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# Macau Legend partners with Setúbal municipality to build resort, marina

Renato Marques

DAVID Chow's Macau Legend Development Limited (MLD) signed agreements yesterday that aim to specify the company's offerings in a new integrated resort to be built in the Portuguese coastal city of Setúbal.

The possibility of the resort to include gaming elements is also being considered. Together with the memorandum of understanding signed between the Macau company and the Portuguese municipality there is another document that aims to specify the participation of MLD in a partnership that includes B&G, the company which currently holds the Tróia Design Hotel with a small casino (Casino Tróia).

"Tróia Design Hotel Company is injecting their casino into our new company at a valuation of EUR40 million," said Sheldon Trainor-DeGirolamo, executive director of MLD, adding, "It is an existing asset, an existing casino so what we want to do is not only integrate Tróia and Setúbal as an integrated project but also combine our efforts between Portugal and Cape Verde, [in the same manner] that Laos is an extension of Macau. The latter allows us to move into the ASEAN market and helps to facilitate the growth of our costumers," said the executive director of MLD.

"We are an international company and business-wise, any location is important in to our company," added David Chow.

During his speech yesterday, the chairman of the MLD no-



Maria das Dores Meira

ted that, "Tróia city is located within a short distance [of the MLD project], around 8 minutes by sea lane and that is going to allow the cooperation of MLD with a local company named 'B&G,'" said David Chow.

"Today we signed two agreements; we signed a memorandum of understanding with the Setúbal municipal government and we also signed an agreement with the owners of the Tróia Design Hotel with the mechanics that I spoke about [regarding] the injection of their hotel asset and casino license into the new company that we will be investing alongside," confirmed Trainor-DeGirolamo.

For the project in Portugal, the Macau company will invest a total of EUR150 million in the first phase (approximately MOP1.3 billion), of which

EUR50 million will be directly invested by MLD with the remaining EUR100 million coming by form of a loan that is being sought by the company.

The investment of MLD will represent a 55 percent share of the company that will build and manage the project.

Questioned on the sidelines of the event, and although is it too soon to talk about details of the project as they are yet to go through several stages of assessment by the Portuguese government, Chow expressed the intentions of the company to "make things move ahead faster. That's why the memorandum that we have signed today with support of the local government is very important," he said.

As for the Setúbal Municipality, the Mayor Maria das Dores



David Chow

Meira, highlighted the positive impact of the project in the city and region, noting that tourism and heavy industry are the main business sectors, and expressing hopes that this project can bring both social and economic growth in the municipality. In terms of the economy, it is hoped that the project will lead to the creation of local jobs, which the Mayor estimates could fall in the range of 1,000 to 3,000 new positions when all of the project's phases are completed.

However, Meira also noted that the process now beginning is "complex," recalling that "we are in a territory that has several managing authorities," and there is a need for a "detailed plan in which all entities are united and in agreement with the transformation of the area under the Macau Legend pro-

ject," she said.

Meira added that the approval for such a plan "could take from 6 months to 1 year." That is why, she said, there is lack of a timeline for the implementation of the project from the Macau Legend side.

The project, as presented by David Chow in his speech will occupy a total area of 181,000 square meters including a 94,300 square-meter marina that will serve as a pier and for other maritime purposes, and an integrated resort with several hotels, restaurants, retail shops, apartments and other facilities.

Setúbal city is located just across the Sado River Estuary from Tróia on the Southwest of the Country and about 40 kilometers south of Lisbon, the country's capital.

## DSAT meets bus companies on accident rates

THE Transport Bureau (DSAT) attended a meeting with the three bus companies that operate in Macau, New Era, Transmac and TCM, to discuss the recent increase in accidents involving buses, according to a report by

TDM.

Management of the three companies promised to carry out an evaluation of their workplace procedures. They claimed they would review drivers' work schedules, pay attention to drivers' rest periods,

adjust the driving speed limits and review the bus routes.

As stated by DSAT, the department will continue to communicate with the three companies, and recommended an improvement to the rest facilities for bus

drivers at terminals.

On June 30, a bus collided with a taxi, causing one death and several injuries. Prior to this, on June 17, a collision on the Governador Nobre de Carvalho Bridge nearly resulted in a bus going over the side into the

sea. Five people became trapped inside the bus after the crash but suffered no reported injuries. Two passengers in the taxi suffered minor injuries and were sent to the S. Januario public hospital for treatment. More recently, early on

Sunday morning, a woman was seriously injured after a bus collided with her car close to the Outer Harbor Ferry Terminal. TDM reported that the bus was unable to brake in due time due to the wet weather conditions.

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## Numerous flights to Taiwan cancelled due to typhoon



**T**HREE flights from Macau to Taichung and Taipei are cancelled today and eight were cancelled yesterday due to typhoon Nepartak that is currently bearing down on Taiwan.

Another seven flights leaving for Taiwan today were rescheduled, according to information provided by the Administration of Airports (ADA) to the Times.

A total of eight flights departing from Taiwan to the SAR are also cancelled today. Air Macau cancelled two flights from Taipei, TransAsia Airways cancelled three of its flights from Taipei, Kaohsiung and Taichung, Tiger Air Taiwan cancelled one flight from Taipei and Eva Airways cancelled two flights from the Taiwanese capital.

Yesterday, three airlines, Air Macau, TransAsia Airways and Tiger Airways, cancelled eight of their flights departing for Taiwan. An Eva Airways aircraft was also rescheduled to depart Macau this morning.

According to a statement from Air Macau, the airlines will waive re-booking fees and refund the tickets of the cancelled flights.

Several reports said that the super typhoon has forced the evacuation of thousands of tourists and the cancellation of over 100 flights.

Taiwan's Central Weather Bureau issued a statement yesterday reporting that winds of up to 245 kilometers per hour were blowing to the east of Hualien and Taitung, where it is due to make landfall early today (see page 11).

## CCAC accuses two IACM chiefs of abuse of power

**T**HE Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) is investigating both a current and a former chief from the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) for abuse of power.

Reportedly, the two public servants covered for two of their subordinates who repeatedly arrived late for work and left early between 2011 and 2014.

As such behavior constitutes an abuse of power under the Penal Code, the case has been referred to the Public Prosecutions Office, according to a CCAC statement.

Under IACM staff regulations and in accordance with its internal attendance policy, such tardiness and early departure should be considered unjustified absences.

However, despite this, the two IACM chiefs, who had become aware of the actions of the two subordinates, willfully did not fulfill their duties and obligations as chief.

For four continuous years, the two chiefs did not take any



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measures to stop the unacceptable behavior of their subordinates, nor did they inform their superior about the issue.

CCAC stated that the chiefs continuously allowed their subordinates to be tardy and to leave early as they pleased.

During CCAC's investigation, one of the two chiefs involved attempted to conceal his actions by accepting several dozen absence records without proper evidence or justifiable explanation, albeit with the knowledge that such an act is against proper legal procedure.

According to the relevant provisions of the public servant ordinance, unjustified absences will lead to forfeiture of remuneration corresponding to the days of absence, in addition to any other disciplinary consequences.

Over a period of four years, the two IACM public servants were found to have over 600 unjustified absences. Due to the concealment of their behavior by the two chiefs, the IACM continued to pay the workers in full. Reportedly that lead to a direct loss of around MOP550,000 to the MSAR.

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## Bangkok conference promotes reunification of China

The Macau Region China Council for the Promotion of Peaceful National Reunification (MacauPPNR) is currently attending the Overseas Chinese World Conference for Promoting Peaceful Reunification of China, being held in Bangkok, according to a report by Macao Daily News. The two-day conference began yesterday. Chio Ngan Ieng, deputy director of the MacauPPNR, stated that the leader of Taiwan, Tsai Ing-wen, has not yet made any mention of the 'Beijing consensus' of 1992, which has complicated efforts to build a relationship between the two regions. She hopes that Macau can step up to be a platform from which to strengthen the bonds between the people of mainland China and Taiwan.

## Guangdong faces vaccine shortage

Guangdong is struggling with a shortage of several types of vaccines, including those for measles and polio, according to a report by Macao Daily News. The shortage occurred recently as a result of efforts to better regulate the technology and quality standards involved in the production of vaccines in China. Factories on the mainland have cut production levels of these products in response to the stricter controls. The Guangdong Provincial Center for Disease Control and Prevention advises parents of children who have previously been vaccinated not to travel to Hong Kong, Macau or overseas in order to receive subsequent shots. The center believes that vaccines from different regions can interact differently, and that a delayed shot caused by the current shortage will not have a negative impact upon immunity.

# Romania debuts in fireworks contest

**T**HE 28th Macau International Fireworks Display Contest, organized by the Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO), will be held on September 3, 10, 15, 24 and October 1.

In a press conference yesterday, the director of the MGTO, Helena de Senna Fernandes, unveiled this year's event program, announcing that there will be 10 teams competing to dazzle the skyline with a fireworks display. The festival's budget amounts to MOP27 million, 15 percent more than in 2015.

Each of the five event nights will feature a special theme: "Pyro Fantasia," "Tribute to Bond," "Mid-Autumn Harmony," "Stars from afar" and "Celebration in the Sky."

In order of appearance, the teams will be from Thailand, Portugal, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Japan, Korea, Italy, Canada, Romania and China.

This is the first time that the contest will feature a team from Romania. The Canadian company, Feu d'Artifice Orion, will also make its de-



but in Macau.

The other eight teams have participated in the region's competition before, with several of them ranking among the top three, including Portugal's Macedos Pirotecnica Lda.

The Portuguese company has joined the competition four times previously and won the first prize in the 12th edition. Its display on Madeira Island for New Year's Eve in 2006 was recognized by the Guinness World Records for the biggest fireworks display in the world, and held that record until 2012.

Another contestant, the British company Pyro 2000 Ltd, won the third prize in the 25th edition of the fireworks display contest. The company specializes in orchestrating fireworks displays to

live music performance and is one of the key players for musical fireworks displays in the United Kingdom.

The contestant from Japan, Marutamaya Ogatsu Fireworks Co, Ltd, won first and third prize in the 5th and 19th editions of the contest, respectively. Taking pride in having over 150 years experience in pyrotechnics, the Japanese company will perform fireworks displays in an "Edo-Tokyo style," which combines the modern innovation of Tokyo with traditional techniques of pyrotechnic craft dating back to the Edo period, according to an MGTO statement.

The Hunan Jingtai Fireworks Co. Inc., based in Hunan province, took home the championship for last year's

contest in Macau. The company is also set to compete again this year.

The remaining teams, Thailand Fireworks, Daehan Fireworks Co. from Korea and Orzella Fireworks from Italy have all participated in the contest before.

The Japanese and Korean teams will present their fireworks shows on September 15, at the Mid-Autumn Festival, whereas the teams from Romania and China will present on October 1, the National Day.

The organizers claim that the event has drawn a massive number of tourists to Macau for over two decades. Fernandes stated that in the days ahead, "MGTO will carry on with its efforts to stage a wider diversity of fascinating events."

Moreover, application forms are available for the Trophy Design Contest, Photo Contest and Student Drawing Contest for the upcoming 28th Macau International Fireworks Display Contest. A prize ceremony was held yesterday for last year's winners.

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# Gov't explains status of Nam Van district land concessions

**T**HE Government Information Bureau (GCS) issued a statement yesterday revealing the current status of six controversial land parcels located at the Nam Van Lake area.

The statement explains that land concessions relating to Area C and Area D in the Nam Van district are being dealt with in line with the Urban Planning Law, which has been in place since 1 March, 2014.

In relation to the use of land parcels in Area C and Area D, Order No. 69/2001 of the Secretary for Transport and Public Works states that the concession for a plot identified as C7 is to expire on August 21, 2026.

Other plots in the area – namely C2, C15, C16, D3 and D4 – are reserved for public use, according to the statement. C2 will be used to house a temporary office of the Court of First Instance. For the remaining four land parcels, the government is currently reviewing its options.

The statement also notes that the construction company for the temporary office of the Court of First Instance took the initiative to re-

quest the use of the plots of surrounding land for the storage of construction material and equipment.

The concession holder of the C and D plots, the Nam Van Development Company Ltd., organized a seminar this week on the “Impacts of the Land Law to the Investment, Economy and Society of Macau.”

During the seminar, representatives from the company explained the reasons behind the non-development of the land parcels and presented several documents to support their statements.

One of the most active members of the discussion panel was Patrick Wong, the executive director of the Nam Van Development Company Ltd., who claimed that the company did all they could to develop the land in the given time frame.

“I never wasted one single minute in the development of my land. Why do I need to go to court?” he cried, adding, “this is called stealing!” Wong claimed that the company has always fulfilled its duties and cooperated with the government through the former Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Lau Si Io.

# New commission established for marine development

**T**HE government has established a commission to coordinate the management and development of the maritime area that is now under the administration of the MSAR.

“The Commission for the Coordination in the Management and Development of the Maritime Area,” supervised by Chief Executive Chui Sai On, aims to spearhead the marine development of the 85 square kilometers of water demarcated by the PRC’s State Council, according to the Government Information Bureau (GCS).

“The government is pay[ing] great attention to the management of the maritime area [... and] is also drafting a framework law on maritime management,

in order to strengthen administration of those waters,” read a statement from GCS.

Last year, the government issued three regulations in support of the administration of the maritime boundary: a regulation specifying immigration clearance procedures for crew members on vessels, a regulation on marine waste-dumping and lastly, amendments to the articles of the Marine and Water Bureau.

An agreement was also signed with mainland counterpart authorities, as part of an on-going effort to improve coordination between the different entities.

China’s State Council has also approved a new administrative division map for the MSAR, adds the sta-

tement. According to this map, the aforementioned 85 square kilometers of water, as well as an area of land where the Border Gate connects the MSAR with Zhuhai, will be placed under Macau’s jurisdiction.

The expansion of Macau’s waters will allow for the future development of the city’s waterfront area and may also boost Macau’s maritime economy and tourism opportunities. It may also simplify procedures for land reclamation projects, as the local government will now be able to manage and administer the area.

The increase in area under local jurisdiction represents almost a tripling of the previous area of just 30 square kilometers.

# The Tiger Lillies back in town to perform Hamlet

**T**HE Cultural Centre (CCM) is set to bring “The Tiger Lillies perform Hamlet,” a multimedia theatre production, to the centre’s grand auditorium on September 1.

The British cult band, The Tiger Lillies, have collaborated with Danish company Theatre Republique to create a visual adaptation of Shakespeare’s immortal tale of duplicity, murder and love that is a blend of circus acts, video projections and live music, according to a CCM press release.

The piece re-imagines the gruesome story of a young man faced with the duty to avenge his father’s death. Described as “a two-hour



blast of theatrical seduction, deception and the utter futility of existence,” the play is a combination of intense acting, innovative stage design and signature sets of macabre songs illustrating the saga that leads to Hamlet’s inevitable destruction.

The Tiger Lillies performed in the region back in 2011. This year, the collaboration transformed Shakespeare’s classic masterpiece into a Brechtian style “Opera Grotesque.”

Members of Theatre Republique will offer local actors a workshop on September 2 in which they will demonstrate pre-stage warm-up techniques and share tips to improve physical and mental theatrical skills.

Tickets for “The Tiger Lillies perform Hamlet” are on sale from Sunday at CCM’s box office and Macau Ticketing Network outlets with prices starting from MOP100.

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## ENVIRONMENT

# High tide of plastic waste only getting worse

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Daniel Beitler

**E**NVIRONMENTAL experts and volunteers told the Times this week that the problem of plastic waste pollution in Macau's surrounding waters is only getting worse, and that much of this waste will continue to wash up on the territory's shores in the years to come. There are added concerns that authorities have not been able to tackle the root of the problem and, instead, are merely treating its symptoms.

This month, activists and concerned citizens across the globe are abstaining from using plastic as much as possible. "Plastic Free July" aims to raise awareness of the prevalence of single-use disposable waste in our lives and its negative impact on the environment.

The consumption of single-use plastics in Macau is more widespread than we might think, and much of it - one way or another - ends up dumped in the South China Sea. Aside from the excessive plastic packaging of supermarket food, milk-tea shops in the city readily supply customers with plastic cups, straws, lids or sealing film, and sometimes an unnecessary plastic bag for carrying the take-away drinks.

But how does this waste end up in our seas?

Douglas Woodring, co-founder of the Hong Kong-based charity Ocean Recovery Alliance, told the SCMP in

May that around 80 percent of plastic waste in the sea comes from the land as a result of illegal dumping and poor garbage management in cities.

Some have speculated that there has been a great deal of illegal dumping of household waste into the Pearl River from the cities in Guangdong Province. This dumping is illegal under international protocols, such as the 1996 International Maritime Organization agreement, which prohibits the dumping of materials in the sea (apart from a few exceptions such as "sewage sludge" and organic materials).

Ho Wai Tim, the president of the Macau Ecological Society, proposed an alternative view, suggesting that the dumping from mainland China may not be intentional.

He believes that recent heavy rain has contributed to the problem by washing a large amount of plastic waste into the sea and subsequently onto Macau's shores.

"The most serious place where

the rubbish is accumulating is a corner near the Ocean Gardens residential complex, because geographically the trash that accumulates there cannot be easily removed by natural processes [i.e. the wind and waves]," Ho told the Times this week.

Shocking images were released by the Times in recent weeks depicting the sheer scale of garbage that ends up on Macau's shores, particularly at Hac Sa Beach and on the coastal side of NAPE.

Professor Karen Tagulao, who is affiliated with the Institute of Science and Environment at University of Saint Joseph, said that the government's cleaning efforts are a positive sign, but they do not address the source of the problem. "A better (solid) waste management system is needed," she explained.

A recent beach clean up operation, in which Tagulao participated, unearthed 3,136 plastic bottles, 2,592 polystyrene items, 1,360 plastic utensils and 247 plastic bags - all in a single hour.

"Overall I believe that the situation is getting more serious," commented Ho Wai Tim.

Meanwhile, others say that although some waste might be coming from mainland China - easily identified due to branded plastic packaging - much of it equally comes from Macau. This is symptomatic of a lack of knowledge about the problems of plastic wastage, says MDT columnist Leanda Lee.

"Plastics are harmful because we don't yet understand the damage," she explained. "It's not in front of our faces, it's hidden, unlike fuel consumption and air pollution. As a community we don't understand the damage."

"We don't have a mindset of the damage that waste does," added Lee. "[Or] of what it leaves behind for others to deal with."

Over time, some plastics breakdown into micro-particles - if they are not directly consumed by marine life - and find their way into the planet's food chains, toxifying them along the way. Not only does this damage the environment, but it also poses a number of health risks for marine life and people.

Another major problem with plastic waste is that it can be very difficult or even impossible to treat once it becomes widespread across the planet's oceans.

Marine biologist Miriam Goldstein pointed out a few years ago that much of the plastic found in our seas is very small or even microscopic.

"The pieces are very small; I mean they are crumb-sized or smaller," she said. "So, in order to pick up pieces of that size, you need a very fine net, and a very fine net is going to catch everything else as well..." including marine life.

For the meantime then, the presence of plastics in our seas might be irreversible; a point stressed by Lee who says that

we simply don't know how to "fix" the problem.

The government is taking only minor steps to address the problem. It implemented a "no-plastic bag day" some years ago on the 18th and 28th of each month, though it is unclear whether the policy is still being promoted.

In 2013, an Environmental Protection Bureau (DSPA) survey found that only 20 percent of respondents knew about the policy. The same survey estimated that the annual consumption of plastic bags alone in Macau amounted to 450 million units.

The DSPA did not provide answers to a Times' enquiry by press time.

Professor Hojae Shim said that the DSPA ought to take better care of nearby coastal waters as they are a source of drinking water for the territory.

He said that a more holistic recycling program for plastic products should also be implemented, especially plastic waste, which "should be separated first before [being incinerated]."

"If the respective technology is available, plastics should be recycled instead," added Shim, pointing to other examples around the world such as Germany and Korea.

Last week, a Marine and Water Bureau representative told the Times that the entity dispatches personnel to the sea around Macau on a daily basis to monitor the situation.

"Once marine refuse is spotted accumulated on the surface of the sea, vessels will be sent out to collect the rubbish. The number of staff and the frequency of cleaning will be increased in order to safeguard navigational safety and maintain the marine environment, when necessary," read a statement from the Bureau.

However, not all plastics float on the surface of the ocean. Denser plastics may float underneath the surface or rest on the seafloor. A study conducted by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the U.S. found that plastics are the most abundant marine debris items found on the seafloor.

Ho, from the Macau Ecological Society, believes that a cleaner environment in the seas around Macau is possible, if local authorities are able to effectively cooperate with their mainland equivalents.

"In the past Macau did not communicate with mainland [authorities] regarding rubbish in the sea because the sea area was not under Macau's administrative authority. Only after December last year did Macau start to administer the surrounding seas," he said. "So now Macau can start to think about the problem and how to solve it."

**Overall I believe that the situation is getting more serious.**

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ANIMAL RIGHTS

# Australian states announce greyhound racing ban



Daniel Beittler

**T**WO Australian states yesterday took the decision to ban greyhound racing, adding extra pressure to a crumbling industry. Shortly after New South Wales (NSW) agreed to end the sport by July 2017, following advice of an investigative report commissioned by its local government, Australian Capital Territory (ACT) followed suit with its own prohibition.

Both states appear to have made their decision based on a NSW government investigation that was initiated 12 months ago. The subsequent report found that of the 97,783 greyhounds bred in NSW in the last 12 years, between 48,891 and 68,448 (50-70 percent) were killed "because they were considered too slow to pay their way or were unsuitable for racing."

The report also highlighted the "systemic deception" of the public with regards to racing authorities' reports, claiming that Greyhound Racing NSW had "adopted a policy of deliberately misreporting the extent of injuries suffered by greyhounds at racetracks."

The main conclusion is that the industry is not capable of reforming in the short or medium term.

Anima (Macau) president Albano Martins believes that the clous-

res are part of a larger worldwide trend that may see the sport reduced to just a handful of countries. "In the U.S., a lot of tracks are closing, also in Spain and in the U.K.," he told the Times. "I will be in Portugal soon to discuss with the Minister of Agriculture the presence of illegal tracks [in the country]."

Commercial and legal greyhound racing only exists in eight countries around the world, but in more than 20 other countries non-commercial and often illegal racing occurs.

"China and Vietnam might be the only places left [for greyhound racing] one day. These are places with serious [disregard] for animal rights... but that's a battle for the future," he added.

The decisions will pile added pressure on the Macau government, which is expected to make a decision on the renewal of the Macau (Yat Yuen) Canidrome's license this year.

Martins said that he is certain that the government "will make the right decision" this year, possibly before September.

"For sure, the government will make the right decision," he said. "I believe that the Canidrome want to be responsible at least one time in its life [...] they can't get any more animals anyway, so it has to be this way."

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# Galaxy phones drive 1 pct jump in Samsung's 2Q profit

Youkyung Lee, Seoul

**S**AMSUNG Electronics said yesterday that its second-quarter operating income jumped 17 percent over a year earlier to the highest quarterly profit in more than two years, as strong sales of its Galaxy smartphones drove profit growth in the mobile business.

In its earnings preview, the South Korean company put its operating income at 8.1 trillion won (USD7 billion), compared with 6.9 trillion won a year earlier.

That was much higher than forecasts. Analysts predicted 7.4 trillion won of operating income according to FactSet, a financial data provider.

It was the best performance in nine quarters. The last time Samsung raked in more than 8 trillion won of operating income was during the January-March period in 2014 when it reported 8.5 trillion won in operating profit.

Sales rose 3 percent to 50 trillion won. Samsung did not give its net profit or breakdowns among its business divisions.

The company is the world's largest maker of smartphones, televisions, memory chips and display panels. Each of Samsung's four business divisions likely showed strong results during the latest quarter, according to analysts. Key products of each business division — the Galaxy S7 smartphones, ultra-high definition TVs, solid state computer storage devices and thin and light displays known as OLED — all saw solid demand.

The most important drive behind its forecast-beating earnings was smartphones. In recent weeks, analysts revised up their forecasts on Samsung Electronics saying that Samsung's mobile business performed better



Middle school students use their smartphones in front of Samsung Electronics showroom in Seoul

than expected thanks to robust sales of the Galaxy S7 smartphone models.

The optimistic view reflects a shift from earlier this year when analysts thought Samsung's best year was behind it and that its annual profit would fall, largely because they saw Samsung's mobile growth coming to a halt.

After the release of the Galaxy S7 and S7 Edge smartphones in spring, however, the mood has changed. While Apple's flagship iPhone sales slowed, analysts predicted that Samsung's mobile profits would gain this year.

"Foreign investors' sentiment toward Samsung Electronics is quickly changing after the second quarter," CW Chung, an analyst at Nomura Financial Investment Co., said before Samsung's disclosed its earnings preview.

"We think it is the most promising stock among Asian tech companies," Chung said.

Shares of Samsung Electronics have surged nearly 20 percent since January.

Some analysts said Samsung's new strategies with its flagship phones paid off since Samsung launched the Galaxy S7 and the S7 Edge smartphones in March,

a month earlier than it did with the previous flagship phone.

The camera and the battery life of the S7 smartphone were better than in the older models and the phone was water resistant, but its price was lower.

In 2015, the company struggled to meet demand for smartphones with curved displays, but this year component supply issues have been resolved and some analysts believe the higher-priced S7 Edge smartphones, which feature curved displays, saw stronger performance than its sister phone with a flat screen.

Samsung is expected to announce the latest version of its Galaxy Note smartphone — featuring a larger screen and a stylus — in the fall.

IBK Securities analyst Lee Seung-woo estimated Samsung sold 16 million Galaxy S7 and S7 Edge smartphones in the second quarter, with slightly more than half of its quarterly profit coming from the mobile division.

Analysts said besides the high-end S7 smartphone, the company's its middle-of-the-line J series smartphones are doing well in countries such as India, which helped its profit gain. **AP**

# Ex-Barclays traders get as long as 6 1/2 years in Libor case

Suzi Ring

**F**OUR former Barclays Plc traders were sentenced to as long as 6 1/2 years in prison for manipulating Libor as U.K. judges continued meting out tough punishments for white-collar crime.

Jay Merchant, 45, got the longest sentence, while 61-year-old Peter Johnson, who had pleaded guilty, and Jonathan Mathew, 35, each received four years in prison. Alex Pabon, 38, will serve two years and nine months in jail. The men, who were mostly dressed in jeans and t-shirts, were led out of the court by three security guards immediately after the hearing.

The sentences are the latest in a wave of long jail terms related to financial wrongdoing. Former UBS Group AG trader Tom Hayes is serving 11 years in prison for rigging Libor and in May an ex-Deutsche Bank AG broker received a record 4 1/2-year term for insider trading.

"The jury has characterized your behavior as dishonest, as you must have known that it was," Judge Anthony Leonard said during the sentencing. Your behavior demonstrates an "absence of integrity that ought to characterize banking."

Family members cried as the sentences were read out. An older man who escorted Pabon's wife out of the courtroom, muttered "disgrace, utter disgrace" as they left.

All four of the Barclays bankers were accused of participating in a conspiracy to manipulate the London inter-bank offered rate from 2005 to 2007. Their convictions



Jay Merchant

come nearly one year after Hayes became the first person globally to be imprisoned over Libor in August. Johnson pleaded guilty in 2014, while his ex-colleagues went to trial.

Judge Leonard said there were "real and significant differences between" the actions of Hayes and the men who were in his court yesterday. But, he said, he didn't agree with arguments he should show leniency because of the many traders involved that haven't been prosecuted and the shorter prison sentences handed out for the behavior in the U.S.

Merchant joined Barclays in 2002 to work on the short-end book before the euro desk and then on the dollar desk in New York. Prosecutors said he took young and inexperienced traders, including Pabon, under his wing and brought them in on the conspiracy to rig rates. Merchant was the best paid of all the defendants, making 2.2 million pounds (USD2.9 million) in 2007.

Merchant bears "the greatest responsibility for what happened," the judge said.

The judge also told Johnson he played a "pivotal role" but had made a "courageous decision" to plead guilty. His sentence was reduced by a third because of his cooperation in the case. **Bloomberg**

## corporate bits

### SHREK THE MUSICAL PICKS YOUNG STARS



The Venetian Macao held auditions at the Sands Theatre on July 2 to find talented young actors to join the Broadway hit show, "Shrek The Musical," when it takes the stage in Macau between July 22 and August 7.

Auditioning children between the ages of 7 and 10 were asked to perform acting and dance tasks to prove their ability.

Three of the children, Leonie Holly Quinn, Devara Gabriel Wangke and Wong Pok Wang, have been selected to perform in the show.

"We are thrilled for this opportunity to be able to tap into the local talent pool [...] and give some young children the opportunity to perform on stage," said Tomos Griffiths, executive creative director for entertainment.

### MGS REGISTRATION NUMBERS INCREASE FOR UPCOMING EXHIBITION

The MGS Entertainment Show has recorded an early jump in registration figures ahead of its upcoming fourth edition in November.

Since the opening of online registration last month, visitor numbers have surged, coinciding with the introduction of a "Qualified Buyers Program." This program offers generous subsidies to help cover visitors' travel and accommodation costs, according to an MGS statement.

MGS stated that the show has seen significant growth over the past three years and has successfully expanded its reach across the globe.

In November last year, a record high number of over 13,000 visitors from 22 countries attended the exhibition.

### JW MARRIOTT TO PRESENT MACANESE CUISINE AND WORKSHOP



Urban Kitchen, a restaurant at Macau's JW Marriott Hotel, will present "Taste of Tradition - Macanese Cuisine" from July 16 to August 31, offering Macanese menus for lunch and dinner.

The event will explain the history of Macanese cuisine and share classic recipes. The resort has invited Chef Antonieta Fernandes Manhao, renowned for promoting Macanese Cuisine, to introduce the history of

Macanese food starting from about four hundred years ago, according to a press release from the resort.

During this time, Urban Kitchen will also host a series of cooking classes in a bid to both educate citizens about Macanese cuisine and promote the restaurant's menu. Guests who participate in these two-hour cooking classes will learn how to create classic dishes like Capella or Portuguese Chicken.



**REAL ESTATE MATTERS**

**The Biggest Property Investment Mistakes  
Mistakes To Avoid If You Are Buying Property – Part 5**

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In the final installment of the most common causes of property investment failure, we look at the top four reasons. Before we do, here is a summary of the most common mistakes identified so far. They include:

- Lack of planning
- Not using a property company that specializes in investment property
- Not having enough financial reserves for the property
- Ignoring the 'associated' costs
- Listening to unqualified advice
- Relying on your emotions
- Buying an old property vs. a new property
- Being your own property expert
- Not taking out adequate insurance
- Owning an empty apartment
- Creating negative cashflow
- Hiring the wrong rental agent
- Gambling with the investment
- The wrong financial structure
- Mis-treating a tenant

And finally... Here are the top four most costly mistakes

**4. Buying in the wrong area**

As the old adage goes, 'location, location, location' are the 3 most important factors when it comes to real estate.

Buying in a good, or 'up and coming' area is an advantage. These areas are deceptively difficult to spot. The promise of a 'new rail link' or 'groundbreaking park' may not materialize, or often takes years longer than expected.

But buying in the 'wrong' area can be a killer.

These are areas where prices may appear cheap, but the neighborhood is dangerous, dirty, overcrowded, difficult for transportation, neglected or simply

unpopular.

When a low price is the only attraction of a property, bear in mind that you are likely to have to compete with a similar low price when it comes to selling it, and if you are trying to rent it out you will have great difficulty.

**3. Buying a high-priced property**

When the economy is doing well, expensive high-end properties are fine.

But when there is a downturn in the economy, owners face a property that has negative equity (it is worth less than the amount of money owed on it), or an investment apartment that does not have a buyer and where the rent must be reduced dramatically to get a tenant. The current Macau market is picking up for low and mid end properties. But higher priced properties are still being sold at a discount. You do not have to look at high-end property to maximize your returns. Quite the opposite in fact. Buyers are usually far better off investing in an attractive average property that has great rental appeal.

**2. Managing your property and tenants yourself**

Many people believe the biggest mistake made by investors, especially first time investors, is trying to manage the property themselves.

As pointed out in No 5, a bad tenant is not only difficult to deal with, it can be a life changing experience and one that most experienced investors prefer to distance themselves from. Tenants can leave the property empty, dirty and destroyed. They can disappear overnight.

Handling contractors and making arrangements for lock outs, emergencies, floods etc is best handled by a property management company.

Collecting rent can be a very uncomfortable experience for some people, especially when the rent is late. Management companies don't have the luxury of being able to grant rental extensions, and tenants tend to take fewer liberties when they dealing with a company rather than an individual owner.

This is the downside of owning investment property, and it makes more sense to get someone else to handle it so that you can concentrate your time and efforts on the most important aspects... finding your next investment property deal that will make you some money.

**1. Procrastinating**

Time and time again we meet first-time property buyers worried about whether the time is right to get into the market.

The procrastination prevents them from ever making the move. Successful property buyers usually take one of two approaches. They either try to buy at a price lower than the market value, and then upgrade / sell the property, or they 'buy and hold'. Over time, the buy and hold approach is more productive and provides an ongoing cashflow. In this strategy you use the gains made on the value of the first property to buy the second, and the gains on the second property to buy the third and so on. After some time there is enough equity to either sell some of the properties to pay down your debt or the income starts being greater than the mortgage - funding the kids schooling or your retirement. The key to this strategy is simple. The property should be located in an area that is easy to rent and be at a reasonable price in the current market. Don't worry too much about whether the 'market is at the bottom or not' - your investment will grow over time.

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Residents pass by a Wal-Mart in Shenzhen

Joe Mc Donald, Beijing

**W**AL-MART faces protests by employees in China over what they say is a drastic change in work schedules as the company overhauls its struggling business amid an economic slowdown and competition from e-commerce.

Weakening demand for traditional retailers has added to trouble for Wal-Mart Stores Inc., which has had slow and uneven growth since its first China outlet opened in 1996. It tried to expand into online retailing but sold its operation last month to China's No. 2 e-commerce operator.

Its labor tensions reflect rising expectations among workers to share in China's prosperity and a shift by the ruling Communist Party away from treating them only as a source of labor toward trying to create a consumer society.

Employees said Wal-Mart wants them to work 11-hour shifts on weekends and as little as four hours on weekdays under a system it started to roll out in June. Some said that might result in lower pay and interfere with their ability to work second jobs.

Last week, staff members protested on Friday and Saturday outside Wal-Mart stores in the cities of Nanchang and Shenzhen in southern China, Chengdu in the west and Harbin in the northeast, according to employees and two labor rights groups.

More than half the Nanchang store's workforce of 200 employees took part, according to an employee. Some carried

## Wal-Mart in China faces employee protests

banners that said, "Wal-Mart workers stand up and oppose fraud."

In a written response to questions, Wal-Mart said it is "planning a series of initiatives to enhance and upgrade Walmart China's overall talent management system."

**Wal-Mart's Chinese workforce of 100K is represented by unions, though employees complain those Communist Party-controlled groups often side with companies**

The company didn't answer questions about how scheduling and working conditions would change or how the protests affected its operations.

"We have communicated with Walmart China associates and a majority of associates support the new system," the statement said, using the company's term for its employees. "For those associates who need additional information, we are communicating with them on a consistent basis."

Wal-Mart faced similar criticism in the United States over its "just in time" scheduling system, which employees said changed work hours at short notice and reduced pay for some. The company said in February its U.S. stores would switch to allowing employees the option of working fixed hours or putting together schedules in two-week blocks.

In contrast to its American operations, Wal-Mart's Chinese workforce of 100,000 is represented by unions, though employees complain those Communist Party-controlled groups often side with companies instead of pushing for better wages and working conditions.

Wal-Mart was one of the highest-profile targets of a 2006 campaign led by the ruling party to have the country's umbrella labor group, the All-China Federation of Trade Unions, set up unions at foreign companies.

Managers presented the new scheduling system in May and encouraged employees to sign new contracts to authorize the change, according to employees. Under Chinese law, full-time employees work under two-year contracts.

"The workload is very heavy because we have to stand for 11 hours," said another employee of the Nanchang store, who asked not to be identified by name for fear of trouble with the company or Chinese authorities. "All the employees felt it was too difficult and were very unhappy."

Employees were told they could keep working under previous contracts if they wanted, but those who did so found their paychecks were smaller because meal subsidies and other payments were eliminated, according to the employee in Nanchang.

An activist group, China Labor Watch, said employees were pressured to sign the contracts by being told they could not leave meetings where the new system was announced until they did. Wal-Mart did not respond to a question about whether that happened.

Employees expressed concern the system could be abused to induce unwanted workers to quit by giving them awkward shifts, eliminating

the need to pay severance.

Traditional retailers have been battered as Chinese shoppers shift to shopping online. Total retail sales rose 10 percent in May compared with a year earlier but that was down from 13 percent in 2014. Meanwhile, online commerce grew by more than 30 percent.

Wal-Mart, headquartered in Bentonville, Arkansas, has expanded to 433 stores in China, but that is less than one-tenth as many as its 4,655 outlets in the United States.

Wal-Mart bought a stake in online retailer Yihaodian in 2011 and took full control last year. But after gaining a market share of just 1.6 percent, it gave up last month and turned over ownership to JD.com. In exchange, it got a 5 percent stake in the Chinese company.

Phone calls Wednesday to ACFTU branches in Nanchang, Chengdu and Shenzhen weren't answered.

Frustration among Wal-Mart employees with the ACFTU prompted some to start an informal group called the Wal-Mart Chinese Employee Fellowship in 2014, according to Zhang Jun, who said he was a spokesman for the group. He worked as an electrician at a Wal-Mart in the eastern city of Yantai from 2011 until last December.

The group's 20,000 members — about 20 percent of Wal-Mart's China workforce — use social media to communicate, according to Zhang.

They divide themselves into small groups in line with regulations aimed at suppressing dissent by limiting the number of accounts that can be linked together.

Authorities have investigated whether the group received money from foreign organizations, according to China Labour Bulletin, a research group in Hong Kong.

On Wednesday, employees expressed concern Wal-Mart's new system would make them part-time workers who would not be entitled to compensation in the event of layoffs.

A cashier who has worked at the Nanchang store for more than five years said her monthly pay of about 1,400 to 1,600 yuan (USD215 to \$245) has fallen by about 74 yuan (\$11) under the new system. The legal minimum monthly wage in Nanchang, the capital of Jiangxi province, is 1,530 yuan (\$235).

Employees are unlikely to get a raise in the next few years, said the cashier, who asked not to be identified by name for fear of retaliation.

"What worries us more is that they are preparing for the future," said the cashier. "Will we be cut off in the future and get no compensation, like the part-time workers?" AP

Louise Watt, Beijing

# UN's Ban tells civil society, free media are crucial

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon told China's leaders yesterday that a flourishing civil society and free media are key to China's development, on one of his last visits to Beijing as U.N. leader.

Ban spoke while standing next to Foreign Minister Wang Yi, who last month berated a Canadian journalist for asking a question about China's human rights record during a news conference in Canada.

"As China continues along the path of transformation and reform, I encourage China's leaders to create the space needed for the civil society to play its crucial role," Ban said, as Wang looked down at his lectern or stared ahead, expressionless.

Ban added that environmental activists, human rights lawyers and defenders and others "can act as a catalyst for social progress and economic goals."

"Along with a free and independent media they can help ensure accountability, thereby helping the state to evolve better and strengthening its standing in the eyes of the people," Ban said during the tightly managed news conference, in which only two questions were allowed.

While China's news media have long been directed by the ruling Communist Party, President Xi Jinping signaled a further tightening of control in February when he stated that absolute loyalty to the party was the media's highest priority.

This week marks the first



U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon speaks during a joint press conference with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi at the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse in Beijing

anniversary of a crackdown in China on human rights lawyers and activists in which more than 200 were detained or questioned. One year on, around two dozen are still detained, including several who could face life imprisonment after

being charged with subverting state power.

Ban, whose second term as U.N. secretary-general runs out at the end of the year, said, "The world will look to China to complement its remarkable economic progress by giving citizens

a full say and a role in the political life of their country."

The pair also discussed tensions involving the South China Sea ahead of a ruling expected next week by an international arbitration panel on the validity of China's claims

to virtually all of the sea. Beijing has not participated in the case, which was brought by the Philippines.

The U.N. leader said that all countries with rival claims to the South China Sea should settle their differences peacefully and "avoid any escalation or misunderstandings that could put security and development in the region at risk."

Wang told reporters that the Chinese government also wants a "peaceful resolution," but condemned "any effort to reject dialogue, or to unilaterally initiate arbitration without the consent of the other party."

"This approach will not help to bring out a peaceful resolution of the disputes, on the contrary it will only escalate the disputes and the tensions and should be resisted by all countries and people who uphold justice in the world," Wang said.

In an opening statement to reporters, Wang said Ban had been "an outstanding secretary-general," and that eight candidates to be his replacement had traveled to Beijing to canvass support, including one on Wednesday. He didn't name the candidates.

Ban met with Xi yesterday and is to meet Premier Li Ke-qiang today. AP

## Assistant to rights lawyer released after one year

An assistant to a prominent Chinese rights lawyer was released on bail yesterday, just ahead of the anniversary of a national crackdown on rights defenders.

Police in the northern port city of Tianjin said Zhao Wei, 24, was released after she admitted her crimes and showed a good attitude.

Zhao worked for prominent human rights lawyer Li Heping, and is the youngest among dozens of rights lawyers, workers and activists who were taken into custody last July in a campaign to curb growing rights activism spearheaded by legal workers.

She became a point of public focus because of her age, especially after she was formally arrested in January on the severe charge of state subversion and became one of China's youngest political prisoners. If convicted on the charge, she could face life imprisonment.

Ren Quanniu, a lawyer who represents Zhao's family, con-

firmed the conditional release. He said authorities may have wanted to reduce public attention to the anniversary by releasing Zhao.

Li and at least eight other rights lawyers remain in custody.

Yesterday, Zhao's personal microblog was updated with a statement expressing gratitude to the police. Tianjin police later reposted the statement.

"The afternoon sunshine is so good," the statement said. "It's a good feeling to breathe freely."

Ren, who could not reach Zhao or her mother, said Zhao could have posted the statement herself but it might not reflect her true thoughts.

He said Zhao might have confessed to alleged crimes under pressure.

"The authorities are known for their means, and who can still stand up after one year?" Ren said, adding that police have never released any details of why Zhao was charged with state subversion. AP

## Powerful typhoon nears Taiwan; ships, planes grounded

A powerful typhoon was approaching eastern Taiwan, churning up huge waves and wind yesterday that grounded fishing boats, commercial ships and planes.

Typhoon Nepartak slowed and weakened slightly yesterday afternoon but remained dangerous, packing maximum sustained winds of 205 kilometers per hour and gusts of 240 kph. It was blowing at sea about 160 kilometers northeast of Itbayat town in the northernmost Philippine province of Batanes with a large rain diameter of 650 kilometers, according to the Philippine weather agency.

It is forecast to make landfall this morning south of Hualien city in eastern Taiwan. Big waves were already lashing the shore of nearby Ilan port city, where fishermen tightened their boats. Forecasters said waves of 1 to 7 meters could batter the coast, inland lakes and beachfront areas.

Restaurant owner Chen

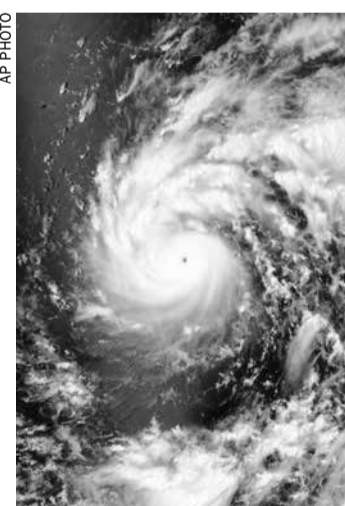


Image provided by NASA shows Typhoon Nepartak as it approaches Taiwan and the Philippines

Mang-ning said he had to put a lock on the rolling door of his establishment to protect the windows from strong wind.

"Yes, I am worried about it, same as everyone here," said fisherman Chen Chun-po.

Hong Kong's two biggest airlines, Cathay Pacific Airways and Dragonair, said they were cancelling flights to and from

Taiwan scheduled from yesterday to this afternoon as the storm bore down on the island.

Across the Luzon Strait, in the northern tip of the Philippines, authorities raised storm alerts in Batanes, about 700 kilometers north of Manila, and outlying islands in a sparsely-populated region.

The typhoon will not hit land there but will intensify seasonal southwest monsoon rains, which could spark thundersstorms and flash floods on the main northern Luzon island, said government forecaster Aldzar Aurelio. Some domestic flights were canceled in the northern Philippines.

Nepartak is a Micronesian word for a local warrior.

In November 2013, Typhoon Haiyan struck the central Philippines with ferocious power, leaving more than 7,300 people dead and missing and displacing more than 5 million others after leveling entire villages. AP

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# US punishing North Korean leader for human rights abuses

Matthew Pennington, Washington

**T**HE U.S. imposed sanctions yesterday on North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and 10 other top officials for human rights abuses in an escalation of Washington's effort to isolate the authoritarian government.

Although North Korea is already sanctioned to the hilt because of its nuclear weapons program, it is the first time that Kim has been personally sanctioned, and the first time that any North Korean officials have been blacklisted in connection with rights abuses, such as running the nation's notorious gulag and running down defectors.

"Under Kim Jong Un, North Korea continues to inflict intolerable cruelty and hardship on millions of its own people, including extrajudicial killings, forced labor, and torture," Adam Szubin, acting under secretary for terrorism and financial intelligence, said in a statement.

Szubin said the sanctions demonstrate the United States' "determination to see them stopped."

The Obama administration — with some prodding from Congress, which passed hard-hitting sanctions legislation in February — has cranked up economic restrictions on Pyongyang since it conducted its latest nuclear test in January.

This action coincides with the release of a State Department report, mandated by Congress, on human rights abuses in North Korea. Administration officials said it was intended



North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un

to name and shame responsible officials in North Korea's opaque government, and send a message to lower and mid-ranking officials to think twice before engaging in acts of cruelty and oppression.

"It really for the first time puts them out in the public domain in a way that they haven't been necessarily before," said State Department spokesman John Kirby.

U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Samantha Power said the sanctions "represent the start of what will be an ongoing process to identify and name persons responsible for serious human rights abuses."

"These efforts send a clear

message — not just to the senior leaders, but also prison camp managers and guards, censors, secret police, interrogators and persecutors of defectors — the world is documenting your abuses, and they will not be forgotten," Power said in a statement.

In addition to blacklisting Kim for human rights violations by his government and the ruling Communist Party, the Treasury Department also blacklisted officials at the Ministry of State Security — which administers political prison camps and is engaged in torture and inhumane treatment of detainees — and the Ministry of People's Security which operates a network of police stations, interrogation

centers and labor camps.

The State Department said that political prison camps are estimated to hold between 80,000 to 120,000 prisoners, including children and other family members.

Those blacklisted include Choe Pu Il, the minister of people's security; Choe Chang Pong, the director of the ministry's investigations bureau, who is reportedly responsible for monitoring residents in the North Korea-China border area and arresting and interrogating defectors; Cho Il U at the Reconnaissance General Bureau, who reportedly is in charge of overseas espionage operations; and O Chong Kuk, who is reportedly in charge of North Korea's infiltration operations into South Korea.

The penalties, which also hit North Korean agencies responsible for propaganda, freeze any property that sanctioned

individuals have within U.S. jurisdiction and prohibit Americans from doing transactions with them.

There are precedents for the U.S. putting heads of state on the Treasury blacklist. Among currently serving leaders, they include Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe and Belarussian President Alexander Lukashenko.

But blacklisting Kim, the hereditary leader who took power in North Korea after the December 2011 death of his father Kim Jong Il, signals an intensification of U.S. pressure against Pyongyang.

North Korea has repeatedly defied the U.N. Security Council with its nuclear tests and ballistic missile launches. In 2014, a U.N. commission concluded that crimes against humanity had been committed by North Korea and recommended a referral to the International Criminal Court — a step that China, the North's traditional ally and veto-wielding permanent member of the council, opposes.

In all, Treasury imposed penalties on 11 officials and five government entities on Wednesday. Four of the individuals and three of the entities had already been sanctioned.

North Korea is already excluded from the U.S. financial system, so the latest action is largely symbolic. Last month, the Treasury Department declared North Korea a "primary money laundering concern" — the toughest action it can take to discourage banks in any jurisdiction dealing with the country. **AP**

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ADAM SZUBIN

## PHILIPPINES

# Only country in Asia where teen pregnancy rising

**T**HE Philippines is the only Asia-Pacific country where the rate of teen pregnancies rose over the last two decades and the slow decline of its overall fertility rate may deprive the country of the faster economic growth expected in places that have more working-age people than younger and older dependents, the U.N. Population Fund said yesterday.

Girls aged 15 to 19 make up 10 percent of the country's population of 100

million and one out of 10 of them have already given birth, UNFPA country representative Klaus Beck said. That fertility rate in that age group is 57 births for every 1,000 girls as of 2013 — higher than rates found by surveys every five years from 1998.

He emphasized the urgency of fully implementing a reproductive health law, investing in quality education and health services for teenage girls, and increasing jobs for youth.

The cost of not finishing

high school education over the lifetime of young people would be equivalent to about 1 percent of the country gross domestic product, he added.

The study supported by UNFPA found that "due to the slow reduction in the fertility rate the country may not be able to benefit fully from the demographic dividend," or the balance of its population among children, working-age adults (age 15 to 65) and elderly. It said the window of time

to reap economic benefits from the favorable demographics was closing fast.

The Philippines' total fertility rate was 3 births per woman as of 2013, falling at a slow pace of 1.6 percent per year from 7 births per woman in 1960. But the poorest quintile of the population has a higher fertility rate of 5.2 births per woman as of 2013.

"With the right policies and investments in human capital, countries can empower young peo-

ple to drive economic and social development and boost per-capita incomes," Beck said.

Economic Planning Secretary Ernesto Pernia said the administration of new President Rodrigo Duterte will ensure quality education for the youth and full implement of the reproductive health law that guarantees universal access to methods of contraception, sexual education, and maternal care. The Supreme Court ruled the law was constitutio-

nal in 2013 but a year later it banned dispensing of subdermal implants, a popular birth control method because it is long-term and safe for breastfeeding women.

Pernia said the government aims to reduce poverty by 1.25 percent to 1.5 percent each year, and a big push for that would be to reduce the number of children among the poorest people, citing surveys that show those couples have more children than they wanted. **AP**

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## NATO SUMMIT

# Obama heads to Europe amid British referendum's aftershocks

Kathleen Hennessey, Washington

**P**RESIDENT Barack Obama embarked yesterday on a five-day, two-country mission to buck up a beleaguered Europe and brush back an aggressive Moscow on what is expected to be his last presidential visit to the continent.

Obama departed mid-morning on his way to a summit of NATO allies in Warsaw, before moving on to Seville and Madrid for his first presidential visit to Spain. In both corners of the continent, he'll be surrounded by leaders still reeling from Britain's decision to pull out of the European Union and sorting through uncertainty about the future of the decades-old experiment in international cooperation.

The White House says Obama will arrive with words of reassurance that the departure — whenever it occurs — won't disrupt the decades-old trans-Atlantic ties that bind. He'll emphasize that Britain's exit, which does not affect its membership in NATO, only makes the 28-member military alliance more essential and its cooperation with the European Union more important. And amid leaders' anxiety about whether his possible successor, Republican Donald Trump, would retrench from Europe, Obama will make the case for stronger alliances



Defense Secretary Ash Carter listens (left) as President Barack Obama makes a statement on Afghanistan from the Roosevelt Room of the White House in Washington

and the benefits of globalization.

Obama plans to emphasize America's "continued, very strong support for the European project which has been at the center of so much security and prosperity" around the world, said Ben Rhodes, deputy national security adviser.

The president's arrival today will be his first chance to deliver that message in person, both to the European leaders tasked with smoothly navigating the tricky divorce and British Prime Minister David Cameron, whom Obama personally tried but failed to save from the wave

of anti-European sentiment that fueled the vote.

Obama's first stop is a sit-down with Donald Tusk and Jean-Claude Juncker, presidents of the European Council and European Commission, respectively. White House officials said Obama plans to discuss the fallout from the referendum and weigh in on how he thinks negotiations should proceed.

Obama's agenda goes far beyond the so-called Brexit fallout. NATO plans to tout new efforts to send signals to Russia. The alliance recently agreed to bolster its presence in the east

by deploying four multinational battalions on a rotational basis to Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland.

Obama also will meet Saturday with Ukraine's President Petro Poroshenko to discuss the status of the stalled 2015 Minsk peace deal, which was intended to ease tensions after Russia's incursion into eastern Ukraine. Ukraine has accused Russia of failing to fulfill its obligations by not withdrawing its troops, although the Kremlin disputes that claim.

NATO leaders will also discuss the rising threat of Islamic State attacks in Europe, the effort to address the migrant crisis caused by violence in the Middle East and North Africa and continued commitments to the mission in Afghanistan, where Obama acknowledged Wednesday the security situation was too fragile to stick to the planned timetable for drawing down troops.

The unsettling mix of issues presents a striking contrast to the Europe that Obama met eight years ago, when he bounded on the world stage with a massive campaign speech in Berlin and was embraced by a European public eagerly seeking leadership in Washington. In his first visit as president, Obama spoke hopefully of dealing with Moscow on nuclear weapons and looked ahead to new era of firmer alliances. "This is our

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generation. This is our time," he said during a visit to Strasbourg, Germany for a NATO summit in 2009.

Obama recently has presented a more wary, defensive case for global cooperation. White House officials say he'll repeat his case against isolationism in remarks in Spain, where he is due to meet with both Interim President Mariano Rajoy and King Don Felipe VI and hold a town hall with young people.

Some are hoping Obama will put forward an updated vision for U.S. relations with the new Europe.

"The White House has yet to fully acknowledge the shift in Europe today and the challenges that it faces," said Heather Conley, a Europe expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "The European project has been placed into fundamental question." AP

## USA

## FBI head strongly defends outcome of Clinton email probe

**S**UMMONED before Congress, FBI Director James Comey yesterday strongly defended the decision to not prosecute Hillary Clinton over her private email setup. He said there was no evidence that she or any of her aides knew that anything they were doing was against the law or had lied to federal investigators.

Comy's appearance before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee marked his first public statements since an FBI announcement that removed the threat of criminal charges against the presumptive

Democratic presidential nominee but also revived public scrutiny of her handling of classified information.

It was the most detailed explanation to date about why the Justice Department concluded without charges a yearlong investigation that had dogged Clinton's presidential campaign and raised questions for voters about her trustworthiness.

"Our folks did it in an apolitical and a professional way," Comy said of the FBI's handling of the investigation.

Republicans said they were infuriated with the

FBI's decision and confused by the way it was presented. Earlier this week, Comy gave a scathing assessment of Clinton's email practices, followed by his conclusion that "no reasonable prosecutor" would charge her with a crime.

Yesterday, Comy said the legal decision came down to a simple lack of a criminal intent.

When agents investigate allegations of criminal wrongdoing, they look for evidence not only that a statute was violated but also that a person knew that what he was doing was wrong. That evidence

did not exist in this case, Comy said.

Although there is a law that allows for felony prosecution for mishandling classified information due to gross negligence, that law has been used only once in the 99 years since it was enacted — and that was in a case involving espionage, Comy said.

"They have grave concerns about whether it's appropriate to prosecute someone for gross negligence," he said of department officials.

Committee chairman, Rep. Jason Chaffetz, R-Utah, told Comy that



FBI Director James Comey testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington

the FBI's decision showed a "double standard" for powerful people. Had the "average Joe" done what she had done, he said, he would go to prison.

"If your name isn't Clinton, or you're not part of the powerful elite, then Lady Justice will act differently," Chaffetz said, adding that the FBI had set a "dangerous precedent" in letting her off the hook.

Comy specifically rebutted a litany of GOP charges including that the FBI had been biased, ignored the law, applied it unjustly or coordinated the decision with Clinton's campaign. "We try very hard to apply the same standard whether you are rich or poor, white or black, old or young, famous or not known at all," he said. AP

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## FRIDAY

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| 13:30 | News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast                             |
| 15:00 | RTPi Live   |
| 16:20 | UEFA EURO 2016 - Semi-Finals: Germany - France (Repeated) |
| 18:10 | Helena's Shadow (Repeated)                                |
| 19:00 | TDM Talk Show (Repeated)                                  |
| 19:30 | Soap Opera  |
| 20:10 | Sports  |
| 20:30 | Main News, Financial & Weather Report                     |
| 21:00 | Documentary Serie   |
| 21:15 | Miscellaneous   |
| 22:10 | Helena's Shadow   |
| 23:00 | TDM News  |
| 23:30 | Portuguese Movie  |
| 00:55 | Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)          |

## SATURDAY

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| 10:30 | Young Children   |
| 11:00 | Animation  |
| 11:25 | Young Adult  |
| 12:00 | Documentary Series   |
| 12:25 | TDM News (Repeat)  |
| 13:00 | News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast                              |
| 13:30 | UEFA EURO 2016: Quarter Finals: Wales - Belgium (Repeated) |
| 14:40 | Soap Opera   |
| 17:10 | Documentary Serie  |
| 18:25 | Contest  |
| 19:20 | Wild Life  |
| 20:10 | Sports   |
| 20:30 | Main News, Financial & Weather Report                      |
| 21:00 | Drama  |
| 22:00 | Revenge S.3  |
| 22:45 | Non-Daily Portuguese News                                  |
| 23:00 | TDM News   |
| 23:30 | Brother's & Sister's S.5                                   |
| 00:15 | Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)           |
| 00:50 | Sports (Repeated)  |

## SUNDAY

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| 10:30 | Young Children  |
| 11:30 | Zig Zag   |
| 13:00 | TDM News (Repeat)   |
| 13:30 | News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast                               |
| 14:30 | Wild Life (Repeated)  |
| 15:30 | UEFA EURO 2016 - Quarter Finals: Germany - Italy (Repeated) |
| 18:45 | Non-Daily Portuguese News                                   |
| 19:10 | Comedy  |
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| 20:30 | Main News, Financial & Weather Report                       |
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## offbeat

## ESCAPED INMATE TURNS HIMSELF IN AT ARKANSAS BAR, HAS A BEER

An inmate who escaped a northwestern Arkansas jail, showed up at a nearby bar a week later, ordered a beer and declared he was turning himself in.

The Arkansas Democrat-Gazette reports (bit.ly/29kAAXt) that 45-year-old Shaun Higham turned up Tuesday night at Mitch's Place in Paris, about 6 miles from the Logan County Jail. He was wearing a dirty prison uniform and covered in insect bites.

Logan County Sheriff Boyd Hicks says there had been no sightings of Higham since he picked a lock and fled the county jail on June 28.

The bar's owner called the police, saying Higham was there and that he wanted to turn himself in. Higham was drinking a beer when police arrived. He surrendered without incident.

Paris is about 90 miles northwest of Little Rock.

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## COLD WAR 2\_

ROOM 1

(2D) 2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Longman Leung, Sunny Luk  
Starring: Aaron Kwok, Tony Leung Ka Fai, Chow Yun Fat  
Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/ English)  
Duration: 110min

## THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS\_

ROOM 2

(2D) 2.15, 4.00, 7.30 pm

(3D) 9.30 pm

Director: Chris Renaud, Yarrow Cheney  
Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/ English)  
Duration: 90min



## FINDING DORY\_

ROOM 2

(2D) 5.45 pm

Director: Andrew Stanton  
Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/ English)  
Duration: 97min

## INDEPENDENCE DAY: RESURGENCE\_

ROOM 2

(2D) 9.30 pm

Director: Roland Emmerich  
Starring: Liam Hemsworth, Jeff Goldblum, Bill Pullman  
Language: English (Cantonese)  
Duration: 120min



## THE LEGEND OF TARZAN\_

ROOM 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

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Starring: Aaron Kwok, Tony Leung Ka Fai, Chow Yun Fat  
Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/ English)  
Duration: 90min

## this day in history



## 2000 NEW HARRY POTTER MOST MAGICAL YET

The latest story about boy wizard Harry Potter has broken all publishing records.

The fourth instalment of JK Rowling's series has been released simultaneously on both sides of the Atlantic with an initial print-run of 5.3m - 1.5m in the UK and 3.8m in the US.

In Britain the usual run for children's books is 20,000. The content of the new story has been closely guarded - no review copies were issued - but the author revealed someone close to Harry dies.

Many bookshops opened specially in the middle of the night and laid on wizard-related entertainments so that fans could buy Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire as soon as it was released for sale at midnight.

Others waited for the 640-page book to arrive through the letterbox after ordering online.

Internet bookseller Amazon sold 400,000 copies worldwide and expected to deliver 53 tonnes of the book to British readers.

Staff in the distribution centre in Milton Keynes worked overnight to ensure all orders went out yesterday.

Priced £9.99 for paperback and £14.99 for hardback the book is being widely distributed across the UK - including to roadside restaurants - but booksellers still think it will sell out.

The first three books - beginning with Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone in 1997 - have sold 35m copies in 31 languages.

Last year the Edinburgh-based author, a single mother, earned £14.5m in royalties, advances and film rights.

JK Rowling left King's Cross Station at 1127 BST today on a specially created Hogwarts Express - the fictional train to wizard school - on a promotional tour to Scotland.

Her previous story, Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban, was shortlisted for the Library Association's Carnegie Medal - the top award for children's writing - but the prize went to Aidan Chambers and Postcards From No Man's Land at the ceremony last night.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

Ms Rowling published one book each year until 2001 when the first film - Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone - was released in November.

The film cost £110m and was directed by Christopher Columbus. It became the second most popular film of all time - behind Titanic - grossing £649m (\$926m) at cinemas around the world.

Born on the Welsh borders, Joanne Kathleen Rowling moved to Edinburgh with her baby daughter, after her first marriage ended and began writing whilst she was on the dole.

She dreamt up Harry Potter when she was stuck on a train between London and Manchester in 1990.

Seven books have been written altogether but not all have been published.

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix was published in 2003. Five million copies were sold within 24 hours of its release.

The sixth, Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince was released on 16 July 2005. Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows is the seventh and final novel of the Harry Potter series, released on 21 July 2007.



**YOUR STARS**

**Aries**  
Mar. 21-Apr. 19  
Your love life may heat up quite a bit — or maybe you are just going through a spring thaw! Your great energy helps you to figure out what comes next, but try to enjoy the new vibe, too!

**Taurus**  
April 20-May 20  
You know you're in the right this time — but that doesn't mean that others agree with you! Make sure that you're not just preaching at people, as they are much more open to more gentle persuasion.

**Gemini**  
May 21-Jun. 21  
You're having a great time debating the finer points of your big plan — or maybe it's a deeper philosophical issue that has you scratching your head. In either case, your brain is fully engaged!

**Cancer**  
Jun. 22-Jul. 22  
Your extravagance is not a luxury today — it's a necessity! If you spend more on yourself than usual, it's for a worthy cause, as you need to take good care of yourself if you want to help others.

**Leo**  
Jul. 23-Aug. 22  
Your creative side is fully engaged today, and you should find that your answers are the smartest and funniest — so speak up! It's easier than ever to impress the powers that be wherever you are.

**Virgo**  
Aug. 23-Sept. 22  
This is not a good time to show off. If you must tell people how great you are, show them your successes rather than bragging or talking them up — most people are skeptical of what they hear today.

**Libra**  
Sep.23-Oct. 22  
You need to stay active — people are wondering what's going on, and only you can offer them the guidance they need. Even if you don't know yourself, things can still get really good soon!

**Scorpio**  
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21  
You've got an ego just like everyone else — but sometimes, yours causes problems that others can't understand. You may have to explain yourself after a weird outburst rattles cages today.

**Sagittarius**  
Nov. 22-Dec. 21  
Your terrific personal energy helps you to prove yourself to someone who may be wondering where your loyalties lie. It's a good time for you to devote yourself to a bigger cause.

**Capricorn**  
Dec. 22-Jan. 19  
This is not the easiest day for you — it feels as if people are going out of their way to cause trouble, but they are just confused or impatient. Try to accommodate them as much as possible!

**Aquarius**  
Jan. 20-Feb. 18  
You are interrupted time and again today — it gets to be kind of funny after a while! Try to keep focused on what you need to do, but if you have to get distracted by something, make it something fun!

**Pisces**  
Feb.19-Mar. 20  
How can you stay focused? It's not as easy as it sounds on a day like today, but if you can do so, you are sure to stay ahead of the pack. If you get too distracted, you may want to quit early.

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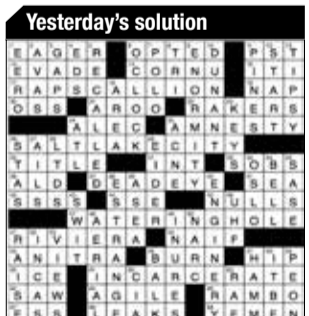
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| Tianjin      | 21  | 32  | cloudy                  |
| Urumqi       | 21  | 28  | cloudy/shower           |
| Xi'an        | 23  | 34  | clear/cloudy            |
| Lhasa        | 11  | 24  | shower                  |
| Chengdu      | 21  | 25  | heavy rain              |
| Chongqing    | 22  | 34  | cloudy                  |
| Kunming      | 18  | 25  | shower                  |
| Nanjing      | 25  | 27  | moderate rain           |
| Shanghai     | 27  | 33  | thundershower/cloudy    |
| Wuhan        | 24  | 29  | rainstorm/moderate rain |
| Hangzhou     | 26  | 36  | cloudy/clear            |
| Taipei       | 26  | 33  | drizzle                 |
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**CROSSWORDS**

**ACROSS:** 1- Scarf; 5- Mimics; 9- Vows; 14- Sicilian resort; 15- Han \_\_\_ was a "Star Wars" character; 16- Marsh of mystery; 17- Prepare for publication; 18- Draws; 19- Slender gulls; 20- Unofficial advisers; 23- Mature male European red deer; 24- 911 respondent; 25- Egyptian cobra; 28- Fashionable; 31- \_\_\_ and outs; 34- Role for Clark; 36- Moray; 37- Inter \_\_\_; 38- In spite of; 42- Within (prefix); 43- Stake; 44- Yoga posture; 45- Law in La Paz; 46- Rainy season; 49- Bad: Prefix; 50- Round bread roll; 51- \_\_\_ B'rith; 53- County in central England; 60- Emerson's middle name; 61- Corker; 62- Switch ending; 63- Old French expression meaning "goodbye"; 64- Blame; 65- \_\_\_ for All Seasons; 66- Reposes; 67- Laundry; 68- Super Bowl XXXIV champs;

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# Ronaldo leads Portugal to 2-0 win vs Wales, into second final

**C**RISTIANO Ronaldo had just propelled Portugal into another European Championship final when he made for Gareth Bale, shared a long conversation with his Real Madrid teammate and gave him a sympathetic hug.

The battle of the superstar forwards turned into a one-man show — and, as ever, it was Ronaldo taking center stage.

By thumping home a header and setting up strike partner Nani for the second goal, Ronaldo delivered two blows in three minutes to lead Portugal to a 2-0 win over Wales in the Euro 2016 semifinals yesterday.

Ronaldo — a serial winner in individual and team prizes in club football — will get another chance to win his first trophy on the international stage when Portugal meets either France or Germany in Sunday's final at the Stade de France.

"I've always said my dream was to win a trophy with Portugal," Ronaldo said. "We're closer to doing it and I believe that we'll win."

Portugal last competed in a final at Euro 2004, when the team surprisingly lost on home soil to Greece. A 19-year-old Ronaldo shed tears after that match, but he has managed to lead a much weaker side to another international showpiece.

"Portugal are not just about Cristiano Ronaldo, we are a team," Ronaldo said. "But I was able to score today and I've helped the team get to the final."

Ronaldo equaled France great Michel Platini's record of nine goals in European Championship football when he timed a prodigious leap to perfection and planted home a header in the 50th minute.

The three-time world player of the year then sent in a long-range shot that Nani, finding space in between defenders, diverted into the net on the slide from 10 meters.

Despite Bale's best efforts — again, he was his team's top performer — and a solid first-half display, Wales's unlikely run at only its second ever major tournament ended in the semifinals. The loss of midfielder Aaron Ramsey through suspension proved to be costly for the Welsh, and Bale couldn't do it all on his own.

This could have been the match where Bale, football's most expensive player, emerged from Ronaldo's shadow. That will have to wait.

"He is a natural goal-scorer and he scored yet again," Bale said of Ronaldo. "It's not about them, it's about us. We're disappointed but we'll pick ourselves up."

Competing in its first tournament since the 1958 World Cup, Wales — a rugby-mad na-



Wales's Gareth Bale (left) and Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo compete for the ball during the Euro 2016 semifinal soccer match between Portugal and Wales, at the Grand Stade in Decines-Charpieu

tion of 3 million people — has been one of the most popular stories of Euro 2016, topping its group and then beating highly fancied Belgium in the quarterfinals.

But the Welsh had no response once Portugal forged ahead after its one-two punch. Portugal hadn't previously won a match in regulation 90 minutes in France, yet there would be no late drama here thanks to Ronaldo.

The owner of the best leap in world football, Ronaldo timed his jump perfectly and headed home left back Raphael Guerreiro's cross off a short-corner routine. Wales defender James Chester was blindsided by Ronaldo, who scored his third goal of the tournament — one less than France forward Antoine Griezmann.

Portugal are not just about Cristiano Ronaldo, we are a team.

CRISTIANO RONALDO

It was telling that when they needed to chase the game, the Welsh could only throw on a striker from the third tier of English football — Simon Church.

There were a couple of half-chances for Wales late on, but Portugal could have doubled the margin of victory by the end, with Joao Mario hitting the post with one of the chances on the breakaway.

Portugal had lost five of its previous six semifinal matches in major tournaments.

After the final whistle, Wales headed over to applaud their fans, who didn't stop singing in the corner of the Stade de Lyon.

"I think we were a little tired tonight," Wales coach Chris Coleman said. "I can't say anything against our players. Everything they had in them they left out there. I can't say I'm disappointed with them, that'd be ludicrous."

Meanwhile, Portugal — defying pre-tournament expectations — is heading to Saint-Denis as Ronaldo chases that elusive international title.

"We had difficult moments," Ronaldo said, "but it's like I always say, it's better to start poorly and have a positive ending. The dream is still alive." AP

## Ronaldo wins Bale duel

Rob Harris

**C**RISTIANO Ronaldo was tetchy and grouchy, then majestic.

A bullet-header, a flex of his muscles for the cameras and an assist for Portugal's second.

Just three minutes' work from the Portugal captain against Wales.

It's why Ronaldo will lead Portugal into the European Championship final on Sunday. It's why Gareth Bale is going home as Wales's astonishing Euro 2016 journey ended.

Like so often at Real Madrid, Bale was eclipsed by Ronaldo.

Within weeks they'll be teammates again. And after the whistle blew on Portugal's 2-0 win, Ronaldo consoled Bale with an affectionate hug and words of comfort.

Here's a closer look at duel that pitted the world's two most expensive players against each other in the Lyon semifinal:

### BIG MOMENT

Portugal toiled through five games in France without winning inside 90 minutes. Ronaldo ensured there wouldn't be a sixth.

The three-time world player of the year scored twice in a 3-3 draw with Hungary

in the group stage and it took a return to the southern city to find the target again.

It was a feat of Ronaldo's athleticism. A cross came in from Raphael Guerreiro, Ronaldo soared above James Chester to meet it and then planted a header into the net in the 50th minute. Bale could only watch helplessly at the far post.

Like so often, the celebration looked as important as the goal for Ronaldo.

Ronaldo darted to the corner flag, went on his back, awaiting the acclaim of his teammates. They knew their duty. Then it was time for the solo shot, with the spinning jump celebration that's his trademark right in front of the cameras.

All that was missing was a jersey being removed to flaunt his toned torso. He's probably saving that for the final against Germany or France.

### RECORD BREAKER

Take your pick of the records in Ronaldo's possession.

Already the all-time leading scorer in the Champions League, Ronaldo is now level with Michel Platini with nine goals in European Championship finals.

He'll hope a 10th in his second final sees Portugal crown a career in which he has won every major club honor with a first international title.



### PROVIDER

A scuffed shot three minutes after his goal looked typical of the Ronaldo who has labored at times in this tournament. Fortunately for Ronaldo, Nani got on the end of it, diverting the ball into the net.

In this moment, it seemed there was no way back for Bale, who protested in vain to an assistant referee for offside.

### ONE-MAN TEAM?

Compensating for Aaron Ramsey's absence, Bale was forced to play deeper at times and lacked the creativity of his suspended teammate to create openings for him.

Wales couldn't rely on Bale alone.

But Bale at speed was still a sight of wonder that unsettled the Portuguese. He just couldn't produce a goal.

After charging with the ball from inside his own half, surging past a trio of Portuguese men in mint green, Bale could only strike the dipping ball into the arms of goalkeeper Rui Patricio. AP

opinion

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**FOOLING THE FOOLS**

It is indeed always moving to see the rich and powerful coming to the rescue of the rule of law, or more exactly the rule by law, which has to be amended because it no longer suits the interests of the happy few. The proposed alteration to the Land Law is a superb lobbying operation in the name — name only — of the general interest adorned by distorted legal, economic and political arguments. It would amount to a good laugh if this human comedy did not involve billions of MOP and the healthy development of the city at a time of renewed challenges, hence the dramatic turn of the whole story.

From a strictly aesthetic perspective, it does follow the three unity rules of neoclassical drama: a unity of action (land developers failing to develop land plots), a unity of time (25 years of provisory land concessions) and a unity of place (well-situated land plots never opened to public tendering promising juicy returns). The ending of the play should be obvious: if you meet the deadline, you get wealthier; if you miss it, you forfeit your future gains and hand back the concessions. The problem is: the parties disagree on who is to blame for the failure.

The story of the 113 idle plots of land first surfaced back in 2009 thanks to a report released by the Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau (DSSOPT). In 2010-2011, 48 of these plots were recognised as not having been developed solely due to the inaction of the land grantees, and were thus meant to be recovered by the government at the leases' expiration. Sixty-five were excluded because responsibility was shared, and the lack of proper regulatory work and planning by the government had impacted the delay. The Land Law was passed in 2013, and new constraints were imposed: article 48 states that "provisory concessions [of maximum 25 years] cannot be renewed."

With a new government being sworn in December 2014, the formerly dozing DSSOPT sprang into action, and thus land plots started to be repossessed. In June 2015, the new Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Raimundo do Rosário, made it public that out of 48 land plots, 16 had been excluded from recovery. Even though a public hearing on the case was denied in the legislature, a CCAC enquiry commissioned by the Chief Executive concluded that the only dubious aspect of the story was the lack of "proactive, systematic, and scientific communication" about the exemptions that were deemed perfectly legitimate. This was despite the fact that some legislators were shown to have directly benefited from the technical derogations, such as Angela Leong, Chui Sai Cheong and Vitor Cheung Lup Kwan. Since then, other plots have been recovered, more are at risk and court actions do not seem to favour developers.

The legislator leading the charge for a revision to the Land Law, or more precisely a retroactive annexed interpretation of the law, is no other than Gabriel Tong. Mr Tong is an academic (acting dean of the law department at UMAC!), but he is also an appointed legislator and a partner in a law firm. He voted in favour of the Land Law in 2013 and now claims he was "deceived" at the time: I thought that these guys got their job because of their expertise? And can we be 100% sure that he has no conflict of interest in proposing the amendments? And then the developers would not be interested in (necessarily limited) compensations but rather to deliver on their promise? Why not earlier? Why act at best in the mid-2000s (UNESCO heritage dates to 2005), thus crippling the development of the city after the real-estate downturn of 1994?

By my own calculation, based on the market, the initial land fee, the premiums and today's construction costs, they don't want to pass on 300% return! When there is only one team on the soccer field, I don't see the point in providing it with extra time after July 31!

**THE PHILIPPINE PRESIDENT ON TV THREATENS DRUG SUSPECT WITH DEATH**

The Philippine president in televised remarks has warned a Chinese drug suspect that he may die at the Manila airport if he returns from abroad, underscoring the brazen rhetoric and methods he intends to use to fight the drug trade.

As to how the man would die, President Rodrigo Duterte said,

"never mind." It was not clear if the man Duterte identified as Peter Lm had been charged with any crime.

Duterte also said two detained drug trafficking suspects would be killed if they attempted to escape in his spontaneous remarks broadcast yesterday by the state-run TV network.



**Toking up while working out: Pair plan gym allowing pot use**



Haven Daley, Novato (Calif.)

A former pro football star and an advocate for athlete marijuana use have teamed up to open a gym in San Francisco that they say will be one of the first in the world to allow members to smoke pot while working out.

Former running back Ricky Williams, who played for the Saints, Dolphins and Ravens, and Jim McAlpine, a snowboard company executive, said Power Plant Fitness also will offer edibles and topical gels for those who don't like smoking the plant.

They say using pot while exercising can help them focus or relax.

Members of the gym, which plans to open this year, will need a medical marijuana prescription to join, but that could change if California voters legalize recreational pot in November.

"I personally use it for focus. It's not about getting high. It's about keeping my mind engaged in the activity I'm in," said McAlpine, who organizes the 420 games, athletic events aiming to stop the stigma against pot use.

Carla Lowe, founder of

Citizens Against Legalizing Marijuana, a political action committee based in Sacramento, said it's not clear how the drug affects the body but "there's zero evidence that marijuana helps you focus. There is evidence that it makes you dopey."

Her group is working to defeat the ballot measure that would legalize marijuana in California, saying it "does not bode well for the future of our country."

But Williams, who was suspended several times by the NFL for marijuana use, said he wants to dispel the stigma.

"I think a lot of people buy into the stoner stereotype where guys just sit on the couch, smoke and don't do anything, and they're not very motivated," said Williams, who retired from the NFL after the 2011 season. "I found when I was playing football that using cannabis helped me relax physically, relax mentally and even spiritually."

Any potential benefits of marijuana on exercise have not been studied thoroughly. But one doctor who works with marijuana-smoking patients says the drug can help manage post-workout pain.

"To use cannabis in that sense for pain relief instead of the usual things you're able to use now, like opioids, is hands down why you would use it," said Dr. Perry Solomon, chief medical officer for HelloMD, a digital health care platform for the cannabis industry. AP

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| Ambient                       | 15-35 Good | 😊 |

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**WORLD BRIEFS**

**BANGLADESH** Islamic extremists hurl homemade bombs and engage in a gunbattle with police guarding an Eid prayer service attended by hundreds of thousands of people at the end of the holy Muslim month. Two officers, a woman and one suspected militant are killed, and at least 12 other people are injured.

**AUSTRALIA** A former Australian army chief warns Australia against "blindly going along with" the United States after an inquiry was critical of Britain's involvement in the Iraq war.

**NATO** President Barack Obama's decision to slow the withdrawal of American troops from Afghanistan will be welcomed at the NATO summit this weekend, providing aid for allied forces in the country and bolstering U.S. efforts to get more pledges of support for the war from U.S. allies. More on p15

**USA** A black man has been shot dead by police in the US state of Minnesota as protests continued over the police killing of a black man in Louisiana. According to the BBC, he was shot as he reached for his driving license, she said. The protests follow the death of Alton Sterling, who was shot by police during an incident in Baton Rouge earlier this week.

**EU** The European Union says Spain and Portugal have missed deadlines to get their financial houses in order. The EU's executive Commission said yesterday that the two failed to take "effective action" to rein in their excessive deficits over the last two years. Spain is likely to miss its goals in 2016 as well.

AP PHOTO



**RUSSIA** A Russian space capsule is launched at the beginning of a two-day trip to the International Space Station carrying Russian Anatoly Ivanshin, NASA's Kate Rubins and Takuya Onishi of the Japanese space agency JAXA.

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