facility's license this year should the issue of its renewal be addressed.



**Y**ESTERDAY, six members of the Macau Federation of Family Reunion (MFFR) traveled to Hong Kong in an attempt to deliver a letter

to the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the city and also to Zhang Dejiang, chairman of the Standing Committee of the Natio-

## Parents approach Hong Kong for residency for overage children

nal People's Congress (NPC), who is currently visiting the city (see page 11).

The MFFR delegation, all in their 60s, expect their journey to draw the attention of the central government to the issues concerning the "overage children" of Macau residents. These children are forced to stay in the mainland as they are ineligible to apply for special

permits to reunite with their parents in Macau.

When discussing the journey to Hong Kong, Lei Lok Lan, President of the MFFR, stated: "We really have no choice, thus we are up this blind alley." Lan further stated that, together with other members of the MFFR, she has continuously been participating in demonstrations at the Senado Square for almost

three months.

Nevertheless, these actions have not triggered any response from the government to date. "I hope the government can solve the problem as soon as possible," declared Lei, who also noted that delivering the letter is not intended to create controversy in Hong Kong.

There are currently 2,313 overage children,

from approximately 1,200 local families, living in mainland China. Of these, 1,710 are aged 25 to 44, with the majority located in Guangdong and Fujian. According to Fujian born lawmaker Chan Meng Kam, a majority of these children are well educated and have significant experience, both of which could be valuable assets if they enter Macau's labour market. **Staff reporter**

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# Inner Harbor expected to attract more tourists

**T**HE government has recently re-acquired two boat docks located in the Inner Harbor, with plans to utilize them for space for the extension of an exclusive bus lane, according to a report by Macao Daily News.

The docks, namely the No. 23 and No. 25 docks of the Inner Harbor, are part of the current four wooden structured docks in the area.

Lei Cheok Kuan, president of the Industry and Commerce Federation of Macau Central and Southern District, has suggested for the government to provide funds for docks owners. The funds could be deployed to facilitate maintenance and appearance of the docks and consequently, to assist tourism. Since the Inner Harbor is located in the vicinities of both the Avenida de Almeida Ribeiro and Avenida de Cinco de Outubro, Kuan has advocated that communities in

the area could once again flourish with the provision of this support from the government.

Lam Fat Iam, head of the Centre of Sino-Western Cultural Studies of the Macau Polytechnic Institute, has highlighted the unique architectural and historical background of the Inner Harbor, which may have great commercial value. Lam explained that the docks have witnessed the rise and fall of Macau's fishing industry and port trade and as such, should be regarded as one of the city's defining features.

According to Lam, the Inner Harbor began to lose its popularity in the 1990s, when ferries and casinos were successively relocated.

The Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau of Macau announced earlier this week that the "Inner Harbor View" will be included in the "Taking a Walk through the Streets of Macau" tour from this October. **Staff reporter**

G2E ASIA

# Experts optimistic about region's gaming market

**T**HE G2E Asia 2016 Conference commenced yesterday at The Venetian, welcoming over 180 exhibitors, 800 VIPs, and buyers from across the globe. The event's opening ceremony brought together local government, business organizations, and representatives of the international gaming industry.

This year's exhibition will be highlighting the fast-growing iGaming Zone, which has attracted more than double the number of exhibitors compared to last year.

"The 2016 edition presents yet another exciting lineup of events and opportunities to learn about the development in Asia's gaming conference," said Hu Wei, President of Reed Exhibitions Greater China.

Hu Wei believes that Asia's gaming industry is currently undergoing a transformation and is to present "numerous exciting opportunities."

"With 6500 pre-registered visitors from over 95 countries, it is clear that this is a show the industry trusts," added the pre-



sident in his welcoming remarks during the opening ceremony.

Meanwhile Geoff Freeman, president and CEO of the American Gaming Association is optimistic about the gaming market's stabilization in Macau.

"The numbers are still quite strong, it's still a 27-28 billion dollar market. I know that our members that are here, they're making investments for the long term," stated Freeman to the reporters on the sidelines of the event.

When asked if Macau could be similar to Las Vegas, where income is generated from both gaming and non-gaming markets, Freeman claimed that Macau is

already making billions of dollars from the development of the city's non-gaming activities.

"There's a bright future for it, non-gaming has great potential but it has to move in concert with the customers. It's developing here in Macau," said Freeman. "People should feel good about the development."

Although the penetration of the market within China is still quite minimal, Freeman stated that the potential for continued growth in the region's gaming market is "enormous," and admitted optimism about gaming revenues in the upcoming second quarter.

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AL PLENARY

# Infectious diseases building location divides lawmakers

**W**HETHER or not the Infectious Diseases Building should occupy the area set by the government on Guia Hill next to the Public Hospital (CHCSJ) seems to not only be dividing public opinion, but also the lawmakers.

The Legislative Assembly (AL) met in plenary meeting yesterday to debate the topic, requested individually by the lawmakers Au Kam San, Song Pek Kei, Si Ka Lon and Leong Veng Chai.

Au Kam San stated his reasons for disagreement with the government saying, "We understand the importance of the [infectious diseases] building, nobody is against of its construction. We are just concerned with its localization and with the need for locating it in such a high-density location," he said.

Lawmaker Song Peng Kei echoed the sentiments, adding: "It would be better if the main [infectious diseases] unit could be located in the future Islands Health Complex."

Song also advanced the possibility that a "[smaller] CHCSJ-based unit could be an addition to complement the Islands' Unit."

Agreeing with Song was Chan Iek Lap who considered the location of the Islands as more suitable for the "safeguarding of the population and of health services professionals."

On the government side, the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam, tried to explain to the lawmakers the need for this building to be located at the site of CHCSJ, emphasizing that it is essential "in order to provide better conditions for both patients and the health service professionals."

Tam explained: "This localization is due to the need for support of other services [from the main hospital] improving the treatment of the patients."

The secretary also explained that locating Infectious Diseases Units together with main



The Health Bureau director, Lei Chin Ion (left) and Alexis Tam

hospital facilities "is also a world trend," citing the examples of Hong Kong's Princess Margaret Hospital and Guangzhou's People's 8th Hospital that are also following the international trend.

Answering lawmaker Lei Cheng I, Tam added: "An early diagnosis and a fast response are very important factors in the early stages [of treatment]. Building near the general hospital will allow a fast response in diagnosis and isolation."

Another of the questions directed to the government from several lawmakers was in regards to both the time and budget needed to build the unit. Proponents such as Secretary Tam admitted that, with several unanswered questions remaining, the original MOP630 million "seem unlikely to be enough anymore." Meanwhile, a deadline answer was left to Secretary for Transport and Pu-

blic Works, Raimundo do Rosário, to be provided at a later date.

Lawmaker Sio Chi Wai said that, "although some polemics in society seem to agree that there is a need for the [infectious diseases] building," he thinks that government should disclose more detailed information about the project. "I think the government is doing the right thing but maybe the population needs more information," he said regarding the many concerns raised by neighboring residents.

Tam replied that authorities took the initiative to engage in dialogue with several entities and with the public in general as well as the media. "I held 21 sessions to clarify [the safety] of this building already," he added, concluding: "To continue to delay is to waste time which can carry serious consequences."

Angela Leong was another of the lawmakers calling for "more transparency" in order to "clear all doubts and concerns from the population." She added concerns regarding the protection of the "section of the old city walls" and raised questions about the differences between the unit that the government proposes to build by the side of CHCSJ and the building that will be built in the Islands Complex.

The secretary explained that the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) visited the "old city walls" two years ago and has undertaken protection and consolidation works, guaranteeing that "the wall will not be affected."

As for the unit intended for inclusion in the Islands Health Complex, Tam said it would be "more related to different and more serious cases like radioactivity contamination and biochemical attacks."

Another of the guarantees left by Tam was that the building was perfectly safe and would following the highest standards that exist within this field.

"It is not us saying that it is safe, it is all the experts - from China and from the World Health Organization - that are saying this. We are following the strict criteria from these organizations. We have even stricter standards than the USA," Tam said.

The secretary further reminded lawmakers that U.S. standards require a distance of 25 meters between an Infectious Disease building and other residential buildings while Macau is adhering to a gap of about 30 meters.

## CHAN IEK LAP SUPPORTS PLAN



CHAN IEK Lap was one of the lawmakers showing support for the plan "Some people are treating the [infectious diseases] building like a leprosarium, trying to push it as far as possible from population. This is wrong thinking," said the medically trained lawmaker, who graduated at Jinan University. "This is not a place for people to await their death. This is to save and heal people. [...] "We must think what is more valuable: landscapes or peoples' lives."

## STATISTICS

# Building unit purchases experience sharp decline

**I**NFORMATION released yesterday by the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) has indicated that a total of 1,928 building units and parking spaces have been purchased in the first quarter of 2016, showing a reduction of 22.3 percent from the previous quarter. The value of the entities sold amounted to MOP8.45 billion, down 23.5 percent compared with the

first quarter of last year. Purchase and sale of residential units totaled 1,215 or MOP5.55 billion in the first quarter, down by 16.8 percent and 20.6 percent quarter-on-quarter respectively.

Of these, sales of pre-sale residential units also fell by 26.9 percent to 133 units, with the total value of sales falling by 38.1 percent to MOP910 million.

In the first quarter of 2016, the average price of residential units decreased by 4.2 percent quarter-on-quarter to MOP72,955 per square meter of usable space. Pre-sale residential units decreased by 8.9 percent to MOP94,165 per square meter. Further, the average price of pre-sale residential units in the Macau Peninsula, Taipa and Coloane fell by 16.1

percent, 9.4 percent and 3.8 percent, respectively.

Analyzing the value of residential property by the year of completion yields some interesting results. The 679 residential units that were built more than 20 years ago resulted in an average price amounting to MOP59,832 per square meter, down by 1.1 percent quarter-on-quarter.

For the 256 residential

units completed between 11 and 20 years ago, the average price dropped by 1.9 percent to MOP70,912 per square meter, while 67 residential units completed 5 years ago or less decreased by 4.6 percent to MOP98,005 per square meter.

The average price of office units decreased by 4.2 percent quarter-on-quarter to MOP97,568 per square meter, while

that of industrial units increased by 14.6 percent to MOP43,850 per square meter.

In the first quarter of 2016, there were 2,595 real estate sale contracts signed, involving 2,599 properties, down by 8.6 percent compared with the previous quarter. Meanwhile, 2,522 mortgage contracts were signed, involving 3,283 properties, down by 14.9 percent.



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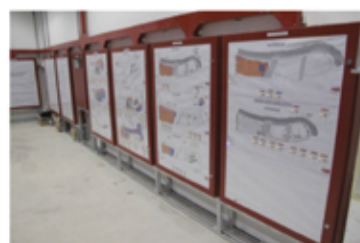
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**A**S China's leaders consider ways to improve market oversight and avoid the kind of boom and bust in equities that shook investors around the world last year, the nation's central bank is already extending its oversight to areas beyond its traditional focus.

The People's Bank of China this month expanded its powers to cap cross-border capital flows by adding controls for banks and companies to its new Macro Prudential Assessment system. The risk-monitoring system announced in December was expanded just one month later to include bonds, equities and off-balance sheet assets held by commercial banks, giving the central bank authority that was once the turf of the banking regulator.

The PBOC is also spreading its tentacles regionally, saying last month it plans to re-establish a provincial-based bureau structure that was abolished in 1990s so it can better gauge conditions on the ground. The goal: to consolidate risk monitoring so problems in banks or markets are spotted before they blow up and do real economic damage.

China's need for better oversight of its bubble-prone markets and improved communication of policies was plain to see last year, when a USD5 trillion stock-market collapse and shock currency devaluation rattled global investors. Authorities are considering convening a top-level finance work conference this summer - a year ahead of schedule - to map out a sweeping consolidation of the financial regulatory system, Bloomberg reported last month.

The PBOC has an "upper hand" in any shake up because of its broad mandate to maintain financial stability, according to Zhu Ning, deputy dean at Shanghai Jiao Tong University's Advanced Institute of Finance in Beijing and author of

# As China revamps regulation, PBOC gears up for central role



The People's Bank of China headquarters

the book "China's Guaranteed Bubbles," which examines China's rising debt threat.

Zhu said there are two likely outcomes from the regulatory revamp: the PBOC emerges as the key coordinating regulator, or a new super regulator is created to work alongside the PBOC. The PBOC-led option has the advantage of being clearer and more effective, according to Zhu, by avoiding the potential for conflicting policies or loopholes that could be exploited.

Spokespeople for the PBOC and the securities, banking and insurance regulators didn't immediately respond yesterday to faxed requests for comment on the regulatory changes.

One approach gathering support among policy makers is to use the Bank of England's position as a reference and

grant the PBOC more power over financial firms in an enhanced macro-prudential role, Bloomberg reported last month. Li Bo, director of the central bank's monetary policy division, wrote in an article in February that combined regulatory authority similar to the U.K.'s framework is a "preferable" option in China.

The central bank's governor Zhou Xiaochuan criticized the local regulatory system at a Group of 20 meeting in Shanghai in February, saying its performance through the financial turmoil of 2015 was "unsatisfactory" and the shake-up should be coordinated with the new macro prudential framework in mind.

"The central bank is expanding its authority and scope of management in the name of macro-prudential assessment,"

## China's need for better oversight of its bubble-prone markets and improved communication of policies was plain to see last year

said Ming Ming, head of fixed income research at Citic Securities Co. in Beijing. He anticipates resistance from the nation's other three regulators that currently oversee banking, insurance and securities.

The China Securities Regulatory Commission was established in 1992 and led by Zhou from 2000 until 2002, when he became PBOC governor. The CSRC has been bruised recently, with its performance criticized by Premier Li Keqiang, and its chairman removed in February. The new head, Liu Shiyu, is a former PBOC deputy governor.

The banking watchdog, formed in 2003, has also been criticized by analysts for not doing enough to curb the rampant borrowing for leveraged share trading that exacerbated last year's swings.

That leaves the central bank -- itself not unscathed with global investors calling for better communication after last year's surprise move to weaken the yuan -- taking on a bigger regulatory role while it also tries to keep the economy humming. In a statement Saturday, it said monetary policy will remain supportive after new credit rose less than expected last month, fueling concerns over the economic outlook.

Giving the PBOC a "superior position" to track financial risks and keep threats from slipping through the cracks should make Chinese markets a safer bet, according to Shen Jianguang, chief economist at Mizuho Securities Asia Ltd. in Hong Kong.

"It would fill in the current regulatory loopholes and prevent systematic risks," he said. "That should allow economic growth to speed up and facilitate supply-side structural reforms, reducing the spillover effects of a slowing Chinese economy on global markets." **Bloomberg**

## corporate bits

### CEM PARTICIPATES IN GUANGXI POWER INDUSTRY SUMMIT



Companhia de Electricidade de Macau (CEM) participated in the "6th Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau Power Industry Summit" in Nanning, Guangxi, last week between May 11 and 13. The summit was themed on "Reform, Innovation, Cooperation and Win-win Result," according to a CEM statement.

The meeting, which was

originally proposed in 2011 by China Southern Power Grid Corporation, aims to strengthen the exchange of information, knowledge and experience among power companies in Mainland China, Hong Kong and Macau, as well as seek opportunities for cooperation.

Xu Kaicheng, Chairman of the Board of Directors of

CEM, said during the summit that all efforts of the participants should tie in with the policy of "One Country, Two Systems" and the cooperation of the power enterprises in the three regions. Each party can also tap into its own regional advantage and strengths to complement their partners in the region, Xu said.

### IKEA SAID TO PLAN USD1B SALE OF EUROPEAN REAL ESTATE



Ikea, the world's biggest furniture retailer, plans to sell about 900 million euros (USD1 billion) of European retail parks surrounding its stores, according to people with knowledge of the matter.

Ikea has hired Cushman & Wakefield Inc. to help market the assets. Josefin Thorell, a spokeswoman for Ikea, confir-

med that the company plans to sell 27 European retail parks. She declined to comment on the value or the adviser. A spokesman for Cushman & Wakefield declined to comment.

Buyers are investing record amounts in European shops to benefit from the region's growing economy and rising property values. Shops valued

at 69 billion euros changed hands last year, 31 percent more than in 2014, according to data compiled by CBRE Group Inc.

Twelve of the retail parks are in Germany, with the rest scattered across Poland, Sweden, France, Finland, Switzerland and the Czech Republic, Thorell said. Ikea will have 25 parks left in Europe after the sale is complete, she said.

The plan is tied to Ikea's strategy of only keeping properties that allow it to collaborate with nearby tenants and create "inspiring and family-friendly meeting places," Thorell said.

"We're selling the Ikea parks that don't fit that vision," she said. "We're not selling everything."



Sales staff wait for customers at a Huawei retail shop with an advertisement for the P9 featuring Scarlett Johansson, seen in the background, in Beijing

# Huawei looks to build global smartphone brand

Joe McDonald, Shenzhen

**C**HINESE tech giant Huawei wants Americans to start thinking of it as a stylish smartphone brand.

Huawei Technologies Ltd., which pulled out of the U.S. market for network switching gear four years ago due to security fears, became the No. 3 global smartphone seller last year and passed Apple in China. This year, it launched a new flagship smartphone, the P9, and is positioning it to compete with Apple and Samsung.

"China has yet to create a high-end consumer brand. We want to take that goal onto our shoulders," Eric Xu, one of Huawei's three rotating co-CEOs, told industry analysts at a meeting last month.

To do that, Huawei must succeed in the United States the second-largest market for handsets after China, accounting for one-sixth of global sales, according to industry analysts. There, it starts with almost no market share and a name that consumers, if they know it at all, might associate with anxiety about possible Chinese spying rather than technology and style.

"It is more difficult than any other market they have ever

entered," said Nicole Peng of research firm Canalys. "I don't think they have concrete plans yet."

Outside the United States, the company is cranking up a global marketing campaign for the P9 featuring Hollywood stars Henry Cavill and Scarlett Johansson. For markets from Bangladesh to Mexico, it has recruited pop singers and football teams. It partnered with German photography powerhouse Leica to develop the camera on the P9.

The company has yet to say when it might sell the Android-based P9 to Americans or exactly how it will re-

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ERIC XU  
HUAWEI'S CO-CEO

build its U.S. presence.

"We're definitely very patient with the U.S. market," said Joy Tan, Huawei's president for communications, when asked how it planned to connect with buyers. "We hope these phones will be accepted by American consumers."

To meet its ambitious sales growth target of 30 percent a year, Huawei must increase its U.S. market share to double digits from below 2 percent now, said Peng of Canalys.

Huawei, pronounced "HWAH'-way," has big resources to back up its aspirations.

It made a 36.9 billion yuan (USD5.7 billion) profit last year on sales of 395 billion yuan (\$60.8 billion). That was equal to just one-quarter of Apple Inc.'s sales, but Huawei spent \$9 billion on research and development to Apple's \$8.1 billion.

Huawei shipped 108 million handsets last year, the first Chinese company to pass the 100 million mark. That is a distant third behind Samsung Electronics Ltd.'s 325 million handsets and Apple's 231.5 million.

The company headquartered on a leafy campus in this southern Chinese tech hub adjacent to Hong Kong beat

Apple and Samsung to market with a camera equipped with side-by-side lenses, one in black and white and one in color, that it says produces clearer images. The handset is slimmer than the iPhone 6s or Samsung's Galaxy 7 but its screen is bigger than the Apple's.

Huawei's phones now are sold in the U.S. only through its website. But it has a potential opening with phone carriers that are the main sales channel and want more products, according to Gartner analyst Tuong H. Nguyen.

Its "deep understanding" of mobile technology "could be leveraged for quick product launches of good quality products," Nguyen said in an email.

That depends on overcoming any lingering security fears.

The U.S. market for Huawei's network gear evaporated in 2012 after a congressional panel deemed Huawei and Chinese rival ZTE Corp. potential security threats and recommended Americans avoid doing business with them. The previous year, a government panel forced Huawei to rescind its purchase of a small California computer company. "This makes it difficult

for Huawei and other Chinese vendors to penetrate this market," said Nguyen.

Huawei rejects accusations it might facilitate Chinese spying and says American critics have failed to present evidence to back them up. The company is privately held but has begun releasing financial results in hopes increased transparency will ease Western security concerns.

For its part, ZTE has been making a quiet U.S. comeback in smartphones. Its market share grew to 4 percent last year, according to Canalys. It is competing with lower prices, not going after the brand-conscious premium tier where Huawei will face formidable competition from Apple and Samsung in their biggest market.

Founded in 1987 by a former military engineer, Huawei became the first Chinese supplier to break into the top ranks of a technology industry, where it competes with Nokia Corp. and Sweden's LM Ericsson in network gear and wireless base stations. Employees joked that, operating behind the scenes for its first two decades, it was the biggest company no one ever heard of.

Huawei's priority this year is a marketing campaign to "address the No. 1 issue that many people don't know the company — especially in Western countries," said Glory Cheung, president of marketing for its Consumer Business Group.

Huawei is cultivating a luxurious image for its smartphones that contrasts with Apple's minimalism. It partnered with luxury brand Swarovski to design a women's smartwatch.

"Not defined the Apple way," said a slide Cheung showed during the April analyst event. It called that style "smart and clean but lifeless, soulless and cut off."

Huawei's venture into consumer devices follows the trail blazed by Nokia Corp. in the 1980s when the Finnish switching equipment maker started selling mobile phones.

For two decades, Nokia dominated that market, before fading with the switch to smartphones. Nokia sold its mobile phone unit to Microsoft Corp. in 2014 to focus on network gear.

Nokia's disappearance shows the market "can change massively" if a leader makes a mistake, though overtaking Apple or Samsung would be a "highly aggressive target," Peng said.

"It's relatively easy for them to stay at No. 3," she said. "But how to move up to another level? It's so much more difficult." AP

Kelvin Chan, Hong Kong

**H**ONG Kong authorities rolled out a massive security operation yesterday as they braced for protests during a top Beijing official's visit to the semiautonomous city, where tensions are rising over Chinese rule.

Thousands of police officers were deployed as Zhang Dejiang, China's third-highest-ranking Communist Party official, began his three-day "inspection visit" to the former British colony. Zhang, chairman of the National People's Congress, China's ceremonial parliament, is the most senior Chinese official to visit Hong Kong since then-President Hu Jintao came in 2012.

The stepped-up security, including officers keeping watch on a mountain peak far from the city center, reflects official unease about possible disruptions as Hong Kong's political atmosphere grows increasingly turbulent.

Discontent over Beijing's tightening grip on Hong Kong has risen since pro-democracy street protests rocked the Asian financial hub in late 2014, and calls for independence from radical political groups have become commonplace.

After arriving at the airport, Zhang, who's also the

# Hong Kong under tight security for Zhang's visit

**Police in Shenzhen arrested a HK man involved in a plot to use a drone to disrupt Zhang's visit**

Chinese official in charge of Hong Kong affairs, touched on the city's fraying ties with the mainland, saying he would listen to "suggestions and requests from various sectors of society on [...] the development of the country and Hong Kong."

Zhang is scheduled to deliver a speech at a business conference today morning. He's also expected to hold a rare meeting with four pro-democracy lawmakers, who said they would urge him to get rid of the city's unpopular



Firemen try to take down a banner with Chinese words "I want genuine universal suffrage" unfurled by pro-democracy activists at the mountainside of Lion Rock

Beijing-backed leader, Leung Chun-ying, and revive political reform efforts.

Around 6,000 police officers are on duty for Zhang's visit, the South China Morning Post reported. Officers were even dispatched to the summit of Lion Rock, one of Hong Kong's tallest peaks, the Apple Daily newspaper said. However, they failed to prevent activists from unfurling a



The chairman of the Standing Committee of China's National People's Congress, Zhang Dejiang (center) walks with Hong Kong's Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying (left) after arriving at Hong Kong's airport

pro-democracy banner lower down the mountainside.

Police set up hundreds of plastic water-filled safety barriers on the streets surrounding the downtown convention center where Zhang will speak and the hotel next door where he's staying.

In another sign of official nervousness over the visit, authorities glued together sidewalk paving stones to pre-

vent them from being ripped up and hurled by protesters. Pavers were thrown during a February riot involving a pro-independence group that left 90 people injured.

Police in the neighboring mainland city of Shenzhen arrested a Hong Kong man involved in a plot to use a drone to disrupt Zhang's visit, China's official Xinhua news agency reported Sunday. **AP**

## State media make rare remarks on Cultural Revolution

Gerry Shih, Beijing

**C**HINA'S official media reaffirmed yesterday the Communist Party's longstanding judgment that the Cultural Revolution was a catastrophic mistake after staying silent on Monday's 50th anniversary of the start of the decade-long upheaval.

The official party mouthpiece People's Daily published an opinion piece on its website precisely at midnight yesterday unequivocally praising the 1981 party resolution that condemned the bloody political movement launched by Mao Zedong to enforce a radical egalitarianism.

"Our party has long taken a solemn attitude toward bravely admitting, correctly analyzing and firmly correcting the mistakes of our leadership figures," the piece read.

The party has long suppressed open discussion of the tumultuous period, fearing that could undermine its legitimacy to rule and lead to direct criticism of Mao, the founder of the communist state who remains a revered figure.

So political observers have been closely observing the party leadership's attitude toward



In this Sept. 14, 1966 file photo, youths are seen at a rally during the height of the Red Guard upheaval waving copies of the collected writings of Communist Party Chairman Mao Zedong

the milestone as a bellwether of the country's ideological direction. No official commemorations have been held, although some Mao loyalists have staged private events.

Since taking power in 2013, President Xi Jinping has made frequent references to Mao, centralized control and deployed political stagecraft carrying echoes of Mao's rule, drawing criticism from Chinese liberals and political opponents.

The official commentary yesterday sought to thoroughly lay to rest any further debate of the Cultural Revolution and urged the country keep moving ahead under Xi.

The 1981 resolution "on the Cultural Revolution (as a

catastrophe) has withstood the test of time and it remains unshakably scientific and authoritative," it said. "We summarize and absorb history's lessons with the goal of using history as a mirror to better move forward."

In a separate commentary, the Global Times newspaper published by People's Daily said the events of 50 years ago had inculcated an abhorrence of disorder and craving for stability among the Chinese public.

"Completely denying the values of the Cultural Revolution is not only an understanding throughout the party, but also a stable consensus of the whole of Chinese society," the paper said. **AP**

## Police launches online platform to help find missing children

**A** two-year old girl was rescued in central China's Henan Province early Sunday morning, 32 hours after she was abducted, thanks to a new online platform.

The girl from southwest China's Sichuan Province went missing around 4 p.m. on Friday afternoon while she and her family were changing trains in Hengshui, a city in north China's Hebei Province.

Police identified a man suspected of snatching the girl on the railway station's CCTV and broadcast his description via both traditional media and the new Ministry of Public Security (MPS) platform. More than 5,000 police officers can provide updates on missing children via the app "Tuanyuan" - "reunion" in Chinese - developed by Alibaba.

Police everywhere can now share information and work together via the app, said Liu Zhenfen, chief risk officer of Alibaba. The new system went live on May 11. According to Xinhua, it already has more than 150,000 followers.

Users near to where a child disappears receive push no-

tifications, including photos and descriptions. The scope of these push notifications will be expanded over time, depending on the success of the system.

"If the child has been missing for one hour, the push notifications are sent within a radius of 100 km; after two hours, 200 km; three hours, 300 km and thereafter, 500 km," said Meng Qingtian of the MPS anti-trafficking squad.

Many people passed on information about the missing toddler to the police via the platform, despite it only being on trial at the time, said Meng. This directly helped police to find the missing girl within two days.

The suspect, a native of Anyang City, Henan Province, was arrested in the provincial capital of Zhengzhou. Further investigation into the case is under way.

Meng said the platform will bring together more mobile apps, encouraging the public to help in anti-trafficking work and reunite more stolen children with their families. **Xinhua**

Hyung-Jin Kim, Seoul

**N**ORTH Korea has named a career diplomat and ex-nuclear envoy with broad experience in negotiating with rivals South Korea and the United States as its new foreign minister, according to a diplomatic letter from Pyongyang.

North Korea's embassy in London informed the British government Monday that former Vice Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho has been appointed as the country's new top diplomat.

Some South Korean analysts say Ri's appointment could be part of a bid to revive long-stalled diplomacy and improve ties with the outside world after Pyongyang's fourth nuclear test in January and long-range rocket launch in February led to international criticism and tough sanctions.

Critics say that North Korea turns to empty diplomatic gestures only after ratcheting up animosity in an attempt to win concessions and aid. North Korean diplomats also reportedly take a back seat to the generals and their hardline policies in tense times.

Ri's appointment probably won't ease the nuclear standoff anytime soon. The North has dismissed an insistence in Seoul and Washington that talks can resume only after Pyongyang follows through on past nuclear disarmament pledges.

Ri has served as the North's top envoy to stalled six-nation disarmament talks on his country's nuclear weapons program and participated in talks with the United States in the 1990s.

# North Korea names ex-nuclear envoy as new foreign minister



Ri Yong Ho

He also served as the North's ambassador in London.

In 2011, he met South Korea's top nuclear envoy in Bali, Indonesia, on the sidelines of a regional security conference and agreed to work toward a resumption of the nuclear talks. The agreement was considered a breakthrough at the time, but the nuclear negotiations are still stalled and have not been held since late 2008.

North Korea's ruling elite in-

cludes another person called "Ri Yong Ho" in English, though his name in Korean is slightly different from the new foreign minister's. This other Ri Yong Ho served as the country's army chief before his abrupt dismissal in 2012, and has not appeared in the North's media since.

North Korea's diplomatic letter did not say what happened to the departing foreign minister, Ri Su Yong. But South Korea's spy agency said yesterday that

it believes Ri Su Yong was promoted to vice chairman for international affairs of the ruling Workers' Party after giving his top diplomat job to Ri Yong Ho. The agency didn't elaborate.

With a wealth of experience handling important jobs and participating in crucial talks with the United States and other nations, Ri Yong Ho is likely to be a more skilled negotiator than his predecessor, said Koh Yu-hwan, a professor at Seoul's

**Ri has served as the North's top envoy to stalled six-nation disarmament talks**

Dongguk University.

Ri Su Yong had a close relationship with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. Ri Su Yong was North Korean ambassador to Switzerland, where Kim studied as a teenager. But as foreign minister, he didn't show much depth as a negotiator and often did nothing more than parrot Pyongyang's official lines, Koh said.

Both Ri Su Yong and Ri Yong Ho were awarded high-level posts during this month's Workers' Party conference, which was held for the first time in 36 years. If Ri Su Yong's promotion is correct, he replaces Kang Sok Ju, a longtime foreign policy specialist who negotiated a deal with the U.S. in 1994 to freeze and ultimately dismantle North Korea's nuclear facilities in exchange for economic aid. **AP**

## CORRUPTION

# Malaysia says too early to conclude fraud in 1MDB-Abu Dhabi deal

Shamim Adam and Manirajan Ramasamy

**M**ALAYSIA said yesterday it's too early to conclude if fraud had occurred in dealings between its troubled state company and an Abu Dhabi sovereign wealth fund.

1Malaysia Development Bhd., which is the subject of global investigations, said last month it could be a victim of fraud if payments of USD3.5 billion intended for Abu Dhabi's International Petroleum Investment Co. never made it there. IPIC had denied ownership of a company that received the funds known as Aabar Investments PJS Limited, or Aabar BVI.

"1MDB is still re-

**There are at least USD4.2b of questionable transactions by 1MDB**

viewing and taking steps to prove that IPIC and Aabar Investments PJS are responsible for the funds that had been paid by 1MDB to Aabar BVI totaling \$3.5 billion," the Malaysian finance ministry said in a written reply in parliament.

A report by a Malaysian parliamentary committee last month identified at least \$4.2 billion of questionable transactions by 1MDB, inclu-

ding those involving the Abu Dhabi companies. The bipartisan group said it couldn't verify a \$2.1 billion payment to Aabar Investments PJS Ltd., while another \$1.37 billion was sent to the company without the approval of 1MDB's board. 1MDB has consistently denied wrongdoing over its finances.

IPIC has a unit that goes by the name of Aabar Investments PJS (without the Ltd.) in the company that 1MDB transferred money to. 1MDB said it negotiated "various legal agreements" with the previous heads of IPIC and Aabar and called it a "surprising claim" that neither of the Gulf companies knew of payments to Aabar BVI.

Swiss authorities said

last month they are investigating two former public officials from the United Arab Emirates, who handled Abu Dhabi sovereign wealth funds that guaranteed 1MDB bonds. Authorities from the U.S. to Switzerland and Singapore are trying to determine if some of the billions of dollars that 1MDB raised were siphoned out inappropriately.

1MDB and IPIC have been locked in a dispute that spilled over to repayments on bonds of the Malaysian fund. That led to a default by 1MDB last month, hitting the reputation of the Malaysian government who is its sole shareholder and adding to financial scandals that have rocked the com-



pany and nation.

Separately, the Malaysian government said those spreading false information including that about 1MDB could have legal action taken

against them, according to a written response in parliament. Laws under the Sedition Act and the Penal code could be enforced, the home affairs ministry said. **Bloomberg**

Jim Gomez, Manila

PHILIPPINES

# Bloody anti-crime purge may haunt next president

NINE years ago Father Amado Picardal helped bury a teenager from a slum family who was gunned down by motorcycle-riding assassins in the southern Philippine city of Davao. The death was among hundreds in the large port city blamed on an anti-crime purge some believed was secretly run by its mayor, Rodrigo Duterte.

Memories of that violence flashed back in the Roman Catholic priest's mind when the tough-talking mayor triumphed in last week's presidential election on a pledge to replicate his Davao crime-busting style in the rest of the Philippines. "I felt sad and depressed," Picardal said of Duterte's rise.

A Duterte presidency is "very frightening," he said in an interview, adding that human rights groups will need to keep a close watch and document any violations, especially extrajudicial killings, in the next six years under Duterte's presidency.

From his 22 years as mayor to the presidential campaign trail, Duterte has never minced words about his deadly objective for criminals. But he has generally denied the existence of death squads in his city.

However, investigations by the Commission on Human Rights in the Philippines, a senior U.N. official, Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International and a group led by Picardal that opposed summary executions have concluded otherwise.

Clarita Alia, a vegetable vendor and the mother of the young man that Picardal helped bury in Davao in 2007, said she is willing to testify if a case against Duterte goes to court. Three other sons of hers who were suspected of crimes she said they did not commit were also killed by motorcycle-riding hitmen.

Duterte's bold campaign pledge to end crime and corruption within six months, his iron-fisted approach to law and order, and his public threat to kill all criminals helped catapult the longtime mayor into the presidency. But his tough anti-crime reputation may now haunt him as he comes under a national and international spotlight and tries to achieve his promise.

A former prosecutor who experienced the legal complexities of battling criminals, Duterte was first elected mayor in 1988. Nicknamed "Duterte Harry" after the Clint Eastwood character with little regard for rules, he served as hundreds of suspected criminals, drug dealers and addicts were gunned down or fatally stabbed in a wave of brazen attacks by motorcycle-riding gunmen dubbed by the media as the "Davao Death Squads,"

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A resident walks past a campaign poster of Duterte heralding his anti-criminality and anti-drugs platform in Davao city

or the DDS.

On the final day of campaigning 10 days ago, he made clear he would continue to employ his hard-line approach to crime as president.

"All of you who are into drugs, you sons of bitches, I will really kill you," Duterte told a huge crowd in Manila. "I have no patience, I have no middle ground, either you kill me or I will kill you idiots."

But he has denied any role in gangland-style killings, at one point blaming warring gangs for the violence.

Investigators say they have found no hard evidence of a direct role by Duterte in the vigilante-style killings, saying not one witness has come forward to testify against him, possibly for fear of reprisals.

In a report, the Commission on Human Rights said 206 people, mostly suspected criminals and including 19 minors, were slain in shootings and stabbings attributed to

**All of you who are into drugs, you sons of bitches, I will really kill you.**

DUTERTE

the death squads from 2005 to 2009 alone, adding that there were witnesses to at least 94 of the killings.

"Nobody wanted to testify," said Loretta Ann Rosales, who headed the commission at the time. "There was a measure of fear. We can't prove his criminal liability because nobody would say that he ordered the killings."

Phelim Kine of the U.S.-based group Human Rights Watch said it found no hard evidence of any direct role by Duterte in 28 death-squad killings, mostly from 2007 to 2008, that it investigated.

"What is unquestionable is that we found evidence that Davao city officials and police were directly involved and that evidence merits a thorough investigation by the Philippine authorities," Kine said, adding that his group wasn't aware if the government had acted on the findings.

In its 2009 report, Human Rights Watch said many of the killers were former Marxist rebel hitmen or targeted criminals who turned into DDS gunmen to avoid death. It said they were armed with .45 caliber pistols and paid to carry out the executions by their "boss."

The boss "provides members of a death squad team with as little as the name of the target, and sometimes an address and a photograph. Police stations

are then notified to ensure that police officers are slow to respond, enabling the death squad members to escape," the human rights group said.

"The motive appears to be simple expedience: courts are viewed as slow or inept. The murder of criminal suspects is seen as easier and faster than proper law enforcement," it said.

Philip Alston, then the U.N. special rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions who looked into the Davao violence, said in a 2008 report that it would be a "polite euphemism" to describe the killers as "vigilantes" given the "shocking predictability" with which they killed their victims, adding many of them didn't even wear masks.

"One fact points very strongly to the officially sanctioned character of these killings: No one involved covers his face. The men who warn mothers that their children will be the next to die unless they make themselves scarce turn up on doorsteps undisguised," Alston said.

Rosales said the Philippine human rights commission asked the Ombudsman, which prosecutes officials for wrongdoing, to investigate Duterte in 2012 for possible administrative liability "for his inaction in the face of evidence of numerous killings committed

in Davao City and his toleration of the commission of those offenses."

Her commission cited the country's constitution, local laws and international conventions that bind the Philippine government and its officials to protect human rights and effectively investigate and prosecute violators.

That attempt failed, however, when Duterte was let off by a Philippine legal doctrine that absolves newly elected officials from administrative liabilities they may have committed in past terms, Rosales said. Duterte was reelected mayor in 2013.

The Supreme Court struck down that doctrine last year due to complaints that it had blocked the prosecution of officials accused of wrongdoing and corruption.

Although Duterte was cleared, 21 high-ranking police officials who were not covered by the doctrine were found guilty of "simple neglect of duty" by the Ombudsman in 2012 for failing to stop death squad assaults in their areas that killed 720 people from 2005 to 2008.

Each officer was fined the equivalent of one month of salary, according to the Ombudsman's office.

Despite his brash campaign rhetoric, Duterte will find it hard to bring his Davao crime-fighting style to the rest of the country because of the oversight of Congress, the judiciary and other agencies that check abuses. The world will be watching too, said Picardal, who was assigned to Davao for many years until he moved to Manila in 2011.

"There are checks and balances," he said. "The eyes of the nation and the world are on him."

The 61-year-old priest said he understands that the nearly 16 million Filipinos who voted for Duterte for president have a legitimate yearning for change because of their exasperation over crime and corruption. Some may not even be aware that the killings in Davao were real and not just Duterte's bluster, he said.

But for those who were aware and glossed over the deadly violence that blighted Davao, Picardal said he hopes they will examine their conscience and not yield to desperation.

"What I'm afraid of is that we'll become a nation where a lot of people have lost a sense of right and wrong," he said. AP

Jonathan Tirone

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry backed providing weapons to Libya's unity government to assist in the fight against Islamic State and other jihadist groups, a move endorsed at a meeting of top diplomats of nations from Italy and the U.K. to Russia and Saudi Arabia.

The idea "makes sense," Kerry said after talks in Vienna with the head of the unity administration, Fayed al-Sarraj, and representatives of more than 20 nations. Sarraj said his Government of National Accord would supply the United Nations with a list of weapons it needs "as soon as possible." The UN would have to provide exemptions to an arms embargo before weapons could be shipped.

The envoys met in the Austrian capital on Monday to discuss ways to bolster Sarraj's UN-backed government, the most significant attempt so far to end the violence that has fractured Libya since the ouster of former leader Muammar Qaddafi in 2011. But Sarraj has yet to win the support of powerful armed factions based in Libya's east, which are contesting control of the crucial oil industry.

"It is imperative to put the international community's full weight behind the Government of National Accord," Kerry said. "It is the only way to ensure that vital institutions such as the central bank and the national oil company, that they fall under representative and acknowledged authority."

Sarraj's government will get "those weapons and bullets needed" to fight Islamic State,

# Libya plea for arms to fight Islamic State backed by U.S.



John Kerry addresses a news conference in Vienna, Austria

Kerry said. Parties within Libya that "obstruct or undermine" the country's political transition will face U.S. sanctions, he said.

Kerry remains in Vienna on yesterday, where he's expected to meet with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and the UN's envoy for Syria, Staffan De Mistura. They'll be joined by top officials from 17 countries to explore ways to politically resolve the war in Syria.

The disintegration of Libya after Qaddafi was deposed should be taken as a lesson for negotiators trying to find a way forward for Syria, Dmitry Peskov, spokesman for Russian President Vladimir Putin, said yesterday in a conference call from Moscow.

Libya shows "that there is no alternative to a political settlement, it shows the absolute short-sightedness of a blinkered approach which

## 'Small teams of U.S. forces' already have gone into Libya to gather intelligence on the ground about Islamic State forces

has no flexibility," Peskov said. Russia has argued that removing Syrian President Bashar al-Assad would unleash greater chaos and repeat mistakes made in Iraq and Libya, where the overthrow of long-standing regimes gave free rein to militant groups.

Libya's government was formed under a UN-mediated peace deal last year. The agreement is backed by Western allies as the only way to stem spiraling unrest that has plagued the North African nation and enabled Islamic State to expand along the southern Mediterranean coast.

Italian Foreign Minister Paolo Gentiloni, who joined the gathering of diplomats at the roughly three-hour meeting in Vienna, ruled out a wholesale lifting of the UN arms embargo but said humanitarian aid and

weapons could help Sarraj's government bring stability to the country.

Speaking at the briefing with Kerry and Sarraj, Gentiloni also ruled out putting "boots on the ground" in Libya, while pledging support in "several security dimensions."

"The international community stands ready and the U.S. stands ready to provide humanitarian, economic and security support," said Kerry, who added that nobody is talking about inserting troops into the conflict.

Pentagon spokesman Peter Cook told reporters in Washington on Monday that "small teams of U.S. forces" already have gone into Libya to gather intelligence on the ground about Islamic State forces expanding their foothold in the country.

Sarraj announced last week that Libya would create a special force to fight Islamic State. The group already has 3,000 well-trained fighters in Libya, Hans-Jacob Schindler, an expert with the UN's sanctions monitoring team, said by phone from New York, and will have many more if the group continues to lose territory in its Syrian and Iraqi strongholds.

"If Syria and Iraq would end tomorrow, then Libya would definitely be No. 1" for Islamic State, he said. "Libya is very much already a hub." **Bloomberg**

USA

# New USD60m project to fight for First Amendment

Deepti Hajela, New York

THE First Amendment is getting a new champion, with some deep pockets.

The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and Columbia University yesterday announced the launch of a USD60 million project, the Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University, which would use litigation as well as research and education to fight for freedom of expression in an ever-evolving digital era.

The last half of the 20th century saw court cases that really defined and pushed the First Amendment forward, said Alberto Ibarguen, president of Knight Foundation. But

## The institute will focus on how freedom of expression is defined in a digital age

it's not the same environment, with the technology and tools of information gathering and dissemination changing rapidly, and there not being nearly the same number of newspaper outlets with the resources to take on the fights.

That's where the institu-



te can make a difference, Ibarguen said. "So much is changing so fast that more voices, a bigger family of voices speaking in favor of free speech and free expression [...] is more likely to lead to a more open societal attitude toward free speech," he said.

The amendment bars the government from establishing an official religion and enshrines Ame-

ricans' rights to freedom to practice religion, freedom of speech, freedom of the press and freedom to assemble peaceably.

The institute, which has started its search for an executive director, will conduct research and scholarship on First Amendment issues, and develop a long-term view of how freedom of expression should be protected,

said Lee Bollinger, president of Columbia. It would take on and support court cases that connected to that strategy.

Bollinger said the institute would be able to make use of a Columbia-wide commitment, with access to the university's law school and journalism schools and other departments. The Knight Foundation and Columbia are each putting \$5 million toward the institute's operating budget for the first five years, and \$25 million each toward its endowment.

The focus would be on how freedom of expression is defined in a digital age filled with advances in technology that judges who decided cases decades ago couldn't have

seen coming, said Eric Newton, a consultant who was formerly a longtime journalism program leader at Knight and worked on the institute project.

"A citizen who can carry a cellphone, which is a printing press and a broadcast studio, in his or her pocket has legal standing that courts have yet to sort out," he said, pointing out that whether that citizen has journalist protections currently varies from state to state.

"If everything gets re-litigated in a digital frame, that means that the First Amendment as we come to know it could change, and it could change dramatically," he said. "It's only the way it is because of some court cases that happened decades ago." **AP**

FILM

# Jarmusch, Driver bewitch Cannes with poetic 'Paterson'

Jake Coyle, Film Writer

**J**IM Jarmusch debuted his patient, bus driver-poet drama "Paterson" at the Cannes Film Festival where festival-goers responded enthusiastically to the film's gentle and quirky rhythms.

In the movie, Adam Driver plays a bus driver in Paterson, New Jersey, who writes poetry inspired by conversations he overhears. The film, too, has a rhyming, internal tempo, full of everyday repetitions and is populated by twins in the background.

"I love variations in music, in art, in cinema," said Jarmusch, whose film takes place across the seven days of a week. "Each day of our lives is just a small variation of our life from the previous day."

Jarmusch, the New York filmmaker of "Broken Flowers" and "Only Lovers Left Alive," acknowledged even he strug-



Jarmusch, actress Golshifteh Farahani and actor Adam Driver (from left) pose for photographers

gles to describe the film's combination of working-class and creative life, inspired partly by the Paterson poet and doctor William Carlos Williams.

Paterson, the industrial city outside New York, has had a hold on Jarmusch for decades, he said. The city has been home to a surprisingly rich group of artists, including Lou Costello (of "Abbott and Costello") and poet Allen Ginsberg. "Paterson," which premiered in Cannes on Monday, is a kind

of ode to artistic lives eked out in blue-collar situations.

Jarmusch will also debut his Iggy Pop and the Stooges documentary "Gimme Danger" later in the week at Cannes.

"They are very different stylistically, but they are both about the idea that you in your life can choose your path," Jarmusch told reporters. "You can choose what you want to do in your life. And 'Paterson' is about that."

The ruminative quiet of "Pa-

terson," Driver said, resonated with him. In the script, he noticed how many of his directions were simply to be attuned to his surroundings.

"There were so many sentences that started with 'Paterson listens,'" said the "Girls" and "Force Awakens" actor. "That was a lot of information for a couple months where his main action is to listen to everybody else."

Driver, too, embodies the film's dualities. Before Driver was an actor, he was a marine. He served a few years before being medically discharged after a biking accident. He soon thereafter enlisted in drama school.

"I was very struck by the idea that he understands both sides," Jarmusch said. "He has experience in the military and he went to Julliard. These two things are kind of impressive to me because it's breaking any kind of cliché of either thing." AP

IRAQ

## Bombs hit Baghdad Shiite areas, killing 69

A wave of bombings struck outdoor markets and a restaurant in Shiite-dominated neighborhoods of Baghdad yesterday, killing at least 69 people, officials said — the latest in deadly militant attacks far from the front lines in the country's north and west where Iraqi forces are battling the Islamic State group. In an online statement, IS claimed responsibility only for the deadliest bombing of the day, which took place in Baghdad's northeastern Shaab neighborhood and where at least 34 people were killed and 75 others were wounded. In that attack, a roadside bomb first exploded outside the concrete blast walls surrounding the open-air market, followed by a suicide bomber who blew himself up as people gathered to help the victims of the first explosion, a police officer said. Yesterday's bombings were just the latest in a wave of attacks in Baghdad and surrounding areas that has left more than 200 dead over the past week. The attacks, many claimed by IS, come as the group has lost significant chunks of territory to Iraqi ground forces over the past year.

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ADMISSION: Free

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

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

## MACAU ARTS WINDOW 2016 ENCOUNTER -

PRINTMAKING BY CATHERINE, CHEONG CHENG WA

TIME: 10am-7pm

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

UNTIL: June 5, 2016

VENUE: Macau Museum of Art,

Av. Xian Xing Hai, s/n, NAPE

ADMISSION: MOP5

(Free on Sundays and public holidays)

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## 'WONDERFUL TIME'

- CHEONG SOU MAN ART EXHIBITION

TIME: 10:30am-6:30pm

(Closed on Mondays and public holidays)

UNTIL: May 29, 2015

ADMISSION: Free

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

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2835 4582

## 10TH MACAU DESIGN BIENNIAL

TIME: 10am to 7pm

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

UNTIL: June 26, 2016

VENUE: Macau Museum of Art

ADMISSION: Adult MOP5, free for Children under 12

years old, elderly over 65 years old

(Admission is free on Sundays and public holidays)

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2836 7588

## Offbeat

## FIRST US PENIS TRANSPLANT COULD BRING HOPE TO MAIMED SOLDIERS

A 64-year-old cancer patient has received the nation's first penis transplant, a groundbreaking operation that may also help accident victims and some of the many U.S. veterans maimed by roadside bombs.

In a case that represents the latest frontier in the growing field of reconstructive transplants, Thomas Manning of Halifax, Massachusetts, is faring well after the 15-hour operation last week, Massachusetts General Hospital said Monday.

His doctors said they are cautiously optimistic that Manning eventually will be able to urinate normally and function sexually again for the first time since aggressive penile cancer led to the amputation of the former bank courier's genitals in 2012. They said his psychological state will play a big role in his recovery.

"Emotionally he's doing amazing. I'm really impressed with how he's handling things. He's just a positive person," Dr. Curtis Cetrulo, who was among the lead surgeons on a team of more than 50, said at a news conference. "He wants to be whole again. He does not want to be in the shadows."

Manning, who is single and has no children, did not appear at the news conference but said in a statement: "Today I begin a new chapter filled with personal hope and hope for others who have suffered genital injuries. In sharing this success with all of you, it is my hope we can usher in a bright future for this type of transplantation."

The identity of the deceased donor was not released.

The operation is highly experimental — only one other patient, in South Africa, has a transplanted penis. But four additional hospitals around the country have permission from the United Network for Organ Sharing, which oversees the nation's transplant system, to attempt the delicate surgery. **AP**

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21:30	Criminal Minds Sr.9
22:10	Helena's Shadow
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Drama
00:25	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
01:00	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

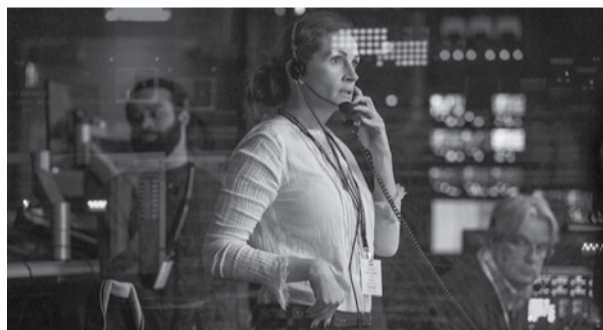
6.45 pm

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



## 1944 MONTE CASSINO FALLS TO THE ALLIES

The Polish flag is flying over the ruins of the ancient Italian monastery which has been a symbol of German resistance since the beginning of the year.

Polish troops entered the hill-top abbey this morning, six days after the latest attacks began on this strategic stronghold at the western end of the German defensive position known as the Gustav Line.

British troops have taken control of the fortified town of Cassino at the foot of the "Monastery Hill." The Allies' hard-fought victory comes four months after their first assault on Monastery Hill failed in January.

A German official announcement said: "Cassino, which the Anglo-Americans have vainly been charging for months with strong forces, was evacuated without a fight on Wednesday night in favor of a bolt position farther in the rear for the sake of economizing in forces."

The Allies, under the overall command of General Sir Harold Alexander, began the fourth and final offensive for Monte Cassino on 11 May.

The Gustav Line was finally breached on 14 May. While the 5th Army made a flanking attack to the south, the 8th Army of British, Polish, Canadian and Indian troops made a frontal assault on the line at Cassino.

In addition, the French Expeditionary Force, part of the 5th Army, attacked from the west. According to reports from Allied headquarters, the 8th Army succeeded in cutting Highway Six, the main road linking the south to Rome.

They also claimed a "substantial proportion" of the 1st German Parachute Division had been destroyed.

In the six days of fighting at Cassino the Allies have taken more than 1,500 prisoners. Farther to the west, the French Expeditionary Corps have taken the town of Esperia, at the foot of Monte d'Oro, another strategic German defensive position.

Reports from the French say their advance was so rapid, the Germans were unable to recover their dead and they found more than 400 bodies awaiting burial.

Large quantities of artillery were also left abandoned. Many of the guns and other equipment are said to be in a usable condition.

American forces pressing forward from the south have captured Formia on the coast and are pushing along the road which winds along the base of the mountains, loosening the German grip on the Gaeta peninsula.

The success of Operation Diadem, the fourth and final assault on Monte Cassino, was down to the co-ordinated assault on the Gustav Line, forcing the German withdrawal.

The first assault in January failed when the series of co-ordinated attacks did not go according to plan and the Germans held on to the crucial valley headed by Monte Cassino.

The second battle began on 15 February with the complete destruction of the monastery by heavy and medium bombers.

But the attack was badly planned and the nearest Allied troops were too far away to take advantage of the shock of bombing and again the German grip could not be shaken.

The destruction of the monastery, in fact, made the hill easier to defend. The Germans dug in behind the rubble and when the third battle began on 15 March with yet more bombing, the parachutists defending the town clung on.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

The Allies had landed troops on the west coast of Italy at Anzio in January with the intention of breaking the deadlock in the Italian campaign. However, they suffered heavy losses from Field Marshall Albert Kesselring's troops and it was only after reinforcements arrived that they succeeded in breaking out from the beachhead and linking up with the US 5th Army on 25 May.

The 5th Army under Lieutenant-General Mark Clark pressed on to take Rome on 5 June 1944 ignoring orders from General Sir Harold Alexander to thrust into the German line of retreat. The capture of Rome was seen as significant but it meant the Germans escaped.

The Italian campaign then assumed secondary status as six divisions were withdrawn for the French Riviera landings. Efforts were made to replace these troops with Italians.

The Allies' advance through Italy was slowed down by bad weather and difficult terrain. The Americans and British also disagreed over the aims of the campaign which led to a lack of clear leadership.

By February 1945, General Sir Harold Alexander had been appointed supreme commander in the Mediterranean and was instructed after the Yalta conference to pin down the maximum number of German divisions while the main Allied effort was made on the western front.

He finally succeeded in taking Bologna and then Verona in April 1945. Mussolini was captured by Italian partisans retreating with the Germans. He was executed on 28 April. The Germans surrendered on 2 May.



YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 You need to slow down and remember that patience really is a virtue.

Taurus April 20-May 20 You are feeling a surge of romantic energy — and it feels terrific! No matter where you are on the spectrum, from single to partnered, you should feel yourself moving closer to the place you want to be.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Try to think hard today — things are going your way for sure, but you may need to focus more on stuff that you find boring.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 You need to deal with large groups of people today — maybe in real life, maybe online or maybe just trying to get from place to place.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 You need to avoid the temptation to get all riled up over perceived slights today. Your ego is a bit more fragile and exposed, so keep that in mind when you're trying to respond to people.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Try branching out a bit — you need to spice up your life and make sure that you're not just going through the motions.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 Your tendency toward overindulgence is somewhat troublesome today — but don't worry too much about it!

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 An extremely unusual — but not once-in-a-lifetime — occurrence makes life a little weird, but you need to just roll with it and wait for the other shoe to drop.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 It's the small stuff that is getting you down today — but you still need to deal with it!

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Your kids — or those you're closest to — are more fun than ever, and you should make sure to give them all the time they need.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Your capacity for learning never seems to get used up, and on a day like today, you should find that you're taking in new information like a bright kid on the first day of school.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 A beautiful illusion is all it takes to get you misty-eyed or excited for the future — but because it starts with a dream doesn't mean it isn't totally real!

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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Table listing weather conditions for various Chinese cities like Beijing, Harbin, Tianjin, etc.

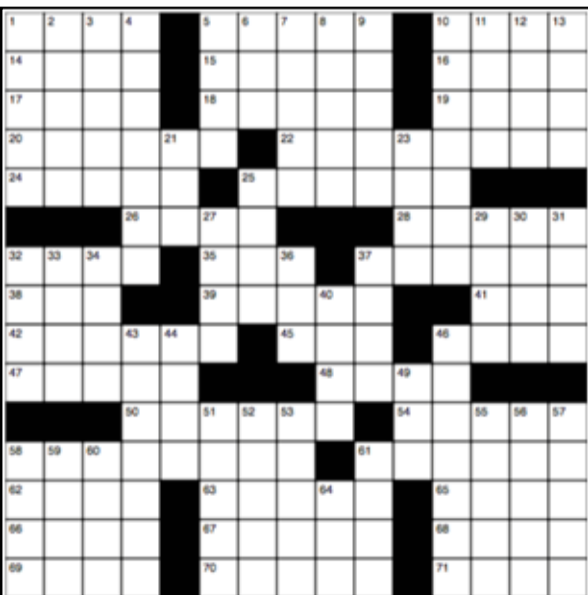
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CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- The \_\_\_ Love; 5- Rental agreement; 10- Carson's predecessor; 14- K-6; 15- Ruhr city; 16- Singer James; 17- Maryland athlete, for short; 18- Plant pest; 19- Carrot or turnip; 20- Set upon; 22- Electrify; 24- Cowboy's tool; 25- Familiar with; 26- Exchange; 28- Best of a group; 32- Foot covering; 35- Family; 37- Old Testament book; 38- Orch. section; 39- Early Peruvians; 41- Chow down; 42- Intervene; 45- Surgery sites, briefly; 46- Sicilian sight; 47- Recreation; 48- Ed and Mel of baseball; 50- Sun Bowl site; 54- Bothered; 58- Military aircraft; 61- Quagmire; 62- Cambodian currency; 63- Ski cottage; 65- Hammett hound; 66- Poet \_\_\_ St. Vincent Millay; 67- Excess fluid in an organ; 68- Antlered animal; 69- Vegas gas; 70- Aired again; 71- European chain;

DOWN: 1- Dense element; 2- Prince Valiant's wife; 3- Drat!; 4- Deadlock; 5- Escaping fluid; 6- Sixth sense; 7- Barbecue leftovers?; 8- Paris divider; 9- Finished, terminated; 10- Arbor; 11- Yours, in Tours; 12- From \_\_\_ (completely); 13- Appraise; 21- Female bovine; 23- Numbered rds.; 25- \_\_\_ arms (angry); 27- Related by blood; 29- Belinda Carlisle's "Should \_\_\_ You In?"; 30- Govt. agent; 31- This, in Tijuana; 32- Flat sound; 33- URL starter; 34- Nabisco treat; 36- Sgt., e.g.; 37- Hey, you!; 40- Buck follower; 43- Devise beforehand; 44- \_\_\_ never work!; 46- "CHiPs" star; 49- Chinese "way"; 51- More wan; 52- Battery terminal; 53- Exodus commemoration; 55- Stand used by painters; 56- \_\_\_ in the right direction; 57- Autocrats; 58- Small songbird; 59- Helper; 60- Nevada city; 61- Intend; 64- "Today" rival, briefly;



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# Rio Olympics won't help Brazil's economy much, Moody's says

Jonathan Levin

**T**HE Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro won't do much for the battered Brazilian economy, but a few select companies stand to reap significant benefits, Moody's Investors Service wrote in a report published Monday.

■ **Not including sports facilities, Rio invested about USD7.1b as a result of the Olympic preparations**

The credit-rating company focused on the impact of Olympic tourism, specifically the 350,000 spectators the government expects to visit Rio during the Olympics in August and the Paralympics in September. It didn't address the potential effects



Men compete in the 100m round 1 during the Athletics test event at the Rio Olympic Stadium in Rio de Janeiro, on Saturday

of the spread of the Zika virus, which has emerged as a wild card for economic forecasters. Some athletes have expressed concerns about traveling to the country, and at least one public health expert has called for the Games to be moved.

Without making a call about Zika, Moody's analysts led by Barbara Mattos wrote that more retail activity and tourists spending with foreign currencies should benefit Cielo SA, Brazil's largest card-payment processor. Localiza Rent a Car SA, the

official car rental company of the Games, and Latam Airlines Group SA, official airline of International Olympic Committee members, also stand to gain.

More lasting benefits will accrue to the Rio de Janeiro metropolitan area, where the events will take place, Moody's said. Not including sports facilities, the city has gotten about 25 billion reais (USD7.1 billion) in infrastructure investment - toll roads, ports, other projects - as a result of the Olympic preparations. The Olympic legacy will also include a

key subway expansion and a tramway project from domestic airport Santos Dumont, all of which could make the city a more efficient place to do business, Moody's said.

Brazil is in the midst of a crushing recession and political upheaval that led to the removal of Dilma Rousseff from the presidency three months before the start of the Games. Moody's said the Olympics are neutral for Brazil's sovereign credit quality, and Brazil's economy is still set to contract 3.7 percent this year. **Bloomberg**

## OLYMPICS

### Tokyo 2020 bid leader questioned in Japan's parliament

**O**NE of the leaders of Tokyo's winning bid for the 2020 Olympics told the Japanese parliament yesterday that he cannot reveal the details of a contract with a Singapore firm that has enmeshed the bid in a French bribery investigation.

"We looked into the content of this contract but this is a confidential matter," Tsunekazu Takeda said under questioning from lawmakers. "So, I understand that I am not allowed to unveil the content without gaining approval from the counterpart."

French prosecutors have said that 2.8 million Singapore dollars (USD2 million) was apparently transferred from Japan to the Singapore account of a company called Black Tidings.

The account holder, Ian Tan Tong Han, has been closely tied to the son of former IAAF President Lami-



The residential block where an apartment registered to a Singaporean company "Black Tidings." The leader of Tokyo's winning bid for the 2020 Olympics was summoned to the Japanese parliament to explain the payment he has acknowledged making to Black Tidings

ne Diack, who is facing corruption charges.

Diack, once one of the most influential men in sports, was a mem-

ber of the International Olympic Committee. He is under investigation in France, barred from leaving the country while the probe continues.

Takeda, now president of the Japan Olympic Committee, acknowledged last week that the payments were made, but he said they were consulting fees for services such as bid planning, international lobbying advice and media analysis.

Japanese Olympics Minister Toshiaki Endo urged the involved parties to explain the issue to the public.

"I understand there is a matter of confidentiality but we would like for them to investigate this issue [...] and handle it in a way that could gain understanding from the people of Japan," he said. **AP**

### World Rugby approves Jarryd Hayne's switch to 7s from NFL

**F**ORMER San Francisco 49ers running back Jarryd Hayne was eligible to play for the Fiji sevens rugby team at the Olympics and as early as the world series event in London this weekend, World Rugby said on Monday.

Hayne, who played eight times with one start for the 49ers as a rookie last year, announced on Sunday he was quitting the NFL.

The 28-year-old former rugby league star said he was joining Fiji in the hope of making its squad for the Rio de Janeiro Games. Hayne qualifies for Fiji through his Fijian father, and has played international rugby league for the Pacific nation.

But questions have been raised over his eligibility because he has not recently been part of a registered drug-testing program.

A former head of the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Agency, Richard Ings, expressed doubts on Monday that Hayne would be able to make an immediate transition to rugby because the NFL was not compliant with World Anti-Doping Agency testing requirements.

Ings said World Rugby required a player to be in a registered drug-testing pool for six months before becoming eligible to play in its sanctioned tournaments.

"If Jarryd Hayne had been playing in a WADA-compliant sport, he would have grounds to reduce the six months," Ings said. "But NFL is PED [performance-enhancing drugs] badlands. No chance."

Ings said rugby's six-month return to competition rule "is standard across most sports for athletes returning to international competition. And necessary."

"The rule equally applies to reinstatement or to new players. Sensibly it must, or any NFL player could bulk up and play."

But in a statement on Monday, World Rugby said the six-months rule does not apply to a player "if they are being selected for international competition for the first time."

"This position is entirely consistent with World Rugby's approach to other crossover athletes, including other ex-NFL athletes coming into rugby."

The statement, which did not mention the fact Hayne previously played rugby league at international level, appeared to be referring to the New England Patriots player Nate Ebner, who played for the United States in the Singapore Sevens in March. Still contracted to the Patriots, he received their permission to chase his Olympic dream.

"Hayne would be eligible for the London round of the world rugby sevens series subject to all other regulatory and registration matters being met," World Rugby said.

Hayne was due to join Fiji's 14-man sevens squad in London on Monday. Coach Ben Ryan said he would use the days ahead of the London tournament, the last of 10 stops in the series, to pare the squad to 12 men for the London event and the Olympic Games.

Fiji leads the world series, and will likely go to Rio as the gold medal favorite.

Ryan hailed Hayne's decision to switch codes but said he received no guarantees of selection.

"I have no promises he is going to make the 12, but we will see how he goes," Ryan said. "He will then come into the Fijian camp for the Olympic period. It is a huge challenge for Jarryd but if he gets into the squad it is only going to be on form, because he is a blinding rugby player." **AP**

opinion

**Views on China**

Adam Minter, Bloomberg

**WHY CHINA DOESN'T CARE ABOUT PRIVACY (BUT SHOULD)**

For a few days last week, China appeared to have its own, slow-motion Wikileaks. Via Twitter, someone using the handle @shenfenzheng leaked personal information – such as home addresses and ID numbers – of some of China's most powerful commercial and government figures, including Alibaba's Jack Ma, Wanda Group's Wang Jianlin and Tencent's Pony Ma.

It was an audacious stunt, but the leaker was clear that it had a higher purpose: "I hope this encourages the nation's scrutiny, and shows how worthless individual data is in China," he (or she) wrote before the account was suspended. There's good reason to be concerned: China is the world's largest market for online and phone scams, many of which take advantage of the country's lax laws and protections for personal information.

Yet despite these and other recent scandals, online privacy remains a low priority in China, for internet users and companies alike. And this scandal – like much bigger data breaches that preceded it – is unlikely to scare very many people into greater vigilance.

When it comes to privacy, China's internet users are global outliers. In 2013, only 50 percent of them believed they had to be cautious when sharing personal information online, compared with 83 percent of those in the U.S. Yet Chinese internet users contend with many – if not more – of the online threats that plague web users worldwide, and they often seem all too willing to trade private data for access to services and sites that offer little protection for it.

So what accounts for the discrepancy? The very concept of privacy, especially as it's understood in the West, didn't really arrive in China until the 20th century. And even then, tight living quarters, multi-generational homes and, above all, the prerogatives of autocratic governments – which esteemed collective rights over personal ones – meant that privacy was a luxury very few Chinese enjoyed.

China's great migration online didn't change this situation much. When anonymous critics of the government emerged on the web, the authorities attempted to get the country's hundreds of millions of internet users to reveal their real names when registering for online accounts. That effort hasn't entirely succeeded, but it has offered an important reminder that there's no presumption of privacy in Communist China. The government, in theory, knows all.

China's tech giants also show little interest in privacy. Terms of service at Alibaba and Tencent (owner of WeChat) give the companies carte blanche to use customer data pretty much as they please. So far, the Twitter scandal isn't spurring a movement to change those policies.

But as e-commerce and online finance expand in China, an indifferent attitude toward privacy will become more of a liability. After all, e-commerce isn't just about exchanging money; it's also about exchanging the personal information associated with that money. China's internet users may not hold privacy as dear as their American counterparts, but when it comes to the sanctity of one's checking account, the world is generally flat. If Alibaba and Tencent can't guarantee that your bank account is safe, then you're probably not going to link it to their services.

China's government, constrained by its desire to know as much as possible about its citizens, has nonetheless taken some important steps recently, such as adopting a data privacy law and putting tougher cybersecurity measures in place. But enforcement remains sketchy, and consumers have few ways to complain or obtain compensation if their data is misused.

That leaves e-commerce companies to fill the gap. They could certainly improve their privacy standards, especially by restricting how they share personal user data and by adopting more secure communication protocols (such as HTTPS). But far more important would be an effort to educate their users about the dangers of identity theft, and about what companies can – and cannot – do to protect them. That kind of information, which Americans and Europeans often take for granted, is rare in China. Making it less so would improve e-commerce measurably, while helping ensure that the titans of the Chinese internet never again find their home addresses posted to Twitter.

**THE BUZZ** THIRTY-ONE CAUGHT IN RETESTS OF 2008 BEIJING OLYMPIC SAMPLES

In a major doping crackdown stretching back eight years, 31 athletes in six sports could be barred from competing in this year's Olympics after they were caught in retesting of drug samples from the 2008 Beijing Games, and other positive cases could emerge from the 2012 London Games.

The International Olympic Committee opened disciplinary proceedings yesterday against the 31 unidentified athletes from 12 countries who

competed in Beijing and were planning to take part in the Rio de Janeiro Games in August.

The IOC said it also planned to reanalyze drug tests from the 2014 Sochi Winter Games. The Olympic body stores samples for 10 years to allow for retesting with improved techniques, with athletes caught facing retroactive disqualification and loss of any medals. The IOC said it could not immediately identify the athletes caught in the Beijing retests for legal reasons.

Station	Air quality
Roadside	55-75 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	85-115 Bad
Ambient	70-100 Moderate

SOURCE: DSMG

**WORLD BRIEFS**

**PHILIPPINES** Nine years ago Father Amado Picardal helped bury a teenager from a slum family who was gunned down by motorcycle-riding assassins in the southern city of Davao. He says it was whispered that the man behind the killing was none other than Mayor Rodrigo Duterte, who was running an anti-crime campaign in the vast port city. [More on p13](#)

**NEPAL** detained a British man over his alleged participation in an anti-government protest, just two weeks after expelling a Canadian for criticizing the government on social media. The detentions have sparked concerns over the Himalayan country's democracy.

**SINGAPORE's** Minister for Trade and Industry, S Iswaran, launched yesterday the Singapore Center for 3D Printing, a research body of Nanyang Technological University that will conduct research and develop innovations for manufacturing technologies and precision engineering. 3D printing, or Additive Manufacturing, is the way that three-dimensional objects are "printed" layer by layer by a machine.



**SRI LANKA's** government says the death toll from floods and landslides across the country has risen to 11, with six others reported missing.

**PERUVIAN** presidential candidate Keiko Fujimori rejected allegations her party's general secretary is involved in money laundering and accused her political adversaries of trying to sabotage her campaign less than three weeks before the presidential runoff.

**AUSTRIA's** new Chancellor Christian Kern said he'll concentrate on winning back voters to the political center after the populist right won a surprise victory last month in the first round of the presidential election.

**Loneliness hurts: Senior health about more than disease**



A woman stacks used cardboard boxes for recycling in Macau

Lauran Neergaard, Washington

**GRANDMA'S** cholesterol is OK, but maybe the doctor should be asking about her social life, too.

Think about health during the senior years, and a list of common ailments pops to mind. But that's not the whole story. New research suggests factors such as loneliness and whether they've broken any bones since middle age also play a role in the well-being of older adults.

In fact, layering on that extra information better predicts whether a senior's next five years will be fairly robust or whether they're at higher risk for death or disability than just focusing on what chronic diseases they have, researchers reported Monday in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

"Aging is not a linear process of wear and tear," said University of Chicago biopsychologist Martha McClintock, who led the study. "It's a different way of thinking about aging."

Using a government study of 3,000 middle-aged and older people, the researchers compared the medical conditions that doctors look for in the average check-up – blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes, heart disease, cancer – with information about psychological health, mobility, hearing and other sensory capabilities, and additional characteristics of day-to-day functioning.

Of course having a cluster of serious diseases and being frail can mean a greater risk of death. Having uncontrolled diabetes and high blood pressure was particularly risky on top of

other illnesses.

But factoring in the extra harder-to-measure characteristics showed some seniors with chronic diseases actually were more likely to survive the next five years than their medical charts indicate. And about half who by disease diagnoses alone would be considered healthy really were more vulnerable to decline, the study found.

Those extra factors "are harbingers, they're canaries in the coal mine of some biological processes that are aging," said McClintock, who hopes the findings spur policymakers to focus more on these other nondisease conditions of aging.

The work may help redefine how doctors determine older patients' vigor and quality of life, said Dr. John Haaga of the National Institute on Aging, which funded the research.

"We really have to look at more than the collection of diagnoses that they have. We've got to look at some of these life circumstances and really ask a few questions about mental health, about recent events, that will help trigger more watchful care," he said. **AP**

**THE DECISIVE MOMENT**

AP Photo/Kin Cheung



A pro-democracy protester wears a dunce cap to oppose Cultural Revolution in China as another hold a yellow umbrella to demand genuine universal suffrage in Hong Kong, on the road to the Government House. Authorities rolled out a massive security operation yesterday as they braced for protests during Zhang Dejiang's visit to the HKSAR, where tensions are rising over Chinese rule (see more on page 11).