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**EU-CHINA** European Union and Chinese leaders kick off a summit yesterday at a time of global uncertainty over Brexit and pressure from European companies for better access to China's market. EU leaders are expected to press their Chinese counterparts to accelerate their efforts to reduce overcapacity in sectors including steel amid complaints in Europe that low-cost Chinese competition is putting European steelworkers' jobs at risk.  
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**NORTH KOREA** A U.S. website that monitors North Korea says satellite imagery shows a high level of activity at the isolated nation's nuclear test site. The website says it is unclear whether this activity is for maintenance, excavation or preparation for a fifth nuclear test.



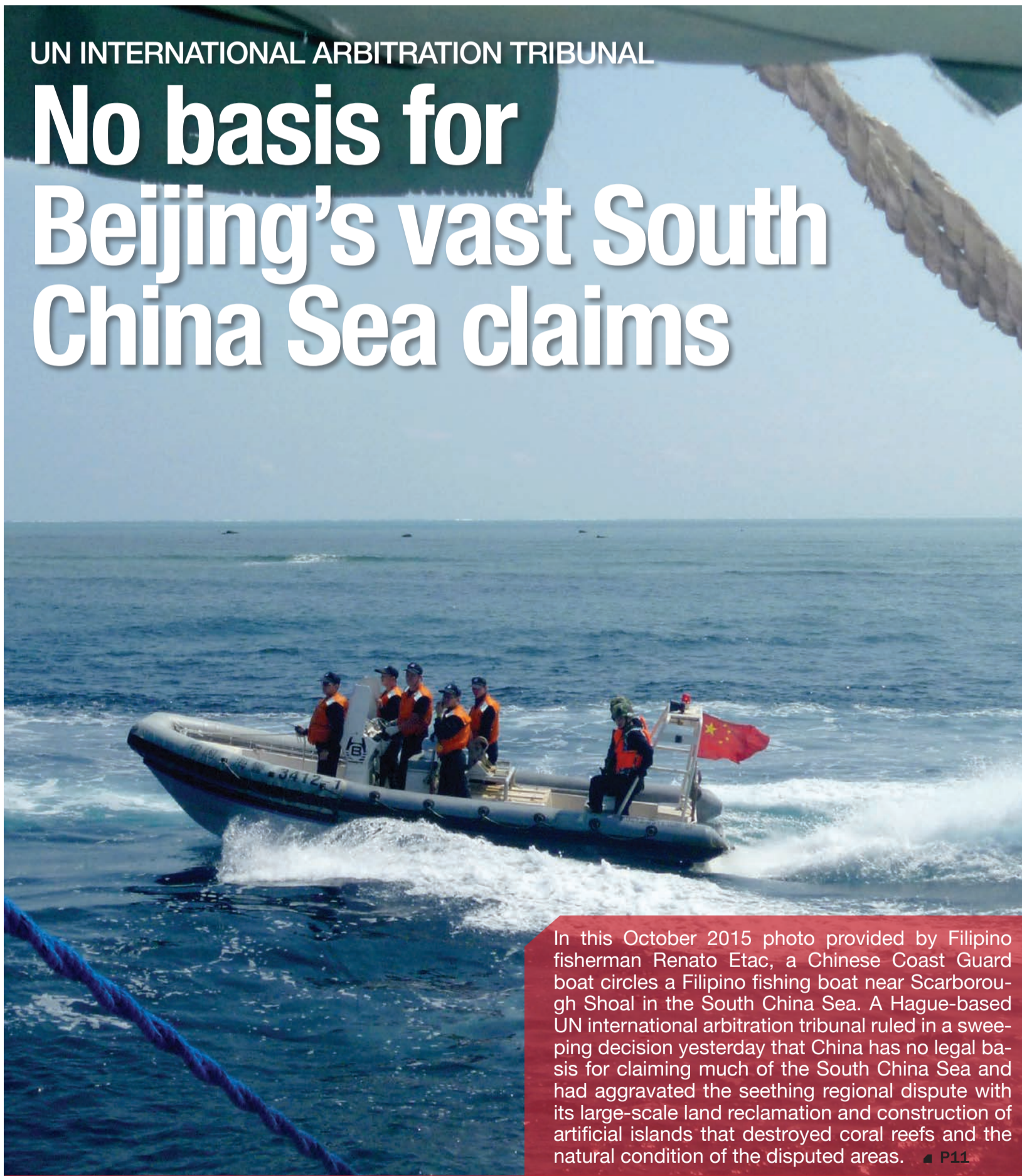
**AUSTRALIA** The first person charged in Australia with recruiting and sending fighters to Syria was convicted yesterday of recruiting seven foreign fighters. At least two of the recruits died in Syria.

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UN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION TRIBUNAL

# No basis for Beijing's vast South China Sea claims



In this October 2015 photo provided by Filipino fisherman Renato Etac, a Chinese Coast Guard boat circles a Filipino fishing boat near Scarborough Shoal in the South China Sea. A Hague-based UN international arbitration tribunal ruled in a sweeping decision yesterday that China has no legal basis for claiming much of the South China Sea and had aggravated the seething regional dispute with its large-scale land reclamation and construction of artificial islands that destroyed coral reefs and the natural condition of the disputed areas. ▲ P11



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Lynzy Valles

**T**HE Venetian Macao hosted the inauguration ceremony yesterday for Sands China team members participating in the company's "Professionalism Training for Gaming Practitioners."

Co-organized by the Macao Federation of Trade Unions (FAOM), the Labor Affairs Bureau (DSAL), and Sands China Ltd, the training is the first course of its kind in the region for gaming employees.

Six hundred Sands China team members are attending the training that focuses on four core values of professional ethics, professional conduct, professional awareness and professional skills.

The trainees are divided in classes of 30 team members and will undergo 14 hours of training over two full days: which started yesterday and runs through today.

Attending the ceremony, Secretary for Economy and Finance Lionel Leong expressed hope that such trainings would be provided to employees in other industries and enterprises.

"The gaming operators should

# Sands training course for gaming practitioners launches



Yesterday's inauguration ceremony

actively create conditions for gaming practitioners to improve their quality and image," he said in his speech.

"I hope this program will serve as a pioneer to spearhead other

industries and more enterprises toward providing more training courses [...] in a bid to optimize the development of Macau's human resources and enhance the overall quality of our local

talent," he added.

Sands China Ltd president and chief operating officer, Wilfred Wong, wished the trainees success, adding that training is another way for members to

"increase and strengthen their caliber, paving an ever-brighter career path ahead of them."

"This training initiative is a wonderful opportunity for our team members," he claimed. "Professionalism is a critical component for Macau's development as a world center of tourism and leisure."

The president of FAOM's executive board, Chiang Chong Sek, said that the Union's Employment Support Department has held several job fairs in a bid to support employees by incorporating vocational training within job matching sessions.

He added that since the gaming industry structure and employment conditions have changed, they are keen to develop a collaboration between labor, management and the government.

## No official reports about Air Macau's troubled flight

**A**N Air Macau aircraft flying to Bangkok on Monday night returned to the Macau International Airport (MIA) less than one hour into its flight. Contacted by the Times, the Civil Aviation Authority of Macau (AACM) confirmed this.

"The airport informed us through a phone call, and no written report has been made yet," said Euphemia Lam, senior officer of public relations of AACM. She added that according to the local aviation regulations, the airline is given 72 hours to send reports in to the AACM after incidents take place.

Some news outlets have reported that the AACM has commenced an investigation into the incident. However, Lam clarified to the Times that "no investigation pursued by the AACM is ongoing as



no written reports have been delivered yet." She emphasized: "We can't investigate until we [have] received the reports."

At the time of the incident, the aircraft was carrying a total of 159 passengers, having departed from the local airport around 10.15 p.m. on Monday night. The aircraft returned to the airport after an abnormal smell was noticed by staff on the plane, according to a report by TDM.

According to Lam, so far the two oral reports received from the related parties indicate that both smoke and an abnormal

smell were reported, upon which the captain made the decision to fly back to the city.

After the incident, all passengers were arranged new flights to Bangkok after waiting two hours at the airport.

In April of last year, Air Macau reportedly had a flight carrying 175 passengers flying from Bangkok to Macau which was forced to return to Suvarnabhumi Airport one hour after take-off. Problems in one of the aircraft's engines prevented the plane from climbing to its required cruising altitude. **Staff reporter**

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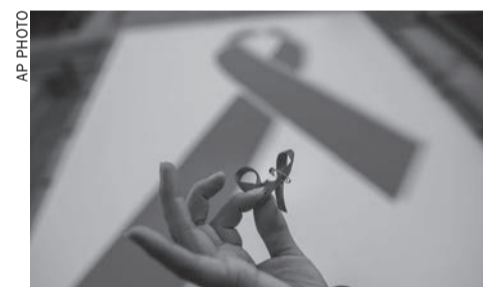
## Twelve AIDS cases between January and May

**T**HE Fight Against AIDS Committee reported on Monday during its first work meeting of the year, that in the period between January and May this year, the city has recorded 12 new cases of AIDS, as announced in a statement released by the committee.

The number was revealed by Lam Chong, general secretary of the committee. Eleven cases resulted from sexual contact, whereas the remaining case was due to an unknown transmission.

A statement issued by the Health Bureau (SSM) mentions that during the meeting, Lei Lai Peng, head of the Drug Abuse Treatment and Rehabilitation Division of the Social Welfare Bureau (IAS), reported on the prevention of AIDS among drug abusers: in 2015, 87 percent of the 174 AIDS patients, who were infected as a result of their drug dependence, had attended treatment services provided by the department.

Moreover, the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ) reported on the outcome of the promotion of sexual health among adolescents. According to the department, the DSEJ will continue to promote sexual education in schools and communities, as well as to



A woman holds a red ribbon symbol of the fight against AIDS during a demonstration on the World Aids Day

keep assisting schools with sexual education programs. It will also continue to organize training courses for sexual education teachers.

The preliminary results of the research that addressed local youth awareness, attitude and behaviour towards AIDS were also reported by SSM.

Alexis Tam, the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture said that Macau has a low AIDS infection rate and that the disease has been successfully restrained. Tam encouraged the city's medical departments to cooperate with each other in order to achieve the goal set by the UN: which is to eradicate AIDS by the year 2030.

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# Macau billionaire set for US trial in January

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Ng Lap Seng

**M**ACAU real estate developer and billionaire Ng Lap Seng and his assistant will face a federal trial in the U.S. in January on charges of bribing former president of the United Nations (UN) General Assembly John Ashe, who died last month. U.S. District Judge Vernon Broderick set the trial date for January 23, 2017, according to Reuters.

Commenting to the news

agency, Hugh Mo, lawyer for Ng, said that they "want to proceed to trial as quickly as possible." Ng and his lawyers maintain that he and his assistant are innocent.

The Macau magnate has been accused of bribing John Ashe in the amount of at least USD500,000 (MOP4 million) in return for the international organization's support for a UN-backed South-South

conference center in Macau to be built by Ng's Sun Kian Ip Group. His group has also been tied to a USD1.5 million (MOP12 million) donation to the relevant UN body, the UN Office for South-South Cooperation, which focuses on the promotion of collaboration among developing countries, particularly in the southern hemisphere.

Last week the scope of the accusations leveled against Ng was widened when an additional charge that the billionaire had provided benefits to one or more officials from the UN's Development Program (UNDP) was revealed. Allegedly, Ng bribed the officials to garner additional support for the construction of the conference center.

A UNDP audit released in May said that the "donations" made by Ng had been partly used to cover the costs of a controversial conference in Macau last year, which was co-sponsored by Sun Kian Ip Group.

The conference has come un-

der examination for a case of possible bribery as event attendees and UN staff members were given 64GB iPads during the conference, with no attempt made to reclaim the devices at its conclusion.

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

dictment expands the timeframe of the alleged crimes from 2014 until September 2015, at which time Ng and Yin were arrested.

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

## ONE SHOT NEWS



Chui Sai On (center) inspects the berthing point for ferries at the Taipa Ferry Terminal. During yesterday's visit, the Chief Executive listened to a briefing on the troubled construction process of the terminal from the Acting Co-ordinator of the Infrastructure Development Office, Tomás Hoi (center right, raised hand).

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## ARTS

# Exhibition opens exploring Macanese idiosyncrasies

Daniel Beittler

**A**N opening night preview of an exhibition showcasing the works of local artist and MDT design editor Joao Magalhaes was held at the "Tom N Toms Coffee" gallery earlier this month.

Titled "Caffeine - Work by Joao Jorge Magalhaes," the exhibition, curated by Blanc Art, features around a dozen works that explore the intersection of Chinese and Western elements in the territory, and the idiosyncrasies of the Macanese culture that has subsequently flourished.

Featuring bright, single-hue colors and sharply rendered outlines of shapes, the electronically designed works resemble stained glass images that might be typically found in a Catholic chapel.

The exhibition also features a more abstract piece, titled "Tsunami Two." It is a



stark reminder of the power of natural disasters and the impact they can have on societies. A previous version of the installation was exhibited in the Macao Museum of Art.

Inspired by the "Fukushima Tsunami" that struck Japan in 2011, the artwork is comprised of over 500 spoons held together with small metal rings. The connected spoons hang from larger rings attached to the ceiling. Resembling a chandelier, the spoons vibrate

and gently sway creating a rippling wave-like effect.

"Although it was inspired by the tsunami [that struck Fukushima] it actually represents the dual power of natural disasters to destroy and yet also renew something," Magalhaes told the Times. "After all, water is the source of life."

"But it also reminds us of the hunger in the world," he added, through the symbolic use of the "silver spoon," which is often connected with notions of privilege.

Silver spoons - replicas of those used in the artwork - were sold at the exhibition's opening night to raise funds for charity. They are also available from the Blanc Art Facebook page or the organizer's website. The revenue from the sale of the spoons will be given to charity, read a statement from Blanc Art.

The exhibition will be open to the public until September 30.

## MUSIC

# DJ Fatboy Slim to perform at Pacha, reveals his 5 F's

**B**ritish DJ Fatboy Slim, who is set to Brock the stage on Friday at Pacha Macau, has indeed built the foundation for the rise of electronic dance music.

The DJ superstar, born Norman Cook, came to fame through a northern indie pop band, The Housemartines, in the mid-1980s. The band's songs such as Happy Hour and Caravan of Love were music chart-toppers three decades ago.

Cook, now in his early 50s, took to DJing small venues including Brighton's pioneering seafront club the Escape, after the indie band dissolved at the end of the 1980s.

Cook then entered charts through the band Beats International, who had a massive hit with "Dub be Good to Me," which drew heavily on the SOS Band's early-'80s space-funk banger "Just Be Good To Me."

Speaking to Scotland's Daily Record last month, Cook emphasized that it has always been his passion to share music with other people.

"I genuinely love music and love sharing it with people - the sheer pleasure of finding tunes you love and sharing them with other people," he said.

"Just seeing those faces and eyes going, 'Wow, this is the greatest night ever, how mental is this?' Being part of that every night keeps me young. I'm



like a vampire. My secret of eternal youth isn't sucking the blood of teenagers, it's just absorbing their sweat."

The renowned dance music pioneer had undergone rehabilitation for alcoholism. He currently dictates the terms of his gigs so that they suit his needs.

"Gigs have to fulfill three of the five Fs: a first - something I've never done before. A favor for a friend, whether a promoter or another DJ. Fun - Glastonbury is always fun. Finance - it's a big payer. And food," the superstar said.

"I've booked gigs in certain places just so I can go to certain restaurants. I played in Barcelona so I could go to El Bulli. That was my rider. We did the same with Noma in Copenhagen."

Cook also revealed that he is increasingly focused on being a responsible dad and husband and only lets Fatboy out of the box on stage. "Fatboy's still a lunatic hedonist," he concluded.

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## 'Strong start' to July revenue, analysts say

MACAU'S gaming revenue in the first ten days of July were ahead of expectations. Analysts marked the increase as "a strong start for July," according to several research firms. Consequently, the shares of U.S. casino companies linked to Macau saw an upward trend.

Telsey Advisory analyst David Katz said in a research note that the gross gaming revenues in Macau for the month are estimated to be tracking up approximately 8.2 percent year-over-year.

However, some analysts point out that weakness is still present in the region's junket sector. As a result, analysts advised caution on being particularly optimistic.

"While investors could be tempted to buy Macau names into the seasonally stronger summer holiday, we continue to believe that it is too early to bottom fish," Credit Suisse's Macau gaming analyst Kenneth Fong said in a note Monday.

EVENT WILL RUN UNTILL SUNDAY

# Book Carnival 2016 offering many bargains

Daniel Beitler

THE Macau Book Carnival 2016 opened last week at the Macao Polytechnic Institute, offering a total of approximately 30,000 books, magazines, CDs and other items, according to information published on the event's Facebook page.

The Times visited the event yesterday in the early afternoon and observed around 50 people perusing books in English, Portuguese and Chinese across nearly 80 tables.

One table, labeled "C1" and located near the entrance to the hall, showcases numerous new and bestselling English and Portuguese books which detail the history of Macau and China, including a Portuguese version of Henry Kissinger's "On China," originally published in 2011.

"Macao in the Making of Early Sino-American Relations (1784-1844)," a 300-page



book by Sibing He is available on the C1 table for just MOP80. On the same table is "Macau: History and Society," a book that seeks to compensate for the overuse of Western sources in studies of Macau's history by complementing them alongside Chinese sources. Written by Zhidong Hao, it is available for MOP250.

Stuart Braga's "Making Impressions: a Portuguese family in Macau and Hong

Kong, 1700 to 1945," released in Macau last year, was also on sale for MOP480.

It details the lives of three Portuguese families living in Macau and Hong Kong and provides an insight into the social discrimination faced by Portuguese workers in British Hong Kong.

The other English-language tables are dispersed around the hall in no discernable order.

There are a number of fiction

tables covered with classic novels such as George Orwell's "Animal Farm" (MOP95), Aldous Huxley's "Brave New World" (MOP80), "The Count of Monte Cristo" (MOP66) by Alexandre Dumas, and Jules Verne's "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea" (MOP57).

For the more modern readers, a set of "The Hunger Games" trilogy is on offer for MOP360, while there are hundreds of assorted English language children's books, many of which are priced at less than MOP100 per book.


Those interested in the social, political and economic non-fiction classics will be pleased to see a variety available on one of the tables toward the back of the hall. Adam Smith's "The Wealth of Nations" (MOP160), Karl Marx's "Capital" (MOP212) and Friedrich Hayek's "The Road to Serfdom" (MOP240) are just a few of those on offer.

The carnival is open daily from 10:30 a.m. until 9:30 p.m., and will run until Sunday night. It is organized by the Macao Association of Literacy Promotion and the Macao Polytechnic Institute, and sponsored by the Macao Foundation and the Cultural Institute.

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# Gaming related crimes continue to surge



Chau Wai Kuong

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**G**AMING related crimes and drug trafficking have been on the rise over

the past year, the Judiciary Police (PJ) director Chau Wai Kuong, revealed yesterday during an event to mark the Judiciary Police Day at the institution's

headquarters.

Chau made a review of the year of the period between June 2015 and May 2016, highlighting the emerging crime types as well as those

which have received less media attention during the same period.

The major increase goes to crimes related to the gaming industry, in particular, usury and illegal detentions due to the non-payment of gaming debts, both of which increased as much as 60 and 200 percent, respectively, leading to the detention of a total of 1,887 people.

Although the figures on these crimes continue to rise, the PJ director said there was no reason for social concern. "The large majority of the suspects and victims of this type of crimes are not Macau residents therefore the occurrences didn't threaten the community security," he said.

Drug trafficking cri-

mes also increased 15 percent year-on-year during the same period, with particular growth (43 percent) in the period between January and May this year.

Commenting on this trend in drug offenses, the PJ director said: "The PJ has been putting efforts to fight drug crimes, improving on the investigation work related to drug trafficking at the airport and at border cross-point, preventing its entry to Macau. [...] Thanks to the strengthening of police strategy, the close monitoring carried out by criminal investigation staff and the use of high technology in the police work, several cases related to drugs were uncovered."

Chau highlighted five cross-border cases that have been resolved by the police force in which criminals were trying to smuggle drugs into the territory through the Macau International Airport. He admitted that recently the police had encountered new and increasingly sophisticated ways to conceal drugs, which makes police work harder, as it "requires a bigger effort on police force's interlink and a close connection with the community."

According to the official figures released by

the PJ, another type of crime that has seen a notable increase over the 12 months were those pertaining to sexual offenses, notably the sexual abuse of children. A total of 11 cases were registered in the latest 12 months, compared to eight recorded in previous 12 months. Crimes of sexual coercion followed a similar trend (12 cases).

Crimes which appear to be on a downward trend are so-called phone scams, a type of crime that has caused more concern in previous years. These crimes reportedly decreased about 70 percent year-on-year. Chau attributes the positive results to the "wide awareness-raising campaigns" carried out by the PJ that started last year.

On decline are also the crimes of robbery and theft experienced by both people and residences. They decreased year-on-year by six and 10.5 percent respectively.

Regarding priorities for the police force to reduce crime, the director said that the best results are always those achieved by "a forward-looking strategy uniting the prevention and the combat, in order to repress serious crimes in the compliance with the determination of the legal duties."

## New 'Public Security Forces status' bill in 2017

**T**HE Secretary for Security, Wong Sio Chak said yesterday on the sidelines of the PJ event that the new "Public Security Forces status" bill would enter the legislative procedure at the beginning of the next year following a three month period of consultation and opinion collection among the members of the security forces.

"Due to the extreme complexity of the amendments to the proposal, we need to clarify and gather opinions from all involved first," the secretary said adding that in order to expedite the process of reviewing the bill proposal "the opinions collected will be analyzed at the same time that they will be collected in an ongoing process."

"The proposal will improve the career promotion scheme, allowing the front line staff to have opportunities for career promotion, which will encourage their work. After the change on the law, the lower categories that didn't have the chance for promotions before will have the chance too," he said.

On a different topic, being questioned about the new CCTV system which will be implemented in the territory, the secretary informed: "At the moment we have completed the first phase." This claim was ve-



Wong Sio Chak

rified by the Commissioner-General of the Unitary Police Service, Ma Io Kun, who said that the government is "working together with the Office for Personal Data Protection since that the activity of each camera must be informed to this Office" prior to the commencement of the 219 cameras' operation across various points of the territory.

According to Ma, the operation is expected to start around June next year, guaranteeing that "everything will be done according to the law," and that the same law states "all recordings must be deleted after 60 days except in the cases where the recordings are related with a case [relating to the serving of] justice."

### PJ ATTRIBUTES COMMENDATIONS TO HIGHLIGHTED STAFF MEMBERS

**TAKING THE** opportunity of the commemoration of the 56th Anniversary of the PJ, the police force delivered commendations honoring staff members. In total, 124 commendations were awarded in a ceremony held at the PJ headquar-

ters. Of this number, 111 were individual commendations and 13 were collective commendations. The annually held event on PJ Day, awarded 11 special commendations for "exceptional merit" to 11 staff members from the police force this year.

### NUMBERS OF CRIMES 2014/2015 TO 2015/2016

Most Relevant Crimes	June 2014 – May 2015	June 2015 – May 2016
Homicides	0	1
Illegal detentions (Related to usury for gaming)	144	435
Extortion	85	93
Arson	17	18
Usury (Related to gaming)	241	389
Organized crime/ Criminal association	14	17
Drug Trafficking	87	100
Robbery and Theft	1509	1369
Sexual abuse of children	8	11
Sexual coercion	9	12





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## AMC Theatres buying Europe's Odeon & UCI in USD1.21b deal



**A**MC Theatres is buying European movie theater operator Odeon & UCI Cinemas Group from private equity firm Terra Firma in a deal valued at about 921 million pounds (USD1.21 billion).

AMC said yesterday that the transaction will make it the biggest movie theater operator in the world. London-based Odeon & UCI has 242 theaters in Europe. The deal will give AMC a total of 627 theaters in eight countries.

Odeon & UCI will become an AMC subsidiary and continue operating under its current brand names.

AMC, which was bought by Chinese conglomerate Dalian Wanda Group in 2012, is still in the process of trying to buy American movie theater operator Carmike Cinemas Inc. That transaction, which was announced in March, is valued at \$1.1 billion including debt.

Yesterday, AMC said that the Odeon & UCI transaction doesn't impact its ability to complete the Carmike deal. The company said it has the financing commitments and flexibility to do both.

But AMC President and CEO Adam Aron said in a written statement that there continues to be "considerable risk" to the Carmike deal, as some of Carmike's shareholders have an "unrealistic view" of the company's value to AMC. Aron said that AMC will continue to work with Carmike this week to see if the transaction can be saved.

The deal for Odeon & UCI is expected to close in the fourth quarter. It still needs antitrust clearance by the European Commission and is subject to consultation with the European Works Council.

AMC will remain headquartered in Leawood, Kansas. **AP**

# Google plans to train 2m developers for Android

Saritha Rai

**G**OOGLE launched a program to train 2 million developers in India for its Android platform as its fires up a race with Apple Inc. for the country's developers to create innovative mobile apps.

The Android Skilling program will be introduced for free across hundreds of public and private universities and training schools through a specially designed, in-person program this year. The program would also be available through the government's National Skills Development Corporation of India, the company said in a statement.

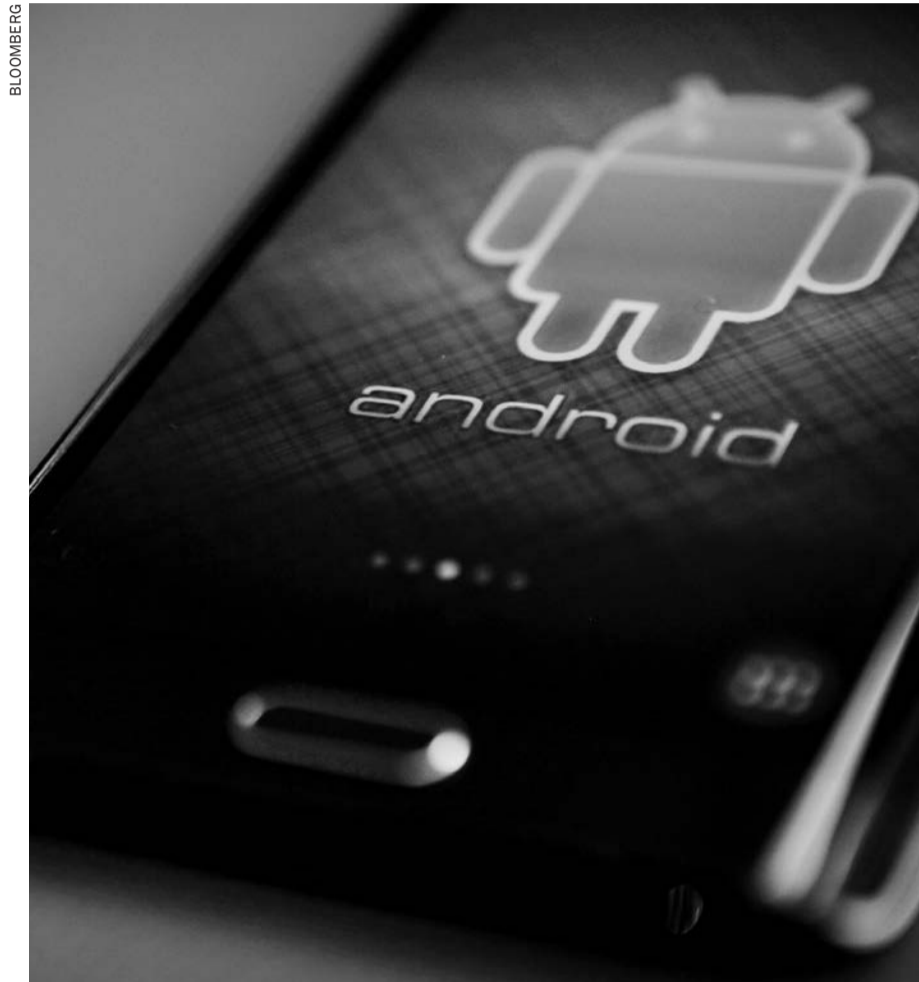
India is expected to have the largest developer population with 4 million people by 2018, overtaking the U.S., but only a quarter are building for mobile, said Caesar Sengupta, vice president of product management at Google.

"We believe India is uniquely placed to innovate and shape the internet experience of billions of users who are and will come online on the mobile platform," he said in the statement.

Google plans to make the curriculum accessible to millions for free to help make India a global leader in mobile development.

"We are hoping to get in about 2,000 different universities, training about 4,000 faculty to reach in excess of 250,000 students in these universities every year," Peter Lubbers, head of developer training at Google, said in New Delhi.

While Google's program could be the largest of its kind by sheer numbers, Apple too has been engaging with Indian developers.



In May, during Chief Executive Officer Tim Cook's first official visit, Apple announced it would

**India is expected to have the largest developer population with 4 million people by 2018**

open a development accelerator in the country's technology hub, Bangalore, to provide specialized support to iOS app developers. The new facility would give development access to tools to create innovative apps for customers around the world, he said.

"By fighting for these developers, Apple and Google are showing how serious they are about the Indian market," Ankit Jain, assistant vice president product at website and app market analytics provider SimilarWeb, wrote in an e-mail. **Bloomberg**

## corporate bits

### SHERATON, ST REGIS TO PRESENT 'THE WEDDING SHOWCASE'

Sheraton Grand Macao Hotel and The St Regis Macao are collaborating on July 23 and 24 to co-host "The Wedding Showcase", a stunning collection of the latest couture wedding gowns from top designers.

The Showcase also features collections of jewelry, wedding gifts, make-up, photography and videography services provided by exclusively selected partners to help brides and grooms create their perfect wedding.

According to the resorts' press release, St. Regis Hotels & Resorts have built a global reputation for personalized service and enchanting experiences.

It is in this spirit that St. Regis has partnered with one of the



top U.S. luxury fashion brands, Marchesa. The partnership will create four one-of-a-kind couture bridal gowns inspired by some of St. Regis' most iconic urban and resort destinations: Mumbai, Dubai, Punta Mita and New York.

"Each unique gown combines classic sophistication, bespoke craftsmanship and opulent contemporary features that reflects the aesthetics and culture of the destination that inspired it," reads the press release.

### 'ALL THAT MATTERS' MOVES TO MARINA BAY SANDS

The award-winning "All That Matters" festival will be hosted by Marina Bay Sands between September 11 and 15.

Fully supported by the Singapore Government, the conference will bring the Music Matters, Sports Matters and Digital Matters events all under one roof, the All That Matters' press release states.

The festival is expected to attract thousands of executives and fans from all over the world.

All That Matters will be held between the Ultra Music Festival (September 10-11) and the Singapore Grand Prix 2016 (September 16-18).

The festival, previously hosted by Ritz Carlton, won twice



at the Singapore Experience Awards' Trade Event of the Year.

All That Matters hosts a weeklong festival convening the music, sport, and digital entertainment industries.

### QATAR AIRWAYS EXTENDS GLOBAL AMBITIONS

Qatar Airways is extending its global ambitions with plans to buy a stake in Latam Airlines Group SA, securing a partnership with South America's biggest carrier as it scouts for opportunities to lock down relationships with other airlines.

Qatar will buy as much as 10 percent of Chile-based Latam for USD613 million, the No. 2 Gulf carrier said yesterday at the Farnborough Air Show. With the agreement, Qatar is making its second investment in a fellow member of the Oneworld alliance after previously buying 15 percent of IAG SA, which is one of Latam's closest allies.

State-owned Qatar is ad-



vancing its efforts build a network of international partners, even though its influence is typically limited by laws restricting foreign shareholdings. In addition to its stake in IAG and the deal with Latam, it's also interested in Royal Air Maroc, which would provide access to North African markets, as well as Italy's Meridiana SpA.



Adam Minter

ANALYSIS

# China should make its peace with sports gambling

CHINA is mad for football, and the proof is with the bookies. In just the past month, police have seized tens of millions of dollars and arrested more than 500 people in crackdowns on gambling rings that surged in popularity during the UEFA European Championships. If they'd wanted to arrest more, they probably could have: China's illegal gambling industry is worth a staggering USD600 billion annually, according to one estimate, making it by far the world's largest.

Those numbers would be troubling in any country. But they're particularly so in China, where tycoons are busy buying up some of the world's most storied clubs and talented players, and even proposing a well-funded alternative to the Champions League. China's history of corruption in its own leagues, combined with all that illicit betting, is leading to legitimate worries that those acquisitions might further taint the global business of football.

Addressing this problem will require more than periodic crackdowns on bookies. Instead, China needs to make peace with its love of gambling - and legalize it.

For two decades, football and corruption have been largely synonymous in China. Its domestic leagues, and their underpaid players and referees, have long been easy marks for organized crime and well-heeled punters. It was no secret, either: For years, whenever a Chinese team failed to perform up to expectations, fans and even state-owned media would simply assume somebody was paid off.

They weren't necessarily wrong. In 2009, the government began a multiyear crackdown that resulted in dozens of referees, sports officials and players getting convicted - including two stars from the 2002 national team that reached the World Cup. Xi Jinping, who oversaw the



## China's illegal gambling industry is worth a staggering USD600b annually

crackdown prior to becoming China's top leader, didn't see it simply as a matter of law enforcement. He saw it as laying the groundwork for China to build a world-class football program.

Since 2012, Xi has tried to boost youth and amateur leagues while tacitly encouraging the country's new tycoons to pour money into the top-level Chinese Super League. Those tycoons haven't let him down, with everyone from Alibaba's Jack Ma to Wanda's Wang Jianlin buying teams.

In theory, all that state-approved money should've made its way into the pockets of players, referees and officials, thereby reducing the financial incentive to fix matches. But things still aren't as clean as China might like. In March, the Hong Kong Jockey Club, the city's official gambling operator, announced

that it had banned bets on Chinese Super League matches, citing the need to "safeguard the interests" of its customers. Meanwhile, an official with the International Centre for Sports Security, a watchdog group in Qatar, flatly stated that "we still see suspicious betting on some matches."

The solution to this shadiness is to bring the gambling business into the light. Since 1989, China has had a national "sports lottery" that allows small bets on international matches, but not on the Chinese Super League. That might not have been a problem when the CSL was a football backwater. But as the league

becomes a destination for top players, punters should be allowed to bet on it as easily as they can on European leagues.

That would be a crucial, if counterintuitive, first step toward cleaning up the sport. Illegal bookies and their untraceable cash are far more likely to fix matches than regulated bookmakers who have a stake in keeping the marketplace clean. And for punters, the prospect of a legal, transparent transaction - including a guaranteed payout - should be incentive enough to shift money from dirty bookies and the crime syndicates behind them.

Gamblers should also be able to place bets online. Last year, the government banned doing so due to fraud in several internet lotteries. In the absence of legal options, and in search of convenience and anonymity, Chinese punters have gone digitally underground and formed thousands of illegal groups where they make (theoretically) untraceable bets. In recent weeks, WeChat, China's most popular social media service, has restricted more than 8,000 groups suspected of gambling, and placed limits on online payment systems to control wagers.

That's a losing battle. Better that the government legalize the whole enterprise and keep a watchful eye on it. That won't erase all doubts about the integrity of Chinese football. But a commitment to go beyond periodically purging bad actors, and to sensibly regulate the source of the problem, would alleviate the worst concerns. As China continues its push to become a football superpower, that's a goal that everyone in the game should want to score.

Bloomberg

## Aircraft maker lands USD2b order for homegrown ARJ21 jet



People in panda costumes pose in front of a Chengdu Airlines ARJ21-700 plane before its first commercial flight

CHINA'S state-owned aircraft maker has signed a deal to sell up to 60 of its new regional jets to a leasing company in a deal worth up to USD2.3 billion.

In a joint statement late Monday, Commercial Aircraft Corp. of China Ltd., or COMAC, said the agreement signed with China Aircraft Leasing Group, a Hong Kong-listed company, includes a confirmed order for 30 ARJ21-700 jets and an option to buy 30 more.

The companies said the aircraft will be leased to an unidentified Indonesian airline that one of China Aircraft Leasing's shareholders, Friedmann Pacific Asset Management Ltd., plans to invest in.

The ARJ21-700 is part of efforts by China, one of the world's biggest and fastest-growing air travel markets, to develop a homegrown aviation industry. It's a rival to aircraft made by Bombardier Inc. of Canada and Brazil's

Embraer SA.

The ARJ21 took its maiden commercial flight last month, which came a decade behind schedule because of technical problems. The deal, which was signed at Britain's Farnborough International Airshow, is the biggest single commercial order for the jet since its debut, the companies said.

The aircraft will be delivered over the next five years and the deal's value is based on the plane's list

price. Hong Kong-based Friedmann Pacific, an investment firm specializing in aviation, plans to operate the Indonesian airline solely using ARJ21 planes.

In 2012, China Aircraft Leasing placed an order for another jet COMAC is developing, the C919, a long-range airliner aimed at competing with planes from Boeing and Airbus. The C919, which has also been beset by delays, is due to enter service in 2019. AP





The case regarding the Philippines and China on the South China Sea is heard at the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) at The Hague



Protesters display placards during a rally outside of the Chinese Consulate hours before the Hague-based UN international arbitration tribunal announced its ruling

# Tribunal: No basis for Beijing's vast South China Sea claims

Mike Corder, Jim Gomez

**A** tribunal ruled in a sweeping decision yesterday that China has no legal basis for claiming much of the South China Sea and had aggravated the seething regional dispute with its large-scale land reclamation and construction of artificial islands that destroyed coral reefs and the natural condition of the disputed areas.

Ruling on a variety of disputes the Philippines asked the tribunal to settle between it and China, the five-member panel unanimously concluded that China had violated its obligations to refrain from aggravating the dispute while the settlement process was ongoing.

The tribunal also found that China had interfered with Philippine petroleum exploration at Reed Bank, tried to stop fishing by Philippine vessels within the country's exclusive economic zone and failed to prevent Chinese fishermen from fishing within

## China's state Xinhua news agency said China 'does not accept or acknowledge' the tribunal or the ruling

the Philippines' exclusive economic zone at Mischief Reef and Second Thomas Shoal.

The Philippines, which sought the arbitration ruling, welcomed the decision, and China rejected it outright.

"The Philippines strongly affirms its respect for this milestone decision as an important contribution to ongoing efforts in addressing disputes in the South China Sea," Foreign Secretary Perfecto Yasay said in Manila.

He pledged to pursue a peaceful resolution of his country's territorial disputes with China.

China's state Xinhua news agency said China "does not accept or acknowledge" the tribunal or the ruling. China has long maintained that

the tribunal did not have jurisdiction over the dispute.

The ruling is binding on both countries under a U.N. treaty that both have signed, but there is no policing agency or mechanism to enforce it.

The tribunal said that any historic rights to resources that China may have had were wiped out if they are incompatible with exclusive economic zones established under a U.N. treaty.

It also criticized China for building a large artificial island on Mischief Reef, saying it caused "permanent irreparable harm" to the coral reef ecosystem and permanently destroyed evidence of the natural conditions of the feature.

China drafted its so-called nine-dash line to demarcate

its claims to virtually the entire South China Sea. Manila brought the case because China's claims infringe 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 ruling comes as the U.S. has ramped up its military presence in the region.

However a new Philippine leader who appears friendlier to Beijing could also influence the aftermath of the ruling.

China, which boycotted the case, summoned its demobilized sailors and officers for training drills in exercises that apparently started just days ago.

The People's Liberation Army Daily newspaper said on social media late Monday that Chinese navy reserves have been called up to perform "functional tasks." The post followed online rumors that

reservists in central Chinese provinces were called up for an unspecified mission from July 10-22.

In the Philippines, more than 100 left-wing activists marched to the Chinese Consulate in metropolitan Manila, yelling, "Philippine territory is ours, China get out." They called their campaign to push China out of the South China Sea, "CHexit" or "China exit now."

Vietnam, meanwhile, accused Chinese vessels of sinking a Vietnamese fishing boat in disputed waters. Nguyen Thanh Hung, a local fisheries executive in the central province of Quang Ngai, said two Chinese vessels chased and sank the Vietnamese boat around midday Saturday as it was fishing near the Paracel islands. The five fishermen were rescued by another trawler around seven hours later.

China has argued that the tribunal has no jurisdiction and says 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.

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. **AP**



EU Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmstrom speaks at the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing

**E**UROPEAN Union and Chinese leaders kick off a summit yesterday at a time of global uncertainty over Brexit and pressure from European

companies for better access to China's market.

EU leaders are expected to press their Chinese counterparts to accelerate their efforts to

## EU, Chinese leaders to discuss market access, Brexit fallout

reduce overcapacity in sectors including steel amid complaints in Europe that low-cost Chinese competition is putting European steelworkers' jobs at risk.

President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Keqiang will meet with European Council President Donald Tusk and European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker yesterday. The EU leaders

are likely to face questions on the future of the bloc following the U.K.'s referendum vote to leave three weeks ago that has caused economic and political uncertainty.

Also high on the agenda during the two-day summit in Beijing will be a push for progress on an investment agreement between the two sides. The EU, which is China's largest trading part-

ner, says this is to enable fair competition between Chinese and European companies. Chinese officials say they want to sign an agreement quickly to benefit both sides and that foreign companies are welcome in their economy.

EU trade commissioner Cecilia Malmstrom said Monday in Beijing that the Comprehensive Agreement on Investment

has to be concluded first before any negotiations can start on a free-trade agreement between China and the 28-nation EU. Negotiations first started in Jan. 2014.

Other topics are likely to include the situation in Syria and the resulting migrant crisis, possible new fields of defense and security cooperation in Africa, and climate change. **AP**



# Wife of alleged Cambodian killer 'shocked' by accusations



Cambodian community activists carry a wreath during the funeral procession of government critic Kem Ley

## Sopheng Cheang, Phnom Penh

**T**HE man who allegedly shot dead a Cambodian government critic over what he claimed was a money dispute is too poor to have loaned the victim USD3,000, his wife said yesterday.

"We don't have \$3,000 at home. We just have enough for a hand-to-mouth existence," Hoeum Huth, who makes a living selling pork on her bicycle, said in a telephone interview from her village in northwestern Siem Reap province.

Her husband, Oeut Ang, has

been in custody in Phnom Penh since Sunday, when he allegedly shot to death Kem Ley, a prominent political analyst and government critic. After he was caught by police in a chase, Oeut Ang said during interrogation that Kem Ley had borrowed \$3,000 from him, and that he killed him because he had failed to return the money.

However, opposition parties and Global Witness, a British activist group for which Kem Ley did some work, have suggested a political conspiracy behind the killing.

Asked if she believes that her

husband was hired by someone to kill Kem Ley, Hoeum Huth replied: "I don't know about this. I am very perplexed as to why he murdered Kem Ley because I have never heard him says that Kem Ley owed him money."

"I was shocked when I saw his picture on TV, and they said he was the killer," Hoeum Huth, 45, said.

She said she married Oeut Ang on May 7 after the match was arranged by his mother. She said her husband was a former Khmer Rouge soldier, a former government soldier, a monk for

three years and a farm worker in Thailand before joining a local environment nongovernmental organization.

She described Oeut Ang as a good husband who never displayed any violence.

"During these two months of our living as husband and wife, he never provoked any problem or used violence against me," she said. "He is a quiet man and normally if he's not going to work he stays at home and helps me with housework."

Oeut Ang was brought to a Phnom Penh court yesterday, but the media were kept out. It was

not immediately clear whether he had been formally charged.

Kem Ley's body is being kept at a Buddhist temple until his funeral on July 19 to allow his admirers and friends to pay their respects.

Prime Minister Hun Sen, often a target of Kem Ley's criticism, has promised a thorough investigation into the killing, which came at a time of political tension that began last year with legal and other pressures by the government on the opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party.

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Kem Ley was widely known because he was frequently heard on the popular Cambodian-language services of Radio Free Asia and Voice of America, U.S. government-funded services that are among the few independent news sources in Cambodia. He was also frequently quoted in the country's handful of independent newspapers.

One of his most recent commentaries was about a report issued last week by the London-based research and advocacy group Global Witness that alleged that Hun Sen and his family have enriched themselves and kept power through corruption.

Kem Ley is the most prominent Cambodian government critic to be killed since trade union leader Chea Vichea in 2004. **AP**

## SINGAPORE

# Court jails 4 Bangladeshis linked to Islamic State

## Annabelle Liang, Singapore

**F**OUR Bangladeshi workers who allegedly planned attacks linked to the Islamic State group in their own country were sentenced yesterday to jail terms of up to five years.

Prosecutors said the men, who pleaded guilty, had contributed part of their salary to buy food, arms and weapons like knives and pistols to launch attacks in Bangladesh. The amounts ranged from 60 Singapore dollars (USD42) to 1,360 Singapore dollars

(\$1,000).

They were part of a group detained in April under the country's Internal Security Act, which allows for detention without trial in cases where public safety is threatened.

The Ministry of Home Affairs has said the group's suspected leader, Rahman Mizanur, possessed guides on making weapons and bombs, as well as radical material from the Islamic State group and al-Qaida that he used to recruit the others.

Rahman, 31, pleaded guilty and was convicted

of two charges of financing terrorism by inviting group members to contribute funds and handling the money to facilitate plans.

In sentencing Rahman to five years in jail, District Judge Kessler Soh emphasized that a deterrent sentence and "much stiffer punishment is warranted."

"He was the mastermind. He was the one who started this whole outfit," the judge said.

Rahman was shackled as he arrived in court and looked down when the sentence was passed, sur-

rounded by heavy police guard.

He had earlier addressed the court in English, putting forth a lengthy plea for mitigation. "I wanted to learn my religion. [My friends] showed me the wrong way, the wrong activities," Rahman said. "This is my very big mistake sir. I am very remorseful."

The three other men convicted were Miah Rubel, Muhammad Jabath Kysar Haje Norul Islam Sowdagar, and Sohel Hawlader Ismail Hawlader. They were sentenced to 2 1/2 years, 2 1/2 years,

## The group's suspected leader reportedly possessed guides on making weapons and bombs

and two years in jail, respectively.

The maximum sentence

for financing terrorism is 10 years in jail and a fine of \$500,000 Singapore dollars (\$370,309).

Two other men have pleaded not guilty and their trial dates have not been set. Two other Bangladeshi men who were detained in April have not been charged and will be dealt with separately, officials have said.

In January, Singapore said it had arrested and deported 26 Bangladeshi construction workers for forming a religious study group that spread the ideologies of al-Qaida and the Islamic State group. **AP**



Natnicha Chuwiruch, Bangkok

**P**OLICE in Thailand raided the office of an independent news website yesterday to look for leaflets urging a vote against a draft constitution proposed by the country's military government. They left empty-handed without making any arrests.

The raid on the Prachatai website's office in Bangkok was carried out under a search warrant that related it to the arrest two days earlier of one of the website's reporters. Taweesak Kerdpoka had been arrested because he got a ride with three political activists in a vehicle carrying copies of such leaflets. He had been covering their activities in the western province of Ratchaburi.

Prachatai director Chiranuch Premchaiporn said five plainclothes police officers carried out yesterday's office search, while more than 10 military personnel were stationed outside. Police signed a document acknowledging that they found no material they were seeking, she said.

Prachatai often carries stories critical of the government, but the raid seemed more directed at demonstrating the limit of official tolerance for criticism of the charter. Lobbying against the charter is generally prohibited.

The Referendum Act, applicable to the upcoming Aug. 7 vote on the draft charter, calls for a prison term of up to 10 years for anyone who publishes or distributes content about the draft constitution that is deemed to be deviating from the facts, contains rude and violent language, or threateningly discourages voters from participating in the referendum. In practice, it is applied to discourage opponents of the draft.

The army ousted an elected government in May 2014 and has enacted broad measure limiting freedom of expression. The junta has promised to hold an election next year after two postponements. It has not clearly spelled out what will happen if voters reject the draft constitution, which critics call

# Thai police raid office of news website critical of government

**Arresting peaceful activists is bad enough, but jailing a journalist for reporting on the 'vote-no' campaign is a serious blow to press freedom in Thailand.**

BRAD ADAMS  
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undemocratic.

Chiranuch said the police indicated they suspected the "Vote No" material they confiscated on Sunday was produced at the Prachatai office.

"We have nothing to hide here except for a messy office, so I allowed them to enter after having them identify themselves," she said.

The three activists of the New Democracy Movement and the Prachatai reporter who was with them were freed on bail on Monday.

"Arresting peaceful activists is bad enough, but jailing a journalist for reporting on the 'vote-no' campaign is a serious blow to press freedom in Thailand and any hopes that the vote on the constitution will be a fair one," Brad Adams, Asia director at Human Rights Watch, said in a news release. "With each day the Thai junta is undermining the legitimacy of its own referendum." AP



Staff from the independent news website Prachatai work following a visit by Thai police in Bangkok



Chiranuch Premchaiporn, director of the independent news website Prachatai (left) stands with plainclothed police officers during a visit of their offices

## Philippine troops kill 40 Abu Sayyaf extremists in south

**P**HILIPPINE troops have killed 40 Abu Sayyaf extremists and wounded 25 others in two battlefronts in the first major counterterrorism offensive in the south under the new president, the military said Monday.

Regional military spokesman Maj. Filemon Tan said 22 militants had been killed and 16 others woun-

ded in the assaults that started last week in the jungles of Sulu, a predominantly Muslim province where the ransom-seeking militants are also believed to be holding a number of foreign hostages.

One soldier had been killed in the fighting in impoverished Sulu, about 950 kilometers south of Manila, he said.

On the nearby island

province of Basilan, 18 Abu Sayyaf fighters had been killed and nine others wounded in a simultaneous offensive centering in the town of Tipo Tipo, according to Tan.

The thousands of troops waging the assaults were backed by rocket-firing helicopters and artillery fire.

President Rodrigo Duterte, who started his

six-year term on June 30, has warned the Abu Sayyaf to stop a wave of ransom kidnappings, saying he would eventually confront them. His military chief said last week a looming offensive would "shock and awe" the extremists.

While past presidents have regarded Abu Sayyaf militants as bandits thriving on kidnappings for ransom

and extortion, Duterte said last week he would not lump them with criminals. "These were the guys who were driven to desperation," he said.

The militants, however, have shown no sign of heeding Duterte's call to stop kidnappings, which he said has sullied the country's image.

Indonesian officials said Monday that suspected Abu Sayyaf gun-

men kidnapped three Indonesian fishermen over the weekend off Lahad Datu in the Malaysian part of northern Borneo, the latest among several offshore attacks that have sparked a regional security alarm.

Washington and Manila list the Abu Sayyaf, which has more than 400 armed fighters, as a terrorist organization for deadly bombings, ransom kidnappings and beheadings over the last three decades. AP



Kirsten Grieshaber, Berlin

SURVEY

# Europeans worry migrants may increase terror threat

**T**HE refugee crisis and the threat of terrorism in Europe are very much related to one another in the minds of many Europeans, according to a survey conducted across the continent.

Monday's poll by the Pew Research Center found that in eight of the ten European nations surveyed, half or more believe that the influx of migrants increases the likelihood of terrorism in their country. Many Europeans also worry that migrants will become an economic burden and take away their jobs and social benefits.

The survey covered the European countries of Germany, Sweden, the Netherlands, Britain, France, Spain, Italy, Greece, Hungary and Poland. It was conducted from April to May — before the British referendum to leave the European Union and the extremist attack at Istanbul's Ataturk Airport last month.

The continent saw an overwhelming influx of more than one million migrants in 2015 — with the majority arriving from Muslim countries such as Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan. Almost all of them applied for asylum in the EU with Germany and Sweden as their top destinations.

Meanwhile, populist parties all over the continent successfully increased their numbers by campaigning against Muslim migrants, including the National Front in France, the UK Independence Party, the right-wing Alternative for Germany and Austria's Freedom Party.

Europe has recently suffered several major terrorist attacks, including the assaults by the Islamic State group on Paris and Brussels that killed scores of people. Many of the attackers were European-born, but some are believed to have traveled to



A woman holds a placard during a Pegida demonstration against immigration and Islamization in Amsterdam, Netherlands

Syria to join IS before returning to carry out the attacks — a few of them by mixing in with migrant flows to avoid detection on their way home.

Some 76 percent of people surveyed in Hungary said they're concerned that refugees will increase the likelihood of terrorism in their country, followed by the Polish with 71 percent. Majorities in all other surveyed countries shared this belief — with the exception of Spain and France.

Citizens of both Hungary and Poland also worried more than other Europeans that refugees would be a burden to their countries because they would take

## ■ The continent saw an overwhelming influx of more than one million migrants in 2015

their jobs and social benefits.

"It is important to note that worries about refugees are not necessarily related to the number of migrants coming to the country," the report states.

It said Poland, where 73 per-

cent say refugees are an overall major threat, has had only several thousand asylum applications, while just 31 percent of Germans are generally concerned about refugees after seeing their country register almost 1.1 million asylum seekers last year.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel has made the successful handling of the refugee crisis her top priority and has told Germans time and again that "we will manage this." The government of Hungary, on the other hand has been an insistent voice against migrants, especially against Muslims.

Germany and Sweden — which

took in the second most asylum seekers in 2015 — are the only countries where at least half say refugees make their nations stronger because of their work and talent.

When asked more generally, whether having an increasing number of people of many different races, ethnic groups and nationalities in their country makes the society a better place to live in, only few Europeans said diversity has a positive impact. At 36 percent, Sweden registers the highest percentage that believes diversity makes their country a better place to live.

The prevailing attitude in France, Germany, the Netherlands and Spain is that diversity is neither a plus nor a minus in term of quality of life. At the same time, 63 percent in Greece and 53 percent in Italy believe that growing diversity makes their country a worse place to live.

These attitudes stand in a stark contrast to the U.S. There, some 58 percent of Americans said having more people of many different races, ethnic groups and nationalities makes the U.S. a better place to live. Only 7 percent said increasing diversity makes life worse, according to a Pew Research Center poll conducted in March.

The poll was conducted from April 4 to May 12 among 11,494 people in Europe and the United States. Data from the U.S. was mostly used for comparisons.

The margin of error ranged from 3.1 to 4.6 percent. **AP**

## Nobel winner Malala visits world's largest refugee camp

Tom Odula, Dadaab

**N**OBEL laureate Malala Yousafzai is spending her 19th birthday in Kenya yesterday visiting the world's largest refugee camp to draw attention to the global refugee crisis, especially as Dadaab camp faces pressure to close after a quarter-century.

Since last year, Malala has been in contact via Skype with a group of girls in Dadaab refugee camp and is looking

forward to meeting them and others, said Taylor Royle, her spokesman.

Kenya's government says Dadaab camp, which hosts more than 300,000 mostly Somali refugees, will be closed in the next year because it has become a security liability. The camp is in eastern Kenya, near its border with Somalia.

The possibility that the camp will be closed brings yet more uncertainty to the refugees, who face the prospect of returning to a

Somalia still plagued with conflict. Kenya insists any returns will be voluntary, even as the international community has urged caution and warned against forceful evictions.

Many of Dadaab's refugees have lived most if not all their lives in the sprawling camp, which has been open for 25 years and is a vast settlement of established homes and newcomers' improvised huts of thorn branches and other materials.

Malala was expected to

be asked about the fate of Dadaab during her visit. She won the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize after militants shot her in 2012 while she was returning home from school in Pakistan, where she was an outspoken advocate for girls' education in a highly conservative culture. She now lives in Britain with her family.

Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta has said repatriations from Dadaab will be done in a humane way.

The Kenyan government



Somali refugees walk through an area housing new arrivals, on the outskirts of Hagadera Camp outside Dadaab

claims that attacks on Kenya by the Somali extremist group al-Shabab were planned and facilitated in Dadaab camp. Al-Shabab has carried out numerous attacks in Kenya that have killed scores since 2011, when Kenya deployed

troops to Somalia against the militants. The Kenyan troops are now part of an African Union peacekeeping force there.

Al-Shabab, which is linked to al-Qaida, has vowed to continue attacking Kenya. **AP**



IRAQ

# Suicide bombing in Baghdad Shiite district kills 12



Civilians and security forces gather at the scene of a deadly suicide car bombing at an outdoor vegetable and fruit market in a Shiite-dominated district in northeastern Baghdad

A suicide car bomb ripped through an outdoor market in a Shiite-dominated northeastern district of Baghdad on yesterday, killing at least 12 people, officials said, as government forces deployed across much of the Iraqi capital in preparation for a major military parade later this week.

The developments came on the heels of two large-scale attacks claimed by the Islamic State group that killed more than 300 people last week. On Monday, visiting U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter said Washington will send 560 more troops to Iraq to help battle IS.

In yesterday's bombing, the explosives-laden pickup truck explo-

ded during the morning rush hour at a vegetable and fruit market in the al-Rashidiya district, a police officer said. The blast killed 12 and wounded up to 37, and also damaged several cars, he added.

A medical official confirmed the casualty figures. Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to talk to the media.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, but it bore the hallmarks of the Islamic State group. The Sunni extremists, who consider Shiites heretics, swept across northern and western Iraq in the summer of 2014, capturing large chunks of territory and plunging the country into its worst crisis since U.S. troops left at the end of 2011.

Last week, IS killed more than 300 people in two attacks. A massive truck bombing struck a bustling commercial area in a Baghdad's predominantly Shiite neighborhood of Karada, killing 292 people — one of the deadliest attacks since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion. And last week, an attack at a Shiite shrine north of Baghdad killed 37 people. AP

# 20 dead in train crash in southern Italy

Two Italian commuter trains collided head-on yesterday in the southern region of Puglia, killing at least 20 people and injuring scores more, officials said. At least two passengers were pulled alive from the crumpled wreckage as the rescue operation took place in the scorching heat.

Giuseppe Corrado, vice president of the province of Andria, told Sky TG24 the death toll stood at 20 and that rescue operations were continuing. Another official stressed the final toll would not be known until the wreckage had been pulled apart.

The two trains, each with four cars, collided head-on at midday in an olive grove on flat terrain between the towns of Andria and Corato on a line with just a single track. The accident occurred around 11:30 a.m. some 50 kilometers northeast of the Puglia regional capital, Bari.

"It's a disaster as if an airplane fell," local Mayor Massimo



This aerial handout photo shows what is left of two commuters trains after their head-on collision in the southern region of Puglia

Mazzilli said on his Facebook page, where he posted photos of the crash.

Italian Premier Matteo Renzi pledged a thorough investigation and returned to Rome from Milan to monitor the situation.

Some rescue workers seemed overwhelmed by the scene and the heat.

A still photo of the crash showed cars crumpled to-

gether like an accordion and forced off the tracks at sharp angles. News reports said rescue workers pulled a small child alive from the rubble. Video images showed ambulances responding to the scene with other rescue workers.

A field hospital was set up in the nearby fields to treat the numerous injured, who were also being transported to hospitals. AP

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**UNTIL:** December 31, 2016  
**VENUE:** Macau Museum of Art, Av. Xian Xing Hai, s/n, NAPE  
**ADMISSION:** MOP5 (Free on Sundays and public holidays)  
**ENQUIRIES:** (853) 8791 9814

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**TIME:** 10am-6:30pm (Tuesdays to Sundays)  
**UNTIL:** July 22, 2016  
**ADMISSION:** Free  
**VENUE:** Dare to Dream Gallery, Calcada Da Barra, No. 16 R/C LJ A, Edif. San Chak  
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**TIME:** 10am-8pm (Closed on Mondays)  
**UNTIL:** August 7, 2016  
**VENUE:** Old Court Building  
**ADMISSION:** Free  
**ORGANIZER:** Macau Cultural Affairs Bureau  
**ENQUIRIES:** (853) 8399 6699

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## Offbeat

## SODA MAKER'S CAMPAIGN DRINKS: TRUMP TONIC AND HILLARY HOCH



A Connecticut soft drink company is hoping to add a little pop to this year's presidential election by releasing two specialty sodas named for the presumptive nominees.

Avery's Beverages, a 112-year-old soda maker in New Britain, is offering Trump Tonic and Hillary Hooch — named, of course, for Republican Donald

Trump and Democrat Hillary Clinton.

It's the third straight presidential campaign that Avery's has offered candidate-based drinks. The company will also be conducting a highly unscientific straw poll to track the race.

Trump Tonic comes with the slogan, "Make America grape again." It's got a bolder flavor than traditional grape soda and is a bit more acidic, says Rob Metz, Avery's general manager.

Hillary Hooch is a berry soda with ingredients that Metz jokes are classified.

"It's not sure exactly what it wants to be," Metz says. "So we've got some strawberry in there, we've got some blue raspberry in there and we added a bunch of lemon for bitterness."

Metz says his company will post the results of its straw poll each week on the company's Facebook page. He says the goal is to bring a little fun and perhaps some taste into this year's unusual presidential campaign.

The sodas are sold at local grocery stores and at the facility in New Britain. The company also takes phone orders.

Avery's has a good track record, too. Barack O'Berry out-sold both John McCreem in 2008 and Cream de Mitt in 2012. Both were red cream sodas.

There is a bit of a twist this year. Avery's also is selling versions of both sodas with blank labels so people can write in candidates if they wish. Metz says some customers have penned in Bernie Sanders' name. Others have put None of the Above on their labels.

Tina Maldonado, of New Britain, came into Avery's on Monday and bought a half-case each of Hillary Hooch and Trump Tonic.

She says she plans to give them away to friends.

"I thought they'd make great gag gifts, which seems very appropriate for this campaign," she says. **AP**

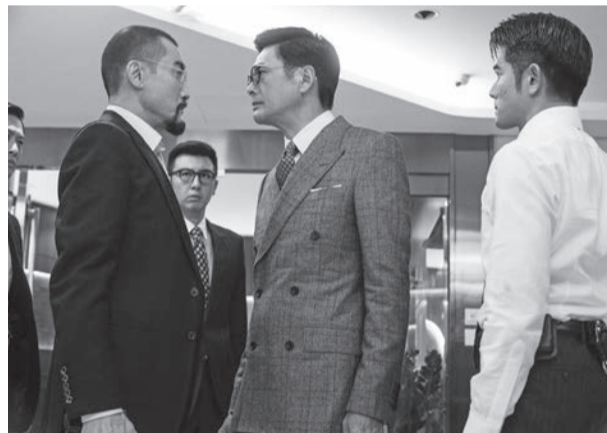
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19:50	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Fairyland of Earth Building
21:30	Criminal Minds S9
22:10	Helena's Shadow
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Drama
00:25	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
01:00	RTPi Live

## cinema

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## COLD WAR 2\_

ROOM 1

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

Director: Longman Leung, Sunny Luk

Starring: Aaron Kwok, Tony Leung Ka Fai, Chow Yun Fat

Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/ English)

Duration: 110min

## THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS\_

ROOM 2

(2D) 2.15, 4.00, 7.30 pm

(3D) 9.30 pm

Director: Chris Renaud, Yarrow Cheney

Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/ English)

Duration: 90min

## FINDING DORY\_

ROOM 2

(2D) 5.45 pm

Director: Andrew Stanton

Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/ English)

Duration: 97min

## INDEPENDENCE DAY: RESURGENCE\_

ROOM 2

(2D) 9.30 pm

Director: Roland Emmerich

Starring: Liam Hemsworth, Jeff Goldblum,

Bill Pullman

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 120min

## THE LEGEND OF TARZAN\_

ROOM 3

(2D) 2.30, 4.30, 9.30 pm

(3D) 7.30 pm

Director: Roland Emmerich

Starring: Alexander Skarsgård, Rory J. Saper,

Christian Stevens

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 109min

## MACAU TOWER

08 Jul - 20 Jul

## COLD WAR 2\_

2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Longman Leung, Sunny Luk

Starring: Aaron Kwok, Tony Leung Ka Fai, Chow Yun Fat

Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/ English)

Duration: 90min

## this day in history



## 1985 LIVE AID MAKES MILLIONS FOR AFRICA

The Live Aid concert for the starving in Africa has raised triple the £10m expected.

And as the London event draws to a close at Wembley Stadium, Britain had contributed £1,100,000 to the global total of £30m.

Described as the Woodstock of the eighties, the world's biggest rock festival was organized by Boomtown Rats singer Bob Geldof to raise money for famine relief in Africa.

Wembley was packed with a crowd of 72,000, and TV pictures, coordinated at BBC Television Centre, have been beamed to over 1.5b people in 160 countries in the biggest broadcast ever known.

The transatlantic concert began in London's mid-day sunshine with a fanfare for Prince Charles and Princess Diana and Status Quo performing Rocking All over the World.

Stars were flown in by helicopter into the arena in a line-up that included David Bowie, Wham and royal favorites Dire Straits.

Frequent appeals by Bob Geldof reminded viewers of the motive for the occasion: "Don't go to the pub tonight. Please stay in and give us your money. There are people dying now."

He himself took the call from the ruling family in Dubai who made the biggest single donation of £1m. Across the UK eight appeal centers were set up with 200 phone lines to handle - mainly credit card - donations of up to £2,000.

In the US 22,000 pledges were received within five minutes of the Beach Boys taking to the stage in the simultaneous concert at JFK Stadium, Philadelphia. The 16-hour music marathon is being completed there tonight with acts including Bob Dylan, Duran Duran and Paul Simon.

Nine months after the droughts, disease and famine in north eastern Africa were brought to the media's attention the UN has warned that 160m people are still affected.

Governments have begun a global relief operation but there are still problems of distribution in the worst hit areas - mainly Sudan and Ethiopia.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

After seeing BBC news reports of the African famine Bob Geldof and Midge Ure from Ultravox wrote the song Do They Know It's Christmas to raise money for the crisis. Mr Geldof went on a crusade to attract other stars to the cause.

Performing under the name Band Aid, they released the song on 7 December 1984. It was the fastest selling single ever and raised £8m.

Live Aid eventually raised £40m. Half of the money was spent on food and half on long-term development.

Bob Geldof was given an honorary knighthood in 1986.

On 2 July 2005 Bob Geldof organized Live 8 - a series of rock concerts around the world to raise awareness about global poverty and put pressure on the leaders of the G8 nations to tackle the problem.

Six days later the G8 summit at Gleneagles in Perthshire, Scotland, agreed a \$50bn aid package for Africa.



YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Your drive is more powerful than ever, so make sure that you're pushing yourself to new extremes.

Taurus April 20-May 20 Your connection with the natural world is at an all-time high today, so get out there and experience the earth in all its glory.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Something is harder than it ought to be - and you're not really sure how to handle it. Try to just kick back and watch for a bit.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 You feel somewhat more withdrawn today - and there's nothing wrong with that! Sometimes you need to kick back on your own or with close family to let your emotional reserves fill back up.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Your sense of self-worth is never in doubt - but sometimes, like today, it may come across as something darker. Try to err on the side of humility, at least in public.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 It's okay to let loose with a little creative destruction today - your energy is good enough that the positive should far outweigh the negative.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 You are dealing with something from your past today - it could be almost anything, from an old flame to childhood anxiety to last week's deadline extension.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 You need to figure out whose willpower is the strongest in today's confrontation - that is who's likeliest to come out ahead.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Your way with words is a real boon right now, so make sure that you're using them carefully. Don't hold back anything original or unusual.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Your plans are coming together quite well today, so push forward and make sure that you're taking advantage of this great situation.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Your feel somewhat restricted today - maybe a new rule has been implemented, or maybe you're just finding that your energy levels aren't what they were the other day.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 You've got friends looking out for you - even when you don't know they're around. You may find a door opening thanks to hidden manipulations.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

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9x9 grid for Easy Sudoku puzzle.

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9x9 grid for Easy+ Sudoku puzzle.

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9x9 grid for Medium Sudoku puzzle.

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9x9 grid for Hard Sudoku puzzle.

WEATHER

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Table of weather forecasts for various Chinese cities including Beijing, Harbin, Tianjin, etc.

WORLD

Table of weather forecasts for various world cities including Moscow, Frankfurt, Paris, etc.

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Retail store; 5- Warmth; 9- Jam-pack; 13- Jester Jay; 14- \_\_\_ firma; 15- Israeli dance; 16- Corrida cheers; 17- Register; 18- Black, in poetry; 19- Missouri feeder; 21- Opposite of NNW; 22- Sandy tract; 23- Initial stake; 25- Novelist Bagnold; 27- Lasting for an extended period; 31- Aztec god of rain; 35- Bacchanalian cry; 36- Felt sorry about; 38- Basic monetary unit of Sweden; 39- Scratch the surface of; 40- Binge; 42- French possessive; 43- Absolute; 46- Ike's ex; 47- Coup d'\_\_\_; 48- Go over again; 50- Wearisome; 52- Cease; 54- High-ranking NCO; 55- Lucie's dad; 58- Former Bush spokesman Fleischer; 60- Large stinging wasp; 64- Wings; 65- Fashionably old-fashioned; 67- Dynamic introduction?; 68- Workout count; 69- Went after; 70- Slay; 71- Student's hurdle; 72- Slaughter in Cooperstown; 73- Part of A.D.;

DOWN: 1- Sow chow; 2- Hades; 3- Draft rating; 4- Mail charge; 5- Female fowl; 6- Slips; 7- \_\_\_ by any other name€"; 8- Aptitude; 9- Cheese; 10- Choir attire; 11- Elvis's middle name; 12- Long luxuriant hair; 14- Seesaws; 20- Big bang cause; 24- Blow one's top; 26- Kind; 27- Mammal of Madagascar; 28- Like Humpty Dumpty; 29- Compass point; 30- Reason for a raise; 32- Numbers game; 33- Late bedtime; 34- Class of Indian society; 37- Fabric of jeans; 41- Hearing distance; 44- Least difficult; 45- They appear before U; 47- "CHiPs" star; 49- Throaty; 51- Self-esteem; 53- Primp; 55- Pub missile; 56- Gen. Robert \_\_\_; 57- Dupes; 59- Sock \_\_\_ me!; 61- Vegas gas; 62- \_\_\_ Brockovich; 63- Up \_\_\_ good; 66- \_\_\_ Tafari (Haile Selassie);

Yesterday's solution crossword grid with filled-in words.

Large crossword puzzle grid with numbers indicating starting points.

Crossword puzzles provided by BestCrosswords.com

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**Doug Ferguson, Troon**

**J**ORDAN Spieth said pulling out of the Olympics was the hardest decision he's ever made, and that it likely will haunt him as he's watching golfers compete for a gold medal in Rio de Janeiro for the first time in 112 years.

Spieth cited "health concerns" as his reason for withdrawing, though he said the Zika virus was only part of it. Asked what kept him out of the Olympics, the 22-year-old Texan would only say that it was personal and anyone in his shoes would have made the same choice.

"Why was it so hard? Because I'm a huge believer in Olympic golf," Spieth said Tuesday during a news conference that touched only briefly on his bid for the third leg of the career Grand Slam at the British Open.

"This year I just had to try and weigh a risk that doesn't present itself every year," he said. "And just at the time that I had to make the decision, I just felt this was the right move for me. Not everybody's going to understand. Nobody's going to understand what it's like in my shoes [...] Mine came down to just a very personal decision that, again, I don't expect anybody to understand, but trust that I believe I'm making the right decision for myself, for my future and for those around me."

Spieth's stock has risen sharply in the last year after he won the Masters and U.S. Open and made a spirited run at the Grand Slam. With 18 other players having withdrawn, he was looked upon as someone whose commitment might ease the backlash against golf for its perceived indifference about the sport returning to the Olympics.

That didn't stop him from following his instincts.

Spieth said he didn't make up his mind until Monday morning, and the decision was his alone.

"Everybody's entitled to their own opinion," Spieth said. "I'm not worrying about anybody else except myself, and again, I don't expect people to fully

AP PHOTO



Jordan Spieth of the US holds his club on the practice ground ahead of the British Open Golf Championship at the Royal Troon Golf Club in Troon, Scotland

**GOLF**

# Spieth: Pulling out of Olympics hardest choice he ever made

understand it. They don't know what I know about myself and my future and my goals. Therefore, there's nothing I can do about it except go on and try to again focus on this week."

Spieth's decision means none of the top four in the world ranking — they have won six of the last eight majors — will be in Rio when golf is part of the Olympic program for the first time since St. Louis in 1904.

Jason Day, Dustin Johnson and Rory McIlroy previously pulled out, all citing Zika and their plans to start a family or have more children. The mosquito-borne Zika virus has been linked to severe birth defects and possible neurological disorders in adults. International Golf Federation President Peter Dawson said Monday he thou-

ght there was an overreaction to Zika and that none of the workers on the new golf course have been affected.

Spieth is staying with Rickie Fowler this week in Troon, and he said he was standing next to him when Fowler tweeted Sunday night that he would be playing. Spieth had planned to room with Fowler in Rio, and he said he texted Fowler after informing the IGF that he wasn't going to play.

"He said, 'No worries. I know you had to make it just for you. You're just going to be jealous when I get that gold,'" Spieth said. "That's what he said. So that's how it went."

Either way, Spieth said he would be watching.

He is the defending champion at the John Deere Classic, which

was moved to the week of the Olympics when the PGA Tour adjusted its schedule for the Rio Games. Even though he's out of the Olympics, Spieth said he won't go to the John Deere.

"I don't think it would be an appropriate move to play that week, so I will not be playing that week," he said. "I don't think it would be appropriate given our decision on the Olympics. [...] We've won two out of the last three years. So I will be going back there, I just don't think it's appropriate this year."

Spieth joked after an introduction to his close call at St. Andrews last year that it would be the easiest question he received. And when it was over, as he pushed back from the table, he said quietly with a smile, "Do we have a tourna-

ment this week?"

He was ready to move on from Olympics to a claret jug. But even Spieth knows that won't happen. He said he would carry the decision with him through the Olympics and for a while.

"It will loom over me throughout the Olympic games, for sure," he said. "I will be, I'm sure, at times pretty upset that I'm not down there. I thought about all this ahead of time. When I watch the opening ceremonies, that's going to be a big bummer. Then when I watch these guys competing on the golf course. I'll be texting with Rickie, obviously, throughout as a good friend of mine. I thought about all of this ahead of time and still made the decision I did because it was the right move for me." AP

## Brazil wants African religions in Rio's athletes village

**Mauricio Savarese**

**R**ELIGIONS of African origin should be represented in the ecumenical center of the athletes village for the Rio de Janeiro Games, Brazilian federal public defenders have told city hall and Olympic organizers.

Public defender Edison

Santana told The Associated Press on Monday that his recommendation is based on the fact that only Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism and Buddhism are currently included.

Rio Games organizers said other services could be provided, but so far haven't replied officially to

the public defenders.

Santana said the recommendation is a way to settle the issue without a lawsuit and that organizers have 10 days to respond.

"None of the faiths chosen to be in the athletes village comes from Africa, and that bothered followers of those religions

in Brazil," Santana said. "I am sure we will come to a reasonable solution, it is not a complicated thing to do. But we will take action if necessary."

Organizers said in a statement that there won't be religious exclusion at the games.

"The interreligious center of the village will be

open to leaders of different religions as long as it is requested by an athlete," the statement said.

Official figures from 2010 show that out of 200 million inhabitants Brazil has almost 600,000 followers of African religions, such as Candomble, which was developed in the 19th century by

Brazil's slave populations. Santana said the recommendation is based on religions of African origin, but it also goes for other smaller faiths as well.

About 10,500 athletes are expected at the Olympics, from Aug. 5 to 21. The vast majority of those will stay at the athletes village. AP



opinion

**Macau Matters**

Richard Whitfield



**Too much NaCl will kill you**

Like too many older people who have always eaten normal Western diets, I now take pills to control my too high blood pressure. If I had grown up and lived my life eating differently this would probably not be the case. Because of this issue I have been learning about about the topic, but I am not an expert so take the following explanation with a grain of salt!

Animal circulatory systems (the heart, blood, etc) need trace amounts of NaCl (sodium chloride), which we commonly call salt, to work properly. Circulatory systems move oxygen, water, nutrients and other materials throughout animal bodies so that their constituent cells can continue to function. Salt is needed to regulate the take-up of water in the body but too much salt can cause several health problems.

Plant circulatory systems operate differently and do not need salt (and they find it toxic). This is why herbivores must supplement their plant diets by separately eating salt. By contrast, carnivores get most of their salt from the flesh (and blood) that they eat. Humans are mostly omnivores and so may or may not need to supplement their diets with salt.

Salt enters our bodies when we eat it. Evolution has ensured that we eat enough salt by making it very tasty and by ensuring that adding salt to other foods makes them tastier. The problems come when we eat too much salt. To regulate the amount of salt in our bodies, our kidneys filter out excess salt and we excrete it in urine. However, our kidneys only have a limited capacity to remove salt from our bodies and this is why we get thirsty when we eat too much salt – it is our body's way of getting us to drink more to increase the amount of water in our body thus reducing the salt concentration to the proper level but this also increases our blood pressure (because blood volume increases and more work has to be done to pump it around the body).

Not enough salt means low blood pressure which means that oxygen, water and other nutrients do not get to our cells and we die. High salt consumption means high blood pressure (because the blood volume increases after drinking and absorbing more water) which puts additional strain on our hearts, arteries, vein walls and kidneys which over time means that they will fail sooner and thus we live a somewhat shorter life.

The human body evolved to only need very small amounts of salt. We need less than 1500mg/day to live healthily. Modern processed foods – both Asian and Western – usually contain much more salt than we need because (1) adding salt to foods makes them tastier, (2) it is a very cheap way to add weight (because salt is inexpensive and absorbs water) and (3) a lot of salt makes us thirsty so we also buy lots of manufactured drinks. Many manufactured foods, including breads, breakfast cereals, processed meats, sauces and spices often contain 10-20 times the amount of salt actually needed to maintain good health. If you eat manufactured Western foods, adding no salt during cooking or at the table will only reduce your overall salt intake by 10-15%.

The message is clear, we are poisoning ourselves by eating too much salt. We need food manufacturers to very substantially reduce their use of salt, and we need to educate people to not add salt during cooking or at the table. Consumer demand is leading to a lot more "reduced salt" food products, but many of these products are still very salty. Several countries, including Portugal, have successfully run long term public education campaigns to reduce people's salt intake. We need to do something similar in Macau.

**THE US REPORT ACCUSES UK OFFICIALS OF HAMPERING HSBC PROBE**

A U.S. report is accusing British officials of hampering a probe into HSBC, one of the world's largest banks.

The U.S. House Financial Services Committee said Monday it released the report to "shed light" on whether the Department of Justice made prosecutorial decisions based on the size of the institution under investigation. It argued that HSBC was not prosecuted because of fears for the global economy.

The report called, "Too Big to Jail: Inside the Obama Justice Department's Decision Not to hold Wall Street Accountable," accuses Britain's Treasury chief George Osborne of intervening in the investigation into the London-based bank.

The report says that Osborne "insinuated" that the U.S. was unfairly targeting U.K. banks by seeking settlements higher than those for U.S. banks and takes issue with U.K. financial regulators.

INDIA

**PM calls emergency meeting as Kashmir death toll rises**



A Kashmiri woman pleads with Indian paramilitary soldiers to let her cross a temporary checkpoint during curfew in Srinagar

Aijaz Hussain, Srinagar

INDIA'S prime minister called an emergency meeting yesterday over escalating anti-India protests in Kashmir, where at least 28 people have died in clashes and hospitals are struggling with hundreds of injured.

The protests erupted over the weekend after Indian troops killed the popular, young leader of the largest rebel group in the region beset by an insurgency since the 1990s.

Defying curfews and paramilitary troops and riot police on patrol, crowds of youths threw stones at law enforcement officers and rallied in the main city of Srinagar and

other places around the region. Separatist politicians, most of them under house arrest, extended a call for a general strike through Wednesday.

Police said yesterday the death toll from the street violence had reached 28, after three young men died overnight. Most were teens and young men.

Doctors and government officials said they were struggling with a medical emergency after hundreds of civilians were admitted to hospitals with bullet and pellet wounds. At least 100 troops have been injured.

Amid reported scuffles between law enforcement and hospital staff, many injured

protesters said they were beaten up by police and paramilitary soldiers while on the way to hospitals. Authorities appealed for calm and said they would investigate the complaints.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, having just returned from a four-nation tour in Africa, called a high-level government meeting to discuss how to calm the region and restore peace. Indian authorities had said Monday they sent at least 2,000 more law enforcement troops to the mountainous region, where hundreds of thousands already are deployed permanently.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon also expressed concern about the violence. A statement said Ban "calls on all parties to exercise maximum restraint to avoid further violence and hopes that all concerns would be addressed through peaceful means".

Indian officials lifted a suspension on an annual Hindu pilgrimage to a mountain cave that draws about half a million people each year, and asked that law enforcement ensure the security of the pilgrimage. Kashmir is about 70 percent Muslim. AP

**THE DECISIVE MOMENT**

Beatrice Mategwa/UNMISS via AP



A woman prepares food as displaced women, men and children gather, in Juba, South Sudan at the UN compound in Topping area. An uneasy calm settled over South Sudan's capital yesterday after the country's leader and his top rival both demanded a cease-fire. Renewed fighting between opposing army forces has raised fears of a return to civil war in the East African country, which marked its fifth anniversary of independence over the weekend while panicked residents hid inside their homes.

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

SOURCE: DSI/MG

**WORLD BRIEFS**



CONGO's leading opposition candidate for president said Monday he was poisoned as part of a government plot to kill him, a dramatic claim almost certain to escalate tensions even further over upcoming elections in one of Africa's largest countries.

**PORTUGAL-SPAIN**

Portugal and Spain face the prospect of fines for failing to meet European Union budget rules. At a meeting in Brussels, finance ministers from the 28-country EU agreed that both countries haven't taken "effective action" to get their borrowing down to prescribed levels. Under EU rules, countries have to get their budget deficits down below 3 percent of their annual gross domestic product.



HUNGARY Human Rights Watch says some migrants sent back to Serbia from Hungary have been severely beaten by Hungarian police and soldiers. They added that Hungary is accepting only 30 claims daily at border transit zones, leading to hundreds of refugees being stranded at the border in precarious conditions. More on p14

GERMANY Germany is affirming its growing role on the world stage in new security guidelines that mark another step away from its caution after World War II. A draft defense policy paper, due to be presented today, states that "Germany is a globally highly connected country [...] which has a responsibility to actively shape the global order."