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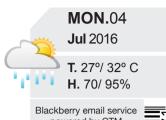
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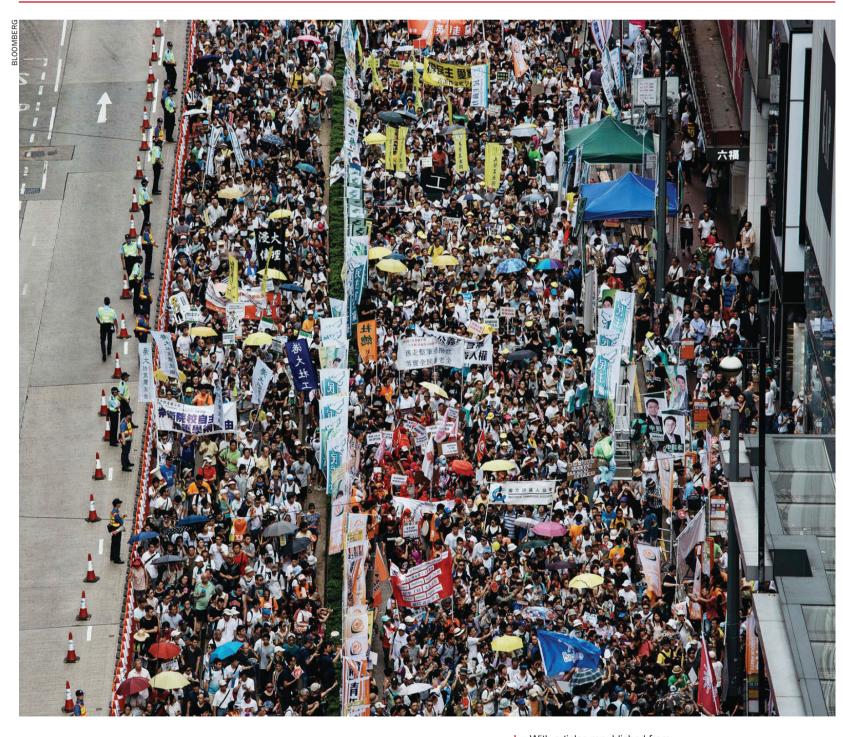
USA Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel, the Romanian-born Holocaust survivor whose classic "Night" became a landmark testament to the Nazis' crimes and launched Wiesel's long career as one of the world's foremost witnesses and humanitarians, has died at age 87.

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hostage crisis at a restaurant in Daka that left 28 dead, including 20 hostages and six militants, has focused attention on the radical Islamist attacks occurring in the moderate, mostly Muslim country in the past few years. More on p13

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Gaming revenue falls less than predicted.



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Secretary of State John Kerry speaks during a news conference for the 2016 Trafficking in Persons Report

US DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Macau not doing enough on human trafficking

Renato Marques

■ State issued the 2016 Trafficking in Persons Report which claims Macau is not doing enough to combat human trafficking. In the report, Macau SAR continues to be present on Tier 2, the second highest. The classification represents the conclusions from the US department that the local government "does not fully meet the minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking; however, it is making significant efforts to do so."

THE US Department of

On the positive side, the report highlights the establishment of a "communication mechanism with hotel employees to report potential trafficking situations," or a system that directly reports to police.

On the down side, the document urges the MSAR report claims to be "potengovernment to "increase efforts to investigate, prosecute, and convict sex and labor traffickers;

institute a minimum wage for foreign domestic workers; continue to improve and consistently implement proactive victim identification methods, especially among vulnerable populations such as migrant workers and children exploited in commercial sex; continue to educate law enforcement and other officials and the public on forced labor and sex trafficking; conduct sex trafficking awareness campaigns so visitors in Macau understand soliciting or engaging in prostitution with children is a crime; and conduct a survey of the migrant labor population to identify its vulnerabilities to trafficking."

One of the highlights of the report addresses the establishment of a minimum wage for foreign domestic workers, which the tial targets."

In response to report the Office of the Secretary for Security, Wong Sio Chak,

issued a statement on Friday. The local authorities state that the report includes "misinterpretation and wrongful conclusions as well as unsubstantiated claims about the situation in Macau."

"The Government has paid great importance to preventing and combating illegal activities related to human trafficking, and to that end has created the Human Trafficking Deterrent Measures Concern Committee (CAMDTP) and implemented the Law No. 6/2008 regarding human trafficking, as well as having followed international policies and undertaking practical steps to prevent the phenomenon," the statement reads.

The US Department report also states that MSAR region is considered "primarily a destination and, to a much lesser extent, a transit territory for women and children subjected to sex trafficking and forced labor." "Many trafficking victims

usually respond to false advertisements for jobs, including in casinos in Macau, but upon arrival are forced into prostitution. Traffickers sometimes confine victims in massage parlors and illegal brothels, where they are closely monitored, threatened with violence, forced to work long hours, and have their identity documents confiscated. Children are reportedly subjected to sex trafficking in connection with the gambling and entertainment industry in Macau."

Although the government's allocation of MOP3.2 million for prevention and countering of trafficking as well as the establishment of a new Judiciary Police anti-trafficking taskforce within the organized crime division, the measures have reportedly failed to produce results as "there were no trafficking convictions in 2015, and the government identified only six sex trafficking victims."

MSAR can help Guinea-Bissau to attract investment



Bissau, the capital city of Guinea-Bissau

GRICULTURE, fishing, tourism and mining Aare priority areas where Chinese companies can invest in Guinea-Bissau, according to the African country's delegate in the Forum for Economic and Trade Co-operation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries (Forum Macau).

Malam Becker Camara was speaking last week during a seminar on Guinea-Bissau, jointly organized by the Macau Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) and Forum Macau. He said that the Macau platform can help with the internationalization of products from Guinea-Bissau.

The director of IPIM, Gloria Ung, said that in Guinea-Bissau there is "a vast area for cooperation with companies from China and Macau."

"Chinese companies can use Guinea-Bissau as a platform and base for developing cooperation and for development with other countries in West Africa in order to access the markets of the Economic Community of West African States," said Ung. In her speech Ung recalled that along its coast Gui-

nea-Bissau has large untapped oil and gas reserves. In April 2014, the "Meeting of Businesspeople for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese Speaking Countries" was held in

Guinea-Bissau for the first time. MDT/Macauhub

New coach park to be built at the Border Gate plaza

PHE construction of a new coach park at the ▲ Border Gate will be completed before August, the Transport Bureau (DSAT) announced

The new pick-up and drop-off area will be located on the east side of the Border Gate plaza, with 60 parking slots for tourist buses.

This new development is expected to replace the bus terminal's former coach parking spots at the basement of the Border Gate plaza.

A gate will be placed at the entrance of the parking lot, and time restrictions will be applied. According to DSAT, the regulations are being implemented as the new facilities are not yet able to meet the high demand for tourist bus slots.

All coaches that need to park must first register with the relevant departments.

DSAT is currently in negotiations with associated industries to establish a set of additional penalties for rule breakers. The bureau said this will prevent vehicles from overstaying in designated parking spots, but added that the facilities' operating hours have yet to be decided.

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Gaming revenue falls less than estimates helped by tourists

ACAU'S gaming revenue fell less than analysts' estimates in June as tourists and leisure gamblers helped boost the region's casinos including those owned by units of Las Vegas Sands Corp. and Wynn Resorts Ltd.

Gross gaming revenue fell 8.5 percent to 15.9 billion patacas (USD2 billion), the lowest level since September 2010 and marking 25 consecutive months of declines, according to data from Macau's Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau. That followed a 9.6 percent decrease in May and compares with the median estimate of an 9.5 percent drop by seven analysts surveyed by Bloomberg.

"The mass market quietly continues to show modest growth - the market is heading into the right direction



as we head into the openings of Wynn Palace and Parisian," said Grant Govertsen, an analyst in Union Gaming Group LLC. Macau gaming revenue could start rebounding from September driven by the new projects, he said.

Macau's casino operators have been shifting focus to tourists and recreational gamblers, with Wynn Macau Ltd.'s Wynn Palace project scheduled to debut August 22 and Sands China Ltd.'s Parisian expected to open September. That's as the gambling slump in Macau extended beyond two years amid China's economic slowdown and corruption crackdown.

The \$4.1 billion Wynn Pala-

ce will have 1,700 hotel rooms and feature a lake with gondolas and fountains, while the Parisian, costing \$2.7 billion, will showcase a half-size replica of the Eiffel Tower.

Macau has been trying to reduce its reliance on gambling, which contributes about 80 percent of the former Portuguese colony's tax revenue. The city's government is planning stricter rules on the industry, including raising the entry threshold for gaming promoters.

Macau also banned phone betting in early May, a form of proxy betting favored by some high-stakes gamblers from China. The gaming regulator said June 17 it plans to introduce penalties for violations in its \$30 billion gaming industry, as it plugs gaps in outdated laws including one banning phone-betting at casinos. MDT/Bloomberg

Sports Festival for Public Departments a success



The Sports Festival for Public Departments of 2016 ended yesterday at the Olympic Sports Centre-Stadium, as announced in a statement by the Sports Bureau (ID). The event was organized by the Public Administration and Civic Service Bureau (SAFP) in collaboration with the ID. The competition, which started in May spanned over two months and saw the participation of over 2,900 individuals from 63 public departments. The list of 10 games included seven-side team football, basketball and table tennis, to name just a few. Standing out among all departments, the Judiciary Police (PJ) won the dynamic award for the second year in a row.

MDC to hold summer workshop

The Macau Design Center (MDC) and the Aerial Art Association are jointly organizing a series of children's sessions over the summer, offering kids the opportunity to exercise and learn new physical skills, according to a statement from MDC. The workshops, which will take place in July and August, follow the collaboration organized by the two entities last year. Acrobatics courses will be held for children every Tuesday and Thursday of July and August at MDC. The course will be led by Polish professor Tomasz Drzewiecki, who will instruct children in how to safely stretch, somersault and handstand, amongst other physical activities. The courses will help to develop the coordination, strength, flexibility and self-confidence of the children, as well as creative thinking, the

Former DSAT department head denies involvement in graft case

statement adds.

Lou Ngai Wa, the former chief of Division of Transportation Management of the Transport Bureau (DSAT), last week denied his involvement in a corruption case involving up to MOP16 million, according to a report by TDM. Last year, the Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) said Lou and another former technical instructor of the DSAT were suspected of assisting three companies in obtaining contracts for the management of public parking lots. The three companies took on a total of 54 outsourced contracts between 2012 to 2015, although the government had not held any public bids.

NG LAP SENG BRIBERY CASE

New charges incriminate UNDP

Anew charge has been leveled against Macau billionaire and real estate developer, Ng Lap Seng, who is currently standing trial in New York on accusations of bribing United Nations officials.

In addition to the bribes allegedly handed to the recently deceased former president of the UN's General Assembly, John Ashe, Ng is now being charged with having provided benefits to one or more officials from the UN's Development Program (UNDP) to garner their support for the construction of a conference centre in Macau.

Also introduced last week by a federal grand jury in Manhattan, was the accusation that Ng and his assistant, Jeff Yin, had agreed to continue payments to Ashe even after he left office.

Prosecutors say that Ng provided over USD 500,000 in an attempt to secure Ashe's support for a Macau conference centre that Ng's company would develop, and would serve as the billionaire's legacy.

Last week it was reported that the former UN General Assembly president had died in a weightlifting accident when a barbell he was lifting from a bench dropped on his neck. It is being regarded as an accident according to police authorities.

The new indictment also expands the time frame of the alleged's crimes from 2014 to Sep-



Ng Lap Seng (center)

tember 2015, when Ng and Yin were arrested.

Ng's Sun Kian Ip Group is tied to a USD1.5 million (MOP12 million) donation to the UN Office for South-South Cooperation, which focuses on promoting collaboration among developing countries, particularly in the southern hemisphere.

A UNDP audit released in May said that the funds had been partly used to cover the costs of a now-controversial conference in Macau in August 2015, which was co-sponsored by Sun Kian Ip Group.

According to UN sources, organizers had explained to UN delegates on arrival in Macau that the conference was a "paperless event," and 64GB iPads with the company's logo engraved on their back were provided to attendees. No attempt was made to reclaim the devices at the conclusion to the conference and three UN staff members returned the iPads only after the commencement of the audit. **DB**

Associations support casino law revision

Abroad agreement supporting a proposal to amend a law that regulates who can enter, work and gamble in Macau's casinos has been reached during a meeting between the government and 11 local associations representing casino employee interests held last week.

The revision to Law No. 10/2012 – "Regulating the Conditions of Entering, Working and Gaming at Casinos" would add a new provision banning gaming workers from taking part in any gaming related activities inside casinos during non-work hours

At the meeting, the representatives of the associations indicated a general agreement with the idea, saying it would help minimize the risk of those workers becoming problem gamblers and would – in the long run – help maintain a healthy development of the gaming industry.

One association, the Macau Gaming Industry Frontline Workers, presented the results of a survey at the meeting, showing that 77 percent of some 3,044 casino workers who were interviewed supported the revision.

The director of the Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau (DICJ), Paulo Martins Chan, said that the government is carefully examining the possibility of negative influences affecting the local community, as a result of being exposed to gaming, according to a statement from the Government Information Bureau (GCS). As such, the relevant authorities will continue to review legislation.

Currently, casino operators typically bar their own workers from gambling in their own workplace, however the proposed amendment could see the ban being applied universally across the city's casinos.

The statement from GCS also noted that members of public are welcome to contribute their opinions regarding the potential revision by contacting DICJ. **DB**

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Region's rank advances in conferences and events report

MACAU is currently ranked 93rd, in the 2015 report of the International Congress and Convention Association (ICCA), moving up eight places compared to its ranking in 2014.

According to the "2015 ICCA Statistics Report," 28 international meetings held in Macau were recognized by ICCA, showing an increase of five events as compared to 2014.

As for its ranking in Asia, the region ranked 34th, 20th and 21st in 2013, 2014 and 2015 respectively.

A statement from the Macau Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) said the rise in its ranking over two consecutive years has placed Macau on par with cities including Auckland, Brisbane and Bordeaux, proving that Macau has developed its status in the conferences and events sector.

ICCA is a global conference



organization that has members from over 1,000 governmental organizations, exhibition related companies and convention centres in some 90 countries.

ICCA report is widely recognized in the industry and is also an important reference for professional organizers in the selection of ideal conference location, according to the statement.

IPIM officially became an

ICCA member in 2012. The institute said they have rolled out a one-stop bidding and support service for meeting organizers that are interested in holding events in Macau.

"The ICCA online database, with over 17,000 international meeting data points, has also allowed IPIM to search for potential meetings and bid to hold them in Macau," reads the statement.

IPIM stressed that the database has allowed Macau to attract more international organizers to hold meeting activities in the city.

According to data from the Statistics and Census Service, the region hosted 909 events last year. Among which, 540 were corporate meetings, 173 were conferences or organization meetings, 57 were major conferences and 78 were exhibitions

'Authorization to stay' online service launched

THE immigration department under the Public Security Police Force (PSP) launched the second phase of its online application service last month, according to a statement from PSP. New applications for non-specialized "Non-resident Worker's Authorization to Stay" can be made online, with the processing time of each application shortened from five working days to four.

The online system is able to verify the submitted data, identifying errors and suggesting corrections.

PSP say that these improvements will reduce the chance of an application being rejected, as well as expediting applications through enhanced administrative efficiency.

The online system has received 10,327 applications for the authorization to stay in the MSAR between its launch last month and June 12, according to the organization. This accounts for 92.17 percent of the total number of applications of this type, submitted via all methods. Meanwhile, the number of approved applications amounted to 10,031, representing 97.13 percent of the total.

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Debate participants stress affordable housing need

HE government should consider building public housing after it reclaims unused land plots, according to several participants in the weekly TDM outdoor program, Macau Forum. During the debate, it was suggested that the government should provide better-affiliated facilities at future public housing communities.

In 2015, the government provided more than 1,900 public housing units, and over 42,000 residents applied for the houses. Lawmaker Si Ka Lon considered the large amount of applicants as an indication that the region lacks affordable housing.

Kou Ngon Fong, president of Macao Tri-Decade Union, pointed out some recent opinions in favor of using public lands for purposes other than building public houses, such as public facilities. Kou contends that the government should build public housing as soon as the plots are back in its possession.

"We should think: how can a community reap the benefits of public housings in terms of public facilities?" posited Kou, he

After so many years of changes, the facilities at Seac Pai Van are seriously lagging behind.

PARTICIPANT



also suggested that the government think in advance regarding the building of the houses and providing better public facilities when owning empty plots.

In response, Iun Ioc Va, assistant coordinator of the Advisory Council of Community Services of the Islands, claimed that it is necessary to add more public houses but it is more important to make plans aiming for the future community development. A participant used the Seac Pai Van public housing to illustrate the negative impact that a lack of planning in the development of communities might cause. "The Seac Pai Van public housing was built in the first instance, and only after that came the design for the development of a community. After so many years of changes, the facilities at Seac Pai Van are seriously lagging behind."

Wu Chou Kit, a member of the Urban Planning Council, also asked the government to plan before building. He indicated that a few private house buyers regret having bought their properties, after years of living in their homes, because the lands surrounding their houses have been

approved for the construction of a power plant.

However, the aforementioned remarks, opinions and suggestions are believed by some people to be inert and incapable of contributing to any solutions concerning the public housing issues. "Problems pile up because we have an incompetent government," said Iong Chong, one of the members of the audience at yesterday's forum. "Our Chief Executive is interested in ribboncutting. He is not interested in work. The government is sleeping, it is incapable," said Iong.

Another member of the audience, Lam Meng, also commented that the government is not able to solve problems. "The government is good at using money, [...] if you have problems, go solve them by yourself," said Lam.

In conclusion, the four speakers urged the government to prioritize public housing, as long as the government possesses suitable lands. The speakers emphasized the importance of having public facilities and social services featured in the design of future projects. Staff reporter

Macao Gaming Show renamed

THIS year, the Macao Gaming Show has been renamed the MGS Entertainment Show as the event aims to expand the range of exhibitors and products from both the gaming and non-gaming industries.

The event will be held at The Venetian on November 15 to 17.

MGS Entertainment Show, owned and organized by the MGEMA, said they aim to serve as a platform to boost the MSAR and central government's tourist offerings, revealing that they are currently preparing for its fourth edition.

This edition modernizes the

traditional exposition model, and is described as Asia's first "contemporary, all-encompassing gaming, entertainment and leisure show."

MGEMA chairman Jay Chun said the show must provide a platform from which to foster the region's economic expansion.

"They go hand in hand with new technology, new delivery platforms, new innovations - everything that makes a destination work," he said in a statement issued by the organizers.

"That's why diversity on the show floor must reflect diversity in our economy."

'Mr Satie Made in Paper' draws children, parents to CCM

THE Macau Cultural Cen-show of "Mr Satie Made in Paper" yesterday, a piece that kicked off this year's ARTmusing Summer program.

According to a statement issued by CCM, toddlers and their parents enjoyed a "revealing and playful" musical theatre experience through the eight performances hosted at the small auditorium.

Brought together by Atofri Theatre, a leading Polish company producing children's shows, "Mr Satie Made in Paper" revealed how imagination can transform paper, which is also used as both an instrument and a playtime partner, in an eyecatching setting.

Created in 2008, the Teatr Atofri developed plays addressed to the young audience aged one to five years old, aiming to engage young children's minds through the "magic of theatre." The company describes the world in a 'simple, yet poetic manner."

The ARTmusing Summer Program will run until the end of August, bringing a wide variety of performances and workshops for the entertainment of toddlers, children and grown-ups.



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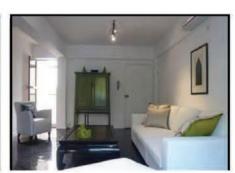


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Many schools continue classes through summer vacation



THE Education and Youhas said in a statement that approximately 30 percent of non-tertiary schools are yet to cancel classes during the summer vacation. Leong Lai, Director of the DSEJ, claimed that her department continues to negotiate with these schools on the suspension of courses during summer time, according to a report by All About Macau.

Last week, the Macau Concealers revealed that Hou Kong middle-school reportedly forced students to participate in summer courses. In cases where the applicant was

not enrolled in the summer program, the school requires the students to give a valid reason for not being present. Moreover, parents and students are also informed that the students are required to pay a monthly fee even if they only want to attend half of the program.

The DSEJ stressed that the Curriculum Framework for Formal Education of Local Education System states that no more than 195 school days can be assigned during one year. The DSEJ claimed that it has reminded local schools to gradually cancel summer courses, further declaring that current summer programs should be optional.

Director Leong reaffirmed on Saturday that the system limiting the number of school days to 195 intends to assist students in completing their studies within each semester. She also remarked that the department will keep in touch with schools to encourage them to arrange additional non-classroom activities for students in summer.

Community holds fundraising event on Canada Day celebration

THE Canadian community in Macau organized a fundraising event last Friday, in response to the 149th celebration of Canada Day.

The community raised funds with the aim of alleviating the burdens of those who were affected by the wildfire that forced the evacuation of over 90,000 residents in Canada's Fort McMurray in May.

The raging wildfire, which covered around 1.2 million acres, destroyed over 2,000 homes in northern Alberta.

According to a TDM report, the Canadians recalled that the appalling wildfire was a scary and heartbreaking disaster to have witnessed from overseas.

"It was really scary. Canada is not known for having a whole lot of different kinds of natural disasters," said Christina Kimont.

"But in the true Canadian spirit, everybody, even [those] overseas, is gathering together to help relieve the burden in some way," she added.

According to Maikala Harris, all proceeds will go to the Canadian Red Cross. Aside from selling of cupcakes, the fundraising event also featured silent auction items and prizes.

The event marked the first time the community came together to celebrate Canada Day in the region.

As the day is traditionally celebrated with patriotic attires, cookouts and fireworks, TDM reported that "beavers and all-things maple" were seen at the site.

"Canada Day just means getting together with a few friends and hanging out, and drinking some beers. Talking about Canadian things like hockey, cheezies, Twizzlers and Clamato juice," said one of the revelers, Todd Voykin.

While another celebrator added that they hope to celebrate Canadian holidays and reach out to fellow-citizens in the territory.

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Small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs) are the backbone of Macau's economy, representing the majority of all businesses and a significant source of employment.

However starting and running an SME is no easy task and often presents numerous challenges, such as shortages of capital and prohibitive rental costs, of which may hinder a smaller company from reaching its true potential.

As a proud member of the Macau community, MGM is committed to supporting the economic sustainability of Macau's SMEs by proactively seeking SME business partnerships and lowering barriers to entry that might otherwise exist.

SME engagement at MGM



Since 2007, MGM has worked consistently with local businesses to build long-term partnerships, while providing support and advice where needed to help smaller businesses thrive and grow. Testament to our approach, over 80% of our procurement is with local Macau businesses. Recognizing the need to focus on the SME community, MGM launched its formal SME Engagement Program in 2015.

Since launching the program, we have hosted three business matching sessions to date in partnership with the Macao Chamber of Commerce (MCC), the Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM), the Macau Productivity and Technology Transfer Center

(CPTTM), and the Macau Economic Services (DSE). Through these sessions we have welcomed over 550 local business owners to Macau, signing over 1,100 deals worth more than MOP 21 million in total.

Our SME Advisory Committee, comprising key MGM decision makers and prominent local business, non-profit and academic representatives, meet quarterly to provide essential advice, guidance and recommendations on how to best engage the SME population and increase our level of business.

To further strengthen our program, throughout June, MGM collaborated with a range of partners from across the SME spectrum, and held several events to focus on specific SME sectors, maximizing business opportunities, as well as capacity development.

Training seminar on food safety standards

On June 7, MGM collaborated with MCC, Macau Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM), and CPTTM to provide a training and sharing session on the newest Food Safety Standard implemented by IACM, in addition to MGM's own food safety standard and requirements. Further CPTTM, also took part to give an overview of the newest ISO Subsidy Program offered by the Macau government for implementation of ISO 22000 in Food Safety Management, and ISO 9001 in Quality Management. Attended by more than 300 participants, the event was the first food safety seminar jointly organized by public and private sectors, with the aim to elevate the SME sector's awareness and competitiveness within the F&B business community. The event was also supported by the DSE and IPIM.



Our latest business matching session



On June 24, MGM focused its third quarterly SME Business Matching Session on the creative industries and the food and beverage industry, arranging over 120 one-on-one appointments between MGM's department heads and local SME vendors to discuss their contracting needs, and product and service offerings, respectively.

To further improve our ability to reach the SME community, we collaborated with the Association of Advertising Agents of Macau to invite their member companies to meet with MGM's department heads from the relevant teams specializing in exhibition, events planning, advertising and corporate premium productions.

Understanding collaboration is key to meaningful progress, we were delighted to welcome other integrated resort operators onsite to share our experiences of SME business engagement and work together to support the local SME community. We also welcomed four leading Macau banks to set up information kiosks during the event to provide information to the attendees on the SME-centered financial resources on offer from Macau's local banks.

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Taj Mahal workers continue strike over health care, pensions

Wayne Parry, Atlantic City

strike against Atlantic City's Trump Taj Mahal casino entered its second ■ day Saturday with both sides appearing confident they could outwait the other and prevail in the bitter dispute that has seen 1,000 union members walk off the job and has raised fresh questions about the future of the struggling gambling resort.

Local 54 of the Unite-HERE union went on strike Friday morning against the casino, which was opened by Donald Trump but now belongs to his friend and fellow billionaire, Carl Icahn.

As noisy picketers banged drums, blew whistles and blared portable sirens outside, managers were carrying luggage inside the hotel, and guests continued to come and go during the Fourth of July weekend, which is traditionally the busiest of the year for Atlantic City casinos.

"We are still excited and worked up," said Mayra Gonzalez, a cook at the Taj Mahal for 26 years. "The mood is going to last for days, I'm sure. We're getting a lot of support from people walking by on the boardwalk, asking us questions about what's going on. I feel good about this."

Ana Diaz, a housekeeper for the casino, said she'll be out picketing as long as it takes.

"We need our health insurance back," Diaz said. "It's not fair. Housekeeping is a hard job, and this has been hard on our families."

Taj Mahal management urged guests to come to the property, pro-



Striking union members walk a picket line outside the Trump Taj Mahal casino in **Atlantic City**

mising they would be well cared for.

"Despite the labor action, the Taj Mahal remains open for business and is fully functioning," said Alan Rivin, the casino's general manager. "We have strike contingency plans in place and are prepared to welcome our guests and continue to provide everyone first-class accommodations and entertainment this weekend and throughout the summer. We expect the strike to have minimal impact on our operations. The place looks great and we have a full slate of entertainment and activities planned for the weekend."

Officials would not go into detail about their staffing arrangements during the strike. On strike include those that serve drinks, cook, transport luggage, clean rooms and more. Casino dealers and security are not part of the union striking.

Despite signs posted on the boardwalk by the union asking the band to honor picket lines, the hair metal band Whitesnake performed at the Taj Mahal Friday night. In a possible reference to the strike, singer David Coverdale told the crowd at the conclusion of the show, "Be safe, be happy and don't let anyone make you afraid!"

The union said no further contract talks are scheduled.

White it still bears his name, Trump, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, has not owned it for years. The bankruptcy filing and the benefit terminations at the Taj Mahal happened five years after Trump relinquished control of the casino and its parent company, Trump Entertainment Resorts to bondholders in a previous bankruptcy.

Aside from a 10 percent stake in the company for the use of his name that was wiped out in bankruptcy when Icahn took over in March, Trump has had no involvement with the company since 2009.

The last time Local 54 waged a strike, in 2004, the walkout lasted 34 days. AP

Apple sued in China over showing of war film from the 1990s

Louise Watt, Beijing

PPLE is being sued by a subsidiary of China's broadcas-Ating regulator over a propaganda film more than 20 years old, in the latest legal wrangling for the tech giant in China in recent weeks.

A Beijing court says the case has been brought by a production center that alleges that Apple has infringed its exclusive online rights to broadcast a film that depicts Chinese fighting against Japanese soldiers in northern China in the early

The plaintiff is also suing the developer and operator of the Youku HD app available on Apple's App Store that it says enabled users to watch the film and caused it "huge economic losses," according to the Beijing Haidian District People's Court.

The court says it has accepted the case brought by Movie Satellite Channel Program Production Center that comes under the State Administration of Press, Publication, Radio, Film and Television.

The plaintiff alleges that Apple has infringed its exclusive online rights to broadcast "Xuebo dixiao," which loosely translates as "Bloody Fight with the Fierce Enemy" and was first shown in 1994.

The production center is also suing Heyi Information and Technology (Beijing) Company Ltd., which developed and operated the Youku HD app, the court said in an online sta-

The app is sold by Youku.com, according to information on Apple's iTunes site. The Youku site is one of China's best known movie and TV program streaming sites and is owned by Youku Tudou Inc., which is listed on the New York Stock **Exchange**

The plaintiff wants the two companies to immediately stop broadcasting the film and is seeking compensation of 50,000 yuan (USD7,500) plus its "reasonable expenditure" of 20,158 yuan (\$3,000) in attempting to stop the infringement of its rights, the court said.

Emailed requests for comment to Apple spokespeople were not answered Saturday, and a spokesman for Youku Tudou was not able to immediately comment.

Apple Inc. has recently faced legal setbacks and other obstacles in China, its second-biggest global market.

In April, it suspended its iBooks and iTunes Movies services, reportedly due to an order by Chinese regulators.

In May, a Beijing intellectual property tribunal in Beijing ordered Apple to stop selling its iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus in the city after finding they look too much like a model made by a small Chinese brand. Sales of the phones are continuing while Apple appeals.

Also that month, Apple suffered another setback when a court ruled that a Chinese company is allowed to use the iPhone trademark on bags, wallets and other leather goods. AP

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WYNN MACAU DONATES TO HOLY HOUSE OF MERCY



Wynn Macau donated MOP 300,000 to Macau Holy House of Mercy's (SCMM) Welfare Shop Project to finance the distribution of food hampers to 355 underprivileged fami-

In a bid to create a harmonious society, the resort has been supporting local charitable organizations and the SCMM's Welfare Shop specifically for the fourth consecu-

According to Wynn's press release, some 30 volunteers from the resort took part in the food hamper distribution, handing out hampers that included daily necessities. The property also handed out MOP100 supermarket vouchers to each household.

The SCMM Welfare Shop's project was launched in 2013 with the aim of assisting underprivileged families by providing them with basic food and daily necessities to alleviate the burden caused by inflation and increased cost of living.

The property has donated a total of MOP1.1 million over four years in support of this

NOMINATIONS FOR 'OUTSTANDING SENIOR CITIZENS AWARD' OPEN

CEM is calling for nominations for the fifth "Macau Outstanding Senior Citizens Award," an award organized by the company to recognize the contributions of the elderly to society.

The award aims to "commend senior citizens who are dedicated to their duties, setting examples for young generation to learn from their positive attitude toward life and sense of responsibility," according to the statement from CEM.

Eligible candidates include permanent residents of Macau aged 65-years-old or above, and should be nominated by a co-organizer or a local association. They should be active in participating in social and volunteer services, along with charity activities.

candidates Aspiring should also have an outstanding performance and contribution in the pursuit of lifelong learning, further education and knowledge sharing with others.

CEM is accepting nominations until August 31. The award ceremony will be held at the end of this year, where each winner will be given a trophy and a cash prize of MOP

AIRBUS SAYS MUCH-DELAYED A400M MILITARY PLANE 'WORTH WAITING FOR'

Boeing Co. gave its strongest hint yet that it will soon develop its first all-new passenger aircraft since the 787 Dreamliner.

The U.S. planemaker is honing designs for a mid-range plane to whisk travelers from New York to London, Sydney to Shanghai or Dubai to Oslo. Billions of dollars of investment would be required, but the aircraft would fill the gap in its product line between the largest single-aisle 737 and smallest widebody 787 - a relatively untapped market where Airbus Group SE is starting to extend its reach.

Boeing estimates that sales of middle-of-market jets could reach between 4,000 and 5,000 and the company



would be poised to capitalize, provided it can keep production costs in check and prices reasonable, said Mike Delaney, general manager of airplane development. He used the term "when," not "if," while discussing the prospects for the new aircraft family, which would begin commercial flights next decade.



Clashes amid Italy's crackdown on its Chinese community



In this picture taken last week, Italian Police officers in riot gears push back protesters during clashes with members of the local Chinese community

Nicole Winfield, Rome

crackdown by Italian Aauthorities on the increasingly powerful Chinese community in Tuscany resulted in new searches Friday in Italy's Chinatown and clashes this week that drew the ire of China's Foreign Ministry.

Several people were injured in clashes Wednesday outside a factory near Florence where workers tried to prevent Italian health inspectors from entering. Riot police were called in after members of the Chinese community, including the leader of a vigilante group, descended on the scene.

On Friday, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei said the Chinese embassy and consulate had lodged a complaint with Italy, "urging it to carry out civilized law enforcement and fair investigation" while protecting the rights and safety of Chinese citizens in Italy.

Italy has beefed up inspections of Chinese-run businesses following a 2013 fire at a Chinese-run garment factory that killed seven people in Prato, the heavily Chinese manufacturing district in Tuscany known for its black market factories and illegal workers.

A court last year convicted three people for the factory deaths. Chinese activists have complained that Italian authorities are only interested in handing out fines, and are planning protests this weekend.

As part of the crackdown, police in Prato conducted searches Friday and placed nine people under investigation in a separate probe into the operations of a Chinese community group, the White Stag association, said Prato's deputy police chief, Francesco Nannucci. He said members of the group, formed recently to safeguard the interests of the Chinese community, had conducted vigilante patrols, beating up Moroccans and other North Africans.

Those detained were accused of criminal association aimed at racial violence, he

Nannucci said Friday's searches were unrelated to the clashes earlier in the week but were part of a broader crackdown into criminal activity within the Chinese community. He noted that the head of the White Stag association and another Chinese expat were arrested last month as part of an investigation into prostitution and the drug trade in Chineserun nightclubs.

Nannucci said some members of White Stag took part in Wednesday's protests.

The Italian crackdown is also financial: Preliminary hearings are underway in Florence against some 300 people accused of money-laundering charges after 5 billion euros (USD5.6 billion) passed from Italy to China via wire transfers.

A judge in April rejected a prosecutors' request to indict three Bank of China officials in the probe, saying he must interrogate them first, news reports said. AP

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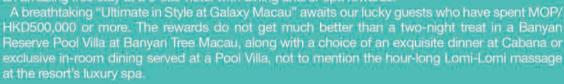
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Heavy rains leave 50 dead

Three days of heavy rain in southern China have left 50 people dead and another 12 missing and destroyed thousands of homes, authorities said yesterday, as areas along the Yangtze River braced for more floods. Torrential rains caused the deaths of 27 people and left 12 missing since in central Hubei, while in Guizhou Province, the bodies of 23 people were found after a landslide on Friday. Rainstorms soak the southern part of China every year during the summer monsoons, but this rainy season has been particularly wet. The Yangtze River flood control headquarters has ordered local authorities to remain on high alert.

FIFA president talks China football reform

Chinese vice premier Liu Yandong, who met with FIFA president Gianni Infantino on Friday, said that China is pursuing reforms of its football industry, deepening the reform of system and mechanism, and expanding the school football system. According to Xinhua, Liu said that she hopes FIFA will provide assistance and guidance to China it its football reform, meanwhile the Chinese Football Association will actively support FIFA, and is willing to contribute to the global development of football. Xinhua also reported that Infantino said he regards football reform in China as favorable to the national development of the sport and the promotion of the industry.

236 suspects busted in football gambling

A total of 236 suspects in China were caught for illegal football gambling during the ongoing UEFA Euro 2016, China's Ministry of Public Security said yesterday. More than RMB28 million (MOP33.7 million) was confiscated or frozen in cases involving overseas gambling websites, according to the MPS. Since June 14, police have busted several rings that organized gambling activities in cities including Shenyang in Liaoning Province and Shenzhen in Guangdong Province. According to the MPS, cracking down on cross-border web gambling has become a regular task for the police as international gambling companies have recruited Chinese agents to attract gamblers in recent years, reported Xinhua.

HK pro-democracy protest draws tens of thousands

Kelvin Chan, Hong Kong

ENS of thousands of Hong Kongers took to the southern Chinese city's streets for an annual pro-democracy protest march Friday, as tensions persisted over the high-profile case of a bookseller secretly detained in the mainland.

Protesters waved placards calling for Hong Kong's independence from China and signs with photos of the bookseller, Lam Wing-kee, whose revelations last month about his ordeal rekindled concerns about Beijing's tightening grip on the semiautonomous city.

Lam is one of five booksellers who went missing for months only to turn up later in mainland China, either detained or involved in investigations.

Their disappearances sparked international concern that Beijing was eroding Hong Kong's considerable autonomy and rule of law.

Lam returned to Hong Kong last month on the condition he provide information to Chinese authorities about buyers of the gossipy tomes on China's Communist leadership that his company specialized in. But he defied the orders and instead spoke out about his ordeal of being detained secretly on the mainland.

He was invited to lead this year's procession but backed out hours before it began over safety



Hundreds of protesters march on a downtown street during the annual pro-democracy protest in Hong Kong

fears, organizers said.

Albert Ho, a pro-democracy lawmaker who has been assisting Lam, said the bookseller noticed he had been followed by strangers the last two days.

"He feels increasingly concerned about his own personal safety so he made up his mind and decided not to attend," Ho said, adding police had been notified. He said the identities of the people following Lam were unclear.

From Victoria Park, protesters set off in sultry heat on a route along streets lined with hundreds of police officers that ended at city government headquarters.

They called for Hong Kong's unpopular Beijing-backed lea-

der, Chief Executive Leung Chun-Ying, to step down and for the Chinese government to grant the semiautonomous city full democracy.

Organizers said 110,000 people attended, while police there were 19,300 at the peak. The event is held on a holiday marking the day Beijing took control of Hong Kong in 1997 after more than a century and a half of British colonial rule.

Lam's revelations add to growing fears that Beijing is clamping down on Hong Kong's civil liberties such as freedom of speech and eroding the "one country, two systems" principle governing mainland China's relationship with the city.

In a speech in Beijing, Chinese President Xi Jinping dismissed those concerns, saying "no matter what difficulties and challenges we encounter, we are confident and determined that 'one country, two systems' will never be shaken."

Billy Leung, a charity worker, said it was important to join the protest to voice anger over Lam's case.

"The fact that he and others were so blatantly made disappeared should be an alarm for everyone in Hong Kong. If you have a critical mind and you start criticizing what you think is not correct and not right, it could very well be you next time," he said. AP

Police injured as residents protest incinerator

Louise Watt, Beijing

Aprotest yesterday against an incinerator in a southern Chinese town turned violent as some people attempted to break into government offices and police were injured, residents and authorities said.

The protesters in Lubu town in Guangdong province oppose a project to build an incinerator that would also generate power. Residents reached by phone said they had spontaneously taken to the streets by the thousands because they fear the incinerator might contaminate the air and drinking water.

The protest was sparked by an announcement Saturday afternoon by Lubu town government that land requisition work for the project and the project itself were being stopped, without giving any reason.

Residents said people were concerned the halt was just temporary. "The notice was released by Lubu town government, but the project is led by Zhaoqing city government so the notice issued by the town government is not enough," said a resident and restaurant worker who would only gave his surname, Yu.

Protests against incinerators and chemical plants are becoming more frequent inChina as citizens' concerns grow over threats to public health. Local governments are faced with the mounting challenge of disposing the waste generated in ever-larger cities, and public distrust over their ability to properly plan, build and manage such projects.

Local authorities tend to announce they will halt plans for incinerators after angry protests by residents, wanting to restore order.

Yesterday, Yu estimated that about 10,000 people had earlier gathered at the town's main street and near a national highway, and that 3,000 or more police officers were present.

A propaganda department of Zhaoqing city's Gaoyao district, which oversees Lubu town with a population of more than 70,000, said police were injured.

In a post on its official Sina Weibo account, Gaoyao's Communist Party committee propaganda department said that around noon "some ordinary people who are unaware of the truth led by some troublemakers attempted to storm the Lubu town government" and attacked and injured some police officers who were trying to maintain order. It said those people should surrender themselves to police and people at the government offices should leave the site immediately.

A man who answered the phone at the propaganda department said he could give no more details. A man who picked up the phone at Lubu police station said he wasn't authorized to talk to the media. A woman from Lubu government said there had been no protest at all and hung up.

The post by the Gaoyao propaganda department was removed later yesterday afternoon. Photos of the protest also posted on Sina Weibo had earlier apparently been taken down by censors.

A resident who only gave her surname, Lin, said the planned incinerator was only about 2 kilometers from the town and close to the Xijiang River, and residents had first protested in fewer numbers last weekend.

"We worry about air and water pollution," she said. "The river is a major source of our drinking water." **AP**

Tight election may leave Australia with hung parliament

Rod McGuirk, Canberra

USTRALIA'S era of political chaos continued on Saturday, with a general election failing to deliver an immediate victor and raising the prospect of a hung parliament.

Hours after the polls closed, Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull sounded a confident tone despite early results showing his conservative Liberal Partyled coalition in a virtual tie with the opposition center-left Labor Party.

"Based on the advice I have from the party officials, we can have every confidence that we will form a coalition majority government in the next parliament," Turnbull said in a speech to cheering supporters early yesterday morning.

Opposition leader Bill Shorten did not speculate on a Labor victory but celebrated the strong swing to his party only three years after it was convincingly dumped from power in the last election. "There is one thing for sure. The Labor Party is back," he said in a speech to supporters.

Parties need to hold at least 76 seats in the 150-seat House of Representatives to form a government. When the count was suspended early yesterday, the Australian Electoral Commission said Labor was leading in 72 seats, Turnbull's coalition in 66 seats, and minor parties or independents in five seats. Counting was less clear in another seven seats.

The final tally was not expected to be known until tomorrow, after mail-in ballots and those cast ahead of Saturday's election were counted. In past elections, these votes have favored the conservatives.

Just two possibilities remain: The coalition will win by the slimmest of margins, or there will be a hung parliament.

Nick Xenophon, leader of the Nick Xenophon Team minor party, would not say yesterday which side his party's sole lawmaker in the House of Representatives might support in a hung parliament.

"It still looks more likely than not that Malcolm Turnbull will have the numbers — just," Xenophon, a senator, told Nine Network television.

"But if he doesn't, then it's a question of sitting down in good faith with both sides to go through a number of key issues... that are in the national interest," he added. These issues included maintaining manufacturing and farming jobs in



Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull (right), addresses party supporters as his family listen from his side during a rally in Sydney

Australia and reducing problem gambling in the community.

Turnbull called the rare early election - dubbed a "double dissolution" because both the House and the Senate are dissolved - in a bid to break a legislative deadlock over a bill that would have created a construction industry watchdog. But the result of the election may bring further deadlock: If neither party earns a majority of seats in the House, both Labor and the coalition will be forced to try to forge alliances with independent lawmakers to form a minority government.

■ Saturday's elections continue an extraordinarily volatile period in the nation's politics

Hung parliaments are extremely rare in Australia, with only two since 1940. The most recent was in 2010, when then-Prime Minister Julia Gillard's ruling Labor Party was forced to secure an alliance with the minor Greens party and three independent lawmakers to form a fragile minority government. Three years later, the coalition swept to power after winning 90 seats.

Treasurer Scott Morrison said he thought the coalition would ultimately be able to form a majority government once all the votes were counted. But Labor's only hope was to form a minority government.

Tony Abbott, the prime minister ousted by Turnbull in September in an internal party showdown due to poor opinion polling, declined to say yesterday whether he would have led a stronger campaign.

"I'm just not going to speculate on that. The fact is that I didn't," Abbott told reporters outside his Sydney home. "It's obviously been an extremely tight result."

Saturday's elections continue an extraordinarily volatile period in the nation's politics, where internal party squabbling and fears over sagging poll ratings have prompted five changes of prime minister in as many years.

Amid the chaos, Labor and the coalition each tried to paint themselves as the safer, more stable choice. But selling stability was a tough job for either party, both of which have been marred by infighting in recent years. Bill Shorten played a key role in ousting two of Labor's own prime ministers in the space of three years, and Turnbull himself ousted Abbott less than a year ago. Up until 2007, conservative John Howard served as prime minister for nearly 12 years.

On Saturday, Shorten accused Turnbull of failing to deliver the economic reform and steady leadership Australians want.

"Whatever happens next week, Mr. Turnbull will never be able to claim that the people of Australia have adopted his ideological agenda," Shorten told supporters. "He will never again be able to promise the stability which he has completely failed to deliver tonight."

Monash University political expert Nick Economou said Turnbull's leadership had been terminally damaged by his decision to call the early election. It involved the longest campaign since 1969 and appeared

to have delivered several hard-line social conservatives and right-wingers to the Senate that the moderate prime minister would have difficulty working with if his government survives, Economou said.

"What an amazing amount of political damage Malcolm Turnbull has been able to inflict in a very short period of time as prime minister," Economou said. "I think his credibility is shot to pieces."

Opinion polls had predicted a close race, but had largely tipped the government to win by a narrow margin. Several government ministers blamed the surprisingly strong result for Labor on what they dubbed a dishonest campaign that claimed the conservatives were threatening Australia's universal health care system known as Medicare.

"Even today people were talking about not being able to afford health care because we were going to get rid of Medicare. It was utter rubbish," Liberal Party Deputy Leader Julie Bishop told the Australian Broadcasting Corp. "But what do you do when one party relies on a monstrous lie to get elected?"

Two weeks before the election, Shorten ramped up his campaign on health policy by describing the poll as a referendum on the future of Medicare. A Labor government introduced the government-funded program in 1984 to provide free or subsidized health care for all Australian citizens and permanent residents.

Labor accused the government of planning to privatize Medicare — a claim Turnbull dismissed as an audacious scare campaign.

But aside from the privatization debate, Shorten also promised to better fund Medicare than the government. He vowed to increase the government subsidies paid to private doctors to treat patients. The government had frozen the subsidy rate for the next four years, with many patients likely to be charged more for consultations.

Shorten also promised to restore incentives paid to private companies to provide free X-ray and pathology services to patients. The government cut those incentives from July 1.

The government focused much of its campaign on a promise to generate jobs and economic growth through tax cuts to big businesses. Economic growth is a key issue for many Australians, who have seen thousands of jobs vanish from the country's once-booming resources sector amid China's industrial slowdown.

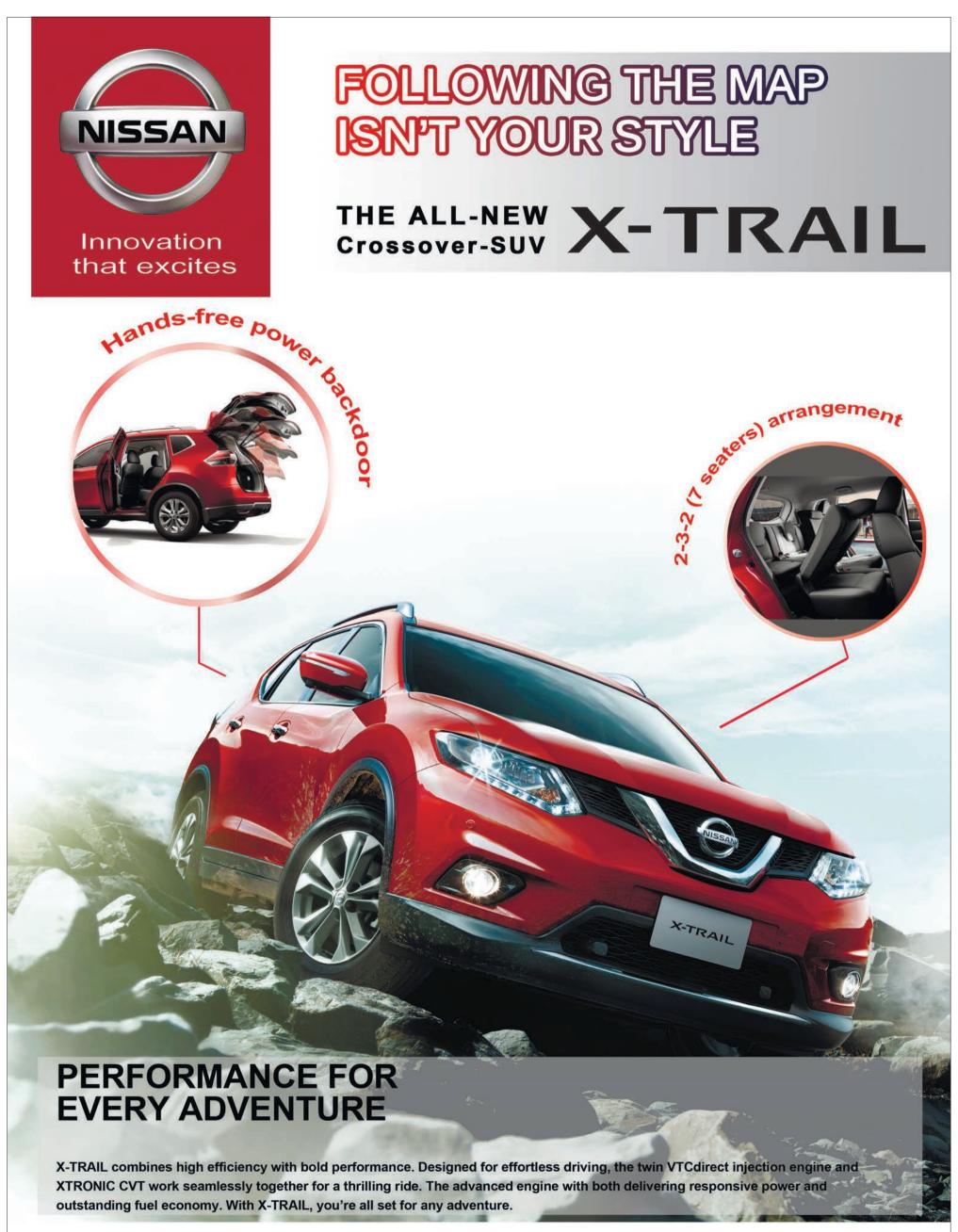
Labor has said it will keep the higher tax rates and use the revenue to better fund schools and hospitals.

Saturday's uncertain result suggests the era of volatility in Australian politics is set to continue, said Deakin University political scientist Geoff Robinson. It was difficult for modern governments to make tough and unpopular decisions as tax revenues decline with the slowing Chinese economy and low commodity prices. AP



Australian Labor Party leader Bill Shorten





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HE hostages were given a test: recite verses from the Quran, or be punished, according to a witness. Those who passed were allowed to eat. Those who failed were tortured and slain.

The dramatic, 10-hour hostage crisis that gripped Bangladesh's diplomatic zone ended Saturday morning with at least 28 dead, including six of the attackers, as commandos raided the popular restaurant where heavily armed attackers were holding dozens of foreigners and Bangladeshis prisoner while hurling bombs and engaging in a gunbattle with security forces. The victims included 20 hostages, mostly foreigners, and two Bangladeshi police officers.

The attack marks an escalation in militant violence that has hit the traditionally moderate Muslim-majority nation with increasing frequency in recent months, with the extremists demanding the secular government set up Islamic rule. Most previous attacks have involved machete-wielding men singling out individual activists, foreigners and religious minorities.

But Friday night's attack was different, more coordinated, with the attackers brandishing assault rifles as they shouted "Allahu Akbar" (God is Great) and stormed the Holey Artisan Bakery in Dhaka's Gulshan area while dozens of foreigners and Bangladeshis were dining out during the Ramadan holy month.

The gunmen, initially firing blanks, ordered restaurant workers to switch off the lights, and they draped black cloths over closed-circuit cameras, according to a survivor, who spoke with local TV channel ATN News. He and others, including kitchen staff, managed to escape by running to the rooftop or out the back door.

But about 35 were trapped inside, their fate depending on whether they could prove themselves to be Muslims, according to the father of a Bangladeshi businessman who was rescued Saturday morning along with his family.

"The gunmen asked everyone inside to recite from the Quran," the Islamic holy book, according to Rezaul Karim, describing what his son, Hasnat, had witnessed inside. "Those who recited were spared. The gunmen even gave them meals last night." The others, he said, "were tortured."

It was not immediately clear whether the attackers had a specific goal, and Bangladesh authorities would not say if they had made any demands.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility, saying it targeted the citizens of "Crusader countries" in the attack, warning that citizens of such countries would not be safe "as long as their warplanes kill Muslims." The statement was **TERRORISM**

Hostage crisis leaves 28 dead in Bangladesh diplomatic zone



People help an unidentified injured person after a group of gunmen attacked a restaurant popular with foreigners in a diplomatic zone of Dhaka

circulated Friday by IS supporters on the Telegram messaging service and resembled previous statements by IS. It was not immediately clear if its leadership in Syria and Iraq was involved in planning the attack. The Amaq news agency, affiliated with IS, also posted photos purportedly showing hostages' bodies, though the authenticity of the images could not be con-

The government did not directly comment on the IS claim but has denied in the past that the extremist group has a presence in Bangladesh. The government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina instead has accused her political enemies of orchestrating the violence in order to destabilize the nation

— which the opposition denies. On Saturday, Amaq published photos of five smiling young men each holding what appear to be assault rifles and posing in front of a black IS flags whom the agency identified as the attackers, according to the SITE Intelligence Service, which monitors jihadi online activity. They were identified by noms de guerre indicating they were all Bangladeshis. Amaq said the fighters used "knives, cleavers, assault rifles and hand grenades."

Amaq said the attackers "verified" the identities of the hostages, sparing the Muslims and killing the foreigners.

The 20 hostages killed included nine Italians, seven Japanese, three Bangladeshis and

one Indian, government sources said, as details of the bloodshed began trickling from other capitals worldwide. The White House confirmed Saturday that a U.S. citizen was among the hostages killed, but did not release any further identification.

"All the hostages were killed last night. The terrorists used sharp weapons to kill them brutally," said Brig. Gen. Nayeem Ashfaq Chowdhury of the Army Headquarters in a news conference Saturday night. Two Bangladeshi police officers also died from injuries sustained while exchanging gunfire with the attackers Friday night.

A Roman Catholic priest in southern Italy, whose 33-yearold sister Simona Monti, a textile firm employee, was killed in the attack expressed hope that her death could contribute toward making a more just world. Rev. Luca Monti said he hopes "this experience of martyrdom for my family and the blood of my sister Simona can help contribute to building a more just and brotherly world."

In New Delhi, Foreign Minister Sushma Swaraj said she was "extremely pained to share that the terrorists have killed Tarushi, an Indian girl who was taken hostage in the terror attack in Dhaka."

Nineteen-year-old Tarushi Jain had been on holiday from her studies at the University of California, Berkeley. She was in Dhaka visiting her father, who has run a garment business in the country for the past 15 or 20

years, according to Indian government sources, who were not authorized to speak with media and so requested anonymity.

But another Indian citizen, a doctor who spoke Bengali and could pass himself as a Bangladeshi, was released unharmed, a government source said.

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A Bangladeshi woman Ishrat Akhond was also among the dead. She had been holding a dinner meeting with Italian businessmen when she was killed in the siege, according to three of her friends who did want to be named for fear of reprisal. One told The Associated Press, "She was such a loving person, such a good friend." Others posted photographs and messages of disbelief and condolences on her Facebook page.

Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, said two of its students were killed in the attack: Abinta Kabir, of Miami, Florida, a sophomore at the school's Oxford, Georgia, campus who was visiting family and friends in Bangladesh, and Faraaz Hossain, of Dhaka, a junior at the university's Goizueta Business School.

Ten of the 26 people who were wounded Friday night when the militants opened fire were in critical condition, and six were on life support, according to hospital staff. The injuries ranged from broken bones to gunshot wounds. Most of them were police officers, but one was a civilian.

Two foreign chefs working in the kitchen, Argentine Diego Rossini and Italian Jacopo Bioni, described how they made a dramatic escape during the initial attack by rushing to the rooftop terrace and then jumping down two stories onto a nearby building as the attackers chased them, firing their weapons and hurling grenades.

"They were very well prepared with bombs, guns, machine guns, it was horrible," Rossini said in an interview with Argentine TV newscast C5N. "I still can't believe this happened, it was like a movie, they pointed with their guns to me and I could hear shots passing by. I was very, very afraid, like never before in my whole life... It was one of the worst moments of my life."

Another Italian, businessman Gianni Boschetti, was dining with his wife but had just stepped into the restaurant garden to take a phone call when the attack began. Italian state TV said Boschetti threw himself into bushes and escaped. His sister-in-law, Patrizia D'Antona, said that he "wandered all night" from hospital to hospital in hopes of finding his wife, 56-year-old Claudia Maria D'Antona. She was later identified as among the nine Italians found slain in the restaurant.

In the end, paramilitary troops managed to rescue 13 hostages, including one Argentine, two Sri Lankans and two Bangladeshis, according to Lt. Col. Tuhin Mohammad Masud, commander of the Rapid Action Battalion that conducted the rescue. Japan's government said one Japanese hostage was also rescued with a gunshot

The commandos went in after the attackers did not respond to calls for negotiation, Masud said. As the troops, wearing flak jackets and helmets and armed with automatic weapons, moved in on the restaurant at 7:40 a.m., local TV stations reported the sound of gunfire and explosions. AP





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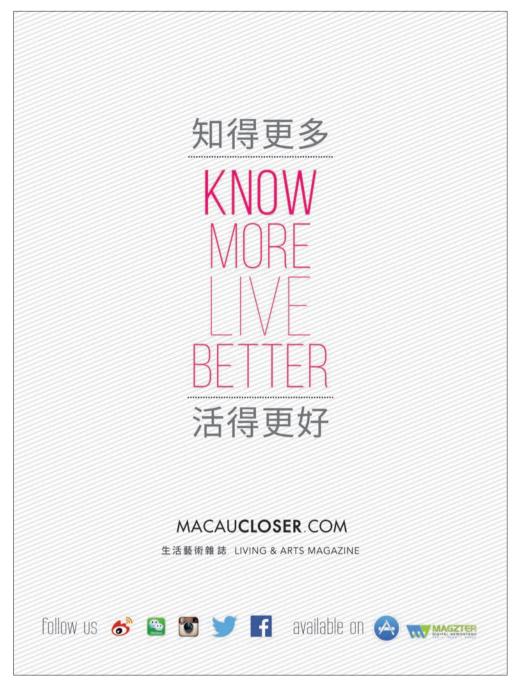


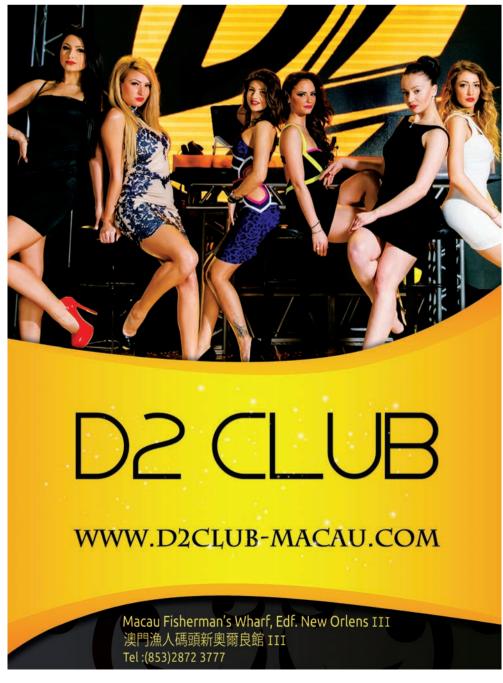
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Elaine Ganley, Paris

ONCERN about immigration and a wish for stricter border controls were important factors in Britain's vote to leave the European Union last week.

But the mayor of Calais in northern France hopes the neighbor's decision to quit the bloc can have a reverse effect and eventually help unravel a deal that has kept migrants attempting to reach Britain trapped on the French side of the English Channel.

The French-British bilateral Touquet Treaty was signed in 2003 with the aim to stop migrants from crossing the channel. It effectively moved Britain's southern border to northern France, allowing British police, customs officials and their sniffer dogs to operate around Calais.

Bilateral deals aren't legally affected by a British exit from the EU and French leaders haven't shown any appetite to undo the Touquet Treaty for now, but Calais Mayor Natacha Bouchart hopes they can use the June 23 referendum result to gradually start chipping away at the deal and squeeze more concessions out of Britain in its hour of vulnerability. Because of the agreement, Calais' economy and image have suffered, Bouchart says.

A fortress-like defense system has been mounted against the thousands of migrants, from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Eritrea and elsewhere, living in dire conditions in a Calais slum camp and nearby towns as they try to hop into freight trucks headed to Britain, via the Channel Tunnel or the huge ferry port. High barbed wire fences stretch along the urban landscape, trees and bushes have been razed to eliminate hiding spots and flashing police lights illuminate the night sky.

France eyes prospects to pressure Britain over migrants



A migrant makes a phone call from the outskirts of the migrant camp outside Calais, France

"We can't take it anymore. We don't want it anymore. We're sick of it," Bouchart said Wednesday after she and other regional officials met with Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve to discuss the next steps after Britain's EU vote.

Cazeneuve noted that chucking the treaty would require a two-year notice and would further worsen the humanitarian situation in Calais. He said it would encourage smugglers attracted by easier passage across the channel, risk an increase in deaths of migrants trying to cross and add an extra burden on the hundreds of French police posted around Calais.

However, he suggested the referendum result could help France put more pressure on Britain to help out.

"We've already increased cooperation in a tough dialogue, and the choice of the British on June 23 must make us become still tougher," Cazeneuve said without elaborating. He said he was seeking a meeting this fall to discuss the issue with regional officials and his British counterpart Theresa May — a contender to become new prime minister after David Cameron's resignation.

Britain has never been part of Europe's travel-free Schengen zone, and has tried to protect its borders from illegal immigration via other EU states. Amid an exceptional migrant influx since 2014, France pressured Britain into pumping more than 100 million euros (USD111 million) into helping secure Calais and house some migrants.

Numerous adjustments have been made to the Touquet Treaty, and France may now push for more.

"We want some arm-wrestling around a table with the new British government" that will replace Cameron's team in the fall, said Calais mayor Bouchart, who is also vice president of the northern region. She wants "to clarify the Touquet accords [...] We want at least fairness, sharing, a refugee camp opened in Britain. We want the British government to assume its responsibility."

President Francois Hollande has said it "makes no sense" to put the agreement in doubt under the pretext that Britain has voted to leave the EU, instead suggesting finding ways to "improve the situation."

But even if Hollande's government doesn't pull out of the border treaty, an eventual successor could.

The Socialist is in political difficulty ahead of presidential elections next year, and some leading conservative candidates are already complaining about France's role as a depot for migrants. Popular far-right candidate Marine Le Pen is actively campaigning to leave the EU, the euro currency and the borderless Schengen zone.

One potential conservative candidate, former Prime Minister Alain Juppe, said this week it's "obviously necessary" to reconsider the treaty. "It was true before Brexit," he said on BFM-TV. "It is even truer today."

Fear alone should be enough to prompt the French state to rethink the Touquet Treaty, suggested Xavier Bertrand, conservative president of the northern region.

Small militia-like groups have already attacked migrants in recent months, and "we don't want one day to have clashes between Calaisians and migrants," he said. "It's that we want to avoid." **AP**

IRAQ

91 people killed in 2 bombings in Baghdad

AT least 91 people were killed yesterday in two bombings in the Iraqi capital, including a large-scale attack claimed by the Islamic State group that killed 86 people — among them 15 children — in a central shopping district, officials said.

The bombings demonstrated the extremists' ability to mount significant attacks despite major battlefield losses, including the city of Fallujah, which was declared "fully liberated" from IS just over a week ago.

The deadliest attack took



at a commercial area in Karada neighborhood, Baghdad

place in the central Karada district of Baghdad, where a suicide bomber blew up his explosives-laded pickup truck outside a crowded shopping center, killing at least 86 people and wounding up to 170 others, according to a police officer. He said the dead included 15 children, 10 women and six policemen.

The suicide bomber struck shortly after midnight, when families and young people were out on the streets after breaking their daylight fast for the holy month of Ramadan. Most of the victims were

inside a multi-story shopping and amusement mall, where dozens burned to death or suffocated, officials said.

"It was like an earthquake," said Karim Sami, a 35-year-old street vendor. "I wrapped up my goods and was heading home when I saw a fire ball with a thunderous bombing. I was so scared to go back and started to make phone calls to my friends, but none answered," the father of three added. He said that one of his friends had been killed, another was wounded and one was still

missing.

Within hours, IS claimed responsibility for the bombing in a statement posted online, saying they had deliberately targeted Shiite Muslims. The Associated Press could not verify the authenticity of the statement, but it was posted on a militant website commonly used by the extremists.

At the scene, firefighters and civilians were seen carrying the dead away, their bodies wrapped in blankets and sheets. Smoke billowed from the shopping center, which was surrounded by the twisted and burned wreckage of cars and market stalls. A group of women were sitting on the pavement, crying for their loved ones. AP



what's ON



Transient - Solo Painting Exhibition BY SOFIA AREZ

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GERMAN WRITES OWN OBIT, BANS **RELATIVES FROM FUNERAL**

A German man has taken his grudges to the grave, telling relatives in a posthumous newspaper notice that some of them aren't welcome at his funeral.

News agency dpa reported Friday that Hubert Martini published his own obituary in the Trierischer Volksfreund, a newspaper in western Germany.

The deceased describes himself as "open, honest and unforgiving" and says his five siblings and their families are forbidden from attending his memorial service.

It is unclear what made Martini want to have the last word, but the 64-year-old notes that in life "I have hurt some people — and that's good."

Dpa quoted a local undertaker, Martina Schmidt, calling the obituary "out of order."

"He wanted to settle scores and now the relatives have to live with that," she says. AP

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13:00 TDM News (Repeated)

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France - Iceland (Repeated)

16:30 Non-Daily Portuguese News

Documentary (Repeated) 17:00

17:45 Helena's Shadow (Repeated) Contraponto (Repeated) 18:30

19:30 Soap Opera

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20:30 Main News, Financial & Weather Report

21:00 Miscellaneous

21:45 Portuguese Music

22:10 Helena's Shadow

TDM News 23:00

23:30 Documentary Serie

00:50 Sports (Repeated)



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30 JUN - 07 JUL



THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS

поом 1

(2D) 2.15, 4.00, 7.30 pm

(3D) 5.45 pm

Director: Chris Renaud, Yarrow Cheney Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/ English)

Duration: 90min

ALICE THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

поом **1** 9.30 pm

Director: James Bobin

Starring: Mia Wasikowska, Johnny Depp,

Helena Bonham Carter

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 113min

INDEPENDENCE DAY: RESURGENCE

ROOM 2

(2D) 2.30, 4.45, 9.30 pm (3D) 7.15 pm

Director: Roland Emmerich

Starring: Liam Hemsworth, Jeff Goldblum, Bill Pullman

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 120min



THE LEGEND OF TARZAN **коом 3**

(2D) 2.30, 4.30, 9.30 pm

(3D) 7.30 pm

Director: Roland Emmerich Starring: Alexander Skarsgård, Rory J. Saper,

Christian Stevens

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 109min

MACAU TOWER

23 JUN - 07 JUL

INDEPENDENCE DAY: RESURGENCE

2.30,4.30,7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Roland Emmerich Starring: Liam Hemsworth, Jeff Goldblum,

Bill Pullman

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 120min



1976 ISRAELIS RESCUE ENTEBBE **HOSTAGES**

Israeli commandos have rescued 100 hostages, mostly Israelis or Jews, held by pro-Palestinian hija-

ckers at Entebbe airport in Uganda. At about 0100 local time (2200GMT), Ugandan soldiers and the hijackers were taken completely by surprise when three Hercules transport planes landed after a 2,500-mile trip from Israel.

About 200 elite troops ran out and stormed the airport building. During a 35-minute battle, 20 Ugandan soldiers and all seven hijackers died along with three hostages.

The leader of the assault force, Lieutenant Colonel Yonatan Netanyahu, was also shot dead by a Ugandan sentry. The Israelis destroyed 11 Russian-built MiG fighters, which amounted to a quarter of Uganda's air force.

The surviving hostages were then flown to Israel with a stopover in Nairobi, Kenya, where some of the injured were treated by Israeli doctors and at least two transferred to hospital there.

Speaking at the Israeli Knesset (parliament) this afternoon, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin who ordered the raid said: "This operation will certainly be inscribed in the annals of military history, in legend and in national tradition."

The crisis began on 27 June, when four militants seized an Air France flight, flying from Israel to Paris via Athens, with 250 people on board. The hijackers - two from the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and two from Germany's Baader-Meinhof gang - diverted the plane to Entebbe, where it arrived on 28 June.

The hijackers - who were joined by three more colleagues - demanded the release of 53 militants held in jails in Israel and four other countries. Uganda's President and dictator Idi Amin arrived at the airport to give a speech in support of the PFLP and supplied the hijackers with extra troops and weapons.

On 1 July, the hijackers released a large number of hostages but continued to hold captive the remaining 100 passengers who were Israelis or Jews. Those who were freed were flown to Paris and London. Among them were British citizens George Good, a

retired accountant and Tony Russell, a senior GLC official, who arrived in London on Friday. The crew were offered the chance to go but chose to stay with the plane. The remaining hostages were transferred to the airport building.

The hijackers then set a deadline for 1100GMT for their demands to be met or they would blow up the airliner and its passengers. But their plan was foiled by the dramatic Israeli raid.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The mission, originally dubbed Operation Thunderbolt by the Israeli military, was renamed Operation Yonatan in honour of Netanyahu - elder brother of Binyamin Netanyahu, who was Israel's Prime Minister from 1996 to 1999.

The raid continues to be source of pride for the Israeli public, and many of the participants went on to high office in Israel's military and political establishment.

Among them was Dan Shomron, who was in overall command of the rescue operation. He became Chief of Staff of the Israel

Defence Force Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated during his second term in office in 1995.

Idi Amin was humiliated by the surprise raid. He believed Kenya had colluded with Israel in planning the raid and hundreds of Kenyans living in Uganda were massacred soon

But from this time, Amin's regime began to break down. Two years later Idi Amin was forced into exile in Saudi Arabia. He died in Jeddah in August 2003

YOUR STARS



Aries

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

You want to buy some of what you see, whether it makes good sense or not. Unraveling that urge is the most valuable thing you can do for yourself today. Focus on it before you make any financial commitments.



Gemini

May 21-Jun. 21

For once, talking the talk without walking the walk gets you somewhere. Or more accurately, it keeps you from going backwards. You have some grandiose ideas plus one saving grace: No follow through.



Leo

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

No matter how much money you make or lose, this particular person feels the need to lecture you like an unruly student. Don't waste time or money trying to win their approval.



Sep.23-Oct. 22

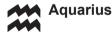
You've gotten about as far as you can get with thinking. This particular problem requires a different approach altogether. You can put your energy to good use another way if you let yourself be open to the possibilities.



Sagittarius

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

You don't have to have a deep philosophy about how you spend your money, but it certainly doesn't hurt. If it makes sense to you and is in alignment with the general rules you live by, all the better.



Jan. 20-Feb. 18

intellectual friendship is almost more satisfying than an emotional one. You'll be discussing your investment strategies and swapping war stories today. The experience is golden.



Taurus

April 20-May 20

Other people seem to be racing ahead of you, but that doesn't mean you should try to catch up. They could all be dumping their money over a cliff for all anyone knows. Find out if the investment is worth joining.



Cancer

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Throwing your money up in the air and watching where the wind takes it may seem to the untrained eve like a reckless way to handle your finances. But your particular investing strategy involves walking on the wild side.



Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Cold logic can only get you so far. For the rest of the way, you need a fire in the belly. Your burning desire for more is what will ultimately bring it to you, but not without being reasonable.

Scorpio

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21



Libra

Money is not a team sport. Other people can invest their money however they wish, and the same goes for you. Stick to your original plans despite any heckling you may hear today. Invest in ear plugs.



Capricorn

Make sure you are crystal clear before committing to anything, from the type of coffee you drink in the morning to where you shift the bulk of your money The extras in your day are worth almost



Pisces

Feb.19-Mar. 20

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

You can't wait to get busy. The only problem is, you have no idea what to do. Don't waste your time counting money. Come up with something more poetic to jumpstart the process.



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Chongqing	25	34	overcast/cloudy
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New York	19	28	clear/overcast

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Chieftain, usually in Africa; 5- Supermodel Sastre; 9- Bet; 14-"Give that ____ cigar!"; 15- Boot bottom; 16- Flaming felony; 17- Deformed; 19- Climbing vine; 20- Cobra, e.g.; 21- Russian liquor; 23- Sawbuck; 25- Inexperienced; 26- Ed.'s in-box filler; 29- Uno + due; 30- Defilement; 33- Fertile soils; 34- Mohammed's favorite wife; 35- Wings; 38- List ender; 40- Poultry enclosure; 41- Wirelesses; 44- Pizazz; 47- Leaping insect; 49- General on Chipace pages 18- Disphy sould 52 Colondon by 54- Michigan Chapter 18- M Chinese menus; 52- Dinghy need; 53- Calendar abbr.; 54- Artist studio; 56- Tribal symbol; 58- Vehement; 59- Beasts of burden; 62- Pertaining to Byzantium; 64-Video game pioneer; 65- Ayatollah's land; 66- Cheerio!; 67- The opposition; 68-Record; 69- Hydroxyl compound;

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property overseer; 12- Ages and ages; 13- Genetic material; 18- African wader; 22- Comedian Carvey; 24- Big book; 26- Soup with sushi; 27- London district; 28- Ginger cookie; 31- Camera setting; 32- Kind of support; 33- Hula hoops?; 35- Jason's ship; 36- Yuri's love; 37-Jewish month; 39- Nightclub of song; 42- Subtle absorption; 43- Ammo; 45-Marsh gas; 46- Primp; 48- In the least; 49- Bright golden brown; 50- Taken care of; 51- Severe experience; 55- Starbucks order; 56- Hatcher of "Lois and Clark"; 57- Pianist Hess; 59- Battery size; 60- RR stop; 61- Was in session; 63- Microwave



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EURO 2016 | ROUNDUP

Germany's worst penalty shootout ends Italian hoodoo

Despite missing more penalties in one shootout than it had done in 40 years of taking spot-kicks after extra time, Germany still managed to end its curse against Italy.

Thomas Mueller, Mesut Ozil and Bastian Schweinsteiger all missed in Saturday's [Sunday 03:00] shootout after the sides finished 1-1 following extra time in their European Championship quarterfinal.

Fortunately, goalkeeper Manuel Neuer spared their blushes with two saves as Italy missed four spot-kicks and Germany went on to win 6-5, securing the team's first competitive victory over the Azzurri at the ninth attempt.

"It was a war of nerves," Neuer said.

Only two German players had ever missed in a tournament shootout before - Uli Hoeness as West Germany lost the 1976 European Championship final 5-3 to Czechoslovakia, and Uli Stielike as West Germany defeated France 5-4 in the 1982 World Cup semifinal.

It was a dramatic shootout in Bordeaux, featuring 18 spot kicks with neither side striking a decisive blow before it went to 'sudden death.'

"I've never experienced a penalty shootout like it before. It went on for ages. I'm not sure how many penalties there were exactly," Neuer

There had been a penalty beforehand too, scored by Leonardo Bonucci in the 78th minute to cancel out Ozil's opener from 13 minutes before.

With extra time almost at an end, Italy coach Antonio Conte brought on penalty specialist Simone Zaza on for Giorgio Chiellini, but the move backfired when he missed after an unconventional trot up to the ball.

Then Mueller's curious failure to score at a European Championship came back to



Germany's goalkeeper Manuel Neuer makes a save during the quarterfinal match between Germany and Italy, at the Nouveau Stade in Bordeaux

haunt him when his effort was saved by Italy veteran Gianluigi Buffon.

Andrea Barzagli scored before Ozil struck the post, leaving Italy with a 2-1 lead. Then Graziano Pelle dragged his effort wide and Julian Draxler equalized to make it

Germany had the advantage when Neuer saved Bonucci's spot kick.

"I didn't want to let Bonucci score a second time," the Germany goalkeeper said.

celebra-German tions were cut short when Schweinsteiger, who could have sealed victory by converting his spot-kick, struck his effort well over.

Neither side missed their next three penalties. Then Neuer saved Matteo Darmian's spot kick, paving the way for Jonas Hector to be the hero with the winning shot.

"I'm delighted that it went in," Hector said. "There weren't many more people there [to take a penalty]. I took my heart in my hand and just wanted to make sure it went

Hector's strike penalty ended a winless curse against Italy that dated back to their first meeting at the 1962 World Cup.

"After so many years or decades we were due a win against Italy," German football federation president Reinhard Grindel said. "From that point of view, the right ones had the luck that you need in a shootout."

Germany coach Joachim Loew had tried a new tactical setup with a three-man defense, but in the end it was an old friend - the penalty kick - that provided the key to victory.

However, Neuer is anxious to avoid a similar situation in Germany's next game. "You can't just rely on the fact that Germany comes through every time there's a penalty shootout," he said. MDT/AP

ANALYSIS

Football chess

THE curse is lifted. In eight mat-L ches at either the European Championships or World Cup dating back to 1962, Germany had never beaten Italy, but the ninth time broke the spell.

The Germans can now stop calling the Italians their "Angstgegner" — "feared opponent," but Germany had to pull out its specialty party trick to do it: the penalty shoot-out.

This was a game for tactics geeks, not neutrals hoping for end-to-end action.

German coach Joachim Loew paid Italy a fine compliment by changing his formation for this match, choosing to fight fire with fire by playing three defenders at the back like his Italy counterpart Antonio Conte.

The German back three of Mats Hummels, Jerome Boateng and Benedikt Hoewedes left less space for the Italian attacking pair of Graziano Pelle and Eder to operate. Joshua Kimmich, on the right, and Hector, on the left, played as wing backs in Loew's formation, hugging the touchlines, pushing high up the pitch and pulling Italy out

In front of the German back three, central midfielders Sami Khedira and Toni Kroos provided another screen for the Italians to penetrate. Their 135 caps for Germany were more than the combined total of the central midfielders and two wingbacks that Conte fielded

in his 3-5-2 formation.

When Khedira suffered an apparent groin strain and had to be substituted after just 16 minutes, Loew was able to call upon a player with even more experience: Manchester United's Bastian Schweinsteiger, who was making his 119th appearance.

More than anything, the German formation seemed to mess with Italian minds. The enterprising Italy team that comprehensively outplayed 2012 champion Spain in the previous round thought twice about going forward. Instead of prowling down the wings as they had against Spain, Italy wingbacks Mattia De Sciglio and Alessandro Florenzi were far less intrepid and spent a lot more time reinforcing the defense. MDT/AP

EURO 2024 BID

Germany, Nordic group in race

TERMANY and a Gcombined Nordic nations bid currently head the possible candidates to host the 2024 European Championship.

The leading conten-

ders are clear though they have expressed only unofficial interest for a contest that should be decided in 2018, UEFA interim general secretary Theodore Theodoridis said last week.

Germany has focused on a 2024 bid, after leaving England clear to host the semifinals and final of the multi-nation Euro 2020.

The Nordic group of soccer federations from Denmark, Finland. Norway and Sweden said in April they wanted to host the tournament either in 2024 or 2028. That bid would seek to stage events in Iceland and the Faroe Islands, too.

The four-nation Nordics group also announced this month it was backing Slovenia federation leader Aleksander Ceferin as a candidate to replace the now-suspended Platini in a Sept. 14 election.

The other currently

declared contender, Michael van Praag, a UEFA vice president from the Netherlands, is reportedly a supporter of Germany for Euro 2024.

European Championship hosts are chosen by the 17-member UEFA executive committee, with members from a candidate country excluded from voting.

Graham Dunbar, Lille

N the greatest night in its soccer history, Wales swept past the world's No. 2-ranked team at the European Championship on Friday [Saturday 03:00].

Wales stormed back from a rough start to beat Belgium 3-1 in a pulsating quarterfinal won by classy goals from two unheralded forwards.

As usual, Gareth Bale was excellent and, of course, all the talk will be of him and Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo before the two teams meet in a semifinal next week.

The two most expensive players in soccer history. Real Madrid teammates. Stars on overachieving teams at Euro 2016.

Still, unlike Portugal, Wales and Bale have been wonderful and a truly refreshing surprise in reaching a first semifinal at a major tournament.

"We are so excited to be here. We have never been at this level," said Wales coach Chris Coleman, who took over a team ranked outside the top 100 four years ago. "You dream about nights like this. You're never sure if you're lucky enough to experience it and when you're involved, you can't describe it."

After 25 minutes on Friday, the dream seemed far away against a fast-starting Belgium side that was playing almost a home game just 10 kilometers from its border.

The ferocity of Belgium's opening goal in the 13th-minute, a rifled shot by midfielder Radja Nainggolan rising into the net from 25 meters, did not bode well.

But Wales captain Ashley Williams hauled his team back into the fight in the 30th when he stooped to head in a corner.

Then, two forwards from second-tier clubs in England, Hal Robson-Kanu and Sam Vokes settled the game with goals in the 55th and 85th minutes. In Robson-Kanu's career-best mo-

Wales stuns Belgium 3-1 at European Championship



Wales' players celebrate with fans their 3-1 win at the end of the quarterfinal match between Wales and Belgium, at the Pierre Mauroy stadium in Villeneuve d'Ascq, near Lille

ment, he deceived three defenders with a 'Cruyff turn'.

The big forward shaped as if to shoot, then suddenly dragged the ball back and swiveled into clear space, freeing him to place a shot past Belgium goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois.

"It's instincts," said Robson-Kanu, who is a free agent after letting his contract with English second-tier club Reading expire. "That was the best option to create the space and fortunately I am then in on goal. It's a good feeling."

Vokes came on as a substitute to meet Chris Gunter's cross with a glancing header and spark wild celebrations in the Welsh corner of a stadium packed with Belgium fans among the crowd of nearly 46,000 people.

"It was like playing in Brussels tonight," said Coleman, who also led his side to an upset win over Belgium in their qualifying group last year.

As the stadium emptied, Wales players and fans paid tribute to Iceland by copying the celebration ritual of the other feel-good story of an overachieving small nation at Euro 2016.

Bale and his teammates raised their arms and clapped slowly, exchanging salutes with thousands of fans that built to a crescendo.

By conceding Rainggolan's spectacular strike, Wales failed to open the scoring for the first time in five games at Euro 2016.

Belgium had its chances, and forward Romelu Lukaku missed badly from close range when his team made fast starts in each half.

"For the first 20, 25 minutes we dominated Wales," Belgium coach Marc Wilmots said. "But then we dropped back and I

can't explain why."

Belgium had no fewer than four clear opportunities in a hectic seventh minute. Rapidfire shots from Yannick Carrasco, Thomas Meunier and Eden Hazard were saved, blocked and deflected for a corner. When that was crossed in, Lukaku missed the ball from close range with the goal unguarded.

Belgium's early fast breaks stretched the Wales defenders, who collected three yellow cards before momentum shifted in the 26th. After Aaron Ramsey got behind the Belgium back line, Courtois was forced into a diving save from Neil

The next game against Portugal will be the biggest in Welsh history. Just like the challenge to overcome **Belgium**

Taylor's sharp shot.

Soon after Williams scored, he exploited more poor marking to connect for another header that flew too high. A mostly untested Belgian defense, which did not concede a goal in its three previous games, suffered without the injured Jan Vertonghen and Thomas Vermaelen, who was suspended.

Belgium is also missing its captain and first-choice central defender Vincent Kompany at the tournament.

Suspensions will now take a toll on Wales. The tireless and influential Ramsey plus defender Ben Davies were shown yellow cards Friday and will miss the semifinal.

That game against Ronaldo's Portugal will be the biggest in Welsh history. Just like the challenge to overcome Belgium. AP

LATEST RESULTS Poland 1 (3) 1 (5) **Portugal** Wales Belgium Germany 1 (6) 1 (5)

Ronaldo struggles as Portugal reaches semis

THEN Cristiano Ronaldo failed to deliver, it fell to an 18-yearold newcomer starting his first game to help Portugal reach the semifinals of the European Championship.

Teenager Renato Sanches had a coming-ofage outing for Portugal, scoring with a stunning shot from distance to cancel out Robert Lewandowski's early goal for Poland, and then converting his penalty in Friday's (Macau time) shootout.

At 18 years and 316 days old, Sanches became the



during the quarterfinal match at the Velodrome stadium in Marseille

youngest player to score in a knockout round at the continental competition, quite a way to return

the trust placed in him by coach Fernando Santos on his first start of the tournament.

"Things weren't going our way and I called Renato to change something and we were lucky enough to have him score," Santos said. "He played a great game. He is still growing and has a lot to offer. He will be a better player in the future."

Ricardo Quaresma had to seal a victory again after coming off the bench, stepping up to score the decisive penalty in the shootout following Rui Patricio's outstanding save to deny Jakub Blaszczykowski. Five days earlier, Quaresma had scored in extra time to give Portugal a 1-0 win over Croatia in the last 16.

However, he would never have had to be the team's savior a second time if Ronaldo had shown his usual ruthlessness in front of goal. Ronaldo appeared to get rattled after the Real Madrid forward fired Nani's pass into the side netting, giving Poland's supporters a chance to mock with him chants about his Spanish league rival, Lionel Messi.

And it only got worse when he failed to connect with three passes that teammates set up for him in scoring positions during the latter stages of the match.

Ronaldo has reached three milestones in France. He surpassed Luis Figo's record of 127 appearances to become Portugal's most capped player, set a record for final appearances with 19, and became the only player to ever score in four different editions of the tournament.

But the three-time world player of the year has also lost his composure at times, both on and off the pitch, and his two strikes against Hungary are his only goals in five matches so far. MDT/AP

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BREXIT SIDE EFFECTS

At heart, nobody believed the outcome of the London calling would be to abandon the European Union. Of course people know one way or another the nature of a referendum as a polarizing tool, highly divisive, but I repeat at heart the majority thought they would be on the right side of the divide between Brexit and Bremain. So much so, the day after still numb Tories started to improvise on the popular vote's non-binding effect that the advisory referendum should have on Parliament. This is a coarse reading of the democratic weight of a plebiscite, rather a popular vote.

Worse, and more desperate, some pundits, Tories and Labor alike, came to brandish the weapon of a follow-up second public vote, to which an online survey soon carried three million likes. This is the first side effect we dare to envisage: twitter democracy should be returned to The Hunger Games.

Brexit is a fact... David Cameron could do nothing but move into damage control mode. On the home side, he has to make sure his replacement is not an Englishman with a Russian name; but abroad he has to convince the 27 fellows isolated by the dense fog in the Channel to give London some time to absorb the departure's financial effects

Although we believe the Brexit/Bremain was not at all a blind flight, London took for granted a more comprehensive attitude towards article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty, the withdrawal mechanism of an EU state member. Perhaps, like in the urban legend of the storm that isolated the Continent, England, already an EU special pillar, did not consider that Brexit would be a lifeline to a European Union in disarray... albeit not crumbling, yet!

Jean-Claude Junker, or rather, the Berlin-Paris axis are not about to offer London a free pass to the 27 common markets through a design catering specifically to the United Kingdom, but that does not mean at the end of the day the relationship will no longer be one of business as usual. It will be.

To 27 Europe, Brexit is the time to close ranks, the opportunity to mend the two-speed EU, pretending this was all about migration, refugees, integration. It is not... at

Wisely, most of the commentary on the consequences of the Brexit, in the MSAR, too, explored the potential economic or financial or trade related effects arising from the divorce between London and Brussels. No doubt there will be consequences in the short term and in the long-run... but nothing money-talks cannot overcome to move toward a business as usual state of mind. The real issue here is the coincidence of EU members backtracking from federalism and the political Pandora's Box of the long dormant ideas of identity and autonomy, questions of self-determination and, in the end, freedom. The easiest one to grasp is the case of Scotland and for now we will keep on calling it a side effect.

Nicola Sturgeon is riding the Brexit to pledge allegiance to the EU club. Scotland will again take the road to independence to become a member of the European Union...but Spain will block the move... given its longrunning secession disturbance with Catalonia. We can also add the latent conflict between Flanders and Wallonia, or long-forgotten Bavarian nationalism. History will be haunting XXI century globalization.

Finally, an exercise: just replace Europe with Asia!

TEXAS CITY COUNCIL VOTES TO REINSTATE LIBRARY CAT

A North Texas city council has voted unanimously to reinstate Browser the cat to his job as live-in mascot of the city's public library.

KRLD-AM in Dallas-Fort Worth reports the governing council of the Fort Worth suburb of White Settlement voted 3-0 to

let Browser stay at the library two weeks after voting 2-1 to give the tabby 30 days to check out.

Mayor Ron White had said the move against Browser was a response to officials' denial of permission to an employee to bring a puppy to work at City Hall. But he says he was overwhelmed



with more than 1,000 messages on social media, all in support of keeping Browser on the job.

The vote was taken without hearing from Browser's supporters who jammed the council chamber.

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Lisbon locals worry about tourism boom consequences



DURING this time of year, colorful flags fill the narrow streets of Lisbon's medieval Alfama district and the smell of sardines emanate from various stands, as residents celebrate "Santos populares," the month of Popular Saints.

While historic traditions are still being celebrated in the neighborhood, Alfama is also one of the main areas in Lisbon undergoing tourism gentrification, as traditional cafes and restaurants give way to souvenir shops.

Not only are historic areas like this losing their original charm, but locals feel the unaffordable prices are driving them out of their city.

That was the subject of a debate at a conference organized recently by the Association for Heritage and Population of Alfama, which saw architects, sociologists, and

other citizens get together to raise awareness about the effects of unplanned tourism.

"The main objective of the debate was to get people together to understand that the course the country is taking is not the best one for people who live here," Maria Lurdes Pinheiro, head of the association, told Xinhua.

"We also want to call the government's attention to these issues. What worries me the most is that the neighborhoods are being transformed solely for tourism.

We are not against tourism, but we want people to be able to live here," she added.

Portugal saw a record number of tourists visit the country in 2015, with over 10 million visitors and hotel revenue reaching around 2.5 billion euros (MOP24.74 billion). The country opened over 50 hotels last year and entrepre-

neurs have been redeveloping houses to rent for tourists in the old parts of the city.

Lisbon Mayor Fernando Medina has pointed out the benefits of tourism for the city, as the government tries to pick up the pieces after the country exited a 78-billion-euro bailout in 2014, with unemployment still at 12 percent and debt hitting nearly 130 percent of GDP.

But as crumbling houses are revived and tourist accommodation soars, some locals fear they are being driven out of their own neighborhoods.

"There is a lack of planning, and a devitalizing of historic neighborhoods," said Joao Seixas, professor of geography and regional planning at Lisbon's Nova University.

Seixas pointed out that the government's ending rent control in 2012 led to a more dynamic market, but also had dire consequences.

"It was positive, but at the same time, it led to precariousness, to evictions," he said.

Seixas suggested the government find a balance to benefit both proprietors and tenants.

"Tourism and real estate investment exists because it is an attractive city and has an identity," he said. "Benefits must be reverted to the city's quality of life." MDT/Xinhua

WORLD BRIEFS

SOURCE: DSMG

FRANCE Police say a few dozen people were slightly injured in the Paris Euro 2016 fan zone when a fight among British fans prompted a rush for safety. It was the first such incident in the Paris fan zone since the tournament started June 10, and comes amid tensions and high security across the country. France is under a state of emergency after extremist attacks last year, and hooligan violence that marred the early days of the tournament.



AUSTRIA Lewis Hamilton won the **Austrian Grand Prix** yesterday after colliding with Nico Rosberg on the final lap, an incident he blamed on his German teammate. The two Mercedes drivers touched as Hamilton sought to overtake and Formula One championship leader Rosberg ended up losing his front wing, which caused him to drop back to fourth.

SERBIA Five people were killed and at least twenty injured when a man opened fire in a cafe in the northern town of Zrenjanin, police said. The attack took place at 1:40 a.m. local time, when a 38 year-old man entered the premises and fired at his wife and other cafe guests. The police arrested the gunman and are still investigating the motive.

EL SALVADOR After becoming the world's murder capital last year and posting an equally bloody start to 2016, this violencetorn Central American nation has seen its monthly homicide rate fall by about half. The government attributes the drop to a tough military counteroffensive against the country's powerful gang.

