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KOREAS As the South's main spy agency prepares a courtroom defense of its continued detention of 12 N. Korean waitresses it says fled from China, Pyongyang is using the women's relatives and colleagues to step up its accusations that they were tricked into leaving their jobs and essentially kidnapped. The case has become a bitter point of contention between the two Koreas.

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NEW ZEALAND announced yesterday that it plans to keep its small contingent of troops in Iraq for an additional 18 months as it continues to back the U.S.-led coalition's efforts to defeat the Islamic State group.

PHILIPPINES The Philippines, Indonesia and Malaysia agreed yesterday to take possible coordinated actions, including sea and air patrols, to stop an alarming wave of cross-border kidnappings and boat attacks by Abu Sayyaf extremists and other outlaws.

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'Now You See Me 2' director confident of China success

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PREMIERE SCREENING IN BEIJING

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Lynzy Valles
MDT, Beijing

CHINESE media and social blogger fans became fanatical yesterday at the press conference that preceded the red carpet and Chinese premiere of action thriller "Now You See Me 2." The press conference was attended by MDT and held at Beijing's Park Hyatt.

As Macau features for a good 45 minutes in the blockbuster Hollywood sequel, director Jon M Chu is full of hope that the Chinese market will be enticed by the movie, as it boasts several views of the city.

"It's fun, we enjoyed making it! There's a great fight scene, it has a pace that moves fast and the themes are universal," commented the actor, Mark Ruffalo, who was one of the stars in attendance at the press conference.

The director stressed that the film offered a significant supporting role to Jay Chou, a Taiwanese singer and actor followed by millions in China.

Chu and Ruffalo praised the singer-actor for being the "best magician" on set.

"He should have his own magic show," the director acclaimed. "He was great and I keep telling him we're not going to show too much magic of you yet, it's just the beginning of your character. We need to calm him down."

The director said the movie presents Chinese culture and



Jon M Chu (left) and Mark Ruffalo during yesterday's press conference

people in a way that is not stereotypical. He noted that there is a mysterious man, played by Chou, who is "cool, awesome and young," and comes to the picture to end the stereotype that typical Hollywood movies and the magic world fall back on.

"Jay has what we call swag. You can see in the pictures, everybody in the picture is 'nice' but he just stood there and oozed his cool," the director joked.

The audience was curious about Daniel Radcliff's role in

the film as for Chinese fans, he is still the Harry Potter they "grew up with."

Radcliff plays a sociopathic genius techie who is trying to steal a "super computer" so he can rule the world.

"That's the best part, you expect one way of Daniel but actually he has this dark side that he gets to bring out," Chu said. "The best word I could [use to] describe [him] is delicious," he joked.

Chu also revealed they had doubts over whether Radcliff's character should either be

extremely good or bad at magic.

Separately, the director praised Ruffalo for being committed to his character, Dylan.

He said the best part was all the characters brought their own angle to the characters they played.

"They bring extra layers, they bring truth to the characters that in a world full of crazy magic, these are human beings going through a real journey within themselves," said the director, who is also a big fan of the first movie.

Chu said the cast were trained on performing magic as he aimed to include real magic tricks in the film, providing Lizzy Caplan, who plays Lula, as an example.

In one scene, Lizzy Caplan's character, Lula, gets her head "cut off" as part of a magic trick. Filmmakers had to build real apparatus and train the actress for the scene, so as to avoid the use of computer generated imagery.

Meanwhile Mark Ruffalo revealed to the audience that there is a sequence in which his character is thrown into a river to mock the way in which his father died. Ruffalo described it as an "intense day of shooting."

"Even when you know that there are a lot of people around you keeping you safe, when you're sinking in the water and there's only a little bit of air to breathe inside this box, your body still thinks you're about to drown," he remarked.

Moreover, the director and cast added that they believe audiences will enjoy the movie as much as they welcomed the first in the series.

Although the sequel director refused to disclose the possibility of a rumored "Now You See Me 3," he said that they are prepared should the fans want them to make another sequel.

The cast's pictures were up on the ballroom of Park Hyatt, however Ruffalo could not find his shot.

"I just looked freaked out in my picture," said Ruffalo.

"Where are you?" Jay asked looking at the cast's pictures.

"They didn't even put it on, it's so bad," Ruffalo joked.

The star-studded film is set to hit the screen in China this Friday.

MDT was in Beijing at invitation of Sands China Ltd. and Lionsgate

In a world full of crazy magic, these are human beings going through a real journey within themselves.

JON M CHU



Mark Ruffalo



Jon M Chu (left) and Mark Ruffalo

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Court scene from "A Time to Kill"

CULTURE

Lawyer film series opens tonight

Daniel Beittler

A series of six films will be screened at Casa Garden over the next month, all chosen to adhere to the theme of lawyers and the contribution that they make to society. Organized by Rui Cunha Foundation and Orient Foundation, the month-long event titled "Advogados" (Lawyers) will showcase iconic Hollywood films with lawyers as central figures.

The film screenings are considered by organizers to be more accessible than technical discussion, "especially during the hot summer months." Organizers approached various lawyers and legal experts in Macau to select the films for the event, as well as to present them to the public on their respective screening nights.

"For the movies we invited local lawyer Francisco Gaivao to help decide the selection," Filipa Guadalupe, who

heads a department at Rui Cunha Foundation explained to the Times in an interview. "He chose movies in which a lawyer is the central figure as he loves this type of movie."

"I love movies and I am a lawyer, so I guess that they thought it would be a good idea to have me [select the films]," Gaivao told the Times in a separate conversation.

"I was somewhat limited with the selection this year, because some of the films I wanted to include were screened in previous years, such as "To Kill a Mocking Bird," he explained.

Organizers say they want to showcase the importance and value of lawyers to the territory, as well as support the achievement of one of Rui Cunha Foundation's goals, which is to preserve Macau's Basic Law.

Filipa Guadalupe said that the difficulty of this latter aim

lies in articulating the importance of the Basic Law to the public, who often "don't care or understand how it affects their lives."

"The problem is the population," she said. "A system can only survive if people use it and want to keep it. So we are making an effort to preserve the Basic Law but we are not sure that everyone cares about it, or that they have considered whether life will be better or worse in its absence."

"If we don't make these efforts, then it will erode over time. We need strong institutions and critical thinking," added Guadalupe.

This is the third edition of the annual event after "Justice" and "Corruption" in previous years. This year, the event brandishes a tagline pulled from a famous quote from French philosopher and writer, Voltaire. The quote translates as, "I would have liked to be a

lawyer, it is the most beautiful profession in the world," according to organizers.

"The lawyer is perhaps the most popular of the law professions, say compared to judges. It's a significant area of employment for the Portuguese community in Macau," said Guadalupe. "We have plenty of lawyers!" she joked.

"[In this series] we are trying to show the public how lawyers make decisions, and this is easier to comprehend through a movie than in more technical discussions."

With a background in law herself, Guadalupe explained the importance of the lawyer by stressing that they "are the first ones to interpret the law... and sometimes this decides everything. When two lawyers meet in court both will have their interpretations of the law and it will be up to the judge to decide. But before that - and whether it gets

to that - all starts with the lawyer."

"Only in difficult situations do we realize how important the lawyer can be. It is terribly important, even to defend someone [who turns out to be] guilty," added Gaivao.

Aside from the screenings, the month-long event features other smaller programs, such as a mock court trial for students. Talks will also be conducted after the films to gather opinions from audiences and stimulate a discussion about the films.

The sessions, held each Tuesday between today and July 19, ending with an extra showing on Thursday July 21, will be held at Casa Garden, the headquarters of the Macau delegation of Fundação Oriente. Entry to the screenings is free and open to all.

A total of six films will be screened: "A Few Good Men" (tonight); "Philadelphia" (June 28); "Erin Brockovich" (July 5); "A Time to Kill" (July 12); "Reversal of Fortune" (July 19); and "My Cousin Vinny" (July 21). The movies will be screened in English and will be accompanied by English-language subtitles.

"A Few Good Men" is showing tonight at 7:30 p.m. The film tells the story of a court-martial of two U.S. Marines charged with the murder of a fellow soldier, following the tribulations of their lawyers as they prepare to defend their clients. "It deals with an interesting case of corruption and politics within the army," said Guadalupe.

Before the film, a short presentation will be delivered by Sergio Correia, another lawyer and private notary in Macau, and a cocktail reception will be held starting from 7 p.m. After the screening, the floor will be opened up to a public discussion.

'Happy Family Month' raises awareness of domestic violence

THE final series of events which were included in the "Happy Family Month" took place on Sunday. The event seeks to promote harmony within families in addition to raising awareness of domestic violence.

Attending the event, Au Chin Keung, vice-president of the Social Welfare Bureau (IAS), noted that the bureau is cooperating with local associations "in order to fulfil the hopes of having zero domestic violence [in Macau]." The domestic

violence law will come into effect on October 5. Au added that "the government aims at promoting this law in the community."

Sunday's events were supported by 38 local non-profit organizations, including the Caritas Macau, the Children Protection Centre, and the Sheng Kung Hui Social Services Coordination Office. More than 200 volunteers from Caritas Macau took part in the event. Wong Pui Kei, supervisor of Caritas Macau, told the

Times that through these activities, the organizers and supporters of "Happy Family Month" were seeking to raise people's awareness in particular of domestic violence. "We hope that in the future, people know [when dealing with a domestic violence case] that there are organizations they can call for assistance," stated Wong.

He Xiu Min, a female visitor from Zhuhai, happened to come across people handing out Happy Family Month flyers

while she was walking around the city with her son and husband. "We came here to visit Macau, but it is noble to see activities like these going on and be lucky to pass by them," said He.

Another participant, Wan Sou Fan, a volunteer from the Sheng Kung Hui, brought five families to the Praça da Amizade as part of her role as one of the ambassadors of local communities. Nevertheless, she voiced some of her suggestions to the orga-



nizers. "We all are enjoying the activities, but it's too hot today. It would be better if they could take place indoors," said Wan, who also acknowledged that "the last outdoor event of the Happy

Family Month did not have many participants because it was raining."

According to IAS, more than 8,000 people attended the six events included in the "Happy Family Month." **Staff reporter**

AL PLENARY

Non-mandatory pension scheme fails to convince



Au Kam San



Kou Hoi In

Renato Marques

THE government's "Non-mandatory Central Provident Fund System" sent to the Legislative Assembly (AL) for debate and voting yesterday seems to have left both employers and employees unconvinced.

In fact, several lawmakers slammed the proposal as the debate heated up at the AL plenary session.

The debate was prolonged and at some points quite lively with the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam, hearing much criticism from both sides.

Ng Kuok Cheong questioned the government as to why a clear timeline for the implementation of the law has never been presented or even mentioned. "We didn't hear about the number of institutions that will start to implement this system? Will the gaming concessionaires or public utility companies like water or electricity participate in this change?" he asked.

Another of the concerns shared by a large number of lawmakers in the assembly was in regards to the requirement for a worker contribute under the same company for a period of at least three years in order to be able to guarantee 30 percent of their employers' contributions, while they would have to remain at the same company no less than 10 years to retrieve all of the money.

On this matter most of the lawmakers expressed disagreement with the requirement, suggesting the

government find a solution based on a percentage according to the contributing duration.

Ella Lei, Mak Soi Kun and Lam Heong Sang went even further adding that the proposal does not take into consideration the different professions and the specificities of some of them. They raised the example of construction workers, who are often subjected to work conditions in which they are employed or contracted on a temporary basis.

"Not all activity sectors are suitable for the application of this legislation. For example, in the case of construction workers, there is a great deal of mobility and that depends on many factors that the workers do not affect," lawmaker Mak Soi Kun remarked.

Lawmaker Kou Hoi In was one of the most active voices in expressing disagreement with the proposal and accused Alexis Tam of twisting the figures when

the Secretary claimed the proposal had reached a consensus at the Standing Committee for the Coordination of Social Affairs. Kou insisted: "It is not true! The employers do not agree and have expressed several concerns."

The same lawmaker also stated that with this proposal the "government is putting an added pressure on SMEs and on the young generation," claiming also that "this isn't the right time for this [legislation]," an opinion also shared by many other lawmakers.

Kou also criticized the benefits that the government claims to have established for the companies as an incentive saying "the government says it is a benefit, but almost nobody [in SMEs] pay taxes so this benefit [in the nature of a triple tax reduction] will be applicable to almost nobody."

Pereira Coutinho deemed the proposal "a rubbish solution," stating, "I will vote

against. This is neither fish nor fowl," he said.

Alexis Tam replied: "The MSAR needs to implement this legislation to guarantee the quality of life of the population after retirement."

The secretary added that the government acknowledges that the implementation of the law will have some impact on the employers' side but claims that the government "hopes to take this initial step first. It is a difficult one but we must do this!"

In an attempt to explain the threshold of the three-year-contribution requirement, the President of the Administrative Committee of the Social Security Fund, Iong Kong Io said: "The idea is to reinforce the fidelity of employees and also to stabilize the work force."

Also yesterday, the review to the Foreign Trade Law was approved with all votes in favor (30) and absolutely no discussion or vote declarations.

'Macau Foundation has become a VIP club of high-ranked officials'

LAWMAKER Au Kam San addressed the plenary to express his concerns over the monetary donations from the government and the lack of control and inspection over the activities of the Macau Foundation (FM).

Au said during the period before the agenda: "The Macau Foundation, fed with public money, has become a VIP club of high-ranked officials, tycoons and big associations."

The lawmaker said that the foundation's transformation had occurred "because the Foundation's Board of Trustees is compo-

sed of 20 members that represent all the major 'pro government' associations."

He stated that the FM "refuses inspection" by not providing answers and data regarding its activities. The lawmaker further claimed, "there is a private university that deducts annually from Macao Foundation under the pretext of developing technologies and in the way of financing themselves in the hundreds of millions of patacas."

The lawmaker urged the Chief Executive, Chui Sai On and the government to fulfill the law and to publicly publish the accounts of the FM. **RM**

ON THE LAWMAKERS' AGENDA

ABUSE OF POWER ON PUBLIC SERVICES Pereira Coutinho, said that "seniority, merit, professional experience and competence were all almost replaced by family relations and friendship" as requisites to assessing the public servants' work performance. He also claims that many supervisors undertake an "abuse of power" over government workers in order to make them fail. He added that psychological and even physical attacks are transpiring that contribute to a lowering of the general morale of workers. He stated that the announced "independent committee" would not solve any of these problems, as the members of the body would be chosen by the government and third parties.

GOV'T RENTALS Leong Veng Chai, addressed the plenary in the period before the agenda to criticize the government's decision regarding the rental of private facilities. The lawmaker noted that the government last year spent around MOP1.1 billion on rentals of private spaces and the venues which host the Public Prosecutions Office and the Court of First Instance, among others. He took the opportunity to address the issue specially after the information that the 1st Notary Office currently operating in the Holy House of Mercy building in the historical center is to be moved to the MSAR Service Center in the Area Preta district.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION Wong Kit Cheng, expressed concerns over what the lawmaker considers a "manipulation of the results of public consultations." Wong said that the substitution of the sale of live poultry for refrigerated poultry meat in the markets had run contrary to true public opinion. She said that the government reached the conclusion that "the majority of the people were not against the measure" by consolidating two opinion categories together – those in favor of the measure and those who did not express an opinion. The lawmaker claims that in this way the government is forcing the results to be favorable to the measure they seek to implement. Wong suggested that instead the government should take on board the opinion articulated by Zhong Nanshan, a member of Chinese Academy of Engineering. Zhong stated that a centralized poultry slaughter similar to what transpires in both Taiwan and Singapore "would be a viable option for Macau" for preserving the business activity of market sellers.

ARTS

Two additional shows for 'ARTmusing Summer'

THE Macau Cultural Centre (CCM) will stage additional shows of "Hup" and "Spot" due to high demand for performances during the Centre's "ARTmusing Summer."

Coming from Scotland and the Netherlands, the two shows for babies and preschoolers will be presented in late July and early August as part of a series of over 30 productions for all ages.

"Hup" is a piece by Edinburgh-based company Starcatchers for new parents who want to expose babies of up to 24 months of age to an inspirational world of musical and visual wonders, according to a statement by CCM. The show, which draws a connection between nature and music, will run from July 20 until July 24 with three shows each day.



Hup

Dutch company Theatre Terra's "Spot" is a family musical featuring a display of life-size puppets, colourful sets and characters. The show is for toddlers aged two and above. The performance is based on Eric Hill's worldwide popular children's book series "Spot the Dog." Theater Terra will perform for two days on August 6 and 7.

Moreover, CCM is offering "ARTmusing Summer Packages" that are applicable to several programmes, including "Mr. Satie Made in Paper", "Carnival of the Animals", "Hup", "Chook & Gek", "Spot" and "Chalk About." The package provides a discount of up to 30 percent on the purchase of three or more program tickets.



IFT organizes Cambodian tourism program

THE Institute for Tourism Studies (IFT) has organized a week-long professional training program for Cambodian heritage and preservation officials, which concludes today. IFT's first-ever program for Cambodian tourism studies ran from June 14 to yesterday. The program marks the first instance of bilateral cooperation after the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the MSAR government and the Ministry of Tourism of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Officials from APSARA National Authority – the management body responsible for protecting the archaeological park of Angkor – participated in the program alongside heritage tour guides from Cambodia.

A total of four tourism-related officials and 20 heritage tour guides participated in the program, which was titled "Capacity Building of Tour Guides for International Visitors at Angkor World Heritage Site, Cambodia."

The seven-day program – which seeks to strengthen the professional capacity of heritage tour guides – featured lectures, workshops and visits to the World Heritage Sites of the Historic Center of Macau.

The MSAR government and the Cambodian Ministry of Tourism signed a Memorandum of Understanding on May 30 to cooperate in the promotion of sustainable tourism development by enhancing human capital and establishing training and collaboration exchanges between both territories.

Another new organization named the "Global Center of Tourism Education and Training," soon to be set up by the IFT, will organize these training and education projects in collaboration with the United Nations World Tourism Organization. The collaboration will help both territories to achieve objectives set out in the memorandum, according to a statement from IFT.

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FINANCE

Cardholders to get limited Taiwan withdrawals

MACAU and Hong Kong clients of JETCO, the largest network of automatic teller machines (ATMs) in the two SARs, will now be able to withdraw money in Taiwan, thanks to a new agreement with Taiwan's Financial Information Service Co. (FISC), the Bank of China (Hong Kong) and the Bank of Taiwan.

JETCO says that the collaboration will facilitate the development of cross-border cash withdrawal services in Macau, Hong Kong and Taiwan, creating business benefits for banks and providing consumers and tourists with a more economical way to withdraw cash abroad.

The Bank of China (Hong Kong) and the Bank of Taiwan will be the local settlement banks in Macau and Taiwan respectively, according to Cihan News Agency.

The first phase, to be completed by the end of the year, will allow visitors from Taiwan to withdraw cash and make balance enquiries using cards from banks covered by FISC. These include the Bank of Taiwan, Land Bank of Taiwan, Taiwan Cooperative Bank, Ca-

thy United Bank and E.SUN Bank.

Visitors can also access services at over 300 JETCO ATMs operated by the Bank of China (Hong Kong) and the Bank of East Asia.

With phase two due for completion at the end of 2017, cardholders from Macau and Hong Kong will be able to access similar services from JETCO ATMs.

FISC currently provides interbank operations and ATM services in Taiwan for some 50 million cardholders, covering a total capital of USD123 million (MOP983 million). The company operates more than 3,000 ATMs in Macau, Hong Kong and mainland China.



BLOOMBERG

Residents can now use Aussie automated clearance

THE Identification Department, the Public Security Police Force (PSP) and the Public Security Forces Affairs Bureau have been cooperating closely with relevant counterpart authorities in Australia to expedite a new process of immigration clearance for residents of the two territories.

As of yesterday, MSAR electronic passport holders can now use Australia's automated immigration clearance system as well as vice-versa, although the visa requirements for Macau residents traveling to Australia will remain unchanged. Macau residents who are aged 16 or above and hold a valid Macau electronic passport can enter Australia via the country's automated system, termed "SmartGate."

Upon arrival, eligible users need to proceed to the designated kiosk for the completion of certain operations as instructed by authorities. Visitors will need to have their photo taken and register with facial recognition software.



Previously, MSAR electronic passport holders had been able to access Australia's SmartGate arrivals system on a trial basis at eight major international airports in the country, including Adelaide, Brisbane, Cairns, Darwin, Gold Coast, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney.

Moreover, residents who are over 1.2 meters tall and hold a valid MSAR passport or electronic passport can use Australia's automated immigration clearance system when departing from the country.

Residents who wish to use this exit option will need to have registered their photo

with facial recognition software and will be required to deposit their completed Outgoing Passenger Card after proceeding through the gate.

Australian residents will be granted similar privileges when entering and exiting Macau through Macau's Automated Passenger Clearance System, "e-Channel."

This will be made available to Australian travelers after they have registered at the Hong Kong-Macau Ferry Terminal, the Taipa Ferry Terminal, the Border Gate or the Immigration Department Building at the PSP.

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GAMING

Macau remains attractive for investment

MACAU'S casino table games generate nearly double the revenue of their Las Vegas counterparts despite the gaming slump that has afflicted the city, according to a report from financial services company The Motley Fool.

Together with slot machines, which in the MSAR generate more than double the revenue of comparable Las Vegas machines, gaming facilities in Macau remain a much more attractive investment opportunity for casino operators.

Macau's gaming market generated USD29.9 billion (MOP293 billion) in total re-

venue over the past year, down from \$45.2 billion (MOP361 billion) in 2013. Nevertheless, it significantly surpasses the \$6.3 billion (MOP50 billion) raised by the Las Vegas Strip.

Wynn is just one of several international operators in Macau that are continuing to prioritize new resorts in the territory, and is expected to open the Wynn Palace in the second half of the year.

According to The Motley Fool's comparisons between a Wynn resort in Macau and another in Vegas, slot machine winnings per unit per day in the MSAR amount to \$710 (MOP5,676) while those of

Vegas stand at a mere \$289 (MOP2,310).

Moreover, table game winnings per unit per day in the Wynn resort based in Macau (\$11,092/MOP88,673) easily trump those of its Las Vegas resort (\$5,792/MOP46,303).

The MSAR's success, according to the financial services analyst, lies partly in the city's ability to regulate and limit the supply of gaming tables. This results in increased barriers of entry to the market and reduces competition, thus helping to protect long-term profits.

Wynn Macau, Sands China and MGM China are all preparing to complete their latest resorts in the MSAR, along with Melco Crown's most recent property, which will lead to a supply increase in the next few years.

However, The Motley Fool asserts that there will be a cap to market entry in the long-term, meaning that growth will likely be restricted to existing resorts in the region. This will put operators in "a strong position to reap the benefits of the highly profitable gaming market." **DB**

LG ponders home appliance deals to speed up global expansion

Jungah Lee

LG Electronics Inc., with businesses spanning TVs to washing machines, is looking at home appliance acquisitions to fuel its global expansion and withstand a slowing smartphone market.

The company will probably focus on business-to-business targets, such as component makers, Jo Seong-Jin, president of LG's home appliance division, said in an interview. Earnings from the business will increase in the quarters ahead, Jo said, as he expects the unit's sales to rise about 10 percent this year. LG shares climbed 4.1 percent yesterday, the most in almost a month. The KOSPI gained 1.4 percent in Seoul.

LG, like larger rival Samsung Electronics Co., is trying to innovate and push into premium segments to

capture more affluent consumers amid increased competition from Chinese rivals including Midea Group Co. and Haier Electronics Group Co. LG released its Twin Wash machine in July last year, enabling users to do two loads of laundry at the same time.

"The home appliance industry growth, including washers and refrigerators, is unlikely to show a significant expansion going forward," Jo said. "The overall home appliance market is expected to grow about 2.5 to 3 percent by sales this year whereas our sales for premium sets alone will generate a whopping 10 to 15 percent growth."

Seoul-based LG is considering an expansion of its production footprint, which already includes plants in 11 countries from South Korea and China to Turkey and Mexico. The company may increase its investment in Vietnam and hasn't ruled out establishing factories elsewhere in North America as well as Brazil and South Africa, Jo said.

LG posted operating profit of 505.2 billion won (USD431 million) on sales of 13.4 trillion won in the three months ended March, the company said in April. Home appliance earnings surged 78 percent to 407.8 billion won in the quarter.

Midea, China's biggest maker of home appliances, agreed in March to buy a majority stake in Toshiba Corp.'s appliance unit. Haier agreed in January to buy General Electric Co.'s appliance division for \$5.4 billion. **Bloomberg**

“The home appliance industry growth, including washers and refrigerators, is unlikely to show a significant expansion going forward.”

JO SEONG-JIN

corporate bits

CESL ASIA HOLDS COLLECTIVE BLOOD DONATION EVENT FOR 3RD YEAR



CESL Asia organized a collective blood donation on June 18, where António Trindade, the president and CEO of the company, led more than 20 volunteers to the Macao Blood Transfusion Service Center.

The activity was held for the third consecutive year in CESL Asia. Though organizing social investment activities, the company hopes to enhance the association and exchan-

ge among its staff, families and the community while giving back to society, according to a statement from CESL Asia.

Back in 2000 the organization introduced the non-profit CESL Asia Social Investment Fund, the umbrella organization for the event, with the objective of heightening the intellectual, social, cultural and physical well-being of the community and staff members.

MACAO WATER TO OFFER REBATES

The Macao Water Supply Company is rolling out a series of promotions starting from yesterday and running until the end of the year.

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Some customers may be able to attain a total saving of MOP60 on their water tariff.

The company is rolling out the rebates in order to "provide customers with a swift and convenient service on general applications and payment" and to encourage sign-up to the service, according to a statement.

SHIRLEY KWAN TO PLAY GIG AT VENETIAN THEATRE

Shirley Kwan, one of the most influential female vocalists in Hong Kong, will hit the stage of The Venetian Theatre at The Venetian Macao on Saturday July 9 with her latest concert.

Titled "Shirley Kwan An Intimate Live," the Macao date comes shortly after Shirley Kwan celebrated the 25th anniversary of her music career by holding a concert in Hong Kong.

Well-noted for her distinct and breathy vocal style, Shirley Kwan has delivered over a hundred classic hits, including "Are There Real Friends in Life," "Solo" and "Cuddling Underneath the Stars." She has also released cover versions for other greatest hits, which became hot topics among fans and were highly recommended by music critics.

Tickets go on sale today at Cotai Ticketing box offices.



UniCredit said to accelerate search for CEO

Sonia Sirletti

UNICREDIT SpA is accelerating its search for a successor to departing Chief Executive Officer Federico Ghizzoni and may draw up a short list as soon as this week, people with knowledge of the matter said.

The bank's nomination committee, supported by Egon Zehnder International Inc., is seeking to identify a small number of candidates for final assessment, said the people, asking not to be identified because the matter is private. Former Intesa Sanpaolo SpA CEO Corrado Passera is also being considered for the role, according to the people.

UniCredit shares have dropped about 17 percent since May



Federico Ghizzoni

24, when Ghizzoni announced that he's ready to step down. While the CEO's departure was seen as paving the way for a capital increase, the drawn-out succession process comes at a time when Italian banks are facing investor scrutiny about

their non-performing loans and holdings of government debt.

"Mr. Passera is a proven turnaround manager who laid the groundwork for Italy's best bank Intesa Sanpaolo," said Johan De Mulder an analyst at Sanford C. Bernstein Ltd.,

with an outperform on Intesa Sanpaolo. "He would be a very good choice."

Passera, 61, a former McKinsey & Co. consultant, took over at Intesa in 2002. During his nine years as CEO, he oversaw the 34 billion-euro (USD39 billion) acquisition of smaller competitor Sanpaolo IMI SpA in 2006, helping the bank become the country's largest lender. In 2011, he was named economic development minister in a Cabinet appointed by Italian prime minister Mario Monti and founded center-right party Italia Unica three years later.

Italian newspaper Il Fatto Quotidiano reported Sunday that UniCredit is likely to name Passera as its next CEO. A spokesman for UniCredit declined to comment, while an of-

ficial for Passera said the former CEO hasn't been contacted by the lender.

Mediobanca SpA's CEO Alberto Nagel, Unione di Banche Italiane SpA's CEO Victor Mas-siah, the head of Credit Agricole SA's Cariparma unit Giampiero Maioli, and Intesa Sanpaolo's general manager Gaetano Micciche are also being considered for the job, one of the people said.

Ghizzoni, 60, agreed to step down as investors demanded a change in management. While the CEO led UniCredit through the sovereign-debt crisis, regulatory changes and Italy's longest recession since World War II, he struggled to bolster returns as bad loans mounted, leaving the bank among Europe's least capitalized lenders.

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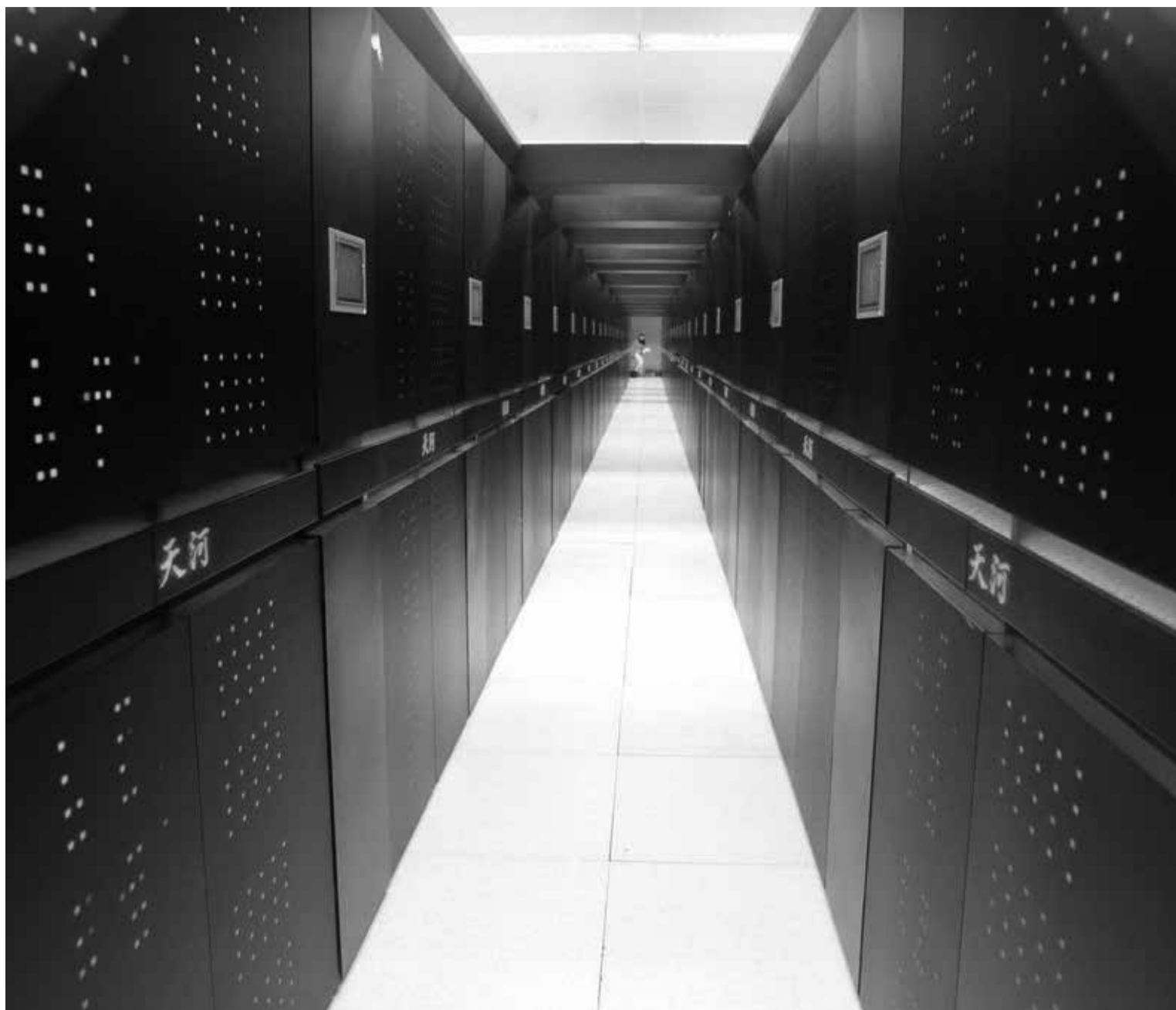
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China tops global supercomputer speed list for seventh year

Joe McDonald, Beijing

A Chinese supercomputer has topped a list of the world's fastest computers for the seventh straight year — and for the first time the winner uses only Chinese-designed processors instead of U.S. technology.

The announcement yesterday is a new milestone for Chinese supercomputer development and a further erosion of past U.S. dominance of the field.

Last year's Chinese winner in the TOP500 ranking maintained by researchers in the United States and Germany slipped to No. 2, followed by a computer at the U.S. government's Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee.

Also this year, China displaced the United States for the first time as the country with the most supercomputers in the top 500. China had 167 systems and the United States had 165. Japan was a dis-

tant No. 3 with 29 systems.

Supercomputers are one of a series of technologies targeted by China's ruling Communist Party for development and have received heavy financial support. Such systems are used for weather forecasting, designing nuclear weapons, analyzing oil fields and other specialized purposes.

"Considering that just 10 years ago, China claimed a mere 28 systems on the list, with none ranked in the top 30, the nation has come further and faster than any other country in the history of supercomputing," the TOP500 organizers said in a statement.

This year's champion is the Sunway TaihuLight at the National Supercomputing Center in Wuxi, west of Shanghai, according to TOP500. It was developed by China's National Research Center of Parallel Computer Engineering & Technology

using entirely Chinese-designed processors.

The TaihuLight is capable of 93 petaflops, or quadrillion calculations per second, according to TOP500. It is intended for use in engineering and research including climate, weather, life sciences, advanced manufacturing and data analytics.

Its top speed is about five times that of Oak Ridge's Titan, which uses Cray, NVIDIA and Opteron technology.

Other countries with computers in the Top 10 were Japan, Switzerland, Germany and Saudi Arabia.

The TaihuLight is due to be introduced today at the International Supercomputing Conference in Frankfurt by the director of the Wuxi center, Guangwen Yang.

"As the first No. 1 system of China that is completely based on homegrown processors, the Sunway TaihuLight system demonstrates the significant progress that China

has made in the domain of designing and manufacturing large-scale computation systems," Yang was quoted as saying in the TOP500 statement.

The TaihuLight uses Chinese-developed ShenWei processors, "ending any remaining speculation that China would have to rely on Western technology to compete effectively in the upper echelons of supercomputing," TOP500 said in a statement.

The second-fastest computer, the Tianhe-2 at the National Supercomputer Center in the southern city of Guangzhou, is capable of 33 petaflops. It uses chips made by Intel Corp.

Among countries with the most computers on the top 500 list, Germany was in fourth place with 26 systems, France was next with 18, followed by Britain with 12.

The TOP500 is compiled by Erich Strohmaier of NERSC/Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Jack Dongarra of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Horst Simon of NERSC/Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, and Martin Meuer of Prometheus GmbH, a German technology company. Another contributor, Hans Meuer of Germany's University of Mannheim, died in 2014. AP

TV shows restricted over foreign formats

CHINA is restricting TV shows that use formats from abroad such as "The Voice of China," which is based on a Dutch talent show, in a move it says is intended to lead to more innovation and original programming among Chinese TV channels.

The State Administration of Press, Publication, Radio, Film and Television has issued similar orders in the past to satellite TV channels, limiting variety shows, reality programs and, most recently, programs that employ celebrities' children.

The directive, the text of which was published last week on China.com, a news portal run by the Cabinet's information office, said that some channels were "still too dependent on broadcasting foreign programs" and had few original ideas.

The directive called on broadcasters to heed President Xi Jinping's call "to establish cultural self-confidence" and "make quality programs with Chinese cultural characteristics."

Authorities are keen for China's film and TV industry to make products capable of attracting a global audience. They are also keen to wrest back Communist Party control over cultural industries to make sure they still have the power to dictate public opinion.

In the published directive, satellite TV channels who want to broadcast programs with foreign rights must submit them for examination to provincial broadcasting regulators.

Satellite TV channels are only allowed to broadcast two programs with formats from abroad during evening prime time each year. Only one such program being shown in China for the first time may be broadcast in a year, and not during the 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. prime time.

Channels that broadcast newly imported TV programs without approval will be banned from showing any foreign-inspired programs for one year.

The national regulator has frequently criticized reality shows and earlier this year banned the children of celebrities from appearing on such shows, taking the sail out of the wings of "Where Are We Going, Dad?" — a South Korean-inspired show that was such a hit in China that one episode was shown in cinemas. AP

HONG Kong's leader said yesterday he'll raise concerns with the Chinese government over the case of a bookseller secretly detained for months in the mainland and whose revelations about his ordeal have sparked fear and anger over Beijing's tightening grip.

Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying also said officials would review a notification system for when residents are detained by authorities in mainland China, after Beijing failed to alert the semiautonomous Chinese city's government about Lam Wing-kee until months after he went missing.

In Leung's first public comments on the matter, he told reporters he "attaches great importance" to Lam's case. He's one of five booksellers whose disappearance raised international concern over fears Beijing is eroding Hong Kong's wide autonomy.

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The five were linked to a Hong Kong publishing company and bookshop that churned out breathless tomes about political intrigue among China's communist top leadership that are banned in the mainland. Lam, who was the bookshop's manager, was allowed to return to Hong Kong last week on the condition he bring back a hard drive

HONG KONG

CY Leung to raise bookseller's detention with Beijing



Hong Kong bookseller Lam Wing-kee

containing a list of the shop's clients, including many mail-order customers in mainland China.

But he changed his mind at the last minute and instead spoke publicly about his ordeal.

Leung said he would write to Beijing to express Hong Kong residents' "concern and misgivings" over Lam's case.

Lam said he was detained Oct. 24 after he crossed into the neighboring mainland city of Shenzhen, blindfolded and taken by train to another city, where he was confined to a small room for months and interrogated about the publishing company's authors and customers.

Beijing did not notify the Hong Kong government about Lam and three of his collea-

gues until Feb. 4.

"We believe that there's room for review and possibly improvement in the notification system," Leung said.

The case has fanned concerns about China's encroachment on the city's autonomy, guaranteed to the former British colony under the "One Country, Two Systems" principle when it was returned

to China in 1997. Thousands of protesters took to Hong Kong's streets on Saturday in a show of support for Lam and the city's autonomy.

Hong Kong's government said in February that only Hong Kong's law-enforcement agencies can enforce laws in the city and that its police are seeking assistance from mainland Chinese authorities. **MDT/Agencies**

DIPLOMACY

Xi visits Poland to boost trade, business

CHINA'S President Xi Jinping is in Poland for a visit that is expected to boost Chinese investment in the region and open the Chinese market to Polish food producers.

Poland has been China's largest partner in central and eastern Europe, with trade worth tens of billions of euro. But Poland is chiefly an importer and is hoping to boost its economy by increasing exports, mainly of farm products. China is seeking to de-



Chinese President Xi Jinping (left) and his Polish counterpart Andrzej Duda walk in front of the Guard of Honor during the welcoming ceremony in Warsaw

velop large infrastructure and energy projects in Europe.

The countries are due to sign some 40 deals and memoranda of understanding during the visit, mostly related to construction, raw materials, energy, new technologies and science.

The adviser to President Andrzej Duda, Krzysztof Szczerski, has said that Poland wants to be the key partner for China in the region. Warsaw wants to have a role in upgrading and

building new land and sea transport links between China and the European Union. Talks will also include human rights issues in China and global security, he said.

Xi and Duda are to attend the arrival of a Chinese cargo train in Warsaw, in a symbolic opening of a connection between China and Europe. They will also attend an economic forum.

Xi is also due to meet Prime Minister Beata Szydlo and Parliament speakers. Xi and his wife arrived late Sunday and had dinner with Duda.

The last visit to Poland by a Chinese president was in 2004, by Hu Jintao. **AP**



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KOREAS

Before hearing, Pyongyang pushes claim South abducted women

Eric Talmadge, Pyongyang

AS South Korea's main spy agency prepares a courtroom defense of its continued detention of 12 North Korean waitresses it says fled from China, Pyongyang is using the women's relatives and colleagues to step up its accusations that they were tricked into leaving their jobs and essentially kidnapped.

The case has become a bitter point of contention between the two Koreas. Pyongyang claims South Korea's National Intelligence Service abducted the waitresses. Seoul says they came to the South of their own free will and don't want to go back to North Korea.

The women are in South Korean custody and have yet not been allowed to freely tell their story in public. In response to a legal filing by South Korean human rights lawyers, the NIS must prove that the North Koreans are being lawfully detained. A closed-door hearing in the case is set for today at Seoul Central Court; the restaurant workers are not expected to testify.

On Saturday in Pyongyang, North Korean authorities allowed an Associated Press Television crew to interview some of the colleagues and parents of the waitresses who are now in South Korea. The interviews were conducted freely with no questions submitted in advance, but it is common for authorities to coach inter-



In this June 18, 2016 image taken from Associated Press Television News video, So Thae Song (left) and Ri Gum Suk (right) speak to an Associated Press Television News crew during an interview

viewees beforehand to make sure they stay on message.

Former waitresses Choe Rye Yong and Han Yun Hui said they worked with the 12 women for more than two years at the North Korean-run Azalea Friendship Restaurant in Ningbo, China. Choe and Han said they chose not to go with them and instead returned to Pyongyang. They did not say exactly what transpired.

News of today's hearing has not been announced by the North's state-run media, but Choe and Han said North Korean authorities had told them about it. They said they can't

understand why the hearing is closed.

"The fact that it's closed means that they don't want to let our colleagues say what they want to say," said Choe, who was the head waitress at the Azalea.

Tens of thousands of North Koreans have defected to South Korea over decades of division, and in recent years North Korea has tried to step up efforts to prevent further defections.

Going from North Korea to South Korea has always been complicated by concerns for family left behind, and Pyongyang appeared to be trying

to capitalize on those feelings by taking the unusual step of allowing the restaurant workers' parents to be interviewed by foreign media.

Ri Gum Suk, the mother of one of the workers, So Kyong Ah, said all parents involved are heartbroken. Her husband, So Thae Song, said he wants to hear from his daughter directly because he can't believe she would have decided to defect.

"They say our children defected, making their own free decision, but then why don't they put our children in front of us parents? I want to hear the words from my lovely dau-

ghter. Why don't they let her meet us? They say they defected willingly as a group. I can't accept this," he said.

North Koreans who flee to the South are routinely questioned in seclusion by the NIS to make sure they're not spies. They are then kept for up to six months at a guarded facility where they receive vocational training and learn how to adapt to South Korean life.

While South Korea has dismissed the North's claims that the waitresses were tricked or left against their will, an independent group of South Korean lawyers is calling on the justice system to bring the women into court to answer questions about their intentions.

After the NIS and Unification Ministry rejected the lawyers' request to meet the restaurant workers, the group filed for legal action, using South Korean law on habeas corpus to demand judicial review of the North Koreans' detention.

Chun Nak-bung, a lawyer from the group, said the women are not expected to appear in court today, and that it's unclear when a court decision would be reached.

South Korea's spy service said earlier this year that North Korea was running about 130 restaurants overseas, mostly in China.

Overall, North Korea has about 50,000-60,000 workers abroad, mostly in Russia and China, with a mission to bring in foreign currency. **AP**

INDONESIA said it will continue to take "decisive" action against foreign ships operating illegally in waters under its jurisdiction after Beijing criticized its navy for shooting at Chinese fishing vessels.

Indonesian navy spokesman First Admiral Edi Sucipto yesterday confirmed an Indonesian warship fired warning shots at Chinese fishing vessels in waters off Indonesia's Natuna islands and detained one of the vessels and its seven crew members.

He said the incident occurred on Friday. "We will not hesitate to take decisive action against foreign ships, whatever their flag and nationality, when they commit

SOUTH CHINA SEA

Indonesia vows more decisive action after Chinese ship spat



Illegal fishing vessel Viking, which was seized by Indonesia's Navy, is anchored next to Indonesian navy ship KRI Sutanto before its sinking on the waters off Pangandaran, West Java

violations in Indonesian territory," Sucipto said.

China's Foreign Ministry released a statement of protest on Sunday and said the Indonesian navy had "abused its military force." It said one fisherman was injured during the incident.

China's expansive claims to the South China Sea do not include the Natuna islands, which are nearly 2,000 kilometers from the Chinese mainland in waters between Malaysia

and Borneo.

But China's nine dash line, which it uses to roughly demarcate its ambitions for maritime boundaries, overlaps with the section of Indonesia's internationally-recognized exclusive economic zone extending from the Natuna islands. The Chinese foreign ministry's statement characterized the faraway waters as China's traditional fishing ground.

The incident Friday was

the third such clash since March, when Indonesia intercepted a Chinese fishing vessel off the Natuna islands. In May, an Indonesian frigate fired shots at a Chinese trawler when it refused to stop fishing, and then seized the vessel and its eight crew members.

Maritime and Fisheries Minister Susi Pudjiastuti, who has overseen the destruction of dozens of foreign boats caught illegally fishing in Indonesian waters, said the navy followed correct procedures for dealing with poachers.

"We don't shoot for no clear reason. Protecting the sovereignty of our country is a must," she wrote on Twitter. **AP**



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REFUGEES

UN says 65 million people displaced in 2015, a new record

Jamey Keaten, Geneva

IMAGINE the entire population of Britain uprooted: The U.N. refugee agency says just over that number — 65 million people — were displaced worldwide by the end of last year, easily setting a new postwar record, as it warned that European and other rich nations can expect the tide to continue if root causes aren't addressed.

In a year when more than a million people arrived on European shores, UNHCR said continued conflicts and persecution in places like Syria and Afghanistan fueled a nearly 10-percent increase in the total number of refugees and internally displaced people in 2015.

"I hope that the message carried by those forcibly displaced reaches the leaderships: We need action, political action, to stop conflicts," said Filippo Grandi, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees. "The message that they have carried is: 'If you don't solve problems, problems will come to you.'"

The figures are contained in the Geneva-based agency's latest Global Trends Report issued yesterday, timed for World Refugee Day. They show that for the first time since World War II, the 60 million mark was crossed, even topping the equivalent of the total U.K. population of about 64.6 million.

"If these 65.3 million persons were a nation, they would make up the 21st largest in the world," the report said.

With stark detail, UNHCR

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United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, UNHCR, Italian Filippo Grandi presents the UNHCR Annual Global Trends Report, during a press conference, at the European headquarters of the United Nations in Geneva

said that on average, 24 people had been displaced every minute of every day last year — or 34,000 people a day — up from 6 every minute in 2005. Global displacement has roughly doubled since 1997, and risen by 50 percent since 2011 alone — when the Syria war began.

About 11.5 million people from Syria had fled their homes: 6.6 million within the war-ravaged country and 4.9 million abroad. More than half of all refugees came from three countries: Syria, Afghanistan and Somalia, and more

than half of all displaced people were children, UNHCR said.

Turkey was the top host country for the second year running, taking in 2.5 million people — nearly all from neighboring Syria. Afghan neighbor Pakistan had 1.6 million, while Lebanon, next to Syria, hosted 1.1 million. UNHCR said the total figures of forcibly displaced people amounted to about one in every 113 people on the planet.

Grandi said policymakers and advocacy groups admittedly face daunting challenges

in helping the largest subset of displaced people: Some 40.8 million internally displaced in countries in conflict. Another 21.3 million were refugees and some 3.2 million more were seeking asylum.

More than a million people fled to Europe last year, causing a political crisis in the EU — with Greece and Italy facing the initial brunt, Germany welcoming in hundreds of thousands, and some eastern European countries erecting strict barriers to block the flow.

Concerns about immigra-

■ For the first time since World War II, the 60 million mark was crossed

tion have affected the debate in Britain about whether to remain in the European bloc ahead of Thursday's Brexit referendum.

So far this year, the flow of refugees into Europe has eased through the Turkey-to-Greece route that was the dominant thoroughfare last year. A recent EU-Turkey deal allows Greece to return Syrian asylum-seekers to Turkey without evaluation of their protection claims on the basis it is a "safe third country."

Human Rights Watch on Monday urged the EU to evaluate Syrian refugees' protection claims on the merits.

Grandi called on countries to work to fight the xenophobia that has accompanied the rise in refugee populations, and decried both physical barriers — like fences erected by some European countries — as well as legislative ones that limit access to richer, more peaceful EU states.

Such European policies were "spreading a negative example around the world," he said.

"There is no plan B for Europe in the long run," Grandi said. "Europe will continue to receive people seeking asylum. Their numbers may vary [...] but it is inevitable." AP

UK

Lawmakers return to London to pay tribute to slain lawmaker

BRITISH lawmakers returned to Parliament yesterday to pay tribute to lawmaker Jo Cox, as the man charged with her slaying was set to appear in court for a bail hearing.

Parliament was in recess for campaigning in the European Union referendum when Cox was shot and stabbed to

death outside a library in her northern England constituency last week.

The killing — the first of a sitting British legislator in more than a quarter of a century — prompted an outpouring of shock and grief, and brought a three-day halt to campaigning for this week's referendum.

Cox was a Labor legis-

lator who had championed the plight of Syrian refugees and strongly backed a "remain" vote in Thursday's EU poll.

Speaker John Bercow recalled the House of Commons to allow lawmakers to honor their colleague. In a break with tradition, members were allowed sit together, rather than

dividing along party lines.

The House is generally recalled only at times of crisis or high significance. The last time it happened was in September 2014, so lawmakers could vote on whether to launch air strikes against the Islamic State group in Iraq.

The man accused of

AP PHOTO



An image and floral tributes for Jo Cox lay on Parliament Square, outside the House of Parliament in London

killing Cox, 52-year-old Thomas Mair, appeared yesterday at London's Central Criminal Court for a bail hearing.

Mair gave his name as "death to traitors, freedom for Britain" in his first court appearance Saturday. AP

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Offbeat

1,200-FOOT AMUSEMENT RIDE
PROPOSED FOR NY'S PENN STATION

Catching a train at New York's crowded Penn Station is no thrill. But a development team has proposed a novel plan to overhaul the station: Build a 1,200-foot thrill ride on top of it and pay for renovations by charging USD35 a ticket.

The plan submitted to state officials envisions a transparent tower called the Halo with 11 gondolas offering free-fall rides of varying speeds.

"You're experiencing New York City in an unforgettable way," said Alexandros Washburn, president of Brooklyn Capital Partners, the partnership behind the plan. "It's something you will not be able to do anywhere else in the world."

John Gerber, chairman of Brooklyn Capital Partners, said the ride is feasible from an engineering standpoint, but he acknowledged that government agencies and New Yorkers might not embrace the idea.

Other ideas floated for renovating the station have included more traditional concepts, like building office towers. "It's a public process and there are a lot of stakeholders," Gerber said. "Anything that's new is going to be complicated."

Washburn and Gerber submitted their plan after Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo put out a request in January for proposals to renovate the rail hub he called "a blight on the greatest city in the world."

Plans to redo Penn Station, which handles more than 650,000 passengers daily on Amtrak and commuter rail lines, have been stalled for years.

Washburn and Gerber both previously served as president of the Penn Station Redevelopment Corp., a public-private body that oversaw an earlier upgrade.

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13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
15:00	UEFA EURO 2016 - Group Stage (Group B) Russia - Wales (Repeated)
16:50	UEFA EURO 2016 - Group Stage (Group B) Slovakia - England (Repeated)
18:40	Helena's Shadow (Repeated)
19:30	Soap Opera
20:10	Sports
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Non-Daily Portuguese News
21:15	TDM Interview
21:45	Happy Endings S3
22:10	Helena's Shadow
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Fillers
23:50	UEFA EURO 2016 - Group Stage (Group C) N. Ireland - Germany (Live)
02:30	Sports (Repeated)
02:50	UEFA EURO 2016 - Group Stage (Group D) Croatia - Spain (Live)

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16 JUN - 22 JUN

NOW YOU SEE ME 2

ROOM 1
2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm
Director: Jon M. Chu
Starring: Jesse Eisenberg, Mark Ruffalo,
Woody Harrelson
Language: English (Cantonese)
Duration: 129min



ALICE THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

ROOM 2
(2D) 2.30, 4.40, 9.30 pm
(3D) 7.30 pm
Director: James Bobin
Starring: Mia Wasikowska, Johnny Depp,
Helena Bonham Carter
Language: English (Cantonese)
Duration: 113min



WARCRAFT: THE BEGINNING

ROOM 3
(2D) 2.30, 4.45, 9.30 pm
(3D) 7.15 pm
Director: Duncan Jones
Starring: Travis Fimmel, Paula Patton, Ben Foster
Language: English (Cantonese)
Duration: 123min

MACAU TOWER

02 JUN - 22 JUN

TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES:
OUT OF THE SHADOWS

2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm
Director: Dave Green
Starring: Megan Fox, Will Arnett, Tyler Perry
Language: English (Cantonese)
Duration: 112min

this day in history



1945 US TROOPS TAKE OKINAWA

The Japanese island of Okinawa has finally fallen to the Americans after a long and bloody battle.

The island, situated 340 miles (550km) south of the Japanese mainland, will now provide the Americans with an invaluable air and naval base from which to launch a sustained and forceful attack on the mainland.

It is estimated more than 90,000 Japanese troops were killed in the 82-day conflict.

America also suffered heavy losses - at this stage 6,990 servicemen have been reported killed or missing and 25,598 wounded.

In a statement issued today US Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz said: "After 82 days of fighting the battle of Okinawa has been won."

"Organised resistance ceased on June 21. Enemy garrisons in two small pockets are being mopped up."

The Japanese fought a desperate battle until the bitter end with many hiding out in caves on the southern-most tip of the island.

As the US forces closed in many threw themselves off 150ft (45.7m) cliffs or waded into the sea to drown rather than be taken prisoner.

More than 4,000 Japanese have so far been captured.

The conflict began on 1 April, when America's newly-formed 10th Army, led by Lieutenant-General Simon Bolivar Buckner, landed on Okinawa's western coast.

By 21 April most of the island had been taken by US troops but a stalemate developed in the south around Okinawa's capital city, Naha.

The Japanese were able to secure a strong defensive position in the rugged, cave-riddled terrain and it took several weeks to finally win the battle.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The Japanese commander-in-chief on Okinawa, Lieutenant-General Ushijima Mitsuru, committed suicide on 22 June. Okinawa was the last great amphibious campaign of the war. America sent 170,000 troops and 1,213 warships and British forces also took part.

The island was defended by nearly 100,000 Japanese troops. Lt-Gen Ushijima relied on mass kamikaze attacks as his main line of defence against the initial assault. More than 2,000 attacks were launched during the conflict.

The allies suffered unprecedented losses with 36 warships and landing craft being sunk, 763 aircraft lost and more than 12,500 servicemen killed.

Only 7,400 Japanese troops survived the conflict to become prisoners of war.

America returned Okinawa to Japan in 1972.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19

If foreign currency affects your bottom line, then stay informed. You may need to start exploring other options. The window of opportunity is a short one, so don't let yourself fall asleep at the switch.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21

Relationships are tricky things. One day you're butting heads and the next you're on the same page. When you're connected by money, it can feel like running in a three legged race. Try to read your racing partner.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22

Your money won't grow but your love just might. Focus on all the things going right in life, and block out finances if they aren't on the list. You can take care of business once you've taken care of romance.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22

Don't risk being misinterpreted. The better you are at expressing yourself, the better the responses you get back. That goes for everything from sales pitches to prayers. Clarity is as good as gold.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Your confidence is the unexpected guest at the table tonight. If you've been shaking in your shoes at the thought of a certain meeting, that makes it all the more delicious. Enjoy being the one holding all the cards.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Mumbling a request won't get you what you want. Whether you're ordering take out or sending prayer out to the universe, it pays to be as clear as possible. The sky's the limit once you learn to articulate.

Taurus April 20-May 20

The most daring of your friends won't take risks when money is involved. You, however, will go out on a limb for anything. Your payoff may be huge or you may lose it all. Either way beats playing it safe, in your humble opinion.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Some days energy flows out of you effortlessly, but today just the bare minimum is a big effort. It's not the right time to expect huge inroads or big profits. Tumbling into bed at the end of the day is your biggest reward.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22

You don't have to force yourself to work hard today. All you have to do is let go and be swept along by the current. Money seems to flow into your wallet effortlessly.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Don't be afraid of acceptable levels of risk. Playing it completely safe only means stagnation. Your instincts are sensitive enough and accurate enough to guide you through any hazards a little risk may throw your way.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19

You're reaching the point where it all just seems impossible. Your momentum is gone and you're ready to lay down and give up. Don't. You're simply slowly and steadily climbing a hill.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20

You have the ultimate say when it comes to what to do with your money, but that means you're ultimately responsible for it, too. You're perfectly happy with that kind of authority. After all, you know best.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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Harbin 19 25 cloudy/thundershower
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Xi'an 26 33 cloudy
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Chongqing 25 34 cloudy
Kunming 18 25 shower
Nanjing 24 30 moderate rain
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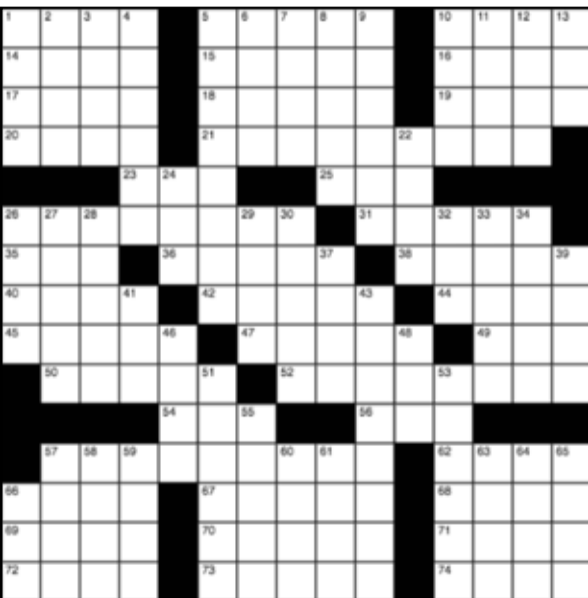
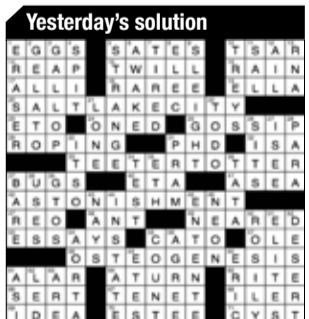
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CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Tree house; 5- Does a Daffy Duck impression; 10- Tribute; 14- Racer Yarborough; 15- Standard of perfection; 16- Between ports; 17- Egg; 18- Actress Davis; 19- Lump of dirt; 20- Leak slowly; 21- Period of blissful harmony; 23- Dig in!; 25- Pasture used for grazing; 26- 50 cents; 31- Vertical face of a stair; 35- Saud; 36- Writer Loos; 38- Hermit; 40- Singer Young; 42- Actress Scacchi; 44- Mex. miss; 45- Words on a Wonderland cake; 47- Name on a bomber; 49- Scrap; 50- Artist Matisse; 52- Umbilicus; 54- Chem. or biol.; 56- Magician's prop; 57- Republic in N Central America; 62- Shoppe sign word; 66- Choir voice; 67- Chocolate substitute; 68- Call for; 69- "It's ___ real!"; 70- Glass marble; 71- Slinger girl; 72- Zaire's Mobutu ___ Seko; 73- Minor, in law; 74- Bridle strap;

DOWN: 1- Sgts., e.g.; 2- Roof overhang; 3- Swing around; 4- Heat of mind; 5- Illuminating; 6- Prefix with logical; 7- Perceived; 8- Discussion group; 9- Killer; 10- Bell; 11- Scandinavian capital city; 12- Revolutionary Trotsky; 13- Young fellow; 22- Letters, e.g.; 24- Lawyers' org.; 26- Of high grade; 27- Belief involving sorcery; 28- Come together; 29- Air-filled rubber hoop, become fatigued; 30- Shorthand taker; 32- Distress call; 33- Sign up; 34- Fashionably old-fashioned; 37- Smallest component; 39- Phooey!; 41- K-O connection; 43- Language letters; 46- Formerly, once; 48- I get it; 51- Polar cover; 53- Yom Kippur observer; 55- Icon; 57- Exultation; 58- Western Indians; 59- First-class; 60- Smell ___; 61- Monetary unit of Lesotho; 63- majesty; 64- Actress Moore; 65- Paradise lost; 66- Tummy muscles



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opinion

Extra Time

Rob Harris, AP

RONALDO STRIVING TO REDISCOVER SCORING TOUCH AFTER 22 MISSES

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When you're as big a presence as Cristiano Ronaldo, it's hard to hide in the shadows when it starts going awry on the field.

Ronaldo rarely does.

The three-time world player of the year hasn't been short of scoring opportunities at the European Championship. The problem is that the Portugal captain has had 22 — but

missed every one.

He even missed a penalty against Austria over the weekend just weeks after he won the Champions League with Real Madrid from the spot.

Ronaldo — for years one of the most lethal marksmen — blasted his spot-kick at the post.

It was one of 11 Ronaldo misses in the 0-0 draw, a repeat of the number of chances squandered in Portugal's Group F opener when he complained Iceland was overly defensive in the 1-1 draw.

"I'm disappointed because I feel good physically," Ronaldo said after his record 128th Portugal appearance. "I missed a penalty, but that's football. I'm sure we'll be able to improve the standard."

More specifically it's about Ronaldo regaining the stellar goal-scoring standards that have served both Portugal and his club sides so well for more than a decade.

Aside from his problems from the penalty spot, Ronaldo has also lost his touch from free kicks. It was hardly surprising he didn't score from his two free kick efforts against Austria given that he hadn't found the target from his previous 34 for Portugal at tournaments.

And Ronaldo missed other clear chances too, whether from his head or his feet.

His anguished expressions and sighs to the sky showed the Austrians were achieving their objective.

"That was our target — to get him out of his dangerous zone," Austria defender Sebastian Proedl said. "If he is getting frustrated about this we are doing our job."

At times, the 31-year-old Real Madrid forward has appeared like a fading force in the sport he has graced for the best part of a decade in a personal duel for silverware with Barcelona and Argentina rival Lionel Messi.

Were it not for his winning penalty in the Champions League final against Atletico Madrid, Ronaldo's display was largely forgettable.

He still contributed 51 goals for Real Madrid in the recently completed last season and was the second-highest scorer in the Spanish league.

But some of his displays over the year appeared lethargic — perhaps a natural symptom of a player the wrong side of 30. The speedy runs through opposition defenses are now only witnessed in short bursts.

But since Ronaldo is the only superstar in the Portuguese ranks, the team still feels obliged to play through him — even when teams like Austria are denying him space.

"He is free to roam," Portugal coach Fernando Santos said ahead of Saturday's game. "He needs to break through opposition lines. That is why he is free."

There has been speculation recently that Ronaldo may leave Real Madrid, possibly for Paris Saint-Germain as a replacement for the now-departed Zlatan Ibrahimovic. PSG's home is the Parc des Princes — the same ground he missed all those opportunities on Saturday.

One consolation for Ronaldo is that other big-name European strikers are having similarly frustrating times in France. Ibrahimovic, the Sweden forward was top scorer in France last season but has also failed to score in the first two rounds. Ditto for the Bundesliga's top scorer, Poland's Robert Lewandowski, and the Premier League's number one, England's Harry Kane.

Ronaldo's footballing prowess far exceeds that trio, none of whom have come close to winning the Ballon D'Or. But continue playing like he is for Portugal and Ronaldo won't be collecting many more personal accolades.

Ronaldo has another chance against Hungary on Wednesday [Thursday, 0:00am] to show he is still at the peak of his powers. If he doesn't convert his chances then, Ronaldo and Portugal could be taking an early trip home from France this week.

He's unlikely to shirk from the challenge.

EURO 2016 | ROUNDUP

Albania's belief in De Biasi proves key to historic win

Joseph Wilson, Lyon

ALBANIA never doubted its coach, and that faith finally paid off.

The tiny Balkan nation made history by beating Romania 1-0 at the European Championship yesterday for its first ever win in an international competition.

It did so by giving one more committed, all-in team effort that manager Giovanni De Biasi was convinced would eventually prove to be a winning formula.

"Tonight we won with heart," De Biasi said after the match. "We played with our head, with mental strength. This is a very generous team. They try to give as much as they can."

Now coach and players must wait until the group phase of Euro 2016 finishes on Wednesday [Thursday, Macau time] to see if three points are enough to qualify for the round of 16 as one of the top four third-place sides.

Even if Albania fails to advance, yesterday's victory was a momentous feat for a nation that has no footballing tradition and spent nearly half of the last century in international isolation.

While the large contingent of Albanians in the Stade de Lyon relished the victory, celebrations erupted back home. In Tirana and in neighboring Kosovo, where half the squad has its origins, fans took to the streets waving red-and-black national flags. Firecrackers were lit, cars sounded their horns for hours and people danced to folk music.

Albania Prime Minister Edi Rama joined in by writing "Gooooooooooooo!....," on his Twitter page after Armando Sadiku scored the winner, and the Albanian football federation said yesterday that its players will be given diplomatic passports and financial rewards in recognition of their achievement.

"I was very pleased



Albania coach Gianni De Biasi celebrates after the Euro 2016 Group A soccer match against Romania at the Grand Stade in Decines-Charpieu

with our performance, and pleased we could give such a big joy to our fans," De Biasi said.

Rarely is a team strengthened when it fails to score a single goal in back-to-back losses. But instead of wavering, De Biasi's bunch found inspiration after resisting with 10 men in a 1-0 loss to Switzerland and holding France scoreless until the 90th minute before falling 2-0.

De Biasi made those potentially demoralizing defeats into the foundation of Albania's biggest sporting moment.

"Today we managed to get what we didn't get in the first few games," he said. "After the game against France we could have been depressed, but we managed to find the energy to win."

The first gutsy decision he made was to not put Lorik Cana, with a record 92 caps, back into his starting lineup after he was suspended against France.

Instead, De Biasi stuck with his replacement, 22-year-old Arlind Ajeti. Ajeti came through with a commanding display by anchoring its defense.

"It was a very difficult

damage on the break, an approach that until last night had only produced a deflected cross that hit France's goalpost.

But this time Sadiku showed the poise needed when he coolly floated a header into Romania's net just before halftime. Ajeti and its defense did their part, limiting Romania to Florin Adone's late shot that rattled the bar.

Unlike most foreign coaches, the 60-year-old De Biasi has embraced his adopted home while importing lessons from his football-rich Italy. He swiftly ended squabbles in the national team when he took over five years ago, attracting players back and producing a more professional environment. Married to an Albanian woman, he acquired Albanian nationality last year.

France and Switzerland settled for a 0-0 draw that suited both sides to advance to the quarter-finals. The Swiss secured their country's first appearance in the knockout stages of the tournament. MDT/AP

LATEST RESULTS

France	2	1	Romania
Albania	0	1	Switzerland
Wales	2	1	Slovakia
England	1	1	Russia
Turkey	0	1	Croatia
Poland	1	0	N. Ireland
Germany	2	0	Ukraine
Spain	1	0	Czech Rep.
Rep. Ireland	1	1	Sweden
Belgium	0	2	Italy
Austria	0	2	Hungary
Portugal	1	1	Iceland
Russia	1	2	Slovakia
Romania	1	1	Switzerland
France	2	0	Albania
England	2	1	Wales
Ukraine	0	2	N. Ireland
Germany	0	0	Poland
Italy	1	0	Sweden
Czech Rep.	2	2	Croatia
Spain	3	0	Turkey
Belgium	3	0	Rep. Ireland
Iceland	1	1	Hungary
Portugal	0	0	Austria
Switzerland	0	0	France
Romania	0	1	Albania

Tales Azzoni,
Saint-Martin-De-Re

AP PHOTO

EURO 2016 | PREVIEW

Croatia may be without Modric for match against Spain

CROATIA may be without one of its best players for its toughest match at the European Championship.

Luka Modric is nursing a muscle injury and is doubtful to play in the decisive Group D match against defending champion Spain today [Wed, 3am].

Spain has already advanced to the round of 16, but Croatia needs at least a draw at Stade de Bordeaux to secure second place without depending on other results.

The Croats are second in the group with four points, two behind Spain and three ahead of the Czech Republic. Turkey has yet to earn a point. Croatia would still be likely to advance as one of the best third-place teams regardless of today's results.

Modric got hurt in the second half of the 2-2 draw against the Czech Republic on Friday, when Croatia relinquished a two-goal lead late in the game to miss a chance to clinch its berth in the knockout stage.

"We will wait to see his condition and then decide whether he will play or not," Croatia coach Ante Cacic said about Modric. "We are building the team around him and we are



Croatia's Luka Modric celebrates after scoring his side's first goal during the Euro 2016 Group D soccer match against Turkey at the Parc des Princes stadium in Paris

limited without him."

Cacic also may not be able to count on forward Mario Man-

dzukic because of a muscle injury.

The Croatian soccer federation said both players underwent tests on Saturday and results didn't show any major injuries, but it was "still early" to know whether they would be fit to play today.

"The final decision will be made depending on their day-

to-day recovery," the federation said.

Modric is crucial for Croatia at midfield, helping the team defensively and offensively. Croatia collapsed in the game against the Czechs after the Real Madrid midfielder had to be substituted in the 62nd minute. He had scored Croatia's winner in the opening match

against Turkey with a remarkable long-range volley.

Modric is one of the Croatians who play in the Spanish league, along with Madrid teammate Mateo Kovacic and Barcelona midfielder Ivan Rakitic.

"It's always difficult against Spain, but there is always a way to face them," Rakitic said. "Let's make them think a little about us. We've shown what we can do."

Croatia hasn't beaten Spain in 22 years. In their only previous competitive meeting, La Roja won 1-0 in the final group game at Euro 2012.

Spain safely advanced to the next round of this year's competition by beating the Czech Republic 1-0 and Turkey 3-0. It remains unclear if Spain coach Vicente Del Bosque will rest some of the team's regular starters today. The coach looked at a few alternatives in practice on Sunday, but he said he will make his final decision closer to the match.

Spain midfielder Cesc Fabregas said the goal is to finish at the top of the group regardless of the eventual opponent in the knockout stage.

"This next game is very important because it's crucial for us to be first in the group. It will be determinant for the rest of the tournament," Fabregas said. "We got off to a good start. We have been playing well until now. But it's still early."

Two-time defending champion Spain is unbeaten in 14 games at the European Championship and hasn't conceded a goal since its opener in 2012, a 1-1 draw against Italy. **AP**

TODAY'S MATCHES

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Wed	0:00	Ukraine	Poland	H 4.33, D 3.6, A 2.05
Wed	0:00	N. Ireland	Germany	H 16, D 6.4, A 1.29
Wed	3:00	Czech Rep.	Turkey	H 2.45, D 3.7, A 3.1
Wed	3:00	Croatia	Spain	H 4.85, D 3.2, A 2.1

UEFA has no fear of collusion in final Euro 2016 group games

UEFEA'S competitions director does not fear teams colluding to produce favorable results in the final round of European Championship group games.

Speculation about "biscotto" games — where a certain result suits both teams — is a concern at most tournaments, but could be an extra risk with the 24-team format at Euro 2016.

Teams playing on Wednesday [Thurs-

day, Macau time] will be able to work out how finishing first, second, or third in a group will decide their opponent in the round of 16.

Still, UEFA competitions director Giorgio Marchetti said yesterday there is "little room for speculation" at Euro 2016.

"We think we are pretty safe because there is a need by many teams to win," Marchetti said. "I am not overly worried."

UEFA expanded its marquee national team event from 16 teams to a 24-team format where only four of the six third-place teams advance to create a natural tournament bracket.

A five-step tiebreaker process ranks the third-place teams, including Albania, whose Group A program finished, but must wait until at least after the early-evening games tomorrow before knowing its fate.

The soccer term "biscotto" — the Italian word for cookie or biscuit — got wider understanding after Euro 2004 when a 2-2 draw for Denmark and Sweden meant both advanced and eliminated Italy.

Group A	PL	W	DRAW	L	GF-GA	PNT
France	3	2	1	0	4 - 1	7
Switzerland	3	1	2	0	2 - 1	5
Albania	3	1	0	2	1 - 3	3
Romania	3	0	1	2	2 - 4	1

Group B	PL	W	DRAW	L	GF-GA	PNT
England	2	1	1	0	3 - 2	4
Wales	2	1	0	1	3 - 3	3
Slovakia	2	1	0	1	3 - 3	3
Russia	2	0	1	1	2 - 3	1

Group C	PL	W	DRAW	L	GF-GA	PNT
Germany	2	1	1	0	2 - 0	4
Poland	2	1	1	0	1 - 0	4
N. Ireland	2	1	0	1	1 - 1	3
Ukraine	2	0	0	2	0 - 3	0

Group D	PL	W	DRAW	L	GF-GA	PNT
Spain	2	2	0	0	4 - 0	6
Croatia	2	1	1	0	3 - 2	4
Czech Rep.	2	0	1	1	2 - 3	1
Turkey	2	0	0	2	0 - 4	0

Group E	PL	W	DRAW	L	GF-GA	PNT
Italy	2	2	0	0	3 - 0	6
Belgium	2	1	0	1	3 - 2	3
Sweden	2	0	1	1	1 - 2	1
Rep. Ireland	2	0	1	1	1 - 4	1

Group F	PL	W	DRAW	L	GF-GA	PNT
Hungary	2	1	1	0	3 - 1	4
Iceland	2	0	2	0	2 - 2	2
Portugal	2	0	2	0	1 - 1	2
Austria	2	0	1	1	0 - 2	1

opinion

Our Desk

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ON DEMOCRATIZATION OF THE AL

There are some in Macau who claim that greater democratization of the MSAR would lead to an improvement in the political sphere and in the social welfare of residents.

But the assumption that greater democracy would necessarily be a good thing for Macau has not been sufficiently scrutinized. Such notions fail to take into account political conflicts between a democratic state and a territory governed indirectly by a non-democratic Beijing, as well as the practicality of day-to-day lawmaking.

It seems incompatible to me that Macau can both pursue greater democratization and maintain the "One Country, Two Systems" policy.

In fact, democratization of the MSAR threatens to unravel Deng Xiaoping's innovative system, which — even if we recognize that it is far from ideal and has been nonchalantly violated by mainland authorities in the past — is clearly better than the alternative.

The alternative would mean a relegation of the social welfare of residents, with foreseeable constraints over access to information and various social freedoms.

Though the government has indicated that a revision to the number and composition of deputies in the Legislative Assembly (AL) is not being considered in the proposed amendment to the AL's Electoral Law, that has not stopped groups like New Macau Association reiterating their position that neither the appointed nor indirectly elected seats should continue to exist.

However, an AL entirely elected through popular vote would likely have trouble working with an executive that was not elected by a similar mechanism. Likewise, a directly elected Chief Executive (CE) would have difficulty working with a central authority not also directly elected.

Consider that the AL, according to its own charter, is only empowered to enact, amend, suspend or repeal laws, stopping short of a capacity to draft or propose legislation, which instead comes from the executive.

Assuming that there are certain cases where opinion would diverge between authorities on the mainland and public opinion in Macau, a pro-Beijing CE would eventually find himself or herself in conflict with a legislature that represented the will of the people through popular vote.

Disagreement between the AL and the CE would be inevitable if, as pro-democracy activists say, the current government does not represent the will or interests of the people as well as an alternative democratic authority.

And so in our imagined future, a democratic AL might repeatedly reject proposals from a pro-Beijing CE, while at the same time being unable to draft its own proposals. At some point down the road a divergence of opinion and policy would result in one side folding, and it seems unlikely that that would be the Central Government, or its proxies in Macau.

Macau's sister SAR Hong Kong is further along the road in this respect, with many of the pro-democracy camp affiliated or connected to pro-independence activists.

Democracy without independence represents a conflict between what the legislature is required to do, as per its democratic mandate, and what it is permitted to do.

Nobody in Macau seems to be calling for independence and that's a good thing. We are too deeply connected to China for independence to be a viable or desirable option. After all, Macau imports most of its food products, water supply, energy and a portion of its human capital from across the border, and there are further privileges and benefits that the mainland can extend to a "well-behaved" SAR.

And so if Macau is to stay a part of China, what possible benefits can greater democratization bring, if the process would only alter a part of the functioning government and bring it into misalignment with the other parts?

People calling for democratization should therefore be more specific about what they want: greater representation or independence? It seems unlikely that we can have one without the other.

THE BUZZ UN SAYS ISRAEL TO RATIFY NUKE TEST BAN TREATY

Israel's prime minister declared yesterday that his country is prepared to ratify a treaty banning nuclear tests, a senior U.N. official said after meeting with the Israeli leader.

Lassina Zerbo, who heads the U.N. organization created to implement the treaty, told AP that Benjamin Netanyahu considers the issue of ratifying the treaty a matter of "when, rather than if."

Israeli ratification would move the treaty closer to taking effect, leaving only seven holdouts among the 44 countries that must ratify it for the pact to go live.

Zerbo, who heads the Vienna-based Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty Organization, spoke to the AP by telephone after meeting in Israel with Netanyahu.

SPORTS | RUGBY

Eddie Jones wants a clean sweep for England over Australia



England rugby players do resistance work during training in Sydney

WITH two wins and a first-ever test series victory in Australia, England coach Eddie Jones isn't about to lower the bar for his expectations of a successful rugby tour Down Under.

Jones, an Australian who formerly coached the Wallabies and Japan, wants a third consecutive victory next Saturday in Sydney to complete an unprecedented sweep.

"We want to win three-nil," Jones said after England's 23-7 victory Saturday in Melbourne. "The players are already talking about it now. If the All Blacks were in this situation what would they be thinking? They'd be thinking three-nil, and that's what we're thinking."

England moved to No. 2 in the world rankings with

the win, leapfrogging World Cup finalist Australia and moving closer to the world champion All Blacks.

"We want to be No. 1, mate, and I think we've got the talent to do it," Jones said.

It was Jones' eighth consecutive win for the Six Nations champions since he replaced Stuart Lancaster in the wake of England's disastrous World Cup campaign. It was a loss to Australia in the group stage which sealed England's early exit, and failure to qualify for the knockout stage of the World Cup it was hosting.

On Saturday, Jones lauded his team's defense; making 215 tackles to Australia's 81, as key to the win. Australia, which lost the first test in Brisbane 39-28, led in another forgettable category

— 15 handling errors to England's one.

"Generally we handled the Australian attack pretty well," Jones said.

Australia coach Michael Cheika, meanwhile, says he'll take full responsibility for Australia's wasted possession in Saturday's match.

The Wallabies saw 68 percent of the ball, had 56 percent of territory and ran for almost 700 meters more than England but rarely found a way past the resolute defense.

The only points Australia scored were from a converted first-half try to captain Stephen Moore, which came via a rolling maul.

Cheika said the Wallabies played too much in the "wrong areas" and said that was his fault.

"I've got to really own that as a coach," he said. "We prepare that in the prep of the week. I've got to explain it to the lads more forcefully."

Cheika also conceded he got some of his tactics wrong, saying the Wallabies should have kicked more often to alleviate pressure.

But he said full credit had to be paid to England and Jones, his former teammate at Sydney club Randwick. AP

Station	Air quality
Roadside	15-35 Good
High Density Residential Area	25-45 Good
Ambient	25-45 Good

WORLD BRIEFS



THAILAND Convicted drunken drivers are brought to a Bangkok morgue to see a corpse and reflect on the gory consequences of their actions as part of a program aimed at combating the carnage on Thailand's roads. Thailand has the world's second-worst record for traffic fatalities, just behind Libya.

NEPAL In a nationwide crackdown on medical charlatans, Nepalese police arrest 53 people for allegedly working as doctors with fake credentials or false education certificates and say more suspects would be arrested this week.

AFGHANISTAN A Taliban suicide bomber kills 14 Nepalese security guards in an attack on their minibus in Kabul. Elsewhere, a bomb rigged to a motorbike kills 10 Afghan civilians during morning rush hour in a busy market.



CROATIA Lawmakers voted yesterday to dissolve parliament, paving the way for early elections after the government fell in a no-confidence vote last week. The vote was 137 in favor of dissolving Parliament, two against and one abstention. Premier Tihomir Orskovic (pictured) and his government fell after weeks of political deadlock that has stalled much-needed economic reform in the newest EU member state.



FORMULA ONE Nico Rosberg won Azerbaijan GP, beating Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel who finished second, 16.6s adrift of Rosberg. Force India's Sergio Perez passed Kimi Raikkonen on the penultimate lap to take third. Rosberg's victory at the Baku street circuit pushed his lead over Hamilton in the drivers' championship from nine points to 24.

THE DECISIVE MOMENT



Men work in the new underground subway tunnel below Ipanema neighborhood in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Last-minute construction on the line has created fears after an April bike lane collapse that plunged two joggers to their deaths. An ocean-front section of the lane, an Olympic beautification project inaugurated in January, collapsed into a heap of broken cement when struck by a large wave.