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CHINA has intensified the drumbeat of its opposition to an international tribunal's ruling expected today that could threaten its expansive claims in the South China Sea. The Hague-based tribunal will decide on the 2013 case that challenges the so-called nine-dash line that China uses to claim virtually the entire area. [More on p.11](#)

NORTH KOREA said yesterday it will end a diplomatic communication channel with the United States and hinted at harsher punishment for Americans detained in the country in retaliation for U.S. sanctions that target leader Kim Jong Un. [More on p.13](#)

INDONESIA Suspected Abu Sayyaf militants kidnapped three Indonesian fishermen on the weekend in the latest in a series of incidents highlighting weak security in the Cerebes Sea that borders Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines. [More on p.14](#)

GERMANY - TURKEY Chancellor Angela Merkel says she will continue pushing for a reversal of Turkey's ban on Germany lawmakers to visit a Turkish base where German soldiers are stationed. The Turkish government last month banned the lawmakers from visiting the base. It said the country permits only military or technical teams to visit the base.

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Filipino workers in Macau want consulate open on Sundays

THE opening of the Philippine Consulate General in Macau on Sundays for services to the overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) and the abolition of the Overseas Employment Certificate (OEC) constitute two of the most pressing concerns of the Filipino migrants in Macau.

Migrante Macau, an organization of Filipino migrant workers in Macau, has conducted a survey among OFWs in the region, garnering 113 respondents.

According to the organization's statement, 65 percent said they wished the administration of the new president of the Philippines, Rodrigo Duterte, to compel the Philippine Consulate General in Macau to operate on Sundays to serve Filipino domestic workers.

"Many of us domestic helpers cannot just go out from our employer's house to have our papers – like passports – processed. Since last year, we have been holding dialogues with the Philippine Consulate General to have the same operation as in Hong Kong. However, this demand of ours

is yet to be acted upon," said Emer de Lina, chairperson of Migrante-Macau.

Fifty-eight percent of the respondents want the abolition of the OEC as they find the document redundant and a cause of inconvenience.

The OEC is sometimes called the "exit pass," and is required to be presented to international ports of exit in the Philippines "as proof that the holder is a bona fide OFW."

The chairperson said documents such as an employment contract, working visa or the like already constitute enough proof that one is an overseas worker and thus entitled to travel with tax and airport fee exemptions.

Other significant demands from the survey included opposition to arbitrary offloading of Filipinos bound to Macau; era-



The Philippine Consulate General in Macau

dicating the "bullet planting" scam (the criminal practice of inserting bullets in travellers'

luggage) and defending the rights of OFWs.

The survey also shows that

creation of employment in the Philippines topped the OFWs' concerns.

"This will ensure that no more Filipinos will be forced to endure whatever labor and living arrangements they are given overseas just so they can hold on to their jobs" said de Lina.

According to the statement, the results of the survey will be presented to other organizations in the region in hopes of jointly urging the Duterte government to act.

The group also hopes to send a letter to the new government before the president delivers his first State of the Nation Address (SONA) this month.

During Duterte's candidacy rally, the president said his priority in terms of labor issues was the OFWs, and that he planned to create an OFW department.

Five Macau residents granted asylum abroad

AT least five people from Macau were granted asylum abroad in 2015, according to the United Nations Refugee Agency's (UNHCR) latest "Global Trends Report."

The report, which is compiled from government data, says that five Macau-based individuals were granted refugee status last year, having proven that their safety would be jeopardized should they return to the MSAR. Twenty-four similar cases are still undergoing review.

No data was available on the number of refugees who were granted asylum in Macau in 2015, though the report indicated that there were seven pending cases at the end of 2015.

Meanwhile, refugees from Hong Kong living in other locations numbered 33 at the end of 2015, with 79 pending cases. Mainland China had about 212,000 refugees abroad and more than 57,000 pending cases

at the end of the year.

For those seeking shelter in mainland China and Hong Kong, there were more than 300,000 and 133 people, respectively, at end-2015. Hong Kong is reviewing another 2,315 pending applications.

The UN report is subjective as it relies on government data, based on individual countries' definitions and methods of data collection. UNHCR said the "origin" of a person seeking asylum may be based on nationality, area of birth or area of residence, depending on how each government measures the number of people.

UNHCR added that the number of asylum seekers in Macau, as well as those granted refugee status, have remained in the single digits since 2010. The main countries of origin for those seeking refuge in Macau are Syria, India, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Cameroon.

Asylum seekers are typically individuals who have left their home country as political refugees to seek protection in another location. They often believe that their area of residence is unable to afford them the same protection that they could obtain elsewhere.

According to the South China Morning Post, scholars say that the number of asylum seekers from Hong Kong – which has increased slightly – may be a reaction to civil unrest in the city, the presence of organized crime or the actions of the mainland government in recent years.

In 2011, UNHCR announced a new record of 42.5 million forcibly displaced people around the world. The number has since risen sharply each year and was around 65.3 million at the end of 2015.

The UN Refugee Agency said earlier this year that the current number of displaced people is the highest ever recorded. **DB**

HEALTH

Chinese Medicine Park delegation tours Europe

Adelegation from the Traditional Chinese Medicine Science and Technology Industrial Park has recently toured the Netherlands, Czech Republic and Portugal.

A statement released by the Guangdong-Macau Traditional Chinese Medicine Technology Industrial Park Development Co., Ltd indicated that the delegation toured the three European countries from June 23 to July 1 and was led by Lu Hong, advisor of the Office of the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lionel Leong.

Among other aims, the delegation discussed issues such as the establishment of an international quality control base for traditional Chinese medicine and the promotion of trade and the establishment of centers of traditional Chinese medicine abroad.

During the tour, the delegation visited several research

institutions as well as universities and health related government departments. The highlight of the tour was a visit to the Biomedicine Laboratory at the University of Leiden (Netherlands) where they spoke to Wang Mei, a European Pharmacopoeia Commission member whose experience related to the registration of traditional Chinese medicine products within the European Union (EU). Topics related to the Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) in the EU were also addressed.

During a visit to Portugal, the delegation participated in another conference. During the event, Lu Hong stressed the importance always given by the MSAR government to the role of Portugal as a link to the Portuguese-speaking countries, hoping that this connection can also promote exchange in the field of traditional Chinese medicine.

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Portugal victory celebrations extend to Macau

PORTUGUESE nationals and fans of the country's football team celebrated Portugal's victory against France in the UEFA Euro Championship yesterday morning in Macau at the Portuguese Institute of the Orient (IPOR).

The attendees, who started watching the game at 3 a.m. and may have been celebrating into the mid-morning, cheered on the national team as it edged its way – against the odds – to victory (more on Sports section).

According to reports of the evening, the small crowd went crazy as Eder scored the only goal of the match to break the sporting deadlock. The national anthem was sung at the final whistle.

Lemos, a Portuguese legal advisor who moved to Macau more than three years ago, told Time magazine that Macau is a good place to celebrate the victory,



Portugal fans celebrate after winning the Euro 2016 final football match against France in Paris

and that he doesn't feel he is missing out being so far from home.

The victory over host nation France in one of the biggest sporting events in the world is even more exciting for a team that has never won a major football tournament, and that struggled during earlier matches in the group stages.

"Portugal has waited a long time for this," João

Nonis, a 20-year-old, Lisbon native told Time Magazine. "This is something really special," he says. "I can't believe it."

All of the Euro matches featuring the Portuguese national team were aired at the Café Oriente at IPOR, including the historic final yesterday. The events were staged as part of a new program presented earlier this year, titled "June-Month of

Portugal."

A similar showing was held at The Roadhouse Macau, which was open through the early hours of the morning.

Portuguese communities, including in East Timor, Brazil and Angola, held similar celebrations yesterday. While last night (Macau time), the Portuguese national team arrived back in Lisbon to greet wild crowds. **DB**

New tunnels linking Macau and Taipa assessed

According to a notice published in the Official Gazette, a transport and infrastructure firm will study the feasibility for the construction of two tunnels linking Macau and Taipa. CCCC Highways Consultants Co., a subsidiary of state-owned transportation infrastructure group, China Communications Construction Company, will consider the potential for the two tunnels to be constructed alongside the existing Nobre de Carvalho Bridge. An order from the Chief Executive has officially authorized the conclusion of the contract with the company, amounting to MOP7.22 million. It will be paid by 2020 according to the Official Gazette.

Macanese Communities Meeting to be held in November

The chairman of the Council of the Macanese Communities, Leonel Alves, attended a meeting with the Chief Executive (CE), during which he invited Chui Sai On to be an Honorary Member of the Council. Alves was received by the CE in a meeting also attended by José Luís Sales Marques, president of the Organizing Committee of the 2016 Annual Macanese Communities Meeting. The event takes place every three years in the territory. On the occasion Chui Sai On stressed the importance of the meeting for Macanese communities, saying, "Macau is the home of all Macanese." In his turn, Alves stated that this year's edition of the event will take place in late November. Marques added that about 800 people have already enrolled to participate in the meeting, but believes that this number will further increase as the event date gets closer.

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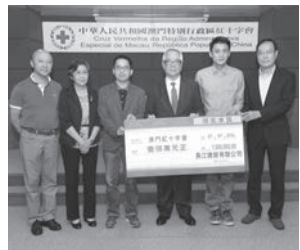
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Over 2,000 family relief packages sent to south China



The Macau Red Cross is sending more than 2,000 family relief packages to regions affected by consistent heavy rains in the south of mainland China,

as announced in a statement released by the association. The packages will be distributed in seven cities in Hubei, helping an estimated 7,000 victims. The association praised the Cheong Kong Construction Limited Company for its donation of MOP100 million to Macau Red Cross. The money will be used for providing aid to regions who have been impacted by the natural disaster. Until now, rains in southern China have affected more than 2.7 million people, causing 140 deaths and resulting in a further 41 people missing.

St Lawrence Market Car Park to update fees

The St Lawrence Market Car Park will update its parking fees from September 1, as revealed in a statement by the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) yesterday. The measure aims to increase the turnover rate of the vehicles parked in the venue, especially during "peak hours," as a way of easing user access to the facilities. In addition to the increase in parking fees, the IACM also proposed the introduction of a new system with different sets daytime and overnight parking fees, similar to the systems of other public car parks around the territory.

CRIME

Dispute over taxi trip refusal leads to assault on police officers

Renato Marques

A dispute over the refusal of a taxi driver to accept the custom of a passenger has led to an accusation of assault against the physical integrity of two police officers that attended a call to help resolve the dispute, according to information released during a press conference yesterday afternoon at the Judiciary Police headquarters.

The incident occurred at midnight on July 9 when the police received a call to intervene in a dispute involving a client and a taxi driver in the Rua do Visconde de Paço de Arcos in the Inner Harbor area.

The dispute started when the taxi driver refused to transport a passenger to the requested destination after he noticed that the passenger was clearly under the influence of alcohol. The police arrived, and after



reconciling the two parties – leading to the taxi driver's departure – the would-be passenger unexpectedly lay down in the middle of the road and knocked his own head on the asphalt.

The police officers requested help from the Fire Department and an ambulance in their attempt to move the person to the sidewalk. The man in question resisted the effort of the officers and reacted in an aggressive manner. His action resulted in the injuries of at least one of the legs of one of the of-

ficers and the chest of the other.

While attempting to escort the man to the police sta-

tion, the detainee reportedly continued to show aggressiveness, directing insulting and inappropriate language at the officers. He later denied such behavior when questioned at the police station.

Both police officers sustained minor injuries that were treated at the Public Hospital. The detainee was transferred to the Public Prosecutions Officer (MP) where he has been accused of aggravated offences against physical integrity.

'TREE DESTROYER' ON THE LOOSE AT SEAC PAI VAN

AN UNKNOWN individual has reportedly destroyed trees and bushes in the surrounding areas of the public housing complex of Seac Pai Van in Coloane, the Judiciary Police (PJ) revealed. The occurrence was reported to the PJ by a staff member of the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau, who

discovered the scene on July 8, at around 10 am. According to the information from the PJ a total of four trees and 180 bushes were damaged in the area, plants that according to IACM have a value of around MOP49,000. The case is still under investigation by the police force.

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ARCHITECTURE

Zaha Hadid leaves indelible mark on Macau's skyline

THE late, great architect Zaha Hadid, also known as the “Queen of the Curve”, will soon posthumously change Macau's architectural landscape. With the construction of the fifth hotel tower at the City of Dreams (COD), a six-year venture set to be completed in 2018, the region's skyline forever will be graced by the work of one of the most revolutionary modern-day architects and leaders of our era.

Hadid passed away on 31st March 2016, at the age of 65, leaving behind an indelible imprint upon the world of architecture. “She has added an enormous amount of language to architecture. She's defined shapes that we never thought we could do; we never thought any architect could do,” said Sir Peter Cook, the English architect, lecturer, and writer.

The Iraqi-British mathematics graduate moved to London from Beirut in 1972 to study at the Architectural Association in London. In 1980, she established her London-based practice Zaha Hadid Architects (ZHA) with a staff of only ten. Today, her practice — now over 400 strong — has worked on over 950 projects in 44 countries.

Hadid's achievements are vast and groundbreaking. In 2004, she was awarded the Pritzker Architecture Prize, making her the first woman to receive one of the world's most prestigious architecture awards. She won consecutive Stirling Prizes in 2010 and 2011, and in 2015 she received the Royal Gold Medal, bestowed by the Royal Institute of British Architects in recognition of her substantial contribution to international architecture. She was the first



Artistic rendition of COD's fifth hotel tower



Zaha Hadid

woman to receive such an honor. In 2012 she was made a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire.

Hadid has garnered an international reputation for her geometrically-liberated and innovative masterpieces, one of which will soon join the ranks of Macau's high-profile architectural projects, which include the Macao Science Center designed by Pei Partnership Architects in association with I. M. Pei, Rocco Yim's Galaxy Starworld Hotel, MGM Macau designed by

Wong Tung & Partners, and Manuel Vicente's World Trade Center.

In 2012, Lawrence Ho, Chairman and CEO of Melco Crown Entertainment, contacted ZHA to design COD's jewel tower: an integrated entertainment resort. “[I have been] long impressed by the late legendary architect Dame Zaha Hadid's unique insight on modern architecture and her aspirations in architectural design. The management team is singularly honored to have [her design] the fifth

tower of the City of Dreams,” says Ho, a prominent developer, owner, and operator of casino gaming and entertainment resort facilities in Asia.

“Ho was very clear in his direction and ambition for the project. The new hotel is expected to further strengthen the brand's identity and Melco's leadership in the premium market segment,” asserts Jaya Jesudason, Melco's Executive Vice President of Construction and Design.

The fifth hotel tower, the company's flagship property in Cotai, is designed as a singular sculptural element: mysterious and intriguing, its composition defies traditional architectural typologies. A series of voids is carved into a single entity to create a complex form reminiscent of an abstract figure 8 or double loop. The rectangular outline of the building is fashioned as one monolithic block with the voids sculpting a fluid continuum of walls and ceilings. The exposed exoskeleton mesh structure punctuates this archetype of neo-futurism.

Spanning 39 levels, the tower's lower three levels are connected directly to the surrounding COD podium and will host public functions and house a casino floor. The entrance of the hotel ushers guests directly into the atrium, a 35-metre-high space rising into the voids above. This new tower will house approximately 780 guestrooms, suites, and

villas with the capacity to cater events of 800.

“The initial design for the fifth hotel was mainly responding to two sets of constraints: a limited footprint and client requests for a higher quantity of varied programming. ZHA has taken on the challenge of designing an innovative building structure: multiple vistas, vertical atria, a stringent response between design and structure are key elements of Zaha Hadid Architects' repertoire,” explains Viviana Muscettola, Senior Associate at ZHA and COD hotel tower project director.

With Macau's abundant culture and diversity, Ho claims that he has always wanted to build something unique in and for the territory and is thrilled that Hadid and her team could realise this vision. Ho believes that “the new hotel is expected to greatly contribute to local tourism development through its enhanced cultural and visual landscape.”

Muscettola echoes Ho's hopes: “The new hotel will become a strong presence and statement within the COD site as well as an urban reference for the Cotai Strip, an area which has seen interest from a series of new developments and for which the new hotel will become a new iconic identity.”

The architectural designs of COD's fifth hotel tower are already complete and the building is well under construction. *MDT/Macauhub

Asia's contemporary heritage

FOR years, Hadid was one of the main architects shaping China's landmarks and cityscapes. In an April 2014 interview with the South China Morning Post, she asserted, “China became the land of opportunity; I think they are not scared of experimentation. People were always misunderstanding that and always imposing certain ideas on China. But it's an incredible thing: I think it will go down in history as an amazing moment, the same way they built America.”

One of her most famous projects is the Guangzhou Opera House completed in 2010 and costing approximately USD200 million. The opera house's main auditorium holds 1,804 seats with the smaller 443-seat multifunction hall designed for more intimate performance art, opera, and concerts.

Another work, the Galaxy SOHO building in Beijing completed in 2012, is the biggest shopping mall in Beijing. Despite being a commercial landmark, it is also one of the country's most controversial structures, with critics claiming that the mall has contributed to the destruction of China's architectural heritage.

As with many of history's pioneers and visionaries, Hadid is a complicated heroine. Her politics and projects may not agree with everyone, but her achievements are undisputed and she has left behind a legacy that will inspire generations to come.

The Jockey Club Innovation Tower, a Hong Kong Polytechnic University building completed in 2014, is Hadid's first permanent work in Hong Kong. The structure's design promotes a multidisciplinary environment by connecting the various programs within the School of Design, where students, staff, and visitors integrate seamlessly throughout 15 levels of studios, workshops, labs, exhibition, and event spaces.

Dongdaemun Design Plaza (DDP) in Seoul, South Korea, a major urban development landmark completed in 2014, cost US\$450 million — nearly 3 percent of the city's annual budget. Designed as a cultural hub, it is renowned for its 24-hour shopping and cafes and serves as the newest and most iconic landmark of South Korea's design industry.

A second business matching session was held yesterday at the Ballroom of Wynn Macau. The "2016 Second Quarter Wynn Local SME Procurement Partnership Program – Business Matching Session in Facilities Category" attracted nearly 90 local merchants to attend the event.

The company presented an overview of its basic operations, as well as procurement procedures and requirements, to the attending SMEs. The company also met with local companies in a follow-up discussion. Three city banks - Bank of China Macau Branch, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Macau, and Banco Nacional Ultramarino - also attended the meeting in order to provide local SMEs with any needed business information.

A further highlight of the

90 merchants attend Wynn business matching session

day was the "Procurement Platform Mobile App Design Competition" award presentation ceremony. The competition was co-hosted by Wynn Macau and by the Macao Chamber of Commerce (MCC). The panel was composed of representatives of the aforementioned organizations, as well as of representatives from other governmental departments and associations.

According to Wynn Macau, the mobile app will enable local SMEs to access opportunities presented by larger corporations, and to foster the growth of the local te-



chnology industry. Wynn informed that the platform will be open to the public, free of charge, "in

a collaborative effort to promote mutually beneficial development."

Currently, the gaming

operator plans to provide a total of 36 categories of procurement items, and expects to organize quarterly business matching sessions. According to Wynn Macau, "the development of local enterprises is crucial in promoting the diversification of Macau's economy."

Chui Yuk Lum António, vice-president of the board of directors of MCC, informed that the participants of the program praised the offer of these opportunities made by large companies to SMEs. "The SMEs have confidence and hopes in the large gaming companies," said Chui. In addition,

Chui also applauded the local government for its "hard work" in helping small companies to grow. "The government hopes large companies can help small companies to develop themselves," he noted, adding that through the program, SMEs can improve the quality of their products in order to meet the requirements of large companies.

Yesterday's business matching session was supported by several governmental departments, including the Secretariat for Economy and Finance, and the Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute.

Wynn Macau issued a press release noting that this year's opening of the Wynn Palace, in the Cotai area, will bring more business opportunities to local enterprises, thus further developing the local supply chain. **Staff reporter**

Exhibition features over 2,000 handicrafts by inmates

BREAD, clothing, carpentry products and other handicrafts, all made by inmates of Macau's prisons, have been on display at the Macau Forum over the weekend.

Co-organized by the Correctional Services Bureau (DSC) and by the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM), the Inmates' Handicraft Exhibition 2016 featured more than 300 varieties of handicrafts, with over 2,000 works across all categories.

According to the DSC, proceeds from the exhibition will go toward a correctional fund for prisoners' training and education.

Image and video slideshows were also presented, describing the purposes and activities



of the DSC, the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ) and the Social Welfare Bureau (IAS) in assisting the inmates

with social reintegration.

Another exhibition featuring drawings by local middle school students was held at the same time. The students visited Macau prisons during January and April. Inspired by their experiences, the artworks depict Easter eggs, symbolizing the beginning of a new life for prisoners.

The DSC has been organizing this exhibition for over a decade, either once or twice every year. All handicrafts and food are made by inmates who participated in the DSC's handicrafts program.

Until May 31, there were 1,316 inmates in the Coloane Prison, comprising 1,108 males and 208 females. A total of 293 inmates received professional training in prison. The programs aim to impart life skills such as cooking, mending clothing, construction and cleaning. **Staff reporter**

HEALTH

Gov't says region has enough vaccines for residents

THE Health Bureau (SSM) said Macau will not provide vaccines to non-residents, with the exception of a small group of children who have established their residence in the territory.

SSM's statement last week comes after several mainland reports suggested that Guangdong is struggling with a shortage of several types of vaccines, including those for measles and polio.

SSM is responsible for purchasing vaccines under Macau's immunization vaccine program. However, the bureau stated that it would only assign approved vaccines to MSAR citizens, in keeping

with regulations established years ago.

The bureau added that tourists can obtain vaccines in urgent circumstances, such as in cases of injury where the tetanus vaccine is needed. In these scenarios, all medical expenses should be covered by the patients.

SSM also said that local medical centers, including Kiang Wu Hospital, have been conducting collective vaccinations in local schools and institutions over the years.

The department emphasized that it has enough vaccines in Macau and that citizens should not be concerned.

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AirAsia to expand in China, seeks HK listing

AIRASIA has sought to be listed on Hong Kong's stock exchange market, following a move towards establishing a joint venture in China to help create traffic from rapidly growing secondary and tertiary cities.

The expansion comes in light of China heading to overtake the Western aircraft market despite the recent slackening growth of its economy, said sources to Reuters on the eve of Britain's Farnborough Airshow.

The Malaysian low-cost airline, which already has an hub in Macau (linking the MSAR with several Southeast Asian cities), is currently searching for extra aircraft to meet the strong demand in North Asia and other regions, aiming to collaborate with the backing of a Chinese state-owned enterprise.

AirAsia's co-founder and



chief executive Tony Fernandes said the demand from Chinese travelers has recovered, following an almost six-fold surge in its quarterly revenue in May for the budget-carrier.

Fernandes now plans to use AirAsia's short-haul and long-haul flights to connect passengers from North Asia to

Southeast Asia and Australia.

Meanwhile sources said a Hong Kong listing could help raise the airline's profile and will allow for the raising new capital, also revealing that the company's long term aim is to have a joint venture in either Hong Kong or China.

A Twitter post by Fernandes hinted at the potential dual listing without revealing the location, also implying the possibility of new aircraft.

"Looking at more ancillary [revenues], more capacity and dual listing," he wrote in his post.

China contributes nearly 40 percent of the group's revenues. However, Fernandes believes that there "is still a lot to do in North Asia" as it is a significant long-haul market.

The airline's expansion also contributes to its recovery from the recent turbulence due to low oil prices, and a sharp drop in share price experienced in 2015.

The airline is preparing strategies to meet market demands in Korea and Japan, adding that they are also optimistic about India, as the country has recently eased restrictions on foreign direct investment. **LV**

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CTM LAUNCHED 4G+ 'CITY LINK' SERVICE PLAN



Following the 4G+ "City Link (Macau & HK)" service plan launched in March, CTM has been actively co-operating with the telecom operator in China - CMCC, so as to expand the coverage area of the service plan. CTM announced that 4G+ "City Link" (Macau, HK & China) Service Plan was launched yesterday, providing the frequent cross-border travelers between China, Macau and Hong Kong a more flexible monthly service plan to enjoy free mobile data usage within the three areas.

CTM said in a press release that the launch of the service could further stimulate the exchange of economic and tourism industry between the cities, so as to bring the customers a breakthrough and innovative telecommunications experience.

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Okech Francis and William Davison

TWO Chinese peacekeepers were killed in South Sudan's capital as the deaths of hundreds of people over the weekend raise the specter of the oil-producing African nation's return to all-out civil war.

Heavy fighting continued in Juba yesterday, about four days after a shootout in the city between forces loyal to President Salva Kiir and Vice President Riek Machar, the former rebel leader. The violence comes less than three months since the two sides formed a transitional government to end a conflict in the world's newest nation that has claimed the lives of tens of thousands of people since it began in December 2013.

The transitional administration "is now dead," said Alex de Waal, executive director of the World Peace Foundation at Tufts University in Massachusetts. "The idea of stationing two armies, still hostile, within or on the edges of Juba, and entrusting the security of the city to them, has been shown to be profoundly flawed."

The U.S. government has ordered the evacuation of non-essential personnel from the capital and demanded an immediate end to fighting. U.S. Ambassador to Kenya Bob Godec yesterday said a regional force may need to be deployed to stabilize South Sudan.

An arms embargo and other measures should also be considered to force leaders to rein in their troops, he told reporters in the Kenyan capital, Nairobi.

South Sudan, which marked its fifth anniversary of independence from Sudan on Saturday, has been ruled by the transi-

Peacekeepers killed in South Sudan as civil war looms

tional government since April, after Kiir and Machar agreed to work together to end the civil war. The conflict forced more than 2 million people to flee their homes and cut oil production in the country, which has sub-Saharan Africa's third-biggest crude reserves, by at least a third to as little as 120,000 barrels per day.

The country's crude, pumped by China National Petroleum Corp., Malaysia's Petrolia Nasional Bhd. and India's Oil & Natural Gas Corp., is exported via a pipeline through its northern neighbor. Sudanese officials "don't expect the oil will stop coming," Information Minister Ahmed Bilal Osman said by phone from that nation's capital, Khartoum.

President Umar al-Bashir's office contacted both Kiir and Machar on Sunday, although their inability to give assurances about the situation suggest "it might be out of their hands," Osman said, without giving further details.

Forces loyal to Kiir and Machar clashed in Juba on the night of July 7, leaving at least five people dead. The following day, fighting at the presidential compound killed at least 115 people, a spokesman for Machar's fighters, William Gatjath Deng, said by phone.

On Sunday, heavy gunfire erupted in the west of the city, while government helicopters were seen attacking opposition

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People walk with their belongings in the capital, Juba

bases. Machar's troops were still under attack yesterday, and the "situation is deteriorating," Deng said.

State-run China Central Television reported the deaths of the two Chinese troops serving with the United Nations peacekeeping mission via its Twitter account.

Heavy clashes continued yesterday near the UN's two bases in Juba, the mission's acting

spokeswoman, Shantal Persaud, said by phone. Both compounds were hit on Sunday, she said.

The UN Security Council urged an immediate end to the fighting, while Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said he was "shocked and appalled" by the bloodshed.

"This senseless violence is unacceptable and has the potential of reversing the progress

made so far in the peace process," he said in a statement.

The UN Refugee Agency said Monday that neighboring Uganda has closed its border with South Sudan, citing refugees near the crossing. Ugandan army spokesman Paddy Ankunda rejected speculation the country will deploy troops to South Sudan, as it did in support of Kiir in late 2013.

Bloomberg

Survey: Indian firms best, China worst on transparency

Kelvin Chan, Hong Kong

INDIA has the most transparent companies while Chinese firms are the most opaque, according to a global watchdog's survey released yesterday that assesses the efforts of companies in emerging markets to fight corruption.

Transparency International said the report's findings were "pathetic" and highlighted the urgent need for big multinational companies to do more to fight corruption.

The report covered 100 companies in 15 emerging-market countries that also included Brazil, Mexico and Russia. The overall score slipped since the last Transparency International Corporate Reporting survey in 2013, falling a fraction



In this March 25, 2010 file photo, commuters go past hoardings of Bharti Airtel on a street in Ahmedabad, India

to 3.4 out of 10, with three quarters of companies scoring less than half.

The Berlin-based watchdog warned that the failure of a vast majority of companies surveyed

to operate transparently risks creating an environment for corruption to thrive both in their businesses and the countries where they operate.

The weak scores are a

big concern for global corruption fighting efforts, said Susan Cote-Freeman, Transparency's head of business integrity. "All these companies including the Chinese ones are expanding in other geographies and they really have to raise the bar on their anticorruption and disclosure practices if we're going to have a level playing field and if we're going to really tackle this problem of corruption."

Companies were scored on three measures: anticorruption programs, the amount of information disclosed about subsidiaries, joint ventures and other holdings, and financial data released for operations in each country where it has business.

Thirty-seven Chinese

companies were evaluated, making them the survey's biggest group, but they had the weakest overall performance. The three companies that scored zero out of 10 were all Chinese: automaker Chery, appliance maker Galanz and auto parts maker Wanxiang Group. The list's bottom 25 spots were also dominated by Chinese companies.

"The very weak Chinese results stem from weak or non-existent anticorruption policies and procedures, or a clear failure to disclose them in line with international practice," Transparency International said in a news release accompanying its report.

Spokespersons for Chery and Wanxiang did not immediately respond to a request for comment

on the report. Galanz representatives could not be reached for comment.

Indian firms, on the other hand, dominated the top spots. Telecom company Bharti Airtel took first place with a score of 7.3 out of 10, followed by six units of conglomerate Tata and technology company Wipro.

One reason Indian companies came out on top is strict government requirements for financial disclosures, including operations in different countries. Another is that older companies such as Tata have been focusing on anticorruption efforts for "quite a long time," said Cote-Freeman.

Only one Chinese company, telecom gear maker ZTE, placed in the top 25. **AP**

Beijing intensifies opposition ahead of South China Sea ruling

Gillian Wong, Jim Gomez

CHINA has intensified the drumbeat of its opposition to an international tribunal's ruling expected today that could threaten its expansive claims in the South China Sea.

How Beijing responds to the ruling in the case filed by U.S. ally the Philippines could chart the course of global power relations in an increasingly dangerous hotspot. It comes as the U.S. has ramped up its military presence in the region and could seek to marshal world opinion to pressure Beijing into complying with the verdict. A new Philippine leader who appears friendlier to Beijing could also influence the aftermath of the ruling.

The Hague-based tribunal will decide on the 2013 case that challenges the so-called nine-dash line that China uses to claim virtually the entire South China Sea and which Manila opposes because it infringes upon its own 200-mile exclusive economic zone. The dispute centers on waters through which an estimated USD5 trillion in global trade passes through each year and are home to rich fishing stocks and a potential wealth of oil, gas and other resources.

The Philippines has also asked the tribunal to rule on whether several disputed areas are outcrops, reefs or islands, a move aimed at clarifying the extent of territorial waters they are entitled to or if they can project exclusive economic zones.

More than merely about the sovereignty over the rocks and reefs or the actual waters, the South China Sea dispute has become a testing ground for a rising China to challenge the U.S.'s leadership in the Asian strategic order, analysts say.

Beijing wants to use this dispute to show how "China's own growing maritime power and its economic significance to the United States and the global economy have reached the point where the United States can no longer afford to stand up to China," said Hugh White, professor of strategic studies at The Australian National University. "That calculation might prove to be wrong."

China has boycotted the case, arguing that the tribunal has no jurisdiction and saying it won't accept the ruling. It has insisted that bilateral talks between Beijing and other claimants is the only way to address the dispute.

Some experts have speculated

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Land reclamation of Mischief Reef in the Spratly Islands in the South China Sea

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that China could respond to an unfavorable ruling by establishing an air defense identification zone over all or part of the South China Sea. There is similar speculation that China might militarize a reef off the Philippine coast, the Scarborough Shoal, where a standoff with China prompted the Philippines to initiate the tribunal case in 2013. Beijing has given no direct indication of a tougher response, saying it remains committed to bilateral negotiations with Manila.

Today's ruling might further pressure China to clarify what exactly it is claiming with its "nine-dash line" boundary.

Findings of the tribunal are binding on the parties, including China. But the court - without police or military forces or a system of sanctions at its

disposal - can't enforce its ruling, so its potential impact remains unclear.

Still, in recent weeks, China has spared no effort to denounce the proceedings as unlawful, publishing state media commentaries and deploying senior military officers, current and former top officials and academics to relentlessly convey Beijing's opposition. Yesterday, the day before the verdict, the overseas edition of the ruling Communist Party's mouthpiece, the People's Daily, urged the Philippines to return to talks with China and the U.S. to stay out of the dispute.

The arbitration outcome, known as an "award," was dismissed by former Chinese state counselor Dai Bingguo, in a conference in Washington, D.C., last week, as "nothing more than a piece of paper."

Beijing has faced mounting calls to observe international law. At a U.S. congressional hearing last week, Abraham Denmark, deputy assistant secretary of defense for East Asia, urged both parties to comply with the ruling. Denmark said it was a chance to determine whether the region's future will be defined by adherence to international laws or by "raw calculations of power."

China might use strong rhetoric but not take aggressive action to avoid having the topic

dominate the agenda at upcoming multilateral forums, said Bonnie Glaser, senior adviser for Asia at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C.

Glaser said Chinese officials she's spoken to say privately they hope the case would not rule entirely in the Philippines' favor so that Beijing can say in internal discussions that Chinese interests have not been "irreparably harmed."

A key factor that could change the equation of the consequences of this ruling is how the Philippines' new President Rodrigo Duterte decides to respond. His predecessor Benigno Aquino III's government filed the case, straining Manila's relations with Beijing, but Duterte has shown readiness to mend frosty ties with China.

While Duterte has made critical remarks against the U.S., he has pointed out the benefits of nurturing friendly relations with Beijing, including a Chinese offer of financing railway projects in the Philippines. Duterte's rise has given China an opening to make inroads in one of America's closest security allies.

Last week, Duterte said his government stood ready to talk to China if it gets a favorable ruling. "When it's favorable to us, let's talk," he said. "We are not prepared to go to war, war is a

dirty word."

It remains to be seen, however, how far Duterte can stray from Manila's critical stance on China's territorial assertiveness, given his country's close ties with the U.S. and growing nationalist sentiment against China's actions.

Jay Batongbacal, an expert on South China Sea issues at the state-run University of the Philippines, said the government should avoid revealing its cards ahead of potential negotiations with Beijing, "otherwise you lose the leverage that you have."

Left-wing activists protested at the Chinese consulate in metropolitan Manila yesterday, urging China to leave what they said were other countries' territories.

"We're calling on our brothers in Southeast Asia that this call for a 'Chexit,' or China exit, now is not only for Filipinos but for all to call on China to respect our territorial integrity," said protest leader Mong Palatino.

Experts say the outcome of the dispute could provide ammunition for other countries involved in disputes with China. Six governments have overlapping territorial claims in the South China Sea - China, Vietnam, the Philippines, Taiwan, Malaysia and Brunei. In addition, China's nine-dash line overlaps waters that are part of Indonesia's internationally recognized exclusive economic zone.

"This is a time for China not to keep pushing forward too aggressively because they could embolden Vietnam and Indonesia to file a case as well," Glaser said.

Regardless, the ruling is unlikely to stop China from continuing to pursue more effective control over the sea space and airspace of the South China Sea, Glaser said.

Over the last few months, the U.S. has held combined exercises by two Navy aircraft carrier strike groups off the coast of the Philippines and freedom of navigation cruises near China's man-made islands to assert its presence in the Western Pacific. Chinese state media have accused Washington of trying to turn the South China Sea "into a powder keg" and warned it not to underestimate China's determination to defend its territorial claims.

Chinese warships, fighter jets and submarines have held live-fire war games as part of what the People's Liberation Army Navy called routine exercises in the week running up to the tribunal's ruling, drills that were seen at least in part responding to the U.S. presence.

"There's a real game of nerves going on here with China perhaps assuming that the U.S. is bluffing and the U.S. hoping that China will actually not test American resolve," Australian National University's White said. **AP**



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ANALYSIS

Japan's vote opens door to constitution change

Mari Yamaguchi, Tokyo

A resounding election victory for Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's ruling bloc has opened the door to a crack for his long-cherished ambition to revise the constitution for the first time since it was enacted in 1947 — a behind-the-scenes agenda that could over time change Japan's future.

Gains in parliamentary elections Sunday mean that Abe's ruling Liberal Democratic Party, with the help of coalition partner Komeito and fringe groups supporting constitutional change, now can cobble together the crucial two-thirds majority in the 242-member upper house needed to propose revision and put it to a referendum.

The LDP and Komeito already have a two-thirds majority in the lower house. Holding a so-called "supermajority" in both houses is rare, and the LDP's long-term goal of constitutional revision has never seemed so realistic.

Once the excitement subsides, however, the road to constitutional revision remains long and difficult. Fundamental change is unlikely in the remaining two years in Abe's premiership, though he may angle for another three-year term. But if Abe sets his sights low, he may be able to win approval for a modest revision that could lay the groundwork for deeper change later.

Abe told a parliamentary session in March that he was hoping to achieve a revision during his term, which expires in September 2018, but he hasn't said specifically what change he would seek. After the election victory, he seems game to test the waters.



Japanese Prime Minister and leader of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, Shinzo Abe, speaks during a press conference in Tokyo, yesterday

"We will move on to a next stage and start discussing which articles should be revised and in what way," Abe said late Sunday, saying he would launch a parliamentary research committee.

As a grandson and admirer of Nobusuke Kishi, a former prime minister who despised the U.S.-drafted constitution, rewriting the charter is an important goal for Abe. For Abe's Liberal Democratic Party, the 1947 charter is the legacy of Japan's war defeat and an imposition of the victors' world order and Western values.

Japan's postwar constitution renounces the use of force in international conflicts, and limits

its military to self-defense only, although Japan has a well-equipped modern army, navy and air force that work closely with the U.S., Japan's top ally.

Abe's government adopted a new interpretation of the war-renouncing Article 9 in 2014 so Japan can take on a bigger military role internationally, and parliament enacted a set of security laws last year to allow Japan to defend also the U.S. and other allies in certain circumstances.

Some Japanese agree with Abe's views on security because of growing fears about terrorism, North Korea's missile and nuclear weapons ambitions and China's military assertiveness,

while others appreciate the charter as a symbol of postwar democracy and take pride in the war-renouncing pledge.

Besides Article 9, the ruling party proposed changes in a 2012 draft revision that would restore pre-war traditions and family values centered on the emperor, and to balance the national interest with the constitution's "basic human rights."

That kind of fundamental revision would be difficult to get through parliament, not to mention win approval in a referendum. The LDP would have to win over Komeito, a Buddhist-backed party not keen on that kind of change, or it would have to find other supporters in

parliament.

Stephen Nagy, a professor of international politics at International Christian University in Tokyo, writes that "despite a two-thirds majority in the upper house, constitutional revision is unlikely," citing public support for the pacifist constitution and divided views on both revision and legislative priorities within the ruling party.

"Lawmakers are interested in prioritizing economic growth and a bolder commitment to structural reform instead of wasting valuable political capital on changing Article 9 of the Constitution," Nagy said in an online article for the Asia and Pacific Policy Society.

The LDP's election success largely reflects the choice of Japanese voters for stability and a lack of opposition alternatives, rather than an endorsement of constitutional change.

Many voters said in exit polls they were unaware of the significance of a two-thirds majority, suggesting their disinterest in the revision issue.

Abe could decide to pursue a less controversial change. Komeito, for example, prefers the addition of privacy and other rights to adapt the charter to societal changes since 1947, rather than revisions to the existing language.

There is also growing speculation that Abe may seek an extension as party leader, though LDP leaders generally step down after two terms to give a chance to others.

"If he can continue another three years, which is until September 2021, then he might be able to accomplish the amendment. On top of that he can welcome the Olympic Games in 2020 as prime minister," said freelance political analyst Takao Toshioka. "Perhaps that's his ambition, even though he doesn't openly talk about it."

Asked about the possibility at a post-election news conference yesterday, Abe didn't comment one way or the other. Ultimately, it would depend on whether he can cement his grip on power within the party, and persuade his colleagues to grant him an unusual third term. **AP**

NORTH Korea said yesterday it will end a diplomatic communication channel with the United States and hinted at harsher punishment for Americans detained in the country in retaliation for U.S. sanctions that target leader Kim Jong Un.

The U.S. government last week imposed penalties on Kim and 10 other top officials for alleged human rights abuses. North Korea is already sanctioned because of

North Korea vows to close diplomat channel with US

its nuclear weapons program, but it was the first time that Kim has been personally sanctioned. The North called the sanctions tantamount to a war declaration.

Yesterday, the North's state media said it told the United States it will terminate contact through a U.N. channel in New York that allowed diplomats to communicate.

The New York channel refers to a method for North Korea's U.N. diplomats to communicate with U.S. diplomats in New York. This is needed because the countries don't have diplomatic ties and their animosities have deepened because of the North's nuclear and missile programs.

The North also said it

informed Washington that it will handle all issues between the two countries according to an unspecified wartime law, including Americans detained in North Korea, according to the state-run Korean Central News Agency.

The North's actions could complicate U.S. efforts to secure the release of at least two American citi-

zens being held for alleged espionage, subversion and other anti-state activities. One is serving a 10-year prison term with hard labor while the other received 15 years.

The North's threat, carried in state media, was typical of past bluster. It came three days after Seoul and Washington said they were close to determining a location

in South Korea for the Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense, or THAAD, system to better deal with North Korean threats.

South Korea's President Park Geun-hye said yesterday she agreed on the U.S. missile deployment because North Korea has openly threatened to launch nuclear and missile attacks on South Korea. **MDT/AP**

INDIA

Kashmir seethes as 25 killed in clashes



Kashmiri Muslim protesters taunt Indian policemen as they clash in Srinagar

INDIAN authorities struggled to contain street protests yesterday by Kashmiris defying patrols and a stringent curfew after at least 25 people died in clashes that followed the killing of a top rebel leader.

Paramilitary troops and police in riot gear patrolled villages and towns in the Himalayan region. Most shops were shuttered, businesses were closed, and cellphone and mobile internet services were suspended in parts of the region. But crowds ignored the clampdown and clashed with government troops in parts of the main city of Srinagar and several other places in the region.

At least two teenagers injured in the clashes died in a hospital yesterday, said a police officer who spoke on condition of anonymity as he was not authorized to speak to reporters.

The protests erupted Saturday, a day after Indian troops killed Burhan Wani, the young leader of Kashmir's largest rebel group, Hizbul Mujahideen, which has been fighting since the 1990s against Indian rule. Wani, in his early 20s, had become the iconic face of Kashmir's militancy, using social media to rally supporters and reach out to other youths like him who had grown up while hundreds of thousands of In-

dian armed forces have been deployed across the region.

Police Inspector-General Syed Javaid Mujtaba Gillani described Wani's killing as the "biggest success against militants" in recent years.

Pakistan's foreign secretary expressed its concerns over the killings of Wani and civilian protesters to Indian authorities yesterday. Foreign Secretary Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry conveyed to Indian High Commissioner Gautam Bambawale that the use of force against peaceful protesters was a human rights violation and that a fair inquiry should be made into the killings, according to the secretary's statement.

At least 24 civilians and one policeman have died from wounds sustained in clashes since Saturday, as law enforcement officers used live ammunition, pellet guns and tear gas to try to break up the protests.

Pakistan and India each administer part of Kashmir but claim the region entirely. In the portion controlled by India, opposition to India is strong. Many in the region of 12 million people resent the deployment of hundreds of thousands of Indian troops and openly voice support for the rebels fighting for independence or a merger with neighboring Pakistan. **MDT/AP**

Three Indonesians kidnapped by suspected Abu Sayyaf militants

SUSPECTED Abu Sayyaf militants kidnapped three Indonesian fishermen over the weekend in the latest in a series of incidents highlighting weak security in the Celebes Sea that borders Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines.

The head of Indonesia's intelligence agency said yesterday that the men were working on a Malaysian fishing boat off Lahad Datu in the Malaysian part of northern Borneo. Sutyoso, who goes by one name, said the kidnappers fled with their hostages into Philippine waters.

"We suspect that the hostages are held by a militant group which is part of the Abu Sayyaf network," he said.

Several crew on the fishing boat escaped and are now in Malaysia.

Indonesian Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi said kidnappings can't be tolerated and urged the Philippines and Malaysia to ensure the safety of their territories.

She said defense ministers from the three countries will

discuss plans to boost security at a meeting today.

Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines agreed in May to carry out coordinated patrols in border waters following the kidnappings of Indonesian tug boat and barge crews by Abu Sayyaf militants based in the southern Philippines. The three governments are concerned that unchecked kidnappings, piracy and other crime could undermine commerce in the region.

The Indonesians, who were held captive in the jungles of Sulu province in the southern Philippines, were later released. The Indonesian government denied it had been involved in paying a ransom.

Including the incident over the weekend, a total of 24 Indonesian have been kidnapped by Abu Sayyaf militants this year.

The Philippines, meanwhile, has stepped up its military offensive against Abu Sayyaf, which earlier this year beheaded two Canadians it had held hostage since September. **AP**

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MICHIGAN is trickier than it may appear for Hillary Clinton, a Democrat whose party's presidential nominees have carried the struggling manufacturing hub for decades.

Bernie Sanders beat her in the state's Democratic primary by railing against the North American Free Trade Agreement. Republican Donald Trump is more popular with Michigan's working-class white voters than past GOP candidates, and has pledged to back out of the treaty that some blame for the loss of countless Rust Belt jobs.

While Clinton's history of supporting free trade may not cost her the state, it is costing campaign staff and money to defend its 16 electoral votes.

"It's an issue that Sanders used to his advantage in the primary and obviously was successful," said Michigan Democratic organizer Amy Chapman, who was Barack Obama's state director in 2008 and a senior adviser in 2012. "Obviously, it's something they need to figure out as they figure out what it takes to win Michigan."

Trump last week blasted the pact signed by President Bill Clinton and predicted that backing out would restore millions of factory jobs.

At stake is the white, working-

US 2016 ELECTION CAMPAIGN

NAFTA a sore spot for some Democrats on Clinton

class vote, which Trump says he can turn out in droves, thereby putting upper Midwestern battlegrounds long carried by Democrats into competition in his quest for the 270 electoral votes needed to win the presidency.

Trump says his appeal to disaffected workers has taken hold, and can put in play Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, states carried by Democratic presidential candidates since the 1980s.

Hillary Clinton supports renegotiating NAFTA, signed in 1992 and in effect since 1994, with Canada and Mexico. She also has said she opposes the Trans-Pacific Partnership, an ambitious agreement with Asian nations.

But she also has demonstrated that Trump's argument is worth her time to rebut. Last week, Clinton criticized Trump's business practices and sought the help of U.S. Rep. Brenda Lawrence, D-Mich., to argue that Trump's practice as a real estate mogul contradicts his talk.



Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton speaks in Washington

"What happened in the Trump Casino in Atlantic City was the fact that he did not honor contracts," Lawrence told Michigan reporters after Clinton spoke in Atlantic City, New Jersey. "He did not pay for services."

Trump's trade position, a sharp

departure from Republican orthodoxy, has the appearance of moving to Clinton's left on trade, and sounds an alarm for her to address the treaty in Michigan, say Democratic activists in the state.

"She has to admit that NAFTA

hurt people here tremendously," said Ed Bruley, Democratic chairman in Macomb County, a largely white, working-class suburban area stretching northeast from Detroit.

Clinton can still carry Michigan, he added. "But she needs to really emote with people here and recognize that there is a problem."

Less than 20 miles away, the Mexican and Canadian flags fly alongside the stars and stripes outside General Motors' Technical Center in Warren.

Michigan has lost a net of more than 500,000 manufacturing jobs since 2000, according to federal labor statistics, a dive that steepened during the recession that afflicted the rest of the nation in 2008.

In the chase for 270 electoral votes, Trump can afford to lose Florida's 29 electoral votes, if he can make up for it by winning, say Michigan's 16 and Ohio's 18, or Wisconsin's 10 and Pennsylvania's 20. **MDT/AP**

Rights group says Saudi-led coalition damaged Yemen economy

Ahmed Al-Haj, Sanaa

THE Saudi-led coalition targeting Yemen's Shiite rebels has caused extensive damage to the impoverished Arabian Peninsula country's economic infrastructure in the year-long air campaign, an international rights group said yesterday.

Human Rights Watch said the coalition airstrikes have hit factories, warehouses, and power stations. In a new report, HRW documented airstrikes on 13 key facilities in Yemen since the beginning of the Saudi-led campaign in March 2015, until February.

The New York-based watchdog said those airstrikes killed a total of 30 civilians and left hundreds of Yemenis unemployed. The facilities that were hit had produced, stored, and distributed food, medicine, and electricity.

HRW said that "taken together, the attacks on factories and other civilian economic structures raise serious concerns that the Saudi-led coalition has deliberately sought to inflict



Shiite rebels hold their weapons as they chant slogans during a rally to mark Al-Quds (Jerusalem) day in Sanaa, earlier this month

widespread damage to Yemen's production capacity."

Yemen is in the grip of a civil war pitting government forces backed by the Saudi-led coalition against the country's Shiite rebels known as Houthis and army units loyal to a former president. The conflict has killed an estimated 9,000 people and pushed the Arab world's poorest country to the brink of famine. It created

deep political and security vacuum that enabled Yemen's al-Qaida branch, Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, and an upstart Islamic State affiliate to seize large swaths of land and carry out large-scale attacks.

U.N.-mediated peace talks hosted by Kuwait between Yemen's warring sides almost collapsed last month after weeks of failed negotiations while a cease-fire declared by the

United Nations since April 10 remains shaky, with both sides reporting numerous breaches.

Saudi Arabia, which perceives Yemen to the south as its backyard, accuses the Houthis of acting as Iranian proxy. The rebels accuse the Saudis of using Yemen as a stage for settling its scores with the Shiite power Iran, Saudi Arabia's rival.

Brig. Gen. Ahmed al-Asiri, the coalition spokesman, has claimed international rights groups and U.N. agencies are issuing misleading reports and depending on the Houthis as the primary source of information. Al-Asiri could not immediately be reached for a comment on the HRW report.

HRW said its report was based on interviews with 37 witnesses in the Yemeni capital, Sanaa, and the city of Hodeida, as well as studies of remnants of munitions found on the site of the bombed facilities. It also said that in at least six of the sites, munitions were produced or supplied by the United States and Great Britain. **AP**

SPAIN

Hundreds attend funeral of gored bullfighter

HUNDREDS of people joined family, friends and members of Spain's bullfighting world for a funeral Mass yesterday for bullfighter Victor Barrio who was fatally gored in a bullring this past weekend.

People applauded and shouted "torero, torero" as the coffin was carried from a hearse to a packed San Bartolome church in the central town of Sepulveda where Barrio lived.

The 29-year-old matador died after being gored in the thigh and chest in the central city of Teruel on Saturday. The goring was broadcast live on television and news of his death stirred widespread reaction across Spain. King Felipe VI and acting Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy expressed condolences.

Medics were at Barrio's side almost immediately but he died later in the bullring's infirmary.

He was the first professional matador to die during a bullfight in Spain since 21-year-old Frenchman Jose Cubero Yiyo was fatally gored in 1985 in Madrid.

His wife, Raquel Sanz, was at the ring when the goring happened.

In messages on her official Twitter account Sunday, Sanz thanked those who had expressed condolences and said, "My life has gone, I have no strength."

Prominent members of the bullfighting world were among those attending the Mass.

"Today you can see it, everybody is here, all the bullfighting world — to put our arms around a destroyed family, and to acknowledge the valor, the commitment and all the values that Victor Barrio had as a person and as a bullfighter," matador Enrique Ponce told reporters.

Fellow bullfighter and a friend of Barrio's, Esau Fernandez, said, "The words don't come out. He was a good friend, he was a colleague, we grew up together."

Festivities in Teruel were immediately suspended following Barrio's death. **AP**

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Offbeat

SPAIN CALLS IN UK AMBASSADOR
TO PROTEST GIBRALTAR INCIDENT



People relax on a beach next to a separation fence between Gibraltar, in the background, and Spain in La Linea de la Concepcion

Spain's Foreign Ministry has called in the British ambassador to protest what it described as reckless behavior by a Gibraltar police boat patrol toward a Spanish police vessel.

In a statement, the ministry said yesterday it had lodged a serious complaint with Ambassador Simon Manley, saying Gibraltar police had approached a Spanish police vessel twice at great speed Friday and only diverted its direction and avoided a collision at the last moment.

It said the action, which occurred in waters between Gibraltar and Spain, had placed both crews at risk.

Spain ceded Gibraltar's sovereignty to Britain in a 1713 treaty, but has persistently sought its return ever since. Diplomatic friction between Britain and Gibraltar and Spain isn't totally unusual.

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Duration: 120min

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this day in history



1990 YELTSIN RESIGNATION
SPLITS SOVIET COMMUNISTS

The populist politician and president of the Russian parliament, Boris Yeltsin, has resigned from the Soviet Communist Party.

The resignation has also led to a declaration from the small but influential radical reform group Democratic Platform that they would also break away.

The split leaves Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev with a party in tatters. It was thought that Mr Gorbachev had appeased the reformers by ensuring the defeat of hardline conservative Yegor Ligachev in the race for the deputy leadership yesterday. His favored candidate, the pro-reform Vladimir Ivashko, was elected instead.

But it was not enough. Within hours of another vote to approve new party rules which still restrict factions operating within it, Mr Yeltsin stood up to address a hushed auditorium.

“In view of my great responsibility towards the people of Russia and in connection with the move towards a multi-party system I cannot fulfil only the instructions of the party,” he said.

“As the highest elected figure in the republic, I have to bow to the will of all the people.” He then turned and left the chamber without another word. Some delegates shouted “Shame”, while a few clapped.

Mr Gorbachev, clearly expecting the move, was heard to say, “That ends the process logically,” before instructing delegates to withdraw Mr Yeltsin’s congress mandate.

The departure of a group of Democratic Platform delegates less than an hour later confirmed the split - the first since the Bolshevik-Menshevik divide which put Lenin in power in 1903.

Among those leaving are the popular new mayor of Leningrad, Anatoly Sobchak, and the mayor of Moscow, Gavriil Popov.

Mr Yeltsin has been a figurehead for radical reform of the party system for the last 18 months, and has been a trenchant critic of President Gorbachev for not going far enough with party reforms.

Despite that, he has remained at the center of the Communist Party structure. His name was put forward for inclusion in the new Central Committee to be chosen this evening.

His real strength lies in his popular support among ordinary Russian people. In an opinion poll carried out by the Moscow News newspaper earlier this month he scored an 84% popularity rating, making him by far the most trusted figure on the Soviet political scene.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Days later, tens of thousands of demonstrators gathered beside the walls of the Kremlin to voice their opposition to the Soviet Communist Party.

In August 1991, the rivalry between reformist and conservative elements of the congress erupted in an attempted coup against Mikhail Gorbachev.

Boris Yeltsin became a national hero after he mounted a tank to rally the people against the coup.

After the formal collapse of the Soviet Union later in 1991, Boris Yeltsin, who was already president of Russia, found himself at the head of a world superpower.

His presidency was marked by rapid economic and political reform. He took on the remnants of Soviet conservatism again in 1993, in an armed clash in which the Parliament building was shelled and 100 people died.

He went on to win the first post-Soviet presidential election in 1996, despite plummeting popularity ratings.

In the same year, he underwent major heart surgery, and there were serious concerns about the state of his health.

Amid growing criticism of his erratic behavior, including several embarrassing gaffes on the international stage, Yeltsin stood down from the presidency on 1 January 2000.

His chosen successor, Vladimir Putin, won the next election a few months later.

YOUR STARS

Aries

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Your softer side is out in the open today, and you should find that your people are making life easier on you as a result. It's a great time to push for deeper relationships or just to hang out with family.

Gemini

May 21-Jun. 21

Your finances are more or less in order — but they could always be tightened! Now is a great time to do just that, as your forward thinking meets your eye for detail in a confluence of smart decisions.

Leo

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

You feel a sense of self-control that should help quite a bit with any stressful social situations you've been avoiding. Dive into them now and you should emerge more or less unscathed.

Libra

Sep.23-Oct. 22

Things aren't quite going your way today — in fact, you should expect one interruption after another almost all day long! That can be okay, as long as you are willing to lose focus.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

You and a friend or coworker may be at odds over something that seems petty or silly to outsiders. It's real, though — so stand your ground! It may not get resolved today, though.

Aquarius

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Your emotional side is dominant today, so make sure that you're paying close attention to matters of the heart. It's a really good time for you to mend fences with family members or estranged friends.

Taurus

April 20-May 20

You are much more open today — both your heart and your mouth! Try to communicate with the most important people in your life about the things that really matter, or this energy could go to waste.

Cancer

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Your energy is off the charts today — so do something terrific with it! You should find that you've got more time on your hands than usual, and that hard tasks seem much, much simpler.

Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Try not to let others interfere with your plans — in fact, you may need to pull rank by the end of the day. Things are good, but your energy and organizational skills can make them so much better.

Scorpio

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Now is the time to get your way, even if you're not quite sure what you want or need. Things are sure to improve in some way as long as you push yourself to go for what you really want once you find it.

Capricorn

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

You can plainly see what's going on today — so make sure that you're dealing with the issues that need your attention. It's a good day for you to be practical and show others how to do the same.

Pisces

Feb.19-Mar. 20

Your sweet, romantic side is dominant today. Show your sweetie what they mean to you or ask out that cutie you've been crushing on for weeks or longer. Your energy means you can't fail!

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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Cristiano Ronaldo (center right) embraces France's Patrice Evra at the end of the Euro 2016 final

ANALYSIS

Euro 2016 final again proves football's cruelty

John Leicester, Saint-Denis

FOOTBALL is a cruel game. Sometimes even for its winners.

Cruel because Cristiano Ronaldo had to watch the victory of his life — at least one of them — from the sidelines.

Portugal's name, for the first time, is now engraved on a major trophy. But one of the enduring memories of the European Championship final will be that Ronaldo played too small a part in the 1-0 win against France for him to deserve being anointed as world player of the year for a fourth time. Truth is, Portugal played better without him.

And cruel because France lost in the very stadium that suicide bombers attacked last November. After that horror there was a solid argument to be made that the French would have been more endearing winners, that a pick-me-up trophy could have helped speed their recovery from the trauma.

And also cruel because in six games before they lost their scoring touch in the all-important seventh match, the French on balance played better football at Euro 2016 than Portugal.

Wales, in the semifinals, was the only team the Portuguese beat inside of 90 minutes. Against France, it took them

109 minutes for Eder to burst through Les Bleus' defenses, with a stunning strike.

Let's also not forget that, in Portugal, Europe has a champion that didn't win any of its group-stage games and only squeezed into the knockout stages, with just three points, thanks to the more forgiving format adopted for this expanded first tournament with 24 teams. Critics who feel that the new system's addition of eight teams has come at the expense of footballing quality will doubtless argue that Portugal's victory proves them right.

But, as the French themselves say, "c'est la vie" — or, as English speakers would say, "that's football." Because football's stubborn refusal to follow the script is what makes it so compelling, this final again offering strong evidence of that.

Who, after all, would have penned only a cameo role for Ronaldo, now the proud owner of one type of winner's medal that Lionel Messi doesn't have, in Portugal's Hollywood moment?

As at Euro 2004, we again saw Ronaldo cry — this time after his left knee buckled in a scrap for the ball in the 9th minute with Dimitri Payet. Normally, the French winger tends not to bother himself with the grunt work of tackling and defending.

But Payet and his teammates were combative, even borderline aggressive, in the opening half where they quickly swarmed over Portugal's defenses. France, a team that used to be bullied, most infamously in losing a 1982 World Cup semifinal to Germany, was the more physical side.

To be fair to Payet, the injury to Ronaldo wasn't malicious, but rather just one of those things that can happen when one man clatters into another at an awkward angle. Portugal's captain tried soldiering on. When he sat down on the field, distraught, in need of treatment, a moth settled on his right eye, as if coming to dry his tears. With the knee strapped up, a sprint up field that finished in a hobble made it clear that Ronaldo couldn't continue. Referee Mark Clattenburg called on the stretcher bearers and that was it. Ronaldo's final was over, after just 25 minutes.

Liberated of their attention-grabbing superstar, no longer at the beck and call of his demands to give him the ball, his teammates played better, sharing the workload, getting into France's box in numbers and giving French goalkeeper Hugo Lloris more to think about.

For the French, this will be remembered as another final

they should have won, like the 2006 World Cup final unhinged when Zinedine Zidane head-butted Marco Materazzi. Euro 2016 top scorer Antoine Griezmann twice came close to winning it. And Andre-Pierre Gignac saw what would have been a certain match-winner rebound off the post in injury time before the game went to extra time.

But, with time, the if and buts will perhaps matter less than the fact that reaching this final was proof that France is now out of the long trough that followed its 2006 World Cup loss to Italy, with the nadir being a strike by French players at the 2010 World Cup in South Africa.

Going forward, France again has a team it can be proud of. All but one of its starting 11 against Portugal either play abroad or, in the case of Barcelona-bound Samuel Umtiti, are on their way overseas. The French domestic league's bleeding of players to foreign shores proved to be Les Bleus' gain at Euro 2016. Their street-wise football and their handling of the heavy weight of host-nation expectations owed no small debt to the experience and expanded world view players have picked up on their travels. Eder, Portugal's match-winner, also plays overseas, for Lille in France.

From France, football will now look, with some trepidation, eastward to Russia, host of the sport's next major tournament, the 2018 World Cup. Then will come Euro 2020, which will be spread confetti-like across 12 host countries, followed by the 2022 World Cup in Qatar. **AP**

France can still claim security victory

FRANCE has lost the Euro 2016 soccer championship but can claim victory on another front — making it safely through the month-long tournament that drew fans from all over Europe while in a state of emergency and on high alert for Islamic extremist attacks.

The Eiffel Tower was closed yesterday, the company that runs it said, following clashes before and during the final.

Police used tear gas and water cannons before the final in clashes with groups of people upset that the nearby fan zone was full and closed. Trash cans and scooters were set alight, and doused out by firefighters, police said yesterday.

About 40 arrests were made in the area and around the Stade de France where the last game was played, the police added.

Keeping France safe was a task involving tens of thousands of security forces in 10 cities. For the final alone, there were 1,900 police in the fan zone near the Eiffel Tower.

Thousands more were deployed on the famed Champs-Elysees, used for victory parades, and at the Stade de France, one of the venues hit in November's Paris attacks that killed 130.

While fears mounted before the June 10-July 10 started about the potential for more extremist attacks, French police quickly found themselves dealing with another problem: hooliganism.

Matches early on in the tournament, most notably the 1-1 draw between England and Russia in Marseille on June 11, were marred by hooligan violence. The clashes in Marseille left dozens of fans and police injured and the cobbled streets of the Old Port strewn with broken glass from smashed beer bottles.

France had mobilized about 90,000 security agents around stadiums, fan zones and streets to keep fans safe. Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve also kept his ministry's crisis room open throughout the tournament to help monitor events and coordinate responses should action be necessary. **MDT/AP**

Rob Harris, Saint-Denis

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Portugal stuns France to lift 1st cup despite Ronaldo injury

PORTUGAL'S players frantically tended to Cristiano Ronaldo's left knee but their tearful captain couldn't withstand the pain any longer.

The Portuguese had to win their first major trophy the hard way, stunning host France in the European Championship final after playing without Ronaldo from the 25th minute through extra time on Sunday [yesterday, 03:00].

Two hours after being carried off injured with the 1-0 victory secured by his battling teammates, the three-time world player of the year returned a champion for the first time with his country.

"I had bad luck because I had a small injury in the beginning of the game, but my colleagues did their part — they run, they fight," said Ronaldo, who has already won every major club honor. "Nobody believed in Portugal but we won".

An unlikely scorer secured the pre-tournament outsiders a title at last.

It could be an uncomfortable few months ahead for Eder, the unheralded striker who will return shortly to French club Lille after breaking French hearts with his 109th-minute goal.

"The ugly duckling became beautiful," Portugal coach Fernando Santos said.

A second-half substitute, Eder scored only his fourth goal in 29 appearances for Portugal with a low shot from 25 meters past goalkeeper Hugo Lloris.

"Cristiano told me I would be scoring the winning goal," Eder said. "He gave me strength and positive energy."

In doing so, Portugal denied the French a third final victory on home soil to add to Euro '84 and the 1998 World Cup.

"Football can be very cruel," said Lloris, France's captain. "The overriding emotion is a lot of sadness."

Twelve years after losing to



Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo kisses the trophy at the end of the Euro 2016 final at the Stade de France in Saint-Denis

Greece on home soil in their last appearance in the final, it was Portugal's turn to spoil the host nation's party. And they achieved it after winning only one of their seven games at Euro 2016 inside 90 minutes, and after losing the inspirational Ronaldo midway through the first half.

"It was tough because we lost our main man and we had all our hopes pinned on him because he's a player who can score a goal at any minute," Portugal defender Pepe said. "When he said he couldn't go on, I tried to tell my teammates that we have to win it for him. That we were going to fight for him."

It was a mostly dull and stodgy final but the record books will only show that Portugal went

from third-place in its group to champion, and with little help from Ronaldo in its last match.

The championship's first 24-team tournament became a reality over the last month, but the quality of football deteriorated. Such a sterile showpiece — the first European Championship final to be scoreless after 90 minutes — seemed a fitting climax.

"We weren't clinical enough," said France coach Didier Deschamps who lifted the World Cup in the stadium as a player in 1998. "We weren't cool-headed enough."

Even France forward Antoine Griezmann, the tournament's leading scorer, couldn't rise to the big occasion. There was no seventh goal of Euro 2016 from

the Atletico Madrid forward, who also lost out in the Champions League final six weeks ago to Ronaldo's Real Madrid.

Griezmann was the first player to find the target, but his header was tipped over by Rui Patricio, who was formidable in the Portugal goal. When an inviting cross from Kingsley Coman was delivered in the 66th, Griezmann missed with a free header.

Only once was Patricio beaten, when Andre-Pierre Gignac's shot hit the inside of the post but it came back out.

Luck was on Portugal's side, and Eder was able to strike the decisive blow.

It didn't seem to be going Portugal's way in the ninth minute when Dimitri Payet's right knee clattered into Ronaldo's stan-

ding left leg.

Ronaldo went down in agony — writhing, grimacing and screaming. He was able to return, but this was one injury he could not run off.

Ronaldo fell to the turf again in the 17th. One of the moths infesting the national stadium fluttered over Ronaldo's tearful right eye. Teammates tried to help in vain to help, with Nani tending to the knee.

Ronaldo watched the game forlornly on the touchline as strapping was attached before dragging himself back onto the field.

But Ronaldo's mobility was restricted. Battling through the pain, regularly reaching down to check on the injury, Ronaldo realized there would be no miracle recovery.

The clock hit 23 minutes and Ronaldo ripped off his captain's armband and tossed it on the turf. Slumping to the ground again, Ronaldo was consoled by Nani, who embraced his former Manchester United teammate as the armband was transferred.

The stretcher came on and in the 25th minute Ronaldo became a spectator. But thanks to Patricio's array of saves and dogged defending, Ronaldo left a champion.

Unlike his great rival Lionel Messi, the Argentina and Barcelona forward, the 31-year-old Ronaldo has now filled the medal void on the major international stage. It's a rapid turnaround for a national team that exited the 2014 World Cup in the group stage.

"It's something unbelievable in my career," Ronaldo said. "Something I deserve." **AP**

Goalkeeper Rui Patricio keeps Portugal on track for title

PORTUGAL may have lost its captain Cristiano Ronaldo through injury, but it found a goalkeeper on outstanding form in the European Championship final.

Rui Patricio made sure France never broke through a defensive line that was the foundation of Portugal's 1-0 victory in extra time on Sunday.

A leaping save to tip away Antoine Griezmann's early header; a diving block to divert Olivier Giroud's powerful second-half shot; and a

stretching parry of Moussa Sissoko's sizzling drive in the 84th minute. Rui Patricio did everything right.

"Rui Patricio is beyond reproach. I should congratulate him," Portugal coach Fernando Santos said through a translator.

The Portugal keeper made seven key saves to repel France's attack. His efforts extended his record of conceding only one goal in seven and a half hours of play since Portugal limped through the group stage with

three draws in third place behind Hungary and Iceland.

At the Stade de France, Rui Patricio's most athletic effort was soaring to reach Griezmann's looping header in the 10th minute, just as Portugal was reeling from the injury to Ronaldo moments earlier.

Griezmann, the six-goal top scorer at Euro 2016, was denied again when he shot low to the keeper's left in the 58th minute.

"He [Griezmann] had chances, but he came up

tonight against a goalkeeper who made some crucial saves," France coach Didier Deschamps said.

Maybe now Rui Patricio will get wider recognition.

Even on his 52th international appearance, and at his fourth major tournament, he is one of the most under-appreciated top goalkeepers in Europe.

He has been a one-club player, spending his entire career with Sporting Lisbon, which only rarely plays in the Champions League.

Sporting will be in the elite 32-team group stage in September — with a European champion between the posts. **MDT/AP**

Thousands welcome home champions

TENS of thousands of people have greeted Portugal on arrival in Lisbon a day after the team won the European Championship for its first major trophy.

Dozens of airport staff gathered on the tarmac to cheer on the players as they arrived from France yesterday.

Captain Cristiano Ronaldo and coach Fernando Santos held the cup up to great cheers on stepping out of the plane.

Thousands of people packed the streets around the airport to greet the team, which traveled in an open-topped, double-decker bus to the Belem presidential palace to meet Portuguese President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa.

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JAPAN’S BIG BANKS FINDING NEW WAYS TO BE MISERABLE

Japan’s banks have reinvented themselves: In just four years, they’ve found a whole new way to be miserable.

In the summer of 2012, Japan watchers were nervously drawing parallels with southern European banks’ holdings of their governments’ collapsing bonds. The anxiety wasn’t baseless. Back then, the five “city” banks - Mizuho, Mitsubishi UFJ, Sumitomo Mitsui, Resona and Saitama Resona - owned the equivalent of USD1.4 trillion in Japanese government bonds. Throw in other domestically licensed banks, and the figure rose to USD2 trillion. A big spike in yield could doom the financial system.

Nothing of the sort happened. The big lenders got rid of more than half of their JGB pile by selling it to the Bank of Japan, which couldn’t buy enough of the bonds; the yield on the 10-year security went from 1 percent to minus 0.28 percent. Yet shareholders of these banks today are less sanguine about them than they are about their large European rivals. The new fear is threefold.

The first worry is about additional monetary easing. Macquarie analysts said in early July that a “deeper” slide in what the Bank of Japan pays the lenders on some excess reserves to minus 0.3 percent from the current minus 0.1 percent could reduce profit at Japan’s top 10 banks by about 10 percent this fiscal year. Earnings are already fading: In May, Mitsubishi UFJ, Sumitomo Mitsui and Mizuho forecast net income will fall 5.2 percent to 2.15 trillion yen (\$21.4 billion) in the year that started April 1, according to estimates compiled by Bloomberg.

The second concern is about internationalization. Four years ago, U.S. banks had 20 percent more cross-border exposure than Japanese banks. But with overseas claims of \$4.1 trillion at the end of last year, Japanese banks are leading now. Lending in a home market blighted by corporate deleveraging and an aging, shrinking population “isn’t very profitable,” as Mizuho President Yasuhiro Sato noted in December. Not only have the lenders financed more assets abroad, they’ve also acquired them, especially in Southeast Asia, where they’ve been on a buying spree of banks. If Brexit-related concerns roil global credit markets, Japan’s lenders could end up paying the price for their global ambitions.

Even so, immediate fears about Brexit are overdone. Japan’s banks have modest exposure to Europe. MUFG, which garners 40 percent of its revenue from offshore operations, has said it has no plans to withdraw from Britain, which will “continue to be an important market.” In fact, Japan’s biggest bank has just 4.3 percent of its credit exposure, or 4.8 trillion yen, in the U.K., according to Deutsche Bank. Most of its offshore footprint is in Asia and the U.S., where it’s bound to keep expanding as it looks for ways to beat slow growth at home.

Mizuho, which formed an alliance with the U.K. research and trading house Redburn, remains a minnow in Europe, and is focusing more on headcount gains at its U.S. operations, the bank said in April. Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp, a unit of Japan’s second-biggest lender, has said Brexit won’t affect it significantly.

Finally, a bigger apprehension than Brexit may be the Brexit-induced safe-haven surge in the yen.

The two-year JGB that yields negative 0.36 percent earns 1.4 percent if dollar funds are used to borrow yen. That’s 80 basis points more than the yield on U.S. Treasuries of similar maturity. Their perverse attractiveness could pull more foreign money into Japan’s negative-yielding notes, pushing their already elevated price even higher.

Japanese banks, which still hold a fair amount of the bonds, are sitting on a tightly wound spring that could uncoil any time. That would revive the worry Japan watchers had in 2012. **Bloomberg**

THE BUZZ

Two GUANTANAMO DETAINEES SENT TO SERBIA IN LATEST RELEASES

A Tajik and a Yemeni national each held for roughly 14 years at Guantanamo Bay have been freed and sent to the Balkan nation of Serbia, the U.S. Department of Defense announced yesterday.

The Pentagon said the two men were released from the U.S. base in Cuba after comprehensive security reviews. It identified the Yemeni as Mansur Ahmad Saad al-Dayfi and the Tajik as Muhammadi Davlatov. The latest detainee releases come amid a renewed push

by the Obama administration to whittle down the number of men held at the U.S. base in Cuba. On Sunday, another Yemeni prisoner was released and sent to Italy after more than 14 years in custody.

Yesterday’s transfers leave 76 prisoners at Guantanamo’s detention center, which was opened in January 2002 to hold foreign fighters suspected of links to the Taliban or the al-Qaida terrorist organization.

THAILAND

Military court adds to singer’s jail term for insults



Tom Dundee

Natnicha Chuwiruch, Bangkok

A Thai country singer and political activist was sentenced yesterday by a military court to more than three years in jail for insulting the monarchy, adding to a 7½-year sentence a criminal court imposed on him earlier for the same offense.

Thanat Thanawatcharanon, known by his stage name Tom Dundee, was convicted and sentenced under Article 112, which makes criticism of the monarchy and the king punishable with up to 15 years in jail. The lese majeste law has been used prodigiously by the military government that came to power in a May 2014 coup.

Thanat got into trouble because of the speeches he made in 2013 at a rally organized by the so-called Red Shirts, who are supporters of a charismatic prime minister ousted in an earlier military

coup supported by the Yellow Shirt royalists.

The case in criminal court followed complaints by a Yellow Shirt group. The second case involving the same speeches was transferred to a military court after the 2014 coup.

Thanat’s lawyer Saowalux Po-Ngam said his client was sentenced to five years in jail for the second case, but the time was reduced to three years and four months because he confessed.

“The reason he decided to confess in the first place was because he had applied for bail over three times and was rejected every single time,” said Saowalux. “Through the confession, we can get to work on applying for a royal pardon.”

Confessions are commonplace in lese majeste cases as it ensures a certain degree of leniency for the accused.

The junta has been increasingly doling out criminal sentences against those critical of the government, which is seen as an insult to the monarchy. It has also used other laws to silence critics. On Sunday, authorities arrested four university students and a journalist under a law that prohibits criticism or campaigning negatively against a referendum to be held Aug. 7 on a new draft constitution. The five were detained because police found “vote no” stickers during a car search.

The Thai Journalists Association condemned the arrest of the journalist, saying the police are holding him without evidence. The journalist was in the area to report on the students’ political activities and asked for a ride back to Bangkok with the activists. He was detained despite having identified himself as a journalist.

Since the 2014 coup, 53 lese majeste cases have been brought to court, with 40 stemming from online comments posted or shared, according to Human Rights Watch. In 2015, a man was sentenced to 60 years in prison for six alleged Facebook postings defaming the monarchy. His sentence was reduced by half when he pleaded guilty, making it Thailand’s longest recorded sentence for the crime. **AP**

THE DECISIVE MOMENT



Bangladeshi people return to the capital city by train after the vacation of Eid al-Fitr festival in Dhaka

Station	Air quality	
Roadside	30-50 Good	
High Density Residential Area	30-50 Good	
Ambient	30-50 Good	

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS

RUSSIA President Vladimir Putin has visited a famed Russian monastery to pray for Russian servicemen killed in Syria. Two airmen died over the weekend after their helicopter was shot down by Islamic State group fighters east of the ancient city of Palmyra.



INDIA - KENYA Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday held talks with Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta in Nairobi and agreed to further expand investment ties between the two countries and diversify trade.

YEMEN The Saudi-led coalition targeting Yemen’s Shiite rebels has caused extensive damage to the impoverished Arabian Peninsula country’s economic infrastructure in the year-long air campaign, an international rights group has said. **More on p.15**



UNITED KINGDOM Prime Minister David Cameron says he will step down tomorrow, making way for Theresa May to succeed him as British leader. May’s only remaining rival, Andrea Leadsom, announced yesterday that she has withdrawn from the contest, a move that Cameron described as the right decision.

ETHIOPIA Government officials have blocked social media sites across the country until the national school examination is concluded on Wednesday. Citizens are complaining about the shutdown, but the government maintains that the move is meant to ensure an “orderly exam process.”