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INDONESIA Authorities said yesterday they believe a protest planned by Muslim hard-liners next month in the capital may be a guise for treason and are warning the organizers against holding the rally. The protest planned for Dec. 2 is to demand the arrest of Jakarta's minority-Chinese governor who is being investigated for alleged blasphemy after he spoke about a passage in the Quran that prohibits Muslims from electing non-Muslims as leaders.

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MEET Norbert Riezler, an Austrian-born American, in his 40s, who holds two key positions in Las Vegas Sands' management and strategy.

His double-task is to make sure the giant casino operator buys quality products and services at the best price and operates with minimal wastage both for the company and Planet Earth.

Along the way, he is to implement policies globally in procurement and sustainability for all companies of the LVS galaxy that stretches from Macau to Singapore and the USA.

The global approach to procurement, although, he admits requires local small and medium suppliers to overcome hurdles, has helped some to grow exponentially. Such is the case of an old and small office furniture factory in Areia Preta. Ten years after partnering with Sands, the manufacturer is supplying LVS and competitors in Macau, Singapore, Vegas and elsewhere with its innovative line of casino furniture and accessories. It's now a global and large scale business, employing over 350 people.

Riezler points out several other examples where the casino operator helped SMEs grow with the expansion of Sands China. SCL procurement from local companies in 2015 stood at MOP14.2 billion, or roughly 80 percent of total procurement - a 36 percent increase over 2014. To August this year, purchases from Macau companies stood at MOP9.8

Macau is 'our center of excellence



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billion, of which 1.2 billion was from SMEs.

What's more, Norbert Riezler

brings environment-friendly practices inside-out, down the chain of suppliers - either by example, training or policy requirements. The sustainability chief trusts “there is hope” for the planet, “if everybody contributes,” and reveals there's something more on the cards - recycling cards, to be precise.

He was recently in Macau for the annual meeting of procurement chiefs in Asia, when he met with the Times for the interview.

Macau Daily Times (MDT) - How do you see the major differences between the

procurement here in Macau with SMEs and companies and the other places that you oversee, like Singapore or Vegas?

Norbert Riezler (NR) - The differences are actually not that much to be honest. We have a global organization structure and our processes, our systems are pretty much exactly the same around the globe. Our procurement organization is involved in all aspects of the operation. In some companies, procurement is only involved in certain areas, but for us the range of goods and services we buy is wide. So from hiring designers and architects, from doing construction contracts, [and] once the operation is up and running, from gaming to IT to marketing procurement to the various labor services, transportation needs, food and beverage - it's actually easy to describe: everything that you see, somebody needs to buy. So from that aspect, it is the same globally.

MDT - How do you apply the global strategy to Macau?

NR - Globally the processes, the systems are virtually the same. Now, the suppliers around the world are somewhat different. We can have numerous filters that we look at in order for us to decide how we

set up the structure. We look at [whether there is] a chance to standardize the product and service across all of our properties. Are there economies of scale that we can leverage by buying larger amounts? How is the supply base structured? Are they global powerhouses or are they regional or local suppliers? Then, where do we have the center of expertise? We then decide how we set up the organization and how we structure the buying. For food buying, the tastes are very different in each of the regions. Suppliers are often a little bit smaller. So we have unique interfaces at each location or in other areas. A good [example] actually in Macau is for furniture. The [Macau] supply base has become very much a global supply base. In Macau, we have our center of excellence for furniture buying globally. So I have no furniture buying for the organization in Singapore. The team here in Macau we consider to be 'best in class' in our company, to buy the furniture, to work directly with the manufacturers and with the suppliers.

MDT - You launched in 2015 an initiative to help the local supplier support program with SMEs and the Chamber of Commerce. What is your estimate for this year's results?

NR - Yes, we actually work very closely in each location with the local community and local suppliers. We realised that there was an opportunity here in Macau to work with the Chamber of Commerce. We were the first company that did so and I think since then some other companies have followed suit.

There are three different categories. The small and micro suppliers, the 'made in Macau' and the third category is the 'young entrepreneurs'. So while we already have a lot sourced with Macau suppliers, we felt that we needed to give additional suppliers a chance. Since the inception of the program, we have added about 85 new additional suppliers and I think every month we are adding some more. So by the year end, I would expect the number to be over 100 additional suppliers.

Growing with Sands

ONE major example of a local SME that went from “small” to “medium” and actually became a global player in the field of gaming furniture and accessories is CMC Trading & Engineering Ltd (formerly Yi Tak Furniture Plaza), which was established in Macau in 1992.

CMC has been a Sands China partner since 2005. They supply gaming related products to all SCL properties, mainly gaming tables, gaming chairs, pit stands, card cabinets and various other casino accessories.

In 2014, they received the Sands Supplier Excellence awards under the SME category and, according to Sands China, “have shared with us how that recognition has influenced their business and also their management concepts.”

CMC started as home and office furniture business and has developed to beco-

me one of the biggest gaming furniture suppliers in Macau. A significant proportion of this growth has been attributed to their partnership with Sands. In 2005 their company started with eight managers and 60 staff; currently over 25 people hold management positions and they employ a staff of more than 350.

Moreover, this partnership with Sands has also lead them to develop their client base within Macau to other gaming companies.

CMC have started developing patents on some of their products developed together with Sands, which now helps them to reach international markets in countries such as the U.S., Australia, Philippines, Chile, Singapore, Peru, Russia and also Saipan.

Another example comes from Wa Toc Engineering company specializing in

facilities management, including the maintenance and installation of air-conditioning system, mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP), and automation systems.

Established in 2010, Wa Toc became a supplier for Sands China in 2011. The company, which has currently a team stationed at the Venetian Macao, started with eight employees and has now grown to be a team of nearly a hundred.

Seventy percent of Wa Toc's business comes from Sands China, growing from MOP1 million in 2011 to around MOP20 million this year.

The company is also committed to developing local university students. There are 30 local university graduates in the team and over 70 employees are local residents.

Since the start of cooperation with Sands China, Wa Toc has grown in both team size and business scale and has had opportunities to work with the industry giants such as Honeywell and Siemens.

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MDT - How much does it represent in terms of value?

NR - In terms of [total] value now, it's almost MOP100 million. Since the inception of the program, to [the end of September], it's MOP92 million.

MDT - From some of these small companies, I heard some complaints that the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) are a bit complicated.

NR - Yes and maybe that's actually fair to say. Look, we are a highly regulated company. We work in a highly regulated industry, including in Macau. There are many gaming laws, there is third party due diligence that has to be done on the suppliers.

But what we have done in most markets, but especially here in Macau, was [say], "Look, interfacing with large corporations is always difficult when you are a small company. So what help can we give you?" [JaeHong] Choi and his [procurement & supply] team have done these workshops where his procurement team meets with the suppliers and walks them through step-by-step what it takes to do business with us.

MDT - So in this way, can you help the development of these companies?

NR - That's right, and grow not only with us, and grow with our competitors, but also grow outside of Macau, where they can maybe start exporting into other markets as well.

We look at [whether there is] a chance to standardize the product and service across all of our properties.

MDT - Now to the sustainability side of your job. There are a number of changes in Asia, specifically in terms of law amendments to ban the use of plastic packaging. What is procurement at Sands doing towards the suppliers to comply with this demand?

NR - Let me maybe start a little broader, explain our program and then I can get to the specific questions around plastic and the use of plastic and recycling. Our program is actually an industry leading program by any measure, whether it's the gaming industry, hospitality industry, hotel industry. Our program is on the CDP, A list ranked. It's on the Dow Jones Sustainability Index. Sands China Limited, by the way, was ranked 62th in the world on a Newsweek ranking out of the top 500 companies in the world. [...]

Here in Macau, we have had a heroic effort over the last couple of years to start our recycling

program, to work with the government and the community to enhance that recycling program. We are now up to about 20 percent, which I predict is the highest in Macau. On the building of the Parisian, we had a very comprehensive construction recycling program in place. It had up to 55 percent recycling rate on the construction site.

With plastic - there are always two approaches to everything - [first] you have to reduce the waste. In Macau, I think we are about 15 percent overall in reduction of waste. That means that procurement comes into play again, working with the suppliers to use less plastic packaging to begin with. The second one is, if you have the plastic in your properties, how can you then recycle it? The key is to recycle upstream, starting in the hotel rooms, starting on the casino floor and it's not easy because at the Venetian, on a really strong Saturday, you have as many as 120,000 - 130,000 people going through and you need to make sure that they throw the right things in the right containers. So it's a global challenge we face.

We were also able to start with playing card recycling, which took us quite a while to figure out, but we have it figured out how we can do recycling for playing cards as well. So every little bit helps.

MDT - How would you do that?

NR - The problem with playing cards, whether you have paper or plastic, and here we use pa-

per cards, is that they have chemicals in them. First of all [the cards] have to be shredded in order to be securely disposed of and then you need to do a chemical balance to get the chemicals off the paper in order to do the recycling. I don't know the exact details because we just figured it out...

MDT - Is that specific to Macau?

NR - This is our largest market, so we pioneered it here and now we're going to bring it back to Singapore and to Las Vegas, but where it started was here and it took the team almost a year to figure out how we can recycle the playing cards.

MDT - You have been continuing a learning process. Like you said, the Parisian is the greenest building.

NR - Yes, you are absolutely correct. There is a learning [process] that goes on to understand what the perfect point is on how to run an operation efficiently, but there are also incredible technology advances year-after-year. The first generation of LED lighting didn't have the right look, didn't last as long as you were hoping, but every year it is improving. We have solar panels that we have had in Las Vegas since 2007. Each year the industry is pushing itself and these solar panels are becoming more efficient. Air conditioning, with its variable speed motors is becoming more efficient each year. So the key is that every time that you do an upgrade to the building - right now we started a Venetian room remo-

del - we go back into the rooms and upgrade them not only from an aesthetics perspective, but just as much to ensure we have really efficient equipment behind the scenes helping us to establish the right guest comfort, but at the same time also reducing the carbon footprint, which also reduces cost.

MDT - So in your perspective, there's hope for the world.

NR - Yes, I can assure you that there is hope for the world. [Smiles] But it does take everybody to do their part. Right now, we have close to 30,000 team members here in Macau. In sustainability it's not only about having a policy, but it's just as important that you touch the team members emotionally and that they need to understand, "Why am I doing this?" When you are a kitchen steward and you have these recycling bins, why is it important to put all the organic waste into this container and not mix it with anything else? They need to see the whole cycle. They need to be taught, they need to be involved. They need to see the benefits and that's where the Macau team has done an excellent job with having a constant program of, "I will if you will," where a senior leader challenges their teams to help with office recycling or where you train the housekeepers why it's important to separate the plastic and the paper, [a practice] that they can also take home into their apartments. We've had programs where we offer LED lighting at a discount to our staff so they can actually get the LED bulbs themselves and recognize how their energy bill goes down at home. So yes, there is hope, but it also takes a lot of working with the community in order to get [the policies] established.

FROM CARS TO CARDS

NORBERT RIEZLER serves as senior vice president and chief procurement & sustainability officer for Las Vegas Sands (LVS). In this role, he is responsible for overseeing the company's global procurement and supply chain, leading the corporation's Sands ECO360 sustainability efforts. According to LVS, Mr Riezler "plays a significant role in each of the company's developments, from construction to operations." Riezler joined LVS in 2007 as vice president of North American procurement, and supported the openings of the Palazzo Resort Casino Hotel in Las Vegas and Sands Bethlehem Casino in Pennsylvania, as well as implementing company-wide procedures that, according to the company, "led to significant reduction in operating costs." In 2009, Norbert Riezler was promoted to head of global procurement & supply chain for LVS. In 2010, he took on addition-

al responsibilities by championing the company's environmental program, Sands ECO360, which has evolved under his leadership into an award-winning and industry-leading sustainability program. In 2012, "global synergies" was added to Riezler's responsibility, which is "the company's drive for process efficiency, sharing best practice and procedure standardization." Prior to joining LVS, Mr Riezler was with Ford Motor Company for 10 years and spent four years in China as director of Ford's sourcing office, where he established "the fast-growing China purchasing organization and co-led the company's Asia Pacific & Africa purchasing regionalization," according to his official profile. An Austrian-born American, commanding multiple languages, Riezler worked previously in various hotel and cruise ship management positions after graduating in tourism and hospitality.

MACAO BIG DATA FORUM 2016

Computer engineers voice opinions on smart city development

THREE experts on data management were invited to the University of Macau, to participate in the Macao Big Data Forum 2016, last week. Their expertise was called on to discuss the status quo, applications and the future development of our interactions with data systems.

Yang Qiang, Chair Professor and New Bridge Professor of Engineering at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST), Chen Lei, Professor of Computer Science and Engineering at HKUST, and Zheng Yu, Research Manager of Urban Computing Group from Microsoft Research, presented the results of their research to the forum visitors.

The three computer engineers introduced recent big data developments and the history of big data, among other related topics.

Speaking to the media, Chen Lei said that "Macao is



Chen Lei

very similar to Hong Kong in terms of building itself as a smart city." Chen said that in both cities the governments have made data collected in the territory available to everyone, which he considers to be the biggest advantage for Macau in becoming a smart city.

The professor also voiced his opinions regarding the main problems Macau will encounter in transforming itself into such a city.

"The existence of a smart city implies the need for data. If there is no data, then we cannot do anything smart," Chen explained. "The biggest bottleneck [for Macau] is still data."

Professor Yang Qiang said

that since Macau has a great service industry, there are many sectors in the territory which can adopt artificial intelligence rather than resorting to human operations.

"The service industry is facing several problems. First, the shortage of population, and, second, the switching period between old and young employees," said Yang. "It is not that straightforward for a skilled employee to teach a new worker, as the teaching process is very difficult."

Yang noted that several tasks are comprised of repetitive movements and that humans are in theory not required to perform such work. "Humans should do creative jobs," argued Yang.

He believes that using robots to replace humans where labor is mostly repetitive could be a good move. However, he said that there are flaws in regards to the use of artificial intelligence in the service industry, such

as using robots to serve food. "Nowadays, some fields are still not mature enough, such as robots walking, their visual recognition, and speech recognition."

Microsoft engineer Zheng Yu voiced his opinion on how Macau can achieve the goal of becoming a smart city.

"First, it depends on the government's policies. These policies must support the opening and sharing of data. The government might not necessarily need to do such a thing, but it must promote the development of it [the sharing of data]," said Zheng.

It was noted that the second thing Macau needs to do if it wishes to become a smart city is to have companies provide a platform to manage this data. In his last address, Zheng said that Macau must have engineers look into the design of mathematics that perform data analysis. **JZ**

No blueprint for medical professionals, groups say

TWO medical groups are disappointed over the Chief Executive's 2017 Policy Address last week concerning local health care infrastructure, stressing the need for a "more proactive approach" to the currently under-construction Islands Hospital.

According to the groups, Macau is in need of a blueprint for medical professionals; they are calling on the MSAR to launch a 10-year health care program.

As cited in TDM Lao Hio Fai, secretary-general of Macau Physician Association of Public Hospital noted that there is currently no such blueprint for medical professionals.

"We need to launch this program because we have to know more or less how many specialists and medical staff are needed for the new public hospital and we need to know the scale and size of it," he said, "but unfortunately, we do not have a blueprint for now."

Meanwhile Van Yat Kio, president of Kiang Wu Nursing College of Macau noted that there is a need for the region to foster medical professionals in all fields.

"The government should take a more proactive approach and think ahead to foster a professional medical team to care for our senior citizens," she explicated.

"We're not only asking them to foster specific doctors in certain fields but also doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, nutritionists and social workers."

Although the concerned group is pleased with the government's initiative on constructing an integrated elderly care center, the association infers that the government has failed to produce a blueprint concerning shortages of the aforementioned therapists. **LV**

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AL PLENARY

Government budget continues to increase in 2017



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Mak Soi Kun

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THE Legislative Assembly has passed the government's proposed budget for 2017, albeit with many doubts raised by the lawmakers.

The budget for next year is estimated to be MOP95.72534 billion, MOP10.6873 billion more than the budget for 2016, which represents a 12.6 percent increase year-on-year.

Of this figure, more than MOP4 billion will be for investment in companies.

Chui Sai Peng suggests that this money should not be counted as budget, but as investment because it will ge-

nerate revenue in the future.

The government estimates fiscal revenue for next year to be similar to this year's, perhaps with a slight decline, coming in at MOP102.94406 billion, around 300 million less than in 2016, corresponding to a 0.3 percent decrease.

The budget, in the opinion of Ng Kuok Cheong, goes against Macau's economic evolution in recent years.

"The government used to say that it will reduce spending during the economic adjustment period, but [it has] increased more than MOP10 billion [in 2017]," said Ng, who has also requested the financial authority to provide, in the future, details

about projects that cost more than MOP100 million.

The budget indicates that in 2017 the government expects to spend MOP20.82558 billion in civil servants' salaries. This figure represents

“Fiscal revenue has been reduced, but the budget keeps increasing.”

MAK SOI KUN

23.7 percent of the total budget, also an increase compared to last year.

Mak Soi Kun expressed doubts over whether the government has been simplifying the administration. "In 2010, it was around nine billion, and the number has been increasing over the years," pointed out Mak. "Fiscal revenue has been reduced, but the budget keeps increasing."

Between 2013 and 2016 the proportion of government projects started which are then seen to completion increased to more than 77 percent.

Mak believes that this suggests that there is no need for the government to increase the budget in 2017. Instead, it should be reduced because the government has become more efficient.

Similar doubts were also raised by Lei Cheng I and by Lam Hang Sang.

"Both the security force and healthcare sections need to increase human resources, but departments such as the Housing Bureau do not need to increase their budgets. What are the reasons, how is it possible?" Lei Cheng I questioned.

"Some departments are really exaggerating. One spent 200 million in the past and now it claims 600 million. I am unable to see the reasons behind this growth. It is quite a waste of time to check one by one," said Lam Hang Sang.

Lawmakers Song Pek Kei and Ho Ion Sang also posed questions about the reasons behind these budget inflations. They required the Secretary for Finance to provide further details.

Lionel Leong, in reply to the lawmakers' questions, said "it needs to be emphasized that regarding the use of fiscal revenue, whether the economy is good or bad, [the government] should always make good use of public money."

The secretary explained that the number of governmental employees in 2017 will be less or equal to the number employed this year.

Leong claims that when the economy is good, more investment should be allocated to move the economy forward. "The government needs to increase public investment to ensure a stable economy," Leong stated.

ON THE LAWMAKERS' AGENDA

DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM

Au Kam San said that Macau was born with a disadvantage "in [its] fight for a democratic political system." Au noted that Macau has historically almost completely adopted Hong Kong's political structure, but purposefully avoided efforts towards instating universal suffrage of the Chief Executive's election. However, he considers that the public is not to be blamed for the political events up to this point.

"Democracy is the world trend. Of course Macau cannot exclude itself [from the trend]," said Au. He commented that gradually promoting a democratic political reform is an agenda that Macau must carry out, and that it is "what every person who claims to be patriotic and love Macau should invest efforts in and spend time doing."

ROAD TILES

Leong Veng Chai said he is concerned about Macau's drivers, as the government has pledged to build more streets with Portuguese tiles. "The government spent every effort to not only use it [Portuguese tiles] on sidewalks but also along roadway lanes," said Leong. He claimed that these roads are dangerous to drivers because they have become "manual rubbish roads," although it is not clear exactly what he meant. Leong holds the government responsible for not having provided the drivers with safe roads in the city. Leong believes that this sort of design is indeed something special, however he questioned whether the aesthetic appeal was a worthy reason for placing drivers and passengers in danger. He further questioned whether the government will acknowledge and redress such mistakes when people show up injured or dead because of this problem.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Lei Cheng I addressed the fact that the government's delayed operations always cause inefficiency in local public services. Next year, the service contract of Macau's three bus companies will come to an end. Lei believes that the authority still hasn't decided on a clear and disclosed schedule regarding the contract. Lei provided past examples of when public services were interrupted because of governmental contract issues. Lei urged the government to carefully review its work, and to make sure that employees from bus companies and the public alike will not be adversely affected in the future.

Bill to ban construction in Coloane vetoed for the third time

FOR the third time, a proposal that aims to protect Coloane's environment in a more meaningful way has been rejected in the Legislative Assembly. The motion was supported by 11 lawmakers and opposed by 20.

According to Macau law, there are 198,060 square meters in Coloane that are included in the city's protection area. This area exists to protect the region's science, ecosystem, and education fields.

José Pereira Coutinho proposed the law be extended so that it will ban the construction of buildings in Coloane's legally protected lands.

Song Pek Kei voiced concerns about how the neighborhood, more specifically the Seac Pai Van's public housing residents, will be treated once the law is passed.

According to Coutinho, it has not yet been revealed to the public how much land

is still under the protection of the law. He noted that many years have passed since the law's first establishment by the Portuguese administration.

"Coloane is the backyard of Macau. Besides Zhuhai, Coloane is the only relatively green place in Macau that local residents can visit," said Leong Veng Chai, who remarked that even the pandas live in Coloane. "If buildings are to be built in Coloane, where are the pandas going to go?"

Ho Ion Sang also expressed his opinion on the bill. Ho said "I am willing to protect Coloane," although he still has many doubts over the details regarding an article on preventing construction in the area.

Lei Cheng I, who supported the motion said that even though the bill was rejected again, it should continue to be discussed in the future.

IPM first place in debating contest



Macao Polytechnic Institute (IPM) was awarded first prize at the 7th IPM Portuguese Debating Competition for Higher Education Institutions in China and Asia. Held last week at the institute in partnership with Macao's Tertiary Education Services Office, 11 higher education institutions took part in the event, with participants coming from Macau, mainland China, South Korea and Vietnam. Candidates delivered a speech based on images that were displayed on screen, which demonstrated their skills in impromptu speaking. As cited in the institute's release, debate topics included the themes "Education and social development" and "Human being vs machine: domination or cooperation." Hankuk University of Foreign Studies and Macau University of Science and Technology were ranked as second and third place, respectively.

Inflation pressures easing

Information from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) indicates that the Composite Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased by 1.33 percent year-on-year to 108.36 in October 2016. This change is in fact a slowdown of 0.26 percentage points from the 1.59 percent year-on-year growth registered in September. The Composite CPI reflects the impact of price changes on average households in Macau and is used as an indicator of inflation. DSEC attributes the increment in Composite CPI to higher charges for eating out, rising rentals for parking spaces, as well as increases in property management fees and motor car prices. For the 12 months ending in October 2016, the average Composite CPI increased by 2.75 percent from the previous corresponding period. The price index for the categories of "Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco", "Education" and "Transport" showed an increase of 27.09 percent, 8.67 percent and 6.44 percent year-on-year respectively.

Macao Orchestra performs in art spaces

The Macao Orchestra (OM) has presented three ensemble concerts in a number of art spaces including the Tap Seac Gallery, Mandarin's House and the Macao Museum of Art over the weekend. The performances aim to integrate art with music, promote artistic ambience in the community and offer audio-visual art experiences to the public, according to a release by the Cultural Affairs Bureau. The concert "Music In Tap Seac Gallery" featured two string quartets by Antonín Dvořák, while the concert "World Heritage Imagery" brought a number of Chinese music pieces to the Mandarin's House. OM presented "Music in the Macao Museum of Art" on Sunday.

Daniel Beitter

A seminar on fraud and ways to detect it in modern businesses and public institutions was held last week at the Master in European Studies Alumni Association, Macau. The seminar, which was titled "Fraud Prevention and Detection: Methods, Technologies and Vendors", was delivered by Duarte Trigueiros, who is a visiting professor at the University of Macau.

During the seminar, Trigueiros was keen to stress the banality of fraud; that it is less a premeditated act undertaken by "fraudster professionals" and more commonly committed by everyday people presented with conditions conducive to the act.

He said that there are three conditions that work in tandem which tend to result in fraud: "opportunity", "motivation" and "justification." When these three conditions align, fraud becomes possible.

"Some people are educated in such a way as to be prone to extreme competition. Even as children, they must win – so much so that they will even cheat." He admitted that there are exceptions but maintained that "these people are more likely to commit fraud."

"However, aside [from the exception] most people are not born fraudsters," he noted, stressing that opportunity was a far more likely determinant of fraud. "Pro-

Seminar discusses banality of fraud



Duarte Trigueiros

fessional fraudsters are very few; perhaps only [accounting for] 10 percent of cases."

When it comes to Macau, Trigueiros believes that there are urgent steps needed regarding the increase in reporting mechanisms as a method of deterring or preventing fraud.

"There is a lot to be done in terms of regulation in Macau: there needs to be better mechanisms of reporting fraud anonymously."

He added that tip-offs from whistleblowers is an extremely important way of uncovering fraud and those who provide information in this manner must be protected and encouraged.

"You must protect whistle-

blowers because this is how we [fraud detection experts] usually discover fraud!" he exclaimed.

Fraud, which is defined by the professor as necessarily including "deception" (money laundering is not necessarily considered to be fraud by itself), exists worldwide but has a relatively high occurrence in Macau.

Some of the most high-profile cases of fraud and alleged fraud in the MSAR in the last few years include the case of junket promoter Dore Entertainment and the allegations of more than 1,500 counts of the crime leveled against the former Public Prosecutor General, Ho Chio Meng.

In the former case, an employee

of Dore Entertainment was accused last year of stealing hundreds of millions of Hong Kong dollars from the junket and then fleeing the city.

In Macau where exposure to such large sums of money provides at least the first condition necessary for the offence – opportunity – Trigueiros says that authorities commonly take steps to reduce the proximity or the frequency with which any single employee is proximate to considerable sources of wealth.

"In Macau it is customary to rotate personnel in areas of high risk because fraud is so common," he commented, praising it as a relatively effective method of prevention.

However, Trigueiros also warned that prevention alone is not sufficient if organizations want to tackle fraud effectively. He said that institutions responsible for reducing fraud must also focus on detection, response and monitoring strategies and mechanisms.

He concluded that greater follow-up in these three other areas may help institutions in the MSAR to combat fraud more effectively in the future.

IFT plans to create training hotels on its Taipa campus

Lynzy Valles

THE first training program at the Global Center for Tourism Education on "Tourism Capacity Building for Government and Public Officials," concluded yesterday. The event was attended by delegates from tourism-related bodies across the Asia-Pacific region.

The course, organized by the Institute for Tourism Studies (IFT) in partnership with the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), was attended by 16 tourism-related representatives including the Macau Government Tourist Office (MGTO) and the Forum for Economic Trade Co-operation between China and Portuguese-speaking countries.

Speaking on the sidelines of the program's closing ceremony yesterday, IFT president Fanny Vong stressed the importance of establishing and maintaining links with international organizations and society.

Concerning the region's vision of becoming a "world center for tourism and leisure," Vong noted: "To be aligned with this policy, I think it is very important for Macau to have a strong tourism and related education and training portfolio."

According to Vong, the institute tries to include participants from Macau, noting the importance of enhancing residents' "knowledge and skill level." She also remarked that the MSAR government has sponsored some of the program's costs.

Vong also said that there are currently a great number of students enrolling in the institute's hotel management degree programs.

She revealed that the IFT plans to establish two training hotels on its Taipa campus although the institute is still in discussions with government departments and would need another two years for the design and preliminary construction works to be finalized.

"With the Taipa campus, we hope that we would introduce some other management styles. [...] We hope that with this new addition of training facilities, we will expose students to different types of management styles and challenges," she explained.

Meanwhile, a representative from the MGTO, Isabela Manhão, expressed doubt that visitors in the region are receiving high-quality tourism services; particularly due to the large number of tourists the territory currently accommodates.

"If you want to provide good service, you really need the room to let people serve properly. With such big numbers of tourists that we have, I don't think that [they are] getting what [they] should be getting," she explained.

She also cited the need for the region to continually enhance infrastructure such as transportation as well as other services.

Manhão also believes that the perception of Macau as a destination should change, noting that tourists should be exposed to



Fanny Vong, IFT president

the cultural aspect of the territory.

"You can find experiences here in which you can feel there's no casino. So this is what we've [MGTO] been trying to do. This is our aim also. And for Macau residents, I think this image is also very important," Manhão explained.

The MGTO representative also stressed that the Macanese culture and cuisine should be further promoted in the region.

"It's something we can focus on and have Macau [showcased] to the world with Macanese gastronomy, which I believe is worth mentioning," she added.

The training program at the institute covered tourism-related management strategies and practices.

IFT expressed the hope that the knowledge acquired during the course could be useful for overseas participants in the development of tourism and hospitality industries in their respective countries.

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Ben Fox & Joshua Goodman, Lima

Asia-Pacific summit closes with call to work for free trade

LEADERS of 21 Asia-Pacific nations ended their annual summit with a call to resist protectionism amid signs of increased free-trade skepticism, highlighted by the victory of Donald Trump in the U.S. presidential election.

The Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum also closed with a joint pledge to work toward a sweeping new free trade agreement that would include all 21 members as a path to “sustainable, balanced and inclusive growth,” despite the political climate.

“We reaffirm our commitment to keep our markets open and to fight against all forms of protectionism,” the leaders of the APEC nations said in a joint statement.

APEC noted the “rising skepticism over trade” amid an uneven recovery since the financial crisis and said that “the benefits of trade and open markets need to be communicated to the wider public more effectively, emphasizing how trade promotes innovation, employment and higher living standards.”

Speaking to journalists at the conclusion of the summit, Peruvian President Pedro Pablo Kuczynski said the main obstacle to free trade agreements in Asia and around the world is the frustration felt by those left behind by globalization.

“Protectionism in reality is a reflection of tough economic conditions,” said Kuczynski, the meeting’s host.

Referring to Britain’s vote to leave the European Union and Trump’s election win in the U.S., he said those results highlighted the backlash against globalization in former industrial regions in the U.S. and Britain that contrasts with support for trade in more-prosperous urban areas and developing countries.



U.S. President Barack Obama (center), shares a laugh with Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau (left), and Chile's President Michelle Bachelet at the opening session of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit in Lima

“This is an important point in recent economic history because of the outcome of various elections in very important countries that have reflected an anti-trade, anti-openness feeling,” he said.

This was the last international summit for U.S. President Barack Obama and he had been expected to promote the Trans-Pacific Partnership pact, a 12-nation trade deal. But he is no longer expected to seek ratification by Congress before he leaves office because of the election victory by Trump, who called the agreement a “disaster” for jobs.

Obama told reporters that the way to address income inequality and to create jobs is through crafting trade policy and agreements like the TPP in ways that will increase exports to the Pacific Rim countries that make up a third of the world’s population.

“When it comes to trade, I believe the answer is not to pull back,” he said at his last overseas news conference. “The answer is to do trade right, making sure it has strong labor standards, strong environmental standards — that it addresses ways in which workers and ordinary people can benefit ra-

ther than be harmed by global trade.”

Questions about Trump trailed Obama throughout trip as anxious world leaders quizzed him on Trump’s stances on key issues like trade, foreign policy and the NATO alliance. On his final day in Peru, Obama sought to reassure the leaders gathered here that their longstanding ties with the U.S. wouldn’t falter under Trump.

Leaders of other nations said at the APEC meeting that they might seek to modify the TPP deal to make it more appealing to the incoming president or seek to implement it without

the U.S. But the statement issued at the close of the summit said the organization would also work toward adoption of a broader 21-nation pact favored by the Chinese government

Protectionism in reality is a reflection of tough economic conditions.

PEDRO PABLO KUCZYNSKI
PRESIDENT, PERU

known as the Free Trade Area of the Asia Pacific.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said he is keeping an open mind about Trump, who has threatened to tear up the North American Free Trade Agreement between his country, the U.S. and Mexico.

“We’re not going to jump to any conclusion about what the incoming American administration is going to actually do,” Trudeau said. “There’s been a certain amount of things said. But at same time we know that trade is good for the middle class and those working hard to join it.”

The APEC statement also said the members would adhere to the carbon reduction goals set in Paris last year to address climate change, a problem that they called a threat to food production and food security. **AP**

corporate bits

SANDS CHINA HOSTS FIFTH COHORT OF GRADUATES



Sands Retail Academy recognized its fifth cohort of graduates last week at a graduation ceremony at Conrad Macao, Cotai Central, honoring the latest group of Sands Shoppes retail employees

to complete the academy’s training program.

Over 400 frontline retail team members received certificates at Thursday’s ceremony after successfully completing their training pro-

grams. The training aims to improve the quality of service at Sands Shoppes in order to enhance customers’ shopping experiences.

Since recognizing the importance of developing frontline employees within this sector, the Sands Retail Academy has delivered over 20,000 training hours to more than 5,000 employees of Sands Shoppes retailers to date.

Launched in November 2013, the Sands Retail Academy offers complimentary training to retail professionals at Sands Shoppes Cotai Strip Macao – comprised of retail real estate at the Four Seasons, the Venetian, Cotai Central, and the Parisian. In total this amounts to over 850 retailers.

MGM DONATES MOP500,000 TO TUNG SIN TONG

MGM donated MOP500,000 to Macau Tung Sin Tong Charitable Society in support of its annual fund-raising activity. As part of MGM’s dedication and commitment to the community, the company has donated a total of MOP3.1 million to the society over nine consecutive years in support of its community programs and charitable causes, said the operator in a statement.

“We have very similar corporate philosophies regarding social responsibility, and we agree that it is very important to support initiatives that can have a positive impact in the well-being of the community,” MGM China’s CEO, Grant Bowie, said.



MGM’s ongoing relationship with Tung Sin Tong dates back to 2008, with the common goal of providing support and resources to people in need within Macau’s

community.

MGM said that it will remain a consistent supporter of community initiatives, in line with its vision to “Create a Better Tomorrow Today.”



Entertainer Douglass Fearon (right), talks to a Chinese staff member during a location filming for a TV series at a film park in Shanghai

Three black Americans see China as their land of opportunity

Louise Watt, Beijing

ENTERTAINER Douglass Fearon attributes part of his success to the fact that “I’m an anomaly — I’m a black man in China.”

For some of the relatively few black Americans who have moved to China, it has become a land of dreams. Fearon, a successful banker in the U.S., reinvented himself as a musician, model and actor. Mekael Turner was a computer programmer before flying across the world and becoming a TV host, Chinese-language rapper and actor. Shane Olf came to China to teach English because he wanted to play ping pong.

Black people in China regularly describe instances of prejudice, partly owing to China’s overwhelming ethnic homogeneity and a lack of contact with black foreigners. Over the past year, China has seen an advertisement for laundry detergent that showed a black man “washed” into a fair-skinned Asian man and an Air China in-flight magazine that advised readers to take care in London when entering areas populated by black people.

While Fearon, Turner and Olf have all encountered racism in China, that has not eclipsed the

opportunities they’ve enjoyed.

‘I JUST KNEW THAT THERE WAS MORE’

In the U.S., Douglass Fearon accomplished his goal of being “a superbanker” until his career no longer made sense to him.

“My pockets were full but my soul was empty,” he said. “I made a lot of money but I had nothing to show for it. I just knew that there was more.”

Partly wanting to reinvent himself, he arrived in China a few months after the 2008 Beijing Olympics. What kept him here was “opportunity after opportunity after opportunity.” He is now an actor, DJ and an international business broker.

“I knew I wanted to get into entertainment,” said Douglass, 37, who grew up in Queens. He called himself Mr. OneTwo — the name of a character in a favorite film of his, and a conversation starter.

He became part of a rap band with singing in Mandarin, Cantonese and English — a group he describes as “a Chinese-mixed version of Black Eyed Peas.” He taught himself to rap by watching videos, tutorials, listening to music and trying out various lyrics to a beat. “Hip hop is my culture, so it’s not that far off.”

TV shows, commercials and

modeling followed. “One of the things that has been a major factor in my success is that I’m an anomaly, I’m a black man in China.”

His profile rocketed when he became the first black man to win the popular Chinese dating show, “If You Are The One.”

In eight years living in Guangzhou, he has seen Chinese attitudes toward black people improve, especially among the younger generations who see black Americans in Hollywood movies. But racist incidents persist, something he attributes to “a lack of thinking.”

CHASING PING PONG DREAMS

“Ping pong brought me to China,” says Shane Olf, who came to Beijing to teach English to earn money to enable him to play. He chose China three years ago over offers for teaching and study programs in Germany and South Korea because it is “No. 1 for ping pong.”

“I figured I would come here so I could have the chance to increase my playing level, my skill level and I would be able to compete on a more competitive field,” said Olf, 25.

For Shane, who grew up in Brooklyn, being in China is the first time he has stood out because of the color of his skin.

His hair, which he wears as an afro or braided, is a particular point of interest. Some people try to touch it on the subway, and others take photos of him as he is walking down the street.

“Sometimes I feel like I’m in a zoo behind bars and people are taking pictures,” he said. “Let’s take that one home and share with our kids over dinnertime. It’s kind of awkward.”

“There’s just lots of things Chinese people haven’t been taught, they just don’t know that this is not something that is considered polite or good manners,” Shane said.

Negative views of black people persist. “I’ve had a couple of ladies look at me or see that I was near them and cover up their purses, or hug their things much more tightly,” he said.

“A few times I’ve had people come to me and ask me if I have drugs for sale but I’m like ‘Nope, sorry, I’m just waiting for my friends.’”

‘YOU SPEAK CHINESE, THEY NEED A BLACK GUY’

Mekael wanted to be in the kind of Chinese action movies that he had grown up loving to watch, so he came to Guangdong province because it neighbors Hong Kong, the city most associated with them.

A New Yorker raised in Atlanta, Georgia, Mekael has now been in China for 13 years. In the U.S., he was a self-taught programmer.

“What I wanted was to try another side of my personality,” he said. “I did the computing part, which is the super logical, math side. I wanted to try the arts side, the more expressive side.”

He first taught English to kids and taught himself Mandarin and Cantonese.

Wanting to become fluent, and find a foothold in the entertainment industry, Mekael, 35, turned to poetry.

“I figured, for any language, usually the best speakers or the best users of that language are poets.” So he wrote poetry in Chinese and turned it into a rap. He played in clubs and at store openings, and went on Chinese TV shows as a contestant and host. He got his break in movies when a makeup artist he knew said, “Hey, would you like to be in movies? You speak Chinese and they need a black guy.”

Now he has appeared in a handful of action movies, including “Chinese Salesman,” a film with Steven Seagal and Mike Tyson that is awaiting release. He plays Seagal’s bodyguard.

In China, “it’s a sort of superficial racism, it’s not as deep as it is in America,” he says. “And the reason I say it’s superficial is because it’s easy to get past.” Once they see that “I can do the job just as good or my Chinese is just as good [...] then they’re like, ‘I think we like the black guy.’” AP

SOUTH CHINA SEA

Duterte to declare fishing ban in Beijing-controlled lagoon

Jim Gomez, Manila

PHILIPPINE President Rodrigo Duterte has decided to declare a lagoon in China-controlled waters to be a marine sanctuary where Filipinos and Chinese will be prohibited from fishing, officials said yesterday.

China seized the Scarborough Shoal in 2012 after a tense standoff with the Philippines. Duterte's plan is delicate because it may imply Philippine territorial control there. Chinese coast guard ships have closely guarded the shoal since then, and both governments have suspected the other of planning construction to cement their claims to the area.

If Duterte's plan proceeds, fishermen of any nationality would only be allowed in the deeper waters just outside Scarborough, but not its vast triangular-shaped lagoon naturally fenced by coral outcrops with an entryway watched by Chinese coast guard personnel.

Duterte relayed his marine sanctuary plan to Chinese President Xi Jinping during a meeting on the sidelines of the just-concluded Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum in Peru, National Security Adviser Hermogenes Esperon Jr. said.

Xi did not say whether he agreed to Duterte's plan in



Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte

the Scarborough Shoal, according to the statement from Esperon and other Philippine Cabinet officials present at the meeting.

"It is our position not to have fishing activities inside the triangle," Esperon said of Scarborough's shallow lagoon. "The president has decided to declare that as a sanctuary. That is a unilateral action from government."

China, Esperon said, also prohibits fishing inside the shoal's lagoon.

"If they don't want to allow fishing there, we don't want to allow fishing there either," Esperon said of the

countries' similar but separate regulations in the disputed area.

The Philippine government is considering declaring other disputed South China Sea areas as government-protected marine sanctuaries, according to Esperon.

After taking control of Scarborough, which lies about 228 kilometers off the northwestern Philippines, Chinese coast guard personnel shooed away Filipino fishermen, at times with the use of water cannons or by deploying armed personnel on speed boats to chase

them off.

Duterte's predecessor, Benigno Aquino III, responded by bringing the shoal dispute and other territorial issues against China to international arbitration. An international tribunal ruled in July against China, saying it violated the Filipinos' rights by banning them from fishing.

China, however, ignored the ruling, which also invalidated its vast claims to virtually all of the South China Sea. Duterte, who took office in June, reversed his predecessor's adversarial stance and reached out to China.

Shortly after Duterte discussed the Scarborough dispute with Xi in a state visit to Beijing, Filipinos were allowed to return to the shoal to fish. Philippine coast guard ships also resumed patrols in the vicinity of the shoal.

While the territorial disputes persist, China and the Philippines have signed about 20 trade and economic agreements. China has also sent officials to meet Filipino fishermen, who were displaced by the rift over Scarborough, to find ways of helping them, Esperon said, explaining how Duterte's approach has reaped immediate benefits.

"Remember that in our relations with China, the sum total is not Scarborough," he said. AP

FOOTBALL

Berlusconi wants to retain powers after selling AC Milan to Chinese group



AC Milan president Silvio Berlusconi (left), holds a Milan shirt flanked by his daughter Barbara

SILVIO Berlusconi would stay on as honorary president at AC Milan after selling the club to Chinese investors if he can retain powers impacting the squad.

"I would have to have some abilities to intervene, like yes or no on buying or selling players or on playing formations," Berlusconi told reporters yesterday following Milan's 2-2 draw with Inter in the city derby, confirming that the Chinese group offered him the position.

"If I'm assured of that I'll try to accept even the honorary presidency," he added.

The closing for the club sale is slated for Dec. 13.

The deal with the Chinese group, which includes the participation of a Chinese state investment fund, values Milan at 740 million euros (about USD800 million).

Whether he becomes honorary president or not, it was likely Berlusconi's final derby as Milan's owner and the Rossoneri fans paid tribute in their pre-match choreography, unveiling a giant banner with a picture of him and all the trophies won during his tenure.

Berlusconi owns 99.93 percent of the club, which he purchased 30 years ago. The three-time former premier and billionaire businessman has been negotiating for more than a year to sell the seven-time European champions.

Fininvest, Berlusconi's holding company, is still waiting for the Chinese group to pay the final chunk of 440 million euros (\$465 million). The Chinese group — of which all the members have not been named yet — has already provided a 100 million euro (\$105 million) deposit.

"We have very precise assurances from the banks that the deal will be closed the 13th," Berlusconi said. "So we'll wait until the 13th and see what happens. If it's not concluded then we'll see what to do."

The Milan sale comes after Suning, the Chinese retail giant, took control of 70 percent of Inter in June.

Berlusconi also wants longtime club vice president Adriano Galliani to stay on at Milan, even though Galliani has indicated he would be interested in running for Serie A president.

"I really hope there's space for him," Berlusconi said. "I'm going to make that one of the conditions for me accepting the honorary presidency." AP

HONG KONG

Xi 'affirmed our work' in election dispute says CY Leung

HONG Kong's leader said Chinese President Xi Jinping has affirmed his handling of a political dispute in the Chinese-ruled territory in which two recently elected legislators were barred from taking their seats.

Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying said Xi had given his endorsement in a meeting yesterday [Macau time] on the sidelines of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum in Lima, Peru.

Leung said Xi referred to the decision to bar the two elected members of Hong Kong's Legislative Council for using anti-China insults and foul language while taking their oaths of office last month.

Xi has "fully affirmed our work, including a series of problems arising from our recent handling of the Legislative Council oath. We are fully affirmed in our work," Leung told

reporters.

Referring to scattered calls for the former British colony's independence from China, Leung said Xi had said "very forcefully" that there was no room for such an arrangement under the "one country, two systems" template that saw Hong Kong return to Chinese rule while maintaining its own political, legal and financial institutions.

While few have embraced the calls for Hong Kong independence, Beijing routinely lashes out at any position seen as challenging the ruling Communist Party's absolute authority.

Xi has not publicly commented on the controversy and the official Xinhua News Agency quoted him only as telling Leung that Beijing "fully acknowledges" the work of his government, while urging him to "resolutely safeguard national unity and maintain social and political



Xi Jinping (front left) with other world leaders at APEC Summit, in Peru

stability."

In an unprecedented move, Beijing responded to the controversy over the oaths by handing down its own interpretation of the semi-autonomous region's mini-constitution to disqualify the two legislators. That circumvented Hong Kong's courts and raised fears over the city's wide autonomy and independent judiciary. AP

AP EXPLAINS

Things to know about South Korean scandal



South Korean protesters wearing masks of South Korean President Park Geun-hye (right), and Choi Soon-sil

Hyung-Jin Kim, Seoul

A scandal that has captivated a nation took a new twist this weekend when prosecutors directly linked South Korea's president to alleged misdeeds by a shadowy confidante seen as pulling government strings.

With hundreds of thousands taking to the streets each weekend in anger, President Park Geun-hye is digging in her heels, refusing to meet with prosecutors. The looming question now is: Will legislators take

the politically risky path of impeaching her?

Here are several things to know about the troubles mounting around Park:

A NEW TWIST

The scandal centers on Choi Soon-sil, Park's friend for about 40 years and the daughter of a late cult leader.

Choi, who has no official role in Park's administration, allegedly pulled government strings from the shadows and, with the help of two Park aides, used her

ties to the president to pressure companies to donate millions of dollars to two nonprofit foundations controlled by Choi.

Prosecutors indicted Choi and the two former presidential advisers on Sunday. Investigators also said they believe Park conspired in the criminal activities.

According to documents submitted by prosecutors to the court, Park allegedly ordered Choi and one of Park's ex-aides last year to collect money from businesses to help support the

launch of the two nonprofit foundations controlled by Choi.

Prosecutors also say in the court documents, which were revealed to South Korean media, that another ex-presidential aide allegedly passed dozens of confidential presidential documents to Choi, at Park's order. Those sensitive documents include high-profile personnel appointments and secret military talks with North Korea before Park took office, according to South Korean media.

Park's office and her lawyer called the accusations groundless.

WILL SHE BE IMPEACHED?

The prosecutors' announcement provides Park's liberal rivals and dissidents in her own conservative ruling party with a real legal path to parliamentary impeachment. That's because the National Assembly can only oust a president when enough lawmakers believe he or she has violated the law.

Two main opposition parties said yesterday they'll seek parliamentary impeachment because Park has refused to step down. Presidents have immunity from criminal lawsuits while in office.

To get an impeachment through the single-chamber 300-member parliament, at least 200 — or two thirds of the total — votes are necessary. South Korean media said opposition parties, left-leaning independents and anti-Park lawmakers in her own ruling Saenuri Party can band together for more than 200 seats.

If Park is impeached, she'll be immediately stripped of her constitutional powers until the Constitutional Court can rule on her fate. Park's prime minister, the No. 2 position in the go-

vernment, would take over her presidential responsibilities, including her role as commander of chief for South Korea's 630,000-member military, which faces a standoff with nuclear-armed North Korea.

If at least six of the nine-member Constitutional Court approves her impeachment, she'll be formally unseated. Then, within two months, South Korea must hold national elections to choose her successor, who will have a single five-year term.

PARK'S GAMBLE

Park, the daughter of late dictator Park Chung-hee who is still revered by many here for his economic achievements, may believe that daring parliament to try for impeachment is her last, best hope to finish out the five-year term that ends in early 2018.

Even if she's impeached, the conservative-leaning Constitutional Court can take up to 180 days to deliberate. That could buy her enough time to allow current public anger to subside.

Or the court could overturn the impeachment.

That's what happened in 2004 to the liberal president at the time, Roh Moo-hyun. He was impeached on allegations of incompetence and illegal electioneering. But the impeachment triggered a strong public backlash that helped his party win big in parliamentary elections; the Constitutional Court then ruled that his actions did not warrant removal from office.

Impeachment could also backfire for current liberals. Even though she's extremely unpopular, South Korean politics are still deeply divided. Many conservatives here could band together in elections next year if they see a partisan frenzy to get Park impeached in parliament.

PHILIPPINES

Court urged to order Marcos' remains exhumed

HUMAN rights victims who suffered during the rule of Philippine dictator Ferdinand Marcos filed petitions yesterday asking the Supreme Court to order the exhumation of his remains that were buried last week at the country's Heroes' Cemetery.

They also want the court to hold officials and his heirs in contempt for carrying out the burial before the court heard final appeals against it.

Former President Fidel Ramos, who played a key role in the peaceful army-backed revolt that ousted Marcos in 1986, called the former leader's burial at the military-run

cemetery "an insult" to the sacrifices of soldiers and veterans.

Left-wing former lawmaker Saturnino Ocampo and other activists urged the court to hold Marcos' widow Imelda, their three children, Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana and two military officials in contempt for "the hasty, shady and tricky" burial on Friday of the long-dead president at the Heroes' Cemetery.

The petition said they should be fined and detained for mocking the legal process that gave petitioners 15 days to appeal the court's Nov. 8 ruling allowing the burial.

Opposition Rep. Edcel

Lagman, who represents another group of petitioners, sought a court order to have the remains exhumed "because the hasty and surreptitious interment was premature, void and irregular."

He asked that the remains be examined to determine if they are not a wax replica.

The secrecy-shrouded burial at the cemetery reserved for presidents, soldiers and national artists shocked democracy advocates and human rights victims, prompting street protests in Manila and other cities.

Marcos' rule was marked by massive rights violations and plun-



Activists (from left), Bonifacio Ilagan, Neri Colmenares, Saturnino Ocampo, and attorney Ephraim Cortez hold documents after filing a petition at the Supreme Court seeking to hold the Marcos' heirs and officials in contempt for carrying out the burial even before the highest court had heard final appeals against it

der. After being ousted in 1986, he fled to Hawaii, where he lived with his wife and children until he died in 1989.

Groups opposed to the burial called for a nation-

nal day of protest on Friday at Manila's Rizal Park and in other parts of the country. Organizers urged Filipinos to join the protest and hold President Rodrigo Duterte ac-

countable for allowing the burial and the Supreme Court for obscuring "the crimes of the dictator."

Ramos, 88, who led soldiers in turning against Marcos in 1986, told reporters the burial was an insult and a "trivialization of the role, the sacrifices of our armed forces, [police], coast guard, veterans."

Ramos, a supporter of Duterte, expressed hope that Marcos' widow, Imelda, will apologize to the Filipino people and contribute whatever ill-gotten wealth remains with the family to help compensate human rights victims and their descendants. **AP**

Rahim Faiez & Amir Shah, Kabul

AFGHANISTAN

Official: Suicide bomber kills 28 in Shiite mosque

A suicide bomber killed at least 28 people inside a Shiite mosque in the Afghan capital, Kabul, officials and eyewitnesses said.

Ismail Kawasi, spokesman for the Public Health Ministry, said yesterday that at least 45 others were wounded in the attack. Kawasi added that at least one small child is among the dead.

Fareed Obiadi, head of the criminal investigation department for the Kabul police, said the attacker detonated his suicide vest among the crowds inside the Baqir-ul Ulom mosque in western Kabul.

The attack took place on the first floor of the two-story building where Shiite worshippers had gathered to commemorate the death of Imam Hussein, the Prophet Muhammad's grandson and an iconic Shiite martyr, in Karbala, Iraq in 680 A.D.

"I was inside the mosque and the Mullah was reading the prayer, suddenly a huge explosion happened then everywhere was dark," said Ewaz Ali, 50 who suffered minor injuries.

No group has yet claimed responsibility but militant Sunni fundamentalists like the Taliban and the Islamic State group view Shiites as apostates and frequently attack Shiite mos-



Afghan security forces and civilians walk around the Shiite Baqir-ul Ulom mosque in Kabul after a suicide attack inside it

ques and public gatherings. Monday's bombing struck a ceremony commemorating 40 days since the anniversary of Hussein's death. In early October, at a gathering commemorating the actual death

anniversary, militants attacked another Shiite shrine in Kabul, killing 14.

Amnesty International's South Asia Director Champa Patel said, "The attack on a Shia mosque in Kabul is a horrific and

deliberate attack on civilians. The Afghan authorities must investigate this crime immediately and bring the perpetrators to justice. They have a duty to take effective measures to protect Shia Muslims from attacks

and end impunity for previous abuses against the Shia community."

Shiites in Afghanistan make up an estimated 15 percent of the population of around 30 million. Their public celebrations and commemorations were largely banned during the five years when the Taliban controlled the country. But Afghanistan's Shiites have become more public since the extremists were overthrown in the U.S. invasion of 2001.

In July this year, a suicide bomber targeted ethnic Hazaras, who are mostly Shiite, as they marched through central Kabul to protest discrimination. At least 80 people were killed and more than 200 wounded in the blast that was claimed by the Islamic State group.

In 2011, at least 54 people were killed when a suicide bomber detonated his device at a Kabul shrine where hundreds of people had gathered. **AP**

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USA

Trump the dealmaker keeps any Cabinet decisions under wraps

CALL him the dealmaker-elect. By his own account, President-elect Donald Trump has worked out a few agreements after a parade of weekend visitors who could land major appointments in his administration.

There were hints but no decisions to announce. Mitt Romney, the Republican nominee in 2012, was “under active and serious consideration” for secretary of state, Vice President-elect Mike Pence said. Trump himself said retired Marine Corps Gen. James Mattis was an “impressive” prospect for defense secretary.

“We’ve made a couple of deals,” Trump told reporters at his Bedminster, New Jersey, golf club before returning to New York. He gave assurances that “incredible meetings” would be bringing “incredible people” into the government. “You’ll be hearing about them soon.”

More meetings are on Trump’s schedule. His transition team said former Texas governor and GOP presidential rival Rick Perry was expected to meet with Trump today [Macau time].

Among the visitors to the white-pillared clubhouse Sunday were Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, billionaire investor Wilbur Ross and retired Marine Gen. John Kelly, the former commander of U.S. Southern Command.

The businessman who is now the president-elect also apparently was considering options to lead the Commerce Department, meeting with Ross. “Time will tell,” Ross told reporters when asked if he wanted a post.

It was hard to tell if some of the visitors were on the job hunt. Hollywood powerbroker Ari Emanuel and BET founder Robert Johnson came through over the weekend as did health care

billionaire Patrick Soon-Shiong. Trump made a show of each guest, greeting them formally at the door, shaking hands and smiling for the cameras and telling the press how “great” they were.

“King of Hollywood,” Trump said, as he ushered Emanuel in the door yesterday.

Between conversations, Trump revealed he was making transition plans for his family. He told reporters that his wife, Melania, and their 10-year-old son, Barron, would move to Washington when the school year ends.

Trump also turned to Twitter to share some of his thinking. In between criticism of “Saturday

■ **The appointment of more establishment figures could offer some reassurance to [those] concerned about Trump’s hard-line positions [and] his lack of foreign policy experience**

AP PHOTO



President-elect Donald Trump (left), talks to media alongside Vice President-elect Mike Pence

Night Live,” the hit musical “Hamilton,” and retiring Democratic leader Harry Reid, he wrote that, “General James ‘Mad Dog’ Mattis, who is being considered for secretary of defense, was very impressive yesterday. A true General’s General!”

The comments were indications that Trump is looking outside his immediate circle as he works toward rounding out his foreign policy and national security teams. Last week, he named a loyalist, retired Gen. Michael Flynn, as his national security adviser.

Romney, the former Massachusetts governor and 2012 GOP presidential contender, and Trump exchanged bitter insults during the campaign, and Mattis has not been considered a Trump confidante. The appointment

of more establishment figures could offer some reassurance to lawmakers and others concerned about Trump’s hard-line positions on immigration and national security and his lack of foreign policy experience.

Trump told reporters yesterday that one of his most loyal and public allies, former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, was also a prospect for secretary of state “and other things.” Giuliani at one point had been considered for attorney general, but Trump gave that job to Sen. Jeff Sessions of Alabama.

But even as Trump and his team discussed pressing issues facing the country and how to staff the incoming administration, the president-elect’s Twitter feed suggested other issues too were on his mind.

His targets included Sen. Reid. Trump tweeted that incoming Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer, another media-savvy New Yorker, was “far smarter” than Reid and “has the ability to get things done.”

Trump also complained that “Saturday Night Live,” which thrives on making fun of politicians, is “biased” and not funny. The night before, actor Alec Baldwin portrayed Trump as Googling: “What is ISIS?”

Trump also insisted again that the cast and producers of “Hamilton” should apologize after the lead actor addressed Pence from the stage, telling the vice president-elect that “diverse America” was “alarmed and anxious.” Pence said on CBS’s “Face the Nation” that he wasn’t offended. **AP**

VATICAN

Pope indefinitely extends special permission on abortion

POPE Francis is allowing all priests to absolve women of the “grave sin” of abortion, extending indefinitely special permission he had granted for the duration of the just-ended Holy Year of Mercy.

Francis wrote in the Apostolic Letter made public by the Vatican yesterday that “there is no sin that God’s mercy cannot reach and wipe away when it finds a repentant heart seeking to be reconciled” with God.

But he also wrote: “I wish to restate as firmly as I can that abortion is a grave sin, since it puts an end to an innocent life.”

Because the Roman Ca-



A worshipper presents Pope Francis with a photomontage of an imagined meeting between the pope and Chinese President Xi Jinping

tholic Church holds abortion to be such a serious sin, it had long put the matter of granting forgiveness for it in the hands of a bishop,

who could either hear the woman’s confession himself or delegate that to a priest who was expert in such situations.

But in 2015, Francis had said he was allowing all rank-and-file priests to grant absolution for an abortion for the duration of the Holy Year, which ran from Dec. 8, 2015 through Nov. 20, 2016.

By now letting all priests absolve the sin of abortion on a permanent basis following the end of the Holy Year, Francis is further applying his vision of a merciful church to those women who, as he has written in the past, felt they had no choice but to make “this agonizing and painful decision.”

“May every priest, therefore, be a guide, support

and comfort to penitents on this journey of special reconciliation” for faithful who had abortions, Francis wrote.

He explained his rationale thusly: “Lest any obstacle arise between the request for reconciliation and God’s forgiveness, I henceforth grant to all priests, in virtue of their ministry, the faculty to absolve those who have committed the sin of procured abortion.”

“The provision I had made in this regard, limited to the duration of the Extraordinary Holy Year, is hereby extended, notwithstanding anything to the contrary.”

How to form consciences

on abortion figured in how bishops in the United States advised their flock during the recently ended U.S. presidential election campaign.

Some pastors urged their congregations to keep the sacredness in life in mind when deciding which candidate would get their vote. The “sacredness of life” phrase is widely seen as referring to abortion. U.S. President-elect Donald Trump voiced his opposition to abortion while campaigning, while his Democratic opponent, Hillary Clinton, supported women’s right to have an abortion. **AP**

what's ON



THE ENCHANTING RED BOAT – AN EPISODE OF THE CANTONESE OPERA CULTURE
TIME: 10am-6pm (no admission after 5:30 pm), closed on Mondays (open on public holidays, free to public on 15th of every month)
UNTIL: November 27, 2016
ADMISSION: MOP15
VENUE: Praceta do Museu de Macau 112
ENQUIRIES: (853) 2835 7911

AFA AUTUMN SALON, VAFA INTERNATIONAL VIDEO FESTIVAL
TIME: 10am-7pm, (Closed on Mondays and public holidays)
VENUE: Orient Foundation, Casa Garden
UNTIL: November 30, 2016
ADMISSION: Free
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60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MACAU ARTISTS SOCIETY – A RETROSPECTIVE
TIME: 10am-7pm (no admission after 6:30 pm, closed on Mondays)
UNTIL: December 4, 2016
VENUE: Macao Museum of Art, Av. Xian Xing Hai, s/n, NAPE
ADMISSION: MOP5 (free on Sundays and public holidays)
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TIME: 10am-7pm, (Closed on Mondays and public holidays)
VENUE: Orient Foundation, Casa Garden
UNTIL: November 30, 2016
ADMISSION: Free
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COMMUNICATION & MEDIA STUDENT EXHIBITION: SHARE
TIME: 2pm-7pm (Mondays to Saturdays)
UNTIL: December 3, 2016
ADMISSION: Free
VENUE: Center for Creative Industries, G/F Macao Cultural Centre Building, Xian Xing HAI AVENUE
ENQUIRIES: (853) 2875 3282

16TH MACAU FOOD FESTIVAL
TIME: 5pm to 11pm (Mondays to Thursdays); 3pm to 12am midnight (Fridays to Sundays)
UNTIL: November 27, 2016
VENUE: Sai Van Lake Square
ENQUIRIES: (853) 2857 5765

Offbeat

OHIO COPS: WOMAN OFFERED TO SELL SEX FOR USD60 AND SOME NACHOS

Police in Ohio are accusing a woman of selling sex for USD60 and some nachos.

Officers near Youngstown say they arrested 36-year-old Crystal Hotlosz during an undercover operation yesterday. Beaver Township police say an officer texted the woman after seeing an online advertisement for sex services.

Officers say she first wanted \$50 and some nachos and later upped her price to \$60.

Police say that when the undercover officer later met the woman in the parking lot of a Mexican restaurant, she asked if he had the extra money and her nachos.

WKBN-TV in Youngstown reports Hotlosz has been charged with solicitation and possession of criminal tools.

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13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:55	Debate on Administration and Justice Policy Report for 2017
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Non-Daily Portuguese News
21:10	TDM Interview
21:40	Once Upon A Time S1
22:10	Precious Pearl
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Miscellaneous
00:05	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
00:40	RTPi Live
03:45	UEFA Champions League: Sporting - Real Madrid (Live)
05:45	RTPi Live

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CINETEATRO

17 Nov - 23 Nov

YOUR NAME

ROOM 1
2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm
Director: Makoto Shinkai
Language: Japanese (English and Cantonese)
Duration: 115min



FANTASTIC BEASTS & WHERE TO FIND THEM
ROOM 2
2.15, 4.45, 7.15, 9.45 pm
Director: David Yates
Starring: Katherine Waterston, Dan Fogler, Alison Sudol
Language: English (Cantonese)
Duration: 133min



INFERNO
ROOM 3
2.15, 9.30 pm
Director: Ron Howard
Starring: Tom Hanks, Felicity Jones, Irrfan Khan
Language: English (Cantonese)
Duration: 121min

FANTASTIC BEASTS & WHERE TO FIND THEM
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17 Nov - 30 Nov

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this day in history



1963 KENNEDY SHOT DEAD IN DALLAS

The President of the United States has been assassinated by a gunman in Dallas, Texas.

John F Kennedy was hit in the head and throat when three shots were fired at his open-topped car.

The presidential motorcade was travelling through the main business area of the city.

Texas Governor John Connally was also seriously injured when one of the unknown sniper's bullets hit him in the back.

The men were accompanied by their wives, who were both uninjured.

Vice-president Lyndon Johnson - who was following in a different car - has been sworn in as the new US leader.

The presidential party was driving from Dallas airport to the city centre when witnesses said shots were fired from the window of a building overlooking the road.

The president collapsed into Jackie Kennedy's arms, who was heard to cry "Oh no". Seconds later Governor Connally was also hit.

Dallas Times Herald photographer Bob Jackson was in the motorcade close behind the Democrat leader's car and heard the shots as it entered Dealey Plaza.

"As I looked up I saw a rifle being pulled back from a window - it might have been resting on the windowsill - I didn't see a man," he said.

Mr Kennedy's limousine was driven at speed to Parklands Hospital immediately after the shooting.

The president was alive when he was admitted, but died at 1400 local time (1900 GMT) - 35 minutes after being shot.

Police and Secret Service agents stormed the School Book Depository building moments after the shots were fired and recovered a rifle with a telescopic sight, said to be the assassination weapon.

The mood of shock in the US was echoed by Senator Mike Mansfield in an emergency forum of the senate.

"This is terrible - I cannot find words," he said.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

A little under an hour after the shooting, a policeman approached Lee Harvey Oswald, believing he recognised his description.

The policeman was shot dead. Oswald was arrested almost immediately under suspicion of murder.

Shortly afterwards, he was also charged with the assassination of President Kennedy.

The suspect was never tried as he was shot dead himself two days later by nightclub owner Jack Ruby.

The Warren Report, commissioned to investigate the president's death, concluded he had been killed by shots fired by Mr Oswald from the School Book Depository building.

But conspiracy enthusiasts quickly turned the assassination into one of the most disputed events in modern history, with theories ranging from claims it was an elaborately staged suicide to the driver being the murderer.

YOUR STARS

Aries
Mar. 21-Apr. 19
You can rack up quite a few points today — and otherwise find yourself busier than usual. Your productivity should impress anyone who's watching, though it might not be the most fun you've ever had

Taurus
April 20-May 20
You need to find some new way to take care of your home chores — or else they are going to pile up faster than you can cope with them! It's a good time for you to enlist support.

Gemini
May 21-Jun. 21
You get so much done today that you may wonder if you have anything left for tomorrow. Don't panic — you should find ways to fill your time. You may need to take a break to recharge, too.

Cancer
Jun. 22-Jul. 22
You should find that your terrific energy is perfect for whatever you have to do today — and even better for whatever you want to do tonight! Enjoy it all and your companions are sure to love you!

Leo
Jul. 23-Aug. 22
You are feeling all too modest today — it may be that your energy is somewhat used up, or that you need to let someone else feel good about their own accomplishments. Enjoy the peace and quiet!

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Rally the troops around the home front — it's time for a house meeting! If you live alone, then you may want to check into a local tenant's group or neighborhood organization. It's where your heart is!

Libra
Sep. 23-Oct. 22
Someone is in dire need of your assistance — so get a move on! It may be simply aesthetic first aid, but that can be mighty important on a day like today. Show them what's what!

Scorpio
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
You can get what you want today — but only if you give up first! Trying to control the outcome just guarantees frustration, and you may even find people working against you if you try too hard!

Sagittarius
Nov. 22-Dec. 21
You need to stretch your mental powers to their limits today — feel the burn! It's a good time to take on that new project that has been threatening to drop for days or weeks now.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19
Don't be too surprised if you experience a sudden rush of energy that helps you finish a chore or project — just in time to feel utterly exhausted! Your extremes are spiking today, though they shouldn't bring you down.

Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18
Animals are more in sync with you today. It's a great time to hang out with your pets, or acquire a new one. It may also be a good time to connect with animal-lovers, so wander down to the dog park!

Pisces
Feb. 19-Mar. 20
Your sweetie is sweeter than ever — or, if you're single, your own romantic energy is drawing others closer than usual. It's a great time to express your heart's true feelings — go for it!

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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CHINA			
Beijing	3	0	moderate snow
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Tianjin	-1	2	moderate snow
Urumqi	-15	-10	flurry/cloudy
Xi'an	4	8	smog/drizzle
Lhasa	-1	13	clear
Chengdu	11	19	cloudy/overcast
Chongqing	12	21	cloudy
Kunming	12	21	clear
Nanjing	13	17	drizzle
Shanghai	16	20	shower/moderate rain
Wuhan	14	19	drizzle
Hangzhou	15	18	shower/drizzle
Taipei	21	28	moderate rain
Guangzhou	20	28	shower/overcast
Hong Kong	23	27	cloudy
WORLD			
Moscow	-4	-1	drizzle/moderate rain
Frankfurt	4	14	drizzle
Paris	3	13	cloudy/drizzle
London	2	9	drizzle
New York	4	13	clear

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Wrist bones; 6- Infant; 10- Greek portico; 14- ___ Irish Rose; 15- Skin cream ingredient; 16- Towel word; 17- Truman's Missouri birthplace; 18- Workout count; 19- Woody's son; 20- Repeats; 22- Large European chestnut; 24- Lustful look; 25- Breathless; 26- Capital of the Philippines; 29- Small batteries; 30- From ___ (completely); 31- Pertaining to a regiment; 37- Drive forward; 39- PC linkup; 40- Twilled fabric; 41- Pipefish; 44- Withdraw by degrees; 45- Not "fer"; 46- European-style restaurant; 48- Column in the form of a man; 52- Coarsely ground corn; 53- Inveigh against; 54- Face decoration for a brave; 58- ... saw Elba; 59- Some nest eggs; 61- Sleep disorder; 62- North Carolina university; 63- Sun. speeches; 64- Pertaining to the kidneys; 65- Sand hill by the sea; 66- Numerous; 67- Cave-dwelling dwarf;

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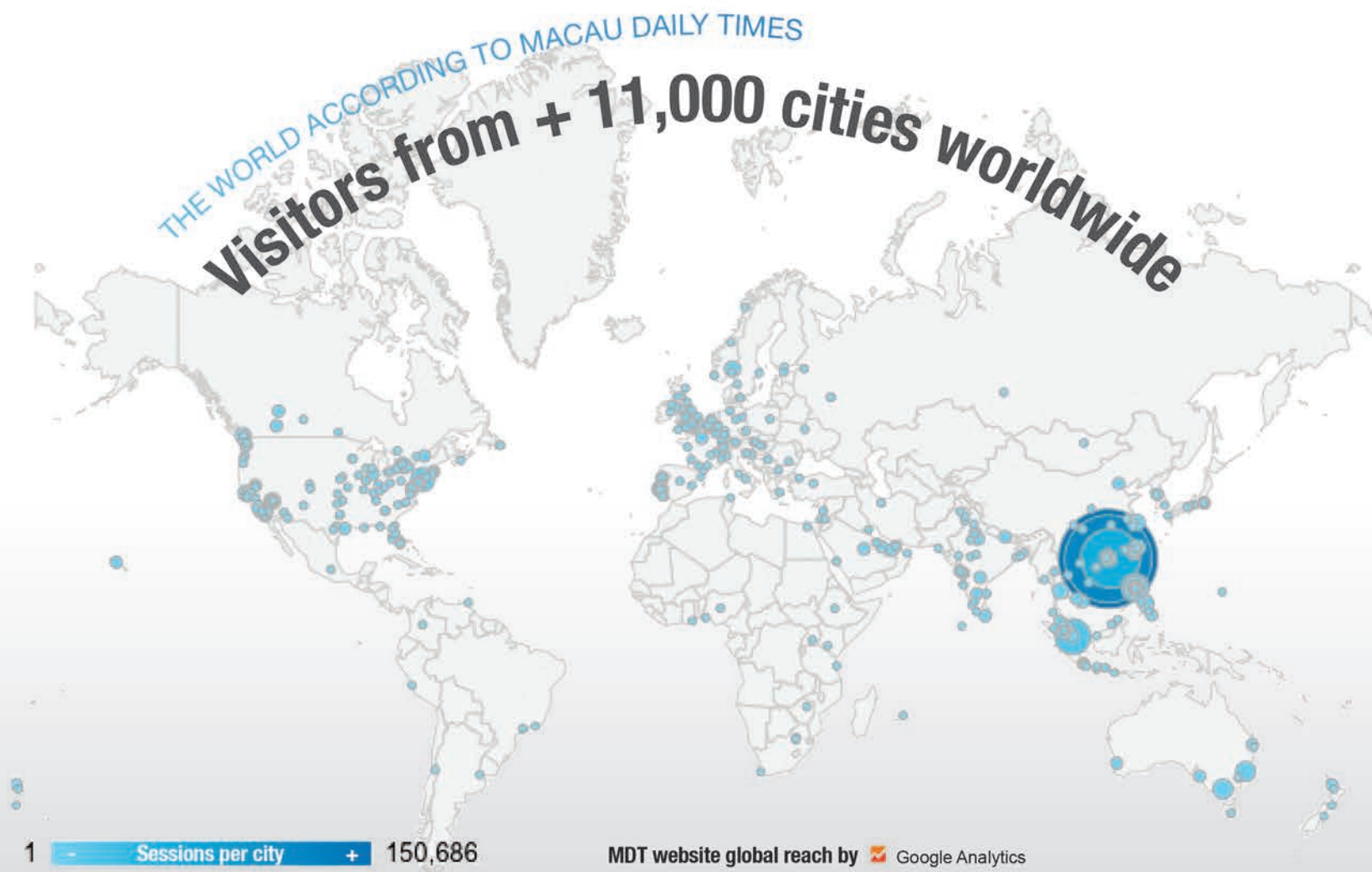


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FOOTBALL | CHAMPIONS LEAGUE PREVIEW

Sevilla trying to show it belongs among the best in Europe

SEVILLA wants to show it is ready to reach the next level.

After three straight titles in the Europa League, the Spanish club is hoping to thrive among the best soccer teams on the continent.

And the first step toward that goal may come today [Wednesday, 3:45am] against Juventus, when it can secure a spot in the knockout round of the Champions League for the first time since 2010.

A draw against the Italian champions at Ramon Sanchez-Pizjuan Stadium will be enough to get the club back in the decisive stages of Europe's top competition, and a win will guarantee first place in Group H.

Sevilla won five Europa League titles in the last 11 seasons, but it has not succeeded in the Champions League since making it to the round of 16 in the 2009-10 season, when it was eventually eliminated by CSKA Moscow. It also advanced past the group stage in the 2007-08 season, when it later lost to Fenerbahce in the last 16.

Sevilla coach Jorge Sampaoli, hired this season to try to turn the Spanish club into a top contender in Europe, rested some of the team's regular starters in the 3-2 win at Deportivo La Coruna in the Spanish league on Saturday, when the team scored twice in the last five minutes to erase a 2-0 deficit.

"This win, coming back from two goals against a difficult



opponent, gives us a huge boost going into Tuesday's game," Sampaoli said.

GROUP E

Harry Kane's return from injury might just be the catalyst that revives Tottenham's Champions League campaign.

The England striker, who was the Premier League's top scorer last season, has scored three goals in his first two matches back after seven weeks out with an ankle injury, and should lead Tottenham's attack for what could be a

must-win game at Monaco.

Tottenham has only four points from four games so far, and will be eliminated if they fail to win in southern France and Bayer Leverkusen wins at CSKA Moscow.

Monaco leads the group by two points. If the French team wins, it will be assured of qualifying in first place if Leverkusen doesn't win in Russia.

GROUP F

Leicester gets a second chance to clinch qualification for the knockout stage in its first Cham-

pions League campaign. This time, it comes at home.

The English champions host Club Brugge at King Power Stadium, needing only a draw to advance. Leicester beat the Belgian team 3-0 in their first meeting in the group and is still unbeaten after four games.

The situation couldn't be more different in the Premier League, with Leicester only two points above the relegation zone after a tough start to its title defense.

"This season I'm watching behind me," Leicester manager Claudio Ranieri said. "The relegation is very close to us."

Leicester is three points ahead of FC Porto, which visits third-place FC Copenhagen in the group's other game.

GROUP G

Still unbeaten this season, defending champion Real Madrid needs a draw at Sporting Lisbon to reach the last 16 of the Champions League for the 20th straight time.

The game marks a return to Lisbon for the first time since winning the 2014 trophy against Atletico Madrid at the Estadio da Luz.

Cristiano Ronaldo, again facing the team in which he started his career, will have another chance to become the first player to score 100 goals in Eu-

ropean competitions. The Portuguese forward, coming off a hat trick in the Madrid derby in the Spanish league, is two goals short of the milestone.

Borussia Dortmund, boosted by a win over Bayern Munich in the German league, can secure first place when it visits already eliminated Legia Warsaw. It will be without goalkeeper Roman Buerki, who broke his hand in the match against Bayern.

Sporting needs to defeat Madrid to stay alive.

GROUP H

A victory at Sevilla will guarantee Juventus a spot in the next round, although it can also advance if Lyon fails to win at Dinamo Zagreb.

The Italian champions may be without forward Gonzalo Higuain, who received a knock on his left thigh in the win over Pescara this weekend. Defender Medhi Benatia is also a doubt because of a knee injury.

Juventus was held by Sevilla to a 0-0 home draw earlier this season, and a loss to the Spanish club in the group stage a year ago left the Italians second in their group.

Sevilla has won seven of its last nine matches, with the only setbacks coming in a draw at Sporting Gijon and a home loss to Barcelona. **AP / Oddschecker.com**

BALLON D'OR

After hat trick, no one better than Ronaldo at Madrid derby

Tales Azzoni

FOR Cristiano Ronaldo, there's clearly something special about playing Atletico Madrid.

Ronaldo is used to performing well regardless of the opponent but the star forward often finds another level against Real Madrid's crosstown rival.

No one has done better than him in the Madrid derby, not even the great Alfredo Di Stefano.

With his hat trick on Saturday in the 3-0 win at the Vicente Calderon Stadium, Ronaldo reached 18 goals to surpass the former Madrid great as the derby's top all-ti-

Zidane said Ronaldo's performance should 'put an end to the debate' over best player of the year award

me goal scorer. "To score three goals in a game like this is something that only the great players can do," said for-

mer Real Madrid forward Emilio Butragueno, currently a club director. "The great players show what they can do in games of this magnitude. It's a privilege to have a player like Ronaldo playing for this club."

Real Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane said Ronaldo's performance this weekend should "put an end to the debate" over best player of the year award.

"I never had any doubt in my mind," Zidane said. "He has shown that he deserves it all season long."

Ronaldo's performance was tough on Atletico, coming in the last Spa-

nish league derby at the Calderon before the club moves into a new venue next season.

A good result at the emotionally charged game was a matter of honor for Atletico players and fans. Watching Madrid run rampant at its ground was tough for the die-hard crowd that has packed the Calderon for the last 50 years.

Atletico had been doing well against Madrid recently, unbeaten in six league games, but supporters still remember painful defeats in Champions League finals, when Ronaldo played key roles. The 31-year-old forward scored Ma-

drid's final goal in extra time in the 4-1 win in 2014, and converted the decisive penalty kick in the shootout in last season's final in Milan.

Ronaldo has scored against Atletico in three different competitions, with 11 goals coming in the Spanish league, six in the Copa del Rey and one in the Champions League.

Di Stefano, who played for the club from 1953-64, scored 17 goals against Atletico.

It was Ronaldo's second hat trick at the Calderon, giving him a total of seven goals at the stadium that will be demolished after Atletico moves out. The other hat trick came in his first season with Madrid in 2012, and he also netted at the venue in 2014.

Ronaldo scored Saturday with a free kick that deflected off the wall in the first half. He conver-



ted a penalty kick in the second after being fouled in the area and sealed the victory with an easy close-range shot after a pass by Gareth Bale.

The win at the Calderon left Madrid four points clear of Barcelona, and nine points in front of Atletico, significantly diminishing the rival's title chances after only 12 matches.

Madrid hasn't won the Spanish league title since 2012. **AP**

opinion

Our Desk

Lynzy Valles



HEAD OVER HEELS FOR ROMEO CONMEN

Who would have thought that telecommunication technology would bring our generation to unexpected possibilities, particularly in the area of online dating?

Dating interactions have gone from sending love letters across the globe to communicating through phone, and finally, through the means of internet-based software.

These quick and efficient mobile apps and websites have facilitated easy access to message transfers.

Amidst the beauty of technology comes the emergence of online dating communities, which is a growing industry.

These dating sites are obviously tailored to users who are searching for "the one," a "soul mate," or just a connection with someone.

Yet, thousands of lonely hearts resort to trusting the unimaginable.

Just this month, the Judiciary Police (PJ) revealed two cases of online romance fraud.

PJ announced that a local woman lost nearly MOP10,000 to her supposedly "British boyfriend" she met online last month. The fraudster claimed that he had sent her a birthday gift through a courier – a "courier" who then called her claiming she would need to provide money to reclaim the present.

According to authorities, the hoaxer sent photos through WhatsApp, showing gifts that included jewelry, a mobile phone and cash.

This kind of story and scheme is not new. Who knows why she fell into the trap.

The second incident the authority announced involved a woman from the mainland who was swindled out of RMB4.98 million by her online boyfriend – a man who claimed to be a manager of an entertainment company in Macau.

The money was apparently transferred because of love – over the internet.

These online romance scams have conned victims of all ages, but women mostly. Previously, most of these fraudsters - who disguised themselves as Romeo - used to introduce themselves as Caucasian, mostly portrayed as a "wealthy business men looking for love;" looking for a Juliet in need of affection.

Nonetheless, a report made by the Strait Times claimed that more love scammers are adopting a Chinese identity.

Authorities have announced that a change in their modus operandi has begun, which involve requesting the money to be sent to bank accounts in China and Hong Kong, instead of Singaporean and Malaysian banks.

I reckon this could also explain why the recently targeted woman transferred nearly RMB5 million to someone who claimed to be a Macau resident.

Their vulnerable hearts may have been showered with compliments and sweet messages they've wanted to hear since who knows when.

Yet again, this communication is not quite a two-way interaction since the fraudster has little to offer in terms of personal information.

These victims enter the dating sites investing their time and emotions, and viola! After a month or two they are a few million patacas poorer.

People have always been fools for love but these kinds of stories always end up the same: only realizing they've been scammed after sending significantly large amounts of money on numerous occasions.

Users of online dating websites could already be potential victims once they involve themselves in those websites.

But then again, how could one transfer a substantial amount of money to someone who refused to attend video calls? Or even a stranger met on the internet?

This type of love fiction has caused trouble to thousands of victims. Some have even resorted to featuring on reality TV shows, such as Dr. Phil, as they tend to be in denial once they find out they've been scammed.

Further, I assume such incidents are a testimony of how there are now an immense number of people desperately seeking for love and affection on the internet.

Because hey, love conquers all, doesn't it?

THE BUZZ JAPANESE PEACEKEEPERS ARRIVE IN SOUTH SUDAN WITH NEW MANDATE

Japanese peacekeepers, with a broader mandate to use force, landed in South Sudan yesterday, the first overseas deployment of the country's troops with those expanded powers in nearly 70 years.

Dressed in green camouflage uniform, Squad leader Yoshino Tanaka stepped off the plane at the head of the Japanese group. He was greeted and shook hands with Ja-

pan's ambassador to South Sudan, Masahiko Kiya.

The 350 Self-Defense Forces will be tasked with engineering and construction in the capital, Juba.

For the first time since the end of World War II, these peacekeepers will have the ability to use force to protect civilians, U.N. staff and themselves.

Lawyers take Chinese organ-harvesting claims to Australia

Two Canadian lawyers came to Australia's Parliament House yesterday to urge lawmakers to pass a motion calling on China to immediately end the practice of what they say is organ harvesting from prisoners of conscience.

David Kilgour, a former prosecutor and Canadian secretary of state for Asia-Pacific, and David Matas, a human rights lawyer, say they have evidence that China performs an estimated 60,000 to 100,000 transplants a year.

They argue that killing Falun Gong practitioners, Muslim Uighurs, Tibetan Buddhists and Christians was the only "plausible explanation" for sourcing of the organs – without offering proof of such practices. China has a black market of ordinary people selling their organs, through brokers, for use in transplants.

Such claims have been around for years but have not been independently verified, in part because China's opaque legal system makes such inquiries virtually impossible. It's also not a cause that's advocated by most international human rights

groups. China says it has reformed its system to eliminate the harvesting of organs from executed prisoners, although doubts remain about how completely that ban has been enforced.

China says it performed 10,057 organ transplants last year and has not harvested organs of executed prisoners since January 2015.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution in June calling on the State Department to report annually to Congress on the implementation of an existing law barring visas to Chinese and other nationals engaged in coercive organ transplantation. The resolution also condemns persecution of Falun Gong, a spiritual group China calls a cult and has outlawed.

China accused Congress of making "groundless accusations."

The European Parliament passed a similar declaration in July calling for an independent investigation of "persistent, credible reports on systematic, state-sanctioned organ harvesting from non-consenting prisoners of conscience" in

China.

Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade First Assistant Secretary Graham Fletcher told a Senate committee last month that he had doubts about the credibility of Falun Gong reports of forced organ harvesting.

"They are not given credence by serious human rights activists," Fletcher said.

He said Chinese were not being executed for being Falun Gong followers or Christians.

The Australian Health Department said at least 53 Australians traveled to China for organ transplants between 2001 and 2014.

Around 200 Falun Gong practitioners demonstrated outside Parliament House against forced organ harvesting as Matas and Kilgour addressed a meeting of lawmakers from several political parties.

Government lawmaker Craig Kelly said he was considering moving a motion condemning forced organ harvesting which could be put to the House of Representatives early next year. A draft urges China to immediately end the practice. AP

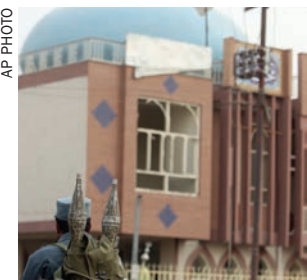
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WORLD BRIEFS

JAPAN-US A top defense policy adviser for Japan's government proposes using U.S. President-elect Donald Trump's demand that Tokyo contribute more to its own defense as a chance to update the countries' security alliance to reflect Japan's greater military capability and today's harsher security environment.

PAKISTAN's powerful army chief begins a farewell tour of various army outposts across the country, ending public speculation that he might seek an extension of his term in office.



AFGHANISTAN A suicide bomber struck a Shiite mosque in the Afghan capital yesterday, killing 32 people, the U.N. office said, the second large-scale attack targeting minority Shiites in Kabul in just over a month. More on p13



GERMANY's main center-left party pushed back yesterday against pressure to decide quickly on a challenger to Angela Merkel in next year's election after the chancellor announced she will seek a fourth term, insisting that it will wait until January.

BRAZIL Investigators so far have found no bullet holes in a crashed Brazilian military helicopter or in the bodies of four police officers who died when the chopper went down during an anti-drug operation.

APEC SUMMIT Leaders of 21 Asia-Pacific nations have ended their annual summit with a call to resist protectionism amid signs of increased free-trade skepticism. They announced a joint pledge to work toward a sweeping new free trade agreement that would include all 21 members as a path to "sustainable, balanced and inclusive growth." More on p9, 11

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

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Pakistan. Shiite Muslims beat themselves with knives in chains to mourn, during a procession to mark the end of the forty-day mourning period following the anniversary of the 7th century martyrdom of Imam Hussein, in Rawalpindi, yesterday.