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Region to experience 'Parisian ambience' this month

Lynzy Valles

SANDS China's new integrated resort, The Parisian Macao is expected to bring a 'touch of Paris' to the region when it opens later this month.

Speaking on the sidelines of the France Macau Business Association's Breakfast Meeting last week, Jesko Von Den Steinen, senior advisor for the Parisian Brand Identity noted that the nearly USD3 billion resort would stand out in the Cotai Strip with its unique architecture and quality of service.

"It's about creating an overall aligned experience. If we can do that then I think people will have a memorable time and [they] would want to come back, and hopefully we can stand out," he told the Times.

Given the recent decline in the number of mainland Chinese tourists arriving in the region, the senior advisor hopes that the opening of the Paris-themed resort will help boost the number of tourist arrivals. However, he noted that all resorts in the region could collaborate on providing an eclectic experience for Macau's tourists.

According to the expert, The Parisian Macao aims to attract leisure travelers rather than

pure gaming customers, stressing that consulting firms' studies show that a large portion of tourists desire a different type of experience when visiting the city.

"Elegant, charming, artistic, romantic and celebratory," are the key elements forming the brand identity of the fourth Sands China integrated resort.

"We're seeing a lighter, whimsical [ambience]. This is the intent we're pushing on board. We're trying to reach different parts of the market that way," he described.

In terms of foot traffic, Steinen said they are seeing an average of 80,000 to 120,000 visitors coming to the doors of The Venetian, and he hoped the new resort would receive the same number of visitors.

"The hope is that there will be considerable traffic coming to the space and I think that's

the intent. [...]. Hopefully the client that comes to The Venetian is looking for a different experience than the [client] that goes to The Parisian," he explained.

The resort, scheduled to open September 13, has employed 6,300 people, of which 60 percent work in the non-gaming department.

Steinen also emphasized that Macau's history gives the region a competitive advantage and that the Cotai strip also takes part in the "cultural nuances."

According to Steinen, nearly all of the hotel rooms and family-friendly spaces, as well as 85 percent of the retail spaces, will be functioning on the resort's first day.

The Parisian Macao was inspired by the famed "City of Lights" Paris, and will feature an array of accommodation, dining, shopping and entertainment facilities.

GREEN LIGHT TO 150 NEW GAMING TABLES

SANDS CHINA has been given the green light to set up 150 new gaming tables in The Parisian Macao, according to a statement made by the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lionel Leong, and cited by TDM. Regarding the expected end of the 26-month decline in gaming revenue, Leong advised there is the need to wait for September's gaming industry results. "In fact there's still some uncertainty and volatility, especially when it comes to September. In previous years, gaming revenue in September has been lower than that of August," he said.

MUSIC

Macao Orchestra kicks off its 2016-17 concert season



THE Macao Orchestra kicked off its 2016-17 concert season with the opening concert "No. 1 Piano - Yulianna Avdeeva and Macao Orchestra." The opening ceremony was held Saturday in the lobby of the Cultural Centre.

According to a statement issued by the Cultural Affairs Bureau, the upcoming season themed 'My Time with Music' will feature a number of promising talents of classical music, as well as those more seasoned, who will be invited to present high quality concerts.

During Saturday's concert, Yulianna Avdeeva, the first prize winner of the Chopin International Competition, played two piano concertos by Chopin and Mendelssohn, as well as the ultimate work of the romantic period of classical music, Schumann's Symphony No. 1 in B-flat Major.

The 2016-17 concert season will also feature the "Music hours" outreach program, allowing music fans to meet a number of prominent musicians.

Pearl Horizon buyers to hold 15-day protest



PEARL Horizon pre-sale buyers are staging a protest that will last for 15 consecutive days, the Radio Macau Chinese channel reported.

According to the same report, the protest will be held in front of the Tai Fung Bank branch in Areia Preta and is related to claims of financial loss suffered by the buyers due to mortgage repayments for the residential units that were never built.

Buyers also expressed concern over the development's future as it is currently under legal dispute with the government, which is trying to reclaim the land plot on the basis of its concession expiring back in December 2015.

With the demonstration, the small owners hope to pressure their respective banking institutions to suspend mortgage repayments until a final solution to the case is reached in the courts.

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FORMER Hong Kong University (HKU) student Li Di Chen was denied entrance to the territory by the Immigration Department of Macau on Saturday. The department justified the rejection on the grounds of enforcing local security law, claiming that Li poses a 'threat to internal security.'

Li, who is now a current affairs commentator in Hong Kong, intended to cross the checkpoint at the Macau Ferry Terminal with relatives. On-duty police authorities detained Li for one hour after he presented his identity card, while all

Former HKU student rejected from entering Macau



of his relatives were allowed to enter Macau.

Li voiced his anger in response, admitting to not have a clue as to why he was rejected. In his words, he believes that he has done nothing of particular importance in the recent past, though he acknowledges what he did when he was still a student at HKU, which made him known to the

public.

In 2002, Macau passed a local security law that authorizes police authorities to stop any parties who represent any kind of threat to Macau's security from stepping into the territory. Previously, there have been teachers, lawmakers, scholars, social workers and reporters from Hong Kong denied entrance into Macau.

Trash piles in the vicinity of Dragon Garden

TRASH has been piling up in the vicinity of Dragon Garden, occupying large areas of public space, according to a report by Macao Daily News.

The trash is located

at a spot where fences were previously located to mark ongoing construction work. After the construction work was completed and the fences removed, the trash, which consists mostly of

renovation materials and household waste, began to appear. Mice and cockroaches have been spotted every night.

Last month, on August 29, the Health Bureau circulated a brochure re-

questing those who currently dispose their garbage at this location, or who have in the past, to clean up the trash. The brochure read that if related parties do not comply with the instructions,

the department will step forward to take legal action.

The Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) together with the Land, Transport and Public Works Bureau (DSSOPT) is expected to clarify whether cleaning responsibilities will also be issued to the departments, since of-

icial maps and documents indicate that half of the associated streets are under the administration of the government.

Similar hygiene issues have also occurred in the underground malls at the garden. Earlier, the sewage system became clogged up, leaving the mall awash in dirty water.

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Macau-born Caetano releases first single with Jazz legend Bluey

Renato Marques

A Single Voice" (Uma Só Voz) is the name of the first single that Macau-born Portuguese percussionist and singer-songwriter João Caetano will release on September 9.

The song, a duet with jazz legend and founder of the band Incognito, Jean-Paul "Bluey" Maunick, promises to be a career highlight for Caetano, as it is the first single for the artist and also has a charitable purpose.

The single will also form the original soundtrack for "Eric - You Will Never Walk Alone," a documentary produced and filmed in Macau by the filmmaker António Caetano Faria that portrays the life of Eric, a blind youngster in the city. As Caetano explained to the Times, "A Single Voice" joins the solidarity project "to give a voice to those whose voices often go unheard. [...] This is also a way to describe who I am. It's about my personality, my way of being. We all have a need to contribute [to] society and to reciprocate what we receive."

With this idea in mind, it has been decided that a percentage of the profits from the sales of the single, which has been available for "pre-order" on iTunes since Sep-



João Caetano

tember 2, will be donated to Macau's Holy House of Mercy charity institution as part of its intimate relation to the region where Caetano was born and lived until the age of

18 when he moved to the UK to study music at Chichester University.

Regarding his expectations for the sales of the single, Caetano explained, "that isn't

really important for me. I'm not aiming to make money. I don't make music in that mood and with that idea," he said, reaffirming, "I'm already happy that people are

talking about it and paying attention to it. That's already a great achievement for me as I'm not yet a famous artist."

On his side, Bluey, who is also a co-owner of Splash-Blue - the label under which the single will be launched - recognized Caetano's talent since he started to play with the band.

"Most of our Incognito fan base will know him for his energetic percussion performances in the band for the past few years and for his part in the drum solos which have become the highlight of

The song promises to be a career highlight for Caetano

our shows, but few will know that he is an incredible singer songwriter, guitarist and violinist," said Bluey. He added that "this collaboration is just a taster of what is to come and an opportunity for me to endorse his talent and help him on the path to the wider world as he embarks on his first solo journey."

Together with the single on September 9, a video will also be launched on the artist's website (joacaetanomusic.com). "I'm finally showing the face behind the music," Caetano promised.

The single will be launched on iTunes and will also be available via Spotify, Apple Music, Google Play, Amazon and Tidal.

THE internationally renowned KINO Film Festival will make its Macau premiere at the Cinematheque Passion this year, from October 8 to 16. The festival is set to showcase eight German films, ranging from classics, new wave to original shorts and a "Movie Salon Talk," delivered by local film critic Leong I On on German cinema.

For its Macau debut, Association Audio-Visual CUT and Goethe Institut Hong Kong join hands to present the selection of German films.

Two of the outstanding films, "Paris, Texas" and "Wings of Desire", are notable works of revered filmmaker Wim Wenders, who is regarded as a major figure in the New German Cinema movement.

Heartwarming "Babai" and "The Pasta Detectives" are suitable for all the family, according to

organizers. "Babai" is the story of a young boy embarking on a journey from pre-war Kosovo to Germany in order to search for his father who has fled there to make a living.

The film won two awards at the 2015 Munich Film Festival; the "One Future Prize for Direction" and the "Young German Cinema Award for Screenwriting and Acting".

Meanwhile, "The Pasta Detectives", which has won the "Outstanding Children or Youth Film at the German Film Awards", follows a young boy's humorous adventure to rescue his best friend thought to have been kidnapped.

New filmmakers in the German cinematic industry are in no short supply, especially in the genre of short films. The KINO Film Festival will include ten shorts, exploring diverse issues including

KINO Film Festival set to debut at Cinematheque Passion



A still of "Shorts Export," one of the films featured in the event

animal rights and space, while delving into fiction, documentary and anima-

tion.

Moreover, on October 9, KINO will roll out the

red carpet for award-winning filmmaker Doris Dörrie, whose 2009 film

"Cherry Blossoms" was nominated for "Best Foreign Language Film" at the Oscars.

Her "Fukushima, Mon Amour", following a young German woman's journey to Fukushima's exclusion zone will be screened at KINO in Macau. Its subtle black-and-white images speak volumes about a woman's views of life, according to organizers. Doris will meet the Macau audience after her screening.

Tickets will be made available from tomorrow on www.easyticket-mo.com, at the box office counter of Cinematheque Passion and at Pin-to Livros bookstore. **DB**

Daniel Beitter

UBER

Final stand ends with a whimper after disappointing turnout

TRAFFIC briefly came to a standstill at the intersection of Avenida do Infante Dom Henrique and Avenida de Dom João IV yesterday afternoon, due to an Uber demonstration that had its sights set on the Government Headquarters.

It began as a disappointingly small demonstration of less than 150 people, and swelled in size to more than 250 by the time it reached its destination at the Nam Van Lake promenade.

Spearheaded by Macau Community Development Initiative's (MCDI) leaders, including lawmaker Au Kam San and Love Macau Association president Cloee Chao, the demonstrators wielded placards provided by organizers and chanted slogans for about two hours yesterday.

Among the messages branched on signs held by demonstrators were: "Make Uber legal, people need more options"; "Support coexistence [of taxis and ride-hailing services], enjoy the benefits of economic growth"; and "Crackdown on the monopoly." Another, in English, read: "We need Uber, no [more] tickets."

Pedestrian onlookers greeted the demonstrators with mixed reactions, some visibly exhibiting support for the cause and others – among them tourists – wearing a look of bewilderment.

At the heart of Tap Seac Square, where the demonstrators rallied ahead of their march, lawmaker Au insisted that "competition is a good thing" and that Macau could follow mainland China's approach to legalizing and regulating these services.

Meanwhile, Cloee Chao, who

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also took to the stage, emphasized that consumers today read books and order products online, and that ride-hailing apps are a natural extension of the conversion to internet-based services. She also justified the low turnout as the result of demonstrators needing to work or look after their children yesterday.

Co-organizer and lawmaker Ng Kuok Cheong told the Times last week that MCDI leaders had expected a turnout of 600, given the signatures on the official Uber ePetition adding to more than 22,600, in addition to an estimated 2,000 Macau-based Uber drivers. Organizers could not have been anything but disappointed with yesterday's turnout of 250.

Andrew Scott, president of the Macau Taxi Passengers Association (MTPA), told the Times yesterday that, regardless of the



turnout, the demonstration will "not make any difference whatsoever."

"The government made up their mind [on Uber] within 24 hours of [the firm] entering the market," he said.

Asked whether the rallying of lawmakers to the Uber cause might be linked to opportunism ahead of the Legislative Assembly elections next year, Scott preferred not to comment on the issue. Instead, he highlighted the service's popularity among residents as the chief reason for their involvement.

"Lawmakers rallied around

the app precisely because of its popularity," explained Scott, "[but] it wouldn't have been nearly as popular in Macau if the taxis were any good."

In a statement provided to the Times, the Public Security Police Force (PSP) estimated that the protestors numbered to 200. To manage this, 60 PSP officers were dispatched to the areas between Tap Seac Square and the Government Headquarters. The police also reported that the protest was entirely peaceful and that no illegal incidents occurred.

Uber announced last month

that it would shortly be withdrawing from Macau following the hefty driver fines that are now in excess of MOP 10 million. The date penned for the termination of the ride-hailing service is September 9 (Friday).

While Uber's exit from the Macau market is not unprecedented, it is unusual, making Macau one of the few regions where authorities have been successful in driving the firm out.

Aside from Uber's recent withdrawal from the mainland China market (in return for a stake in its most prominent China-based competitor, Didi Chuxing), the company was also forced out of Hungary last month after the National Assembly voted to enable websites operating an "illegal taxi service" to be temporarily blocked for up to 365 days.

Uber also faces ejection from Taiwan, after regulators accused the company of misrepresenting its service and subsequently exploiting its license to operate as a business.

The MTPA president believes that the response from governments and transport authorities over the past few months is an indication of trouble ahead for Uber.

"There are a lot of issues with Uber and their destructive corporate culture," he said. "I do believe that there will be more backlash from authorities [in the future]."

New Uber rival to coincide with firm's downfall

A new mobile-based ride-hailing app has launched in the territory, coinciding with the last gasps of Uber. The new service, which according to the Macao Government Tourism Office website is fully licensed, will provide a platform for passengers to contact existing licensed taxi drivers. According to a representative of Ying Hai Group Macau, which owns the new app, TaxiGo was established earlier this year and began operations this month – only a few days ago.

The mobile app, which can be downloaded from the App Store and Google Play (Android), allows



users to search for and request a taxi, driven by one of Macau's traditional taxi drivers.

As opposed to Uber's system of credit card payments, TaxiGo requires customers to pay the dri-

ver directly in cash.

The company's representative said that the service is entirely legal, because it "connects you to a local [already] licensed taxi" and as a result, the firm has had its licen-

se to operate confirmed by MGTO.

Andrew Scott, president of the MTPA, said that he was not previously aware of TaxiGo's existence and came into contact with the Uber rival only yesterday.

This is despite the community leader's forewarning last week in a Times' Letter to the Editor, that someone, "maybe sooner than we think, will fill the void created by Uber's departure."

"I am yet to be convinced that TaxiGo is a real company," said Scott, shedding doubt on the newly-launched service. "I've never seen anybody using it [and] we don't

know if it's viable in Macau."

"The big advantage of Uber was that it was well-known. A new company will take longer to get a foothold," he added.

The app was in development as early as April 1, when a Times reporter spotted a presentation board of the service at an exhibition of student works at IPM.

Although little advertising has been conducted ahead of its launch, a promotional video introducing the service has surfaced online. The video, which is eerily reminiscent of Uber's "plea" clip launched last month, shows licensed

taxi drivers offering stellar service to customers and claiming their "passengers become [their] friends."

The app may not become a replacement for the soon-to-exit Uber, mainly because it will employ the same drivers already operating on Macau's streets. Consequently, there will be no increase in the number of taxi drivers and, some would argue, no incentive to reform customer service.

In any case, the MTPA president says he will stand behind TaxiGo if it can deliver an "efficient taxi system" for which he continues to campaign. **DB**

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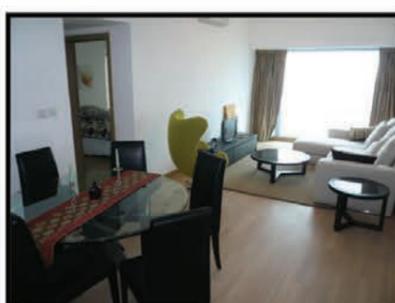
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Air France-KLM said to seek new approach to transform airline

Andrea Rothman

AIR France-KLM Group will overhaul its restructuring efforts, moving away from the previous chief executive's strategy that strained relations with pilots, to a more conciliatory approach called "Trust Together," said a person familiar with the plans.

Jean-Marc Janaillac, who became CEO in July, will unveil the program in November that seeks to lower costs as well as rebuild trust between management and labor, and between the group's sister airlines, said the person, who asked for anonymity because the program isn't public.

The airline has been torn by a series of costly strikes by pilots

and flight attendants, and by mistrust between KLM and its French counterpart. The new plan was first reported Sept. 2 in newspaper La Tribune.

Janaillac will drop the Perform plan initiated by his predecessor Alexandre de Juniac, while still seeking to make the carrier competitive with rivals, said the person. De Juniac had failed to win pilot support for measures that would increase productivity.

Poor labor relations came to a head in late 2015 when workers clashed with management at a meeting, ripping the shirts worn by executives. Several of those workers have been fired, and the CGT union has called for protests later this month. **Bloomberg**



Journalists and Emirati officials listen to Morgan Parker (1st left front row), as he explains over the architectural model of the "Jumeirah Central" development

Dubai pushes ahead with first phase of new USD20b district

Zainab Fattah

DUBAI is pushing ahead with a new USD20 billion district on the city's main highway, which will include a development of 3,000 homes and 15 hotels designed for residents and visitors to walk around - a rarity in the city.

Construction of the first phase of Jumeirah Central is set to start in mid-2017 and will cost around 24 billion dirhams (\$6.5

billion), according to Morgan Parker, chief operating officer at Jumeirah Central, a unit of state-owned Dubai Holding. He declined to say when the first phase would be completed.

"We will be responding to market needs and we'll also respond to capital, because when capital comes it means investors thought about the market," Parker told reporters yesterday. The developer is exploring all funding options, in-

cluding loans and bonds, and is currently in talks with investors on almost all of the 69 projects within the first phase, he said.

Plans for the 47 million square-feet of land have undergone several changes. The first phase, which makes up about a third of the site opposite the Mall of the Emirates, will include 18 residential buildings, 12 office towers, 2,800 hotel rooms, a mall and five parks, Parker said. **Bloomberg**



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RETAIL

Aston Martin moves beyond James Bond with boats, baby strollers

Benjamin Katz

ASTON Martin, known for sports cars used in James Bond films, is expanding outside the motorway with a push into yachts, apartments and handbags, as the British manufacturer shifts its sights from rival Ferrari to the likes of Hermes.

A new store in London's exclusive Mayfair district, a shopping mecca that includes a Louis Vuitton mega store, is Aston Martin's biggest effort to date to establish the brand as a purveyor of all things luxury and not just sleek performance cars. While the shop at 8 Dover Street offers ornamental bowls, 3,000-pound (USD3,980) baby strollers and 1,100-pound weekend bags, Aston Martin's ambitions go far beyond that.

"Wouldn't it be great if you're down in a luxury harbor somewhere staying in an Aston Martin apartment, with your Aston Martin parked in the car



An Aston Martin baby pram made in partnership with Silver Cross sits on display



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park, and your Aston Martin boat harbored outside," Chief Executive Officer Andy Palmer said in an interview at the shop opening last week.

While expanding the Aston Martin brand beyond cars like its flagship \$215,000 DB11 risks muddying its image, one of the few independent manufacturers of luxury autos may have little choice. Even with the addition

of the DBX crossover by the end of the decade, demand for pricey vehicles is limited by the need to defend exclusivity and as buyers in markets such as China show little interest in sports cars. That puts pressure on Aston Martin to seek new revenue streams to return to profit by 2018 and prepare for an eventual initial public offering.

The strategy echoes efforts of

other luxury brands to move outside their traditional niches, such as Fendi expanding into hotels and Swiss watchmaker Hublot into skis. Meanwhile, Ferrari, which also wants to compete with the likes of Hermes and Prada, has struggled to make headway as upscale merchandise collides with the need to serve fans of its Formula 1 racing team with affordable gear.

At Aston Martin's new shop, "you don't see too many baseball caps," Palmer said. "There is clearly a place for fans of the brand - they go into our dealer and they buy a t-shirt and that's fine. But this is an expression of what Aston stands for."

Amid flat demand in China, the U.K.'s decision to exit the European Union has served as an unexpected windfall, as the drop in the pound increases the value of Aston Martin's sales outside its home country.

"Brexit is helping, genuinely helping right now," Palmer said. "Whether it helps in the two years from now when we actually make an exit - if that's when it is - I don't know, but right now the weak pound is wonderful."

Aston Martin, which sells just 15 percent of its cars to EU consumers, is hoping new trade deals with China, the U.S. and India will bolster the company's prospects in those countries. To that end, the new shopfront is aimed at shoring up the brand, which will deliver its first yacht in September, as wealthy visitors swing through the elite London district.

"We're in the middle of Mayfair," said Palmer. "Around you, you've got all the luxury brands, but in many cases the footfall coming past the shop isn't Brits, it's Arabs and Chinese and Japanese and Americans." **Bloomberg**

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Angola introduces new customs tariff in 2017

THE Angolan General Tax Administration (AGT) is developing a new customs tariff to come into force in 2017 in collaboration with public and private entities involved in foreign trade, the director general of AGT said last week in Luanda.

Gaspar, did not give details of the new document that will regulate Angola's imports and exports but said that it is currently being prepared and added that "soon it will be presented to the government for approval."

"The review process is very advanced and we are finalizing the assumptions of the future agenda, which will take effect in 2017," said the official, according to Angolan

news agency Angop.

During the 1st Tax Forum, an AGT technician said Asy-cuda (Automated System for Customs Data), which is being installed, will facilitate trade and reduce costs as well as the current bureaucratic processes.

The new system, a United Nations software tool, will initially be installed at the port of Lobito (Benguela), followed later by the port of Luanda and Luanda International Airport.

The cargo manifest, customs declaration, settlement payments and goods transfer are all automated elements of the system that automates the entire chain. **MDT/Macauhub**

Mozambique complies with IMF recommendations



THE Minister of Economy and Finance of Mozambique last week restated the government's commitment to comply with the recommendations and the timetable set out by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) last April, Mozambican newspaper Notícias reported.

Minister Adriano Maleiane, who was speaking during a visit by President of the Republic to the Maputo In-

ternational Fair, said the government has maintained contacts with the IMF, which is due to send a mission to Mozambique this month.

Maleiane said the Mozambican government is working actively to clarify so-called hidden debts – debts taken on by public companies with a State guarantee – and said that the IMF mission will carry out the "assessment required of it."

The minister pointed out the adoption last July of a revised state budget, with a package of austerity measures, such as compliance with the recommendations of an IMF mission, which visited the country in June.

The disclosure of loans that were taken on between 2013 and 2014 without consulting Parliament, international financial institutions and donors, has led the IMF and major donors to suspend financial aid to the country. **MDT/Macauhub**

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This year, we once again teamed up with the Macau Association of Pharmacists of Chinese Medicine to hold a special Health Day for over 200 local senior citizens from four Caritas Macau Associations.

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The Golden Lion Volunteer Team also put their renovation skills to the test to help refurbish and paint the schools walls at Jardins Dom Versiglia. Over a 10-day period, MGM further renovated the kitchens, bathrooms, halls, corridors and three student housing units in the dormitories at the local school.



MGM's professional team of chefs also joined in the campaign to hold a fun culinary day for persons with disabilities from Fuhong Society and the Dawn Centre of the Macau Association of Parents of the Mentally Handicapped.

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Josh Lederman, Hangzhou

IF President Barack Obama was hoping for a graceful start to his final trip to Asia as commander in chief, this wasn't it.

Confrontations between Chinese officials and White House staff and other diplomatic dust-ups were out in the open from the moment Air Force One landed in Hangzhou, where world leaders were attending an economic summit.

The first sign of trouble: There was no staircase for Obama to exit the plane and descend on the red carpet. Obama used an alternative exit.

On the tarmac, a quarrel broke out between a presidential aide and a Chinese official who demanded the journalists traveling with Obama be prohibited from getting anywhere near him. It was a breach of the tradition observed whenever the American president arrives in a foreign place.

When the White House official insisted the U.S. would set the rules for its own leader, her Chinese counterpart shot back. "This is our country! This is our airport!" the Chinese official yelled.

The dispute escalated when a Chinese official tried to keep Susan Rice, Obama's national security adviser, away from her boss. Rice, one of the highest-ranking officials in U.S. government, seemed less than amused when asked about it by a reporter.

"They did things that weren't anticipated," she said. Obama, reflecting later on the squabbling, said it wasn't the first

Bumpy beginning for Obama in China, starting on the tarmac



U.S. President Barack Obama arrives on Air Force One at Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport

AP PHOTO

time it had happened. But he acknowledged hosting huge summits like the Group of 20 can be overwhelming and said

"We don't leave our values and our ideals behind when we take these trips," Obama said.

"It can cause some friction."

Tense exchanges continued after Obama started his program of meetings in Hangzhou.

An Associated Press reporter was denied entry to a climate change ceremony because a credential list used a common nickname, though he was eventually allowed in after the U.S. Embassy intervened. Two Chi-

'This is our country! This is our airport!' the Chinese official yelled

nese officials — one working to assist the American delegation — had to be physically separated after trying to hit each other outside an event.

Brusque interactions and last-minute disagreements about protocol are not uncommon when the U.S. leader visits China, where there's an expectation that government ground rules be followed without question, no matter how rigid. Despite public protestations, the U.S. has had little success persuading China that it's in its interest to be more tolerant of scrutiny by the public or the press.

"We don't make apologies for pushing a little bit harder when it comes to press access," Obama said. **AP**

Xi, Abe said to plan talks at G-20 amid spike in tensions

THE leaders of China and Japan plan to meet on the sidelines of the G-20 summit in Hangzhou on today, at a time of tensions over territory in the East China Sea.

President Xi Jinping and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will have a sit-down in the evening - not just a handshake - according to an official familiar with the plan, who asked not to be identified, citing government policy. Asia's two largest economies have long bickered over territory and Japan's wartime history, but things have taken a turn for the worse in recent months, even as trade and tourism have held up.

Beijing has taken more assertive measures by sending greater numbers of vessels near uninhabited Japanese-administered islets in the East China Sea, triggering a flurry of pro-



U.S. President Barack Obama (front row left), and China's President Xi Jinping (third from left), gesture as other leaders look on after a group photo session for the G-20 Summit

tests from Tokyo.

"It's a good opportunity for both nations as they face economic downturn pressure domestically," said Liu Jianguo, director of international relations at Tsinghua University in Beijing, referring to a Xi-Abe meeting. "An improved relationship is needed by both China and

Japan."

The two leaders joined other heads of G-20 nations at a summit yesterday. Their sideline meeting would be the first since a brief chat during the Asian African Conference in Jakarta in April last year.

Ahead of that, Abe and Xi shook hands as Xi greeted the G-20 leaders

at the start of the summit on Sunday. Xi gave a brief smile while a more relaxed-looking Abe flashed a grin and appeared to laugh a little. During a leaders' photograph, Abe stood in the middle row, to the back and several places to the left of Xi.

The first time Abe and Xi met formally, at the Asia-

Pacific Economic Cooperation forum in Beijing in late 2014, it proved a brief and awkward affair. The nations broke their two-and-a-half year deadlock at the time with an uneasy handshake.

Sino-Japanese ties hit a particularly icy patch in

2012 when Japan nationalized three of the East China Sea islands, and China announced an air defense identification zone over the waters in late 2013. Tensions were also sparked by an arbitration court ruling in July that invalidated most of China's claims in the South China Sea.

While Japan is not a claimant in the South China Sea, it has supported some Southeast Asian nations and urged all parties to abide by the ruling. China has accused Japan of interfering.

The latest tensions haven't dented Chinese tourism to Japan - the 731,400 visitors in July marked a monthly record - or impacted trade. But they further complicate ties just as their economies face headwinds, as well as adding to the risk of a physical clash. **Bloomberg**

It's a good opportunity for both nations as they face economic downturn pressure domestically.

LIU JIANGYONG

Hong Kong votes in test of China influence over finance hub

David Tweed, Natasha Khan

HONG Kong voted yesterday in a legislative election that will test the appeal of a new wave of anti-China activists and set the stage for future political fights over Beijing's control over the city.

The Legislative Council election is the first since police clashes with student protesters two years ago thrust the former British colony's struggle for greater democracy into the global spotlight. The scuffles exposed rifts in Hong Kong's political camps, with some pro-democracy advocates demanding a sharper break with China and other more establishment politicians calling for the ouster of the city's Beijing-backed leader.

The result, expected today, will impact Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying's ability to implement his agenda in the Asian financial hub and get re-elected in March. Also at stake is the opposition's capacity to block legislation with more than a third of the chamber's 70 seats, a key barrier to controversial bills like the proposed election overhaul that sparked the mass "Occupy" rallies in 2014.

"You may be disappointed by the fact that Hong Kong, the city we love, has not been making more progress," said Carrie Lam, the city's chief secretary, after casting her vote yesterday morning. "But it is exactly for this reason that I urge you to vote because indifference will not lead us anywhere."

Alongside candidate banners and flags that have lined city streets in recent weeks, Hong Kong's government has advertised on billboards and on Google's YouTube home page, with the slogan "vote for your choice." More than 500 voting stations were open in schools, government buildings and community centers across the city until 10:30 p.m. yesterday, for the 3.78 million people registered to cast their ballots.



A police officer stands near a polling station for the legislative council election

Leung has become the target of a cross-party campaign to urge Beijing to not support him for another five-year term

Since the last legislative election in 2012, Hong Kong has seen a series of political clashes over whether China is preserving the "high degree of autonomy" it promised before regaining sovereignty almost two decades ago. The disappearance last year of five local men who sold books critical of the ruling Communist Party drew international protests after they were revealed to be in the custody of

mainland Chinese authorities.

Underlying the election campaign are worries about rising competition from mainland Chinese workers, sky-high housing costs and a slowing economy. Growth in 2016 is forecast to slow to a seven-year low of 1.2 percent, according to a Bloomberg survey.

A lack of reliable polling and a system in which lists of candidates vie for multiple seats in each district makes predicting the outcome difficult. Thirty-five seats represent geographical districts, while 30 represent various professions, industries and special-interest groups such as medicine, finance and agriculture. Five more "super seats" are selected by citywide vote.

Legislators under the "pan-democratic" umbrella currently hold 27 seats, compared with 43 in the pro-establishment group. That gives the opposition the power to slow legislation with filibusters and block changes to the city's charter, which require

support from two-thirds of the chamber.

That power held by the opposition "is the only thing preventing the government from reintroducing the political reform package against the will of Hong Kong people," said Chung Kim-wah, a political scientist at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. "It is important for the opposition to hold that majority if LegCo is to remain a balance to the executive power," he said, referring to the legislature.

Five pan-democratic candidates said they were pulling out of

the election late Saturday, urging their supporters to vote for others under the pan-democratic group, the South China Morning Post reported. The announcements were seen as a last-minute effort to unite the bloc in the face of fierce competition from the other side, according to the Post.

The professional seats are dominated by Beijing loyalists, damping the fractious pro-democracy camp's hope of winning a majority for the first time since the U.K. handed Hong Kong back to China in 1997. Maintaining unity has become even more challenging as more-radical parties push for self-determination or even independence from China.

The government has drawn a red line on advocacy of independence, barring six candidates from running and requiring hopefuls to sign a form acknowledging that the city is an inalienable part of China. Still, some so-called "localists" have made the cut. Success in yesterday's vote could give them a greater platform to challenge China.

Holding those views risked "grave consequences," said Zou Pingxue, director of Hong Kong and Macau Basic Law Research Centre, Shenzhen University. "The Hong Kong government took effective measures to deal with it, and I think this is the right thing to do."

Leung has become the target of a cross-party campaign to urge Beijing to not support him for another five-year term as Hong Kong's leader. Leung, who refused to speak with students during the 79-day Occupy protest, is blamed for failing to calm political divides in the city. He hasn't said if he wants to stay on.

Under current rules, the chief executive is selected by a 1,200-member committee of political insiders dominated by China loyalists, and subject to approval by the central government in Beijing. **Bloomberg**

HIGH TURNOUT IN HONG KONG ELECTION

VOTERS HAVE turned out in force for Hong Kong's crucial Legislative Council election. Turnout appeared to be higher than average, with long lines of people still waiting to cast ballots at some polling stations by the time voting was supposed to end last night.

Some 52.6 percent of nearly 3.8 million registered voters had turned out an hour before polls closed, matching the total turnout for the previous election four years ago. Turnout in the 2008 election was 45.2 percent, according to the government's website.

TWO Hong Kong government agencies have come under attack from cyberspies originating in China in the month leading up to yesterday's legislative elections, according to a U.S. cybersecurity firm.

On at least three occasions in early August, the China-based group APT 3

HKSAR gov't hacked by Chinese cyberspies, FireEye says

targeted the organizations with "spear-phishing" attacks, in which e-mails with malicious links and attachments containing malware are used to access computer networks, said John Watters, presi-

dent of iSIGHT, a unit of FireEye Inc. He said the hacks were "certainly" politically motivated, based on their targets.

Watters declined to say what agencies were attacked because his firm

seeks to identify attackers, not shine a spotlight on the victims. It wasn't possible to confirm whether APT 3 was linked to any Chinese government organization, he said, adding that the

Hong Kong authorities had been informed of the incidents.

The Hong Kong's government office for information confirmed it had been informed about the hacks. "Relevant securi-

ty measures had already been put in place to block the suspicious e-mails," it said in a statement. "So far, there is no security incident report from the two concerned departments." **Bloomberg**



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PHILIPPINES

Police hunt four people after Davao city bombing

THE Philippine police are searching for four people after Friday's bombing in the southern city of Davao that killed 14 people and spurred President Rodrigo Duterte to put the entire country under state of "lawlessness."

Police are looking for two men and one woman as "persons of interests," and another person that was seen talking to one of them, Chief Inspector Andrea dela Cerna, spokeswoman of Southern Mindanao Regional Police Office, said yesterday. Police have interviewed eight witnesses and are not discounting the possibility that there could have been more than four people involved in the bombing, she said.

Duterte, who was at his official residence in Davao at the time of the bombing, has declared a nationwide state of lawless violence, allowing him to use the military to assist the police to fight crime and violence. National police chief Ronald dela Rosa said Saturday that authorities are still trying to confirm media reports that Abu Sayyaf, an extremist Muslim group operating in the island of Mindanao, orchestrated the blast in the night market that injured 67 people.

"The bombing is a symbolic act," independent political analyst Earl Parreno said in a phone interview Sunday. "It's a slap in the face for the president. The group behind it wanted to send a message to President Duterte that even in his hometown that he has declared safe and well protected they can stage a bombing."

The blast was caused by an "improvised explosive device"



Protesters display placards during a prayer vigil in Manila on Saturday for the victims of Friday night's explosion in Davao city

possibly made of mortar, fragments recovered from the scene show, dela Cerna said.

"Tighter security is being implemented in the city, with the highest alert status in effect and additional policemen sent to the city's entrance and exit points," she said. "We still can't say how long this will last."

Before assuming office June 30, Duterte was mayor of Davao City for two decades. He won the May 9 presidential election with a margin of more than 15 percentage points more than his closest rival, with his

promise to crack down on corruption and crime.

Philippine stocks and the peso may not extend Friday's rebound when markets open today as local events overshadow recent US jobs data that support the outlook that the Fed will not raise rates this month, according to Astro del Castillo, managing director at First Grade Finance Inc. The benchmark Philippine Stock Exchange Index rose 0.4 percent on Friday, halting a seven-day slide, while the peso strengthened 0.2 percent, its first gain against the

dollar in five days.

"Most investors might become more risk averse, limiting the impact of positive developments abroad," del Castillo said.

Overseas investors pulled out USD162 million from Philippine equities last week, the biggest weekly outflow in almost a year.

"We expect some knee-jerk reaction but the sound macro fundamentals will not be lost to the markets," central bank Deputy Governor Diwa Guinigundo said in a mobile-phone text message. "We will continue to see a generally stable exchange rate."

Previous to Friday's bombing, Davao and other areas in Mindanao were already placed under heightened alert amid a military operation against Abu Sayyaf, which has been responsible for abductions and executions in Mindanao, home to the nation's Muslims.

Duterte, who ordered soldiers last month to finish off the Abu Sayyaf, is waging a war against drug syndicates, a campaign that has seen about 2,000 people killed so far and has drawn criticism from human rights groups and the United Nations.

"I have this duty to protect the country. I have this duty to keep intact the integrity of our nation," Duterte told reporters on Saturday. "So I am declaring now a state of lawlessness. It is not martial law."

Duterte said the state of lawlessness, which involves deploying more soldiers and police to conduct searches and set up checkpoints, will be in place until he decides it is safe to lift. He referred to the bombing as terrorism.

"The key point is that a lasting peace agreement in Mindanao is still somewhat far away," said Gareth Leather, senior Asia economist at Capital Economics Ltd. in London. "They wanted to open it up to investment and tourism and this latest explosion will act as deterrent." **Bloomberg**

BANGLADESH

Fifth Islamist party leader executed for 1971 war

BANGLADESHI authorities executed a top Islamist party leader convicted of war crimes involving the nation's 1971 independence war against Pakistan, officials said.

Mir Quasem Ali, a leader of the Jamaat-e-Islami party, was hanged at 10:30 p.m. Saturday, hours after several dozen family members and relatives met him for the last time inside Kashimpur Central Jail near the capital, Dhaka, said Proshanto Kumar Bonik, a senior jail superintendent.

"We are doing our necessary formalities now. We will send the body soon to the ancestral home in Manikganj district for burial," Bonik said.



Relatives of Mir Quasem Ali, senior leader of the country's largest Islamic party Jamaat-e-Islami, arrive to meet Ali at the Kashimpur Central Jail in Gazipur, on the outskirts of Dhaka

Immediately after the execution, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan said security measures were put in place to prevent unrest by Ali's supporters, including deployment of paramilitary

border guards and additional police in Dhaka and other cities.

The Jamaat-e-Islami party in a statement protested Ali's execution and called for an eight-hour general strike beginning this morning.

The execution took place a day after Ali refused to seek presidential clemency. The president had previously rejected appeals for clemency by other Islamist party leaders facing execution.

Last week, the Supreme Court rejected a final appeal for reviewing Ali's death sentence handed out by a special tribunal two years ago. After the ruling, the Jamaat-e-Islami party called for a daylong general strike

across the country last Wednesday, but got little response.

A special tribunal dealing with war crimes sentenced Ali to death in November 2014. The 63-year-old member of Jamaat-e-Islami's highest policy-making body was found guilty on eight charges, two of which carried the death sentence, including the abduction and murder of a young man in a torture chamber. Ali was sentenced to 72 years in prison on the other charges.

Ali became the fifth Jamaat-e-Islami party leader to be executed since 2010, when Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina formed the special tribunal to try suspected war criminals.

The international human rights group Amnesty International noted that the United Nations had raised questions about the fairness of the trials of Ali and other Islamist party leaders.

"There is no question that the people of Bangladesh deserve justice for crimes committed during the War of Independence, but the death penalty is a human rights violation and will not achieve this. It is a cruel and irreversible punishment that most of the world's countries have now rid themselves of," said Champa Patel, Amnesty International's South Asia Director, in a statement released Saturday. **MDT/AP**

Bassem Mrouge, Zeynep Bilginsoy

Syrian troops advance in Aleppo, try to impose siege

SYRIAN pro-government forces backed by airstrikes launched a wide offensive in the northern city of Aleppo yesterday, capturing areas they lost last month and almost besieging rebel-held neighborhoods, state media and opposition activists said.

The push came a month after insurgents captured several military academies south of Aleppo and opened a corridor into rebel-held parts of Syria's largest city and onetime commercial center. Since then, government forces and their allies have been trying to recapture the area.

State news agency SANA quoted an unnamed military official as saying that troops have captured the Armament Academy and are "continuing their advance in the area to impose almost a total siege on the gunmen in Aleppo."

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights confirmed that government troops captured the academy, adding that insurgents have launched a counteroffensive.

Al-Manar TV, which is run by Lebanon's Hezbollah group, said troops are now pushing toward the nearby Artillery Academy. Hezbollah has sent thousands of fighters to Syria to bolster President Bashar Assad's forces.

To the north of Aleppo, fighting between Turkish-backed rebels and the Islamic State group intensified yesterday near the rebel-held town of al-Rai, near the Turkish border.

Turkey sent tanks into al-Rai on Saturday in what it said was a "new phase" in an operation to drive IS away from the border. Al-Rai is 55 kilometers (34 miles) west of Jarablus, a border town seized by Turkey-backed Syrian rebels last week. The Turkey-backed forces are now advancing toward each other from both towns, hoping to close off the last stretch of the Syrian border ruled by the extremists.

The Observatory said IS still controls four border villages, adding that once they are taken it will cut the extremist group's last "link with the outside world."

The Observatory and the Local Coordination Committees, another Syrian monitoring group, said an IS suicide attacker riding a motorcycle struck in the northern village of Khal-fatli, killing and wounding a number of people, including rebels. The Observatory said the blast killed 14 people, including 11 rebels.

The LCC said Turkish-backed Free Syrian Army rebels captured the village of Tweiran, to the south of al-Rai, from IS yesterday. Turkey's state-run Anadolu news agency said 19 Syrian rebels wounded in clashes with IS since Saturday have been hospitalized in Turkey.



A Turkish army tank stationed near the Syrian border, in Suruc, Turkey, Saturday, Sept. 3

Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim defended his country's intervention in neighboring Syria, pointing to their long shared border.

"We are there to protect our borders, ensure the safety of our citizens' lives and property, and to protect the territorial integrity of Syria," Yildirim said during a visit to the southeastern city of Diyarbakir.

"We will never allow an ar-

tificial state in Syria's north," he said, apparently referring to U.S.-backed Kurdish forces, who have taken a large swath of territory from IS along the border. Turkey views the Kurds as a threat and the Turkey-backed forces have clashed with them outside Jarablus.

In a press statement late Saturday, Turkey's military said the FSA took control of 10 villages from IS, adding that the

Turkish army struck 20 IS targets. Since the Turkish operation began on Aug. 24, the army says it has hit 300 targets with 1,306 rounds.

SANA later reported that Assad received a British delegation yesterday including members of the House of Commons and the House of Lords. SANA said they discussed Syria's war and ways of fighting terrorism. **AP**

US

Officer critical after shooting near casino garage

A police officer remains critically injured and a suspect is dead after two officers saw a robbery being committed outside an Atlantic City casino garage and exchanged gunfire.

The shooting happened around 2:30 a.m. Saturday after the officers saw three men trying to rob three others near a parking garage at Caesars casino, said acting Atlantic County Prosecutor Diane Ruberton.

The wounded officer was shot and injured as he exited his vehicle. The second officer returned fire and struck one of the suspects, who was found dead a short distance away.

Police arrested two men Saturday night in connection with the shooting. Martell Chisholm, 19, of Millville, and Demetrius Cross, 28, of Bri-



dgeton, each were being held on two counts of attempted murder, three counts of robbery and weapons offenses, Ruberton said. It was not immediately known if they were represented by lawyers.

The dead suspect was identified as Jerome Damon, 25, of Camden.

Ruberton said local, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies "worked tirelessly" Saturday to identify

and locate the suspects. The three victims also cooperated with police.

Police investigate the scene of a shooting on Saturday in Atlantic City

The wounded officer, whose name was not released, was taken to nearby AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center. He underwent surgery Saturday morning and remained in critical condition yesterday.

Atlantic City Mayor Don Guardian called the shooting "a sad commentary on society."

"These are good examples of what happens when too many of these assault weapons are in the wrong hands," he said.

Authorities had released video late Saturday afternoon showing six men they said were "persons of interest" in the case. They sought the public's help in identifying the men, who in the video are seen walking along a sidewalk in two separate groups of three people.

The New Jersey State Policemen's Benevolent Association offered a USD20,000 reward for information on the suspects.

"We ask for prayers for the officer, his family and the Atlantic City Police Department," said Patrick Colligan, the association's president. **AP**

French stage anti-racism protest after Chinese man's death

CROWDS rallied in the French capital to call for an end to violence against Asian immigrants, after the beating death of a Chinese merchant called new attention to ethnic tensions in Paris.

Local officials and representatives of the governing Socialist Party joined yesterday's march, organized by anti-racism and Chinese community groups calling for better police protection.

The spark for the protest was the death of Chinese tailor Chaolin Zhangh last month in the Paris suburb of Aubervilliers after a robbery attempt. The victim's lawyer says the attack was ethnically motivated, and the area's Chinese immigrant community says it is routinely targeted by armed robbers and violence.

Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve met with Zhangh's family and promised better security. Three people have been handed preliminary charges in the death. **AP**



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Offbeat

PEOPLE MARVEL AT SURF AFTER HAWAII HURRICANE WATCH CANCELED

AP PHOTO



A hurricane watch was canceled as Hurricane Lester tracked north of the Hawaiian islands and residents flocked to beaches Saturday morning to marvel at the big waves the storm created.

Lester was expected to generate large and dangerous surf across exposed shorelines of the Hawaiian islands over the weekend, the National Weather Service reported.

Honolulu couple Bailey Matsuda and Anne Smoke headed to the east shore and stood at Halona Blowhole Lookout to watch waves pounding the rocks. "It's beautiful, actually," Smoke said, sipping coffee. "I've never seen them this big on this side."

Her husband, Matsuda, said they will remain prepared during this year's hurricane season. "There are more hurricanes headed our way," he said, recalling when Hurricane Iwa struck Hawaii in 1982 and Hurricane Iniki, which was the last hurricane to make landfall in Hawaii in 1992. "It's a matter of time and odds."

Hurricane Madeline threatened the Big Island earlier in the week but was downgraded to a tropical storm and passed without causing major damage. **AP**

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01 SEP - 07 SEP

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ROOM 1

2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm

(4 Sep) 2.15, 7.15, 9.30 pm

Director: Yeon Sang-ho

Starring: Gong Yoo, Jung Tu-mi, Ma Dong-seok

Language: Korean (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 97min



NERVE

ROOM 2

2.30, 6.00, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Henry Joost, Ariel Schulman

Starring: Emma Roberts, Dave Franco, Emily Meade,

Miles Heizer

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 96min

CHIBI MARUKO CHAN- A BOY FROM ITALY

ROOM 2

4.15 pm

Director: Jun Takagi

Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 120min



THE LETTERS

ROOM 3

7.15 pm

Director: William Riead

Starring: Juliet Stevenson, Max Von Sydow, Rutger

Hauer

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 97min

SHIN GODZILLA

ROOM 3

2.30, 4.45, 9.30 pm

Director: Hideaki Anno

Language: Japanese (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 97min

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WAR DOGS

ROOM 3

2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

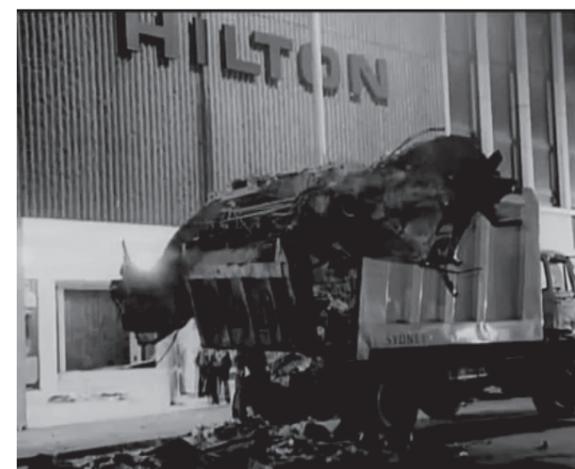
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Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 106min

this day in history



1975: LONDON HILTON BOMBED

Two people were killed and 63 injured when a suspected IRA bomb exploded in the lobby of the Hilton hotel in central London.

A warning stating a device would detonate at the Park Lane hotel within 10 minutes was received by the Daily Mail newspaper at 1155 BST.

The newspaper notified Scotland Yard which immediately sent three officers to investigate, but they were not able to evacuate the building before the bomb exploded at 1218 BST.

Police worked quickly to clear the area after the explosion fearing there could be another device nearby.

The blast caused extensive damage to the hotel and neighbouring shops with broken glass spread over a wide area.

Witnesses said police arrived only five minutes before the bomb went off, and it is not clear whether the hotel was warned before they turned up.

A spokesman for the Metropolitan Police said an officer telephoned the Hilton shortly after receiving the warning, but the hotel denied this.

"A policeman was just telling the assistant manager that he had better evacuate when the bomb went off," said press officer Anne Crewdson.

London is on a high state of alert and several areas of the capital are sealed off as a series of hoax warnings followed the Hilton blast.

A commander in the Metropolitan Police said they were forced to act every time they were telephoned. "No call can be taken casually," he said.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The IRA said they were behind the explosion which was the first in England since the Birmingham pub bombings 10 months previously - and which marked the start of a renewed bombing campaign on the mainland.

Two Lebanese businessmen and an American general who were seriously injured in the blast sued the Hilton hotel group for damages, alleging they were negligent for failing to order a search.

The three men had been in the lobby when the bomb exploded and had suffered severe hearing damage, but the hotel denied liability.

The High Court action was settled in November 1984 on undisclosed terms.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Your energy is meant to be shared today...

Taurus April 20-May 20 A deeper understanding passes between you and a friend, coworker or loved one...

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Clarity is all-important today, but that may be hard to come by...

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Your great energy makes today better than it ought to be...

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 You've got a creative streak that would make Picasso green with envy...

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Details are the bane of your existence today - even though they are usually your best friends!

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 Your flexibility is tested - maybe several times. It's easy at first, but after a while, you may start to get tired physically or mentally...

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 You're creating something new today - whether or not that's what you mean to do...

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You need to think things through today - otherwise you may find yourself dealing with unintended consequences for weeks or even months...

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Your social energy is perfect for networking or just heading out to a night of parties...

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 You may have to rethink your approach to someone or something early in the day...

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 It's a good social day, so check in with your people and see if there's anything going on that sounds fun...

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles categorized by difficulty: Easy, Easy+, Medium, and Hard. Each puzzle is a 9x9 grid with some numbers pre-filled.

WEATHER

Weather forecast table with columns for MIN, MAX, and CONDITION for various cities in CHINA and WORLD.

CROSSWORDS

CROSSWORDS: 1- Boyfriend; 5- Lots; 10- Shrinking Asian sea; 14- Pound sounds; 15- Artificial waterway; 16- Granny; 17- Detest; 18- Resulting in hydrolysis; 20- Guides; 22- Opportune; 23- Cricket team; 25- Director Preminger; 26- Sickness at the stomach; 27- Gibbon, e.g.; 28- Muddy up; 32- Sea birds; 33- Snooped (around); 35- Basic monetary unit of Greece; 36- Santa ___; 37- Neither here ___ there; 38- Digit of the foot; 39- 9th letter of the Hebrew alphabet; 41- Related to the kidneys; 43- Makes brown; 44- Nabisco cookie; 45- Get a move on; 46- Siouan speakers; 48- Roger Rabbit, e.g.; 50- Merited; 51- Supported; 54- Pixyish; 55- Drumbeat sequence; 57- Not ___ many words; 61- Hog sound; 62- Milk container; 63- Emperor of Rome 54-68; 64- Robert ___; 65- Wherewithal; 66- Flub;

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

A large crossword puzzle grid with some numbers and letters pre-filled.

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OBITUARY

Former CFL pioneer Norman Kwong dies at 86

NORMAN Kwong, the first Chinese Canadian player in the Canadian Football League who later served as Alberta's lieutenant governor, died Saturday. He was 86.

Kwong's family said he died in his sleep at home.

The China Clipper was a bruising fullback, front-office manager in the CFL and part-owner of his home-town hockey squad, the Calgary Flames.

"Mr. Kwong was proud to be the son of Chinese immigrants. He was an Alberta success story from an early age," Alberta Premier Rachel Notley said in a statement. "From his storied career in the Canadian Football League to his later co-ownership of the Calgary Flames, he was a champion on the field of play and in life."

Kwong played 13 years with the Edmonton Eskimos and Calgary Stampeders. At 18 with the Stampeders, the Calgary-born Kwong was the youngest player to win the Grey Cup.

His 1955 pursuit of the league rushing record exemplified his tenacity. Trailing Winnipeg's Gerry James by 149 yards going into the last regular-season game of the year, Kwong ran for a single-game record 192 yards and set the season mark with 1,250. In the Grey Cup victory over Montreal that year, he ran for 145 yards.

When Kwong retired from playing football in 1960, he held 30 CFL records and two Schenley Awards as the league's outstanding Canadian. He was voted Canada's athlete of the year in 1955, beating out teammate Jackie Parker and hockey great Rocket Richard. **AP**

F1

Rosberg wins Italian GP after Hamilton's poor start

Andrew Dampf, Monza

NICO Rosberg won the Italian Grand Prix virtually unchallenged yesterday after Mercedes teammate Lewis Hamilton wasted pole position with a poor start.

Hamilton got off the line at the same time as the other cars but immediately fell behind, dropping to sixth before the first corner.

Rosberg, who started second, took the early lead and cruised to his seventh win of the season, second straight this year and first of his career at the storied Monza circuit, which has hosted more Formula One racing than any other track.

"I had an amazing start and that made the win," he said.

Rosberg also cut Hamilton's championship lead to two points with seven races remaining. Hamilton climbed his way back to finish second. "Obviously the start wasn't great but it's still a great day for Mercedes Benz and I'm glad to be a part of it," Hamilton said.

Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel and Kimi Raikkonen crossed third



Nico Rosberg of Germany leads the field after the start of the Italian Formula One Grand Prix at the Monza racetrack

and fourth, respectively. Rosberg celebrated with a series of fist pumps when he got out of his car, playfully jabbing at a TV camera. Then he jumped into a group of his team members who hoisted him into the air.

Already fastest in qualifying, Mercedes' single pit-stop strategy proved better than Ferrari's two-stop plan. It was the 21st win of Rosberg's career.

After his disastrous start, Hamilton quickly charged up the field, passing Daniel Ricciardo's Red Bull and overtaking Valtteri Bottas' Williams on the main straight.

Hamilton then went ahead of

the Ferraris after their second pit stops,

Pushing hard to catch Rosberg in the final laps, Hamilton's wheels locked up at the first chicane and he bounced across the speed bumps, costing him more than a second.

Rosberg's winning margin over Hamilton was 15 seconds, with Vettel 20 seconds behind and Raikkonen 27 seconds back.

Ricciardo finished fifth and Bottas crossed sixth.

Max Verstappen, Sergio Perez, Felipe Massa and Nico Hulkenberg rounded out the top 10.

On a hazy late summer day, red-clad Ferrari fans lined the entire track, with banners dedicated to current and former drivers.

"Michael, All our thoughts for you and your family," read one banner dedicated to seven-time F1 champion Michael Schumacher, who remains in secluded recovery from serious head injuries he suffered in a skiing accident in December 2013.

"You cannot describe the passion, you can only live it," read another banner.

During the singing of the national anthem, fighter jets flew over the main straight, coloring the sky in the green, white and red of the Italian flag.

Soon after the start Jolyon Palmer in a Renault and Felipe Nasr in a Sauber made contact, sending both cars back to the pits with damage. Palmer retired, while Nasr came back out briefly to serve a 10-second penalty for causing the accident.

Daniil Kyvat's Toro Rosso and Pascal Wehrlein's Manor also ran into trouble and retired midway through the race.

Next up is the Singapore GP in two weeks. **AP**

GOLF

Noren wins European Masters in playoff with Scott Hend

ALEX Noren of Sweden sank a 20-foot birdie putt on the first extra hole to beat Scott Hend of Australia in a playoff for the European Masters title yesterday.

Noren fired a 5-under round of 65 to be tied at 17 under with Hend, the overnight leader who carded a 66 on the Swiss Alps course.

The 39th-ranked Noren won the 450,000 euros (USD502,000) prize and his sixth

European Tour title on the same Swiss Alps course where his first came in 2009.

In third place, Andrew "Beef" Johnston of England went 5 under on the inward nine holes to card a 65, trailing Noren and Hend by three.

Lee Westwood was best of Europe's Ryder Cup players, firing a 7-under 63 to place fourth, five strokes back.



Scott Hend (left), and Alex Noren (right), shake hands during the final round of the Omega European Masters Golf Tournament

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opinion

Rear Window
Severo Portela



THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

“There is always room for improvement” is a well-known educational motivator, and rather acceptable paternalistic driver, but also, and unfortunately, one of the more annoying clichés pervading the MSAR political lingo. We believe that if somebody uses the cliché sparingly - as one of the many resorts to overcoming inconvenience - he or she will move away without much ado. Macau believes otherwise: the more baffling the speech, the safer the speaker will be. May be... but probably there is an unwanted consequence of the abuse and overuse of the annoying phrase, “there is always room for improvement.” This is a good omen for political observers.

Let us consider the example of another Macau political mantra; when somebody states he or she is about to deal with things in a scientific manner this immediately gives a warning to the observer of the strong possibility le verbiage antiscientifique is on the way.

When the AL president is challenged to comment on the idea that the work of the standing and monitoring committees - precisely the ones that go behind closed doors, according to the House Rules - could be more open, Ho lat Seng candidly said that... there is always room for improvement. This also sounds as an alert for us to go beyond the cliché and find out why Ho lat Seng threatens to disclose what legislators say behind curtains, regardless of the fact that he is circumventing the actual Rules of Procedure of the Legislative Assembly.

We take this as a sophisticated move to safeguard his position regarding the very crucial matter today hanging over the Macau Special Administrative Region: the attempt to correct the 2014 Land Bill, or the Gabriel Tong initiative.

The opposing camps express two perspectives about an Executive proposal of law that moved swiftly through the Legislative Assembly. One proposal which we dare to name revisionist is about the reversion of the full consequences of the Land Bill on void plots; the second camp which we dare to name as legalist is strictly by the letter and spirit of the law.

The latter camp seems to be going quietly since not only does their draft succeed in purging the old law of anything related to discretionary/arbitrary powers of the Chief Executive - the leitmotiv behind the decision to replace the 80s regulatory framework - but also seems to have the agreement of the courts and judiciary.

The revisionist side, (which we also dare to name pro-big entrepreneurs) piled up a set of arguments essentially reducible to one absurdity and one butterfly effect. The absurdity has to do with LA lawmakers alleging insufficient awareness of a bill that went through forty-three (43) committee meetings; the butterfly effect has to do with how a small cause can have enormous consequences in chaos theory. This one has to do with the dire straits the developers would face if they cannot recoup the idle plots that the government repossessed, and last but not the least - exactly the other way around as the weight of arguments go - the alleged exposure of the big banks and the financial system in general.

As to the financial exposure as an argument, albeit there is no apparent precedent, we should travel East of the Pearl River Delta and learn how Hong Kong Chief Executive C.Y. Leung broke the monopoly, or rather the total dominance, of the five majors, by scrapping the Application List system, and opening the land auctions to local SM players growing their financial muscle through joint-ventures with Northern companies.

Back to Ho lat Seng... he ordered LA services to recall the tapes of all the 43 meetings. It takes time, he gains time, time is on his side... and he can again say he is not running to be the next CE. “I have no desire to be CE.”

That is not the point; but there is room for improvement.

THE RELIGION AND POLITICS COLLIDE,
BUZZ GROUNDING ISRAELI TRAIN LINE

Israeli commuters began their work week with massive traffic jams and a cancellation of train service along one of the country’s busiest routes following a political scuffle that could shake the governing coalition.

The crisis erupted over the weekend after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, under pressure from ultra-Orthodox partners, ordered routine railway repairs scheduled on Saturday, the Jewish Sabbath, to be halted.

Orthodox Jewish law forbids work on the Sabbath, and a religious party in the coalition had threatened to quit the government unless he halted the repairs.

Netanyahu’s transport minister, Yisrael Katz, canceled key train routes yesterday because of the delayed repairs. The government dispatched extra buses for some 90,000 affected commuters.

Netanyahu accused Katz, a senior figure in the ruling Likud Party, of orchestrating the crisis.

German exit polls:
Nationalists strong,
Merkel party weak



Angela Merkel, center, poses with supporters during an election campaign event

Geir Moulson, Berlin

A nationalist, anti-immigration party performed strongly in a state election Sunday in the region where Chancellor Angela Merkel has her political base, likely overtaking her conservative party to take second place, exit polls indicated yesterday.

Exit polls for ARD and ZDF public television put support for Alternative for Germany, or AfD, in yesterday’s election for the state legislature in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania around 21 percent. They put support for Merkel’s Christian Democrats at 19 or 20 percent, which would be their worst result yet in the state.

The center-left Social Democrats, who lead the outgoing state government, were expected to be the strongest party with about 30 percent support.

Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania is home to 1.6 million of Germany’s 80

million people and is a relative political lightweight. It is, however, the state where Merkel has her parliamentary constituency, and yesterday’s vote was the first of five regional votes before a national election a bit more than a year away.

“Perhaps this is the beginning of the end of Angela Merkel’s chancellorship today,” local AfD leader Leif-Erik Holm told supporters. His party, however, fell well short of its aim of becoming the strongest party, and also didn’t match the 24.3 percent support it won in another eastern state, Saxony-Anhalt, in March.

Merkel’s refugee policies were a prominent issue in the campaign for yesterday’s election, which came a year after she decided to let in migrants from Hungary — setting off the peak of last year’s influx. Germany registered more than 1 million people as asylum-seekers last year.

New arrivals in Germany

have slowed drastically this year. Still, New Year’s Eve robberies and sexual assaults blamed largely on foreigners, as well as two attacks in July carried out by asylum-seekers and claimed by the Islamic State group, have fed tensions.

Merkel has stuck to her insistence that “we will manage” the refugee crisis.

Mecklenburg was the only one of Germany’s 16 states where the far-right National Democratic Party was represented in a state legislature, but it appeared to have lost its seats yesterday. The exit polls put its support below the 5 percent needed to keep them, with many supporters apparently switching to AfD.

The state has been run for the past decade by the parties that currently run Germany. Popular Social Democratic governor Erwin Sellering has governed with Merkel’s party as his junior partner. Both parties lost support compared with the last state election five years ago, when they polled 35.6 and 23 percent, respectively.

The opposition Left Party also lost support, slipping about six points to 12.5 percent, and the left-leaning Greens were hovering around the 5 percent mark.

There’s no realistic prospect of AfD going into government. AP

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

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People gather near Shiva Temple yesterday during the Teej festival at Hanumandhoka Durbar Square in Kathmandu, capital of Nepal. During the festival, married women fast and pray for good health and longevity of their husbands while unmarried women pray for marrying healthy and handsome husbands.

Station	Air quality
Roadside	25-45 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	55-75 Moderate
Ambient	45-65 Moderate

SOURCE: DSI/MG

WORLD BRIEFS

BRAZIL’S President Michel Temer said it will take time to bring calm to his country following the ouster of his predecessor and described street protests against his government as isolated and undemocratic.

DANISH police say they have no evidence that a gun attack in a Copenhagen suburb known for its hashish trade was ordered by the Islamic State group. The IS-affiliated Amaq news agency posted a statement Friday saying that the attacker was “a soldier of the Islamic State who carried out the operation in response to calls to target coalition states.”



FRENCH President Francois Hollande says he wants other world leaders to better regulate the global economy to protect workers and the environment. In a Facebook post laying out his goals at the Group of 20 summit in China, Hollande said yesterday that “France’s role is to contribute to regulating the planet.”

POLAND’S government stepped up criticism of judges after they likened its justice-system revamps to attempts to change the country’s democratic order. An extraordinary congress of 1,000 Polish judges called on the government to respect the constitutional division of power and said the justice system was the target of a smear campaign unprecedented since communism ended in 1989.

NIGERIA Boko Haram militants operated a network of financial services including interest-free loans and goods supplied on credit in order to recruit members for the Islamist group, according to the international aid agency, Mercy Corps.