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**WORLD BRIEFS**

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**SYRIA** Top American and Russian diplomats joined together yesterday in a last-ditch bid to save Syria's week-old truce, on a day the pair once envisioned as the start of a new military partnership against the Islamic State group and al-Qaida. Instead, they went into their talks unsure what cooperation could be maintained to stop the Arab country's five-year civil war.  
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**HK** In an interview with China Daily, Hong Kong's Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying talked about independence activists in the city, stressing that they share "the view or the proposition of a very small minority." He also said that, as the HKSAR is an inalienable part of China, "there is no room for discussion [on the matter]."

**THAILAND** A Thai court found a British labor activist guilty yesterday of defaming a fruit canning company, and gave him a suspended prison sentence in a case that has raised serious concerns among human rights workers and free speech advocates.  
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Renato Marques

**T**HIS year's edition of the Global Tourism Economy Forum (GTEF) has established special bonds with both France and Beijing, which will serve as Macau's country and city partners, respectively.

The theme of the event, which is now in its fifth year, is "The Growing Consumer Class, Rethinking and Reshaping the Future Tourism Landscape." The event aims to discuss the rise of a new generation of tourists, which is said to be more independent and resourceful, creating a decisive impact and promoting change in the tourism industry.

During a press conference yesterday at the Macau Tower Convention Centre, Ip Peng Kin, chief of office of the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, claimed that "competition between different parties can foster our future developments, and this is exactly the aim of this Forum."

In his opening speech on the importance of this year's theme, Ip also said: "Nowadays, consumption patterns across the globe are undergoing a revolutionary transformation towards a new era [...] both the public and private sectors are in great need of deepening their awareness on the new consumer class, reaching for a paradigm shift in both governing policies and business practices."

"The Forum will offer a golden opportunity to turn the goal [of economic diversification] into reality," he added.

The two-day event had a total budget of MOP45 million, an increase of 7.6 percent from its previous edition. Ip noted that the budget expenses are shared



Helena de Senna Fernandes (left), Ip Peng Kin and Pansy Ho

## GTEF to discuss new generation of tourists

between the government's Tourism Fund (MOP22million) and sponsors such as gaming operators, tourism and transportation enterprises, who collectively have a slightly bigger slice of MOP23million.

In her speech, GTEF vice president and secretary-general Pansy Ho said the annual Forum will be held at a different location every year in order to show attendees the many

opportunities that Macau has to offer.

"It will also contribute to the creation of more job opportunities," she added.

Ho said this year's GTEF will include new elements such as the Experience Macau Travel Guide, which will "further increase the opportunities for restaurants and other local enterprises."

She added that training and

internships for local students are other good examples of what the region will enjoy under such an event.

When asked about visas, particularly for mainland Chinese participants – a major problem in the last GTEF – Ho said, "last year we had a few issues, and we were asking what we could do in order to facilitate that process, since we want this event to be an international level platform and not just a local event. [...] The Forum is just for these two days but we have been working on promoting the event, talking to many people and inviting speakers and people from

[many] business sectors."

"We know that mainland Chinese attendees are still subjected to restrictions and we know that this number [of mainland China participants] cannot increase drastically. But of course, if this situation continues, it will limit the effectiveness of this Forum. But I'm confident that this visa issue will have a positive development in the near future," she concluded.

Ip added that "attendants also have the responsibility [of applying] in advance." However, he cited statistics from past events, saying that previous editions of the Forum had been attended by people from 55 different countries and 54 representative teams from different provinces in mainland China, as well as more than 700 media representatives from China and overseas.

The 2016 GTEF will take place October 15 and 16 at Studio City.

## MGTO researching ways to reduce number of buses around St Paul's

**T**HE Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO) is researching possible solutions to the traffic congestion caused by the number of tour buses in the St Paul's Ruins area, together with other organizations in the sector, said MGTO director Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes.

Senna Fernandes was speaking on the sidelines of the press conference for the launch of the 2016 Global Tourism Economy Forum.

Senna Fernandes said the previous "Tap Seac solution," which proposed that tour buses park at the Tap Seac parking lot for heavy vehicles, was "not well received by the

[tourism] agencies."

"For children, elderly people and others with reduced mobility, [it] might not have been a pleasant solution," she said, due to the long walking distance from Tap Seac Square over changing terrain.

She put forth several other solutions, including "other [areas to park buses] or to proceed to a wider area to allow the picking up and disembarkation of passengers."

The final drop-off and pick-up points, she said, would not be too near the St Paul's area, nor would it be as far as Tap Seac Square.

## HOTEL INDUSTRY DECLINE DUE TO COMPETITIVENESS, SAYS MGTO HEAD

**WHEN QUESTIONED** about the revenues of the hotel industry sector, which were down by 6.6 percent year-on-year (more on page 6). MGTO director Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes said that the drop is mostly due to a decrease in room prices, a factor that ultimately "is a good thing for the competitiveness of the market." The MGTO head highlighted the good results of the

recovery of hotel occupancy rates, saying that "the number of guests have been on the rise and in the months of June and July, [more] tourists stayed overnight." "Maybe we were used to very high occupancies of around 90 percent, but we are seeing that the occupancy rate is now in the 80 percent [range], a figure that is not low in most parts of the world," she concluded.

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SEA RESCUE DRILL

# Marine Bureau representative says 'accidents have always happened'

Julie Zhu

THE Marine and Water Bureau, along with several local governmental departments, yesterday conducted a sea rescue drill at the entrance of the Outer Harbour Ferry Terminal.

The Customs Service, Public Security Police Force, Health Bureau, and two local high-speed ferry service providers participated in the drill. A total of 15 boats, 10 ambulances, and approximately 180 people from the aforementioned departments were deployed.

Two accident simulations, both located one nautical mile northeast of the harbor, required participants to rescue passengers aboard high-speed ferries. One ferry had nine people



while the other had 30. All passengers and crew had to be rescued following the simulation of a crash or due to boat failure.

"This is the first time that a large-scale drill has been organized by Macau's neighboring regions," said Wu Chu Peng,

head of the Maritime Activities Department of the Marine and Water Bureau.

During the drill, as planned, two stuntmen fell into the water while being transferred to a life raft. In Wu's words, "the drill has met expectations."

**The number of recent accidents has not increased by a large margin.**

WU CHU PENG

Several ferry accidents occurred recently. The most recent happened on September 11, when one Turbojet ferry sailing to Hong Kong – with approximately 386 passengers and 10 crew members on board – crashed into a sampan (a Chi-

nese wooden boat).

Regarding the recent spate of accidents, Wu said: "Marine accidents have always happened [...] and the number of recent accidents has not increased by a large margin."

Wu also explained that there are two main reasons for the accidents. One is "human resources' ignorance or their violation of the regulations" while the other is due to "mechanical failure."

Wu said his department will ask ferry companies to review their operations in order to bring the number of accidents down to the minimum. His department will also "enhance the inspection of infractions."

Ip Wa Chio, a sub-inspector from the Customs Service, said that his department usually takes 20 minutes to arrive on the accident scene.

So far, "in 90 percent of cases [the Customs Service] arrived to the scenes in 20 minutes," he said, adding that customs officers will stand by at different spots for 24 hours a day in the event of accidents.

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I am pleased to hear that the government of Macau is listening to the world in regards to the Canidrome. The people of Macau should not be judged by what goes on at the Canidrome, but as long as they are racing and killing dogs, the world will look [without] favor upon Macau. Please, stop the racing, close the Canidrome, and work with international groups to place all of the greyhounds in homes.

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The world no longer tolerates the massive amount of animal abuse and cruelty that China and other Asian countries, in particular, have shown from centuries ago to this very point in time. This is the Age of Enlightenment, animals are no longer seen as objects of art, ritual, potions, medicine, and entertainment at the hands of those groups and individuals whose sensitivity goes no further than themselves. It only casts a dark shadow on these societies and proves that they have not advanced in humane behavior, in spite of their grasp in technology.

REPLY

"THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGIN' "

# MUST medical center recognized by Edinburgh's College of Surgeons

Julie Zhu

**T**HE Center of Excellence for Medical Professional Development (CEPMD) at the Macau University of Science and Technology's (MUST) Faculty of Health Sciences was this week recognized as a comprehensive skills development training center by the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (RCSED).

This is the first time the RCSED has recognized a tertiary qualification center in the Greater China region, said CEPMD program director Billy Chan of CEPMD. Two other institutes from Malaysia and Sudan were also recognized by RCSED.

Chan expects MUST to provide more highly-qualified surgical training courses in Macau through close collaborations with the RCSED, as well as providing innovative medical education in the city.

RCSED President Michael Lavelle-Jones said, "The thing that we [MUST and RCSE] do have in common is our belief in the pursuit of excellence."

"I look forward to the strengthening of our partnership which will enable [us] to deliver not only



MUST's vice-president Tong Ka Lok and Michael Lavelle-Jones (right)

training for surgeons in Macau, but also for surgeons in China and in the wider world beyond."

Lavelle-Jones concluded by saying that RCSED will continue to support MUST in any way it can.

CEPMD was established in 2011. It provides a range of courses for medical professionals ranging from endoscopic and laparoscopic surgeons to pediatric nurses.

Regarding cooperation between the parties, the president stated, "Our wish is never to impose any particular program or course, but instead to see what's required locally."

According to Edward Cheuck

Seen Lai, vice president of MUST University Hospital, CEPMD is waiting for the government's approval in order to start offering master's degrees. As to whether it will train local medical specialists or not, Lai said MUST serves all medical professionals in the city and that it provides a range of specific training to medical specialists.

The RCSED is the world's oldest surgical corporation and traces its origins back to 1505. Its international network comprises more than 23,000 professionals in 100 countries around the world, 65 percent of which live and work in the UK.

## SCIENCE

# UM PhD student joins anti-Ebola drug design project at Oxford

**F**ARAZ Mohammadali Shaikh, a doctoral student from the University of Macau (UM) Faculty of Science and Technology (FST), has received an internship offer from the Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics at the University of Oxford, United Kingdom. Shaikh will participate in a drug design project aimed at fighting the Ebola virus.

Ebola is a highly virulent pathogen which can cause a severe hemorrhagic fever and has a high death rate. According to a UM statement, Shaikh will work on the computational methods needed in designing drugs against Ebola. He will use computer simulations and fragment-based molecular docking to explore viral activity – in particular how the virus enters the host cell at the atomic level – and investigate ways to effectively inhibit virus attachment and membrane fusion. The goal of the research



Faraz Mohammadali Shaikh

project is to identify chemical entities to be potential candidates for developing drugs against Ebola.

Shaikh has been working on protein flexibility algorithms and drug design applications in the Computational Biology and Bioinformatics Lab, headed by Dr Shirley Siu Weng In, since September 2015. He has worked as a senior research fellow at the Centre of Excellence at the National Facility for Drug Discovery Complex, Rajkot, India. He received the DBT Senior Research Fellowship from the Indian government from 2013 to 2015. He has published more than ten scientific papers in international journals to date.

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Clement Cheng (center)



Signum's new shop

DESIGN

# Signum opens second retail store

Daniel Beittler

**A**ROUND 50 people gathered in a building on Rua de Ferreira do Amaral last night to celebrate the opening of a new design store in the city.

The store, Signum's second retail space in Macau, showcases clothing, apparel and interior furnishings by both local and foreign designers from countries such as France, Denmark and Taiwan. The

new shop, located near Jardim de Vasco da Gama, is the company's largest.

Among the products offered in the new, two-storied shop are chairs, desk units, lightshades and lamps, sunglasses, and general ornaments. The company is marketing its products to local residents, tourists, and businesses in Macau, such as large hotel entities.

The opening coincides with the fifth anniversary of Signum's first retail space in the

territory, which can be found in the Barra area near the A-Ma Temple.

Company owner and local entrepreneur Clement Cheng addressed yesterday's crowd, saying that he hopes that Macau "likes the shop and likes what the brand stands for."

At yesterday's ceremony, he unveiled: a mobile app for the company, which is linked to various social networks and allows users to browse Signum's products.

At the host's request, many of the opening ceremony's attendees downloaded the app, and shared their location on social networks, as well as posting on news feeds to get the word out.

Cheng, who has been an interior designer for around seven years, told the Times yesterday that he is on a mission to educate the general public in Macau about the importance of design.

"It's not just an ornament," he said, gesturing to an item in the store. "These [design] products are meant to change the way that you live your life."

He said that people in Macau are not really aware of this concept, nor is the government, as both groups tend to think of design as a field that focuses mainly on products and graphics, rather than interior design.

## Pin-to Livros reveals new location

As many had speculated – increasingly so since the news of Pin-to Musica's closure in July – the Senado Square-based bookstore Pin-to Livros will shut its doors for the last time on September 30 and relocate to another part of the peninsula. The owner of the bookstore, Anson Ng, initially said that rental costs for the units in Senado Square had reached an unsustainable rate. He later clarified that after a new company acquired the lease to the building, he was notified that his rental contract would be terminated. Ng revealed to The Times in July that he was already looking for a new location "to combine books and music" under one roof. He has now decided that the shop, which closes at the end of the month, will reopen at Rua de Coelho do Amaral No.41, near Kiang Wu Hospital in January 2017.

## Circus Festival charity performance in Macau

The third China International Circus Festival will perform in Macau on November 12, said the organizers on the festival's official website. More than 20 teams will participate in the charity event, including performers from Germany, Russia and France. After their tour in Macau, the artists will head to Zhuhai for another competition. Visitors can enjoy 28 performances from November 18 to 26, including five from China and 23 from other countries or regions.

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DSAL

# Zero-tolerance policy toward unreasonable sacking of local workers

**T**HE Labor Affairs Bureau (DSAL) released a statement saying that it will not “allow local employees to lose their employment rights.”

The announcement came out after about ten residents visited the DSAL to report their former employer, the Lisboa Palace, for terminating their employment on unreasonable grounds. The residents said they had been part of the cleaning staff at the Lisboa Palace construction site.

DSAL said it had a meeting with the parties involved in the issue, including the representatives of the site’s owners, contractors and those who filed complaints.

The owners’ representatives promised after the meeting that they would review the numbers and working categories of their local and expat employees. They added that if expat employees work in the same field as residents, the expats will be forced to exit first.

DSAL has helped 86 local employees register their information, and will continue to follow up on the issues in order to ensure that local workers’ employment takes priority.



The department said it would continue to review the employers’ expat employment records, pointing out that it will not tolerate a reduction in employment opportunities for local residents in favor of expat workers.

On Monday, lawmaker Lei Cheng I accompanied the group of people to DSAL. According to her, 86 local workers had been fired, all of whom were members of the

cleaning staff at the Lisboa Palace construction site. Most had been employed on or after September 12 and were reportedly told to stop working after just two or three days. Some of the former staff voiced their belief that they had been fired to reduce costs.

Lei claims that Lisboa Palace currently has approximately 3,700 expat employees, some of which are also members of the cleaning staff.

## Hotel sector revenue plunges

**R**EVENUES of the hotel sector decreased by 6.6 percent year-on-year to MOP26.04 billion in 2015, according to information from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC).

The revenue drop was mainly attributed to the 10.6 percent drop in room sales (MOP 12.21 billion), which accounted for 46.9 percent of the total. Revenues from the F&B sector also fell by 2.4 percent while revenues from rental of space rose 1 percent.

According to DSEC, total ex-

penditure across the sector increased by 1.6 percent year-on-year to MOP23.44 billion.

Income of the hotel sector from online business (including online room reservation and ticketing) decreased by 9.9 percent year-on-year to MOP703 million. Online business revenue of five-star hotels dropped by 19.1 percent, while that of four-star hotels surged by 39.9 percent.

A total of 107 hotels and guesthouses were operating in 2015, comprising 74 hotels and 33 guesthouses.

## Jao Tsung-I’s Academy to host artistic activities

**J**AO Tsung-I’s Academy (AJTI), located in the Tap Seac area, has been made available to host not-for-profit artistic activities, the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) announced in a statement this week.

The initiative aims to encourage promote cultural exchange, enabling local organizations to use the space to host cultural and artistic activities. The statement from IC also noted that “priority will be given to activities related to Chinese culture and arts.” The available facilities comprise the library on the ground floor, as well as the auditorium located on the first floor of the historical building, which will



be made available from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Tuesday to Friday) and on Saturday afternoons. Organizations interested in using the space are welcome to apply.

REAL ESTATE

## Lawmaker seeks easy access to property laws in mainland

**L**AWMAKER Zheng Anting has argued that residential projects in mainland China should upload legal information on their websites, ensuring that overseas investors can avoid property fraud.

This comes after 77 local residents complained to the Consumer Council over real estate scams involving pre-sale property acquisitions in the mainland during the first half of the year. Speaking to TDM, Zheng Anting said some investors only managed to reclaim their money after more than 10 years, and encouraged developers to be “clear and transparent.”

“Information such as the types of property sites that can be sold and how far [along] the construction [is] must be made available before they are allowed to be sold to outsiders or other buyers in the region,” he said.

As cited in TDM, an investor

surnamed Lou – along with dozens of investors – claimed to have purchased some 50 residential units in Zhuhai back in 2008, but the project was never completed. According to him, there was no follow-up from the relevant mainland departments.

“They said the contract we initially signed with the developer did not meet the legal requirements. That means our contract was not protected,” he explained to the media outlet.

“Our point is that we really paid for the property. It should be recognized even though the developer received the funds without obtaining the pre-sale permit.”

In previous reports, the Zhongshan Administration Bureau for Industry and Commerce had admitted that these incidents are a result of the absence of related laws, and that such things are common in the mainland.

### ONE SHOT NEWS



The Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) has announced that at least MOP6 million will be diverted toward restoring five of the six former leper colony buildings in Coloane. The work, which is expected to start before the end of the year, will include a study over whether the site could become a tourist attraction in the future, to be conducted by the Macau Government Tourist Office. Several officials, including the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam (front left) also visited the site yesterday to learn more about the state of the buildings.

INDIA

# Students challenge Facebook on WhatsApp privacy policy

Saritha Rai, Upmanyu Trivedi

**TWO** Indian students are mounting a legal challenge to Facebook, seeking to wind back changes to WhatsApp's privacy policy that they say threatens the rights of millions of users.

Karmanya Singh Sareen and Shreya Sethi filed a public-interest litigation, akin to a class action, in the Delhi High Court asking for a rollback of recent policy updates by the Facebook-owned messaging service. They asked the court to order the government to frame guidelines for messaging apps so that user privacy isn't compromised.

WhatsApp revised its privacy policy to share data with Facebook and allow targeted ads and direct messages from businesses. The Indian challenge follows similar hurdles around the world, with the European Union and the U.S. Federal Trade Commission examining whether users have been wronged and a German consumer group threatening to sue the company.

WhatsApp said the changes announced last month were

compliant with the law and it was giving users time to react, even letting them turn off data sharing with Facebook.

Facebook has a history of lawsuits over user privacy and advertising. In a 2011 settlement with the FTC, the company agreed that it would always ask users for permission before making changes to its privacy practices. The FTC is looking into whether WhatsApp's recent changes violated that agreement.

A lot is at stake for Facebook in India, where it has close to 150 million users, its biggest base outside the U.S. Research firm eMarketer said India would soon have the world's largest Facebook population. WhatsApp has over 70 million users in India, according to a SimilarWeb report in May.

When Facebook acquired WhatsApp in 2014, users worried that it would change the nature of the app, which had been free of advertising. WhatsApp CEO Jan Koum said at the time that nothing would change in terms of privacy for users. **Bloomberg**

# Swiss watch exports fall for fourteenth straight month

Corinne Gretler

**SWISS** watch exports fell in August as demand weakened from Japan to the U.S., extending the industry's slump to fourteen months.

Shipments dropped 8.8 percent to 1.4 billion francs (USD1.4 billion), the Federation of the Swiss Watch Industry said in a statement yesterday.

The slowdown has spread from Asia to Europe and the U.S. in recent months, leading Cie. Financiere Richemont SA, the maker of Cartier and IWC Schaffhausen timepieces, to cut jobs, buy back unsold inventory from retailers and re-focus on more affordable pieces. Richemont warned that first-half earnings will decline about 45 percent, following Swatch Group AG's 54 percent drop in first-half profit. In Europe, terrorist attacks have cut the numbers of free-spending tourists who make up a big chunk of sales.

"We remain concerned about continued disruption in Hong Kong, while mainland China



continues to show improving trends, albeit at the expense of weaker tourist demand in Europe and Japan," Thomas Chauvet, an analyst at Citigroup, said in a note.

Exports to Hong Kong fell 29 percent, while shipments to Germany slid 15 percent, the federation said. The U.S. and Japan showed declines of 12 percent and 27 percent, respectively. Mainland China saw ex-

ports rise by 29 percent, helped by a favorable comparison base from a year ago. One bright spot was the U.K., where shipments increased 24 percent after the Brexit-induced tumble in the value of sterling.

Some brands have already increased prices in the U.K. by at least 10 percent, Citigroup's Chauvet said, so the currency effect is unlikely to last. **Bloomberg**

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A lack of roads is seen as one of the greatest barriers to the development of inter-African economic relations and for the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), China's financing may be the solution.

The main joint projects of West African countries in the areas of transport, and energy, agriculture and health were reviewed during a meeting at the end of August at the ECOWAS Commission in Abuja, Nigeria, between the presidency of the regional organization and a delegation from the China Development Bank (CDB).

Among the projects identified by the president of ECOWAS, Marcel de Souza, is the second phase of the regional highway linking Abidjan, Ivory Coast, Dakar, in Senegal, and also includes plans to go through Bissau, with a total of 3,260 kilometers. The road is expected to cost USD25 billion.

According to ECOWAS, Souza also called for financial support for feasibility studies underway for the Lagos-Abidjan road, an \$8 billion project to connect five of the coastal cities of the region, over more than 1,000 kilometers.

The president of the regional organization drew attention to the fact that only 12 percent of trade in West Africa is between neighboring countries as a result of lack of road, rail, air and sea links between them.

Souza also called for support

## West Africa seeks funds from China for transport projects



Bissau, capital city of Guinea-Bissau

from the BDC for initiatives in the energy sector and rice production, the staple food of the region's countries, but which they produce at a deficit.

Zeng Liqing, head of the BDC delegation expressed interest in strengthening cooperation with countries in the region, stressing that the bank's efforts have led to financing of more than \$46 billion for 43 African countries to develop infrastructure, mining and energy, among other sectors.

Special bank credits for small and medium businesses are being used in 47 African countries, some of which are members of ECOWAS,

said the head of the BDC.

A member of ECOWAS, Guinea-Bissau is one of the countries that currently has higher economic growth forecasts – 4.8 percent in 2016 and 5 percent in 2017 – as well as ample opportunities, as, besides the need for infrastructure and having available resources to explore (such as bauxite), is part of the regional West African market.

Agriculture is the main source of the country's income, particularly cashews, which are also one of the identified investment opportunities.

The Africa Intelligence Monitor

newsletter reported that a recent Chinese technical study confirmed the country's suitability, particularly with regard to soil, for large-scale production of rice, a product that the country currently imports to supply the domestic market (around 200,000 tons/year).

The study, according to the same source also points out the prior need for restoration of floodplains (bolanhas) suitable for rice growing, most of which have lain unused in recent years or abandoned altogether.

The Chinese ambassador in Bissau, Wang Hua, has noted the excellent climate and soil in Guinea-Bissau to produce and supply its population and restated its people and reaffirmed China's support to achieve this objective.

In April, Guinea-Bissau first received the "Meeting of Businesspeople for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese Speaking Countries", alongside which it was announced that the China Machinery Engineering Corporation (CMEC)

will build the new Bissau International Airport, expand the old terminal, build the Pikil fishing port in northeastern Guinea-Bissau, the deep-water port at Buba, in the south, as well as roads, bridges and even social housing.

Guinea-Bissau was this year the theme of a seminar organized by the Macau Institute for Trade and Investment Promotion (IPIM), together with the Permanent Secretariat of the Forum for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries (Macau).

ECOWAS also includes Cape Verde, where in April the refurbishment of the Presidential Palace was completed, in Praia, a project financed entirely by China, along with government buildings, the National Assembly, the National Stadium and other iconic facilities such as the Poilão dam.

At the time, President Jorge Carlos Fonseca told Macao Magazine that Cape Verde's relations with China had been "privileged since independence," with a tendency to become "increasingly important". **MDT/Macauhub**

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Kelvin Chan, Hong Kong

**T**HE death threats began arriving soon after pro-democracy candidate and environmentalist Eddie Chu won a stunning Hong Kong legislative election victory earlier this month.

Middlemen, Chu won't name them so as to not jeopardize a police investigation, outlined the assassin's recruitment, what he would be paid and when the hit would come.

Chu, whose shoestring budget campaign won more votes than any other candidate in the Sept. 4 election, says the threats stem from his campaign promise to smash collusion between the government, real estate developers, "triad" criminal syndicates and rural kingpins who benefit from suburban redevelopment projects at the expense of ordinary villagers.

"All of these people are working with the Beijing government to destroy the rural areas of Hong Kong," Chu said in an interview at an outdoor cafe at the city government headquarters complex. Two plainclothes police officers kept watch nearby.

A former British colony that now is a specially administered city under Chinese rule, Hong Kong is best known for its neon-lit skyscrapers. But beyond Kowloon's fringe of rugged peaks lie the New Territories: 86 percent of the city's land area.

Powerful vested interests supported by Beijing control the vast swath of farmland and old villages outside the space-starved city's downtown core. Increasingly, such areas are being razed to make way for new public housing estates to accommodate an expanding population.

Since Hong Kong returned to Chinese rule in 1997, the city has remained mostly peaceful and calm, despite massive, non-violent pro-democracy protests two years ago.

After the threats, Chu moved his family out of their home and sought police protection while he prepares for his new role as a lawmaker in Hong Kong's semi-democratic Legislative Council.

"It's not a bad thing to face this kind of challenge just after the election," he said in an interview. "It's a very good reminder to me and my team that we are stepping into a dangerous area."

He believes there's more "political violence" to come.

The son of a tailor and a bus-ticket seller, Chu had a "typical city boy" upbringing, he says. After studying English literature at the Chinese University of Hong Kong he worked for the independent newspaper Ming Pao.

Eventually he quit and moved to Iran, where he learned Far-



Pro-democracy activist Eddie Chu

HONG KONG

## Outsider lawmaker vows shakeup of vested interests

si and wrote freelance articles from Afghanistan and Pakistan.

After returning to Hong Kong, Chu began campaigning for environmental and heritage preservation. He fought government plans to demolish the historic Star Ferry Pier and Queen's Pier, chaining himself together with other activists in an eventually futile attempt to stop the wrecking crews. In 2010, he and other activists tried but failed to stop the government from flattening a village to make way for a high-speed rail line connecting Hong Kong with mainland China.

Chu's grassroots campaign for the Legislative Council, with hand-painted banners, struck a chord with residents frustrated that the 2014 pro-democracy "Umbrella Movement" protests failed to yield concessions from Beijing.

He and five other activists won seats in the 70-seat legislature.

"It's the first time people have felt some kind of hope in a politician who can bring ideas developed in the Umbrella Movement into real practice," said Samson Yuen, who lectures on politics at the Open University of Hong Kong.

Yuen expects the effort to shake up the rural power structure will dominate Hong Kong's legislative agenda during its co-

ming four-year term. It will be "quite messy and chaotic," he said.

Chu says the first thing he plans to do after being sworn in is to propose democratic reform of the pro-Beijing Heung Yee Kuk, or Rural Council, a statutory advisory body representing New Territories indigenous villagers that's one of Hong Kong's most powerful special interest groups.

The Heung Yee Kuk has its own legislative seat and gets to help select the city's top leader. Originally, it represented villagers whose families lived in the New Territories before Britain gained control in 1898. After World War II, the colonial government sought its help in gaining land to build suburban housing estates, and in return gave village male heirs the right to three-story houses.

Estimates of the "indigenous villager" population are hard to find, but the vast majority of Hong Kong's 7.2 million residents migrated from the Chinese mainland in the past century.

Though it represents a small minority of Hong Kong residents, the Heung Yee Kuk's land privileges and support for China's communist leaders before Britain handed Hong Kong back to Beijing have made it a formidable power broker. Critics accuse it of colluding with

triad gangs and encouraging environmentally unfriendly practices, such as allowing farm fields to be turned into parking lots, junk yards and electronic waste recycling depots.

Hong Kong residents forced by sky-high property prices to live in distant New Territories suburbs resent their lack of say in choosing local leaders, who they complain neglect essential community needs such as parking, trash disposal and emergency services.

In one prominent case, the government opted to build a high-rise public housing estate on the site of a village of about 200 people instead of a light industrial "brownfield" site nearby controlled by a rural strongman.

"The government is afraid of touching such land so it prefers to destroy the environment

rather than making use of a brownfield site," Chu said.

Political observers say Chu will likely have a hard time mustering enough votes for a shakeup in the Legislative Council, where the majority of lawmakers support Beijing.

Apart from its strong backing from Beijing, the Heung Yee Kuk is a "very coherent body trying to safeguard their own benefits and indigenous rights," said Chung Kim-wah, a politics professor at Hong Kong's Polytechnic University.

Still, "green activist" Chu and other new, pro-local rights lawmakers hope to build support for democratic "self-determination" for Hong Kong at a time when Beijing, having pledged to leave the city's legal system and civil liberties intact for 50 years, is tightening its grip.

He isn't advocating independence, but wants Hong Kong to have the right to rewrite its "Basic Law," a charter outlining its relationship with Beijing under a "one country, two systems" formula.

If Hong Kong's fractured pro-democracy camp could unite around the principle of self-determination and win more Legislative Council seats in future elections, "this may be a nonviolent way to force Beijing to sit down in front of us for political talks," Chu said. AP

**■ Eddie Chu isn't advocating independence, but wants Hong Kong to have the right to rewrite its Basic Law**

# Beijing film festival pushes for end to gender inequality



Festival chairman Li Dan (left), speaks as international coordinator Cyrielle Nifle (right), listens during the opening ceremony of the China Women's Film Festival in Beijing

Louise Watt, Beijing

**I**N films, women and girls are much more likely to take off their clothes than male actors and to be scantily clad in the first place, studies show. Less than a third of speaking characters are female and men outnumber women behind the camera by a ratio of five to one.

Campaigners are highlighting this gender inequality in film at the China Women's Film Festival that runs until Sunday in Beijing, arguing that the phenomenon distorts views of women and the world, and that the male-dominated film industry repeats the same mistakes out of habit.

The nine-day festival features more than 30 Chinese and international films about women's rights, women's achievements and gay women, which are then slated to be shown in more than 10 cities

## ■ The nine-day festival features more than 30 Chinese and international films about women's rights

across China.

Festival chairman Li Dan said the aim was to increase the representation of women in film at a time when Chinese audiences have apparently accepted gender inequality in movies.

"Usually people and audiences have the idea that female characters should be pretty, be looking for a good marriage or a rich man or a Mr. Right, and if the movie follows that path it will have a good box office,"

said Li, who works for Crossroads Center Beijing, a nonprofit working with marginalized groups and the festival organizer. "Very few movies have strong female roles and characters."

Hollywood actresses have also spoken out about a lack of good roles for women and the gender pay gap, among them Cate Blanchett, Jennifer Lawrence and Meryl Streep, who starred in the festival's opening film "Suffragette," about British women's fight for the vote in the early 20th century.

In the last three years, a campaign has gradually been gaining ground to raise awareness of the unequal representation of men and women in movies based on the Bechdel Wallace test, which started out as a joke in a 1986 comic book. To pass the test, a film must have two female characters with names who talk to each other in the film about something other

than men. Films that fail the test include "Avatar," "Slumdog Millionaire" and "The Jungle Book."

Li said that at the end of the festival they plan to write an open letter signed by at least 50 celebrities to major Chinese film producers and cinema companies calling on them to use the test in the hope that it will affect the type of films that are produced and raise awareness of gender inequality in film and society. He also hopes to attract tens of thousands of signatures from the public.

The sponsors of the festival, which runs until Sunday, include the embassies of Holland, Norway, France, Sweden and Britain, and the European Union delegation.

Other independent film festivals have run into trouble from Chinese authorities, but Li said they did not choose films with politically sensitive topics, such

as the recently loosened one-child policy. Although China's constitution enshrines gender equality, some nongovernmental groups promoting women's rights have been closed over the last 18 months amid a more general crackdown on political activism.

Ellen Tejle, who runs an arthouse cinema in the Swedish capital of Stockholm, launched the "A-rate" campaign three years ago to encourage producers, cinemas and the public to submit a film to the Bechdel Wallace gender bias test.

At the China Women's Film Festival, Tejle said that internationally, 7 percent of directors are women and women have 30 percent of the speaking roles — and this hasn't changed since the 1940s.

Even Disney characters Mulan and Pocahontas, who are the protagonists of their respective films, speak for less than a quarter of the speaking time of all the characters, Tejle said. Women's characters are often limited to mothers, wives, girlfriends and princesses and shown without jobs, while male roles are funny, strong and heroic, affecting the dreams that children have for their own lives, she said.

In China, movies tended to portray the ruling Communist Party's ideal of gender equality up until the 1990s, when the film industry went commercial with a view to making money. "Since then, the proportion of female roles has gone down, and sometimes if you remove their roles it wouldn't affect the overall movie," said Li.

Debunking the idea that films with women in the lead role aren't bankable, a study by the Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media in Los Angeles found that they outgrossed films with a male lead: Among the top 100 grossing non-animated films in North America of 2015, movies with female leads made on average USD90 million, while those with male leads made \$76 million.

Other research by the Geena Davis Institute has found that in the 11 countries with the biggest box office, a quarter of actresses are shown partially or fully naked as opposed to just over a tenth of male actors. It also found that female teens were just as likely to be sexualized — shown in sexy attire or partially naked — in films as women aged 21 to 39. **AP**

**A**Cambodian court has sentenced two Chinese nationals to life in prison after convicting them of production and trafficking of heroin and methamphetamine in one of the country's biggest drug trafficking cases.

## Cambodian court gives 2 Chinese life in prison for drugs

The Phnom Penh Municipal Court found the two men guilty yesterday of smuggling 55 kilograms of methamphetamine

and heroin worth an estimated USD3 million from Laos in June last year. The drugs were believed destined for both Cambodia

and third countries.

Two Cambodian men involved in the case also received life sentences, one in absentia as police

are still seeking him.

A report earlier this year from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime described Cambodia as

an increasingly important hub for smuggling heroin and methamphetamine as well as chemicals used in their manufacture. **AP**

Natnicha Chuwiruch, Bangkok

THAILAND

## Court finds British activist guilty of defamation

A Thai court found a British labor activist guilty yesterday of defaming a fruit canning company, and gave him a suspended prison sentence in a case that has raised serious concerns among human rights workers and free speech advocates.

The Bangkok South Criminal Court found Andy Hall guilty of criminal defamation against Natural Fruit Company Ltd. in connection with a 2013 report he researched for the Finnish consumer organization Finnwatch that alleged labor abuses at the company's facilities.

The case has underlined complaints by critics that Thailand's punitive criminal defamation laws can be used to silence whistle-blowers and social critics. The law carried a maximum penalty of seven years imprisonment.

Hall has been active for several years in Thailand in labor rights advocacy, especially involving migrant workers, who lack protections both in practice and under the law.

He was also found guilty of violating the Computer Crimes Act because the information was posted on the internet.

Hall was given a suspended sentence of three years with a probationary period of two years, and a fine of 150,000 baht (USD4,300). He said he will appeal the ruling. He was allowed to go free after his fine was paid.

Two civil suits by the company against him are pending, as is an appeal against his acquittal on a previous criminal defamation charge.

"I don't feel any shame, I don't feel any regret. But I feel it is an injustice, what's happened here today," Hall said. "I respect



British human rights activist Andy Hall as he arrives at Bangkok South Criminal Court

the decision of the court, but I feel real injustice, not for me, it's not about me, this case was never about me, it was never about Andy Hall doing research about migrant workers. It was about a human rights activist doing research for the public interest."

The court originally sentenced Hall to four years in prison and

a 200,000 baht (\$5,715) fine, but reduced the sentence because he cooperated with the proceedings and had no prior criminal record.

Lawyers and right groups have long been critical of Thailand's criminal defamation law, which is seen as inhibiting free speech. In a statement earlier this week, Amnesty Internatio-

nal called on Thai authorities to remove criminal penalties for defamation and "ensure that such charges are not used to restrict the right to freedom of expression."

Sonja Vartiala, executive director of Finnwatch, said her organization was "shocked by today's verdict."

"The report was authored and

published by Finnwatch; we take full responsibility for it," Vartiala said. "Andy has been made a scapegoat in order to stifle other voices that speak out legitimately in support of migrant worker rights."

"This is a sad day for freedom of expression in Thailand," Vartiala said. "We fear that many other human rights defenders and victims of company abuse will be scared to silence by this ruling."

Finnwatch was not sued, nor was the Al Jazeera news network, to whom Hall gave an interview that was the basis for part of the cases against him.

Virat Piyapornpaiboon, the owner of Natural Fruit, said justice was done.

"I think that it's not important whether he goes to jail or not, but what's important is whether or not what he said was true," Virat said. "This is proof that no matter who you are, if you are not just and you make up stories and cause damage to others, you must be punished."

Britain's Foreign Office expressed its concern in a statement issued after the verdict.

"The UK supports the right of Human Rights Defenders to raise concerns about human rights violations without fear of reprisals or legal action to prevent public participation," it said. "We will be raising his case with the Thai authorities and we are ready to provide support to Mr. Hall if requested." AP

NORTH KOREA

## State media says gov't successfully ground tests new rocket engine

NORTH Korean leader Kim Jong Un has overseen a ground test of a new rocket engine and ordered a satellite launch preparation, state media said yesterday, an indication the country might soon conduct a prohibited long-range rocket launch.

The United Nations and others view the North's space launch development project as a cover for tests of missile technology, as ballistic missiles and rockets in satellite launches share similar

bodies, engines and other technology. North Korea is also openly working on developing nuclear-armed missiles capable of striking the U.S. mainland.

Kim directed the ground test of a high-powered engine of a carrier rocket for a geo-stationary satellite at the Sohae Space Center in the country's northwest, according to the official Korean Central News Agency.

Kim was quoted as ordering officials and scien-

tists to complete preparations for a satellite launch as soon as possible, amid "the enemies' harsh sanctions and moves to stifle" the North.

Jeon Ha-kyu, a spokesman at South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff, said South Korea believes the test was for a new engine for a long-range missile. South Korean media speculated the North could conduct a long-range rocket launch around Oct. 10, which is the 71st founding anniversary for the North's ruling

Workers' Party.

Earlier this month, North Korea conducted its fifth nuclear test, prompting South Korean and U.S. officials to vow to apply more sanctions and pressure on the North. The test explosion, the most powerful to date, was conducted on the 68th anniversary of the founding of North Korea's government.

The North was already slapped with the toughest U.N. sanctions in two decades following its fourth



A man watches a TV news showing images that North Korea's Rodong Sinmun newspaper reports of the ground test of a high-powered engine of a carrier rocket and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un at the country's Sohae Space Center

nuclear test in January.

Since late 2012, the North put two satellites into orbit with long-range rockets, each time inviting international sanctions and worldwide condemnation.

North Korea has said it

needs nuclear weapons and missiles to cope with U.S. military threats. About 28,500 U.S. troops are stationed in South Korea, a legacy of the 1950-53 Korean War which ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty. AP



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Karl Ritter, Stockholm

At least 20 countries are expected to formally join the Paris Agreement on climate change this week, greatly improving the pact's chances of coming into force just a year after it was negotiated in the French capital, U.N. officials say.

That's considered a blistering pace in the world of international diplomacy, reflecting a sense of urgency in the fight against global warming and a desire to seal the deal before the Obama administration leaves office.

Brazil, Mexico, Argentina and Morocco are expected to hand over documents at the U.N. in New York today to formally complete the ratification process. At least half a dozen small island nations including Papua New Guinea, Tonga and Kiribati will also follow suit.

"We are ready. We will announce it in New York," Moroccan Environment Minister Hakima el-Haite told The Associated Press.

After years of negotiations, governments agreed in Paris last December to curb the emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases that scientists say are warming the planet.

More than 170 world leaders have signed the deal, but it won't take effect until 55 countries accounting for at least 55 percent of global emissions have ratified or accepted it through their domestic procedures. That was initially expected to take several years, but 28 countries accounting for 39 percent of emissions are already done, including China and the United States, the world's

top two greenhouse gas emitters.

U.S. diplomats are now pushing other countries to accelerate their ratification efforts so that the deal can enter into force this year. The White House says President Barack Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry plan to corner foreign leaders in the hallways during the U.N. gathering to personally pressure them to join this week.

"We're very anxious to have it move forward quickly," U.S. climate envoy Jonathan Pershing told the AP. "We are talking to everybody about the urgency."

It's possible that more than 55 countries will have joined by tomorrow. It will likely take a bit longer to reach 55 percent of world emissions.

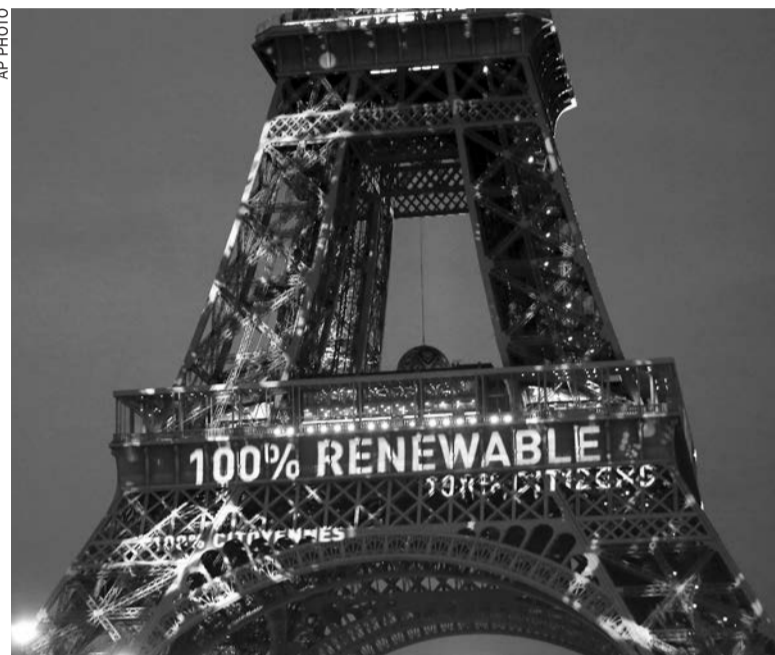
Pershing said the haste comes down to the fact that "this is a problem that can't wait."

Others say another factor is the potential of a shift in U.S. climate policy depending on the outcome of the presidential election in November. Democratic Party candidate Hillary Clinton has said the U.S. must

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## CLIMATE CHANGE

# Paris deal to receive boost at UN event



An artwork entitled 'One Heart One Tree' by artist Naziha Mestaoui is displayed on the Eiffel tower ahead of the 2015 Paris Climate Conference

implement the Paris Agreement, but Republican candidate Donald Trump has said he will cancel the deal.

"The Obama administration clearly would like to see this done before they leave office," said Alden Meyer, a veteran observer of the U.N. climate talks at the Union of Concerned Scientists.

"That doesn't guarantee that the next president will fully implement Paris," Meyer said. "But it would take at least four years for the U.S. to formally withdraw."

The Paris Agreement asks

both rich and poor countries to take action to curb the rise in global temperatures that is melting glaciers, raising sea levels and shifting rainfall patterns across the globe. It requires governments to present national plans to reduce emissions, though the targets themselves aren't internationally binding.

The European Union, which considers itself as one of the architects of the Paris deal, is trying to fast-track its ratification process to avoid the embarrassment of sitting on the sidelines when it comes into force.

The EU, which accounts for 12 percent of global emissions, originally planned to wait for its 28 member states to approve the deal domestically, but now wants to ratify it on their behalf.

"It's technically possible," said Anna-Kaisa Itonen, a spokeswoman for EU Climate Commissioner Miguel Arias Cañete. "But politically it's a decision of the member states."

With or without the EU, there's a chance that the deal can enter into force as early as the next U.N. climate conference, which starts Nov. 7 in Marrakech, Morocco.

U.N. officials said last week that at least 20 countries had indicated they would join today and that they were "absolutely certain" that the deal will come into force this year.

For some the timing is mostly symbolic, because the first round of emissions targets doesn't start until 2020. For others, like the island nations who face an existential risk from rising seas, it's imperative that countries prepare to implement — and improve — their targets as soon as possible.

"We cannot wait," said Maldives Environment Minister Thoriq Ibrahim, who chairs an alliance of small island states. "We are at the forefront of climate change and we are the people who will suffer if there is no action taken early." AP

## MIDDLE EAST

# Obama, Iraqi leader vow rapid offensive to retake Mosul

**PRESIDENT** Barack Obama and Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi put the Islamic State group on notice that they plan to recapture the city of Mosul within months. If successful, the operation could mark a major turning point in the campaign to defeat the extremist group.

Neither leader glossed over the immense difficulty of the battle ahead as they met in New York on the sidelines of a U.N. summit. Still, Obama said he and Abadi were confident that Iraq's military and the U.S.-led coalition could make progress in Mosul "fairly rapidly," adding that he was hoping

for progress by year-end. "This is going to be hard. It's going to be challenging. It will require resources," Obama said. But he professed confidence that more territory can be wrested from the militants, in part because he said "the Iraqi forces are getting more confident."

Abadi, speaking in English, echoed Obama's timeline for retaking Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city and the extremist group's stronghold in the country. He called the group a "huge threat" to Iraq's stability.

"We hope within the next few months we're going to kick Daesh out of

Mosul," Abadi said, using an Arabic acronym for the group. He added: "They must be crushed on the ground."

The aggressive timeline reflects Obama's hopes of notching another major victory against IS before he leaves office in January and hands the conflict off to his successor. Donald Trump and other Republicans have blamed Obama's decision to pull U.S. troops out of Iraq for fueling the extremist group's formation and its growth into the world's most serious terrorist threat.

Both leaders want to move quickly in Mosul to take advantage of recent momentum against IS in

Iraq and the perception that the extremists' morale is waning. In neighboring Syria, the chaotic civil war continues to hamper the fight against IS, but in Iraq, the extremists have lost half the territory they once held, according to the U.S.

Capturing Mosul, the last major city IS controls in Iraq, would constitute both a symbolic and strategic defeat to the militants. The U.S. and its partners hope a successful Mosul offensive will set the stage for eventually ousting the group from Raqqa, the largest IS-held city in Syria and the de facto capital of the group's self-declared caliphate.



President Barack Obama greets people in the tarmac

Yet military experts have warned that retaking Mosul is an incredible arduous task that plays to the extremist group's advantages, including its ability to embed among civilians. The battle will require huge numbers of troops and street-by-

street combat. In preparation, Iraq's military has been amassing troops and retaking a string of towns in the vicinity of Mosul.

Equally daunting to military planners is the prospect that the battle could displace some 1 million people. AP

## what's ON



## EXHIBITION "INNOVATIVE INSPIRATION – PAINTING OF MAK KUONG WENG"

TIME: 9am-7pm

UNTIL: October 16, 2016

VENUE: Chun Chou Tong Pavilion of Lou Lim Ioc Garden, located at No. 10, Estrada de Adolfo Loureiro

ENQUIRIES: (853) 8988 4100

## SELECTED COLLECTION OF PRINTS

TIME: 9am-6pm (Reservation required, closed on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays)

UNTIL: September 30, 2016

VENUE: Macpro Gallery, Avenida da Praia Grande, no.429, Centro Comercial Praia Grande, 2° andar, Macau (nearby the Old Court)

ADMISSION: free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2833 7828

## ABSTRACT PAINTINGS FROM THE MAM COLLECTION

TIME: 10am-7pm (no admittance after 6:30 pm, closed on Mondays)

UNTIL: December 31, 2016

VENUE: Macau Museum of Art, Av. Xian Xing Hai, s/n, NAPE

ADMISSION: MOP5 (Free on Sundays and public holidays)

ENQUIRIES: (853) 8791 9814

## "MEMORIES OF MOMENTS - MACAO AND LUSOPHONE AFRICAN AND ASIAN REGIONS IN PHOTOGRAPH POSTCARDS" EXHIBITION

TIME: 10am-6pm (no admission after 6:30 pm, closed on Mondays)

UNTIL: December 4, 2016

VENUE: Archives of Macao, No. 91-93, Avenida do Conselheiro Ferreira de Almeida, Macau

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2836 6866

## ART COURSES STUDENT'S EXHIBITION OF THE MACAU MUSEUM OF ART

TIME: 10am-7pm (no admission after 6:30 pm, closed on Mondays)

UNTIL: November 27, 2106

VENUE: Macau Museum of Art, Av. Xian Xing Hai, s/n, NAPE

ADMISSION: MOP5 (free admission on Sundays and public holidays)

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## Offbeat

## 'LUCKY' TO BE ALIVE: CALF WITH 2 FACES BORN AT KENTUCKY FARM



Visitors to a central Kentucky farm may do a double-take when they see the newest addition: a two-faced calf.

Stan McCubbin of Campbellsville told WDRB-TV (bit.ly/2cT1RoQ) that he thought he had twins when he first saw the calf last week, but quickly realized he had something far more unusual.

The female calf has two noses, two mouths and four eyes, though the middle two eyes don't function. Although she can walk, the McCubbins say she ends up going in circles and falling over.

The family says most calves with such a genetic mutation are stillborn, but so far this one is eating and seems healthy.

McCubbin's wife, Brandy, said their 5-year-old daughter, Kenley, named the calf Lucky because she's lucky to be alive.

## TV canal macau

13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:50	RTPi Live
17:45	Once Upon A Time S1 (Repeated)
18:30	Precious Pearl (Repeated)
19:20	TDM Interview (Repeated)
19:50	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Can you stop my multiple sclerosis?
21:30	Criminal Minds S10
22:10	Precious Pearl
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Miscellaneous
00:15	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)

## cinema

## CINETEATRO

15 SEP - 21 SEP

## S STORM

ROOM 1

2.15, 4.00, 5.45, 9.45 pm

Director: David Lam

Starring: Louis Koo, Julian Cheung, vic Chou, Ada Choi

Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 97min

## TRAIN TO BUSAN

ROOM 1

7.30 pm

Director: Yeon Sang-ho

Starring: Gong Yoo, Jung Tu-mi, ma Domng-Seok

Language: Korean (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 97min



## SULLY

ROOM 2

2.15, 4.00, 5.45, 9.30 pm

Director: Clint Eastwood, Aaron Eckhart

Starring: Tom Hanks

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 96min

## AT CAFE 6

ROOM 2

7.30 pm

Director: Neal Wu

Starring: Zijian Dong, Cherry Ngan, lin Bohong, Ouyang Nini

Language: Mandarin (Cantonese/ English)

Duration: 103min

## NINE LIVES

ROOM 3

2.15, 6.00, 7.45, 9.30 pm

Director: Barry Sonnenfeld

Starring: Kevin Spacey, Jennifer Garner, Christopher Walken

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 96min

## TRAIN TO BUSAN

ROOM 3

3.50 pm

Director: Yeon Sang-ho

Starring: Gong Yoo, Jung Tu-mi, ma Domng-Seok

Language: Korean (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 97min

## MACAU TOWER

15 SEP - 28 SEP

## SULLY

ROOM 2

2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

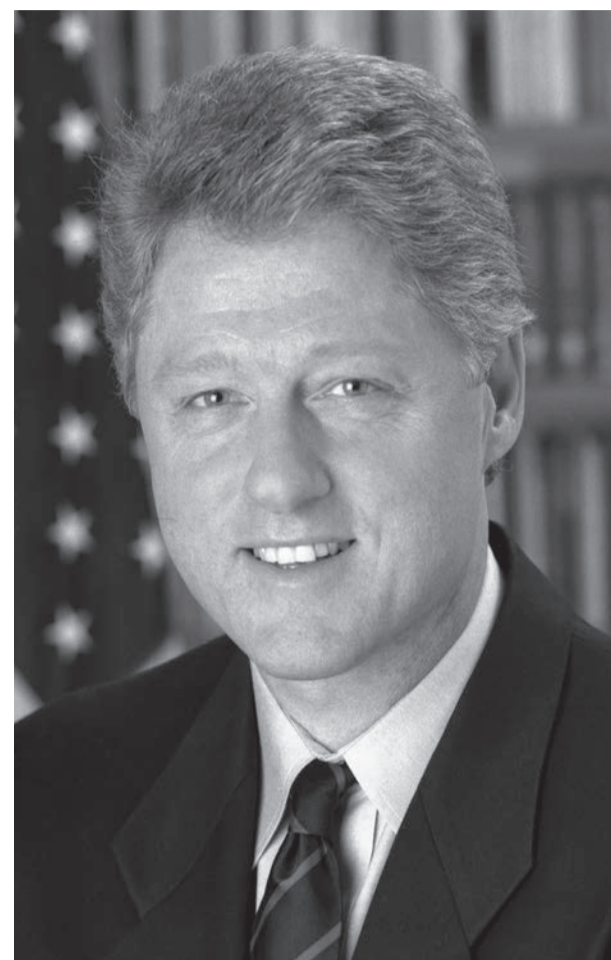
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## this day in history



## 1998 CLINTON'S GRAND JURY TESTIMONY RELEASED

Bill Clinton's testimony about his relationship with a young female assistant has been released to the United States public.

The video of the American president's 17 August interview in front of the Grand Jury was taken to a television station at 0910 local time (1410 BST) and broadcast immediately by many US networks.

During the examination President Clinton was questioned by prosecutors about the exact nature of his affair with Monica Lewinsky - and whether he had previously lied under oath.

The president's defence against the accusations relied on elaborate definitions of certain words.

The interview was originally taped on the insistence of the investigating team for the benefit of a jury member who could not attend the hearing.

But members of the House of Representatives justified the release of the tape by saying the public had the right to see all the evidence of the Starr Report.

"It's not a pretty sight... But the key thing we've all got to focus on is what is the truth", said Charles Canady - a republican on the House Judicial Committee.

A visibly uncomfortable President Clinton was forced to defend previous statements about his affair with Miss Lewinsky by quibbling over the precise definition of his words.

In particular he said "sexual relations" did not to him mean "sexual intercourse" - which he denied having with the former White House intern.

Challenged later in the hearing, he argued the meaning of the smallest of words contained in one of his lawyers' statements.

"It depends upon what the meaning of the word 'is' is. If 'is' means 'is and never has been' that's one thing - if it means 'there is none', that was a completely true statement," he said.

After facing the Grand Jury, the president now awaits the verdict of the American people.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

On 9 December 1998 the House Judiciary Committee proposed four articles of impeachment against the president. Ten days later - after a bitter debate between republicans and democrats - the House of Representatives voted to confirm the recommendation.

Bill Clinton became only the second president in American history to face such an indictment, but he refused to resign. His trial began on 7 January 1999 and ended on 12 February when senators voted to acquit him of the impeachment charges of perjury and obstruction of justice.



YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Don't do anything drastic just yet.

Taurus April 20-May 20 You'll get a communication you've been long waiting for.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Times change, and so do you. You have a new hobby.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Trust your emotions, not your head. Someone is trying to convince you to put your money into something that just doesn't feel right.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Keep your pride in check. Don't spend just for looks.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You'll be forced to spend time with people who work your nerves.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 Sure, you know how to appreciate the smaller things in life.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 If you could get anything you want, what would it be?

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Why fake it? There's no point in questioning your situation.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You wish you could be somewhere else. In fact, you'd go so far as to swap lives if you could.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Extreme emotions are making you unhealthy. Get a grip.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 The universe is forcing you to create something new.

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. Rows include CHINA (Beijing, Harbin, etc.) and WORLD (Moscow, Frankfurt, etc.).

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- ware (Japanese porcelain); 6- Basics; 10- Last mo.; 13- Composer Ned; 14- Jog; 15- Wise trio; 16- Hawaiian greeting; 17- Metal filament; 18- Pond organism; 19- Verne captain; 20- Lighted by Earth's satellite; 22- Jackfish; 24- Main dish; 28- Slithery beasts; 31- Approaches; 32- Fear greatly; 34- Ques. response; 36- Blind as; 37- Rage; 38- Garden's necessity; 41- Youth org.; 42- PC alternatives; 44- For what; 45- Hawk's nest; 47- Pays to play; 49- Dittol; 51- Dough; 53- Fake; 56- Hyundai model; 59- In of; 61- Voting group; 64- Tailor's line; 65- Branches; 66- Final notice; 67- Architectural pier; 68- Grenoble's river; 69- Designer's monogram; 70- New driver, often; 71- Fine fiddle; DOWN: 1- OPEC member; 2- Burrowing animals; 3- Smell, usually a pleasant one; 4- Give another abode; 5- The Monkees' '\_\_\_ Believer'; 6- On the job; 7- Gusto; 8- Maize; 9- Inscribed pillar; 10- Lentil and spice dish; 11- Ovum; 12- KGB counterpart; 15- Country singer Kathy; 20- Lea; 21- Traveler's stop; 23- Little pest; 25- Temple leader; 26- Rub out or remove from memory; 27- Como usted?; 29- Snap course; 30- Cone; 32- Pipe cleaner; 33- Right-hand page; 35- Mountain range; 37- Mosque leader; 39- Beta Kappa; 40- Caustic solutions; 43- Choose; 46- Down-to-earth type; 48- Baseball's Bando; 50- Deutsch, here; 52- Attacks; 54- Stopwatch-holder; 55- Horselike African mammal; 57- Hawaiian goose; 58- London art gallery; 60- Pre-owned; 61- Son; 62- Barbell abbr.; 63- Petroleum; 65- Fleur-de-\_\_\_;

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

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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Taxi 28 939 939 / 2828 3283
Fire department 28 572 222
Water Supply - Report 2822 0088
PJ (Open line) 993
Telephone - Report 1000
PJ (Picket) 28 557 775
Electricity - Report 28 339 922
PSP 28 573 333
Macau Daily Times 28 716 081
Customs 28 559 944
S. J. Hospital 28 313 731
Kiang Wu Hospital 28 371 333
Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) 28326 300
IACM 28 387 333
Tourism 28 333 000
Airport 59 888 88



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JML Property logo and branding, including the text '卓雅物業' and 'since 1994'.

**R**USSIA and Ukraine's political rivalry will extend into the world of football in 2018 as they try to outdo each other in hosting two of the sport's biggest events.

Ukraine's capital Kiev will play host to the Champions League final at its 70,000-capacity Olympic Stadium less than a month before Russia's 2018 World Cup begins. The decision was announced by UEFA last week.

Just like in neighboring Russia, there are concerns over football-related racism and violence in Ukraine.

While a game at the stadium on Sunday between Dynamo Kiev and Zorya Luhansk appeared to pass without incident as Dynamo lost 1-0, the club has been repeatedly punished by UEFA for violence, racism and pitch invasions by its fans at the Olympic Stadium. There were also safety violations related to blocked stairways at the stadium.

At a Champions League game against Chelsea in October last year, a gang of supporters believed to be from the hardline nationalist Rodychi group roamed the stands for much of the first half. They carried out unprovoked attacks on black fans and other supporters who opposed the rampage.

UEFA ordered Dynamo to play its next two Champions League

## FOOTBALL

# Concerns remain after Ukraine awarded Champions League final



A statue of Soviet founder Vladimir Lenin in front of the Luzhniki stadium, which is undergoing a major rebuild to host the 2018 World Cup final, in Moscow

games behind closed doors, but there was further controversy when the stadium's director, Volodymyr Spilnichenko, suggested on Ukrainian TV he could consider segregating black fans into a separate sector of the stadium to avoid further ra-

cist incidents. Spilnichenko later said his comments had been wrongly interpreted and he did not back segregation.

After being awarded the 2018 Champions League final, stadium management did not respond to questions from The

Associated Press on its security plans for the game and whether security had been tightened to stop further violence.

The Olympic Stadium previously hosted the final of the 2012 European Championship, which saw little trouble in

Just like neighboring Russia, Ukraine has its share of football-related racism and violence

Ukraine, the co-host of the tournament with Poland.

When Dynamo hosted Napoli at the Olympic Stadium in the Champions League group stage last week, small groups of fans from both teams appeared to have tried to attack one another, but were thwarted by stewards and fences, according to pictures posted in online fan forums.

However, there was evidence of an attack on visiting Turkish fans at a bar in the Ukrainian city of Odessa ahead of a Europa League game there. **AP**

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## SKIING

# Miller sues ski supplier, eyes racing with other brand

Eric Willemsen, Vienna

**S**IX-TIME Olympic medalist Bode Miller has sued ski manufacturer Head as he wants to resume World Cup racing with a different equipment supplier.

Miller ended his nearly 10-year-long partnership with the Austrian-based company in 2015 and signed an agreement not to wear a different ski brand in World Cup or world championship races for the following two years.

The American, who sat out last season, now plans to return to the World Cup on skis from New York-based brand Bomber, which he helped develop, and has asked the court to void his agreement with Head.

In a statement on the company's Facebook page on Monday, Head CEO Johan Eliasch said he's "truly very disappointed to see that Bode has no intention to honor his word and that he intends to breach our agreement to that effect."

"We will take every action to enforce our rights against Bode," Eliasch said. "That said, Head would welcome Bode's return to World Cup racing, but it has to be on Head equipment."

A two-time overall champion, Miller has not competed on the World Cup circuit since March 2014. A few months later, he underwent back surgery before taking part in the 2015 world championships in Beaver Creek, where he severed his hamstring tendon in a nasty crash during the opening super-G race.



In this Jan. 25, 2014, file photo, third placed Bode Miller celebrates at the end of an alpine ski, men's World Cup downhill, in Kitzbuehel, Austria

Miller, who turns 39 next month, never formally retired but hinted several times he was

not planning to return to competitive skiing.

In the federal lawsuit filed in Santa Ana, California, last week, Miller's attorneys said that "Bode realized that his viability and marketability as

a professional ski racer were rapidly dwindling, and that he needed to explore the possibility of coming out of retirement so that he could obtain quality endorsements to protect his family's financial future."

They added that "Bode discussed his financial concerns with [Bomber principal Robert] Siegel, and, in particular, the two discussed the possibility that Bode would return to racing in the 2016/2017 World Cup and world championship season."

According to Miller's attorneys, "it is likely Bode's last real opportunity to competitively compete on the World Cup racing circuit and attract the lucrative endorsements needed to provide for his family."

The World Cup season starts in Soelden, Austria on Oct. 23, and the world championships take place in St. Moritz, Switzerland, on Feb. 6-19, 2017.

Head race director Rainer Salzgeber told Austrian radio station ORF Vorarlberg that Miller initially didn't intend to race anymore but apparently changed his mind.

"Our contract ran through 2016 but in 2015 he wanted to terminate it early," Salzgeber said. "He signed an agreement he would not compete on different skis. That was not signed just for fun. He put his signature on it. Let's see what we can do."

Miller has been using Head skis, boots and bindings since 2006, a year before he broke away from the U.S. ski team to set up his own independent team. He returned to the American national team two years later.

The Easton, New Hampshire born who lives in Coto de Caza, California, earned gold in the super-combined event at the 2010 Vancouver Games and won five more Olympic medals, most recently super-G bronze at the 2014 Sochi Games.

A four-time world champion, Miller won 33 World Cup races and took the overall title in 2005 and again three years later. **AP**



Italy's Giovanni Achenza competes in the men's triathlon PT1 athletics event at the Paralympic Games at Copacabana beach, in Rio de Janeiro

**B**RAZILIAN justice has blocked assets of the company that serves as the host broadcaster organization for the Olympic Games.

The decision announced on Monday impacts any financial resources, tr-

cks, equipment and furniture used in Brazil by Spanish-based company Olympic Broadcasting Services, known as OBS.

The objective of Brazilian authorities is to assure "compensation for possible damages to

## Rio judge seizes broadcaster's assets in Olympic aftermath

workers hired by OBS", the ruling says. The company can still appeal the decision.

Investigators that moved the suit claim that OBS has to pay damages to overworked employees of its operations at the Rio de Janeiro Olympic and Paralympic Games, which ended on Sunday.

OBS is a company created by the International Olympic Committee in 2001. It produces and transmits live radio and television coverage of every sport from every venue.

The company said in

a statement that it was taking all legal measures in its defense, but did not comment on the accusations since the case is under judicial review.

"OBS takes pride in ensuring that regardless of where the Games take place the professionals participating in the operation are provided with working conditions which are in line with the best practices of the industry at an international level," the statement said.

More than 7,000 professionals from more than 70 different countries worked for OBS during

the Rio Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Separately, in another spillover from the Olympic games, President Vladimir Putin says the hack of athletes' data has cast a spotlight on a "hypocritical" decision to bar Russian athletes from the Rio Paralympics.

Putin spoke on Monday as the hackers' group known as Fancy Bears, which the World Anti-Doping Agency said was linked to Russia, unloaded another package of Olympic athletes' data. The athletes had permission from sports or an-

ti-doping bodies to use medications that would otherwise be banned.

Putin says that while "we don't approve of the hackers' action, it has helped reveal that people, who took part in the Olympics and looked absolutely healthy, had taken banned medicines giving them an edge in competition."

In contrast, he adds, Russian Paralympic athletes were banned from the Rio Games on a suspicion, a decision he slammed as "dishonest, hypocritical and cowardly." **MDT/AP**

opinion

Legal Wise

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Senior Associate, MdME



**THE 45-DAY CONUNDRUM:  
WHAT WORK IS WORK AND WHAT  
WORK IS NOT?**

Macau's immigration authorities are well known for their strict views and heavy-handed enforcement of immigration laws in the Territory. Anyone caught doing any kind of work in Macau without a valid work permit or a Macau Identification Card is likely to be considered an illegal worker, with all the consequences inherent to such an offense. One exception, however, is that it is possible for non-resident workers to legally provide services in Macau for a limited period of time without having a work permit or a Macau I.D., even without the recipients of such services being authorized to employ non-resident workers. So where does that leave us?

Commonly referred to as "secondment mechanisms" or the "45-day rule", the clause that allows non-residents to work in Macau without a valid authorization is established under section 4 of Administrative Regulation 17/2004. It states that a non-resident will not be considered an illegal worker if companies with a registered office located outside Macau, together with individuals or companies with a registered office in Macau, reach an agreement for an individual to execute specific or occasional work or services. One instance is when workers from outside Macau are required to provide guidance, technical, quality control or supervision services. The same conditions apply if an individual or company with a registered office in Macau invites a non-resident to participate in activities related to religion, sports, academia, cultural exchange or the arts. In any case, the services or work permitted under this exception are limited to a maximum period of 45 continuous or discontinuous days during a six-month period, starting from the date of the non-resident's lawful entry to Macau.

As Macau only has tourist visas, the 45-day exemption seems like the perfect solution to anyone who comes to Macau only occasionally, with the purpose of doing business (e.g. attending meetings, negotiating contracts, promoting sales, visiting construction sites) or rendering certain kinds of services (e.g. training, coaching, supervising and more). The fact is, however, that it is common for non-residents making use of this exception to be arrested and expelled from the Territory by the Macau authorities. In most cases, the reason for the arrests seems to be the interpretation of what constitutes work under the 45-day exception and what does not.

Actually, despite the existence of a list of permitted activities, the scope of said activities is not statutorily defined. Therefore, its extent and qualification is not absolutely clear. Though this leaves margin for interpretation, the fact is that Macau authorities tend to apply a restrictive interpretation of the scope of the services. Any activities that imply a more physical or "hands-on" service are, in the authorities' eyes, not covered by the exception set out in the law.

For activities such as guidance, supervision, and quality control – which do not usually require the "hands-on" approach – such interpretation would not pose as much of a problem, but when it comes to technical services, this restrictive interpretation impairs the purpose of the law. Essentially, and by definition, technical work is work that requires a fair amount of expertise and certain skills to be carried out, as these skills and expertise can only be acquired through practice and learning.

These activities require the intervention or direct action of individuals with a specific set of skills that cannot be delegated or easily taught to anyone else. For example, this would be the case for a painter of murals, a maintenance technician of machines or systems, or the installers of a renowned brand storefront, among many other scenarios.

So, what work is work and what work is not?

**THE BUZZ** THAI RIVER BOAT DEATH TOLL CLIMBS TO 27 AS HELMSMAN ARRESTED

The helmsman who operated a passenger boat that sank in a Thai river over the weekend has been arrested for violating navigation laws as the death toll climbed yesterday to at least 27 people, an official said.

The search was continuing for two passengers known to be missing, a 2-year-old boy and a 70-year-old woman, said the Marine Department official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because she

was not authorized to release information.

The boat was carrying over 100 Muslims home from a religious festival Sunday on the Chao Phraya river north of Bangkok. It sank rapidly after taking on water just a few meters from the riverbank.

Forty-four passengers were hurt. Authorities previously said the passenger capacity was 50 and overloading was a suspected cause of the sinking.

Station	Air quality
Roadside	45-65 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	70-100 Moderate
Ambient	65-95 Moderate

SOURCE: DSI/MG



Zimbabwean actors are seen during a comedy scene from a show called State of The Nation

**In Zimbabwe, comedy thrives as country slowly falls apart**

ZIMBABWE'S economy is falling apart, and police are cracking down on growing anti-government protests. But the country's comedy scene is booming. No subject seems taboo.

Even 92-year-old President Robert Mugabe, widely accused of muzzling free speech, is a target.

Insulting the president can bring a one-year jail term in this southern African country. Nonetheless, the comedians carry on, becoming bolder as fears of speaking out begin to erode.

In one skit at a show called "State of the Nation," an actor playing the first lady, 51-year-old Grace Mugabe, lays her stake to the presidency on hearing the news of the "death" of her husband, the world's oldest head of state.

"I deserve it. Were any of you cleaning his nappy and wiping the spit off his chin?" she says. She also talks up her own chances of winning elections.

Near the end, a fake Mugabe emerges, struggling to walk while scoffing at rumors of his demise. Some in the audience laugh. Others gasp. The real president has joked at the persistent rumors, telling reporters earlier this month: "It is true that I was

dead. And I resurrected. As I always do."

The comedy show played to a packed audience in the capital, Harare. "State of the Nation" will be a twice-monthly show streaming live on internet, said organizer Davis Guzha, director of Rooftop Promotions.

"Comedy allows us to laugh but also to think about our problems at the same time," said Sam Monro, or Comrade Fatso, a stand-up comedian who runs Zambezi News, a satirical social media show on current affairs.

In everyday life, the state of this once-prosperous country's economy and politics is hardly a laughing matter. Government has failed to pay its close to 300,000 workers, including the military, on time since June.

Industries are closing down, worsening unemployment where more than two-thirds of the population of 13 million survive on informal work, according to the African Development Bank. People line up for hours at banks to access their money as currency woes deepen.

The speculation over the health of Mugabe, this country's only leader since independence from white minority rule in 1980, has only heightened the uncer-

tainty.

Near daily anti-government protests are often met with brute force by police. Yet amid their troubles, Zimbabweans are still laughing at life and at themselves.

While comedy shows attract an upper-class crowd, ordinary people flood social media with jokes, images and video selfies poking fun at the growing problems.

But the politically charged material comes with risk.

A local actor, Silvanos Mudzvova, was arrested in April for trying to stage a play scripted on Mugabe's statement that at least USD15 billion had been looted from a diamond-rich region by joint-venture companies mining there. He was released but then was abducted again last week.

Last week, Mudzvova spoke to the AP from a hospital bed in Harare where burns and bruises on his legs and back were visible.

"Six men took me from my home on Tuesday night. They threatened to shoot my family before taking me away," he said. The actor, who is also an activist, said he was given electric shocks by men who demanded information on his activities. **MDT/AP**

**WORLD BRIEFS**



**NORTH KOREA'S** leader Kim Jong Un oversees a ground test of a new rocket engine and orders a satellite launch preparation, state media say, an indication the country might soon conduct a prohibited long-range rocket launch. **More on p12**



**NEPAL** Small bombs explode outside two schools in Nepal's capital, but no injuries and only minor damage are reported. Unexploded bombs are found at five other schools in the city.

**INDIA-PAKISTAN**

The Indian army says Pakistani troops fired bullets in an Indian military position in the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir two days after suspected rebels killed 18 Indian soldiers in an audacious attack on a military base.



**BRITAIN-SPAIN**

Gibraltar's financial-services minister, Albert Isola, said he hopes the British territory's economic relationship with Spain won't be changed by Brexit, but its most important ties are still with the U.K. "There is a modern democracy in Spain and we should be able to have a normal relationship," Isola said in an interview yesterday.

**URUGUAY'S**

government has rejected an ultimatum from a former Guantanamo prisoner who is on a hunger strike demanding to leave the South American country. Abu Wa'el Dhiab has been on a hunger strike for more than a month to press his demands to leave Uruguay, as he wants to join his wife and children in Turkey, where they are refugees.