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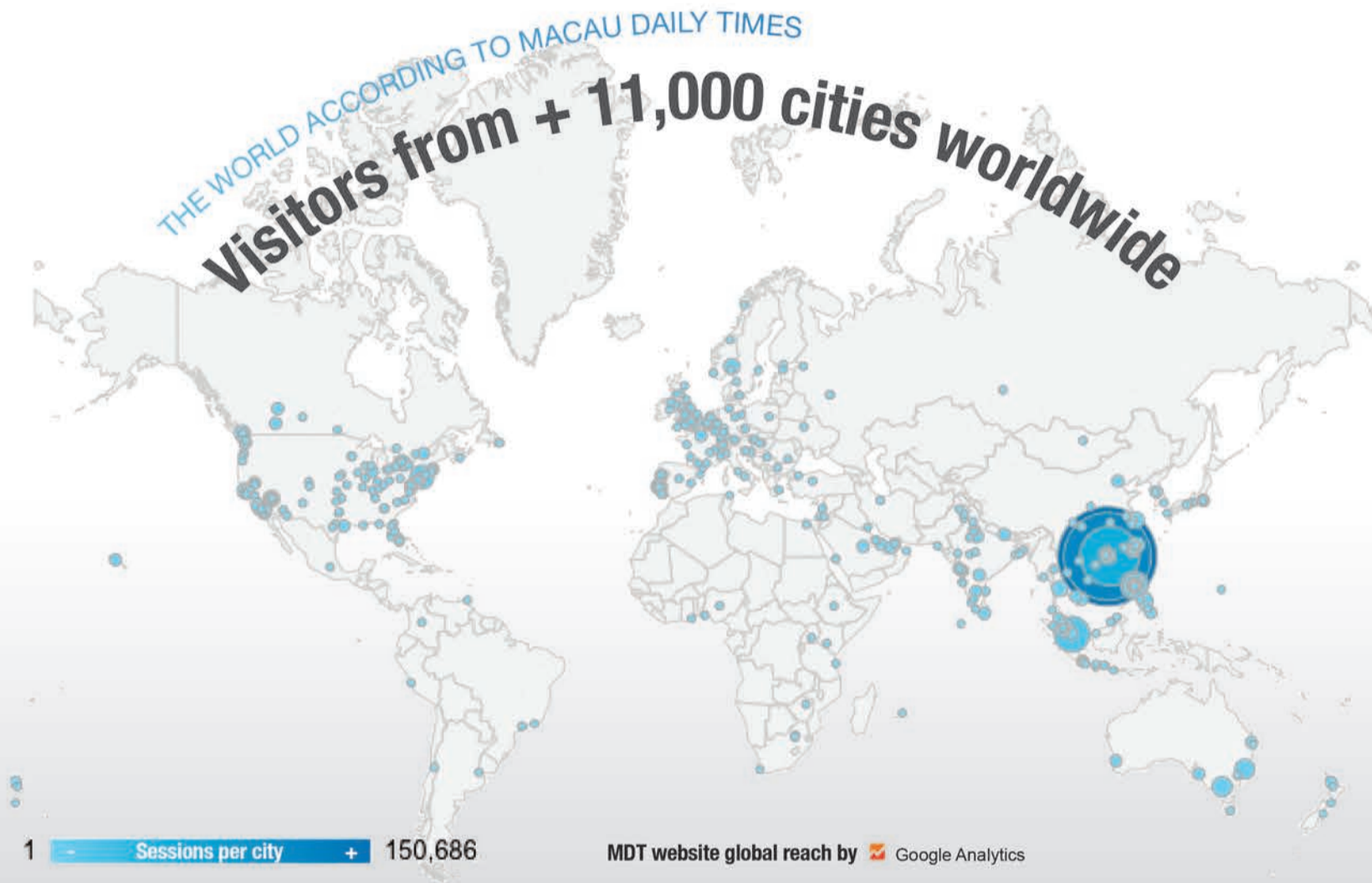
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WORLD BRIEFS



CHINA In a country long focused on bringing home as many Olympic gold medals as possible, this year's haul isn't what China expected. When China's 416-athlete delegation set off for Rio, state sports officials were banking on 30 to 36 gold medals. As the games end, it had won just 24 for the worst showing since Atlanta 96. *More on p11*

CHINA-TAIWAN Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen called on China to jointly keep peace across the strait amid strained ties since she took office in May. "China should recognize both sides share the responsibility to maintain peaceful and stable development," Tsai said in the first briefing with domestic and foreign media since her inauguration. "A communication mechanism has yet to be restored. We hope both sides can keep stability before considering a new view on dialogue," she said.

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US prosecutors scrutinize Ng Lap Seng's affiliate believed to be a Chinese spy

Daniel Beitler

OFFICIALS in the U.S. are investigating a Beijing businessman who they suspect might be operating as a Chinese intelligence agent linked to Macau billionaire Ng Lap Seng. The latest information on the case comes from the transcript of an FBI interview filed in court earlier this month.

Ng is currently standing trial in New York on allegations that he fueled a bribery scandal incriminating the recently deceased former General Assembly president, John Ashe, in return for the sponsorship of a UN conference center in Macau that would serve as the billionaire's legacy.

Last year, when Ng was arrested and confined to his New York City apartment after a USD50 million (about MOP400 million) bail, he was asked by FBI agents whether he knew if his business associate Qin Fei was in



Chinese billionaire Ng Lap Seng (left), leaves federal court with his attorney Ben Brafman after he was released on bail in connection with a U.N. bribery scheme in New York, on Oct. 26, 2015

any way involved with Chinese intelligence services. Ng said he did not know, admit-

ting only that Qin was a consultant at his company, Sun Kian Ip Group.

Qin had been traveling with Ng when the latter was arrested last year, but subse-

Prosecutors suspect that Qin was involved in the directing of Ng's activities in the US, acting as his 'handler'

quently returned to China, according to a Wall Street Journal (WSJ) article.

However, prosecutors believe the links go deeper than Ng suggests. They suspect that Qin was involved in directing Ng's activities in the U.S., acting as his "handler," and frequently traveling with the casino magnate on his trips to the country.

According to the WSJ article, people with information on the matter claim that

FLYING across the Pacific on an Air Force jet bound for Beijing, first lady Hillary Clinton huddled deep into the night with a few aides and advisers, honing her speech for the U.N. Fourth World Conference on Women.

It was 1995, and it had been a bruising first few years in the White House: Troopergate, Travelgate, Whitewater. Not to mention the failure of her own high-profile efforts — unprecedented for a first lady — to reform the nation's health care system.

Even her trip to China provoked controversy. There were objections in some quarters to a first lady wading into tricky diplomatic waters and addressing issues like human rights abuses. Some in Congress called the

Clinton's 1995 foray in Beijing



1995, file photo, first lady Hillary Clinton addresses the panel of women's health and security before addressing the U.N. World Conference on Women in Beijing

conference "anti-family" and felt the United States shouldn't be attending at

all. Some feared offending the Chinese with criticism; others feared the hosts might use the U.S. participation — and the first lady's — as propaganda.

In the end, Clinton decided to make the trip, hoping to "push the envelope as far as I can on behalf of women and girls."

But as she rose to the podium, and even after she had stepped down to thunderous applause, Clinton had no idea the impact the moment would have, she says. More than two decades later, that 21-minute speech — with its declaration that "Human rights are

women's rights, and women's rights are human rights" — remains one of her signature moments in public life.

It also stands out as a moment Clinton began to truly forge an identity as a public figure on the world stage apart from her husband.

And it almost didn't happen. A few months earlier, Chinese-American dissident Harry Wu had been arrested upon entering China and charged with espionage, throwing the participation of the U.S. delegation and Clinton, its honorary chair, into limbo. He was finally released less than a mon-

th before the conference; Clinton writes that there was "never a quid pro quo."

She and her aides flew from Hawaii, where President Bill Clinton was speaking on the anniversary of V-J Day at Pearl Harbor. Working on the draft while others slept, the group was keenly aware that "one wrong word in this speech might lead to a diplomatic brouhaha," Clinton writes.

Hours later, she took the microphone in the large hall. She began by telling the delegates that when women are healthy, educated and free from violence, with a chance

to work and learn, their families flourish, too. About halfway through, she declared: "It's time to break the silence. It's time for us to say here, for the world to hear, that it is no longer acceptable to discuss women's rights as separate from human rights."

With emphasis on the word "human" each time, she listed abuses against women — and called them human rights violations (she did not mention China by name). Then came her most famous line: "If there is one message that echoes forth from this conference, let it be that human rights are women's rights, and women's rights are human rights, once and for all." MDT/AP

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mysterious business

Qin, the suspected agent, is a mysterious individual.

"Qin has emerged as a shadowy figure in the case, according to people familiar with the matter, and little is known about him. People who live near a Long Island mansion, which public records indicate he bought almost two years ago, say they have never seen him [there], with one person saying [Qin] hasn't even removed the cover from the fountain in his front yard," the report read.

Furthermore, the WSJ reported that the suspected Chinese agent treated Ng as a subordinate despite the fact that he is older than Qin. The suspected agent is believed to be 54-years-old, while Ng is 68, according to a U.S. government document.

"Qin would direct Mr. Ng to fly his private jet from the Chinese gambling haven of Macau to Beijing to pick him up for trips to the U.S., order Mr. Ng to carry his luggage, and complain that he walked too slowly," the WSJ cited an informant.

Little public information exists on Qin even in China. Corporate records list him as the partial owner of a Beijing-based company, which was set up in 2000 with a registered capital of RMB50 million (MOP 60.3 million) and seven employees. Ng is registered as the company's legal representative.

Ng and his assistant Jeff Yin were both arrested in the U.S. last year, on charges that they had made false statements about the purpose of USD4.5 million (MOP36 million) brought into the country from China, which the casino mogul had initially stated was to be used for gambling, real estate purposes, and for purchasing art and antiques.

According to prosecutors, it may have instead been used to renovate the house of "Business Associate-2", who may have been Qin, who at that time was looking to renovate his USD10 million (MOP80 million) Long Island mansion, according to a Reuters report on Friday.

Additionally, the Macau billionaire is being accused of being involved in a UN bribery scheme, which allegedly involves staff at the highest tiers of the international organization, as well as multi-

ple departments such as the recently revealed United Nations Development Program.

His company has been tied to a USD1.5 million (MOP12 million) donation to the UN Office for South-South Cooperation, which focuses on promoting collaboration among developing countries, particularly in the southern hemisphere.

Most infamously however, Ng is accused of giving former General Assembly president John Ashe over USD500,000 (almost MOP4 million) in exchange for, among other things, a con-

ference center that his company would develop.

Ashe died in June awaiting trial, due to physical injuries during a weightlifting accident. The official cause of death was "traumatic asphyxia [...] while lifting a barbell on a bench."

Meanwhile, Ng's lawyers have alleged in court papers that the investigation into the Macau billionaire is being inappropriately piloted by a state-sanctioned "U.S. geopolitical interest in slowing the progress of Chinese influence over developing nations."

The Clinton-China affair



Ng Lap Seng with Bill Clinton in Washington (1996)

THE relationship between the Clintons, China and prominent Chinese businessman Ng Lap Seng is one that dates back decades, with the latter allegedly involved in misconduct that occurred during the presidential administration of Bill Clinton.

Macau billionaire Ng was famously involved in a fundraising scandal in the 1990s, involving the Democratic presidential campaign of Bill Clinton.

He was the alleged secret source of foreign money in a campaign scandal during the Clinton administration, that was channeled through an Arkansas restaurant owner, Charlie Trie, to the Democratic National Committee.

Trie, a friend of then-president Bill Clinton, became acquainted with Ng in 1994, before making a USD100,000 donation later in the year, even though he had never made any comparable contribution before and had no apparent wealth. In total, more than USD1 million was funneled through Trie, allegedly backed by Ng's finances.

Ng, who has close ties to the Chinese government and is listed as a member of a senior advisory group, the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, was not charged with a crime during the investigation.

Meanwhile, Trie, an American citizen, pleaded guilty to violating U.S. campaign financing regulations. The link between the Clintons and Ng is also highlighted by the fact that the Chinese businessman visited the White House 10 times over a two-year period between June 1994 and October 1996. **DB**

Groups call for ban on tour buses around St Paul's Ruins



LOCAL scholar and civil group leader Agnes Lam has stated her belief that tour coaches should be prevented from dropping off or picking up passengers in the area around St. Paul's Ruins, according to a report by Jornal Cheng Pou.

Recently, a serious accident involving a tour bus took place near St. Paul's Ruins. In Lam's words, the dropping off or picking up of passengers should be done at the Inner Harbour or at the Tap Seac Square. By doing so, Lam believes that the traffic will be relieved around St. Paul's. The scholar also remarked that any government that cares about the protection of tourism sites should require travelers to visit those places on foot.

The Central District Advisory Committee for Community Services recently discussed the requirement issued to the government to devise a schedule regarding the implementation of traffic regulations at the aforementioned area. The Committee called for a complete ban

of tour buses entering core areas around the Ruins of St. Paul's, upgrading the area's pedestrian facilities, making use of the parking lots underneath the Tap Seac Square.

Meanwhile, it is expected that 10 out of the 11 injured tourists who have been hospitalized and cared for in the territory's hospitals will be returning home this week, the Government Spokesperson Office said in a statement last Friday.

One victim is the exception, who was in critical condition and underwent a surgical operation for craniofacial trauma sustained from the accident. According to the same statement, this victim's condition is considered stable, although she still needs life support equipment.

Regarding the condition of the Wa Keong Building, which was affected by the accident, representatives of the Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau (DSSOPT) will meet with the owners of the units to deliver a preliminary proposal for the restoration of the building. **Staff reporters**

BUS EMITS SMOKE DURING JOURNEY

ON FRIDAY, smoke was seen escaping from a bus during its journey through Avenida de Venceslau de Morais. Fifteen passengers were on the bus at the time the incident occurred, and are all safe, according to a report by Macao Daily News. The driver spotted the smoke and immediately proceeded to park the vehicle, while firefight-

ers were called. A preliminary investigation conducted by the Fire Service Bureau (CB) showed that a failure in one functionality linked to the rotation of the tires led to the smoke. Similar incidents occurred in both January and July this year. No injuries or deaths were recorded.

Gov't to recommend more projects for Hengqin's Industrial Park



Chui Sai On at a meeting with Guangdong province officials in Beijing

THE Macau government is currently preparing to recommend a second group of projects to be implemented at the Guangdong-Macau Industrial Cooperation Park located on Hengqin Island, Macauhub reported citing a Macao Trade and Investment

Promotion Institute (IPIM) statement.

According to the statement, the suggestion came from the Board of Management of the Hengqin New Area that Macau should present new investment projects for the Industrial Park to add to those currently being developed.

Macau has already launched the first group of projects for the Park this year, with an expected completion date of 2019. The first 12 projects – which are related to traditional Chinese medicine, cultural and creative industries, leisure and tourism, education, entertainment, MICE, among others – were chosen to be part of Hengqin's first developmental phase and were selected from a group of 33 projects presented back in 2013.

The Hengqin Island New Area covers a total area of 96 square kilometers and is intended to be a complement to Macau's entertainment, as well as a place for industrial diversification.

The new campus of the University of Macau was the first big development to be built and to operate on the Island. **RM**



Survey respondents read on average 6.6 books in 2015

THE University of Macau released the results of a survey conducted during the months of November and December last year, which enquired about the reading habits of local residents in the previous year of 2015. The survey concluded that on average the respondents read 6.6 books in 2015, according to a report by Jornal Cheng Pou.

The survey data was based on interviews collected from 1,024 users of local public libraries (registered users of libraries under the administration of the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC)), and 1,027 other people. Regarding the former, 53.6 percent claimed to have

visited libraries under the administration of IC, while 19 percent voiced their support for the 24-hour opening periods of these library facilities. With respect to the number of book collections, 34 percent were satisfied while 39.3 percent were happy with the range of available books.

The results also show a greater interest in reading in Macau residents compared to the figures registered in Hong Kong. According to a reading index survey conducted over the months of April and May by Sun Hung Kai Properties, Hong Kong people read an average of 2.8 books in the six months prior to the survey.

Tourism-related spending falls by 4.5 percent in Q2

SPENDING by tourists decreased by 4.5 percent during the second quarter of this year when compared year-on-year with the same period of last year, as reported by the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC), after analyzing the results of a visitor expenditure survey.

According to the report, the total spending (excluding gaming expenses) amounted to MOP11.70 billion, which is MOP550 million less than that in 2015.

An approximate decrease of same-day visitors by 10 percent is one of the contributing factors for the reduction in spending. According to the data, the spending in Q2 has registered a slight raise (1.4 percent) when compared with the figures recorded in Q1 (MOP11.54 billion).

The Q2 per-capita spending

of visitors was of MOP1,601, with the biggest decrease due to a drop in tourists arriving from Fujian Province by 31.1 percent.

On the other hand, per-capita spending of visitors from Japan (MOP1,731), Malaysia (MOP1,657), Hong Kong (MOP955) and Taiwan (MOP1,548) increased by 12.1, 10.1, 9.8 and 12.7 percent respectively. The report also highlights that visitors have spent their money mostly on shopping (43.4 percent), accommodation (26.8 percent) and food & beverage (20.9 percent). As for the areas that suggested most dissatisfaction from tourists, environmental hygiene and public facilities are still topping the list, being accountable respectively for 78.4 percent and 67 percent of complaints. **RM**

CE TO LEAD DELEGATION ON PAN-PEARL RIVER DELTA COOPERATION FORUM

THE CHIEF Executive (CE), Chui Sai On, will lead a delegation of MSAR government representatives to Guangzhou in order to participate in the 11th Pan-Pearl River Delta Cooperation and Development Forum and Fair August 24 and 25, the Government Spokesperson Office informed. Chui will attend the event's opening ceremony scheduled for the

morning of August 25 and will also attend the signing session of cooperation agreements. The Pan-Pearl River Delta Cooperation Forum was created in 2003 as a joint cooperation between nine provincial governments (Fujian, Jiangxi, Hunan, Guangdong, Guangxi, Hainan, Sichuan, Guizhou and Yunnan) and the two special regions (Hong Kong and Macau).



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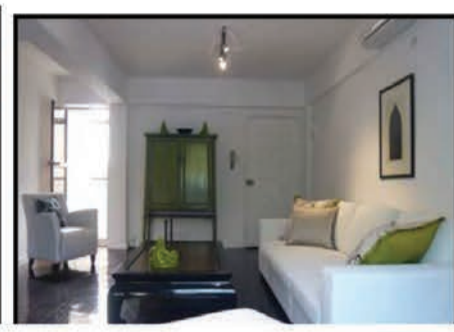
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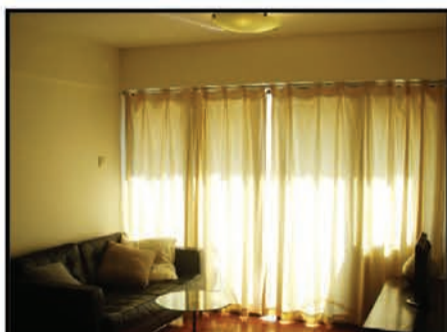
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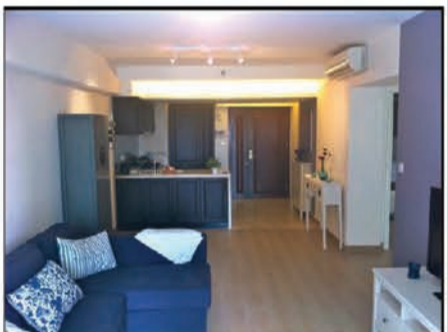
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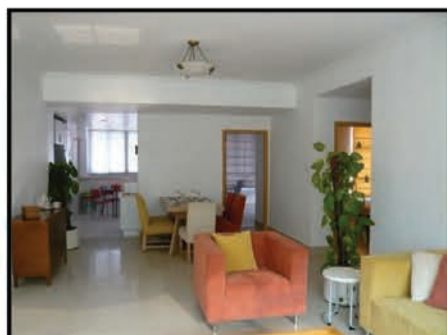
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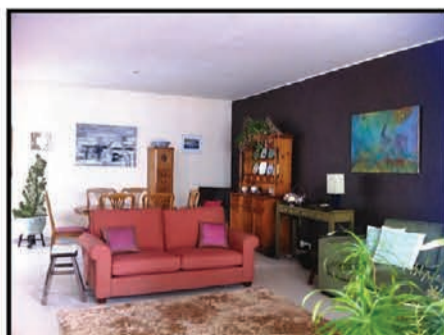
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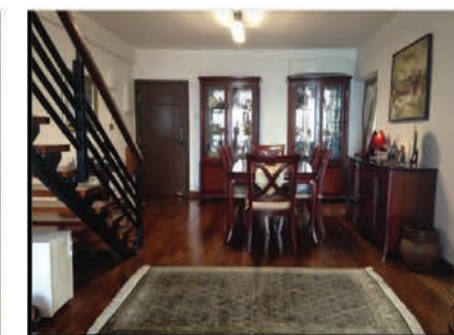
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Gloomy outlook for struggling Studio City

RATINGS agency Standard and Poor's Financial Services has issued a negative outlook for Studio City Casino Macau bonds and warned that the project could soon default on its loan.

Studio City's new non-gaming facilities do not appear to be a hit. With the number of visitors to Macau having fallen by 2.6 percent year-on-year to 30.7 million in 2015, the resort has struggled to attract new customers despite the publicizing of non-gaming activities like its Batman ride and a magic show.

On top of that, the casinos strategic positioning as a non-VIP gaming destination – an attempt to appeal to families and China's growing middle class – also doesn't seem to be working.

Standard and Poor's has therefore issued a warning that the resort could soon default on the USD1.41 billion loan

used to complete the construction of the hotel. The warning comes off the back of a 42.5 percent slide in the value of bonds issued to investors.

An additional report published by Bloomberg revealed that Studio City might also have trouble borrowing cash to repay its existing debts, speculating that Melco Crown Entertainment's partners, American hedge funds Silver Point and Oaktree Capital, could be the first financial victims if the resort if to default.

The report also noted that Hong Kong-listed Melco Crown Entertainment, which holds 60 percent of the investment, is distancing itself from any rescue scenarios. According to Bloomberg, representatives of the company said: "Studio City Casino Macau is within an entirely separate credit group and its debt is non-recourse to Melco Crown Entertainment Limited. [...] Investors should not assume

that Melco Crown Entertainment Limited will provide any financial support to Studio City Casino Macau or that it would step in for Studio City Casino Macau."

Bloomberg also alleged that many analysts believe that Melco Crown Entertainment is seeking to take full control of the Cotai resort, and that the negative rating from Standard and Poor's will strengthen the operator's negotiating hand.

Lawrence Ho, the operator's CEO, told Barron's Asia earlier this year that he was in "no rush" to buy out the minority partners in the development due to disagreements on the valuation of the property.

Studio City, which opened in October last year, has not fared as well as analysts predicted. Optimism had initially run high for what was considered the first resort of its kind, targeting the gaming mass market and promoting non-gaming activities. Howe-



ver, a revenue of less than USD200 million in the first quarter of 2016, disappointed market observers prompting

Lawrence Ho to blame the resort's marketing team in June, who he said, "need[ed] to do a better job." **DB**

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The gold medal for buying up Brazilian assets goes to China inc.

Vinicy Chan

CHINA may be lagging behind in the medal count during this year's Olympic games in Rio de Janeiro, but it's winning the competition for Brazilian assets.

No country has done more acquisitions in Brazil this year than China, which grabbed the No. 1 ranking by deal value for the first time on record, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. Chinese firms have

announced USD4 billion of purchases in Brazil so far this year, the highest total for a comparable period since 2010.

Latin America's biggest economy has turned into a fertile hunting ground for Chinese acquirers, as Brazilian firms look for suitors to help them ride out the nation's longest recession in decades. A 50 percent drop in the real over the past five years has increased Chinese firms' buying power, while political opposition to takeovers is

proving a smaller hurdle than in the U.S. and U.K.

"Brazil has been welcoming towards Chinese investment given the economic challenges the country is facing," Joseph Gallagher, head of mergers and acquisitions for Asia Pacific at Credit Suisse Group AG, said in an interview in Hong Kong. "Chinese appetite for Brazilian assets will continue to be high."

Debt reduction has been a big motivation for sellers. Camargo Correa SA, a Sao Paulo-based

builder that's been trying to cut leverage, agreed in July to sell its entire 24 percent stake in CPFL Energia SA to State Grid Corp. of China. Vale SA, the iron-ore miner shedding assets to better manage its debt load, agreed to sell three vessels to a Chinese group for \$269 million last month.

"Many Brazilian companies are being forced to sell very attractive assets at good prices to reduce their debt," said Renato Ejnisman, the head of invest-

ment banking at Banco Bradesco SA in Sao Paulo.

For Chinese buyers faced with pricey equity valuations at home, companies in Brazil look like bargains. About 11 percent of the nation's 473 public companies trade at less than half book value, data compiled by Bloomberg show. The real's slump to beyond 4 per dollar made Brazilian assets look especially attractive earlier this year, though the currency has since recovered by more than 30 percent amid a broader rally in emerging markets.

While Brazil's economic downturn has been painful, Chinese acquirers see the country as a long-term growth market, in part because of its 200 million-strong population, according to Brian Gu, co-head of Asia Pacific mergers and acquisitions at JPMorgan Chase & Co.

The nation's power and utilities sector is particularly attractive for Chinese buyers seeking to replicate the growth they've enjoyed at home for the last decade, said Helen Li, head of Asia power and utilities at Bank of America Merrill Lynch. Brazil has a relaxed process for evaluating takeovers relative to the U.S, Europe and Australia, where some Chinese suitors have struggled to win government approval, according to Li.

President Xi Jinping said last year China's trade with Latin America would rise to \$500 billion in the next decade. China set up a \$10 billion investment fund to support its industrial cooperation with Latin America, the official Xinhua News Agency reported in September last year.

Even after this year's spate of acquisitions, there will be additional opportunities for Chinese purchases as European and North American firms consider exiting Brazil, said Zilong Wang, head of M&A at China International Capital Corp., the country's most active domestic adviser this year. **Bloomberg**

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ALAN TAM HOLDS CONCERT AT THE VENETIAN



Cantopop legend Alan Tam held his latest "Alan Tam 40th Anniversary Concert - Macau" at The Ve-

netian Macao's Cotai Arena Saturday, delighting fans with his compositions, according to a press release

issued by Sands China.

The concert saw Hong Kong's veteran singer performing his classics with new musical arrangements, including "A Song Is A Story", "Those Touching Songs" and "Spring comes late."

As cited in the Sands China press release, Tam said that he had enjoyed performing at the Cotai Arena and hoped he could perform again in the region.

To commemorate his 40th year in the music industry as a Cantopop singer, Tam kicked-off his latest tour in Hong Kong in 2015. Being a major figure in the Cantopop music industry as well as Hong Kong's entertainment industry, Tam holds the record for having the most concerts in Hong Kong as a solo artist.

CEM HOLDS CAMP FOR SENIOR STUDENTS



CEM held its "Experience Life without Electricity Camp" at Coloane Power Station over the weekend, with the aim of encouraging youngsters to learn about electricity and local power generation.

The Camp was open to teams of full-time Macau secondary school students between Form 4 and Form 6, with five to six people in a team. Members of each team could be formed by students from different schools. Since

its launch, the Camp received a total registration of 36 teams, however only nine teams, with 50 students in total, were selected to participate through a draw.

The Camp included visits to CEM power generation facilities and the campers experienced living with power outages, said the electric company in a statement.

All participants received a certificate of completion and a set of souvenirs. The event also featured multiple awards, such as cash prizes and trips to Hong Kong Disneyland and Taiwan.

The Camp is co-organized by the Scout Association, Women's Association of Macau and Youth Center of Macao Federation of Trade Unions.

Didi Tang

RIO GAMES

A forgiving public embraces fewer gold medals

IN a country long focused on bringing home as many Olympic gold medals as possible, this year's haul isn't what China expected.

When China's 416-athlete delegation set off for Rio, state sports officials were banking on 30 to 36 gold medals. As the games end, it had won just 24 for the worst showing since Atlanta in 1996.

Lagging in third place, China's total is a far cry from the country's 51-gold performance in Beijing that topped the gold medal chart.

But so what?

The once-feverish obsession with the gold tally has slowly subsided among the Chinese public, which has shown more interest this year in lavishing adoration on athletes with personalities, such as bronze medalist Fu Yuanhui, rather than counting medals.

"Finally, the public desire for golds has returned to normal," said Lu Yuanzhen, a professor of sports at South China Normal University who has long argued that a mature nation should have a more relaxed attitude toward wins and losses in athletic competitions.

"The ordinary Chinese people have become more indifferent to the medal counts now they understand Olympic golds bear little impact on their real lives," Lu told The Associated Press.

For decades, the Communist state has rallied national unity and pride on the country's athletic performances on the world stage, especially in the Olympics. The entire country was moved to tears when Xu Haifeng, a pistol shooter, won the first gold Olympic medal for Communist China in Los Angeles in 1984. It was considered a sign that China finally was able to claim a place among world powers, a huge boost to national pride.



Fans hold the flag of China during a women's gold medal volleyball match between China and Serbia at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro

The fever only grew as Beijing sought better Olympic performances and the ultimate goal of hosting the games. The Olympics was a national obsession, and gold medalists were household names and rewarded generously.

China's gold medal tally climbed to 28 in Sydney, 32 in Athens and 51 in Beijing. In London, Chinese athletes still took away 38 gold medals and were second only to U.S. Olympians.

But following the climax in Beijing, public obsession with Olympic golds began to fade, and voices of criticism grew louder against the state-run sports system credited with the

country's stellar Olympic performances.

Critics argue the brutal system has sacrificed vast numbers of rank-and-file athletes, encouraged dishonesty — such as doping, age alteration and game rigging — in the name of national honor, and distanced sports from the public.

When this year's games began in Rio, state media lamented the lack of golds on the opening day, but Chinese sports fans stayed nonchalant. They were more interested in chasing athletes oozing with personality.

The most telling example is Fu Yuanhui, a female swimmer who overnight became a social

media sweetheart for claiming she had used "primeval force" in a semifinal. She eventually won a bronze. Shaped by the social media instead of the state parlance, Fu's vernacular resonated with ordinary Chinese people, who were already bored with empty talks.

Ning Zetao, another swimmer, came home empty-handed from Rio but still grabbed headlines because of his undiminished popularity back in China. And Chinese social media was full of encouraging words when swimmer Sun Yang failed to qualify for the 1,500-meter free style final, a sharp contrast to the days when the Chinese public hurled hurtful words at athletes failing to cinch the gold.

The swimmers got a welcome from thousands of fans at a Beijing airport. Fu was scared. Ning's appearance caused congestion, and besieged by fans seeking photographs and autographs, she could barely move.

At recently as 2008, the public booed hurdler Liu Xiang when he could not get off the starting line in Beijing because of injuries.

"The public has gone to another extreme — tolerance of non-champions and even adoration of them," wrote Li Ruiyi, a veteran Chinese sports writer in a commentary on the news site ifeng.com.

Under the most pressure are Chinese gymnasts, who came home with two bronzes this year, the worst performance ever in 32 years.

It is also the first time that

Team China, a longtime powerhouse in gymnastics, did not win a single gold since China returned to the Olympics in 1984. For the past several years, China's gymnastics officials have worried that the state system is running out of steam because the national team has a dwindling pool from which to recruit top talent, a consequence of isolating young talent in the state system.

Even if there is more acceptance that every year won't bring a haul of gold, there is still a sense of alarm, and many don't like that China sits behind the United States and Great Britain in the race for golds.

There are also whispers that Japan, the upcoming host of the 2020 Summer Olympics Games, could pose a threat to China. That prospect is likely to rekindle the country's nationalistic sentiments, because of long-time animosity toward the neighboring country that invaded China and shamed the Middle Kingdom in the early 20th century.

"If the Chinese delegation's achievements should indeed decline at this year's Rio Olympic games, it begs some serious thoughts on the part of China's sports circle," wrote Liu Ge, a state media commentator in the party-run Global Times. "The public can accept some mistakes and some failures, but the tolerance over the loss of one gold does not mean that China's sports circle should not care about the overall haul of golds and medals." AP

Chinese ships, planes hold war games in Sea of Japan

Christopher Bodeen, Beijing

CHINESE planes and ships held war games in the Sea of Japan last week, the military said, during which Beijing displayed its latest-generation frigate at a time of bitter territorial disputes with Asian neighbors.

The Defense Ministry said in a statement on its website this weekend that the long-range exercises staged Friday pitted a red army against a blue one in a simulated bomber attack on a naval task force.

It quoted the commander of an unidentified flight wing under the East Sea Fleet, Zhang Wenzhong, as saying the planes found, identified and struck their targets in a "radically short time."

The statement made no mention of what sort of conflict the exercise was

intended as a response to, prospective foes or why the Sea of Japan was chosen as the location of the drills. However, China has grown increasingly assertive over its claim to a chain of uninhabited islands controlled by Japan, recently dispatching more than a dozen coast guard vessels as Chinese fishing vessels swarmed the surrounding waters.

The ministry said the main ships involved in the exercise were the Jingzhou, a latest-generation type 054A class stealth frigate of which China is planning to deploy more than two dozen, and the type 052C destroyer Xi'an.

The ministry said aircraft were guided to their targets with the aid of early warning planes.

Other types of aircraft involved weren't identified, although China has been touting the capabilities of its la-

test-generation long-range H-6K strategic bomber equipped with the DH-20 land-attack cruise missile, giving it the ability to hit targets as far away as Australia. Only Russia and the U.S. are currently able to launch cruise missiles from the air.

Along with its island dispute with Japan, China is involved in an intense rivalry with the U.S. over military dominance in the region. Tensions in the South China Sea have also risen after China refused to accept an international arbitration panel's ruling invalidating its claim to virtually the entire strategic water body.

China plans joint naval exercises with Russia in the South China Sea next month, a move criticized by the head of the U.S. Pacific fleet as increasing instability in the region. AP



A Chinese missile frigate launches an air-defense missile in the waters near south China's Hainan Island and Paracel Islands

INDIA

World's largest Muslim bloc concerned by Kashmir violence

Munir Ahmed, Islamabad

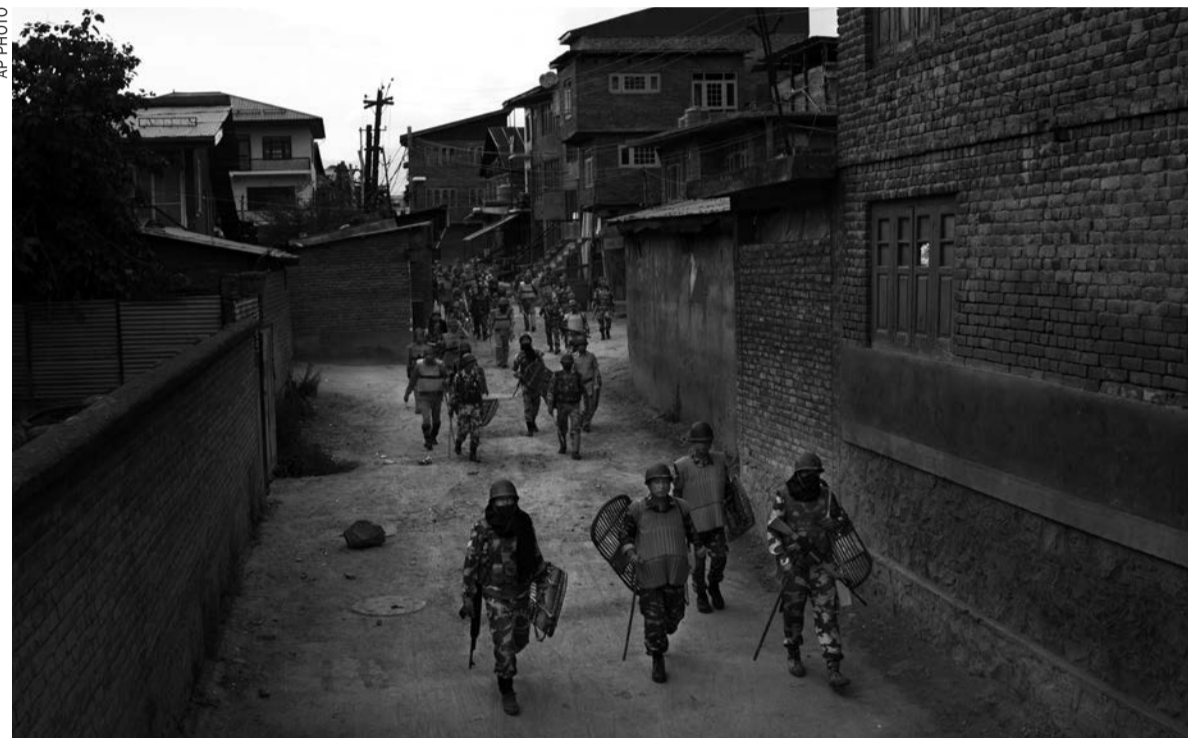
THE world's largest bloc of Muslim countries expressed concern over alleged human rights violations in Indian-controlled Kashmir, which has seen weeks of deadly clashes between Muslim protesters and police.

Iyad Madani, secretary-general of the 57-member Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, said at a news conference in the Pakistani capital of Islamabad that the situation in Kashmir was deteriorating and urged the international community to act.

"The situation is getting worse rather than better and this cannot continue," Madani said after meeting with Sartaj Aziz, the foreign affairs adviser to Pakistan's prime minister.

Kashmir, a predominantly Muslim region, is divided between India and Pakistan but claimed in its entirety by both. Most Kashmiris want an end to Indian rule and favor independence or a merger with Pakistan, which has long called for a referendum on the region's future. Hindu-majority India has refused to hold such a vote.

"We should not be afraid of referendum," Madani said, adding that it was up to the Kashmiri people to decide their future.



Indian paramilitary soldier walk back towards their base camp after a day long curfew in Srinagar

Standing next to him at the news conference, Aziz accused Indian forces of using lethal force against Kashmiris protesting peacefully over extrajudicial killings. He said a peaceful solution to the dispute over the region "is an imperative for regional peace and stability."

More than 68,000 people have been killed since rebel groups began fighting Indian forces in 1989 and in the subsequent Indian military crackdown. India accuses Pakistan of arming and

training rebels, a charge Islamabad denies.

Meanwhile, a Kashmiri couple in their late 70s was injured in firing by Indian forces who have intensified nocturnal raids to arrest protesters in the region, police said Saturday.

The husband and wife were injured Friday night by pellets from a shotgun fired as they tried to resist a police party looking for one of their sons for allegedly leading anti-India protests in the southern Tral

area, police and locals said.

A police officer who spoke on condition of anonymity in keeping with department policy said the raiding party "accidentally fired" at the couple and "regretted" the incident.

In signs of an intensified crackdown against protesters in Indian-held Kashmir since last week, local residents have increasingly accused counterinsurgency police and army soldiers of systematically raiding neighborhoods, ransacking

houses and beating residents to intimidate protesters.

More than 2,000 people have been arrested for participating in protests and clashes in recent weeks, state government officials said.

Earlier in the week, Indian army soldiers beat a young college teacher to death and injured dozens of other people in a raid in the southern Khrew area. The army later said that it

More than 68,000 people have been killed since rebel groups began fighting Indian forces in 1989 and in the subsequent Indian military crackdown

regretted the incident.

A security lockdown and protest strikes have shut the Indian portion of Kashmir since the killing of a popular rebel commander on July 8 sparked some of Kashmir's largest protests against Indian rule in recent years.

A strict curfew and a series of communication blackouts have failed to stop the protests, as residents have struggled to cope with shortages of food, medicine and other necessities.

At least 63 civilians have been killed and thousands injured in protest-related violence. **AP**

PHILIPPINES

Regular troops, rebels hold fire ahead of peace talks

PHILIPPINE President Rodrigo Duterte has reimposed an indefinite cease-fire after communist guerrillas declared their own truce as both sides set the stage for a resumption of talks aimed at ending one of Asia's longest-running rebellions.

Government peace talks adviser Jesus Dureza said that the unilateral cease-fire reimposed by Duterte took effect yesterday simultaneous with the start of the rebels' weeklong cease-fire.

The gestures usher in four days of talks in the Norwegian capital of Oslo starting today that will focus on resolving the root problems of an insurgency that has left more than



Communist New People Army militants march in unison in front of local residents and supporters during the celebration of the 42nd anniversary of the Communist Party of the Philippines

150,000 combatants and civilians dead and undermined the Philippines' economic development.

"The duration of the cease-fire will last for as long as necessary to bring peace

in the land and also in order to provide an enabling environment for the success of the peace negotiations," Dureza said at a news conference at Manila's Ninoy Aquino Inter-

national Airport before he and the government's negotiating team flew to Oslo for the talks.

The military said it backs Duterte's move and expressed hopes that the

rebels will match his move with the same sincerity.

After being sworn into office on June 30, Duterte has reached out to the Maoist guerrillas by talking to rebel leaders, designating left-wing activists to two key Cabinet posts and agreeing to free captured rebel leaders. The growing rapport, however, was short-lived.

Duterte declared a cease-fire on July 25, but withdrew it five days later after the guerrillas killed a government militiaman in a clash and failed to immediately declare their own truce by a deadline set by the tough-talking president.

While he became more critical of the rebels, whom

he said survive through extortion, Duterte pursued peace negotiations to stop the decades-long bloodshed.

Under Duterte's predecessor, Benigno Aquino III, peace talks stalled over the government's refusal to heed a rebel demand for the release of some captured guerrillas. Duterte, however, has shown more flexibility by agreeing to the release of 22 rebels, who would serve as consultants in the talks.

As he gave concessions to the Maoist guerrillas, Duterte started to visit military camps across the country to explain his peace overtures to army forces at the forefront of the counterinsurgency war. **AP**

THE Philippines' brash-talking president threatened yesterday to withdraw his country from the United Nations and lashed out at U.S. police killings of black men in his latest outburst against critics of his anti-drug campaign, which has left hundreds of suspects dead.

President Rodrigo Duterte pointed to the haunting image of a bloodied child being pulled from the rubble of a missile-struck building in the Syrian city of Aleppo to note the inability of the U.S. and the U.N. to stop such deadly conflicts, complaining that he comes under fire for the killings of criminals.

The U.S. State Department and two U.N. human rights experts have urged Duterte and Filipino authorities to stop extrajudicial killings in the fight against illegal drugs and ensure law enforcement compliance with international human rights obligations. Philippine police say more than 500 drug suspects have been killed in gunbattles with police since Duterte was sworn in eight weeks ago.

Agnes Callamard, the new U.N. Special Rapporteur on summary executions, suggested that Philippine officials

Duterte threatens to withdraw Philippines from UN, hits US



Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte

could be held liable, saying in a recent statement that "claims to fight illicit drug trade do not absolve the government from its international legal obligations and do not shield state actors or others from responsibility for illegal killings."

Criticisms against Duterte's crusade against a problem that he says has become a pan-

demic provoked an angry outburst from Duterte, who held a news conference after midnight Saturday that dragged on for more than two hours.

"Maybe we'll just have to decide to separate from the United Nations. If you're that rude, son of a bitch, we'll just leave you," Duterte told reporters in Davao, where he first built a reputation for his tou-

gh crime-busting style while serving as the southern city's longtime mayor.

Duterte also belittled U.N. work in the Philippines without providing facts, raising questions, for example, about the performance of the world body's agency that fights hunger.

If the Philippines breaks off from the U.N. — which Duterte called "inutile" and "stupid" — he said he would invite other countries like China and African nations to form a new international body. The U.N., he said, should return Manila's financial contributions.

"Look at the iconic boy that was taken out from the rubble and he was made to sit in the ambulance and we saw it," Duterte said, referring to the photo of a 5-year-old Syrian boy, Omran Daqneesh, that has gone viral online.

"Why is it that United States is not doing anything? I do not read you," Duterte said.

"Anybody in that stupid body complaining about the stench there of death?"

When asked about the possible repercussions of his remarks, Duterte replied: "I don't give a shit about them. They are the ones interfering."

Duterte wondered whether U.N. officials were threatening to put him in prison and repeated that he was ready to sacrifice his life and presidency for his country.

Reacting to U.S. criticisms, Duterte cited the string of shootings involving police and black men that have sparked protests in the U.S.

Duterte's drug crackdown has left more than 500 suspected dealers dead and more than 4,400 arrested since he took office on June 30. Nearly 600,000 people have surrendered to authorities, hoping to avoid getting killed. The arrests have further overwhelmed the Philippines' overcrowded jails. **AP**

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IRAQ

Authorities execute 36 men convicted in Islamic State massacre

Qassim Abdul-Zahra

IRAQ yesterday executed 36 men convicted of taking part in the Islamic State group's massacre of hundreds of soldiers in 2014, officials said.

The men were hanged at the Nasiriyah prison in southern Iraq, according to provincial Gov. Yahya al-Nasiri. A Justice Ministry official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief reporters, confirmed the executions.

IS captured an estimated 1,700 soldiers after seizing Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit in 2014. The soldiers were trying to flee from nearby Camp Speicher, a former U.S. base just outside the northern city. Shortly after taking Tikrit, IS posted graphic images of gunmen shooting the men dead

after forcing them to lie face-down in a shallow ditch.

The Speicher massacre sparked outrage across Iraq and partially fueled the mobilization of Shiite militias in the fight against IS, a Sunni extremist group. The militias now rival the power of Iraq's conventional armed forces.

Iraqi forces arrested dozens of men allegedly linked to the massacre after retaking Tikrit in 2015 with the help of U.S.-led airstrikes. The men executed yesterday were sentenced to death by an Iraqi court earlier this year.

The head of the provincial council in Salahuddin province, of which Tikrit is the capital, criticized the judicial process, saying some of the men executed had been tortured to extract confessions.

Some of them "were not even

present at the scene of the crime," Ahmed al-Karim told The Associated Press. "We support the death penalty for those who committed crimes," but "the use of violence and torture [in Iraqi prisons] should be investigated."

Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi has attempted to fast-track the implementation of a series of large-scale bombings in and around Baghdad in recent months.

The United Nations criticized that policy earlier this month, saying that "given the weakness of the Iraqi justice system," the rushed sentences risk causing "greater injustice."

Iraq ranks among the top five countries in the world in the use of capital punishment, according to figures compiled by the rights group Amnesty International. AP



In this Wednesday, June 8, 2016 photo, Sgt. Ahmed Abdelaziz, 29, of Iraq's elite counterterrorism forces shows an Islamic State video of his brother's death by the Islamic State group at a battle position on the southern edge of Fallujah

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TERRORISM

Young suicide bomber attacks Turkey wedding party; 51 dead

AN Islamic State group suicide bomber as young as 12 years old attacked an outdoor Kurdish wedding party in southeastern Turkey, killing at least 51 people and wounding dozens of others, the Turkish president said yesterday.

The bombing late Saturday in Gaziantep, near Turkey's border with Syria, was the deadliest attack in Turkey this year.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, speaking live on national television in front of Istanbul's city hall, said the attacker was aged between 12 and 14. He said 69 people were wounded, with 17 of them in critical condition.

"It was clear that Daesh had such an organization in Gaziantep or was attempting to make room for itself in recent times," Erdogan said, using an alternative acronym for IS. "Many intensive operations were conducted, are being conducted. Of course our security forces will be conducting these operations with even greater intensity."

A bus driver who shuttled some of the guests from Siirt to Gaziantep said that he couldn't believe the party was targeted.

"This was a wedding party. Just a regular wedding party," Hamdullah Ceyhan told the state-run Anadolu Agency. "This attack was deplorable. How did they do such a thing?"

The bride and groom weren't in life-threatening condition and were undergoing treatment, Anadolu reported. The groom's sister and uncle were among the dead, the agency reported.

Turkey has been rocked by a wave of attacks in the past year that have either been claimed by Kurdish militants linked to the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party — known by its acronym PKK



People carry dead bodies into ambulances after an explosion in Gaziantep, southeastern Turkey

— or were blamed on IS. In June, suspected IS militants attacked Istanbul's main airport with guns and bombs, killing 44 people. A dual suicide bombing blamed on IS at a peace rally in Turkey's capital, Ankara, in October killed 103 victims.

The attack comes as the country is still reeling from last month's failed coup attempt, which the government has blamed on U.S.-based Muslim cleric Fethullah Gulen and his followers. Gulen denies any involvement.

Earlier, Erdogan said there

was "absolutely no difference" between IS, Kurdish rebels and Gulen's movement, calling them terrorist groups.

"These bloodthirsty organizations and the powers behind them have neither the will nor power to silence the calls to prayer, lower the flag, divide our motherland and break up our nation," he added.

Earlier this week, a string of bombings blamed on the PKK that targeted police and soldiers killed at least a dozen people. A fragile, 2 1/2 year-long peace process between

the PKK and the government collapsed last year, leading to a resumption of the three-decade-long conflict.

In Gaziantep, Deputy Prime Minister Mehmet Simsek and the country's health minister visited the wounded and inspected the site of the attack.

"This is a massacre of unprecedented cruelty and barbarism," he told reporters. "We [...] are united against all terror organizations. They will not yield."

Prime Minister Binali Yildirim condemned the bombing, which he said turned "a

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wedding party into a place of mourning" and he vowed to prevail over the "devilish" attacks.

Opposition parties have also denounced the attack. The main opposition Republican People's Party will be holding an emergency meeting in the late afternoon and a delegation was being sent to Gaziantep by the Nationalist Movement Party. Supporters of the pro-Kurdish People's Democracy Party will be holding a protest against the attack in Istanbul.


Foreign governments, including the U.S., Sweden, Greece, France, Bahrain, Qatar and Jordan, have condemned the attack.

Police sealed off the site of the explosion and forensic teams moved in.

Hundreds of residents had gathered near the site chanting "Allah is great" as well as slogans denouncing attacks.

Turkish authorities issued a media blackout on coverage of the attack until the investigation is completed. AP

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Offbeat

OHIO WOMAN WHO MISSED BUS IS CHARGED WITH STEALING AMBULANCE

Police say a woman who missed the last bus for the night is accused of stealing an ambulance to get home from a hospital in Ohio.

Court documents filed in Hamilton Municipal Court in Cincinnati say 43-year-old Lisa Carr is accused of getting into an ambulance that a driver had left running last week and driving to her home in suburban Cincinnati. The driver apparently had left the ambulance to go inside the hospital with a patient.

Police say the Springfield Township woman was arrested after a short pursuit. They say she told them she took the ambulance because she had missed her bus home.

Carr is charged with theft, failure to comply with a police order and driving under suspension. Court records don't show an attorney for her.

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13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
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19:50	Soap Opera
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21:30	Miscellaneous
21:45	Portuguese Music
22:10	Merciless
23:00	TDM News
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cinema

CINETEATRO

18 AUG - 24 AUG



BEN-HUR_

ROOM 1

(2D) 2.30, 7.15 pm

(3D) 9.30 pm

Director: Timur Bekmambetov

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Huston

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Duration: 124min

DOREAMON:BIRTH OF JAPAN_

ROOM 1

4.45 pm

Director: Shinnosuke Yakuwa

Duration: 97min

LINE WALKER - THE MOVIE

ROOM 2

2.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Jazz Boon

Starring: Nick Cheung, Louis Koo, Francis Ng

Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/ English)

Duration: 97min

CHIBI MARUKO CHAN- A BOY FROM ITALY_

ROOM 2

4.30 pm

Director: Jun Takagi

Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/ English)

Duration: 120min

ROBINSON CRUSOE

ROOM 3

2.30, 7.30 pm

Director: Vincent Kesteloot, Ben Stassen

Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/ English)

Duration: 90min

BFG_

ROOM 3

4.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Syeven Spielberg

Starring: Mark Rylance, Ruby Barnhill, Penelope Wilton

Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/ English)

Duration: 117min

MACAU TOWER

18 AUG - 31 AUG

HEARTFALL ARISES_

2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

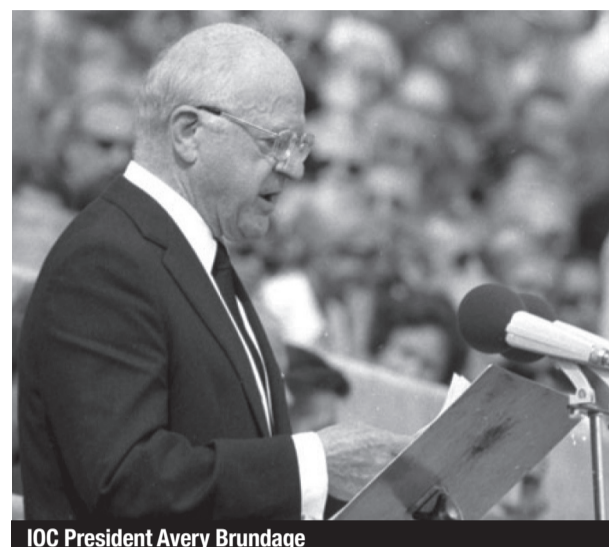
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Duration: 106min

this day in history



IOC President Avery Brundage

1972 RHODESIA OUT OF OLYMPICS

Rhodesia has been thrown out of the Olympic Games with just four days to go before the opening ceremony in Munich, Germany.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) voted by 36 to 31 with three abstentions to recommend Rhodesia's expulsion in the face of mounting international pressure.

Two days ago the National Olympic Committees of Africa threatened to pull out of the games unless Rhodesia was barred from competing.

The African nations were demanding Rhodesia's expulsion on the grounds the country was an illegal regime and members of its team were not therefore British subjects.

Seven years ago Ian Smith declared Rhodesia's independence from Britain and then in March 1970 he announced the country was a republic - breaking its last link with the crown and ending any hopes of black majority rule.

The IOC issued Rhodesia's invitation to the West German games on certain conditions, which included appearing under their old colonial flag.

In a bid to appease the IOC, the Rhodesian team did arrive in West Germany with the Southern Rhodesian flag - made up of a Union Jack and a coat of arms on a blue background - and stood to attention when the national anthem, God Save the Queen, was played.

But comments by the Rhodesian team manager, Ossie Plaskitt, when the team arrived in Munich did little to smooth over the disagreement.

He was quoted as saying: "We are ready to participate under any flag, be it the flag of the boy scouts or the Moscow flag. But everyone knows very well that we are Rhodesians and will always remain Rhodesians."

The decision is a blow for the retiring IOC president, Avery Brundage, who had argued for Rhodesia's inclusion in the games.

He told reporters he was "shocked and surprised" by the decision. He continued: "The political pressures in sport are becoming intolerable."

Many of the Rhodesian athletes were in tears when they heard the news.

The 44-strong team of black and white Rhodesians will, however, be allowed to stay in Munich to watch the games.

In the Rhodesian capital, Salisbury, sports officials said the decision was a disgrace. A spokesman for the prime minister said there was "no doubt that the Olympics are in the hands of the politicians".

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Rhodesia last took part in the Olympics at Tokyo in 1964, before its unilateral declaration of independence. It did not go to the Mexico games because the Mexican government put a harder interpretation on the United Nations resolution concerning passports than West Germany.

In the end, Rhodesia was excluded from Munich on a technicality. The athletes could not prove they had travelled on the correct documents after they had superficially, at least, complied with all the others terms imposed by the IOC.

Rhodesia was allowed back into the games in 1980 by which time it was known as Zimbabwe under Robert Mugabe's rule. The games were overshadowed by a terrorist attack on the Israeli team, which left 11 athletes, five terrorists and one policeman dead. The Israeli team returned home but the games continued.

American swimmer Mark Spitz made most of the sporting headlines - taking four gold medals for individual events as well as three golds for relays.

The diminutive Soviet gymnast Olga Korbut became an overnight sensation - taking three golds and a silver.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 If you want to achieve your goals, you have to make some sacrifices.

Taurus April 20-May 20 Making the transition from your private to your social life is a rough adjustment for you.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Everything is mutable, even you. It's amazing how a change of scenery can give you a whole new point of view.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 You respond to problems in intellectual ways all day, so it's hard to turn off your head and respond with your emotions.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Ego clashes can ruin an otherwise good day. Don't make an investment in being right or being in charge.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Don't forget where you are. What may be perfectly acceptable at work may not be ok on your own time.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 Have you forgotten how to have a good personal day? Here's a hint: It includes fun, not work.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 It's time to put out some fires at home. Harmony there has been out of whack for the entire week.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You relate well to new colleagues, and there's no reason you can't do the same with total strangers.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Your vision of the future doesn't involve your office job. Weekends can cloud your mind that way.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Not every day off you have has to be a great one. Spending the day rejuvenating your energy might not seem like a lot of fun.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 All the dreams you had for your career have blended into one big blob. It's hard to focus on any one thing you want to do.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

Easy

9x9 grid for Easy Sudoku puzzle with some numbers filled in.

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9x9 grid for Easy+ Sudoku puzzle with some numbers filled in.

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9x9 grid for Medium Sudoku puzzle with some numbers filled in.

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9x9 grid for Hard Sudoku puzzle with some numbers filled in.

WEATHER

Table with columns: MIN, MAX, CONDITION

CHINA

Table listing weather conditions for various Chinese cities like Beijing, Harbin, Tianjin, etc.

WORLD

Table listing weather conditions for world cities like Moscow, Frankfurt, Paris, London, New York.

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Zaire's Mobutu; 5- Judge's seat; 9- Covered on the inside; 14- Confer; 15- Airline to Israel; 16- Ghana's capital; 17- Palmist's words; 18- Inter; 19- Daybook; 20- Chickaree; 23- Donkey; 24- U of U athlete; 25- Supermodel Sastre; 27- Gaucho's rope; 31- Depression in a surface; 33- Competent; 37- Beyond; 39- Sun. delivery; 40- Historic Scott; 41- In spite of; 44- Bones found in the hip; 45- Actress Charlotte; 46- Roof of the mouth; 47- Not e'en once; 48- "Artaxerxes" composer; 50- Spanish Mister; 51- Group of individual facts; 53- Exec's degree; 55- Business card abbr.; 58- Imaginary; 64- Pong maker; 66- never work!; 67- Ship's company; 68- Wait Dark; 69- Film unit; 70- Versailles verb; 71- California border lake; 72- Woe; 73- C.S.A. soldiers;

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THE path to the Olympic podium for British athletes begins with the selection of six numbers. Every time a Briton fills in a lottery slip and hands over two pounds (USD2.60), the country moves closer to another Olympic medal. And medals of every hue are now in the possession of athletes sporting the union jack flag.

It wasn't always like this. The Olympics used to be just like the World Cup for Britain's football teams: Stories of near-misses, plucky losers and embarrassment.

But funding from the National Lottery has fueled the transformation of British sports from the nadir of the 1996 Olympics. Britain left Atlanta with a single gold among 15 medals, stranded in 36th place in the standings. Team GB, as it's now known, ranked second in the medals table as the Rio de Janeiro Games entered their final day.

It's been the best games for Britain since 1908, with China squeezed out of second place and only the United States ahead. Jack Laugher and Chris Mears claimed Britain's first-ever diving gold and Max Whitlock became the country's first Olympic gymnastics champion. All 14 British cyclists who competed won medals. The swimmers enjoyed their best games in more than 30 years.

Selecting six numbers turned Britain into Olympic superpower



Jason Kenny of Britain celebrates after winning gold in the men's cycling sprint final at the Rio Olympic Velodrome on August 14, during the 2016 Summer Olympics

"This is not happening by chance," Simon Timson, performance director at UK Sport, said. "This is success by design. It's the result of 18 years of consistent, coherent and targeted National Lottery investment."

"The partnership we have with the British Olympic Association and the money we've invested into the Team GB's final preparations is one of those elements of success by design."

UK Sport is the government

agency that allocates cash from the state and the lottery to Olympic and Paralympic sport. The lottery was launched in 1994, two years before the debacle of Atlanta left British athletes scurrying back into Britain with no fanfare.

The discussion now is where to hold the victory parade. Manchester in northern England is displacing London for the bus tour this year, a chance to display the gold, silver and bronze medals that have briefly reunited a nation

divided by the referendum vote to leave the European Union in June.

It was a British prime minister whose reign was defined at the time by divisions over Europe who created the lottery that spurred the sporting success. John Major's "greatest achievement was to change the face of sport" in the country, IAAF President Sebastian Coe, the double-Olympic middle-distance champion, has said. In the last year, 20 percent of lottery funds were injected into sports.

"The whole idea of the lottery was to create the opportunities for Cinderella sports [where competitors achieve more than expected] to be properly funded and I think by and large it has done well," said David Mellor, who was sports minister in the Major administration in the 1990s.

For Mellor, Whitlock is the type of person "who would have gone to his grave 30 years ago never knowing he had that talent."

Investing in talent searches, facilities and coaching allows Britain to unearth those whose sporting

ability never found a competitive outlet. Those who make it into Team GB then benefit from the expertise of the leading coaches and world-class facilities. Before the lottery, many representing Britain had to scrape a living to fund their sporting dreams.

The cash isn't dispersed frivolously. Sports that don't meet pre-games medal targets can have their funding cut.

There is criticism of a system that churns out cash to produce results at the elite level, rather than targeting more handouts at grassroots facilities to boost grassroots participation.

"A relatively small number of sports feature regularly on prime time TV, so for many the Olympic Games is the moment that catapults them onto the screens of the nation," Sport England chief executive Jennie Price said. "We need to capitalize on that."

Britain used to rule through the world through its empire. The former imperial power is showing itself to be a force again internationally — at the Olympics. **MDT/AP**

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Jamaica's Usain Bolt greets fans as he celebrates winning gold in the men's 4x100-meter relay final, during the athletics competitions on Friday

OLYMPICS 2016

The good, the bad and the ugly of the Rio Games

MICHAEL Phelps won more medals than anyone else, again. And then he said farewell, also again. Usain Bolt kissed the finish line goodbye after enhancing his Olympic legacy. Simone Biles and Katie Ledecky delivered under the burden of enormous expectations. Two strangers went from rivals to forever-linked by a display of kindness, an entire island seemed to celebrate a tennis match, and a gold medalist scampered home to avoid legal issues after a robbery story unraveled. And then the home team won soccer gold.

The Rio de Janeiro Olympics were not perfect.

But there were moments — some great, some dreadful and some downright ugly — that will not, and should not, be forgotten.

MEDAL LEADERS

The U.S. dominated the medal count, a rare romp in a non-boycotted games. Phelps won six medals, five of them gold, to increase his career haul to 23 Olympic titles and 28 medals

overall. Ledecky and Biles each won five medals; Biles will carry the U.S. flag into the closing ceremony. And U.S. shooter Kim Rhode has now won a medal in six consecutive Olympics — and she might not be done.

BEST FINISH

Bolt kissing the finish line after his ninth and final Olympic gold — in nine final races — was a perfect ending. He ran the anchor leg of the 4x100-meter relay for Jamaica, won emphatically to become the third athlete ever with nine golds in track and field, and insists that this will be the end of his Olympic career.

"Nothing left to prove," Bolt said. "I am the greatest."

BEST ACT OF SPORTSMANSHIP

An easy pick. In the women's 5,000-meter heat, Abbey D'Agostino of the U.S. and New Zealand's Nikki Hamblin — strangers before that day — were involved in a tumble. D'Agostino helped Hamblin up, encouraging her to finish the race. D'Agostino tore a knee li-

gament in the fall and obviously couldn't finish. Hamblin wound up finishing last of 17 in the 5,000 final, so neither left with a medal.

"That girl is the Olympic spirit right there," Hamblin said of D'Agostino. "I've never met her before. Like I never met this girl before. And isn't that just so amazing?"

BIGGEST EMBARRASSMENT

Another easy pick, even in a games where an Egyptian was sent home after failing to shake an Israeli judo opponent's hand.

Ryan Lochte is a 12-time Olympic medalist, and the odds that he'll have a chance to ever swim for a 13th are as murky as some of the pools were in these Rio Games. Lochte's story that a robber put a gun to his head quickly unraveled, his three teammates who were companions that night all were left to answer legal questions after he scurried home, and more repercussions from the U.S. Olympic Committee are likely coming.

BREAKOUT STAR

Narrowing the list of potential candidates to four — Simone Manuel (four swimming medals), Joseph Schooling (beat Phelps for a gold in the pool), Monica Puig (whose tennis gold was Puerto Rico's first Olympic title in any sport) and Ibtihaj Muhammad (the barrier-breaking fencing medalist) — AP asked its Twitter followers to have a say in deciding this one.

The response was overwhelming, and one-sided: Puig is the breakout star of these games.

Reduced to tears many times after draping the Puerto Rican flag across her body after the gold-medal match, Puig beat two of the world's best five players to win the title.

BEST COACH

Due respect to Mike Krzyzewski, Geno Auriemma, Martha Karolyi and the Japanese wrestling coach who found himself getting body-slammed twice in celebration by women's gold medalist Risako Kawai, this one goes to Ans Botha —

the 74-year-old great-grandmother who guided South Africa's Wayde Van Niekerk to Olympic gold and a world record in the men's 400 sprint.

Her style is simple. When the smile goes away and the voice gets stern, it's time to get serious. Sort of like most great-grandmothers.

"She's an amazing woman," Van Niekerk said. "Her work [...] I think it speaks for itself."

BEST COUPLE

Decathlon champion Ashton Eaton of the U.S. and his wife, heptathlon bronze medalist Brianna Thiesen-Eaton of Canada, would be a very easy selection here.

But what Kate Richardson-Walsh and Helen Richardson-Walsh did was even more rare.

They're married, and played for the same gold-medal winning British women's field hockey team. In a games that had more openly gay athletes than ever before, theirs was a moment that surely resonated with many around the world who don't know the first thing about field hockey.

"To win an Olympic medal is special. To win an Olympic medal with your wife standing next to you [...] we will cherish this for the rest of our lives," Kate Richardson-Walsh said.

BIGGEST OFF-FIELD STAR

A tough category, especially after Leslie Jones of "Saturday Night Live" parlayed hilarious Twitter commentary into an invite to Rio. Matthew McConaughey hung out with everyone from the U.S. women's rugby team to Phelps, and Gisele Bündchen's catwalk in the opening ceremony was one not to forget.

But the pick here is Zac Efron, who flew to Rio just to surprise the U.S. women's gymnastics team — particularly Biles, who doesn't hide her enormous crush on the actor.

BEST BRAZILIAN MOMENT

Soccer gold — and in most dramatic style, too.

Brazil vs. Germany, men's soccer, gold-medal matchup. Neymar gives the hosts a 1-0 lead, but the Germans tie it and ultimately it goes to penalty kicks to decide the Olympic champion.

Germany makes its first four. So does Brazil.

Then Germany is stopped on its fifth, and the stage is set for Neymar — who else? — to set off a national celebration. His shot sails into the back of the net, Brazil wins and the roar could be heard all over Rio as Neymar collapsed on the field in a quivering mass of joyous tears.

Forget all the problems these games had. Forget how many Brazilians opposed them in the first place. They got their perfect finish to an imperfect Olympics. **MDT/AP**

opinion

Rear Window

Severo Portela



SOFT TARGETS

Democrats gathered under the current leadership of the New Macau Association (better known by its Portuguese acronym ANM) really do look like they have digested the lessons learned from the civic referendum defeat and from other (relative) failures in their ongoing fight on core political issues, and not so core or political ones. The democrats have had to live in a hostile political environment of a general reticence to debate anything that may threaten the system... even though it may be the untouchable Basic Law or even something trivial, not to say stupid.

Coming of age in an arrogant sort of authoritarian political climate and having to face an intransigent system by the day, Scott Chiang, Jason Chao and others decided to shelve their hard political agenda to concentrate their fire on soft targets. That it is why it looks like the New Macau Association is on the hunt for Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam.

Secretary Tam, long a Chui Sai On right-hand-man, has been credited to be the Chief Executive's go-to-man for defusing crises, regardless of profile, no matter from where they may originate... whoever is involved or framed. But in doing so, Alexis has been presenting himself as an easy target: if you target him you hit Chui Sai On.

Tam's handling of the Estoril Hotel brief - Scott Chiang takes it as the "farce of the whole renovation project" - has been an entertaining production, to say the least. Everybody looked so absorbed and amused playing the crowd-pleasing sound-byte game that they did not notice the PR disaster on the horizon. We have to bear in mind that Scott Chiang was arrested by the police following the hoisting of a black banner that called Secretary Tam the "heritage killer". He was released after a night in detention without being charged... and that's all he could say. Not very reassuring when winds blowing from the Pearl River Delta tell of civil disobedience kept, and kept under investigation.

At the same time, the case of the Hong Kong film crew who shot the inside of the Estoril unauthorized was good as done. Perhaps Scott Chiang has been taken as the author of a felony and the Hong Kong crew guilty of cultural activism?! The distinction Hannah Arendt made between an open violation of the law performed in public, and a clandestine one is "so glaringly obvious that it can be neglected only by prejudice or ill will".

The president of the New Macau Association was not shy to label Secretary Tam as an "ignorant and arrogant official" and voiced the obvious conclusion of his argument: he is not suitable to be in charge of preserving Macau Heritage.

While Chiang was not shy to highlight Tam's inadequacy to the job, he was timid, indeed, one has to read strategically wise, to add that Alexis Tam has to go! Chui Sai On came slightly in help of his Secretary but rather tepidly.

Finally, just to gather one more example of the New Macau Association soft target antics, take the example of the announced launch of an alternate unofficial naming competition for the Panda cubs. The Democrats say the government-sponsored competition is "non-transparent" in its decision making process. Whether this is frivolous material or not, the Democrats believe that without fairness there is no reason to reduce the animosity.

THE BZZ HK: PROTEST AGAINST CANDIDATE POLL BAN HITS THE STREETS

Hundreds of people have taken to the streets in Hong Kong yesterday to march against "political censorship" in the run-up to Legislative Council elections.

Six candidates have been barred from running in the September poll for failing to prove they are no longer in favor of Hong Kong's independence. Three of the rejected candidates joined the march to the offices

of the chief executive, where police met them.

Jimmy Sham, head of the Civil Human Rights Front which organized the march, said to reporters the key issues protesters were highlighting were judicial independence. A court, he said, should decide who is not allowed to run in the election, not the electoral affairs office.

MMA AT THE COTAI ARENA

ONE Championship attracts 8,000 fans



MIXED martial arts (MMA) promoters ONE Championship attracted some 8,000 fans to The Venetian Macao's Cotai Arena earlier this month, making it one of the biggest MMA events the region has hosted.

Commenting on the success, ONE director of public relations Loren Mack said, "Macao wants world class entertainment, so this is going to be the first of many times we will be coming here."

Team Lakay's strawweight prospect Joshua Pacio opened up the "ONE Championship - Heroes Of The World" event, with an impressive display of grappling skill when he defeated Thai fighter Kritsada Kongsrichai in the first round with a rear naked choke.

Also in the competition, Brazil's former champion

Adriano "Mikinho" Moraes defeated Kyrgyzstan's Tilek Batyrov by submission for the interim ONE Flyweight World Championship title.

Shanghai Daily reported that the clash that won the loudest cheers was probably Filipino veteran Honorio "The Rock" Banario's thorough decision victory over Hong Kong's Eddie "The Magician" Ng in a lightweight bout.

Undefeated female atomweight Istela Nunes of Brazil impressed in a successful ONE Championship debut with a victory over former world title challenger Mei Yamaguchi. The fight was close for three whole rounds after which Nunes earned a split decision.

In a featherweight bout, Tianjin fighter Ma Jiawen performed a knockout victory over the Philippines'

Jimmy Yabo, while the MMA fighter from Jiangxi Province Ma Haobin defeated Cambodia's Chan Rothana by unanimous decision in a bantamweight fight.

Speaking to Shanghai Daily, Ma Jiawen, 19, is optimistic about his career and looked forward to his upcoming successes.

"I like challenging my opponent's forte and practice fist fighting instead of depending too much on my wrestling skills. Chinese fighters started MMA comparatively late. Regular and scientific trainings are what we lack," he said.

"When people talk about China's MMA fighters, I want them to mention my name immediately; that's my goal," said Ma, who only became a professional MMA fighter about a year ago.

China was foreign territory to MMA until just a couple of years ago, despite its martial arts' culture and heritage. ONE Championship has held five events in China in the past two years. The media outlet stated that it is aiming for ten events there next year.

At the championship, two fighters from China's mainland claimed four victories. LV

Station	Air quality
Roadside	40-60 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	50-70 Moderate
Ambient	40-60 Moderate

WORLD BRIEFS



CHINA-JAPAN Chinese planes and ships held war games in the Sea of Japan last week, the military said yesterday. During the exercise Beijing displayed its latest-generation frigate at a time of bitter territorial disputes with Asian neighbors. More on p11



INDONESIA Ten people died and five were missing after a small wooden boat capsized in rough seas and sank yesterday off Indonesia's Bintan island, south of Singapore, Indonesian officials said. Search and rescue personnel, maritime police and the navy were searching for survivors of the sinking. Two people were rescued. Two children were among the 10 people who died.

NORTH KOREA said that a senior diplomat who recently defected to South Korea is a criminal and "human scum," in its first official response to the defection. The official Korean Central News Agency also accused Seoul of using the defection of Thae Yong Ho, formerly a minister at the N. Korean Embassy in London, for propaganda aimed at insulting the North Korean leadership. It also denounced the British gov't for ignoring international protocol.

RUGBY World champion New Zealand humiliated Australia 42-8 to open the Rugby Championship this weekend and extend the All Blacks' recent dominance over its Bledisloe Cup rival. New Zealand scored six tries as it dismantled the Wallabies, which lost centers Matt Giteau, Rob Home and Matt Toomua through injury — all inside the first half.



KENYA's Eliud Kipchoge won the gold medal in the Olympic men's marathon yesterday on a rainy day in Rio. The 31-year-old dominated the closing stages of the race to finish in 2 hours, 8 minutes and 44 seconds.

THE DECISIVE MOMENT



A very long break. LRT construction worker takes a deserved break. It's OK to drink beer as long as you're not operating heavy machinery.

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