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US-IRAN The Trump administration slapped 18 Iranian individuals and groups with sanctions yesterday for aiding the country's non-nuclear weapons programs, in a bid to show that President Donald Trump is staying tough on Iran despite his moves to let the nuclear deal stay in place for now. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said the sanctions "send a strong signal that the United States cannot and will not tolerate Iran's provocative and destabilizing behavior."

THAILAND's new king has tightened control over what is reputed to be the world's richest royal fortune, estimated to be worth more than USD30 billion. A law that became effective Monday places the Crown Property Bureau under the king's direct control.



PHILIPPINES President Rodrigo Duterte has asked Congress to extend martial law in the southern third of the country until the end of the year because the rebellion there will not be completely quelled by July 22, the end of his 60-day martial law proclamation. [More on p12](#)

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EDUCATION

UM admits more than 1,500 new local students

THE University of Macau (UM) has completed the admission process for the 2017/18 academic year and it has admitted a total of 1,535 local students.

Some 394 students were admitted through the "Principals' Recommended Admission Scheme," with 59 students being ranked first place in their classes. The Principals' Recommended Admission Scheme allows the direct admission into UM of students who excel academically.

Students admitted through this scheme will receive various scholarships. Six out of the 394 will receive the University of Macau Grand Lotus Scholarship which waives the tuition fees and residential college fees for the first academic year. Another 119 students will receive the University of Macau Golden Lotus Scholarship, which waives the tuition fees for the first academic year, and 161 students will receive the University of Macau Silver Lotus Scholarship, which waives half of the tuition fees for the first academic year. The remaining 108 students will



receive first year scholarships, which is a one-off MOP10,000 scholarship.

In addition, 1,200 students who participated in the joint admission test in Macau have confirmed their acceptance of the offers from UM, and among them, 52 will receive the University of Macau Golden Lotus Scholarship.

According to a press release from the university, the studen-

ts admitted by UM this year are not only excelling academically, but are also gifted in different areas, including sports, music and science. Some have won awards at international competitions such as the International Mathematical Modeling Challenge, and represented Macau in sports competitions. In addition, many of these students are actively involved in community service.



Details on International Music Festival revealed

THE Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) has released details about the the 31st Macau International Music Festival (MIMF), which will be held this October.

According to a statement issued by the organizers, this year's edition will feature a collaboration with Italian theatre Teatro Regio Torino, to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Italian opera composer, Umberto Giordano. Together, they will perform Giordano's opera titled "Andrea Chénier" in four-acts, and will be inviting the prestigious Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra to present two concerts featuring the maestro's works in the classical and romantic period.

The festival will also invite a number of rising stars from the

music industry, including the leading chamber ensembles in South Korea, Novus String Quartet, young Russian pianist Lukas Geniušas and American jazz singer Jazzmeia Horn (who is hailed as the future of jazz). All of these artists and musicians are invited to showcase their talents on the Macau stage.

In addition, a choir from South Africa will bring songs brimming with African culture, while the Macau opera, which premiered at the festival last year, will return to the stage with a new version of "A Fragrant Dream."

The MIMF typically features opera, orchestral and chamber music, Chinese folk music, jazz, Broadway numbers and a dynamic mix of all things musical from every corner of the globe.

LEGAL WISE BY MdME

Liliana Faria*

PROMISING UNICORNS LAND

Unicorns, known as mythical magical creatures that belong in fantasy lands, are nowadays the jargon used worldwide to refer to successful, privately-held startup ventures valued at over one billion dollars. Startups offer new and better ideas that translate into innovative products or services that solve real problems.

Startup hubs are emerging all over the world and capturing the attention of venture capitalists. Following this global trend, Macau is betting strongly on startups, mainly as a key to diversifying the local economy. In this venture, Macau takes up a new role as a connection point between entrepreneurs and investors, and has been attracting accelerators and incubators - particularly relevant for a lean startup, given the current not-so-affordable rental market. The local government, corporations and numerous associations have been undeniably supportive of the development of Macau as an emerging startup hub. In fact, Macau has the means,

the ambition and the potential to become just that. There is a lot that can be capitalized on, especially since Macau has been officially recognized as the platform between the Portuguese-speaking world and China. This gives Macau the opportunity to become the mecca for a new niche of startups, unparalleled with that of any other place in the world.

Besides generous startup support, Macau offers a pro-business climate, networking opportunities, resources and a strategic location. Further, there is still plenty of room for "first mover advantage".

A few things are missing though; the most important of them being the full embrace of the startup culture and mindset.

Think-outside-the-box ideas are lacking. Every person in a wannabe startup thinks he or she is in the vanguard, but the entrepreneurship world can get complex and gets increasingly tangled as someone else's good ideas flourish and transform into protected intellectual property.

High-quality and innovative education, assisting to transform the entrepreneurial dreams of (ideally, independently-minded) graduates into reality, fostering knowledge, edginess and the entrepreneurial "risk-taking" mindset, will play a huge role in making Macau the next emerging startup hub in Asia. Education can take Macau from a city of part-time "cottage business" and "ramen profitable" projects to an offshore base for truly innovative and scalable transnational projects.

An open-minded approach to the legality of new startups is also essential. In fact, in the current legal system, commercial entrepreneurs are able to legally carry out any lawful commercial activity which is not expressly prohibited or conditioned by specific regulatory requirements. However, recent experience has shown resistance to the new and the different. This resistance is not conducive of innovation and could hurt Macau's aspirations. Innovative, different, and not expressly prohibited or conditioned business models should be able to approach investors with confidence and peace of mind. If such a level of openness, pro-startup climate and innovation friendliness can't be attained, we are left

with the hope that existing laws can be further developed to fit - rather than repel - new ideas and new types of business models.

Startups rise and fall all the time for different reasons. However, a lot of good ideas never come out from the dark due to fear of failure and legal uncertainty. Converting innovative and sometimes disruptive ideas into reality, finding the right founding team, capturing investment and starting a company can be the wildest ride of an entrepreneur's life. Nurturing innovation at its foundation - the youth - and minimizing legal uncertainty for innovators and investors - by embracing the culture or even creating legal ecosystems as in neighboring regions - is going to determine Macau's success or failure in this venture. Startups are changing the world. Let's not miss the train.

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HONG Kong's pro-democracy Civic Party's lawmaker Kwok Ka Ki was denied entry into Macau because he allegedly poses threats to Macau's internal stability.

Kwok attended a demonstration in memory of China's top dissident, the late Liu Xiaobo in Hong Kong last Saturday. After the demonstration, Kwok had planned to travel to Macau with his wife to celebrate their 30th marriage anniversary, but was stopped at the border.

"This is an extremely amusing thing," said Kwok, commenting on Macau's refusal of entry, adding that "I have never practiced any official or non-official events other than traveling, and my own identity is that of a Hong Kong lawmaker. It is beyond myself to think of any threats I could pose to Macau's internal security."

The Hong Kong lawmaker called on the neighboring SAR's newly elected chief executive, Carrie Lam, to demand that Macau authorities explain how he constituted a security threat.

Kwok also criticized Macau chief executive Chui Sai On and speculated that Beijing had influenced the decision. In a letter Kwok claims to have sent to Chui, the Hong Kong lawmaker said he requested an explanation as to why he was refused entry. Kwok said that if he feels the reasons are insufficient, he will "demand a public apology."

When asked about what threats

Wong claims legality in denying entry to Hong Kong lawmaker

Kwok could pose to Macau's internal stability, Macau Secretary for Security, Wong Sio Chak, said: "Regarding that matter, I have emphasized in the past that every country and every region has its own immigration control policies."

"To those who carry influence or threat to region's security, that country's or the region's law enforcement department has the right to execute the law."

"Macau's situation is the same; our legal system is the same as the rest of the world in terms of regulations

[...], we have the right to do it, both Portugal and the European Union are the same," said Wong. He added that "the police force has its own information as basis for each individual, which allows it to analyze case by case and make a decision. I believe that this particular decision is a professional and legal one. Of course, whoever is affected by it has the right to appeal."

When asked again about how could Kwok pose any threats to Macau's security, Wong claimed that the police force has judged each individual case according to the law, and that the police force's judgement "will not be disclosed according to the law."



Kwok Ka Ki shows a document issued by local authorities barring him from crossing the border

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KWOK KA KI

Uber's suspension well received

THE Secretary for Security, Wong Sio Chak, claimed that Uber's exit is not a matter of whether he is satisfied or not. While attending a police force related event yesterday, Wong commented on Uber's decision of suspending its business in Macau.

"My satisfaction lies in everybody obeying the laws and executing the law legally," said Wong, reaffirming that when that happens, "I am satisfied."

"If there is someone who does not obey the laws, [...] it is our obligation and duty to execute the law legally."

When asked whether Uber's exit is due to the success of the police force's law enforcement in cracking down app-based taxi hailing services, Wong said "we cannot remark that it is [our] triumph or something else. Simply, anybody who does not obey the law should drop out."

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Deceased dolphin found near Cheoc Van

A Chinese white dolphin was found dead this morning, floating in the sea near Cheoc Van beach in Coloane.

Local animal rights group Anima (Macau) was alerted to the presence of the deceased animal by a concerned citizen. Anima president, Albano Martins, speculated that the dolphin may have collided with a maritime vessel in the Pearl River Delta estuary.

"Dolphins have a sense of orientation that can [help them to] avoid accidents even in these murky waters," Martins told the Times. "We don't know what happened, but it seems like a boat cut it."

The Anima president also said that Macau's Marine and Water Bureau has retrieved the deceased animal and is arranging for the body to be disposed.

Sightings of dead dolphins off the coast of Macau are a relatively rare occurrence, but several have been documented in

recent years.

A notable decline in the Chinese white dolphin population in neighboring Hong Kong has prompted that city's Dolphin Conservation Society to recently call for a new, extensive marine park in the territory to protect the species.

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ALBANO MARTINS
ANIMA PRESIDENT

There was an estimated 188 members of the marine mammal species in Hong Kong waters when the city's Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation De-



partment began monitoring the population in 2003.

Fourteen years later, the population has been reduced to just 47 – a quarter of that recorded

in 2003 and a historical low for the territory.

More worryingly, the pace of their disappearance seems to be increasing. It took about eight

years for the 2003 population to halve, but only another six years for it to halve again.

The dolphin conservation group attributes the decline in the number of dolphins to the region's recent infrastructure development. Since the 1997 handover, numerous large-scale infrastructure works around Lantau Island have commenced, most notably the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge.

In addition, the growing frequency of high-speed ferries and maritime traffic is threatening the traditional territory of the mammals and other marine wildlife, the group said.

Chinese white dolphins are a variety of the Indo-Pacific humpback dolphins, with a territory spanning Southeast Asia and the coast of northern Australia.

Although they are often white in color – hence the species' name – the population along the Chinese coast are sometimes a striking shade of pink. **DB**

Sands launches int'l leadership initiative

Lynty Valles

SANDS China launched a first-of-its-kind 'Sands China International Strategic Leadership Programme for Integrated Resorts,' yesterday – a platform which focuses on the training and development of team members.

The customized program will send team members from the local management to study at Católica Lisbon in Portugal, Cornell University in the United States and locally to the University of St. Joseph.

According to the gaming operator, team members will receive leadership development over the course of five months, enabling them to take advantage of the areas of industry expertise of the three educational institutions. The latest initiative of Sands China Academy is aimed at developing its local leaders and has 25 team members participating.

Wilfred Wong, president of Sands China Ltd, reiterated that the gaming operator would continually work alongside the MSAR and educational institutions to assist the growth of its team members.

"We firmly believe that what's good for their [team members'] future is good



for the future of Macau," said Wong.

One of the employees chosen by the company to participate in the strategic leadership program, Kelly Ip, is working under the Special Events and Promotions Department for the company's five properties. Ip told the press, on the sidelines of the launch of the program, that such initiatives would allow local team members to mature professionally and contribute to the region's competency.

"This is a tailor-made program for Sands China [so] I will be able to learn a lot of things especially from different professors from university. It's my honor," she said.

"The program is a new way for us to look at things differently because we're in Macau and we're facing different challenges every day, so if we don't have time to step out of Macau and look outside, it's not

good for us to develop ourselves," Ip continued.

The employee believes that the 25 team members will be able to establish a better outcome for their given responsibilities and will have the opportunity to be part of Sands China's team members.

Sands China has also recently launched the Manager Competence Development Programme, a nine-module training series dedicated to developing middle management and their ability to build teams for dynamic operators. With its career mobility opportunities, the company has offered nearly 18,000 promotions, involving 10,000 local team members – with over 2,400 promoted to managerial roles to date.

Also, according to the gaming operator, nearly 60 percent of its managerial leaders have been working with the company for more than 10 years.

SEMINAR

Architect: Achieving harmonious style implies drastic changes

Julie Zhu

HE Jingtang, honorary Dean of School of Architecture of the South China University of Technology, gave a lecture last week on Design for Drastically Changing China, at Albergue SCM.

Urban construction in China is estimated to span an area of over two billion square meters each year. Around half of the overall recent construction projects in the world have taken place in China.

The prominent architect noted that the economy of China is growing rapidly, and then said that, "while the extensive urbanization has greatly changed the appearances of Chinese cities, various problems emerged, in particular traffic congestion, environment degradation, and lost urban features."

"The transformation from incremental growth to the stock upgrading in the urbanization process also gives rise to deep conflicts," he added.

According to the speaker, "creating harmonious human settlements" is the fundamental objective of urban development.

He, who directed the design project China Pa-



He Jingtang

vilion which was featured in the World Expo 2010 in Shanghai, places a lot of emphasis on harmony.

"Chinese civilization has valued harmony since ancient times," said He.

Faced with opportunities and conflicts brought by the drastic changes in China, He suggested that China needs to explore a path of architectural innovation through the integration of both Chinese and modern characteristics. He elucidated his recommendation by saying that the innovation should include innovative theory, innovative talents, and innovative teams, and explore the vision of a green and harmonious human habitat.

When talking about his architectural theory, He

said that "place, culture and time of architecture form a holistic concept. Place represents the basis for the subsistence of architecture, while culture means its connotation and taste, and time its spirit and development."

According to He, a logical design conception process normally involves exploring the useful genes from the place of the architecture, refining and upgrading concepts from the cultural perspective, incorporating modern technology and thinking and orienting the conception toward spatial integrity and time sustainability.

Besides having designed the China Pavilion in the World Expo, He also designed the new campus of the University of Macau.

Q&A JOEL BRANDÃO
FILMMAKER

'I am a passionate about cinema and about documentaries'

Renato Marques

JOEL Brandão, 23, is a young Portuguese filmmaker whose current project is attempting to document the relationship between Macau's different communities. His work is part of an internship which would finalize his Masters degree in Cinema and Audio-visual from Catholic University Oporto (UCP). Interviewed by the Times, Brandão talks about his fascination with Macau and the documentary he made here.

Macau Daily Times (MDT) – Why Macau? What brought you here?

Joel Brandão (JB) – I chose Macau because I had been here before, in September last year, through an exchange program named InFLUXUS, organized by non-profit cultural organization "Babel," [based in Macau]. At that time I came here together with students from my Masters degree and it was very interesting because it included an exchange with Beijing students, Macau students, and also students from Portugal.

For me, the work was very interesting and enriching as there was a real exchange of knowledge, cultures, people and ideas. When I first arrived in Macau [back in September 2016]. I looked to the city, to the streets, to the buildings and I was enchanted with what I saw. I felt like I was home.

And when I left, I did so having in mind to "come back another day."

In order to finish the Masters degree, we need to have an internship of at least six weeks and that was when the opportunity



arose for me to propose something different from the usual internship in a [production] company. With this in mind, I proposed to the Faculty to return to Macau. I made use of previous contacts to reach [out to] some people here, namely the university of Saint Joseph and Professor José Manuel Simões. Because the institution and the professor accepted to receive me and to guide my work and since I was bearing all the costs, there was not much space really for the UCP to refuse, and here I am.

MDT – And why did you choose to show the city and its people in a documentary approach?

JB – I am a passionate about cinema and documentaries and that idea came up almost immediately and began to take shape

as I started reading, researching and asking people, who had lived here for a long period, what were the special features of the region for them. That's when the final topic came up as "Macau – Connection points between different communities." I'm doing this from a perspective on the relations between people in their daily activities.

MDT – What were the most challenging aspects you found in your task?

JB – The language is an issue, for me, and also one of the things mentioned many times in the documentary. I've chosen to portray the Portuguese and Chinese communities (for obvious reasons) and the Filipino community as it is a large and deep-rooted community and also easy to speak with.

My first challenges were to find in a short time interviewees and people who were the right ones to represent the community, the - "ideal character." Then, of course, the work of filming and getting an image bank to compose the whole thing. I only had two months to perform all the work so it was very challenging. After the first interview, what I did was to follow each of these "characters" for one day, experiencing the regular day of their lives.

I learned much more especially from the Chinese community side. I understood that it takes time to have them speaking openly.

MDT – What was the most unexpected thing you found?

JB – Well, I can tell you that for example, the character I choose within the Chinese community was a gentleman called William Chan, who owns a family-style food business in between Camões Garden and Kiang Wu Hospital. I immediately thought of him as I was flying here since it was a place where I used to go

almost every day to have breakfast when I was here for the first time. He was always very nice and open-minded.

He works with his wife and daughter in the coffee shop and they live right above the shop and I found their relation with us [Portuguese] interesting when we were there to eat. They had a different way of approaching us when compared to other places in town. Then he eventually told me that, as local people, they have always had an idea of the Portuguese either as middle to high class tourists, or as people that live in Macau and occupy important positions within the government or private companies. The idea comes from the old days of the Portuguese administration when the Portuguese were always in the higher positions and well-connected people.

MDT – You told us before that you like to do things in a unique way. What is different in your work?

JB – Yes, that is true. Well, I would say that there is something I decided: to be personal in my way of filming and documenting. I like the "big picture", I like "wide plans" to show some more and give some context to the story. I don't like to focus just on one person's detail like an eye expression or the hands right from the start. I would say that I film from an outside character. I don't "jump" immediately inside the character. It's much more about an observation, like if it were on the "other side of the street", not immediately an "intimate" thing. I like to give context.

MDT – Are you leaving Macau with a different feeling this time?

JB – Definitely, I would say that I'm almost Macanese now. I learned a lot more. I learned much more especially from the Chinese community side. I understood that it takes time to have them speaking openly. There is work to be done on gaining trust from both parties.

CCM presents film carnival for a young audience

THE Macau Cultural Center (CCM) is presenting eight international films curated for younger audiences as part of its "ARTmusing Film Carnival" series this August.

The films in the series have different themes, ranging from growing up to pursuing dreams and facing difficulties. The films represent various genres including comedy and drama.

The first film is an animation titled "Molly Monster,"

a story from the perspective of a little girl who will soon become a big sister. "Ballerina" is another animation using Pixar-level technology that follows the inspirational and moving story of a small girl on her brave journey to pursue a dream.

"The Big Day" is also a film about pursuing your dreams, telling the stories of four kids from different places and backgrounds who must rewrite their lives and break religious,

gender and class barriers to assert their independence.

The award-winning film, "Life Animated," uses both animation and a documentary format to tell an uplifting story that addresses autism. It tells the adventure of a boy who reconnects with the world through Disney characters, revealing the magical life-changing power of cinema. "Landfill Harmonic" is a documentary about the environment that follows a group of Paraguayan young-

sters who create musical instruments out of discarded garbage and form an orchestra. The film shows how the group is suddenly brought into the global spotlight guided by music director Favio Chavez.

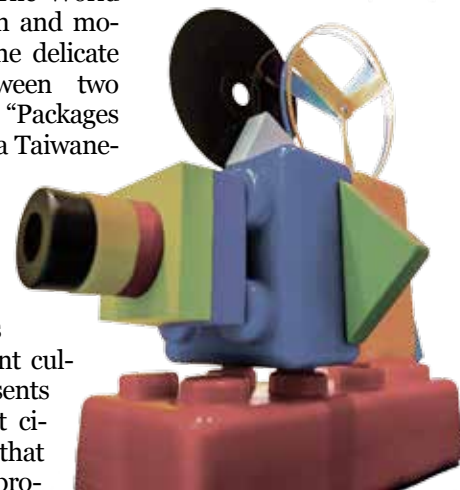
"Help! I Shrunk My Teacher," is a German comedy about a boy who shrunk his school principal. The story is a fantasy that can appeal to students who have day-dreamt of mischievous treatments they would dole out to their teachers,

if their positions of power were reversed.

The South Korean production titled "The World of Us" is a fresh and moving story on the delicate friendship between two little girls, while "Packages from Daddy" is a Taiwanese film about a family's journey after the death of the father.

This series captures different cultures and presents them in distinct cinematic styles that will hopefully pro-

vide insight and enjoyment to young children, teenagers and their parents.





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CRIME

Man stabbed in downtown mall

A Macau Ginza Plaza computer shop owner has narrowly escaped an attempted murder earlier this week after a man tried to cut his neck.

The attempted murder took place on Monday at 10:40 a.m. The victim was opening his shop at the Plaza when he was attacked, sustaining a 20-centimeter-long and a 0.3-centimeter-deep cut on his neck.

The Plaza's security reported the incident to the police. Bleeding was recorded but the victim, a 31-year-old local resident, did not suffer any life-threatening injuries.

According to some witnesses, the suspect is believed to be a customer of the victim's shop. Furthermore, the suspect is said to have had a quarrel with the computer shop owner a day prior to the attempted murder.

However, rumors immediately spread online saying that the victim was randomly chosen. After a preliminary investigation, the Judiciary Police (PJ) confirmed that the case likely involved personal issues, and was not an attempted random killing.

The director of the PJ, Chau Wai Kuong, following a police force event that took place yesterday afternoon, said that the police is still trying to catch the criminal, who is on the run.

Realtors attribute transaction increase to new policy

Lynzy Valles

CENTALINE Property recorded an increase in its real estate sales during the second quarter of this year, posting an increase in its transactions in May.

Due to the policy of tightening mortgage lending conditions for both non-first-time resident buyers and non-resident buyers, who had either purchased a residential property, or entered into pre-purchasing an unfinished flat, the firm saw a significant increase in buyers purchasing properties before the policy came into effect.

The firm recorded the highest transactions of the second quarter in over four years.

According to government figures, there were 3,542 transactions in the second quarter of 2017. Centaline Property attributed the increase to the new MSAR policy in May.

In May, pre-purchasing of flats for the firm hit a record of 535, a figure that was triple the number of pre-purchases in April.



Jacky Shek (right)

Compared with the fourth quarter of 2016, the real estate firm saw an expansion in buyers' purchasing power, as there were new apartment projects that were launched. However, sales in the first quarter of 2017 dropped.

Until mid-July, the real estate market remains stable and Centaline Property is expecting the situation to be maintained until the third quarter.

The company believes that rent law, which suggests that

rent contracts should start from three years, will reduce residents' desire to buy apartments, and sales of transaction might decrease again. Thus, real estate agencies will face a challenge in third quarter.

Speaking on the sidelines of yesterday's press conference, Jacky Shek, senior director of Centaline Property, noted that the real estate market in Macau is healthy, adding that the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge would bring a positive effect to

Macau's overall economy.

Questioned whether non-local residents in Macau affect its lease market, Shek said, "although there are many non-local workers, most live in Zhuhai. [So] only a small number of them, such as executives, might rent in Macau - Taipa, more precisely."

In terms of office lease prices, Shek affirmed that Macau's standard price for rent is inexpensive compared to Hong Kong's rent prices.

"Prices of Hong Kong offices grow really fast. Compared to Hong Kong, Macau is too cheap [and] these two places have no reasons to be different [in their lease prices]."

Meanwhile, commercial property sales in the second quarter reached 502 transactions, a 30 percent year-on-year increase - many of which were properties in Hengqin.

The firm also noted that prices for offices in industrial buildings remain relatively low, adding that the market is not showing any signs of a possible price increase.

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Yahoo Japan launches gaming platform that bypasses app stores

Yuji Nakamura and Yuki Furukawa

YAHOO Japan Corp., operator of the nation's second-most popular website, announced a new web-based gaming platform called Game Plus.

The new service offers titles through cloud streaming and those built on HTML5, and starts yesterday in Japan with 39 titles. Yahoo Japan is partnering with 52 game publishers including Square Enix Holdings Co. and Koei Tecmo Holdings Co. to offer new titles and re-releases of console games like Final Fantasy X.

Yahoo Japan joins Facebook Inc., Tencent Holdings Ltd., and Rakuten Inc. in embracing web-based games, which allow smartphone and desktop users to play without downloading apps or software. The technology is growing in popularity as it circumvents app stores run by Apple Inc. and Alphabet Inc. and lets publishers capture a bigger share of the mobile gaming market, which globally generated about USD50 billion in sales last year, according to App Annie.

"Until now games were held back by hardware, but now through the web you can play freely anytime and anywhere you want," Yahoo Japan Chief Operating Officer Kentaro Kawabe said at a press briefing.

Game Plus will offer a mix of free-to-play games with in-game purchases, and others that require a one time up-front payment. Many titles featured during a press briefing were aimed at female players, while streaming-based titles like Final Fantasy XIII are likely to appeal to more core gamers.

"Cloud streaming means you no



longer need a console," said Gaku Sudo, head of Yahoo Japan's new service. "As long as you have a smartphone or even a PC with low specs, you can use our service through multiple devices."

Games streaming has gained some appeal in recent years, mostly notably through Sony Corp.'s PlayStation Now service that allows gamers to stream and play PS3 and PS4 titles through their consoles or even PCs.

HTML5, the latest version of the language that powers websites, has in recent years been beefed up with graphical capabilities, allowing developers to create more sophisticated games. Prior to HTML5, Adobe Systems Inc.'s Flash was a popular way for people to get multimedia content via browsers and was used to power popular games like FarmVille. The two standards clashed for a while, but Flash wasn't supported on Apple's iPhones and eventually lost out.

For Yahoo Japan, games present a new potential growth engine. The

company, which operates Japan's most popular website after Google, counts almost a third of the nation's population as users, accessing its news and shopping through online auctions. Allowing its 39 million users to more seamlessly play games could boost revenue, which in the latest fiscal year rose 31 percent to a record 854 billion yen (\$7.6 billion), driven by advertising and online shopping. Japanese gamers are expected to spend about 960 billion yen on mobile games this year, according to Yano Research Institute Ltd.

Unlike its former parent company Yahoo! Inc., which was splintered into various entities, Yahoo Japan has thrived as a successful internet portal in Japan. It counts SoftBank Group Corp. as its largest shareholder, which holds 43 percent of outstanding shares. Altaba Inc., the investment company spun out of Yahoo!, is the second-largest with 35.6 percent, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. **Bloomberg**



Rupert Hogg, chief operating officer of Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd.

Cathay Pacific's first-half performance disappointing, CEO says

Kyunghee Park

CATHAY Pacific Airways Ltd.'s operating environment remained challenging in the first half of the year, Chief Executive Officer Rupert Hogg said, dashing expectations of an early recovery for the carrier that's cutting jobs following the first annual loss in eight years.

"We said that we expected the operating environment in 2017 to remain challenging," Hogg said in a statement the premium airline sent to the stock exchange yesterday. "This has been the case. Our airline's performance in the first half of 2017 continued to be disappointing."

Cathay Pacific shares have rallied 23 percent this year as the airline embarked on a three-year transformation that included eliminating 600 jobs in the company's biggest revamp in two decades. Challenges at Hong Kong's marquee airline and its rival Singapore Airlines Ltd. show how some of Asia's biggest airlines are faring amid intense competition from Chinese and Middle Eastern rivals, and a surge in capacity that is pummeling ticket prices.

Hogg said strong competition from other airlines is putting "intense and increasing pressure" on passenger yield, or the money an airline gets

from carrying a passenger for a kilometer. The company's annual passenger yield fell to the lowest level in seven years in 2016.

The carrier is scheduled to announce its first-half earnings mid-August.

Hogg took over as the airline's chief in May, facing one of the toughest turnaround jobs in Asian commercial aviation. Once a dominant player in Asia's premium air travel market with few serious rivals, Cathay Pacific has hit an air pocket, despite the booming travel demand in the region.

Cathay Pacific is expected to report a full-year loss of HKD1.44 billion (USD185 million) this year, according to the average estimate of 18 analysts compiled by Bloomberg. Hong Kong's Swire Group owns 45 percent of Cathay Pacific.

Another Swire unit warned of deterioration in performance. Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering Co., 75-percent owned by Swire, told the stock exchange yesterday that it expects bigger losses at its U.S. operations. As a result, the company's earnings before exceptional items for this year is set to be worse than 2016, it said. In 2016, the U.S. unit had a loss of HKD238 million, excluding impairment charges. **Bloomberg**

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MGS LAUNCHES GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY SCHEME FOR SHOW VISITORS



Jay Chun

The organizers of the Macau Gaming Show (MGS) have joined with the Macau government to launch an official visitor subsidy scheme for international buyers and business partners coming to this year's MGS Entertainment Show. The subsidy

scheme is called the "Qualified Buyers" (QB) initiative, which will provide extensive travel and accommodation subsidies for visitors to the show that will be held at The Venetian Macao in November. The maximum grants available at

this year's exhibition range from up to MOP1,200 per person for visitors from Hong Kong and Guangdong Province, to MOP4,000 per person for visitors from Asia and MOP7,000 for visitors outside Asia. The subsidies can cover costs of round trip flights, transportation services to Macau and hotel accommodation in Macau or Taipa. Reimbursements are available for up to two representatives from each qualified company.

MGS Chairman, Jay Chun, stated in a press release, "QB is a small step but a giant one in terms of encouraging people from around the world to start the process and engage in what probably is one of the most exciting global business initiatives for centuries."

The QB scheme will be operated by a designated team at the MGS offices in Macau. Interested parties can apply online and submit applications by July 31.

VENETIAN PRESENTS ANDY HUI CONCERT



Hong Kong actor and singer, Andy Hui will be performing at The Venetian Macao on July 29, with special guest appearances from singer and actress Charmaine Fong, and Malaysian pop diva, Gin Lee.

Hui entered the music industry back in 1986 and has released an extensive list of classic hits over the years. He has been awarded many trophies for his outstanding achievements in the field, including being declared as one of '10 Outstanding Young Persons' in recognition of his music and film career, and was lauded for his commitment to the community in 2005.

According to a press release by The Venetian, fans can expect Hui's powerful and distinctive vocal delivery alongside great choreography to impress, as he performs both his classic and recent hits. Tickets are priced at MOP1280, MOP880, MOP580, MOP280.

Beijing confidential: Wanda's Hollywood expansion blocked

Bruce Einhorn, Prudence Ho

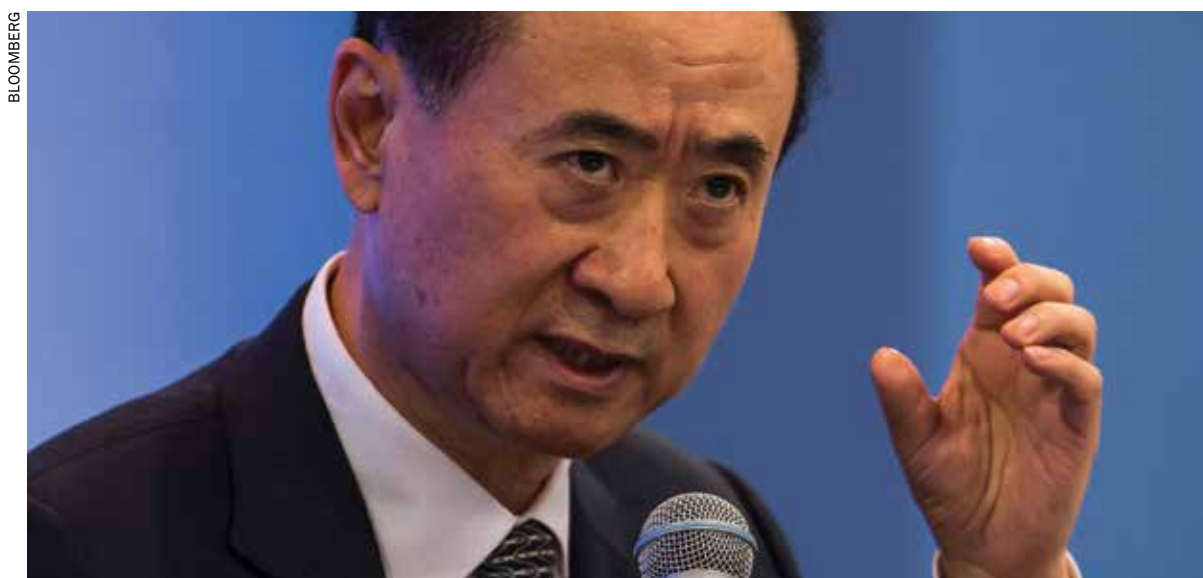
WANG Jianlin, China's second-richest man, has made no secret of his ambition to dominate Hollywood. But suddenly the billionaire chairman of Dalian Wanda Group Co. has run headlong into an unexpected obstacle: Beijing.

The Chinese government plans to cut off funding and regulatory approvals to punish Wang's firm for breaching restrictions on six overseas investments, four of them completed, according to people familiar with the matter.

Wanda is among conglomerates, including Fosun International Ltd., HNA Group Co. and Anbang Insurance Group Co., whose loans are under government scrutiny, according to people familiar with the matter. China's banking regulator asked some lenders to provide information on overseas loans to the companies, the people said in June.

From its roots as a property-development company, Wanda has blossomed into a big-shot Hollywood producer, the world's biggest operator of movie theaters and a player in the sports-marketing world. The company announced more than USD20 billion of deals since the start of 2016 and predicts that sales will climb to \$100 billion by the end of the decade from less than \$40 billion last year.

All that's now in jeopardy as Wanda faces sanctions. If banks respond to the government decree by squeezing credit lines and restricting debt rollovers, Wanda may have no choice but to sell off pieces of Wang's empire.



Wang Jianlin

"That will be the only way if they cannot get further financing from the banking system or the market," said Castor Pang, head of research at Core-Pacific Yamaichi HK. Becoming a seller would be a reversal for Wanda, which has been among China's most voracious buyers of foreign assets.

In early 2016, Wanda paid \$3.5 billion for Legendary Entertainment, producer of "Kong: Skull Island" and "Straight Outta Compton," among other top Hollywood movies. Wanda operates movie chains including AMC Entertainment Holdings Inc., which it bought in 2012. News of Wanda's setback led AMC to tumble by a record 10 percent in New York trading on Monday.

Wanda owns British yacht-maker Sunseeker International Ltd., sports marketer Infront Sports & Media AG and Ironman organizer World Triathlon Corp.

It also has a stake in soccer squad Club Atletico de Madrid.

The punitive measures come at a time when Wanda is already shrinking from Wang's ambitious attempts to take on Hollywood. "The Great Wall," an action movie with a \$150 million budget backed by Wanda and starring Matt Damon, was a flop at the U.S. box office earlier this year, around the same time a \$1 billion deal to buy the producer of the Golden Globe Awards collapsed.

This month, Wanda gave up on Wang's plan to build theme parks to rival Walt Disney's new Shanghai Disneyland. Wanda agreed to sell 76 hotels and a 91 percent stake in 13 cultural and tourism projects to Sunac China Holdings Ltd. for 63.2 billion yuan (\$9.3 billion).

"Wanda has been trying to deleverage and reduce its gearing ratio," said Dickie Wong, executive director of research at Kingston

Securities Ltd. in Hong Kong. "We might see Wanda sell overseas assets."

Wang, 62, is worth \$30.3 billion, making him the 25th wealthiest person in the world, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index. It's ironic that after his ambitions were questioned by some in Hollywood, Beijing was what has slowed him down. Wang has said that in his business philosophy, purchases are essential to success.

"Acquisitions have always been a complicated but necessary part of a company seeking to expand globally, which is why relying solely on organic growth will only get you so far," he said in a 2012 speech, according to his 2016 book "The Wanda Way."

"You won't find one Fortune 500 company who made it to where they are today without acquiring businesses," he said.

While the sale to Sunac will help Wanda slim down, it also

contributes to uncertainty about the firm's direction, according to S&P Global Ratings, which on Monday announced it had placed the group's Dalian Wanda Commercial Properties Co. on credit watch with negative implications.

"We expect Wanda Commercial's property sales to decline significantly following the sale of its tourism projects," S&P Global Ratings said in a statement. "We expect Wanda Commercial's property sales to decline significantly following the sale of its tourism projects." A Wanda representative declined to comment.

From its roots as a property development company, Wanda has blossomed into a big-shot Hollywood producer

Government sanctions could further complicate Wang's effort to list Dalian Wanda Commercial property following last year's record \$4.4 billion privatization. Wanda de-listed the property unit from the Hong Kong exchange last year to pursue an initial public offering in the mainland. The firm promised its partners they'd would get back more than \$5 billion - the money they put in plus returns of as much as 12 percent a year - if the listing didn't occur in time.

Wang, however, said in "The Wanda Way" that he possesses the spirit to fight until the end.

"I've always said that ambition never dies until there is no way out," he said. "Why? Because solutions are always there for the problems we face." **Bloomberg**

China urges India withdrawal in standoff, stages drills

CHINA yesterday renewed a call for India to immediately withdraw its troops from disputed territory high in the Himalayan mountains, following a report that Chinese forces recently held live firing drills in the region.

Foreign ministry spokesman Lu Kang said Indian forces had to leave the area to avoid an "escalation of the situation."

"We have stated many times that we hope the Indian side will get a clear understanding of the situation [and] immediately take

measures to withdraw the troops that illegally crossed the border back to the Indian side of the border," Lu said at a regularly scheduled news briefing.

Beijing and New Delhi have engaged in more than a month of saber-rattling as officials from both sides talk of a potential clash even bloodier than their 1962 war that left thousands dead.

Lu's comments came after China state broadcaster CCTV reported late last week that an army brigade equipped with rocket launchers, heavy machine guns

and mortars recently practiced a simulated live-firing assault on an enemy position in Tibet.

The drills also involved tracking and targeting enemy aircraft, the report said.

The current standoff is in the southernmost part of Tibet in an area also claimed by Indian ally Bhutan, although the report did not say exactly when or where the drills took place.

China insists Indian troops withdraw before talks can take place to settle the most protracted standoff in recent years between nuclear-

armed neighbors who share a 3,500-kilometer border, much of it contested.

The most recent dispute flared in June after Chinese teams began building a road onto the disputed Doklam Plateau.

Although China and Bhutan have been negotiating the precise border for decades without serious incident, the tiny Himalayan kingdom turned this time to help from India, which sent troops across the border from the northeastern state of Sikkim.

China retaliated by closing



a nearby mountain pass that Indian pilgrims use to reach Mount Kailash, a sacred Hindu and Buddhist site in Tibet. China's foreign ministry has also presented to reporters historical documents that it says prove Chi-

na's claims to the plateau.

Although the Doklam Plateau is not part of Indian territory, New Delhi has been particularly sensitive to Chinese building activity in a region with strategic significance. **AP**

Gerry Shih, Beijing

Users report WhatsApp disruption amid censorship fears

USERS of WhatsApp in China and security researchers have reported widespread service disruptions amid fears that the popular messaging service may be at least partially blocked by authorities in the world's most populous country.

WhatsApp users in the country reported yesterday on other social media platforms that the app was partly inaccessible unless virtual private network software was used to circumvent China's censorship apparatus, known colloquially as The Great Firewall.

WhatsApp, which is owned by Facebook and offers end-to-end encryption, has a relatively small but loyal following among Chinese users seeking a greater degree of privacy from government snooping than afforded by popular domestic app WeChat, which is ubiquitous but closely monitored and filtered.

Questions over WhatsApp's status come at a politically fraught time in China. The government is in the midst of preparing for a sensitive party congress while Chinese censors this week revved up a sprawling effort to scrub all mention of Liu Xiaobo, the Nobel Peace Prize laureate who died last week in government custody.

A report this week by the University of Toronto's Citizen Lab detailed how Chinese censors were able to intercept, in real time, images commemorating Liu in private one-on-one chats

on WeChat, a feat that hinted at the government's image recognition capabilities.

It appeared that pictures were also the focus of the move to censor WhatsApp. Late yesterday, users in China could send texts over WhatsApp without the use of VPNs, but not images.

Nadim Kobeissi, a cryptography researcher based in Paris who has been investigating the WhatsApp disruption, said he believed The Great Firewall was only blocking access to WhatsApp servers that route media between users, while leaving servers that handle text messages untouched.

Kobeissi said voice messages also appeared to be blocked. But there was no evidence to suggest that Chinese authorities were decrypting WhatsApp messages, he added.

A Chinese censorship researcher known by his pseudonym Charlie Smith said that authorities appeared to be blocking



non-text WhatsApp messages wholesale precisely because they have not been able to selectively block content on the platform like they have with WeChat, which is produced by Shenzhen-based internet giant Tencent and legally bound to cooperate with

Chinese security agencies.

Because WhatsApp content is encrypted, "they have moved to brute censor all non-text content," Smith said in an email. "It would not be surprising to find that everything on WhatsApp gets blocked, forcing users in China to use unencrypted, monitored and censored services like WeChat."

Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Lu Kang said he had no information on the issue when asked by reporters.

Facebook, which owns What-

sApp, did not immediately respond to a request for comment. WhatsApp is one of the world's most widely used messaging services, with over 1.2 billion users.

In 2015, China blocked Telegram, another encrypted messaging service, after it became a popular platform for activists and dissidents to share information. China has also blocked Twitter, Facebook and YouTube for years, with officials arguing that foreign social media services operating beyond their control pose a threat to China's national security. **AP**

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Markets to lure USD3 trillion as foreigners can't resist, Citi says

Eric Lam

CHINA has opened a path for a transformation of its financial markets that could see them match the U.S. in size and lure more than USD3 trillion in capital from abroad by 2025, according to a study by Citigroup Inc.

While the country's initial efforts to internationalize its currency hit a bump in 2015, policy makers have shifted tack to focus on developing domestic financial markets rather than opening up the capital account, Citigroup analysts led by Liu Li-Gang, chief China economist for the bank in Hong Kong, wrote in a note. Steps like the bond and stock "connects" with Hong Kong represent this new approach, they wrote.



"In years to come, 2017 could be viewed as a tipping point for global asset allocation," Liu and his colleagues wrote. "Removal of restrictions to entry, together with eventual inclusion of China in various global capital market indexes, will raise foreign ownership of Chinese assets, likely creating further momentum for market broadening and deepening."

Among the team's projections:

China's nominal GDP,

which is unadjusted for inflation, will reach USD28 trillion by 2025 compared with \$26 trillion for the U.S. based on anticipated growth rates and a gradual appreciation of the yuan to 5 per dollar from 6.8 now. Some \$3.36 trillion in new capital will flow in from abroad, with \$779 billion to the bond market, \$200 billion into equities and \$2.38 trillion to bank assets (which are typically loans). Based on their historical rela-

tionship with GDP, U.S. financial markets will total \$137 trillion by 2025, and Citigroup assumes China's would have about the same in yuan equivalent.

As it stands, China's banking sector currently dominates its financial industry, with a two-thirds share, according to the economists. The bond market is forecast to almost triple in size to 188 trillion yuan (\$38 trillion at the anticipated 2025 exchange rate), while equity markets will grow at a similar rate to 154 trillion yuan.

"If that is indeed reality in the not-so-distant future, institutional investors would no longer have the option of staying away from China's markets if they wanted to achieve above-benchmark returns," Liu said. "Accelerated

reform of China's capital markets in the next five to 10 years has the potential to reshape the allocation of global assets."

Past forecasts for game-changing developments from China have returned mixed results. In 2012 HSBC Holdings Plc analysts led by Qu Hongbin predicted a "Big Bang" of reforms from new leaders that would revolutionize the country's financial system, including making the yuan fully convertible by 2017.

Citigroup analysts didn't mention political risks, as President Xi Jinping prepares to oversee a once-in-five-years Communist Party leadership gathering later this year. Nor did they discuss whether the yuan would emerge as a rival to the dollar in the global financial system. Some foreign investors have expressed concern about pouring money into China given a panoply of political and regulatory risks that are hard to understand.

The Citigroup team is betting that in time international investors will overcome their concerns.

"Initially, they would likely be cautious given structural imbalances, regulatory risks, capital controls and a still opaque tax regime," the group wrote. "But we see those concerns as being gradually eclipsed as conviction solidifies about China's reform agenda and given the sheer size of the market opportunity."

Citigroup also saw China's new approach toward keeping controls on the capital account in place while foreign investors are gradually welcomed to participate in domestic markets as one that would avoid the kind of instability seen during the 1990s Asian financial crisis.

"This sequencing policy should help China avoid unnecessary mistakes and mean it is spared the financial crises that have blighted other economies," they wrote. **Bloomberg**

INDONESIA

Parliament speaker denies corruption allegations



Indonesian House Speaker Setya Novanto

THE speaker of Indonesia's parliament, once hailed by President Donald Trump as one of Indonesia's most powerful men, has denied any wrongdoing after being named a suspect in a corruption scandal in which officials allegedly pocketed more than USD170 million of government money.

Setya Novanto told a televised news conference yesterday he would respect the legal process, but that there was no truth to the accusation that he stole more than \$40 million. He is staying on as speaker.

"I believe that Allah the Almighty knows that all allegations against me are not

true," he said.

The chief of the Corruption Eradication Commission, Agus Rahardjo, announced on Monday that the commission had gathered sufficient evidence to name Novanto a suspect.

Anti-corruption police allege that a network of about 80 people, mostly politicians, and several companies used the introduction of a \$440 million electronic identity card system in 2011 and 2012 to steal more than a third of the allotted funds.

Novanto, of the Golkar Party, is the fifth suspect announced in the case, which could turn into a test of Pre-

sident Joko "Jokowi" Widodo's willingness to take a hard line against corruption since suspicion has fallen on lawmakers from parties in the ruling coalition, including Golkar.

Graft is at epidemic levels in Indonesia and holds back development of the nation of more than 250 million people. Separately, lawmakers are seeking ways to weaken the anti-graft agency's powers.

Novanto, a Trump admirer, made an unexpected appearance at a Trump news conference at Trump Tower in New York in September 2015 along with another Indonesian lawmaker, Fadli Zon. Novanto was introduced by Trump as one of Indonesia's most powerful men who would do great things for the U.S.

Rahardjo said that Novanto is "suspected of enriching himself or other people by abusing his power" and played a key role in planning the swindle.

Among those named in an indictment presented in March at the ongoing trial of two suspects, who were Ministry of Home Affairs officials, are the justice minister, a former interior minister and two provincial governors. So far they have not been named as suspects and local media report they have denied any wrongdoing.

Last year, Transparency International gave Indonesia a corruption score of 37 on a 1 to 100 scale, where 100 is completely free of corruption. Out of the 176 countries ranked, Indonesia was 90th, far from its goal of reaching 50th place by 2016. **AP**

Islamic groups protest crackdown on radicals

CONSERVATIVE Islamic groups protested yesterday in the capital of Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim nation, denouncing President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo's attempt to ban radical organizations.

Demonstrators from an alliance of Islamic groups waved flags and held up banners calling the government tyrannical and repressive.

The crowd, which swelled to an estimated 2,000 people, was divided into separate rows for men and women and was mostly peaceful, said Jakarta police spokesman Argo Yuwono.

A decree signed by Jokowi last week that

amends a law regulating mass organizations will give the government almost unfettered power to ban groups it deems contrary to the country's constitution. Parliament has one year to reject or approve it.

It is likely that Hizbut Tahrir, a group that campaigns for Indonesia to adopt Shariah law, is among the targets of the decree, with the government announcing in May that it planned to ban the organization.

"Jokowi's anti-Islam decree is proof this is a dictatorial regime," a rally coordinator, Kholilulloh Al-Habsyi, told the crowd from a truck.

Rights groups have criticized the decree as



a draconian and anti-democratic measure and say governments could easily abuse its power. **MDT/AP**

PHILIPPINES

Duterte asks Congress to extend martial law

PHILIPPINE President Rodrigo Duterte has asked Congress to extend martial law in the southern third of the country until the

end of the year because the rebellion there will not be completely quelled by July 22, the end of his 60-day martial law proclamation,

his spokesman said yesterday.

Duterte declared martial law on May 23 following a bloody siege of the southern

city of Marawi by Islamic State group-aligned militants, the most serious security crisis he has faced since assuming power in June last year.

In a letter to the Senate and the House of Representatives read by his spokesman Ernesto Abella, Duterte said that after consulting security officials, he has concluded that the rebellion in the south will not be quelled completely by July 22.

He asked Congress to extend martial law until Dec. 31.

Under the constitution, in case of invasion or rebellion, when public safety requires it, the president can declare martial law for no more than 60 days. He can ask Congress to extend such a proclamation to a period of time to be determined by the lawmakers.



Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte

Duterte met with lawmakers late Monday. He called for a special session of Congress, which is on break, on Saturday to tackle the proposed extension of martial law.

Congress opens its new regular session on July 24, when Duterte delivers his State of the Nation address.

Opposition lawmakers said they will oppose the extension and question its basis.

"It is totally not justified" and "just a whimsical misuse of power," said Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV. "I have already forewarned the public of Duterte's authoritarian tendencies and this is further proof of it."

Rep. Tom Villarin of the left-wing political party Akbayan said it was "a whimsical proposal that has no substantive grounds other than the president's wishes." **MDT/AP**

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Soldiers gather in Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang on July 6 to celebrate the test launch of North Korea's first intercontinental ballistic missile two days earlier

Japan says this is a time to raise pressure on North Korea

Edith M. Lederer, United Nations

JAPAN called Monday for increased pressure on North Korea, saying this is not a time for dialogue.

Government spokesman Norio Maruyama said North Korea reached "a new level" with its latest launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile as Americans celebrated Independence Day on July 4.

The test marked a significant step toward the goal of North Korea's young leader Kim Jong Un to develop a missile with a

nuclear warhead capable of reaching the United States. The ICBM reportedly landed in Japan's exclusive economic zone in the Sea of Japan, where previous North Korean ballistic missile launches have also landed.

Despite condemning the ICBM test, South Korean President Moon Jae-in on Monday offered talks with North Korea, indicating for the first time since his inauguration in May that he wants to use dialogue to defuse the international standoff over the North's nuclear and missile programs.

Maruyama said the Japanese government is "aware of the announcement," but made clear that immediate talks aren't the approach it supports.

"This is not a time for dialogue, it's a time for pressure," he said.

Maruyama explained that raising pressure now is essential "in order to be able to conduct a serious dialogue" with North Korea in the future.

"Dialogue for the sake of dialogue is meaningless," he stressed.

He reminded Seoul of the joint statement issued by Moon, U.S. President Donald Trump and

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe after a meeting on the fringes of the G20 summit in Hamburg, Germany, on July 6 on a "common understanding" on how to deal with North Korea.

The joint statement commits the three leaders to work together to counter the threat from North Korea and "to apply maximum pressure" on Pyongyang "to change its path, refrain from provocative and threatening actions, and take steps necessary to return to serious denuclearization dialogue."

The three leaders also agreed to

press for early adoption of a new U.N. sanctions resolution to demonstrate to North Korea that "there are serious consequences for its destabilizing, provocative and escalatory actions."

In response to the ICBM test, the United States has circulated a resolution with proposed new sanctions to the other permanent veto-wielding Security Council members — China, Russia, Britain and France — U.N. diplomats said last week.

No details have been released. But U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley told the council earlier this month that if it is united, the international community can cut off major sources of hard currency to North Korea, restrict oil to its military and weapons programs, increase air and maritime restrictions, and hold senior officials accountable.

When pressed about possible restrictions on oil sales, Maruyama said, "we are considering" tougher U.N. sanctions. But he also stressed that, "we need to see what sanctions are most successful."

He urged all countries to implement U.N. sanctions, and called on other nations to follow Japan's move to bar North Korean ships from Japanese ports and impose additional sanctions.

What is important, Maruyama stressed, is to stop the flow of people, commodities and currency to North Korea.

China, North Korea's neighbor and closest ally, is responsible for 90 percent of trade with the country.

Maruyama said Japan is encouraging China to play "a greater role" in pressuring North Korea to halt its provocative actions and comply with Security Council resolutions.

He said Russia also has "an extremely important role to play in dealing with the North Korean problem and we will encourage Russia to play some even greater role." **AP**

AUSTRALIA

Second senator quits because of dual citizenship

A second Australian senator in less than a week said yesterday she was quitting Parliament after discovering she was a dual national and had therefore never really been elected. The controversy has raised questions about how many other lawmakers might also have no right to be there.

Larissa Waters, co-deputy leader of the minor Greens party, said she was quitting after six years as a senator after the Canadian High Commission in Canberra told her on Monday that she was Canadian.

On Friday, the Greens'

other co-deputy, Scott Ludlam, revealed that he was a citizen of New Zealand as well as Australia, which made him ineligible for the Senate job he's held since July 2008.

Australia's constitution states that a "citizen of a foreign power" is not eligible to be elected to Parliament.

Waters, who in May became the first lawmaker to breastfeed in Parliament, was born in the Canadian city of Winnipeg on Feb. 8, 1977, to Australian parents. She moved to Australia before her first birthday.

She said she thought she had an option of becoming

a Canadian citizen and did not take it. She has since found that the law changed a week after she was born, meaning she automatically became a Canadian unless she took steps to prevent it.

Waters said other foreign-born lawmakers among the 226 in Parliament could find themselves in a similar predicament.

"There are many politicians in the Senate and the federal House of Representatives that were born overseas and it may well be that others have to make this embarrassing revelation as well," an emotional Waters told

reporters.

"But I can hold my head up high knowing that the moment I found out, I have taken the step of announcing that I will sadly have to resign," she added.

After Ludlam's resignation, government lawmaker and former Prime Minister Tony Abbott posted on social media a document confirming he had renounced his own British citizenship in 1993, a year before he was elected to Parliament.

Sydney University constitutional lawyer Anne Twomey said Canada and New Zealand were not considered foreign powers



In this image made from video, Australia Greens member of parliament, Sen. Larissa Waters (left) address a press conference

when the Australian constitution came into force in 1901 because, like Australia, they were part of the British Empire. The High

Court has ruled that Britain has been regarded as a foreign power under Australian law since 1986. **MDT/AP**



Macer Gifford, a 30-year former City broker in London, who fights with an Assyrian militia, that is part of the U.S-backed forces battling the IS



Kevin Howard, a 28-year old former U.S. military contractor from California, who fights with an Assyrian militia

US, British volunteer fighters in forward role in IS battle

Sarah El Deeb, Raqqa

HUNKERED down in sniper positions on the top floor of an abandoned building in the Syrian city of Raqqa, two Americans and a British volunteer face off Islamic State snipers on the other side of the front line. The trio, including two who were battle-hardened by experience in the French Foreign Legion and the war in Iraq, have made the war against IS in Syria their own.

They are among several U.S. and British volunteers in the decisive battle against the Islamic State group for Raqqa, the city in northeastern Syria that the militants declared the capital of their self-proclaimed caliphate in parts of Syria and neighboring Iraq.

The men joined U.S.-allied Syrian militias for different reasons — some motivated by testimonies of survivors of the unimaginable brutality that IS flaunted in areas under its control.

Others joined what they see as a noble quest for justice and a final battle with the “heart of darkness,”

in a belief that violence can only be met with violence.

Taylor Hudson, a 33-year old from Pasadena, compares the fight for Raqqa to the 1945 Battle of Berlin in World War II that was critical to ending the rule of Adolf Hitler.

For me this is a chance to absolutely go to the heart of darkness and grab it and get rid of it.

KEVIN HOWARD
VOLUNTEER FIGHTER

“This is the Berlin of our times,” said Hudson, who doubles as a platoon medic and a sniper in the battle against the militants. For him, IS extremists “represent

everything that is wrong with humanity.”

Syria’s war, now in its seventh year, has attracted foreign fighters to all sides of the complicated conflict.

Islamic extremists from Europe, Asia and North Africa have boosted the ranks of the Islamic State group, as well as rival radical al-Qaida-linked groups. Shiite Iranian and Lebanese militias have sided with the Syrian government, deepening the sectarian nature of the conflict that has killed over 400,000 people and displaced over 11 million, half of Syria’s pre-war population.

On the anti-IS side — though far less in numbers than the thousands of foreigners who swelled the IS ranks — most Western foreign volunteers have been drawn to the U.S.-allied Kurdish militia known as The People’s Protection Units, or by their Kurdish initials as the YPG. The U.S. military has developed a close relationship with the YPG and its extension, the Syrian Democratic Forces, in the war against IS.

Some Western volunteers have died in battle — earlier in July the YPG announced that 28-year-old Robert Grodt, of Santa Cruz, California, and 29-year-old Nicholas Alan Warden, of Buffalo, died in the battle for Raqqa.

Since launching the push on Raqqa on June 6, the U.S.-backed forces have conquered a third of the city.

Hudson, who has been fighting in Syria for the past 13 months, said he was moved to tears by stories in the media of Iraqi Yazidi women who were enslaved by IS militants and looked for a way to help. A pharmacy student who learned combat medicine in the field, he said he had treated some 600 wounded ahead of the march onto Raqqa.

The presence of Western anti-IS volunteers in Syria has created something of a conundrum for their governments, which have often questioned them on terrorism charges.

“I am not a terrorist,” said Macer Gifford, a 30-year former City broker in London, who came to

Syria three years ago to volunteer first with the Kurdish militia. Now he is fighting with an Assyrian militia, also part of the U.S.-backed forces battling IS militants.

“I am here defending the people of Syria against terrorists,” he added.

Gifford has been questioned by both his British government and by the U.S. government. At home, he has written and lectured about the complex situation in Syria, offering a first-hand experience of IS’ evolving tactics.

He believes the militants can only be defeated by sheer force.

“The Islamic State [group] is actually an exceptional opponent,” Gifford said. “We can’t negotiate them away, we can’t wish them away. The only way we can defeat them is with force of arms.”

For Kevin Howard, a 28-year old former U.S. military contractor from California who fought in Iraq in 2006, the war against the Islamic State group is more personal.

A skilled sniper who prides himself in having killed 12 IS militants so far, Howard said he is doing it for the victims of the Bataclan theatre in France, where the sister of one of his best friends survived. The Nov. 13, 2015 attacks claimed by IS killed 130 people at Paris cafes, the national stadium and the Bataclan, where 90 died.

“This is a continuation of that fight, I think if you leave something unfinished, it will remain unfinished for a lifetime,” he said, showing off his 1972 sniper rifle.

On his forehead and neck, he has tattooed the “Rien N’empêche” — or “Nothing Prevents” — words from the song of the French Foreign Legion in which he served, and “life is pain.”

“For me this is a chance to absolutely go to the heart of darkness and grab it and get rid of it,” he added.

From his sniper position on Raqqa’s front line, he peeked again through the rifle hole. For Howard, the orders to march deeper into the IS-held city can’t come soon enough. **AP**

Hungary’s Orban: Collaboration with Nazis was mistake, sin

Pablo Gorondi, Budapest

HUNGARY’S collaboration with Nazi Germany during World War II was a “mistake” and a “sin” as it failed to protect its Jewish community, Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban said yesterday.

Orban said he told visiting Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that he was aware of the “difficult history behind us.” Some 550,000 Hungarian Jews were killed in the Holocaust.

“At an earlier time, the

government of Hungary made a mistake, moreover, committed a sin when it did not protect its citizens of Jewish heritage,” Orban said during a press briefing after his meeting with Netanyahu in Parliament. “Every Hungarian government has the duty to protect all of its citizens, regardless of their heritage.”

“During World War II, Hungary did not comply with this moral and political requirement. This is a sin because at the time we decided that instead

of protecting the Jewish community, we chose collaboration with the Nazis,” Orban continued. “I made it clear to the prime minister that this can never happen again. In the future, the Hungarian government will protect all its citizens.”

Netanyahu is the first Israeli prime minister to visit Hungary since 1989, when Hungary was still under communist rule.

Netanyahu said he thought about Hungary first in relation to the birth of modern Zionism, as Theodo-

re Herzl, “our modern Moses,” was born in Budapest in 1860.

Netanyahu thanked Orban for Hungary’s repeated support for Israel, citing President Emmanuel Macron’s recent statement drawing a parallel between anti-Semitism and criticism of Israel. Netanyahu visited France before coming to Hungary.

“Macron said there is a new anti-Semitism that is expressed in anti-Zionism, that is delegitimizing the one and only Jewish state,” Netanyahu said. “In

many ways, Hungary is at the forefront of the states that are opposed to this anti-Jewish policy and I welcome it and I express the appreciation of my government and the people, many people in Israel for this.”

Orban again expressed his government’s “zero tolerance” for anti-Semitism, though a recent government campaign against George Soros and the Hungarian-American billionaire-philanthropist’s support for migration and refugees has been criticized by Jewish organizations for its anti-Semitic overtones, which Orban’s government denies.

Orban also repeated his opposition to mass migration mostly by Muslims,

which he has said would lead to irreversible changes in European culture and its population.

“I made it clear that Hungary has serious disputes in the European Union, as Hungary does not want a mixed population,” Orban said. Hungary “does not want to change its current ethnic composition, it does not want to defer to any external, artificial influence.”

“We’d like to remain as we are, even if, I have to admit, we are not perfect,” Orban added.

Later today, Netanyahu and Orban will meet with leaders of Poland, the Czech Republic and Slovakia — Hungary’s partners in the so-called Visegrad Group. **AP**

Sam Mednick, Juba

SOUTH SUDAN | CLIMATE CHANGE

War-torn country at grave risk

I'M addicted to cutting trees," says Taban Ceasor. His stained hands sift through jagged pieces of charcoal in his busy shop in South Sudan's capital. But the 29-year-old logger says the number of trees needed to fuel his trade is falling sharply as the country's forest cover disappears.

The world's youngest nation is well into its fourth year of civil war. As South Sudan is ravaged by fighting and hunger, it also grapples with the devastating effects of climate change. Officials say the conflict is partly to blame.

South Sudan's first-ever climate change conference in June highlighted a problem for much of sub-Saharan Africa: The impoverished nations face some of the world's harshest impacts from global warming and are the least equipped to fight back.

The United States' recent withdrawal from the Paris climate agreement hurts a huge potential source of assistance. The U.S. Embassy in South Sudan said it "does not currently support climate change efforts" in the country.

The United Nations says South Sudan is at grave risk of being left behind.

According to the Climate Change Vulnerability Index 2017 compiled by global risk consultancy Verisk Maplecroft, South Sudan is ranked among the world's five most vulnerable countries and is experiencing some of the most acute temperature changes.

"It's rising 2.5 times quicker" than the global average, says Jean-Luc Stalton, senior deputy country director at the U.N. Development Program.

Both U.N. and government officials call it a partially man-made crisis. While up to 95 percent of South Sudan's population is dependent on "climate-sensitive activities for their livelihoods" such as agriculture and forestry, the civil war is worsening the problem.

The rate of deforestation in South Sudan is alarming and if it continues, in 50 to 60 years there will be nothing left, says Arshad Khan, country manager for the U.N. Environment Program. The lack of trees is directly contributing to the rise in temperatures.

Tree-cutting is especially lucrative in South Sudan because there's no central power grid to supply electricity. A reported 11

million people use charcoal for cooking, or almost the entire population.

"This makes me more money than any other business," says Ceasor, the Juba vendor, who says he could barely survive before turning to tree-cutting.

Thirty-five percent of the country's land was once covered with trees, and only 11 percent is now, according to the ministry of environment and agriculture.

"Desperate people are destroying the environment," says Lutana Musa, South Sudan's director for climate change.

Countries across Africa are struggling to cope with a warmer world. Although the continent produces less than 4 percent of the world's greenhouse gases, the UNDP says climate stresses and a limited capacity to adapt are increasing Africa's vulnerability to climate change.

In South Sudan, the deforestation is compounded by an increase in illegal exports of wood and charcoal by foreign companies.

"People are taking advantage of the insecurity," says Joseph Africano Bartel, South Sudan's deputy environment minister. He says that due to the conflict there's no supervision at the country's borders, even though South Sudan has banned the export of charcoal.

South Sudan is rich in mahogany and teak, both of which are in high demand especially in Arab nations, Bartel says. He says South Sudanese tree-cutters are hired by companies primarily from Sudan, Libya and Lebanon that smuggle the coal and wood out through neighboring Uganda.

In an abandoned charcoal warehouse in Juba, 50 tons of coal sits stacked in bags. Arabic writing scribbled on the front of each sack reads: "Made in South Sudan."

"I've seen bags that say 'Destination Dubai'," Charlie Oyul, a lead inves-



A woman and her daughter walk home with firewood in the small town of Rajaf, near Juba



Scattered trees dot the once densely forested land, seen from an airplane

tigator with the environment ministry, told The Associated Press.

A few weeks ago, Oyul's team impounded the warehouse and arrested the company's owner and his assistant, who Oyul said were working for a Sudanese contractor. But Kamal Adam, a South Sudanese company official who is out on bail, says they sell charcoal only to locals.

The company is one of five illegal operations known to authorities in Juba and the surrounding area, and it's the only one to be shut down. As much as South Sudan's authorities try to stem the illegal exports of charcoal and wood, Oyul says he can't keep up.

During a recent visit by The Associated Press to the impounded warehouse, roughly 10 trucks carrying piles of wood and charcoal were seen swiftly driving by.

At its climate change conference last month, South Sudan reaffirmed its commitment to the Paris climate agreement and criticized the U.S. withdrawal under President Donald Trump.

"Trump thinks climate change isn't a reality," says Lutana, South Sudan's climate change director.

■ **The deforestation is compounded by an increase in illegal exports of wood and charcoal by foreign companies**

"He should know that his pulling out won't stop people from continuing to work on it."

Sitting alone at his empty desk in a dimly lit, run-down office at the environment ministry, Lutana says that although South Sudan has several propo-

sed projects to fight climate change, he doesn't expect action any time soon as the civil war continues.

The UNEP is working with South Sudan's government to appeal for \$9 million to set up an early warning system for the weather and train gover-

ment officials on climate change. But donors are showing concern because of growing insecurity, and officials say the project won't move forward without peace.

"Because of our situation, the environment just isn't a priority," Lutana says. **AP**

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Offbeat



American Nathan Bartling talks to reporters in Bangkok after he apologized for placing coins on a railroad track

US YOUTUBE STAR IN THAILAND FINDS COIN STUNT FALLS FLAT

An American expat in Thailand who is a YouTube star with 3.29 million subscribers is in hot water for posting a video of an age-old practice among kids: flattening coins on railroad tracks.

Nathan Bartling, whose YouTube series is called "My Mate Nate," was detained by police after a news conference with railway officials Monday in which he said he would try to make amends by promoting Thailand's state railway. Police charged him with railway obstruction, trespassing and damaging railway property.

The former Mormon missionary, who says he's 24, had already taken down the video after an online hubbub claiming he risked derailing a train.

Bartling said he checked about the possibility of derailing the train before he and his production team shot the video.

The myth-busting website snopes.com and popular science blogs agree that a coin won't derail a train, though there is the possibility the coin could fly off and injure someone. The biggest danger is that the person placing the coins could be hit by a train. Several deaths have been blamed on the practice.

Bartling is from Chino Hills, California, according to his Facebook profile. He also has an English-language YouTube series promoting Thai tourism, but with nowhere near the popularity of "My Mate Nate," in which he speaks Thai. Westerners in Thailand who speak the language fluently can sometimes parlay the ability into a money-making entertainment gig, attaining a sort of freak-show celebrity status.

The "My Mate Nate" series has had other controversial episodes, such as seeing if his cat could fly by tying it to some balloons and having two cats fight a scorpion, and stunt for which police are also investigating him under an animal cruelty law. He has taken down those videos as well.

At the news conference with railway officials, Bartling apologized for his wrongdoing, saying "I will do my best to be a good role model."

State Railway of Thailand Deputy Tanongsak Pongprasert said the key lesson from the episode should be that "minors should not imitate this kind of behavior."

More than 62,000 people, mostly Thais, have signed an online petition to be submitted to the Thai government to cancel Bartling's visa and forbid him from entering the country again. AP

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ROOM 1

2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00pm

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Duration: 102min

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ROOM 1

10:00pm

Director: Eric Guillon, Kyle Balda, Pierre Coffin

Starring: Steve Carell, Kristen Wiig, Trey Parker

Language: Cantonese

Duration: 90min



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ROOM 2

2:15, 4:45, 9:45pm

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Director: Matt Reeves

Starring: Woody Herrelson, Sara Canning, Judy Greer

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 140min

SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING

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Starring: Tom Holland, Michael Keaton, Robert Downey Jr.

Language: English

Duration: 133min

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Language: English

Duration: 133min

this day in history



1965 SOUTH KOREA'S FIRST PRESIDENT DIES IN EXILE

The former leader of the Republic of South Korea, Syngman Rhee, has died in exile in the US state of Hawaii at the age of 90.

In 1948 Mr Rhee became South Korea's first president after elections in which he gained 180 of the 196 votes of National Assembly members.

Mr Rhee spent much of his life in the US after leaving Korea in 1904. Prior to his departure he had spent seven years in jail for leading demonstrations against the Korean monarchy.

He returned briefly to Korea in 1910 when it was under Japanese control but, after clashing with the new leadership, left again to head a Korean Government in exile.

Syngman Rhee did not return until Japan's defeat in the Second World War and the occupation of Korea by American and Soviet troops.

In 1948 the country was divided at the 38th parallel and the Soviet Union set up a Democratic People's Republic of Korea in the north while the US helped establish the Republic of Korea in the south.

Mr Rhee emerged as the main anti-communist politician in South Korea and in 1947 he received the unofficial support of the US Government in his bid to become president.

Although first elected on a popular mandate Mr Rhee's style became increasingly autocratic.

In 1954 he forced through amendments to the South Korean constitution to allow him to extend his term of office indefinitely.

However, in 1960 he was forced into a final exile after public unrest over election fraud which saw him returned to office with a massive majority.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

South Korea continued to be governed by authoritarian rulers for decades but at the same time became one of the world's major economies. After the return to multi-party politics in 1987, President Roh Tae-Woo launched an anti-corruption campaign. Relations with its northern neighbor have been the South's major concern. The United States still keeps around 37,000 troops in South Korea to guard against a repeat of the 1950 invasion by North Korea. But after five decades of suspicion and hostility, the ice has begun to melt - in June 2000 the leaders of North and South Korea met and shook hands in Pyongyang, North Korea.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Fasten your seatbelt and put your tray-table in the upright position...

Taurus April 20-May 20 You thought you were 'just friends,' and you've been conducting yourself accordingly...

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 A loved one who's always been less than predictable - to say the least - will suddenly call to let you know that they're at it again...

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 If you need to get away, but you can't arrange to do it right this second, you'd better at least find somewhere to go for a day or so...

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Speaking of connections, expect one to develop fast and furiously - but don't get too comfortable. You're due to meet someone under unusual circumstances who'll make a major impact in your life.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Prepare yourself for fireworks of the most romantic kind. The heavens have arranged for more passion and romance, and your sign is due for the best of it...

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 Your sweetheart seems to have gotten up on the wrong side of the bed - as does your boss. And your coworkers. And your best friend. Whoops. Doesn't this mean that it might actually be you who has the problem?

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 You've never been big on surprises, especially if they weren't planned and executed by you. Today, however, you'll need to adapt to some extremely startling situations...

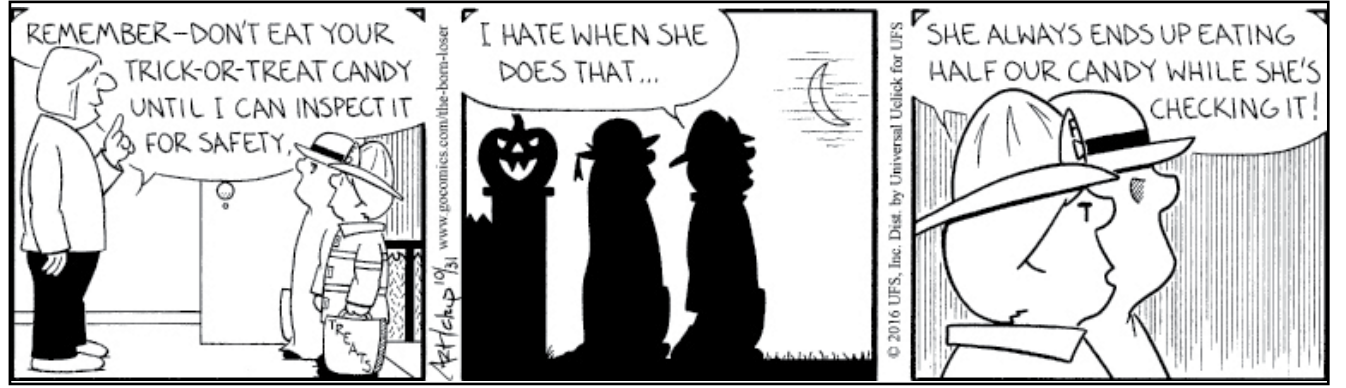
Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You've just about had it with being so darned serious. Sure, you had work to do, but it's done. Now it's time to play - and you've been saving all your energy for this precise moment.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Expect to raise some eyebrows at work today - and a few more tonight, too. You're in a very rare mood, so rare that your coworkers and friends are willing to bet they've never seen you like this.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 The issues of love and money will be quite startling to you today. In fact, they'll probably be somehow related. A dear one may decide it's time for you two to go into business together.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 Prepare yourself for a flood - a flood of emotions, that is. You're quite ready to talk about that certain issue that's had you baffled for a while now - but are your dear ones ready to hear it?

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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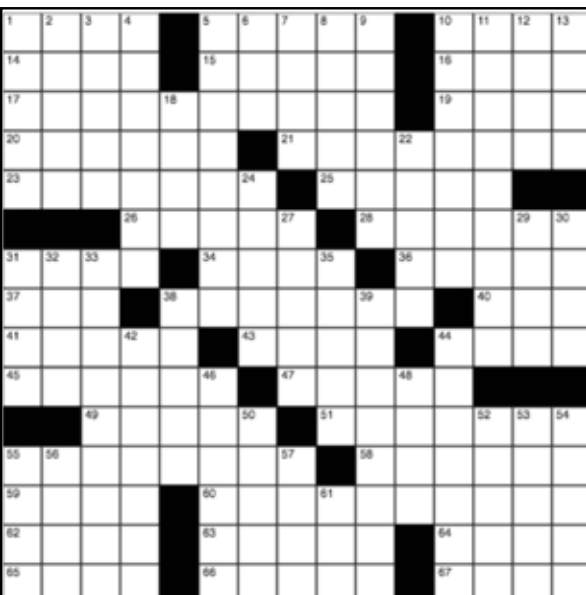
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WEATHER

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FIFA's second most senior official arrested in graft probe

Rodrigo Orihuela, Macarena Munoz and Tariq Panja

POLICE arrested the head of Spain's soccer federation, throwing the leadership of the sport in the World Cup-winning nation into disarray a year before the next round of the elite championship takes place in Russia.

Federation Chairman Angel Maria Villar, 67, as well as three other people were arrested yesterday, the Guardia Civil police force said in an emailed statement. The other detainees include one of Villar's sons, the federation's vice chairman for finance, who is also head of the Tenerife soccer federation, and the secretary of the Tenerife federation, according to the statement.

The probe into Villar, who is the second-highest ranking official in world soccer, brings fresh trauma for the sport in Spain seven years after the national side won the World Cup in South Africa. Barcelona star Lionel Messi was handed a suspended



A Spanish Civil Guard policeman stands guard outside the Spanish Football Federation headquarters

21-month jail term last year for unpaid taxes linked to image rights and Real Madrid player Cristiano Ronaldo also faces accusations he hasn't paid all that he owes in Spanish taxes.

The investigation, which started in early 2016, is looking at possible wrongdoing linked to the handling of funds from friendly matches organized for the Spanish national team, among

other alleged crimes. Investigators allege that Villar's son benefited from commercial deals linked to the games, according to the statement.

Neither Villar or anyone else at the federation was immediately available for comment when contacted by phone. A FIFA spokeswoman referred comment back to the Spanish federation.

Police raided the federation's headquarters, the Tenerife federation and offices and private homes of the several suspects as part of the investigation ordered by a National Court judge.

The arrest of Villar is likely to renew scrutiny of FIFA, which is struggling to regain its reputation

Villar, a former player who trained as a lawyer, has been chairman of the Spanish Federation since 1988 and also serves as vice president for the sport's European governing body UEFA. He's also a first vice president of the international governing body FIFA.

The arrest of Villar, one of the most senior officials in global

soccer, is likely to renew scrutiny of FIFA, which is struggling to regain its reputation following the biggest corruption scandal in the organization's history. Villar's status at FIFA places him just below its president, Gianni Infantino.

The Villar family's influence stretches beyond Europe. One of his sons, Gorka Villar, was a senior official at the sports governing body in South America, which saw its leadership decimated following the 2015 U.S. indictment that alleged corruption dating back more than two decades. Gorka Villar, who held the title of director general, last year left the group known as Conmebol.

Villar resisted an internal investigation into allegations of corruption into FIFA's decision to award the 2018 and 2022 World Cups, according to a report compiled by its former ethics investigator, Michael J. Garcia, who is now a judge on the New York Court of Appeals.

The report outlines a testy conversation between Garcia and Villar in which the Spaniard questions the investigator's authority.

"Only by listening to the audio record of the interview can the truly disturbing nature of Mr. Villar Llona's conduct be fully appreciated," Garcia wrote.

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GOLF | BRITISH OPEN

Lego scene recreates Justin Rose's Birkdale moment

Steve Douglas, Southport

ROYAL Birkdale is where it all began for Justin Rose. Now, there's a Lego scene to prove it.

Rose was a slight 17-year-old golfer wearing a baggy red sweater and a wide smile when he produced one of the British Open's iconic moments in 1998, holing out from 45 yards for eagle at the 72nd hole to secure a tie for fourth place.

He was the talk of Birkdale that week. Even trash-collector girls stopped working to get a glimpse at the English amateur making a run at the claret jug on home turf.

It was a summer that defined him, and still does in many ways.

One of the first places he sought out when arriving for a practice round at the course last week was that piece of rough to the left of the fairway on No. 18, where he holed the shot of a lifetime.

Days later, the moment was recreated in a video animation in Lego form and got the attention of Rose's kids and his three-year-old nephew Billy.

"You see them watch it and see them so impressed," Rose said. "It's a Lego scene, that's



Britain's Justin Rose plays a shot on the 10th hole during a practice round ahead of the British Open Golf Championship

how you know it was a cool achievement."

Rose looks back at that moment and that particular British Open — his first — and sees someone playing with "freedom" and the "innocence" of youth. He is trying to use that

as a model going forward.

He's also amazed that it remains his best finish at his home major.

"It's disappointing," he said yesterday. "Maybe the expectation for a number of years afterwards took its toll coming

back, trying to live up to it. I feel now, though, at this stage of my career I've sort of somewhat proved that that wasn't a flash in the pan, so I can come back to the Open a little freer than I could."

Rose is the Olympic cham-

pion, a U.S. Open winner from 2013, and a reliable pick at most majors these days. Three months ago, he was dueling with Sergio Garcia in the final round of the Masters, only to lose to his good friend in a playoff.

Still, he sees the next few years as the "do-it-now phase" of his career if he wants to win the claret jug.

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"Unfinished business, for sure," he said. "I don't want to say that if I don't win this, it's going to be a huge sort of hole in my career. But it was the one tournament that even before I finished fourth here as an amateur, I got to final qualifying at the age of 14 and created a bit of a story then.

"It's definitely been a championship that I've had great moments in. And to win it would kind of close the book in a way on my Open Championship story."

He has only one other top-10 finish at the British Open, and Rose has been known to complain about being on the wrong side of the draw.

"I've decided," Rose said, "that that's kind of going to be a non-issue going forward."

He plays with Louis Oosthuizen and Justin Thomas in his first two rounds. **AP**

CYCLING | TOUR DE FRANCE

Matthews wins Stage 16, Froome keeps yellow jersey

MICHAEL Matthews won a sprint to the line on Stage 16 of the Tour de France as Britain's Chris Froome kept the yellow jersey yesterday ahead of two difficult days in the Alps.

Heavy crosswinds played havoc in the last 30 kilometers of the 165-kilometer ride between Le Puy-en-Velay to Romans-en-Isere, causing the peloton to stretch and frequently break into several groups.

Froome and his main rivals — Fabio Aru, Romain Bardet and Rigoberto Uran — managed to stay at the front and crossed the finish line together.

Froome, the defending champion, has an 18-second lead over Aru, with Romain Bardet 23 seconds back in third place.

Matthews claimed his second stage win in this race,

three days after his victory in Rodez, reducing the gap with green jersey holder Marcel Kittel in the best sprinter's classification.

Matthews made the most of a slightly uphill section 500 meters from the line and accelerated after Greg Van Avermaet launched the sprint. Matthews then resisted Edvald Boasson Hagen's late surge to prevail by a wheel's length. John Degenkolb completed the podium.

The day's big loser was Irish rider Dan Martin, who was caught in a split in the finale and lost 51 seconds, dropping to seventh place overall, 2:03 off the pace.

On a difficult terrain with constant up-and-downs across the lush forests of Massif Central, several attacks took place during the first hour of racing. With gusts of wind up to 65 ki-

lometers, the peloton split, with Kittel getting dropped in a group struggling at the back.

Kittel could not count on teammate Philippe Gilbert to bring him back as the former world champion did not start the stage in Le Puy-en-Velay due to gastroenteritis. Standing 12th overall, Lotto NL Jumbo rider George Bennett had a bad day and dropped out about 100 kilometers from the finish.

Looking to increase the pressure on Kittel, Matthews' Sunweb team hardened the race at the front, joining forces with other sprinters' teams to increase the gap to more than three minutes with 75 kilometers remaining.

Caught in the split with Kittel, Frenchman Nacer Bouhanni did not give up the chase and managed



Australia's Michael Matthews (left) crosses the finish line to win the sixteenth stage of the Tour de France

to bridge the gap after an impressive effort with his Cofidis teammates before Matthews won the intermediate sprint.

On long and flat sections vulnerable to wind, Froome's Sky team rode at the front, making sure their leader would not miss out

on possible splits.

The high tempo imposed by Sky stretched out the pack as Jarlinson Pantano heavily crashed on the side of the road and Alberto Contador was dropped.

The battle for the yellow jersey will resume today during the first of two

Alpine stages in high altitude. It will lead riders to the ski station of Serre Chevalier through a grueling 183-kilometer trek featuring four climbs, including a nearly 12-kilometer ascent to the Col du Galibier, one of the Tour's most fearsome and famed climbs. **AP**

opinion

Macau Matters

Richard Whitfield



FLAWED CAREER EXPECTATIONS

For the first time since 2009, I have recently started teaching Project Management courses for university undergraduates. (By the way, I strongly believe that understanding teams and projects is a very important life skill that we should be teaching to primary and secondary school students, and not leaving it until the final years of undergraduate university studies, but that is another story.) Common sense and a lot of education research tells us that when students have a good personal reason for learning a topic they put in much more effort and perform much better. I am sure I am not alone in having frequently had problems at school when trying to learn boring material that only seemed to be in the curriculum to fill up the time available.

Therefore, I decided to ask some of my students about their future career goals, intending to explain how projects and project work will fit in with their future working lives, to give them a personally meaningful reason to learn Project Management. I was flabbergasted when the first student I asked said that she wanted to be a bank teller when she graduated with her Licentiate in Business Administration – I cannot understand why a university student should set such a low career goal, but it is something I have seen again and again. I have also seen it with Master of Business Administration students, who, when asked to think of a good business and develop plans for it in an Entrepreneurship course, can only propose opening a single, small fast-food or clothing shop in Macau, and have no larger vision. I am sure that this phenomenon is not peculiar to Macau, but I find that many reasonably well-educated young people here have very low ambitions for themselves.

As in many places, especially in Asia, there is a bright future for young people lucky enough to be raised in small, rich enclaves like Macau, as long as they are well educated and ambitious. In these enclaves low end work is usually very poorly paid (often because the locals are competing against imported labor from very poor places). Educated “dead wood” is also often quickly shunted into relatively low earning dead-end careers, and the well paid leadership roles are shared by proven expatriates and aggressive and ambitious, well-trained locals.

I totally agree with policies that encourage the recruitment and career progression of bright young local people to maximize the local benefits of development, but there is a fine line to be drawn here because competent leadership is needed to maintain progress. It would be a very bad community outcome for poorly prepared locals to feel entitled to take leadership positions that they are not competent to handle, which unfortunately seems to be the norm in some parts of Asia.

In too many cases I sense that bright young people in Macau are happy enough to set relatively low goals for themselves to have an easy life with “enough” money. Again, this situation is not peculiar to Macau, but I find it puzzling. I also feel that it is wasteful of local people and is not maximizing the local return on development initiatives. I am not sure of the cause and I am not sure of the action to be taken, but I do believe that we need young people in Macau to raise their sights and be more ambitious, but without unduly raising their sense of entitlement – a tricky balancing act, I admit, but one I believe that we need to attempt. Ideas anyone?

THE DOCTORS FIND 27 CONTACT LENSES IN WOMAN'S EYE

Doctors intending to perform cataract surgery on a 67-year-old woman in Britain found something rather unexpected: 17 contact lenses mashed together in her right eye.

In a case report published Monday in the journal *BMJ*, the doctors said that the woman had worn monthly disposable contact lenses for 35 years; she had “deep set eyes” and poorer vision in that eye, which they said might have contribu-

ted to a failure to remove some of the lenses.

The doctors said the 17 lenses were bound together by mucus. A further 10 were found by the surgeon using a microscope. Rupal Morjaria, a specialist trainee in ophthalmology, said the “large mass” would have caused quite a lot of irritation.

The patient had chalked it up to old age and dry eye, Morjaria said.

TURKEY

Six human rights activists jailed pending trial

Neyran Elden, Suzan Fraser

A court in Istanbul ordered six human rights activists – including Amnesty International’s Turkey director – formally arrested yesterday pending a trial over accusations that they aided an armed terror group, adding to concerns over rights and freedoms in the country.

Four others activists were released from custody pending the outcome of a trial. They have been barred from traveling abroad and have to report regularly to police.

The group was detained earlier this month in a police raid at a hotel on Buyukada island where they were attending a training workshop on digital security.

They are suspected of “committing crime in the name of a terrorist organization without being a member.”

Amnesty International described the court decision as a “crushing blow for rights in Turkey.”

“This is not a legitimate investigation, this is a politically motivated witch-hunt that charts a frightening future for rights in Turkey,” said Salil Shetty, Amnesty International’s secretary general.

Shetty said: “Today we have learnt that standing up for human rights has become a crime in Turkey.



People walk outside the court in Istanbul

This is a moment of truth, for Turkey and for the international community.”

It is not clear which terror organization they are suspected helping but Turkish media reports said prosecutors, requesting the arrests, presented as evidence records of their communications with suspects linked to Kurdish and left-wing militants as well as the movement led by U.S.-based Muslim preacher Fethullah Gulen, who is accused of orchestrating last year’s failed coup attempt. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan earlier this month made vague accusations, saying the group was involved in a meeting that had the “nature of a continuation” of the coup attempt.

Those ordered jailed include Amnesty’s Turkey direc-

tor, Idil Eser, and activists from the Helsinki Citizens Assembly and the Human Rights’ Agenda Association. Their two trainers – a German and a Swede – were also arrested.

Turkey declared a state of emergency days after the coup and launched a massive crackdown, arresting about 50,000 people and dismissing more than 110,000 workers from government jobs. The crackdown initially focused on people suspected of ties to the alleged coup plotters, but has been extended to include politicians, journalists and activists.

Eser is the second top Amnesty International official in Turkey to be arrested. Last month, Amnesty’s Turkey chair, Taner Kilic, was arrested for alleged links to Gulen’s movement. **AP**

THE DECISIVE MOMENT



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Pakistani rescuers search for victims as they remove debris after a three-story building collapsed yesterday at a residential area in the southern Pakistani port city of Karachi. At least three people were killed and seven others wounded, local media reported.

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

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS



INDONESIA Conservative Islamic groups protested yesterday in the capital of Indonesia, denouncing President Joko “Jokowi” Widodo’s attempt to ban radical organizations. Demonstrators from an alliance of Islamic groups waved flags and held up banners calling the government tyrannical and repressive. **More on p12**

GREECE-TURKEY Turkey showed it is not ready to come to an agreement on reunifying ethnically divided Cyprus during recently failed peace talks, Greece’s foreign minister said yesterday.



GERMANY At least 547 members of a prestigious Catholic boys’ choir in Germany were physically or sexually abused between 1945 and 1992, according to a report released yesterday. Allegations involving the Domspatzen choir in Regensburg were among a spate of revelations of abuse by Roman Catholic clergy in Germany that emerged in 2010.

SWITZERLAND Police say the bodies of what appear to be two people killed in an accident decades ago have been recovered from a glacier in southwestern Switzerland.

NIGERIA At least eight people were killed when a female suicide bomber detonated at a mosque in northeastern Nigeria. The bomber was being chased by local security workers and ran into the middle of worshippers and exploded. At least 13 people were wounded.

ARGENTINA Officials say cold weather and freezing temperatures from a polar wave have killed two people in Argentina. An absolute record of -25.4 Celsius was also registered in the Patagonian ski resort of Bariloche.