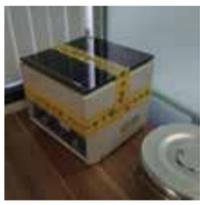




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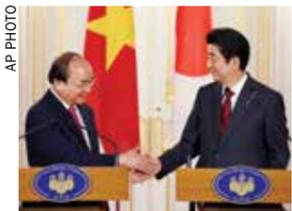
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## WORLD BRIEFS



**QATAR** U.S. President Donald Trump sided with Saudi Arabia and other Arab countries yesterday in a deepening diplomatic crisis with Qatar, appearing to endorse the accusation that the oil-rich Persian Gulf nation is funding terrorist groups. In several countries, airlines suspended flights and authorities closed their ports to Qatari ships, causing anxious residents in Qatar to start stockpiling food.  
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**Q&A** RODRIGO DE MATOS  
CARTOONIST

# 'I think that the press here is relatively free'

Daniel Beitler

**A**N exhibition showcasing a decade of work by Portuguese cartoonist Rodrigo de Matos was inaugurated on Monday night at the Portuguese Consulate-General in Macau.

The exhibition, which is open to the public until the end of the month, includes 35 unique cartoons published from 2007 onwards that were published in the Macau Daily Times, Ponto Final and Portuguese weekly Expresso.

"There are some works that I finish and I immediately know are ready to be published," Matos told the Times during the inauguration ceremony. "These works are a collection of having that moment when you know that what you have done is great."

**Macau Daily Times (MDT) - What was the impetus behind this exhibition and what does it show?**

**Rodrigo de Matos (RM) -** This exhibition has a lot of cartoons. One section, the biggest part of the exhibition, has 25 cartoons – all from Ponto Final. This was because Ponto Final was celebrating its 25th anniversary

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sary [this year] and so they proposed this exhibition. I told them that I am also celebrating the 10th anniversary of my career this year. So [for the second section], I said that I would choose one cartoon per year from each of my 10 years. I chose the one that I considered the best from each year.

**MDT - This exhibition premiered at The Script Road – Macau Literary Festival. Why bring the exhibition to the Portuguese Consulate General?**

**RM -** Actually, for a long time, the Portuguese Consul General [Vitor Sereno] has been challenging me to organize an exhibition here. But I needed to go after the [financial] support for the printing and the framing of the cartoons. So, we had been delaying and delaying until the literary festival this year. When Ponto Final [the organizers of the festival] said that they wanted to hold an exhibition this year of my works, I said okay, but the Consul General has been asking me for a long time so let's see how I can put these two events together. This is the same exhibition in two moments.

**MDT - One cartoon in the exhibition is an award-winner, published in Macau Daily Times. What is the story behind it?**

**RM -** I started collaborating with Macau Daily Times in 2012. Representing 2014 in the exhibition, the cartoon I chose was from Macau Daily Times because it was also an award-winner. That received third prize in the World Press Freedom International Editorial Cartoon Competition in Canada. This competition has deadlines for submissions and sometimes I forget [laughs]. This was the first time that I participated. It was almost an accident. This competition was organized by a famous cartoonist who sent me an email to say: 'We are having a contest with the theme of technology and privacy, and we saw a cartoon that you did which would be per-

fect.' If an organizer is telling me to participate then I have to!

**MDT - Which of your works has received the strongest reaction from the public?**

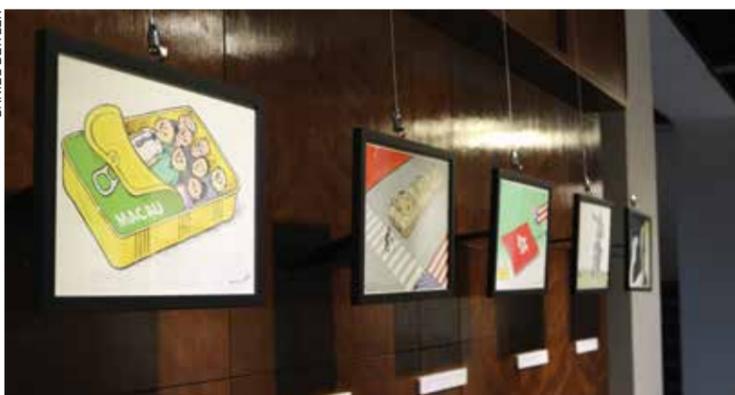
**RM -** From this collection that I have here, I can say that the Ronaldo cartoon [after Portugal won the European Championship in 2016] received a very strong reaction. It is my most viral work so far, having received over 77,000 shares on social media.

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**MDT - Are there any topics in Macau that you have avoided in your work?**

**RM -** No. I don't think so. Since the beginning, when I started, I have tried to pull the rope as much as possible to see where it would break, and it never broke! I have never had a situation where a newspaper has told me that my work cannot be published. They have never told me: 'Let's not touch that.' I think that the press here is relatively free, considering the specificities of the Special Administration Region. On the other hand, I am not sure how this would work in a Chinese newspaper. I don't know how free I would feel [working] for a Chinese-language newspaper, if I wanted to publish something like these.

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## Int'l stamp exhibition to be held in September

**T**HE Macau Post and Telecommunications Bureau (DSC) will be co-organizing the Macau 2018 Asian International Stamp Exhibition with the Macau Philatelic Association. The exhibition is set to be under the patronage of

the Federation of Inter-Asian Philately (FIAP). The ceremony for signing the agreement was held yesterday at the headquarters of the DSC.

The Asian International Stamp Exhibition is a regional philatelic exhibition established

by FIAP in 1977, aiming to develop the philately industry. It is the first time that the exhibition will be held in Macau. This exhibition will be held at the Convention and Exhibition Centre of The Venetian Macao, from September 21 to 24.

During the event, philatelists from different regions are expected to display their collections and join the contest. Aside from the precious stamp exhibition, overseas postal administrations and philatelic dealers will be invited to participate in this



event and operate sales booths. During the exhibition, there will be a theme day, philat-

telists' seminars, stamp designer autograph sessions and family workshops.

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# Irish brewery wants its spot in Macau's PSC platform

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**A**N Irishman, Australian and New Zealander walk into a bar on an early Sunday evening where they sample, savor and socialize over craft beers with names like The Barefoot Bohemian, Howling Gale and The Full Irish.

The location is Taipa village-based Premier Bar, whose owner Niall Murray is joined by business partners Aussie Cameron Wallace and Kiwi Scott Baigent, who reside in Ireland as masterbrewers of the alcoholic beverage.

It would seem that businesses from Portuguese-speaking countries (PSC) are not alone in viewing the MSAR as a gateway to mainland China. Wallace and Baigent, through enlisting the local expertise of Murray, are strategizing over how to bring their beer from Ireland to the East Asia region, through Macau.

Their company, Eight Degrees, is exporting around a dozen unique craft beers, each fashioned with a strict adherence to German brewing methodology, the use of naturally soft water and their rejection of chemicals. The company's tagline, "Naturally Adventurous", could hardly be more Australasian.

The duo were in Macau to showcase their products to the region, in person, for the first time. They say that they want to use their Macau connection to expand their distribution network in East Asia.

"A few years ago, we saw an opportunity with many Irish breweries looking west – to the United States," Wallace told the Times on Sunday evening. "For us, we don't see any reason why you would want to try to compete with 5,000 other craft beer breweries,

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From left: Scott Baigent, Niall Murray and Cameron Wallace

when there is such an incredible opportunity in looking in the other direction."

"We think that we have something to offer the Far East through Macau," added Baigent, "and we have Niall [Murray] here to help us ensure the quality; that the beer is served right and in the proper way."

Murray, who is also the chairman of the Irish Chamber of Commerce, is actively seeking out retailers and distributors in the territory and further afield.

"Originally being from Ireland, I am madly in love with Irish products and all things Irish," he professed on Sunday evening, patriotically accompanied by the bar's background music of U2's greatest hits.

"When I was back in Ireland [...] I found Eight Degrees and called them up [to ask] if they're exporting and if not, would they like to?"

Now, with the beer having made its way to Macau, his outstanding challenge is to ensure quality "from the beginning of production to the glass."

"We are being quite [selective] about who we distribute to because I don't want the beer sitting in warm warehouses, put on dirty tabs and served in the wrong glasses at the wrong temperature," explained Murray. "It's Eight Degrees for a reason."

"What I fear – and what we all fear – is that when a bottle enters the country [mainland China], what are the chances that it will be refilled with something else and sold at the same price? This happens on a huge scale, so we want to make sure that we are very [selective]."

The Special Administrative Regions of Macau and Hong Kong have a comparative advantage in the region as distribution hubs for certain alcoholic beverages. Beer and wine in the two territories are subject to zero percent import tax, according to Murray, while it is significantly more economic to import spirits through Macau.

"I only have to pay 10 percent plus MOP25 per liter to bring whiskey into Macau, but I

would have to pay 100 percent of the cost price [in tax] to bring it into Hong Kong," he said as an example. In China, the taxation on alcoholic beverages is invariably higher and covers customs duty, value-added tax and consumption tax.

These favorable conditions are partly the reason that Portuguese wine, intended for distribution further abroad, has established such a stronghold in the MSAR, with distributors in consensus and appreciation over its price-quality value.

However, Murray told the Times that importing beer into the territory remains a logistical nightmare, with it costing "just as much to transport it [the beer] from Hong Kong to Macau as it does from Ireland to Hong Kong."

He said that his hopes now lie with the soon-to-open Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge, which may have an impact in reducing transportation costs.

Once the beer arrives, the next challenge for the trio is convincing customers to part ways with their long-attached, favorite brands.

Murray provided examples of this kind of attachment from his own experience at Premier Bar, where "the Portuguese still love their Superbock and the long-time 'gwai lo' [slang term for westerner] still go for their Carlsberg and they'll drink it all night."

"Trying to convert those people is very difficult; they're real creatures of habit," he said.

"We want to challenge people's perceptions of what beer can taste like. I also think that beer should be treated with a similar reverence to wine, in terms of matching with food and the way that it's stored and served," remarked Baigent. "There's a big, wide world out there and you don't always have to be consuming the same, sub-standard product that you've always had."

## Saturday tasting attracts F&B opinion-leaders

**O**N Saturday night, an intimate tasting event was held at Premier Bar, marking Eight Degrees' first foray into Macau and Hong Kong. The tasting event invited 18 "food and beverage opinion-leaders" including representatives from casino operators, according to bar proprietor Niall Murray, who said attendees were "delighted" with the selection showcased.

"We had a lot of very important food and beverage opinion-leaders at the event and we wanted them to experience everything and ask any questions they had," he told the Times.

"Oftentimes [for big corporations], when you want to bring in a new product, you have to justify why you're going with one product over another. These tastings give us the chance to address everything and explain why this product is different," added Murray. "The attendees were very delighted to hear about the German purity, no chemicals [present], and great water. [...] They absolutely loved it."

Meanwhile, Scott Baigent said that Saturday night's tasting reminded him of when he and Cameron Wallace were just starting out in Ireland and "craft beer wasn't particularly popular at all."

"We only had two or three beers to offer [at that time] but we went through the tastings and you'd get this sort of amazement or wonder in their eyes," he reminisced. **DB**

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## LABOR

# Research suggests Macau should reduce weekly working hours

Julie Zhu

**T**HE dean of the China Institute of Industrial Relations' Faculty of Law, Jiang Ying, has suggested that Macau should reduce the region's minimum weekly working hours from 48 to 44. Jiang voiced her proposal yesterday, during a press conference organized by the Macau Federation of Trade Unions (FAOM) which marked the launch of a bluebook (a list of legal information) regarding Macau's labour rights.

"Forty-eight hours are relatively long, when many counties in the world require only 40," said Jiang, further recommending to "gradually reduce the weekly working hours to 44 during a transition period [before reducing to fewer hours]."

Jiang noted that Macau's law grants the city's employees a minimum of six days' paid leave, which is just one day more than mainland China.

Jiang's faculty was trusted by FAOM to make the bluebook on Macau's labor matters. According to her, extensive weekly working hours do not provide employees enough time to rest, which will in turn affect the society in three areas: family relations, labor quality, and the region's consumption patterns. "Working for long periods of



Leong Sun Iok (second from left), Jiang Ying (third from left), Leong Wai Fong (center)

time does not give employees to balance the relationship between work and family, they do not have too much spare time to train themselves and improve their personal skills, and, most importantly, they don't have time to consume," said Jiang, who is also a law professor.

Jiang mentioned that in mainland China, society strongly emphasizes the idea that labor creates wealth.

However, the law professor noted that this idea has been gradually changing across

mainland China.

"In mainland, we are calling for an increase in the number of days of paid annual leaves, and the [mainland] government is being proactive towards it because we realized that besides labor, rest can also create wealth," said Jiang.

The law professor revealed that more than 80 percent of the Macau employees surveyed on the bluebook considered Macau's maternal leave to be "too short."

She also voiced her opinion that longer maternal leave can

shape the city's population structure.

Macau's local labour forces have been complaining about the city's importation of non-local employees.

Jiang noted that Macau should consider an appropriate balance when importing non-local employees, further pointing out that non-local workers should be treated as fairly and equally as locals.

"The rights of non-local workers should be secured and they must be well-adjusted ac-

ording to the rights of local employees," said Jiang.

The aforementioned bluebook reviewed Macau's labour situation from 2011 through to 2015.

Those surveyed were mainly from the manufacturing sector and the service industry.

Leong Sun Iok, director of FAOM's occupational training committee, stated that even though the job market in Macau is currently stable, finding a good job with a well-paid salary is still "not easy."

**In China [...] we realized that besides labor, rest can also create wealth.**

JIANG YING

Leong also considers that non-local labor forces are affecting Macau's labor market in a negative way.

"Importing non-local workers is failing," declared Leong, explaining that "locals have no way of surviving within this industry [catering]" because the wages have been dragged down to an extremely low level, consequently resulting in locals being unable to work in the industry.

FAOM chairman Leong Wai Fong claimed that the association will certainly deliver the bluebook to the government.

The bluebook analyzes Macau's labor relations and rights, points out the city's employment problems and also offers strategies to surpass related issues.

## LEGAL WISE BY MdME

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### THE MEDICAL ERROR ACT CALLS FOR DIALOGUE BETWEEN MEDICAL AND LEGAL PROFESSIONALS

**T**he Medical Error Act (Law No. 5/2016) came into force in February this year. The law was long awaited as the initial discussions were held 12 years ago in the Legislative Assembly. The topic was also heavily discussed outside the perimeters of lawmaking, among doctors, lawyers and with patients throwing in their own opinions about the necessity and urgency of the law. Many even argued that the law was not necessary or urgent, as medical malpractice disputes could find resolution through normal civil liability lawsuits, while the penal code also covers medical professionals who provide inaccurate diagnoses or data, forge documents or deny medical treatment.

However, from the patient's perspective, under the torment of a health complication, the reliance on a doctor's expert knowledge and skill means that an immeasurable amount of trust and dependability is transferred from one party to the other. With that, most of the time, patients will not seek to review their own medical file, let alone be made aware that medical malpractice may have

occurred. Thus, the Medical Error Law truly is an innovation and a safeguard of patients' rights.

Questions regarding accountability and compensation are usually the patient's main concerns, and that is where legal professionals can play a pivotal role in an impartial, fair and efficient settlement of disputes.

Medical malpractice claims have not been that common in Macau. A few of them have been regarded as civil liability matters of extracontractual or contractual nature depending on whether the hospital or clinic in question was private or public. The requirements regarding burden of proof, consent of the patient, intention and culpability greatly vary between the two branches of civil liability.

However, with the newly enacted law, it is stipulated that regardless of the private or public nature of the hospital or clinic, the liability of healthcare providers under medical malpractice is regulated by the regime of civil liability for illicit facts (i.e. extracontractual), which regulates against the breach of duties of care of third parties' rights.

There are certainly innovative and distinctive characteristics to the newly enacted law.

Firstly, there is at last a clear-cut concept of medical malpractice now defined by the law as originating from acts carried out by healthcare providers in culpable breach of legal statutes, instructions, deontological principles, professional technical knowledge or general rules of healthcare that causes damage to patients' physical or psychological health.

Further, all healthcare providers are now required to hand over a copy of a patients' clinical file at the request of any patient within 10 days, and the law also stipulates that it is a healthcare professional's duty to report any occurrence of medical malpractice within a period of 24 hours to the Health Bureau.

Another innovation is the institution of a Medical Error Expert Committee, comprised of seven experts, with five having a medical background and two with a legal background. The role of the committee is to proceed with an independent, expert and professional investigation into any occurrence of medical malpractice.

In addition, patients and healthcare providers are also afforded an extrajudicial avenue to assert their rights by resorting to the Mediation Center for Medical Disputes.

Another breakthrough with the newly enacted law refers to a compulsory insurance policy for all healthcare providers. A simple train of thought can explain the preference for a compulsory insurance policy: given medical professionals' high exposure to risk, compulsory insurance serves as a shield to protect the risk-averse professional from exorbitant claims, but also acts as remedy for the potential insolvency of the healthcare provider faced with a medical malpractice lawsuit.

Errors are inevitable; they are part of any profession, and more so for healthcare providers whose everyday work is an intricate puzzle of life-saving decisions. The practical implications of the new regime still remain to be seen. However, what is certain is that to transform the law into an effective tool capable of safeguarding patients' rights and defending those who practice the noble profession of medicine, there should be a clear understanding and dialogue between the medical and legal professionals to better understand and address the issues dealt with in a medical malpractice lawsuit.

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# HKZMB facing controversy over falsified concrete cube tests

**T**HE multi-billion Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge is still facing controversies after lab service contractor Jacobs China allegedly submitted 210 falsified reports of concrete cube tests.

In a Hong Kong Legislative Council transport panel special on Monday, it was revealed that a total of 210 samples could have been falsified, where 203 locations have been confirmed.

Among the 159 critical locations, 114 are above water and land, as cited in a report issued by The Standard. These included 10 on buildings, 29 in tunnels, 28 on the bridge and 47 on other structures. The other 45 are on piles that are underwater or on land.

The neighboring region's Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) has arrested the 21 employees of the contractor – which monitors the bridge project – last month.



Hong Kong's Secretary for Transport and Housing, Anthony Cheung Bing-leung, admitted that he knew nothing of the scandal until May 19 when the ICAC arrested the employees. The employees were accused of faking concrete test results for the bridge project by altering time stamps and switching samples in order to meet compressive strength standards.

The secretary defended the Highways Department, arguing that the bureau is only a victim of the fake re-

ports scandal.

The secretary also admitted that he was the last to know about the falsified documents that may compromise the bridge's structural safety.

According to media reports both the Civil Engineering and Development Department, which outsourced the lab service, and the Highways Department failed to inform Cheung about the irregularities they discovered in July last year.

Meanwhile, Cheung said that the government would con-

duct core tests of some structures of the bridge, and that the Highways Department have already hired an adviser firm.

"But it is too early to decide whether core tests will be done on all 159 stress-critical locations with falsified reports," director of Highways Daniel Chung Kum-wah said.

"A core test means to take a concrete cube from the structure, and that's certain destruction to the structure. At stress-critical locations there are many steel bars, and core tests might hit these bars, causing these bars to be broken," he continued.

As of June 1, over 170,000 concrete samples of the bridge project have been analyzed by the government, with 210 of these found to be falsified.

The Macau Chief Executive, Chui Sai On, said last week that citizens should rest assured about the construction quality of the Macau section of the bridge.

## Tree burial cemetery to be expanded

The Civil and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) will be adding more tree burial spots to the city's tree burial cemetery, according to a report by Macao Daily News. IACM's administrative committee member Leong Kun Fong said that 62 tree burial spots are currently occupied. IACM launched a tree burial project last September, with 440 tree burials spots arranged. The bureau plans on saving spare land to be used for tree burials near the Taipa Sa Kong Municipal Cemetery. This area has already been reserved for the cemetery's use and the government will initiate design operations after the surrounding zone is cleaned thoroughly.

## C2 Magazine published today

Published by the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) and produced by 100 Plus Cultural and Creative Development Ltd., the 21st issue of C2 Magazine is launching today. According to the IC, this issue will invite representatives from the music, fashion and drama sectors to share their experience in brand building and program planning. Among the highlight artists in the issue are Jones Chong, chairman of the Macau Artistes Association, and Johnny Tam, artistic director of the BOK Festival and the Macau Experimental Theater. The trilingual magazine, in Chinese, Portuguese and English, can be downloaded at [www.c2magazine.mo](http://www.c2magazine.mo). It is published bimonthly on the first Wednesday of every two months.

# Chilean lawmaker visits Macau to foster cooperation

**C**HILEAN lawmaker Ramón Farías visited Macau for the first time and was accompanied by José González Serrano, Consul General of Chile in Hong Kong and Macau, and Sonia Chan, the vice-president of the Macau Association for the Promotion of Exchange between Asia-Pacific and Latin America (MAPEAL).

Lawmaker Chui Sai Peng received the Chilean delegation at the Legislative Assembly's building. They discussed the legislative system and operation of their respective governments.

Chile, a South American country, allows gambling to take place within its borders, but the Chilean gaming industry is not as well-

developed as in Macau.

Farías was particularly interested in the laws and regulations regarding Macau's gaming industry. He believes that the Chilean government can learn from Macau's management of the gaming industry.

The two sides also exchanged opinions on the continuation of cooperation between Macau and Chile.

In regard to economy and trade, Serrano believes that a free trade agreement between Macau and Chile can be launched to strengthen bilateral economic and trade cooperation.

Serrano also suggested that Macau and Valparaíso, a Chilean city, be connected as sister cities.

Farías is the first Chilean Deputy to visit



From left: José González Serrano, Chui Sai Peng, Ramón Farías and Sonia Chan

## New URL for cultural & creative industries

A new URL for the Macau Cultural and Creative Industries website will be launched from June 15, according to a statement issued by the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC). The new URL, [www.macaucici.gov.mo](http://www.macaucici.gov.mo), will retain the original webpage's contents and will continue serving as a platform for the IC to publish and update information on the cultural and creative industries. Currently, the website mainly reports on the development of this local industry and its latest activities. It facilitates the promotion of certain products, services and activities that fall within the sector, "thereby facilitating cross-industry cooperation and exchange," according to the IC.

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## HEALTH

# Clinics under investigation for offering assisted reproductive services

**T**HE Health Bureau (SSM) is investigating four private clinics on the suspicion that these clinical facilities have been offering assisted reproductive services, the bureau informed in a statement.

SSM informed that it was alerted through information on such services being available on the clinics' webpages and hence conducted a surprise inspection of seven of these medical facilities.

In four of the cases, the presence of devices and medicines used for assisted reproduction was detected. This resulted in SSM deciding to conduct further investigations into such clinics and promising to cancel their licenses if it is proven that assisted reproduction is being practiced at their facility.

SSM also informed that in one of the cases, the clinic refused to cooperate with the inspection and hence it was necessary for police authorities to intervene.

The health authority reaffirmed that there has been a Decree-law that regulates this matter since 1999, where the legal document clearly states some of the procedures advertised by these clinics are illegal.

Adding to this, the bureau also stated that currently there are no private clinics in Macau

authorized to perform any procedures related to medically assisted procreation.

Citing the law, SSM recalls that "all health professionals and entities, whether natural or legal, covered by Decree-Law no. 84/90/M, who wish to provide health care using assisted reproduction technologies, must request a prior authorization from the Health Bureau," adding that such techniques and procedures "can only be provided at the Conde de S Januário Hospital Center (CHCSJ) and at private health units with emergency, obstetrical and neonatal intensive care units."

From the report of the SSM summarizing the investigations the investigated clinics, it was possible to realize that "no biological material of fertility (embryos and gametes) was detected in any of the seven health services," (Centro Medico Ever link de Macau, Macau Ivy Medical Center, AMBO Medical Center, New Hope Medical Center, Taivex Malo Day Hospital, Ai Wei Fu Medical Center and Cheang Kei Cheong Medical Clinic).

In the three clinics that are under further investigation, according to the SSM, "out-of-service assisted reproduction equipment as well as related

objects and/or medicines," were found, and the report also mentioned that the equipment, was "sealed by SSM and a notice was posted in the clinic stating that MAP-related services could not be provided."

**There are no private clinics in Macau authorized to perform any techniques and procedures related to medically assisted procreation.**

As for the Ai Wei Fu Medical Center, SSM stated that there "were detected problems related to medicine supply, including the presence of medicines of hospital exclusive use." Besides the suspicion of illegal practice of assisted reproduction, there is also a suspicion of violation of Decree-Law no. 58/90/M on September 19, as well as the



Devices apprehended during the inspection

violation of the law of foreign trade due to suspicion of illegal medicine imports found. In this case, SSM inspectors have immediately declared notice procedure due to the finding of a situation that constitute crime of compulsory declaration.

During a press conference held late in the evening on

Monday, SSM representatives said that the use of such techniques are prohibited as they "involve ethical, legal, psychological, social and human issues. An inadequate provision of these [services] may incur several risks, including the eventual transmission of infectious diseases," the bureau noted. **RM**

## Libolo project presented in Beijing

**T**HE Book of the Libolo Project was presented at International Day of the Portuguese Language and Culture, a ceremony celebrated by the Community of Portuguese Language Countries (CPLP). This year's celebration was held in Beijing.

The Libolo Project covers the study of the linguistic, historical, and anthropological aspects of the Libolo Municipality in Angola's South Kwanza Province.

The book was presented at the invitation of the Embassy of the Republic of Angola in China by the coordinator of the Libolo Project, Carlos Figueiredo, who is a



senior instructor from the University of Macau's (UM) Department of Portuguese.

According to a statement issued by UM, the project allows for a better understanding of the connections within the MSAR, the whole

Angola, other African-Atlantic Portuguese-speaking countries, Brazil, and Caribbean American countries.

Between the 16th century and the late 19th century, thousands of slaves were taken from Libolo to these places

by Portuguese, Dutch, English, and French slave ships.

Composed of 18 scholars from nine universities in Macau, Brazil, and Angola, the project's team has been collecting and analyzing oral data and rare manuscripts on the historical, anthropological, and linguistic aspects of the Libolo region.

The studies that focus on the language contact in Libolo between the Portuguese language and the African Bantu language spoken in the region provide an opportunity to analyze the grammatical features exchanged between these two languages.

Notable participants in the ceremony, among the 400 guests, included diplomats from the CPLP in China and the Portuguese Finance Minister, Mário Centeno.

## IC eases permit process for filmmakers

**T**HE Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) launched the trial "Coordination Service for Filming Permit Application" in a bid to simplify the procedures for local and foreign filmmakers to apply for filming in Macau.

The "Coordination Service for Filming Permit Application" is jointly coordinated across 10 public services including the Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO), the Sports Bureau (ID), the Customs Services, and the Fire Services Bureau.

According to the IC, it will serve as the primary coordinator of the initiative, receiving all filming applications

submitted by the filmmakers in addition to providing services such as consultation, the drafting of application guidelines, and document referral.

The public services participating in the network will directly contact applicants to inform them of the outcome of their filming applications.

The IC noted that the scheme provides a unified service for application collection in order to save applicants time so that they do not have to visit a number of public services, as well as to allow applicants to track the status of their applications.

The trial will run until the end of this year.

# Privacy watchdog head resigns for 'personal reasons'



Vasco Fong

**V**ASCO Fong has resigned from the Office for Personal Data Protection's (GPDP) coordinator post. Fong's resignation, which was first reported by Radio Macau, was confirmed to the Times yesterday by the GPDP office.

According to a statement e-mailed by GPDP representatives, Fong has "previously submitted his resignation from his current position" to the chief executive due to "personal reasons." Following Chui Sai On's approval, Fong will return to the Court of Second Instance from July 1. The GPDP office said that it had "no further comment at this stage." Fong's tenure as GPDP's head was scheduled to last until March 12 next year.

Fong has been leading the privacy watchdog

since December 2014. He was previously the head of the Commission Against Corruption – between 2009 and 2014 – and presided to the Electoral Affairs Commission in 2009.

During his time at GPDP, Fong was involved in several controversies. One such case was in 2015 when the GPDP coordinator denied claims made by the pro-democracy group New Macau Association, that the bureau had been selling citizens' personal data to police authorities. Fong claimed that there was a misunderstanding following the release of a GPDP report through which the office confirmed it authorized Judiciary Police (PJ) officers to request personal data on members of local associations through Identification Services. At the time, Fong as-

sured the public that authorities are not collecting personal data on association members' political affiliations, religion or beliefs.

Also in 2015, Fong spearheaded a proposal to restructure the GPDP and turn it into a Commission for Privacy and Data Protection. Fong justified the proposal with the challenges the department was facing to be recognized as an independent entity by similar overseas institutions. But the proposal was not followed.

GPDP released its latest annual report last year, regarding its activities in 2015, when 155 privacy probes were dealt with by the department. The number has dropped by 39 compared to 2014, but 14 more than in 2013. "It reflects that people still care about their privacy," commented Fong.

## CRIME

# Gongbei arrested Nigerian with 30 kilograms of marijuana

**T**HE Gongbei customs authority arrested a Nigerian man, who is suspected of being a drug dealer responsible for mailing 30 kilograms of marijuana to Zhongshan in Guangdong province.

Another Nigerian suspect is on the run. According to the Gongbei customs authority, the two suspects shipped the drugs to a Wechat contact of theirs, a woman on the mainland. However, the woman was reportedly not informed on the contents of the packages, and she assisted the customs authority in arresting one of the suspects.

The Gongbei customs authority noted that recently, drug dealers have been altering their way of dispersing drugs by resorting to shipping.

Marijuana is still the most smuggled drug. Most drugs are from Canada, the U.S. and Kenya.

Drug dealers frequently date or offer high payouts to mainland residents in order to cover up their crimes.

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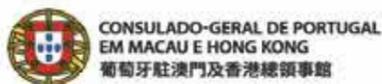
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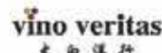
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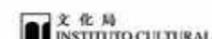
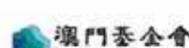
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# Record London skyscraper values mask first property wobbles

Jack Sidders

**T**WO miles southeast of London's Cheese-grater tower, which sold last month for a record price, there's proof that all is not calm in the city's property market.

At Canada Water, developer British Land Co., which also owned half of the skyscraper, has seen the value of land slashed by almost 11 percent as investors lose their appetite for riskier assets. That contrasts with the best properties, which continue to draw buyers.

"Prime London assets such as the Cheesegrater with long dated-income have traded at record prices whereas assets facing short-term expiries have suffered," said Sue Munden, a real estate analyst with Bloomberg Intelligence. "Developments were marked down after Brexit as valuers expected investors to require a higher return given the economic uncertainty."

London's commercial property market is in flux with the value of office buildings in the main financial district rising even as rents fall. A wave of Asian buyers have been pouring into the U.K. capital on the back of the weaker pound following the Brexit vote, snapping up buildings with long leases that offer better returns than government bonds. That pushed yields for the best offices in the City of London down to 4 percent in the first quarter, according to broker Savills Plc, despite doubts about London's economic prospects causing the

value of older buildings to decline.

London faces possible job losses to rival European capitals as businesses seek to maintain access to the world's largest market in the wake of the U.K.'s decision to leave the European Union. That increases the risk of a drop in rents and values as the uncertainty created by the two years it will take to negotiate the terms of the country's exit causes companies including GAM Holding AG to delay decisions about leasing new headquarters.

## The market has paused for breath.

ROB NOEL  
LAND SECURITIES GROUP CEO

British Land has taken advantage of "an increasingly polarized market where demand has remained strong for prime assets and secure rental streams," British Land Chief Executive Officer Chris Grigg said in a May 17 call with analysts. "There's been less appetite for shorter-leased assets and greater risk is being priced into developments. This is particularly reflected in the fall at Canada Water." The landlord is planning to build offices, homes and stores on the 18.6 hectare site.

The city's property market is facing other headwinds. The cost of leasing a home has fallen 3 percent in the 12 months through May after landlords rushed to buy rentals ahead of a rise in the

stamp-duty tax, and sales volumes are declining as the residential market loses steam. Office values may fall 25 percent over the next 10 years as more people work remotely, reducing the demand for space, according to Fitch Ratings.

Incentives for tenants to lease office properties are increasing because of the rising vacancy rate, Rob Noel, the chief executive officer at Land Securities Group Plc, said in a telephone interview. He predicts the underlying rent tenants pay will fall further in the coming six months, declining to be more specific.

"The market has paused for breath," the CEO said. "No one really knows how the negotiations" around Brexit are going to unfold. The value of the London office portfolio of Land Securities, Britain's largest real estate investment trust, fell 4.4 percent in the year through March.

For now, the impact of falling rents on office properties is mostly limited to empty buildings and those with leases that don't have long to run. Great Portland Estates Plc, which expects rents in its office portfolio to fall as much as 7.5 percent next year, last month reported a 4.9 percent drop in the value of its portfolio. That's because the company owns more shorter-leased buildings because it plans to develop them in future, CEO Toby Courtauld said in an interview.

The uncertain outlook has yet to affect the value of the city's modern towers. Hong Kong

real estate investor C C Land Holdings paid 1.15 billion pounds (USD1.5 billion) to buy the Leadenhall Building, as the Cheesegrater is formally known. The price was "unprecedented" for a skyscraper there on a square-foot basis, Morgan Stanley analyst Bart Gysens said in a March 1 note to clients. That

has encouraged other owners to weigh sales of stakes in trophy buildings, with some owners including Morgan Stanley's real estate investing unit seeking a buyer for stakes in the tower known as The Walkie Talkie.

Many of the investors seeking the best properties are from China via Hong Kong, Courtauld

said. There's about 39.5 billion pounds of capital targeting London commercial real estate, an increase of about 1 billion pounds in the last six months, according to a Great Portland Estates presentation.

Asian investors "are not so bothered about prospective growth as we are," he said. "If you have got billions tied up in risky assets in your home territory and political risk is elevated, then the prospect of a nice little building in London could be quite attractive whatever the rental growth in the next two years throws up." **Bloomberg**

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California Gov. Jerry Brown (left) chats with Science and Technology Minister Wan Gang as they attend the Clean Energy Ministerial International Forum in Beijing

## CLIMATE

# China, California sign deal after Trump's Paris exit

Matthew Brown, Beijing

**W**ITH President Donald Trump pulling the U.S. out of the Paris climate accord, China and California signed an agreement yesterday to work together on reducing emissions, as the state's governor warned that "disaster still looms" without urgent action.

Gov. Jerry Brown told The Associated Press at an international clean energy conference in Beijing that Trump's decision to pull the U.S. out of the Paris agreement will ultimately prove only a temporary setback.

For now, he said, China, European countries and individual U.S. states will fill the gap left by the federal government's move to abdicate leadership on the issue.

"Nobody can stay on the sidelines. We can't afford any dropouts in the tremendous human challenge to make the transition to a sustainable future," Brown said. "Disaster still looms and we've got to make the turn."

Brown later held a closed-door meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping, during which the two pledged to expand trade between California and China with an emphasis on so-called green technologies that could help address climate change, Brown said. Trump's annou-

ncement last week that he wants to pull out of the Paris accord did not come up, according to the governor.

"Xi spoke in very positive terms," Brown told reporters after the meeting. "I don't think there's any desire to get into verbal battles with President Trump."

Trump's decision drew heavy criticism within the U.S. and internationally, including in China, which swiftly recommitted itself to the agreement forged with the administration of former U.S. President Barack Obama. Trump argued that the Paris agreement favors emerging economies such as China's and India's at the expense of U.S. workers.

The agreement between California and China's Ministry of Science and Technology effectively sidestepped Trump's move, bringing about alignment on an issue of rising global importance between the world's second-largest economy — China — and California, whose economy is the largest of any U.S. state and the sixth largest in the world.

Brown signed similar collaboration agreements over the past several days with leaders in two Chinese provinces, Jiangsu and Sichuan.

Like the Paris accord, the deals are all nonbinding. They call for investments in

low-carbon energy sources, cooperation on climate research and the commercialization of cleaner technologies. The agreements do not establish new emission reduction goals.

The U.S. has long been a major player in the clean energy arena, driving innovations in electric cars, renewable power and other sectors of the industry. California, with some of the strictest climate controls in the nation, has been at the forefront of the sector.

**“We can't afford any dropouts in the tremendous human challenge to make the transition to a sustainable future.”**

JERRY BROWN  
GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA

China in recent years overtook the U.S. as the world leader in renewable power development. But it has also struggled to integrate its

sprawling wind and solar facilities into an electricity grid still dominated by coal-fueled power plants.

At the same time, Chinese leaders face growing public pressure at home to reduce the health-damaging smog that blankets many urban areas.

China is by far the world's largest user of coal, which accounts for almost two-thirds of its energy use and has made it the No. 1 emitter of climate-changing greenhouse gases.

Communist Party leaders pledged that greenhouse gas emissions will peak no later than 2030 under the Paris pact, and start to fall after then. They have canceled the planned construction of more than 100 new coal-fired power plants and plan to invest at least USD360 billion in green-energy projects by the end of the decade. The nation's consumption of coal fell in 2016 for a third consecutive year, but rebounded slightly in 2017.

It could meet its 2030 target a decade early.

Trump Energy Secretary Rick Perry also is attending this week's energy meeting in Beijing. Observers say delegates from other countries will be listening closely to the former Texas governor to gauge how Trump administration policies will shape global energy trends.

During a forum devoted to capturing carbon dioxide emitted from coal plants and other large industrial sources, Perry said his agency was pursuing an "all of the above" strategy that includes research intended to spur innovation for coal, nuclear, renewables and other fuels. He left the event without taking questions.

Perry is from a state that is known for its oil production but that has also had significant renewables development. Texas has some of the largest wind farms in the country and a fast-expanding solar sector.

Such U.S. advances in renewables won't simply disappear under Trump, said David Sandalow, a former undersecretary of energy in the Obama administration now at Columbia University's Center on Global Energy Policy. Too many companies and states are heavily invested in the sector for that to happen, he said.

But a lack of government support for clean energy will cost the U.S. jobs, Sandalow added, with cuts to research programs that Trump has proposed being a sign of what's to come.

"It's backward looking and it's going to hurt the U.S.," he said. "The contrast with what's happening in China could not be more stark."

Interviewed yesterday on American cable channel MSNBC, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt touted U.S. emissions reductions over past years and said that despite withdrawing from the Paris accord, the Trump administration would continue to engage others, particularly developing nations, on the effort.

"We have a strong, strong approach to reducing emissions. We have nothing to be apologetic about," Pruitt said. "America is not going to be disengaged, we are going to maintain engagement."

Trump is a strong advocate of boosting U.S. fossil fuel industries, in particular coal mining. Cheap natural gas and tighter pollution restrictions toppled coal from its dominant position in the U.S. power sector during Obama's tenure. Experts say it's unlikely to regain that position anytime soon, regardless of what Trump does.

Without mentioning Trump by name, Brown told attendees at a forum on electric vehicles that "there are still people in powerful places who are resisting reality."

Later, when asked by the AP what could prompt the U.S. to return to the forefront of climate change efforts, Brown replied, "Science, facts, the world, the marketplace." **AP**

IVANKA SHOES

# Lawyer says three men who probed shoemaker detained

A lawyer for one of three activists detained while investigating a Chinese company that produced shoes for Ivanka Trump and other brands in China said yesterday that all three men were being held at the Ganzhou City Detention Center in southeastern China, where conditions were crowded but tolerable.

The activists were working with China Labor Watch, a New York-based nonprofit organization, and were investigating Huajian Group factories in the southeastern Chinese cities of Ganzhou and Dongguan.

The U.S. State Department called for their immediate release.

The company has denied allegations of excessive overtime and

low wages. It says it stopped producing Ivanka Trump shoes months ago.

The lawyer, Wen Yu, said that after a day and a half of waiting he was finally able to meet his client, Hua Haifeng.

“His condition inside is OK. Nobody beat him,” Yu said. “It’s just that he has to sleep next to the toilet. People go to pee all night.” He said the cell was crowded with 21 people who have been ordered not to speak with Hua.

Yu said he had applied for bail for Hua. He added that authorities had told him there was an accident in the cell on Monday which had prevented him from seeing his client, though Hua later told him no such accident had happened. AP

JIANG TIANYONG

# Family says Chinese activist faces subversion charge

CHINESE authorities have charged rights activist Jiang Tianyong with subversion of state power, six months after he disappeared and lost contact with his family and lawyers, his wife said yesterday.

Prosecutors in the central city of Changsha sent the family a notice of the charge dated May 31, Jin Bianling told The Associated Press. That marked the first official confirmation of Jiang’s whereabouts since he was taken away by state security agents in late November.

Vaguely defined subversion charges are frequently leveled against human rights activists and perceived political foes of the ruling Communist Party. Convictions, which are a virtual certainty, sometimes lead to prison sentences of a dozen years or more.

Jiang previously worked with foreign media and rights groups to publicize the plight of China’s human rights lawyers, many of whom were detained in an intense crackdown launched in July 2015. U.N. representative on human rights Philip Alston said in a report this month



Human rights activist Jiang Tianyong (pictured in 2012)

that he believed that Jiang and other people he spoke to last year during a visit to China had suffered official reprisals.

In March, Chinese state media reported that Jiang was being held at a secret location on suspicion of “inciting subversion of state power,” a lesser charge usually given to those who comply with the demands of the authorities. Jin said that the

state may have ultimately brought the more serious subversion charge against Jiang because he has not cooperated adequately while in detention.

The Changsha Intermediate People’s Court declined to comment on Jiang’s case, saying only family and lawyers can seek information about specific cases. No trial date has been announced. AP

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This image taken from undated video shows the purported leader of the Islamic State group Southeast Asia branch, Isnilon Hapilon (center) at a meeting of militants at an undisclosed location



Isnilon Hapilon appears in another still shot from an undated video shown to AP by the Philippine military

## AP EXCLUSIVE

# Video shows militants in Philippine siege plot

Jim Gomez & Todd Pitman, Manila

IT was an audacious plot sketched out in chilling detail with blue pens on the back of a paper calendar: Islamic militants in the Philippines, including one of the world's most-wanted militant leaders, would take over a key southern city in their boldest attack to date.

With unsettling calm, they spoke of taking hostages from a school, sealing off roads and capturing a highway "so the people will get scared."

Video footage and a separate screen-grab image of that secret meeting, obtained exclusively by The Associated Press, offer a rare glimpse into the clandestine operations of insurgents who followed through two weeks ago with an unprecedented assault on the lakeside city of Marawi, parts of which they still occupy today.

The images also provide the first visual proof that a nascent alliance of local Muslim fighters are not only aligned with the Islamic State group, but coordinating and executing complex attacks together. Among those at the table was the purported leader of the Islamic State's Southeast Asia branch, Isnilon Hapilon, who is on Washington's list of most-wanted terrorists and has a USD5 million bounty on his head.

The footage is believed to be the first of Hapilon since he and several other Filipino militants pledged allegiance to IS in 2014. The military had said he was wounded in a January airstrike; in the video, however, there are no indications that he is injured. Hapilon

appears sitting with other militants at a table, wearing a yellow and black headscarf with a pistol beside his folded arms.

Military chief of staff Gen. Eduardo Ano confirmed the identities of those present, including Hapilon, who resembles other images said to be of him, such as those on FBI wanted posters. The militants have no spokesman and do not generally issue statements.

The images show that the insurgent alliance "has this intention of not only rebellion, but actually dismembering a portion of the Philippine territory by occupying the whole of Marawi city and establishing their own Islamic state or government," said Ano.

## Never before has any group occupied territory in the heartland of the Philippines' Islamic faith for this long

The military has an interest in allowing the AP to make the footage public. On Monday, six lawmakers petitioned the Supreme Court to nullify President Rodrigo Duterte's imposition of martial law in the south — homeland of minority Muslims in the largely Roman Catholic country — casting doubt on the gravity of the crisis there. Ano said the reality

that "a full-blown rebellion" is underway should convince skeptics that this is not just "a small problem."

Government troops discovered the video on a cellphone they seized during a May 23 raid on a Marawi safe house where Hapilon and other militants were believed to be hiding. They said the video had been filmed a day or two earlier. It was not possible to independently verify that claim. But a separate screen grab of the same meeting, obtained by the AP from an anti-terrorism agent, showed a calendar the militants were writing on that was dated 2017.

An army official allowed the AP to record the video as it played on a laptop computer.

Ano said the insurgents had been planning to attack Marawi on May 26, the start of Ramadan in the south. But the raid cut their preparations short and triggered instant clashes. Had the assault not been pre-empted, the militants likely would have seized more territory and inflicted far more damage.

As it stands, the fighting has been unprecedented; while militants have launched major attacks before, never before has any group occupied territory in the heartland of the Philippines' Islamic faith for this long. Two weeks after the conflict began, at least 178 people have been killed and the army is still battling to regain control with airstrikes and artillery.

The militants, who are believed to be holding a Catholic priest and many other hostages, have torched buildin-

gs and destroyed at least one church. Ano said they occupy 10 percent of the city and have positioned snipers in tall buildings. Much of the city center has been devastated.

The crisis in Marawi, combined with fears that the Islamic State group is breathing new life into Muslim insurgencies in Southeast Asia, has put the Philippines and the region on edge.

On Friday, when a masked gunman began shooting and burning gambling tables in a Manila casino, terrified patrons immediately assumed an Islamic State siege was underway. The radical group claimed responsibility for the attack, in which dozens of people died of smoke inhalation, but there has been no evidence to back that claim. Police insist the motive was robbery, and the gunman's family says he was a disgruntled gambling addict.

Still, the episode highlighted what House Speaker Pantaleon Alvarez described as the "unsettling inadequacy" of public security in the capital. The attack, he said, should "serve as a wake-up call" to do something about it.

A security conference this past weekend in Singapore attended by defense ministers and experts from 39 nations produced a flurry of alarmed statements. Among the topics: a fear that places like Marawi could become a new base for the Islamic State group as it loses territory in the Middle East.

"If the situation in Marawi in the southern Philippines is allowed to escalate or entrench, it would pose decades of problems," said Singapore Defense Minister Ng Eng Hen. "All of us recognize that if not addressed adequately, it can prove a pulling ground for would-be jihadists."

The southern Philippines already is.

Of the 120 militants killed in Marawi so far, at least ei-

ght are known to be foreign fighters, including a Chechen, a Yemeni and several Malaysians and Indonesians, according to Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana.

Hapilon's pledge of allegiance, meanwhile, may have already paid off. His faction has received a "couple of million dollars" from the Islamic State, Lorenzana said.

In the video clip obtained by the AP, which runs for just over two minutes, a long-haired man identified by the military as Abdullah Maute addresses other militant leaders gathered around a white plastic table.

Pointing to a crude sketch of Marawi's main streets and speaking in Tagalog and Marawi's Maranao dialect, he declares, "We'll take this first and then here."

"Or," he says, "we can go here first. We seal this off so you'll have a passageway. But we need to capture a highway so the people will get scared." Another militant can be seen videotaping the clandestine meeting.

Maute is the leader of a militant group called the Islamic State Ranao — one of about 10 small armed Muslim groups that have also pledged allegiance to the Islamic State and have forged a loose alliance that now flies IS-style black flags.

Although virtually unheard of a few years ago, the military says they contributed over 260 of the fighters who attacked mosque-studded Marawi. Along with Hapilon's group, they were blamed for a night market bombing in September that killed 15 people in the southern city of Davao, Duterte's hometown.

Also appearing in the video clip are two of Maute's brothers — Omarkhayam and Maddi — and another militant known as Abu Humam. Humam is a member of Khilafah Islamiyah Mindanao, a small group linked to a 2013 bombing that killed eight people in a bar in Cagayan de Oro, not far from Marawi.

The new armed groups are the latest offshoots of a decades-long Muslim separatist conflict fueled by wrenching poverty, weak law enforcement and a surfeit of weapons in the southern Philippines. The two biggest Muslim rebel groups, which have engaged in peace talks with the government, have not backed the militants who attacked Marawi and offered to help bring the siege to an end.

Hapilon's militant alliance aims to establish a "wilayat," or a provincial territory, that will form part of a caliphate in Southeast Asia, according to experts. Duterte says government forces will never allow them to do that or break away from the Philippines. **AP**

NEW ZEALAND

# Tillerson: Trump says look past turmoil and re-engage Russia



New Zealand PM Bill English, left, and U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson

Nick Perry, Wellington

**U.S.** Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said yesterday that President Donald Trump has asked him to rebuild the U.S. relationship with Russia and not allow the political turmoil over possible Russian ties to the Trump campaign to impede him.

Tillerson said relations with Russia are at a low point and deteriorating, and Trump asked him to try to stabilize the relationship and rebuild trust.

The top U.S. diplomat spoke in Wellington, New Zealand, where he met with

Prime Minister Bill English during a brief visit.

Tillerson said he couldn't comment on the details of the Russia investigations or whether they could bring down the administration because "I have no direct knowledge."

He said Trump has told him he should not allow the uproar to impede him from working on the relationship.

"He's been quite clear with me to proceed at whatever pace and in the areas I think we might make progress," Tillerson said. "I really am not involved in any of these other issues."

Tillerson was also asked about Trump's

provocative tweets, including those in which he criticized London's mayor after three assailants killed seven people and wounded dozens in the London Bridge area over the weekend.

"The president has his own unique ways of communicating with the American people, and the world," Tillerson said. "And it's served him pretty well, and I don't intend to advise him on how to communicate. That's up to him."

Tillerson said he was pleased by reports that some British imams were refusing to offer funeral prayers for the London attackers.

"That is what has to be done," he said. "Only the Muslim faith can handle this."

English said he was reassured by Tillerson about the intention of the U.S. to engage in the Asia-Pacific region. Tillerson's New Zealand stopover came after he visited Australia with Defense Secretary Jim Mattis. **AP**

AUSTRALIA

# Passenger charged over note found in plane toilet

A passenger has been charged with writing a threatening note that caused the emergency evacuation of an Australian domestic airliner at an airport yesterday, police said.

Police would not comment on a report in The Australian newspaper that the passenger wrote on an air sickness bag that he had stashed a bomb on the Virgin Australia ATR 72 twin-engine turboprop plane.

Australian Broadcasting Corp. reported that a single-word note was found near the toilet of the flight from Sydney to the New South Wales state town of Albury.

"Police and emergency services went to the airport after receiving information that a note was located in the toilet area of the aircraft," a police statement said.

Panicked passengers believed there could be a bomb on board as they were urged to quickly evacuate. There was no bomb and no terrorism investigation.

A 30-year-old man, whose name was not released, was charged with sending a document threatening death or grievous bodily harm and giving police false information. He was released on bail to appear in the Albury Local Court on July 4. It was not immediately clear what penalty he may face. **AP**

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Passengers of cancelled flights wait in Hamad International Airport in Doha, Qatar

## PERSIAN GULF

# Qatar says Kuwait trying to mediate, solve crisis

Jon Gambrell, Dubai,

**K**UWAIT is trying to mediate a Gulf crisis between Qatar and its Arab neighbors, which have severed ties with the energy-rich travel hub and moved to isolate it from the outside world, Qatar's foreign minister said yesterday.

The biggest diplomatic crisis in the Persian Gulf since the 1991 U.S.-led war against Iraq pits several nations against Qatar, which is home to some 10,000 American troops and a major U.S. military base. Airlines suspended flights and residents nervous about the peninsula's lone land border closing cleaned out grocery store shelves.

In an interview with Doha-based satellite news network Al-Jazeera, Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed Bin Abdulrahman Al Thani said Kuwait's ruler had asked Qatar's emir to hold off on giving a speech about the crisis late Monday night.

Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani "received a call from the emir of Kuwait asking him to postpone it in order to give time to solve the crisis," Sheikh Mohammed said.

Still, the minister struck a defiant tone, rejecting those "trying to impose their will on Qatar or intervene in its internal affairs."

The state-run Kuwait News Agency reported Kuwaiti ruler Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah spoke with Qatar's

emir earlier and urged him to give a chance to efforts that could ease tensions. The call came after a senior Saudi royal arrived in Kuwait with a message from the Saudi king. An Omani diplomat traveled to Qatar Monday.

## ■ The Philippines announced it will temporarily suspend the deployment of Filipino workers to Qatar

U.S. President Donald Trump — who traveled to Saudi Arabia for a recent conference of Arab nations and told Qatar's ruler at the time that "we've been friends now for a long time" — weighed in on the conflict for the first time. Trump did not take a position, but appeared to suggest it was understandable to isolate Qatar.

"During my recent trip to the Middle East I stated that there can no longer be funding of Radical Ideology," he tweeted. "Leaders pointed to Qatar - look!"

Meanwhile, the Philippines announced it will temporarily suspend the deployment of Filipino workers to Qatar.

Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello said the ban took effect yesterday, but there is no plan yet to repatriate the more than 200,000 Filipino workers in Qatar. More than 1 million Filipinos reside and work in Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Bahrain.

Bahrain, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates announced Monday they would cut diplomatic ties. Yemen's internationally backed government, which has lost the capital and large portions of the war-torn country, also cut relations with Qatar, as did the Maldives and one of conflict-ridden Libya's competing governments.

The move came just two weeks after U.S. President Donald Trump visited Saudi Arabia and vowed to improve ties with both Riyadh and Cairo to combat terrorism and contain Iran. U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said the move was rooted in longstanding differences and urged the parties to resolve them.

Soccer's governing body FIFA said it remained in regular contact with Qatar, which will host the 2022 World Cup. It did not elaborate.

The Gulf countries ordered their citizens out of Qatar and gave Qataris abroad 14 days to return home to their peninsular nation, whose only land border is with Saudi Arabia. The countries also said they would eject Qatar's diplomats.

The nations said they planned to cut air and sea traffic to Qatar. Trucks carrying food have begun lining up on the Saudi side of the border, apparently stranded.

Qatar Airways, one of the region's major long-haul carriers, has suspended all flights to Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt and Bahrain until further notice. On its website, the carrier said the suspension of its flights would take effect yesterday and customers are being offered a refund.

Saudi Arabia meanwhile said yesterday it revoked Qatar Airways' operating licenses and closed the airline's offices in the kingdom. The Saudi ports authority said Qatari-flagged shipping vessels are barred from docking. It said it ordered shipping agents not to receive any vessels owned by Qatari companies or Qatari nationals and not to unload any goods from Qatar.

The air route between Doha and Dubai is popular among business travelers and both are major transit hubs for travelers between Asia and Europe. FlightRadar24, a popular airplane tracking website, said Qatar Airways flights already had started to be affected.

"Many of Qatar Airways' flights to southern Europe and Africa pass through Saudi Arabia," the site said. "Flights to Europe will most likely be rerouted through Iran and Turkey." **AP**

## FAQ

## Qatar's falling

**T**HE decision by four Arab nations to cut ties with Qatar marks the culmination of years of tension among a historically tight-knit alliance of energy-rich Gulf Arab states that share borders, a common heritage and a strong alliance with Washington.

The move reflects longstanding anger at Qatar's support for Islamist groups that are outlawed by other Arab nations, as well as the increasingly bitter rivalry between Saudi Arabia and Iran.

How severe the impact will be on Qatar, which hosts the region's main U.S. military base used to launch strikes on the Islamic State group, depends on what further measures will be taken.

Analysts say President Donald Trump's recent visit to Saudi Arabia emboldened hawkish Saudi royals by positioning America squarely with Sunni Arab countries against Iran.

### WHY IS THE LITTLE PENINSULA NATION OF QATAR IMPORTANT?

Qatar is home to the forward headquarters of the U.S. military's Central Command. Its al-Udeid Air Base serves as a launching pad for coalition jets bombing IS sites in Iraq and Syria. The country has only around 270,000 citizens, but is the world's biggest producer of liquefied natural gas, sharing a vast underwater field with Iran.

Qatar, home to the Al Jazeera news network, also plays a role in negotiating with groups that many governments keep distance from. It helped free members of its own royal family from captivity by Shiite militants in Iraq. It secured the release of hostages in Syria's civil war, including some held by an al-Qaida affiliate. Qatar has also hosted talks between the Afghan government and the Taliban.

It took a major gamble on the Muslim Brotherhood, supporting its brief stint in power in Egypt as well as the group's Islamist offshoots in the region, including Hamas, which rules the Gaza Strip. Qatar also once had open ties to Israel.

### WHY IS QATAR AT ODDS WITH THE ARAB WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL COUNTRIES?

Tensions between Qatar and Saudi Arabia — a Middle East heavyweight — bubbled to the surface two weeks ago when Qatar said its state-run news agency and its Twitter account were hacked to publish a fake story claiming the emir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, had called Iran "a regional and Islamic power that cannot be ignored."

State-linked media in the region ignored Qatar's denial and continued to report the comments, while Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt blocked access to Al Jazeera and affiliated sites. State-linked Saudi media lau- ▶

## out with its Arab neighbors

nched an aggressive campaign accusing Qatar of supporting terrorist groups like al-Qaida and the Islamic State, destabilizing the region and stabbing its allies in the back.

Some Gulf news coverage seemed to support regime change in Qatar, and accused its emir of holding a secret meeting with Iranian Revolutionary Guard commander Gen. Qassem Soleimani.

The UAE had long been angered by Qatar's support for Islamists in the Gulf and in Libya, and Saudi Arabia and Egypt view the Muslim Brotherhood as a threat. Saudi Arabia accuses Qatar of supporting "Iranian-backed terrorist groups" in its Qatif province and in neighboring Bahrain — and of backing the Yemeni rebels its coalition is fighting.

### WHAT ARE THE BROADER CONSEQUENCES?

There could be long-term economic consequences for Qatar, which would affect the millions of migrant workers and expatriates living there. Most of Qatar's food comes from Saudi Arabia across the peninsular nation's only land border, which the Saudis have now closed.

Political risk consultancy Eurasia Group says the "risk of a coup is significant." A change in

leadership could raise questions about the future of the U.S. base and potentially deprive Hamas of its main benefactor.

U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson has called on the parties to sit down and address their differences, though he does not believe the crisis will affect the war against the Islamic State.

Already, Saudi Arabia gave Qatari residents 14 days to leave and ordered its citizens not to reside, visit or transit through Qatar. Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Egypt and Bahrain suspended diplomatic ties with Qatar, which is pulling its troops from the Saudi-led Yemen war.

Egypt and Saudi Arabia closed their airspace and sea traffic to Qatar — a decision that targets Qatar Airways, one of the region's busiest carriers. The UAE's Etihad Airways, FlyDubai and the Middle East's largest carrier Emirates have suspended flights to Qatar.

### MIGHT QATAR GIVE IN?

Qatar denies it supports terrorist groups in Syria or elsewhere, despite aggressive efforts to back Sunni rebel groups fighting to oust the Syrian government. The issue appears to be funding that goes through the country to more mainstream groups like the Brotherhood, and in principle that

could be addressed.

But for now Qatar's ruler appears unfazed. Qatari media published a cartoon mocking Saudi King Salman for spreading "fake news". Last week, the emir called Iranian President Hasan Rouhani to congratulate him on his re-election — a clear and public rebuttal of Saudi Arabia's efforts to force Qatar to fall in line.

Qatar's emir, believed to be just 37 years old, could retaliate by withdrawing from the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council and redraw alliances to snub Saudi Arabia's 31-year-old Deputy Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and Abu Dhabi's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed, who are believed to be the two main figures orchestrating the standoff.

Three years ago, several Gulf states withdrew their ambassadors from Qatar for nine months over the country's support for the Brotherhood. The details of the agreement that ended that standoff were never made public, but it included promises that Qatar would end its support for the Brotherhood. Demands made now of Qatar are similarly hazy, but some version of this scenario could recur — or both sides could dig their heels in further amid a wider Saud-Iran power struggle. **AP**

### UK | TERRORISM

## Police name third London attacker



Undated photo combo handout issued by the police yesterday of the killed perpetrators: Khuram Shazad Butt (left) Rachid Redouane, (centre) and Youssef Zaghba

**BRITISH** police yesterday named the third London Bridge attacker as an Italian national of Moroccan descent, and Italian officials said they had passed on their concerns about him to British intelligence officials last year.

Police said 22-year-old Youssef Zaghba lived in east London and that his family has been notified, adding that he had not been considered to be a "subject of interest" to either police or the intelligence services.

The other two attackers were named earlier as Khuram Shazad Butt and Rachid Redouane.

The three, who were wearing fake suicide vests, were shot dead late Saturday [early Sunday Macau time] after ramming a van into pedestrians on London Bridge and then slashing and stabbing people in nearby Borough Market. During the attack, seven people were killed and dozens more were wounded.

An official at the Bologna chief prosecutor's office said Zaghba was stopped at the city's airport after arriving on a flight from London 2016.

An Italian interior ministry official told The Associated Press that British and Moroccan intelligence and law-enforcement authorities were informed that Zaghba had been flagged as someone "at risk" — but no other details were released.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not allowed to discuss de-

tails of the case.

Italian news reports said authorities sequestered Zaghba's cell phone and passport when he was stopped at the airport, but that he successfully got them back after a court determined there wasn't enough evidence to accuse him of any terrorism-related crime.

Italy has expelled more than 40 people in the past two years who were suspected of radicalization activities but for whom there was insufficient evidence to bring formal charges. Zaghba's Italian citizenship prevented such an expulsion, Italian daily Repubblica said.

Zaghba was reportedly working in a London restaurant and had not been seen in Italy since 2016.

A British government official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak about the investigation confirmed the details of the Italian report, and said the man had not been considered a "person of interest," meaning they had no reason to think he was violent or planning an attack.

Police yesterday carried out a new search in a neighborhood in east London near the home of two of the London Bridge attackers. The search in Ilford, just north of Barking, is seeking to determine whether the group had accomplices.

London police have said all 12 people from the Barking neighborhood held since the attack have been freed. **AP**



Qatari women and a man enjoy walking by the sea in Doha, Qatar

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## Offbeat

**US: IDAHO WOMAN FINDS 1938 NAZI EXPLOSIVE IN PARENTS' SHED**

An Idaho woman said she discovered a Nazi explosive as she was helping her parents clean out their shed.

Diana Landa identified the artifact by a Nazi insignia and the year 1938 etched on the bottom of it. It still had a propellant on it, she said.

Landa's parents have lived in their Meridian home for 25 years. They said they hardly used the old shed they cleaned out last week. They have no idea where the explosive came from and how it got there.

Landa brought the bomb back to her home in Kuna, Idaho, and had planned to keep the artifact or donate it to a museum. But a co-worker recommended she talk to experts first.

"He's, like, really into history," Landa said of the co-worker. "He was saying it could be an explosive and how unstable these things can be if they're old."

Landa had been keeping the item in her own shed, but she worried about what might happen to her neighbors if her co-worker was right.

The Mountain Home Air Force Base bomb squad confirmed her co-worker's suspicions. The squad arrived to Landa's home on Thursday and X-rayed the device. The team identified it as a World War II-era 37-mm German round that "was found to be hazardous" and has since destroyed it via detonation, according to a public affairs spokeswoman for the base.

Landa shared the news of her discovery on Facebook. She considered it "a once-in-a-lifetime-experience."

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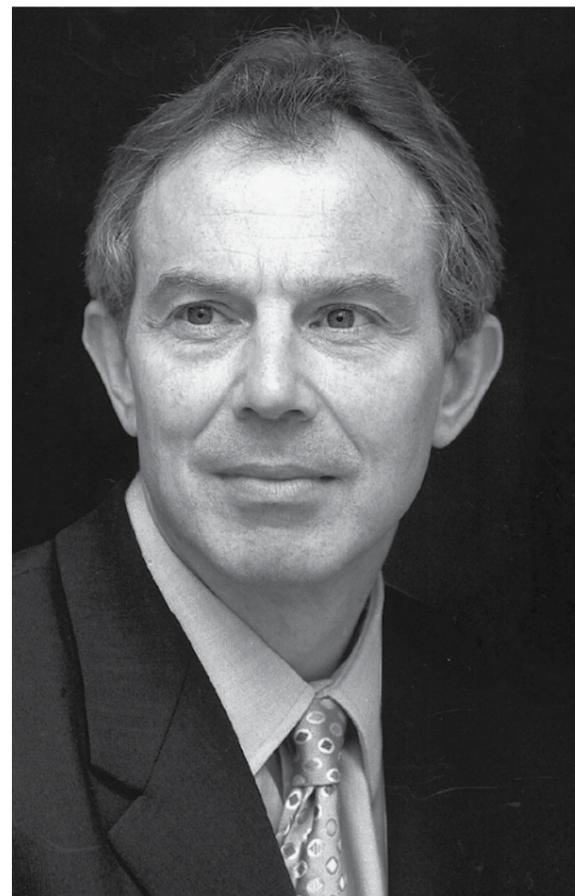
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## this day in history

**2000 BLAIR 'HANDBAGGED' BY THE WI**

Prime Minister Tony Blair has been given a hostile reception by Women's Institute members, who heckled and slow hand-clapped a speech he gave to their conference.

After what Mr Blair had hoped would be an address to win back the political initiative from the Tories, he received poor applause and drew criticism from some of the 10,000 audience members.

Some women even walked out in protest, saying the speech was too long and too overtly political.

One was heard to say: "This is just not on. This is the WI. We are not here for this."

Mr Blair used his speech to the WI conference at Wembley, in London, to stress that traditional values lay at the heart of Labour's policies.

He said: "I try to distinguish between the genuine values which underpin the best of Britain and the attitudes we can safely, rightly leave behind.

"Old fashioned values are good values, but old fashioned attitudes and practices can sometimes hold those values back."

Returning from paternity leave, Mr Blair explained how the birth of his son Leo had given him a "renewed sense of purpose", and he called for a revival of respect and responsibility in British civic society.

But the hand-clap protest, which began mid-speech, threatened to gather pace, before WI chairman Helen Carey appealed for members to listen politely.

The prime minister appeared uneasy and dropped a section of the speech about the NHS.

Downing Street later said there was no significance in that and it had only been done to save time.

Conservative leader William Hague dismissed the speech as "just words".

He said: "People's disappointment in the government is that they are not actually delivering anything".

Liberal Democrat leader Charles Kennedy accused Labour of failing to develop a coherent philosophy.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

Following the embarrassment of the speech itself, Downing Street became entangled in a row about whether Mr Blair had actually been invited to address the WI at all.

WI leaders said the prime minister had approached them about a speech, while Number 10 insisted the invitation had come from the organisation itself.

The WI began as an educational movement in the 1920s and now has more than 260,000 members in 8,000 local groups.

Although traditionally considered the reserve of blue-rinsed ladies who enjoy making jam, the WI has actively campaigned on issues such as the future of post offices, human rights and third world debt.

YOUR STARS

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Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Whatever wild, impulsive thing you were about to do can probably wait.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Stand up from your hiding place and walk into the heart of the game.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 If you're looking for an emotional connection, you could miss it unless you keep your eyes peeled.

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THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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## RUGBY

# Lions to be tested by Blues in second tour match

Steve McMorran, Wellington

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**T**HE British and Irish Lions will reach an important crossroads in only the second match of their New Zealand tour today when they play the Auckland Blues in their first ever meeting with a Super Rugby side.

Unless the extensively changed Lions side can dramatically improve on an inadequate performance by the tourists in their opening match against the Provincial Barbarians, expectations on coach Warren Gatland's team may plummet, with their plans around selection and preparation for the tests against the All Blacks compromised.

The Lions squad needs to quickly restore the confidence of the nearly 30,000 fans that have followed them to New Zealand by scoring a win over the Blues which demonstrates they have the strength and depth to challenge New Zealand in the three-test series that begins June 24.

The excuses the Lions have cited to explain a weak and disordered performance against the Barbarians — a team of amateurs and semi professionals, many of whom had to take time off work to play — won't stand now that the tour is more than a week old.

The Lions blamed jet lag and a limited preparation for a perfor-



British &amp; Irish Lions squad members get ready for a training run in Auckland

mance which saw them forced onto the back foot before they managed to rally and turn a 7-3 halftime deficit into a 13-7 win. They were never in control of the match and were defending desperately when it ended.

Those excuses don't wash in modern professional rugby. Most of the side that took the field Saturday had been in training for some time before the team's departure and southern teams traveling to the northern hemisphere often go into test matches on a similar buildup.

The match against the Blues, for which the Lions have made

a comprehensive 15 personnel changes, can be expected to reveal whether the inadequacies the tourists displayed were an aberration, as they claim, or demonstrative of their general weakness.

The Lions, who regard set pieces as their forte, achieved no superiority at scrum or lineout despite a substantial weight and height advantage and a surfeit of international experience. They allowed themselves to be bullied at breakdowns and showed no flexibility in the way they attacked the Barbarians, who hadn't time in their limited match preparation to practice defensive patterns.

The Barbarians were the team that made the play, trying to create quick recycled ball, while on defense they relied on instinct and simply tackled anything that moved.

Against the Blues today, the Lions will face a much more practiced and prepared opponent. The Blues are in the depths of the Super Rugby season and their attacking and defensive patterns are well-honed. They have eight All Blacks among their lineup and a dangerous backline which will test the Lions' defense more severely than the Barbarians.

Coach Gatland is confident the

Lions can match the Blues physically and in their high-paced style.

"We've just got to match fire with fire with our approach to the game," Gatland said. "I think the fact that we would have been here for a week, understanding what's coming at us and how tough the challenge is going to be, I think that's going to put us in good stead."

"A few guys were flat and disappointed that we didn't win the [Barbarians] game more comfortably, but it was a win, an ugly win at that, but we came out of it on top and there's only one way to go and that's to improve on the performance."

The most disappointing aspect of the Lions' first-up performance was its total lack of ambition. Matches involving Barbarians sides generally have a festival atmosphere in which both teams run the ball at every opportunity. The Lions never tried to do so, which suggests they will follow the far more conservative style — dubbed Warrenball — that Gatland has adopted as coach of Wales.

Gatland bristles at the use of the term.

"The modern game of rugby is about getting over the gain-line, trying to get front-foot ball and playing to space if that's possible," he said.

"We know we didn't play so well on Saturday and it gives us an opportunity to go out against the Blues and be positive. The message to the players is we want to be able to play positive rugby. We want to be able to move the ball and create chances."

The Lions must improve today because their tour only gets harder from here on. The Blues are the weakest of the New Zealand Super Rugby sides; the Crusaders, who the Lions will meet on Saturday, are the best and will prey on any team showing signs of self-doubt. **AP / Oddschecker.com**

## CRICKET

# Buttler hits rapid 61 as England all out for 310 against NZ

**JOS** Buttler hit an unbeaten 61 off 48 balls as an inconsistent England scored a competitive 310 all out against New Zealand at a windy Sophia Gardens in the Champions Trophy yesterday.

After losing the toss and being put in to bat, England was all out in 49.3 overs in the Group A game after a disappointing final over, which saw only one run. Tim Southee bowled tailenders Jake Ball and Mark Wood for golden ducks, while Buttler was stranded at the other end.

Southee ended on 2-44

off 9.3 overs, Adam Milne took 3-79 and Corey Anderson 3-55.

Buttler at least had the pleasure of sending Trent Boult (1-56) for a sensational six in the 46th over after the wicketkeeper-batsman calmly stepped aside and tipped the ball backward over his shoulder. The ball was going out of the entire ground until it hit the camera gantry. Buttler's innings included two fours and two sixes.

Like the weather veering from bright sunshine to threatening showers, New Zealand captain

Kane Williamson made 21 bowling changes as the Black Caps successfully limited their suffering at the hands of England's deep batting lineup. Ben Stokes proved a huge threat with 48 off 53, including four fours and two sixes, before looping an uppercut almost straight to Milne at third man.

Earlier, Hales scored his second 50 of the tournament but was bowled by Milne for 56 off 62, right after hitting the same bowler for six over long-off.

That brought together

Root and Morgan at 118-2. Not for long, with Morgan dismissed for 13 in 12 balls after nicking the ball behind while attempting to punish Anderson.

Joe Root proved the usual rock for England, hitting 64 off 65, with four fours and two sixes, but went after chopping the ball back onto his wicket against Anderson.

Victory will put England through to the semifinals of a tournament it has never won and the hosts took a calculated risk in its only change to team selection. On a short-boun-



England's Jos Buttler hits out against New Zealand during the ICC Champions Trophy (Group A) in Cardiff

dary pitch, England opted for a second spinner — Adil Rashid — to replace the injured Chris Woakes.

New Zealand, which won the tournament in 2000, kept the same team from its opener against Australia, which was abandoned with no result because of rain.

England leads the group after beating Bangladesh by eight wickets.

Play was stopped with one ball left in the seventh over as players from both sides gathered by the wicket to observe a minute's silence for victims of the London Bridge attacks on Saturday night. **AP**

opinion

**Macau Matters**

Richard Whitfield



**MY NEW LEFT HIP – PART I**

It seems that, in combination with other issues, I played too much sport when I was younger and then got fat and lazy, so now I have arthritic hips and knees. I consulted a Hong Kong surgeon a few years ago after walking became noticeably difficult, and the end result is that I now have a brand new artificial left hip. Already, I am feeling that it has been an excellent decision and that I will soon be walking like somebody 20 years younger.

All my reading and talking with experts (and others) says that “practice makes perfect” for this kind of surgery, but as well as experience, you also need a surgeon who keeps up with the latest trends. Moreover, joint replacement surgeries are among the most successful and life changing medical procedures, with very high success rates.

I did not even consider getting the work done in Macau – it is too small to get the requisite experience, and I do not trust the healthcare system here. Also, building a rapport with your medical team is very important and very difficult to do with significant language barriers. I did consider Thailand/Malaysia and Hong Kong but in the end I opted for Australia, based on acceptable costs, a very sophisticated and experienced healthcare system, and family support, which is very important when you are facing 3 months of recuperation.

I found several surgeons online, and picked the most compatible for me based on speedy response time to my questions, professionalism and extensive information sharing, personal rapport, and most importantly, lots of experience with the latest approaches and techniques.

Like most human joints, the hips can easily come apart and are held together by a muscle capsule (there is no bone interference holding the joint together). Then there are bigger muscles near the joints that control movement. Long recovery times for skeletal surgeries are often because of the need to cut muscles, which also severely scar as they repair themselves.

Traditional hip replacement surgeries come in from the back (posterior) cutting through your bum muscles and then the muscle capsule around your hip joint. This avoids major nerves and veins but necessitates longer recovery periods. By contrast, the modern (anterior) approach comes in from the front, cutting at your bikini line. The surgeon has to work around more nerves and big veins, but there is little muscle cutting. At the front it is even possible to spread the muscles in the joint capsule apart to avoid cutting most of them. I took my first steps with a walker six hours after my surgery, and the surgeon has forbidden bed-rest and wants me walking as much as possible as soon as possible. He also tells me that it is easy to “go in again” to do any maintenance on my hip, if it is needed in 10+ years.

Historically, hip replacement surgery is also done under full anaesthetic, which takes a long time to recover from. Nowadays, they lightly sedate you and give you an epidural pain killing injection. I was awake, compos mentis, and with full feeling and no after-effects within 2 hours of my surgery, and I was home 33 hours after being admitted for surgery. I also learned that when you breathe naturally your ribs and diaphragm muscle expand to create a low pressure region in your lungs so that air naturally rushes in. This is also true when you are sedated. However, under full anaesthetic they have to use a tube and pump to force air into your lungs, which is very unnatural and may cause damage.

I would not wish surgery on my worst enemy, but at least I am finding it a very interesting learning experience. And one that many more people will have to face as our lifespans increase.

**THE BUZZ** PARIS IN STATE OF ALERT AFTER GUNSHOTS NEAR NOTRE DAME

Police in Paris say they are responding to an alert at the Notre Dame cathedral amid reports of gunshots and panic, BBC reported late yesterday. Officials have told people to stay away from the area, one of the French capital’s most pop-

ular tourist sites.

Reports suggest a man attacked a police officer with a hammer and was later shot.

France is in a state of emergency since attacks by jihadists in Paris left 130 people dead in 2015.

**African rangers urge Hong Kong lawmakers to OK ivory ban**

Kelvin Chan, Hong Kong

**A**FRICAN park rangers urged Hong Kong lawmakers to approve a ban on ivory sales but warned that giving in to traders’ demands for compensation would fuel more elephant poaching.

Lawmakers and officials heard public submissions from the rangers and other groups yesterday on the government’s long-awaited proposal to prohibit all local ivory trading by 2021.

The proposal is expected to pass later this year but faces resistance from the city’s licensed dealers and traders, who are permitted to sell only ivory acquired before a 1990 ban on international trading.

They want millions of dollars in return for giving up their stockpile, but the rangers say poachers will see the compensation as an incentive to keep on slaughtering elephants for their tusks.

“If we compensate for ivory as the trade goes down, there will be an upsurge of poaching in Africa because the poachers will see it as if the Hong Kong government is actually buying up ivory,” said Erik Mararv, manager of Garamba National Park in the Democratic Republic of Congo, told reporters ahead of the consultation.



Manager of Garamba National Park in Congo Erik Mararv (right) and former Wildlife Crime Investigator with the Zambian Wildlife Authority Josias Mungabwa at press conference in Hong Kong yesterday

Josias Mungabwa, a former investigator with the Zambian Wildlife Authority, said ivory trading fuels insurgencies fighting legitimate governments in Africa because syndicates use proceeds from ivory sales to buy weapons.

“The closure of markets in Asia will bring sanity to a lot of areas where poaching is taking place and imposing much higher sentences on the would-be offenders will also help us in Africa,” Mungabwa told the panel.

Other experts and wildlife activists giving testimony said compensation should be ruled out because ivory traders and carvers, who’ve already had 27 years to sell off their legal stockpile estimated at 70 tons, are getting another five years’ grace period.

Ivory workers weighed in with their objections to the ban.

“What does this illegal ivory poaching situation have to do with our stockpile, our hard-earned money?” said carver Mong Wai-hung, who said he wants to be able to pass on his ivory to his children so they can sell it and keep the business going.

Authorities in mainland China – a major source of ivory demand – are moving much more swiftly than Hong Kong, and Beijing plans to ban local sales by the end of this year. But wildlife activists worry that the four-year gap will encourage more smugglers to use Hong Kong’s legal stockpile to launder their illegal ivory. AP

**THE DECISIVE MOMENT**

Xue Yubin/Xinhua



Honey moon. Giant panda ‘Yang Bang’ in a cage after arriving at the Chengdu airport. Bang’s one of three giant pandas born and raised in Japan that arrived in Chengdu on Monday night, where they will begin a new life, and, hopefully, breed.

Station	Air quality	
Roadside	10-30 Good	😊
High Density Residential Area	20-40 Good	😊
Ambient	20-40 Good	😊

SOURCE: DSMG

**WORLD BRIEFS**

**POLAND-UKRAINE**

Poland and Ukraine said yesterday they are working toward developing a regional gas hub that would end Central and Eastern Europe’s dependence on Russian supplies and keep prices in line with European standards. The region has previously been exposed to political pressure from Moscow, which has at times in the past limited supply volumes or hiked gas prices.



**BRITAIN** Britons are about to vote in an election that was supposed to be dominated by Brexit but, after two deadly attacks in as many weeks, has become a battle over security.

**US-TURKEY** House Republicans and Democrats are set to unleash a wave of bipartisan fury against Turkey over violence against peaceful protesters carried out by bodyguards traveling with the country’s president.



**BRAZIL** Brazilians have endured more than three years of near daily revelations about the political elite getting kickbacks, bribes and illegal campaign financing. The result has been a widespread distrust of the political class that analysts say could give a competitive edge to candidates without the smudge of corruption in the 2018 presidential elections.

**MEXICO** A Mexican farm group with a reputation for strong-arm tactics has denied accusations it was involved in a grisly weekend attack that killed five indigenous women. The Antorcha Campesina or “Farmers’ Torch” group has been involved in past violent land conflicts and squatters’ takeovers.