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CHINA has ordered 31 people to be placed under "coercive measures" for a collapse last year at a construction site that killed 73 people, the state news agency reported this weekend. Coercive measures are a form of detention that can range from constant surveillance to outright arrest. It is often used against people accused of endangering national security. More on p11

PHILIPPINES Regular troops have rescued a Roman Catholic priest and another civilian who were among dozens of people abducted in May when hundreds of militants aligned with the Islamic State group laid siege on southern Marawi city, officials said yesterday.



NORTH KOREA-US President Donald Trump early today mocked the leader of nuclear-armed North Korea as "Rocket Man" while White House advisers said the isolated nation would face destruction unless it shelve its weapons programs and bellicose threats.

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Paulo Coutinho

PAN-DEMOCRATS,
HATO AND HATE

HE was bluffing. By 10pm yesterday, Jason Chao shared via several online platforms a link to a page where New Macau would announce the universal suffrage unofficial results. Only after 1 am the Electoral Affairs Commission (CAEAL) started to show some results, to take the lead over the democrats' website by 2:30am when they published online the provisional final results and the allocation of the 14 seats universally elected. It was a slightly better performance compared to 2013, but once again commentators on live broadcasts had to resort to the democrats' website to analyze the results and predict the conversion of votes in mandates of this unique and twisted voting system.

Notwithstanding a residual increment of the turnout (+1.8%) once again the "Abstention Party" was the biggest party: 47% or 130,743 registered voters decided to abstain.

Concerning the casted votes (174,872), the greatest winner of this election was the pan-democratic camp, electing five candidates combined: José Pereira Coutinho, Au Kam San, Ng Kuok Cheong, Agnes Lam and Sulu Sou, the last two being new comers to the Legislative Assembly (AL).

On the other hand, the traditional pro-Beijing forces, the lists associated with the Federation of Workers and the Kaifong, must also be seen as winners, returning to the AL with maximum force: four lawmakers elected.

Mak Soi Kun was the most voted candidate, but basically kept the same record of 2013, unlike the greatest losers of Election Day: Chan Meng Kam's sponsored lists, losing one seat, and Melinda Chan, who failed re-election.

The Hato factor, and a hate vote towards the government may have influenced the results. Nothing will change much in the AL in the future, except for a breeze of fresh air and, possibly, a richer debate. While this cladded system persists and the government continues to disrespect the Basic Law provision that clearly postulates - in letter and spirit - a more democratic AL.

As everything in life, if we don't exercise we decay. Is that the idea? More and more, it seems so.

CE and high-ranked officials called on voters to participate

THE Chief Executive (CE) Chui Sai On, called on all voters to exercise their voting rights and select their preferred representatives to earn a seat in the Legislative Assembly (AL) for the sixth legislature. The appeal was made right after the CE had voted, yesterday at noon, at the polling station located at the Instituto Salesiano School.

Chui recalled that the representatives now running for the election will have an important role in supervising the government's work, stressing also that the Electoral Affairs Commission for the Legislative Assembly Election (CAEAL) had devoted all efforts to "ensuring the polls were held in a lawful, fair, just, open and clean manner" in line with the Legislative Assembly Election Law.

The CE expressed his gratitude to all staff working in the polling stations, commending the election process



Chui Sai On votes

for being conducted in an orderly manner, and without problems.

The CE's appeal for voters to vote, was followed by the government's high-ranked officials who voted during the day at several locations around the Peninsula and Islands.

At the Macau Forum polling

station, the director of the Customs Service, Alex Vong noted the simplicity of the voting system, observing that it took him less than five minutes to complete the process.

Earlier on, several government Secretaries placed their votes. One of the first to vote was the Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Raimundo do Rosário, who voted several minutes past 9 a.m. at the Macau Stadium in Taipa.

He said he chose to vote early in the morning as there were fewer voters and the process would be quicker.

The Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lionel Leong, also voted in Taipa, and reaffirmed that the elections were running "in a legal, fair, transparent and honest way." He added, "I believe the vo-

ters will exercise their right in a rational and prudent manner."

The president of the AL, Ho Iat Seng was seen exiting from the polling station at the Macau Polytechnic Institute (IPM) in the early morning. He said it was "a duty of the lawmakers to proceed with legislative initiatives as well as to inspect government's work," and, "I hope there are some new faces for the Sixth Legislative Assembly. This will stimulate the work of the chamber."

He also said that the AL is under a duty to attend to the problems of the population, noting that when matters relating to housing, transportation, medical assistance, education and economy are solved, people will feel more stable and happy. RM

CHUI COMMENTS ON BARRED JOURNALISTS

LAST WEEK, Apple Daily (Hong Kong) sent journalists to Macau to report on the Legislative Assembly election. Twelve journalists from Apple Daily were denied entry to the city on the grounds that they "pose threats to Macau's internal security stability." Hong Kong Journalists Association says it "feels sorry" for the Macau au-

thority's decision, and that the journalists' interviews would not pose threats to Macau's internal security. The Chief Executive said yesterday that he believes the Macau immigration department's decision had "no direct link to the work either of the Electoral Affairs Commission or of the Commission Against Corruption."

CCAC says breakfasts were not electoral corruption

Renato Marques

THE Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) considered that light meals provided to some elderly residents are not to be considered as cases of electoral corruption, the commissioner André Cheong said during a press conference for the presentation of the final preliminary results of the Legislative Assem-

bly elections.

"After analysis we decided that the act [providing a light meal] cannot constitute bribery," Cheong said, adding, "The breakfast was provided by the retirement home and only involved a bottle of soya milk and a bun," noting that there is no proof that such a meal was provided with the condition of a vote, noting that such judgment is based on

"analysis and the law."

Answering media questions, Cheong noted that the CCAC has inspected a total of 800 restaurants in order to "see if they organized any large-scale free meal [event] provided by any association."

Cheong said that such events were not found in any of the CCAC inspections.

According to the commissioner, inspections

were also made to local Rent-a-Car companies in order to know if there were reserves made for the Election Day, in order to follow up and guarantee that no illegality was committed.

Cheong noted, "to provide assistance in transportation to people with mobility difficulties or elderlies is not illegal," he said, "as long as during that transportation there are no tries

to condition their vote."

Doing a review on the positive side of the election process in terms of illegal actions and crimes, Cheong noted, "Until 9p.m. [yesterday] there were a total of 25 complaints including bribery and other activities. Which results in a significant drop since in the previous election we registered a total of 46 reported cases."

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AL ELECTION

Conservatives and democrats both winners

MAK Soi Kun was the most voted candidate in yesterday's Legislative Assembly (AL) elections. According to the official data released early morning today, Mak got 17,207 votes and his Macau-Guangdong Union managed to elect a second lawmaker, Zheng Anting.

The Macau-Guangdong Union political platform prioritizes issues of livelihood. The group demands a minimum MOP10,000 monthly pension for people aged above 65 years old, and better medical and living welfare conditions.

Another key element of the group's platform is their focus on the youth. The team's candidates want better policies to help the youth buy their own houses and acquire better skills.

Heading the Union for Development group, Ella Lei obtained 16,694 votes, also electing a second lawmaker, Leong Sun Iok. Her results make the Macao Federation of Trade Unions (FAOM) one of the winners of the election. FAOM is expected to have more representatives appointed lawmakers by the Chief Executive.

The other winner of the night is the pan-democrat side, with members and former members of the New Macau Association electing three lawmakers, namely Au Kam San and Ng Kuok Cheong, both veterans at the AL, and the newcomer Sulu Sou (see page 6).

Though Sulu Sou remained in the top 14 for most of the evening, the daylight hours drew to a round of applause and cheering as the city's youngest lawmaker was confirmed - in spite of what the group has regarded in past weeks as an orchestrated 'smear

campaign' against them.

The mood at the New Macau headquarters was one of hope; that a young lawmaker, backed by the youth, could bring a much-needed revitalization to Macau's legislature.

Pereira Coutinho kept his lawmaker post with 14,383 votes, but failed to see his number two, Leong Veng Chai, elected.

Supporters of candidate José Pereira Coutinho gathered at Macau Civil Servants' Association last night, chanting as several volunteers counted the votes of their candidate.

Speaking to the Times, Coutinho expressed his content with the results, adding that the group has been working hard to achieve a high number of votes.

The re-elected legislator also said that residents had learned from this election and he hoped that the next election will be more impartial.

"I hope that the next election would be much more fair and clean. Local people can upgrade their knowledge about politics and what is going on in the Legislative Assembly works, which is one of the biggest problems in Macau," he noted.

Chan Meng Kam's list-splitting strategy did not pay off

Coutinho implied that he would call for more directly elected seats, adding that the number of such seats has not changed since 2009.

"We have a dream that one day, the majority of AL are direct elected and only one seat, according

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to the basic law, will remain indirectly elected," said the re-elected lawmaker.

Agnes Lam, a scholar at the University of Macau, was successful in her third attempt to reach the parliament with 9,590 votes.

Chan Meng Kam's list-splitting strategy did not pay off. Incumbent lawmakers Song Pek Kei and Si Ka Lon successfully defended their seats, but failed to match the best expectations, which would see the two lists backed by Chan electing four lawmakers.

When interviewed by the Times yesterday night, the results of the election were not fully known, but Song said that she was putting her hopes in some polling stations. "In the northern district, there is a bigger population. I think the turnout rate in

this district is almost the same as that of the previous election," she said.

When talking about his expectations regarding the results, Si Ka Lon echoed Song's expectations. "The northern district will have more votes. I also believe that, after so many years of hard working, we will have some votes in other districts as well," he said.

The failure of Chan's strategy may be explained by the peculiarities of Macau's electoral system, whereby the number of votes needed to elect consecutive lawmakers from a single list increases exponentially. The result is that the number of votes needed for a list's third lawmaker may exceed that of its first and second candidates combined.

It is the biggest political defeat for Chan Meng Kam, the most distinguished leader of Macau's Fujianese community, since he first entered mainstream politics in 2005.

One of the surprises of the election was the non-election of Melinda Chan. Her group Alliance for Change failed to retain her seat at the AL. Chan couldn't hide her disappointment. "I never thought this would happen, but I respect the decision of the Macau citizens," she told TDM.

Despite being elected with 10,447 votes, Angela Leong also showed some disappointment for not electing a second lawmaker when talking to supporters after the results were known. **Staff reporters**

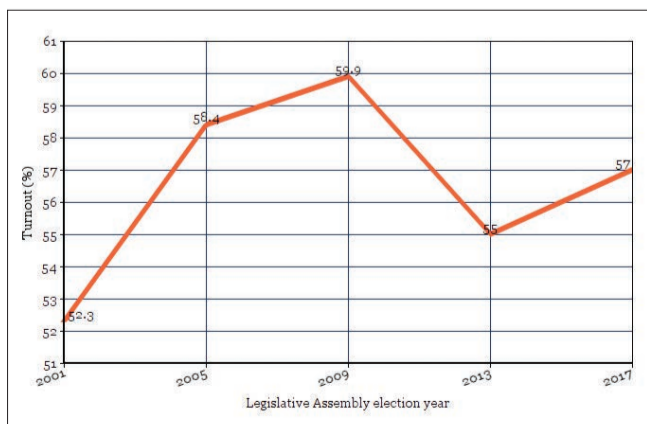
Voter turnout rises two percentage points

Daniel Beitler

VOTER turnout in yesterday's election was in line with expectations and similar to that of previous Legislative Assembly elections, rising two percentage points from the previous election in 2013.

According to government estimates, a total of 174,872 voters (57 percent of the total) cast their ballots yesterday in the direct elections, up from 55.02 percent in 2013 but down from 59.91 percent in 2009.

As for the indirect



Voter turnout by election

elections, between 82 percent and 97 percent of registered electors for the five functional constituencies cast their

vote. Only one candidate contested the designated seat for many of these functional constituencies.

Yesterday's election was the most contested election since the 1999 handover, with more lists than ever before vying for a seat or two in the legislature.

Some analysts attributed the destruction brought by Typhoon Hato last month and the government's response to the disaster as a pulling factor for voters. They said that voters would use the election as a chance to respond to the government's handling of the situation.

The Electoral Affairs Commission for the Le-

gislative Assembly Election's role in sending out advanced information on polling stations ahead of the election may have also contributed, as might the trial runs conducted in the days leading up to Sunday, particularly for the elderly and the handicapped.

The weather also held out yesterday. Poor weather conditions are known to affect the number of voters that head to the polls.

Voter turnout in democratic countries and states tends to fluctuate

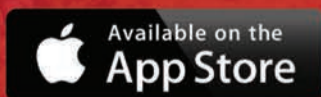
for a variety of reasons, including the issues at stake, the character of the election contenders themselves, and the perceived closeness of the election, as well as the level of political apathy and the importance that voters attach to the political process.

In last year's legislative election in Hong Kong, some 58 percent of the population cast their ballots, five percentage points higher than in the 2012 election. Analysts attributed the sharp rise to the effect of the Umbrella Movement in late-2014, which paralyzed parts of Hong Kong city, including Causeway Bay and Mong Kok.

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AROUND 57 percent of the registered voters cast their votes yesterday at 37 polling stations spread across the city.

While many agree the voting process was easier than four years ago, some residents are still skeptical over Macau's voting procedures, and others are unaware of Macau's controversial voting system.

Speaking to the Times, several voters criticized the SAR's voting system, arguing that the 14 directly elected seats in the Legislative Assembly (AL) are not enough. They suggested that the 12 seats nominated by the functional constituency system should be reduced to allow for more directly elected seats.

"There are not enough direct selections. It doesn't make sense that the government can have that many appointed representatives," said a 60-year old resident who refused to be identified.

Questioned whether he would also call for universal suffrage, the citizen responded, "later on, but this time, [we] cannot."

Echoing the same sentiment, another registered voter expressed that the 2017 AL elections was only for a show, adding that some lawmakers only serve out of personal interest.

"I think this [election] is only commercial. It's nothing. The assembly and everyone [in the AL] is commercial. [They] do not want to help the population, but only themselves," said another Macau local, who also refused to be identified.

Florence Van, born and raised in Macau, declared, "I support democracy."

She expressed support for universal suffrage for both the Chief Executive and the AL election, and believed that yesterday's election was significant to Macau.

"If the city does not even vote for so few directly elected lawmakers, then nothing will change. I think everybody should contribute. If [...] everybody does nothing, then change will not happen," she said.

Another interviewee, surnamed Wong, who has been a teacher in Macau's primary and middle schools for eight years, voted for the first time in this election. Yet he lamented that the elections "cannot change that much."

He explained that due to the small number of seats given to directly elected lawmakers, some important bills, which residents have been wanting to be passed, cannot pass at the parliament.

"In addition, several of the lawmakers among the 14 directly elected ones are businessmen. [...] Hence, I hope that more different voices can be heard in the AL," he continued.

Wong believes that the democratic power in Macau is comparatively insubstantial, and the power of the pro-government lawmakers is too robust.



Some voters remain apprehensive over region's political system

Although candidates brought out several fair ideas and several fair political platforms, he doubted whether the promises will come to pass.

"It is still unknown whether what they said will be realized. Nobody can promise that the lawmakers will stick to their words," said Wong.

When commenting on the election and Macau's democratic system, Wong replied, "the best for the general public is to have a happy life."

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FLORENCE VAN
VOTER

"I think all systems have their own flaws," said Wong, who considers that despite its flaws, democracy is still the best option for Macau.

The voter believed that there is still a lot of room for Macau's democratic development, adding that as a millennial, youth concerns should be given more weight in the AL.

Another voter, surnamed Lei, noted that more than half of the registered voters are aged over 50, thus she believed that the youth voice would not have a

strong impact in the AL.

"There will be some influence [from young people], but regardless of our voting preferences, that influence will not play a huge role," said Lei. "But I still think we should vote. Those young candidates really need us to vote for them."

Lei described the territory's democratic situation as being "not okay."

"It's because firstly, the law is not okay. [Basic Law] says that Macau will not change for 50 years, and now I am really afraid it won't even change in 50 years."

A university student, surnamed Hoi, voted for the first time in the AL election along with her siblings, who are also university students and first time voters.

When talking to the Times, Hoi agreed that it is their duty to vote in the election.

The three students share the hope that lawmakers would speak for them in the AL regarding democracy.

Some meters away from the

exit of the Portuguese School, the young voters said that although the arrangement of the polling stations at the school was "quite good" and the voting procedure was "fast," they still hoped for some significant changes.

"I hope that the housing prices can go down a bit, and that there can be more public houses. I also hope that the Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau can provide more accurate weather forecasts," said Hoi.

While some voters are still opting for the candidates they voted for in the previous elections, a few are seeking a change.

A non-Chinese speaking resident said that she voted for a candidate whom she believed was also seeking change in the AL.

"Many years ago, I [have been] wanting her to win because she's also aiming for some changes. I think she's a good leader," she said.

Meanwhile, when asked whether they approved of Macau's

voting system, others admitted that they are not familiar with the city's voting system.

"To tell you honestly, I don't know about this system, I just did what I was encouraged to do, [and to show] solidarity; and maybe my vote can somehow count," a voter said.

According to several inquiries by the Times, many of the Filipinos residing in the city voted for list number 6, Nova Esperança, led by candidate José Pereira Coutinho.

Filipino registered voters expressed that their loyalty to Coutinho was due to his help with issues faced by the Filipino community.

"I voted for him because he can help us [Filipinos]. I want candidates who can help my fellow compatriots," said one interviewee.

"I think we can reach this legislator whenever we encounter problems. I think he's the only legislator who we can approach, actually," said another.

CAEAL recorded 12 irregularities on election day

THE Electoral Affairs Commission for the Legislative Assembly Election (CAEAL) has recorded a total of 12 irregularities that were forwarded to the Public Security Police Force (PSP), Tong Hio Fong informed in the first press conference of the committee after the closing of the polling stations.

According to Tong, of those 12 irregularities, five are related to photo taking inside the polling stations.

Tong informed early yesterday morning of 10 cases of irregularities that occurred during the period of reflection between Friday midnight

and yesterday. According to Tong, such cases were mostly related to the lack of removal or hiding of propaganda online, namely on social networks. Cases of promised or actual gifts, such as free meals, are also included among these 10 cases, he noted.

Addressing the preliminary figures of the voting stations, Tong said that a total of 174,000 people are believed to have voted in the direct elections, representing 57 percent of the electorate. As for the indirect suffrage, Tong said that the 5,550 voters represented around 91 percent of the total. **RM**

Sulu Sou bags election victory for New Macau's young 'radicals'

Daniel Beitler

THE mood was jubilant this morning at the headquarters of the New Macau Association, as the city's youngest lawmaker was confirmed.

According to the official election results, 26-year-old Sulu Sou has become the city's 12th legislator, backed by 9,212 votes.

"The [Legislative] Assembly is not the end, but the means," was his message as he emerged in the early hours of the morning to cheering and applause from an audience made up of youths and political veterans alike.

It had been an emotional evening at the New Macau headquarters, as democrat powerhouses Jason Chao and Scott Chiang returned to see one of their rank elected for the first time.

Chao and Chiang ran for the Legislative Assembly on a similar platform back in 2013, but to no avail. Sou succeeded where they had failed but under different circumstances and not without the support of Chao, Chiang and the New Macau team.

"I owe this victory to Macau citizens and the strong team of New Macau Association," he told the press this morning, adding, "this success does not belong to us only, but all of the citizens who



want to revitalize the Legislative Assembly."

The democrats – including veteran lawmakers Au Kam San and Ng Kuok Cheong – stand for a variety of issues, but their demand for political reform and universal suffrage is a unifying call among them.

Now on the road to the Legislative Assembly, the modest Sou has political reform in his sights starting with a plan to see 100 percent of the 33 legislative seats filled via direct elections. Currently, just 14 of the 33 seats are elected

by universal suffrage and the government has recurrently shot down proposals to grow

I hope that Chui won't underestimate the power of young people.

SULU SOU
LAWMAKER-ELECT

that number.

The new lawmaker also wants to see the political involvement of young people develop over the next four years; a force that he warned the chief executive not to ignore.

"New Macau wants to show the power of young people," said Sou, who currently heads a leadership team populated mostly by 20- and 30-somethings. "Young people should be confident in themselves and [their ability] to change society and improve the Legislative Assembly. I hope

that Mr Chui [Sai On] won't underestimate the power of young people."

The pro-democrat camp reached the pinnacle of its strength after the 2009 election when the New Macau Association secured three of the then-12 directly elected seats with 19.35 percent of the vote. Together with the seat won by Pereira Coutinho's New Hope, the pro-democrat camp constituted one-third of the legislature.

In the subsequent election – when, for the first time, the 12 directly elected seats increased to 14 – the two associations collectively retained their four seats but saw their position weakened by the addition of two pan-establishment lawmakers.

Then New Macau felt its influence slipping last year, when New Macau co-founder Au Kam San left the group, claiming that it no longer resembled the organization he had helped to found. After months of uncertainty, Ng Kuok Cheong, another veteran pro-democrat, finally pledged to stay on.

Sou might be the key to healing the rift between the younger activists and the Old Guard. With Paul Chan as his number 2, the more moderate and reserved Sou emanated yesterday a middle ground between the Jason Chao and the Au Kam Sans.

"I think that a gain in the pro-democrat camp is not a zero-sum game," said Sou yesterday on the matter. "New Macau won [a seat] and so did Au Kam San and Ng Kuok Cheong. So we will be open to [cooperation with other] pro-democrats."

INTERNATIONAL Media coverage of Macau's election has been generally scarce, though a few outlets chipped in with their analysis and predictions.

The South China Morning Post reported over the weekend that the pro-establishment bloc was expected to retain its legislative dominance. It speculated that voters would react poorly to perceived criticism directed by some pro-democrats toward the intervention of the Macau Garrison of the People's Liberation Army last month.

However, political commentator Larry So told the SCMP that the younger democrats in the likes of Sulu Sou might fare better in the election with their fresher, arguably untar-

Int'l media expected establishment forces to hold strong

nished reputation.

"Given the highly fragmented nature of the democrats, both old and new generation, the likely beneficiaries may be the new and younger candidates who project an image of freshness and necessary change, especially for some voters who are deeply unhappy with the government performance before and after Typhoon Hato," he said, as cited by the SCMP.

Meanwhile, Hong Kong's The Standard described the political landscape in the MSAR as "rather simple."

"With only about



300,000 voters, it's absolutely a foregone conclusion pro-Beijing

forces will continue to dominate the legislature by overwhelming

numbers," it noted, in agreement with general forecasts. "Sunday's

poll will produce a body that will continue to lend support to the administration."

The newspaper also speculated, prior to the results, on the consequences of the "likely" election of Sou. The Standard suggested that Sou might throw a spanner into the 'business-as-usual' works of the Legislative Assembly through filibustering tactics.

The Economist covered Macau's election in a short article in this week's edition, highlighting the MSAR's apparent political apathy when compared with its much larger neighbor. It said that local residents were not keen to press for greater democracy in the territory, as has been the trend in Hong Kong. **DB**

Gourmet enterprise sees Sands China's commitment to local SMEs

TO further support local procurement and Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) growth, Sands China has chosen to acquire product from a 'Made-in-Macao' enterprise to supply a variety of gourmet products to its five properties.

City Gourmet Company Limited, a local company established in 2007, has been supplying gourmet products from smoked meats to cold-cuts since 2016.

Due to the ready availability of products through the company in Macau, food and beverage companies supplied by them are likely to obtain fresher products compared to accessing product supply from neighboring regions.

City Gourmet currently produces cooked and fine gourmet foods, and tailor-made products for its clients.

The local firm became one of the suppliers to the gaming operator after a successful introduction its products and services to Sands China.

Motivated by Sands China's launching of the SME program, City Gourmet initiated the partnership, which Sands China welcomed.

Sands China's food and beverage team was then sent to conduct a quality assurance inspection and took a look at the firm's standard of food hygiene at their facilities and approved the supplier after ensuring the quality of the food being served to guests.

As an example of Sands China's aim of assisting local enterprises to grow along with the integrated resorts, Sands China quickly placed an order of nearly three tons of gourmet foods in its first transaction with the firm.

City Gourmet currently supplies 22 of Sands China's food and beverage outlets.

"The first order was very quick. In two-weeks they started to place orders and the volume was between two and three tons of products," said Simon Tam, general manager of City Gourmet.

According to Tam, Sands China's Local Small, Medium and Micro Suppliers Support Program serves as an advantage to his enterprise,

noting that the gaming operator's purchasing team showed support even before the formal partnership commenced.

"When we started to contact The Venetian, the purchasing team was very supportive to us," Tam noted.

"When they knew that we provide Made in Macao products, they were very keen and happy to visit us and see what we could supply to them," the entrepreneur continued.

Tam also remarked that Sands China champions the government policy on prioritizing purchases from SMEs established in the territory.

"Sands China is also very su-

pportive of the Macau government policy. Just [as] during their invitational matching session, they allowed us to showcase our products, and the procurement team responded fast," recalled the entrepreneur.

Meanwhile, the general manager highlighted that the human resources situation is still a challenge being faced by local SMEs, noting that the bottleneck could hinder the growth of its businesses.

Due to the strict policies over imported labor, the lack of manpower remains a challenge to the company which resulted in having to refuse a local hotels' request for the supply of gourmet products.

"Macau lacks this kind of

manpower. What most companies are facing is this problem: they can't get the right people to do the work for them," Tam lamented.

Tam also hoped that the government would resource local enterprises by employing non-residents.

"I hope the government can allow us to have bigger [non-resident to resident] workers' proportion to make our factory production power bigger and [to] supply more quality products," expressed the entrepreneur.

Yet despite these hurdles, Tam is grateful that Sands China's SME programs, along with its procurement team have significantly assisted them in enhancing service quality and range of products that they offer to the gaming operator's enterprises.

Even considering the scale of Sands China's operation, the entrepreneur noted that he never felt intimidated by the size of its client due to its continuous support for their business; treating the enterprise as valued partners.

Although there are plans to expand the business in a bid to cater to the demands of local integrated resorts and to promote local products, City Gourmet is currently focusing on supplying top quality products to its clients.

Having been a supplier of Sands China for over a year, Tam emphasized that he sees a potential opportunity for significant turnover volume.

City Gourmet acknowledged that the swift and accommodating response from the procurement team of Sands China has assisted them

to plan for production and on-time delivery to the properties.

Sands China has been closely involved in activities that benefit SMEs such as giving them access to direct business opportunities.

To continually demonstrate the company's commitment to supporting local enterprises as part of the operator's corporate social responsibility, Sands China has continuously been involved in purchasing local products.

To further support these local entrepreneurs, Sands China conducts a 'Sands China Procurement Academy,' aiming to develop local SME suppliers by sharing business knowledge and skills, helping them gain experience and capacity to work with large-scale international customers like Sands China.

In line with the government's policy of "buy local," the gaming operator has continually expressed its aim of seeing local SMEs become a significant part of the growth of the region's economy.

Thus, its academy program provides tailor-made practical training modules to local SMEs, presenting them with a certificate upon graduating from the academy.

Graduating suppliers will become preferential suppliers under otherwise equal circumstances. The academy is targeted toward local small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), micro-enterprises, young entrepreneurs, and "Made-in-Macao" enterprises.



“When they knew that we provide Made in Macao products, they were very keen and happy to visit us and see what we could supply to them.”

SIMON TAM
GENERAL MANAGER



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2017 handout distribution complete

The distribution of the 2017 Wealth Partaking Scheme, also known as the "handout," was completed on Friday. In the course of the implementation, more than 278,000 people received the cash premium by means of bank transfer, according to the Financial Services Bureau, accounting for MOP2.44 billion. Meanwhile, around 409,000 crossed cheques were mailed, accounting for MOP3.54 billion, and about two-thirds of these have already been honored. The Service Center for the Civil and Municipal Affairs Bureau noted that it has handled more than 16,500 enquiries this year relating to the scheme, 60 percent of which were personal visits. Another 39 percent of enquiries were resolved over the telephone.

IACM to conduct road resurface works

The Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) says it has begun resurfacing works on the flyover of the Outer Harbor Ferry Terminal and the connecting roadways. According to a statement from the bureau, the works mainly include the resurfacing of damaged and uneven roadways with asphalt, replacing the catchpit and square manhole covers and leveling them at the same height as the road surface, as well as repairing the joints and railings in order to maintain road safety. The work will be carried out during a period of about 40 working days - or eight weeks - during which time control traffic measures will be implemented. The bureau asks that drivers pay attention to the situation of the roads and comply with the provisional traffic signs and instructions installed on roads.

New PSP deputy commissioner

The Public Security Police Force (PSP) has announced that former Assistant Commissioner Lao Wan Seong assumed the office of deputy commissioner on Friday, following an inauguration ceremony held at the PSP headquarters. Lao has previously served as division heads of the police school, the resource management department and the operations department. Moreover, she held senior posts in the operations department and as an advisor to the Office of the Secretary for Security. According to a PSP statement, Lao has been promoted and awarded commendations of several occasions for her outstanding work performance, professional knowledge and leadership skills. Through her career, Lao has "achieved remarkable results," the PSP said.



CRIME

Two Brazilians arrested for smuggling cocaine

A 48 year old Brazilian woman was arrested at the Macau International Airport for smuggling two kilograms of cocaine into the territory last Friday night.

According to the Judiciary Police (PJ), the drug has a market value of six million

patacas.

On Friday, the police found the woman's trousers bundled with transparent plastic bags, which were then confirmed to contain two kilograms of cocaine. She was then arrested.

The woman said that a Brazilian man ordered her to transfer the drugs to Macau in exchange for USD12,500.

She flew from Brazil to Dubai, followed by making a trip to Manila and then Macau.

This is the second woman from Brazil to be arrested last week for smuggling drugs to Macau.

On Thursday, a 19-year old Brazilian woman was arrested at the airport for smuggling 1.76 kilograms of cocaine.

The woman flew to Macau at night from Thailand to Macau.

She admitted that her boyfriend had given her instructions to transport the drug to Macau, and had promised to give her USD9,000 in payment.

TOURISM

PATA Gold Awards presented to two local gaming operators

THREE of this year's PATA Gold Awards were presented to local tourism operators at the PATA Gold Awards Lunch and Award Presentation 2017 held on Friday. Tourism operators present included Sands China Ltd. which received two Gold Awards, and Melco Resorts & Entertainment which received one Gold Award.

The event was hosted by the Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO), and is one of the highlights of PATA Travel Mart 2017, which was held in Macau for three days.

This year's winners were selected among 220 entries by an international panel of experts.

A total of four PATA Grand Awards and 27 Gold Awards were distributed to recognize exceptional achievement in seven broad categories: Marketing Campaign, Environment, Corporate Social Responsibility, Heritage and Culture, Education and Training, Marketing Media and Travel Journalism.

In a ceremony held at The Parisian Macao, a total of 31 Grand and Gold



Helena de Senna Fernandes with the three PATA Gold Awards winners from Macau from Sands China (left) and Melco Resorts (right)

Awards were presented to the winners by MGTO director, Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes, along with Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Chairperson, Sarah Matthews, and PATA CEO, Mario Hardy.

Sands China Ltd. won in the category of Environment - Corporate Environmental Programme for its Sands ECO360 Global Sustainability Program that sets out "green" goals and action plans to help minimize the group's environmental impact and follow sustainable building development and resort operations.

Sands China Ltd. won another Gold Award in Marketing Media - Tra-

vel Advertising Broadcast Media for its promotional video clip to publicize the opening of The Parisian Macao, featuring French movie star Sophie Marceau alternating between the streets of Paris and the integrated resort.

Melco Resorts & Entertainment won a PATA Gold Award in the category of Marketing - Hospitality for its collaboration with the popular Mainland China Hunan TV's celebrity reality show "Up Idol II" to film an episode in Macau.

It also won the social media promotion and shows developed in tandem, including "Up Idol II x Dancing Water Backstage Adventure."

Macau selects proposals for Shenzhen-HK Bi-City Biennale

THE Cultural Affairs Bureau is preparing exhibits for the Macau Exhibition at the 7th Shenzhen and Hong Kong Bi-City Biennale of Urbanism/Architecture 2017 in December.

Submissions for Macau proposals closed in early August, after which submissions were forwarded to a jury commission for review and selection.

The jury was composed of experts and scholars from Shenzhen and Macau.

The judging criteria included the proposal's adherence to the theme, the emphasis on Macau characteristics, originality, and feasibility and practicality of the plan.

Coming in as first was Companhia de Arquitectura JWCC Limitada, who submitted a project entitled "City Magnified: Re-discovering of a Diminishing Urban Identity", and will be responsible for planning the Macau Exhibition at the Bi-City Biennale.

The second prize was awarded to CURB -

Centre for Architecture and Urbanism with the project "Macau, City of Villages - Diversity From the Bottom Up", and the third prize went to Cita Planeamento e Design Lda. for the project "Reconstruct" Hang Vo Tong - The Macau Experience."

This year, the Bi-City Biennale will explore the theme, "Cities, Grow in Difference," and will examine the issue of urban growth and transformation, focusing especially on the urban landscape, unique culture and economic phenomena caused by the rapid urbanization in the Pearl River Delta region.

The first Biennale was held in Shenzhen in 2005 and Hong Kong was invited to collaborate in 2007. The Biennale then became a unique dual-city event, as it is the only biennale in the world dedicated exclusively to a fixed theme: the city. Macau has been invited to participate for the three editions held in 2013, 2015 and 2017.

Joao Lima

Portugal looks to attract new investors after S&P rating upgrade

PORTUGUESE Finance Minister Mario Centeno expects greater demand for his nation's debt from a broader array of investors to spur lower borrowing costs both for the government and corporations, after the country's credit rating was restored to investment grade status by S&P Global Ratings.

"This has a very significant impact," Centeno said in a telephone interview. "It allows a much vaster array of investors to have Portuguese debt in their portfolios. It also allows private debt to benefit from these better financing conditions, and this is very relevant for Portuguese banks."

S&P raised its forecast for Portugal's economic growth and revised the country's rating to BBB- from BB+, which was one level below investment grade, according to a statement released on Friday. The outlook is stable. Portugal had been rated junk by S&P since January 2012, when the country was going through a bailout program provided by the European Union and the International Monetary Fund.

Tourism and exports have been driving a rebound in the economy, with the Bank of Portugal forecasting growth will accelerate to 2.5 percent this year. The faster growth is helping the country's



Mario Centeno

minority Socialist government manage the budget deficit, which last year was the narrowest as a percentage of gross domestic product in four decades of Portuguese democracy.

Prime Minister Antonio Costa took office at the end of 2015

and has increased indirect taxes while reducing the work week for state employees as he aims to reverse some measures introduced during the bailout program. While Portugal exited the three-year international aid program in 2014, it's still dealing with pen-

ding issues including bad loans at banks.

The government aims to cut its deficit to 1.5 percent of GDP in 2017 from 2 percent last year, and sees debt falling to 127.7 percent of GDP this year from 130.4 percent in 2016. The debt ratio increased last year as Portugal raised funds for the 2.5 billion-euro capital injection in state-owned bank Caixa Geral de Depositos SA that was carried out this year.

■ The minister said previously announced plans to issue bonds in China will be concluded soon

The country's debt is rated below investment grade by Fitch Ratings and Moody's Investors Service. Moody's on Sept. 1 followed Fitch in raising the

outlook on Portugal to positive from stable. Portugal already had an investment grade rating from DBRS Ltd., which secures the nation's eligibility for the European Central Bank's bond purchase program.

"We believe that risks of a marked deterioration in external financing conditions have receded, and that the ECB will ensure a smooth transition toward a less accommodative monetary stance," S&P said.

Portugal's 10-year bond yield was at 2.8 percent on Friday, down from 4 percent six months ago. It peaked at 18 percent in 2012 at the height of the euro region's debt crisis.

"It's very important to get this rating now because Portugal has to prepare for the changes in monetary policy that are to be expected during the coming months and years in Europe," Centeno said.

The minister said previously announced plans to issue bonds in China will be concluded soon. **Bloomberg**

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MANDARIN Oriental International Ltd. has received interest from potential buyers of the Excelsior hotel in Hong Kong in what would be a test of the resilience of demand for the city's commercial real-estate assets that has sent prices soaring.

There were at least five bids for the property valued at HKD30 billion (USD3.8 billion), including a Chinese-backed consortium of Sun Hung Kai Properties Ltd. and Hysan Development Co., the Hong Kong Economic Journal reported on Saturday. Mandarin Oriental said Friday it had received offers while no decision had been taken on a sale. Sun Hung Kai and Hysan did not reply yesterday to emails seeking comment sent outside office hours.

The proposals will form the basis "for further consideration of the company's strategic options," according to a statement from the company. No assumption should be made regarding whether the property will or will not be sold, Mandarin Oriental said.

Mandarin Oriental said in June it was testing the market for a potential sale of the property on the waterfront overlooking Victoria Harbour in Hong Kong's Causeway Bay district in light of "current

Mandarin Oriental receives proposals for Excelsior Hong Kong



strong commercial property valuations in Hong Kong." The government has approved redevelopment of the site for a commercial building with a gross floor area of 63,546 square meters, according to Bloomberg Intelligence.

"Robust investment demand for Hong Kong office space, driven by record-breaking

land sales, could prompt landlords to sell their commercial properties" in the second half, Patrick Wong, an industry analyst with Bloomberg Intelligence, wrote in May.

Hong Kong hotels will struggle to capture high-end, transient Chinese tourists amid rising new supply over the next 20 years, Bloom-

berg Intelligence analyst Margaret Huang said in a report in June. Hotel room prices in Hong Kong face further declines as high-end Chinese leisure travelers opt to take vacations at other Asian or long-haul destinations, Huang said, citing Mandarin Oriental among hotel operators who-

se revenue per room available would come under pressure.

Earlier this year, two Chinese companies bid a record HKD16.9 billion (\$2.2 billion) for a piece of waterfront land zoned for residential development.

Mandarin Oriental, controlled by trading company Jardine Matheson Holdings, operates 30 hotels and eight residences in 20 countries and territories. The group's hotels are all five-star luxury properties, with the exception of The Excelsior, which is rated four star. It also has a strong pipeline of hotels and residences under development.

Shares of Mandarin Oriental traded on the Singapore stock exchange surged 21 percent on Friday to close at S\$2.56. That was the biggest jump in almost nine years and the highest close since October 2007.

The Excelsior, which opened in 1973, sits on the first land parcel sold after Hong Kong became a British colony in 1841. **Bloomberg**

Beijing rebuffs Washington demand to cut off oil exports to N.Korea

CHINA rebuffed U.S. demands to cut off oil exports to North Korea as a way to dissuade Kim Jong-Un's regime from pursuing nuclear weapons, saying instead it was American leaders who needed to tone down their rhetoric and come to the negotiating table.

China will implement all United Nations Security Council resolutions, "no more, no less," Cui Tiankai, China's ambassador to the U.S., told reporters at a briefing in Washington when asked if China would cut oil shipments. Any further steps would need to be worked out with the agreement of the entire UN Security Council, he said.

U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson demanded last week that China use its role as the main exporter of oil to North Korea to force Kim



to abandon his nuclear weapons and ballistic missile programs. Hours earlier, North Korea had launched a missile over Japan, the latest in a series of actions that have rattled the international community and prompted a new round of U.S.-led sanctions.

Cui said the U.S., not China, needed to take more responsibility for the issue.

"They cannot just leave

the issue to China alone, and honestly I think the United States should be doing more, much more than now, so that there is real effective international cooperation on this issue, Cui said.

Asked what specifically the U.S. should do, Cui said "they should refrain from issuing more threats" and "do more to find an effective way to resume dialogue and negotiation." **Bloomberg**

Australia, China seek to boost economic ties as US pulls back

AUSTRALIAN and Chinese officials held talks in Beijing this weekend aimed at tightening trade and economic ties between the two countries, just as the Trump administration increases scrutiny on the trading practices of the world's biggest exporter.

The two nations worked across "a whole range of issues, starting off first and foremost with our combined commitments to grow our economies but also resisting against protectionism," Australian Treasurer Scott Morrison told reporters after the meeting. The officials also discussed investment, competition and income policies. China's capital curbs are not badly affecting Chinese investment in Australia, Morrison said.

Australia is the most China-dependent economy in the developed world and two-way trade between the two

countries is worth more than AUD155 billion (USD124 billion). A large chunk of that is Australian raw materials including iron ore and coal that helped build and fuel the plants at the center of China's industrialization.

China is now trying to transition from a heavy-industry driven economy to one led by internal consumption and this is showing up in tourism. Down Under: some 1.2 million Chinese visitors came to Australia in 2016, compared to just 500 people 40 years earlier.

Yet China has faced a backlash over investment in Australia. Polls show Australians think too much Chinese property buying is allowed Down Under, where buoyant house prices have become a political issue. The government tightened scrutiny of farmland sales to Chinese buyers in

2015, with purchases of at least AUD15 million needing to be screened for approval. When it comes to investment in China, Australia is behind, putting more cash into the tiny nation of Papua New Guinea than the world's second-largest economy.

In a statement ahead of the meeting, Morrison and Trade Minister Steven Ciobo said that Australia and China share an interest in open global trade and investment. The two nations signed a Free Trade Agreement in 2014.

The closeness of the two nations when it comes to trade stands in contrast to the growing tension between the U.S. and China. U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer last month announced an investigation into China's practices on intellectual property, technology transfer and innovation.

China charges nine people for dumping toxic waste

CHINESE authorities have charged nine people from a waste treatment facility with the dumping tens of thousands of tons of toxic waste into a section of the Yangtze River near Shanghai.

The charges were filed last week in the city of Changshu, the official Xinhua news agency reported. The nine are accused of sending garbage from Haiyan County, near Shanghai, to "unqualified" individuals who then dumped the waste in the river or buried it, Xinhua said. The dumping occurred between August and December of last year.

Pollution has become a major issue for China's growing middle class, frustrated with years of grey skies and polluted rivers, and the government is anxious to show it is addressing the problem.

Authorities stopped the dumping operation after spotting two boats dumping waste upstream from two drinking water sources, near the mouth of the Yangtze River close to Shanghai.

Government punishes 31 for deadly construction accident

CHINA has ordered 31 people to be placed under "coercive measures" for a collapse last year at a construction site that killed 73 people, the state news agency reported this weekend.

Coercive measures are a form of detention that can range from constant surveillance to outright arrest. It is often used against people accused of endangering national security.

The punishment follows the collapse in November 2016 of a platform being built for a cooling tower at a power plant in southern China, killing 73 people, injuring two more and causing losses of USD15.6 million. A government report says investigators concluded that the accident was caused by a range of issues, including poor supervision "and the building company's failure to fulfill its work safety responsibilities," the Xinhua news agency said.

The names and job positions of those punished were not given, nor was the company's name.

In a separate incident Saturday, rescuers successfully pulled nine construction workers from the rubble of a collapsed railway tunnel in the country's southwest, two days after the tunnel collapsed around them.

Xinhua said the nine had been hospitalized in stable condition.

The accident occurred in a mountainous



area in Yunnan province, near the borders with Myanmar and Laos. Rescuers were able to make contact with the men Friday, confirm all had survived and get food to them.

More than 200 workers were involved in the rescue, digging a string of tunnels in efforts to reach the men.

China has a long history of deadly construction accidents, sometimes caused by

workers cutting corners as they rush to meet deadlines.

But pressure has ratcheted up in recent years for better regulations, safety training and equipment. While 19,783 people died in Chinese industrial accidents in the first seven months of 2017, according to the State Administration of Work Safety, that was down almost 17 percent compared to the same period in 2016. AP

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Fleeing Rohingya Muslims watch as homes burn

Julhas Alam, Tumburu

DAYS after fleeing their village on the Myanmar side of the border fence, a group of Rohingya Muslims watched from just inside Bangladesh as yet another house went up in flames.

"You see this fire today," said Farid Alam, one of the Rohingya who watched the fire burn from about 500 meters (yards) away. "That is my village."

The villagers said they had escaped days ago, crossing into Bangladesh at the border point of Tumburu and joining thousands of other ethnic Rohingya huddling in the open in the district of Bandarban to escape recent violence in Buddhist-majority Myanmar.

When they crossed the border, they saw land mines that had been newly planted by Myanmar forces, Alam said.

Thousands of Rohingya are continuing to stream across the border, with U.N. officials and others demanding that Myanmar halt what they describe as a campaign of ethnic cleansing that has driven nearly 400,000 Rohingya to flee in the past three weeks.

That number includes an estimated 240,000 children, UNICEF said in Geneva on Friday.

"We had a big house, we are 10 people in the family, but they burned our home," Alam said as he watched the other house burning Friday. "My father was a village doctor, we had a medical store. We had land and cattle, all are gone."

Ethnic Rohingya have long



Rohingya Muslims, who recently crossed over from Myanmar into Bangladesh, wait for their turn to receive food aid near Balukhali refugee camp

faced discrimination in Myanmar and are denied citizenship, even though many families have lived there for generations.

After a Rohingya insurgent group attacked police posts in Myanmar's Rakhine state on Aug. 25, the military responded with "clearance operations." Fleeing Rohingya say security forces shot indiscriminately, burned their homes and threatened them with death. The government says hundreds died, mostly Rohingya, and that 176 out of 471 Rohingya villages are now abandoned.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Wednesday

described the violence against Rohingya as "ethnic cleansing" — a term that describes an organized effort to rid an area of an ethnic group by displacement, deportation or killing.

Amnesty International said Thursday it has evidence of an "orchestrated campaign of systematic burnings" by Myanmar security forces targeting dozens of Rohingya villages over the last three weeks. In a separate report, Human Rights Watch said Friday that high-resolution satellite images showed 62 villages where fires had occurred, including 35 with extensive damage.

Abul Bashar, a 73-year-old Rohingya in Bandarban, said he traveled 15 days on foot to reach Bangladesh on Wednesday, and was separated from the rest of his family.

He took nothing with him as he fled.

"I have lost everything," he said. "Our homes were burned. ... It was painful, very painful."

Elsewhere, along a fence near the Kutupalong refugee camp in Bangladesh's border district of Cox's Bazar, men, women and children ran after aid trucks as volunteers tossed clothing and packets of dry food.

With refugee camps over-

flowing and hundreds of thousands of Rohingya struggling to find shelter, food and other essential services, aid workers say they are deeply worried by the continuing influx of people by land and water.

"This is desperate. It's one of the biggest man-made crises and mass movements of people in the region for decades," Martin Faller, a deputy regional director of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, said in a statement.

"People have no food, water or shelter and they are in desperate need of support. No one should have to live like this," Faller said.

U.N. refugee agency spokesman Joseph Tripura said that, unless authorities address health concerns, "we might see a very bad situation in coming days" with disease outbreaks.

The International Organization for Migration in Geneva believes "thousands of people are waiting to take boats to Cox's Bazar," according to Asia-Pacific spokesman, Chris Lom. "There is no sign that this flow is going to dry up."

U.N. agencies fear continued violence in Myanmar may eventually drive up to 1 million Rohingya into Bangladesh.

On Friday, one of the recently arrived men, Moulana Arif Ullah, led about 300 other Rohingya Muslim men in weekly prayer.

"There are soldiers over there ... we can't have freedom there," he said to worshippers at a makeshift mosque at the Kutupalong refugee camp.

"Who can save us? Who can give us food?" he asked, shouting and sobbing.

"Allah," they shouted back.

"What can we do? We pray to Allah. He will save us," Mohammed Ashikur said as the prayers ended. **AP**

KUWAIT will expel North Korea's ambassador to the oil-rich country and four other diplomats, potentially limiting Pyongyang's ability to earn money for its nuclear program from laborers it sends to the Gulf.

The decision comes as Kuwait in recent weeks offered contradictory statements about its relationship with North Korea. The U.S. and Asian nations have increased pressure on their allies to cut ties as Pyongyang has tested a nuclear weapon and launched ballistic missiles over Japan.

North Korea's Em-

MISSILES OVER JAPAN

Kuwait to expel North Korean ambassador, sole Pyongyang's outpost in the Gulf

bassy in Kuwait City serves as its only diplomatic outpost in the Gulf. Pyongyang has thousands of laborers working in Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates.

Responding to international pressure, Kuwait will expel Ambassador So Chang Sik and four other staffers. That will leave four diplomats at the embassy. The embassy did not

respond to a request for comment.

A Gulf-based official confirmed yesterday that Kuwait would be expelling the diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss intelligence reports. A letter Kuwait sent in August to the United Nations also made that pledge.

Kuwait's Information Ministry did not respond to a request for

comment.

Kuwait's ruling emir, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah, traveled to Washington and met with U.S. President Donald Trump this month. In a statement, the U.S. Embassy in Kuwait City called Kuwait "a key regional partner on (North Korea) and many other issues."

"Kuwait has taken positive steps in regards to implementing U.N.

resolutions related to" Pyongyang, it said.

While a small market compared to China and Russia, the amount of money North Korean laborers in the Gulf kick back to the government helps Pyongyang evade international sanctions, authorities say. A 2015 U.N. report suggested that the more than 50,000 North Koreans working overseas earned Pyongyang between

\$1.2 billion and \$2.3 billion a year. Other estimates put earnings in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

The ongoing North Korea crisis is a tough one for Kuwait, a staunch American ally since the U.S.-led 1991 war that ended Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein's occupation of the country. Kuwait now hosts some 13,500 American troops. **AP**



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Edith M. Lederer, United Nations

FACING an escalating nuclear threat from North Korea and the mass flight of minority Muslims from Myanmar, world leaders gather at the United Nations starting today to tackle these and other tough challenges — from the spread of terrorism to a warming planet.

The spotlight will be on U.S. President Donald Trump and France's new leader, Emmanuel Macron, who will both be making their first appearance at the General Assembly. They will be joined by more than 100 heads of state and government, including Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe, one of Africa's longest-serving leaders who is said to be bringing a 70-member entourage.

While Trump's speeches and meetings will be closely followed, it will be North Korea, which Secretary-General Antonio Guterres calls "the most dangerous crisis that we face today," that will be most carefully watched. No official event addressing Pyongyang's relentless campaign to develop nuclear weapons capable of hitting the United States is on the U.N. agenda, but it is expected to be the No. 1 issue for most leaders.

Not far behind will be the plight of Myanmar's Rohingya Muslims, victims of what Guterres calls a campaign of ethnic cleansing that has driven nearly 400,000 to flee to Bangladesh in the past three weeks. The Security Council, in its first statement on Myanmar in nine years, condemned the violence and called for immediate steps to end it. British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson is hosting a closed meeting on the crisis Monday, and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation's contact group on the Rohingyas is scheduled to meet Tuesday.

Guterres said leaders would also be focusing on a third major threat — climate change. The number of natural disasters has nearly quadrupled and he pointed to unprecedented weather events in recent weeks from Texas, Florida and the Caribbean to Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Sierra Leone.

While Trump has announced that the United States will pull out of the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement, Macron will be hosting a meeting Tuesday to spur its im-

AP PHOTO

UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

World leaders face crises in North Korea and Myanmar



Rohingya's plight: Antonio Guterres calls it a campaign of "ethnic cleansing"

plementation. And a late addition to the hundreds of official meetings and side events during the ministerial week is a high-level session Monday on the devastation caused by Hurricane Irma.

Several terrorism-related events are on the agenda. Macron is holding a meeting Monday with leaders of five African nations — Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Burkina Faso and Chad — that are putting together a 5,000-strong force to fight the growing threat from extremists in the vast Sahel region.

A side event Wednesday on "Preventing Terrorist Use of the Internet" will be attended by senior representatives of major social media companies. Co-hosts Britain, France and Italy said a global response is needed "to make the online space a hostile environment for terrorists."

Trump has accused Iran of supporting terrorists and is threatening to rip up the 2015 deal to rein in its nuclear program. With

a U.S. decision due in October, ministers from the six parties to the agreement are expected to meet next week. The five others strongly support the deal.

■ The spotlight will [also] be on Trump and Macron ... both making their first appearance at the General Assembly

Trump has also been critical of the United Nations and has promised to cut the U.S. contribution to its budget, which is the largest. So some diplomats were surpris-

ed that the United States would sponsor an event Monday on reforming the 193-member world body.

Trump and Guterres will speak, and the United States has asked all countries to sign a declaration on U.N. reforms. Over 100 have added their names, but Russia's U.N. Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia said Friday that "we are not sure we will sign this declaration."

He said that while "lots of ideas contained in this document are important and look similar to what the secretary-general proposes," U.N. reforms should result from negotiations among all countries instead of from "a declaration of like-minded countries."

The Security Council is holding a high-level meeting Wednesday on U.N. peacekeeping operations, which cost nearly \$8 billion a year. The United States, which pays over 28 percent of the peacekeeping budget, is reviewing

all the missions in an effort to cut costs and make them more effective.

While there are many side events on other global hotspots from Central African Republic and South Sudan to Libya, Mali and Somalia, the ministerial meeting will also see sessions on achieving U.N. goals for 2030 to end extreme poverty and preserve the planet, women's economic empowerment, migration and conflict prevention — a top priority of the secretary-general.

Germany's U.N. Ambassador Christoph Heusgen said the most important thing about the General Assembly ministerial session, which officially begins Tuesday and ends Sept. 25, is the opportunity for leaders to talk one-on-one or get together in groups.

"I think this is indeed the Super Bowl," he said. "If it didn't exist, one had to create this opportunity so that can people can talk to each other." **AP**

FRANCE

BA flight in Paris gets extra security checks after threat

POLICE and firefighters checked a British Airways plane on the tarmac of Paris' Charles de Gaulle airport yesterday after reports of a security threat but authorities deter-

mined it was a false alarm. One passenger on the plane said it was surrounded by dozens of armed officers and firefighters.

James Anderson, a 20-year-old entrepreneur

on the flight from Paris to London's Heathrow Airport, told The Associated Press that the pilot initially told passengers there were technical issues. After about an hour, he said

passengers were told the aircraft had to move to another part of the airport and that's when security officers surrounded the plane.

"The pilot then said there had been a direct security

threat involving our flight," Anderson told the AP.

A spokesman for France's national gendarme service said police and firefighters rushed to the scene after receiving a "security alert." The spokesman said the plane was evacuated, each passenger and each bag was checked and the plane was thoroughly examined but no threats were found. Authorities determined it was a false alarm.

He would not elaborate on the nature of the original alert. The spokesman was not authorized to be publicly named according to gendarme policy.

"The safety and security of our customers and crew is always our top priority. Additional security checks are being carried out as a precaution," British Airways said in a statement when asked about the flight.

what's ON



SMALL CITY STORIES: MEMORIES AND ANECDOTES FROM THE THREE LAMPS

TIME: 12pm-9pm

UNTIL: September 27, 2017

ADMISSION: Free

VENUE: Ox Warehouse, intersection of Av. Coronel Mesquita and Av. do Almirante Lacerda

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2853 0026

WHATEVER YOU MAKE, MAKE IT YOURS - 14TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION

TIME: 2pm-7pm

UNTIL: September 23, 2017

VENUE: Creative Macau (G/F Macau Cultural Centre Building)

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2875 3282

CONSTELLATION - WORKS BY NICOLAS DELAROCHE

TIME: 10am-9pm

UNTIL: October 8, 2017

VENUE: Tap Seac Gallery

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2836 6866

A PROMENADE IN THE SMALL CITY: AN ILLUSTRATION EXHIBITION OF THE MACAU CULTURAL AND CREATIVE MAP

TIME: 11am-10pm

UNTIL: December 31, 2017

VENUE: Lakeside Gallery, Anim'Arte

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2836 6866

BRAND STORY - POP-UP SHOP

TIME: 10am-8pm

UNTIL: October 1, 2017

VENUE: Macau Fashion Gallery

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2835 3341

TREASURE OF SACRED ART OF ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY

TIME: 10am-5pm (Closed on Wednesdays, open on public holidays)

VENUE: St. Joseph's Seminary and Church, Rua do Seminário

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2835 7911

Offbeat

OH, MAN! TOWN MIGHT CHANGE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO SELECTWOMEN

A Massachusetts town says it will consider changing the name of its governing body from the Board of Selectmen to the Board of Selectwomen.

Brookline Town Meeting member Michael Burstein tells NECN under his proposal all members of the board, whether male or female, would be referred to as selectwomen. A second proposal would create gender-neutral language for the board and its members.

Board members will take up the proposals at their November meeting.

Board member Heather Hamilton says she believes titles and symbols matter and she's looking forward to an "interesting hash out" on the proposals.

Town residents say the titles should be all-inclusive. They suggest using terms such as "selectpeople" and just "person" because that probably "would make everybody happy."

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2:15, 4:45, 7:15 9:45pm

Director: Andres Muschietti

Starring: Bill Skarsgård, Jaeden Lieberher, Finn Wolfhard

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 135min



WOLF WARRIOR II

ROOM 2

2:15, 4:45, 7:15 9:45pm

Director: Jason Wu

Starring: Jason Wu, Qian Yu, Nan Yu

Language: Putonghua (Chinese & English)

Duration: 126min



DANGAL

ROOM 3

2:30, 6:00, 9:00pm

Director: Nitesh Tiwari

Starring: Aamir Khan, Sakshi Tanwar,

Fatima Sana Shaikh

Language: Hindi (Chinese & English)

Duration: 164min

this day in history



1970 ROCK LEGEND HENDRIX DIES AFTER PARTY

Guitarist Jimi Hendrix has died after collapsing at a party in London.

Police say there was no question of foul play. A number of sleeping pills were found at the house in Notting Hill Gate and they have been taken away for analysis.

Hendrix, 27, was born in Seattle, Washington, but rose to fame in Britain with his band the Jimi Hendrix Experience.

He will be remembered as a key figure in the music world who transformed electric guitar-playing using distortion, feedback and sheer volume to create a revolutionary new sound.

Hendrix had been staying in London since cutting short a European tour with his band after bass player Billy Cox fell ill with stress and exhaustion.

They were among the headline acts at the three-day Love and Peace Festival at Insel Fehmarn in Germany.

The concert was not an entire success. A torrential downpour meant Hendrix postponed his performance by a day and the audience was disrupted by fighting and gunfire between rival German motorcycle gangs who eventually burned the stage to the ground.

It was after this performance the group returned to London and Hendrix sent Cox back to the United States to convalesce.

James Hendrix was part black, part Cherokee Indian and part Mexican. He left school early, having developed a keen interest in music but unable to read it.

He joined the army as a paratrooper but was discharged due to injury and took up work as a session musician.

He was spotted by former Animals' bass player turned manager Chas Chandler who persuaded him to move to London in the autumn of 1966. He changed Hendrix's stage name to "Jimi", and introduced him to drummer Mitch Mitchell and bass player Noel Redding to form the Jimi Hendrix Experience.

The band's first single 'Hey Joe' spent 10 weeks in the UK charts, reaching number six in early 1967.

They enhanced their reputation with flamboyant stage performances. With his long wiry hair and colourful clothes Hendrix kept audiences enthralled with his improvised solos often playing the guitar behind his back or between his legs.

Their performance of 'Wild Thing' at the Monterey International Pop Festival in June 1967, in which Hendrix played the guitar with his teeth, confirmed their success in the US. The Jimi Hendrix Experience became one of the most popular and successful touring acts in the world.

After the Hendrix Experience disbanded he continued performing with a range of musicians - including a memorable rendition of Star Spangled Banner at the Woodstock Festival in 1969.

In 1970 the Jimi Hendrix Experience re-formed and were in the process of recording a new LP when he died.

His final public performance in Britain was with American band War at Ronnie Scott's club in London last week.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

A coroner recorded an open verdict on the death of Jimi Hendrix. The inquest heard he had taken nine sleeping pills but there was no evidence of drug addiction.

The guitarist's father, Al Hendrix, a landscape gardener, was the sole beneficiary of the will, estimated to be worth in the region of \$500,000.

He set up a company, Experience Hendrix, with the aim of preserving his son's musical legacy.

On his death in 2002, the company was inherited by his step-daughter Janie. But Jimi's brother Leon claimed he had been unfairly written out of the will and launched a lawsuit in 2004 to try to overturn it.

In 2003 a survey by the Rolling Stone magazine named Jimi Hendrix the greatest guitarist in rock history.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 You understand the situation, so don't wait any longer for them to ask. Offer. It's time to pull out your legendary way with words and use it to comfort them. A bit of advice wouldn't hurt.

Taurus April 20-May 20 Things are finally coming together just the way you'd planned and dreamed. Now, aren't you glad you didn't totally lose it and get someone angry - or angrier than they already were?

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 It's time to shift gears. Put down the legal pad, the calculator, and all other work-related or electronic devices. In fact, don't just put them down. Put them away - far away.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Oh, my. You're a bit angry today, aren't you? Or are you just frustrated with trying to get things done and not being able to come even close? Well, back away from any sharp objects.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Your own personal magic is running on high today - very high. You've been casting spells on one and all for the past 24 hours, and you haven't even done it deliberately. Well, now.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 As nostalgic as you're feeling at the moment, it would be easy to let yourself get down in the dumps. But what purpose would that serve? We all think we'd do things differently if we had the chance...

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 If you've been thinking lately about how to bring in a bit of extra cash on the side, an opportunity is about to come your way - and you really should take it. Your intuition will be especially keen for the next couple of days.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 You don't do anything halfway, do you? That goes for love, in particular, and it goes double now. So when you realize you've been tearing up an awful lot today, and maybe even doing a fair amount of sniffing.

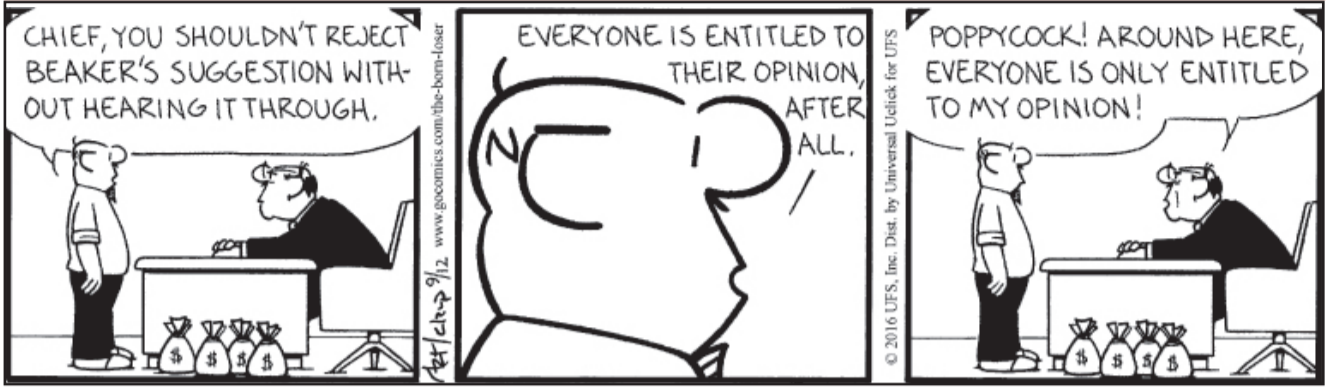
Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 'A dream is a wish your heart makes' isn't just a line from a song - it's also quite true. And whether that dream happens while you're awake or asleep doesn't matter, as long as you make it come true.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Got sick days? Well, you might want to think about cashing one in, because anything that even remotely resembles work will be quite the challenge today. Daydreaming, sighing and reminiscing about the past.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 It's safe to come out now, and almost safe to make plans again. But you might want to give anything important - anything you really need to come out the way you've planned it - another day or two.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 Everything you've read has said that yesterday was the day - that all those mechanical and communication-oriented snafus you've been dealing with would be over. But they're not.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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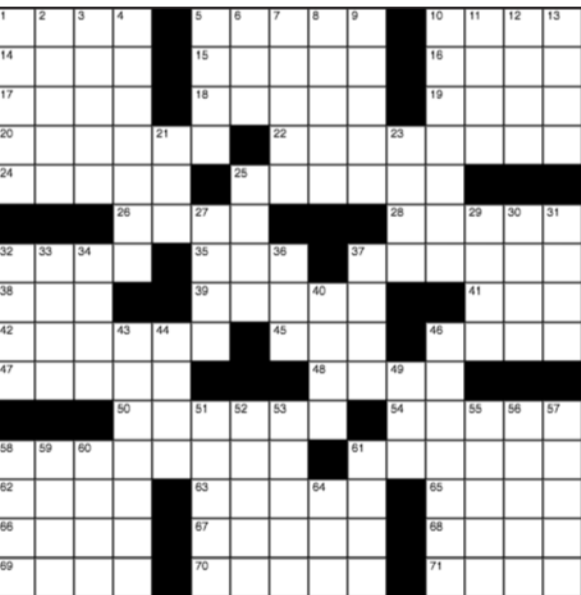
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CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Neat as ___; 5- Deplete; 10- Barbershop request; 14- Volcano shape; 15- Starbucks order; 16- Meter maid of song; 17- Zeno of ___; 18- Moral principle; 19- ___-deucey; 20- Walk stealthily; 22- Skin emollient; 24- Bony prefix; 25- Actually existing; 26- Blueprint detail; 28- Disney dog; 32- Monetary unit of Thailand; 35- Get thee ___ nunnery; 37- Method; 38- Blood letters; 39- Wrath; 41- Actor Wallach; 42- Maiden; 45- Man-mouse connector; 46- I'd hate to break up ___; 47- German submarine; 48- High-ranking NCO; 50- Monetary unit of Tonga; 54- Birch family member; 58- Sudden collapse into failure; 61- Swindle; 62- The King ___; 63- Peachy!; 65- ___ well...; 66- Bearing; 67- Borden bovine; 68- Sports figure?; 69- Smelting waste; 70- Barbecue leftovers?; 71- Makes lace; DOWN: 1- Vinegary prefix; 2- Ancient Greek city-state; 3- All thumbs; 4- Most tidy; 5- Peter Fonda title role; 6- Parked oneself; 7- Patriot Allen; 8- Useful; 9- Rio Grande feeder; 10- Makes journeys; 11- Receiver Jerry; 12- Roman road; 13- Poet Angelou; 21- Alley ___; 23- Catch a view of; 25- Image; 27- List finish; 29- Western Indians; 30- Prefix with conference; 31- Fail to include; 32- Grammy winner Erykah; 33- Simple rhyme scheme; 34- ___ sapiens; 36- Past; 37- Ladies of Spain; Abbr.; 40- Humorist Bombeck; 43- Young tree; 44- JFK postings; 46- In any case; 49- Guy's counterpart; 51- Sleep disorder; 52- Nobelist Bohr; 53- Grind, as one's teeth; 55- 4th letter of the Greek alphabet; 56- Panache; 57- Reposes; 58- Highland hats; 59- Blue dye source; 60- Brain wave; 61- Enemies; 64- Draw;



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Single Car park available for rent in Manhattan.

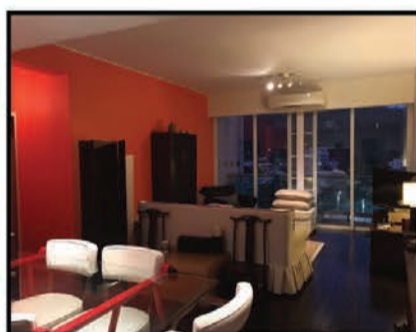
For Sale



Va Nam, Taipa Village

(Ref: 17085531)
680sq. ft. HKD 4.42M
Rate: HKD 6,500sq ft

Top floor apartment Taipa Village. Fully renovated 4 years ago from a small two bedroom property to a large one bedroom. The bedroom has ample space for king bed and lots of storage, two fabulous windows giving lots of natural light into the room. Lovely shower room with walk in shower unit with sliding doors, and plenty of under counter storage, great water pressure and hot water on demand. Living room and dining area has been well furnished and has a great balance with bi-fold doors installed



Hellene Gardens, Buttercup Court, G Unit

(Ref: 17055520)
1,663sq. ft. HKD 7.98M
Rate: HKD 4,798sq ft

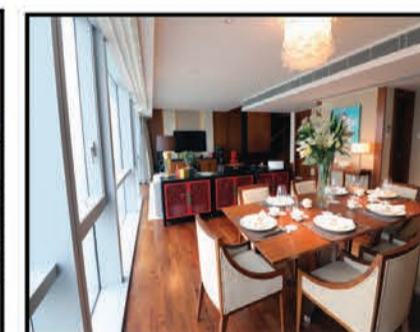
Stunning apartment with open view across towards the back of Hac Sa Beach. Renovated five years ago to a very high standard. The owner opened up the kitchen making a wonderful entertainment area for both living and dining, off the living room is a great size balcony for Al Fresco dining. Further renovations not required.



Cheoc Van, House912 Coloane

(Ref: 17065524)
5,972sq. ft. HKD 98M
Rate: HKD 16,409sq ft

This magnificent property is newly renovated, and has unobstructed sea views from all 5 floors. Both the interior and exterior of the property brandishes stylish and contemporary designs with a mix of beautiful light colours that accentuates the spaciousness and abundance of natural light. An exclusive lap pool and Jacuzzi comes ready to be enjoyed, as well as a state of the art kitchen.



Mandarin Residences Serviced Duplex

(Ref: 17065522)
3,487sq. ft. HKD 88M
Rate: HKD 25,236sq ft

The property comes tastefully designed with elegant, high-grade furnishing and floor-to-ceiling windows that provides a breath-taking panoramic view of the sea and Macau. The modern galley kitchen on the first floor comes fully-fitted with high-grade and stylish appliances from Miele and plenty of space, and the private study room offers the quiet that you need to complete your business affairs.



Old Taipa, Nam Long (I Unit)

(Ref: 16095500)
515sq. ft. HKD3.88M
Rate: HKD 7,378sq ft

Unique property located at the beginning of old Taipa village. A great investment property which was renovated in 2015, making the original two small bedrooms into one spacious bright room bedroom. The kitchen has also been opened up and is now just off the living area, giving the apartment a lofty feeling. The kitchen is small however well equipped with most appliances built in. The shower room has a walk in shower area and modern built in cabinets for storage. Furnished throughout with modern furniture which can be included in the sale if desired. This property is centrally located with a bus stop outside the main door. plenty of cafe.

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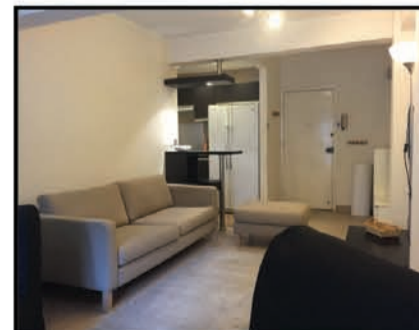


Hellene Gardens, Lot IV, Unit B, Carnation Court, Coloane

(Ref: 17025509)
1,663sq. ft. HKD 8.88M
Rate: HKD5,339sq ft

Located in the clean, beautiful island of Coloane, this stunning 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartment has incredible sea views from the living room and master bedroom, and green mountain views from all other rooms. The apartment has been renovated to a high standard with modern bathrooms and kitchen, new balcony construction with high quality heavy storm doors. The white good and appliances included are a large stainless steel refrigerator, Siemens dishwasher, washer, dryer and newly installed Mitsubishi reverse cycle air conditioner in the living room. Asking price includes one car park space.

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Nam Long, Taipa Village

(Ref: 17085534)
691sq. ft. HKD4.485M
Rate: HKD6,490sq ft

Lovely apartment on the second floor of a three storey building in Taipa Village. Renovated 10 years ago from a two bedroom property to a great size one bedroom apartment, well maintained and managed by JML of the last ten years, historical maintenance data available on request. The bedroom has ample space for double bed and plenty of storage. Great shower room with walk in shower unit and ample storage, great water pressure and hot water on demand. Living room and dining area has been well furnished and has a lovely balcony to enjoy dinner for two or a small BBQ. Galley style kitchen with large oven and large double door fridge along with lots of cabinet storage. Viewing by appointment only as the apartment is tenanted, details of the tenancy available upon request. No on site parking



Va Fat, Taipa Village

(Ref: 17085533)
6,661sq. ft. HKD 4.25M

Lovely apartment on the third floor of a five storey building in Taipa Village. Renovated 3 years ago the apartment has two good size bedrooms and separate walk in shower room. The apartment has been well maintained and managed by JML of the last eight years, historical maintenance data available on request. The main bedroom has ample space for double bed and plenty of storage. Great shower room with walk in shower unit and ample under counter storage, great water pressure and hot water on demand. Living room is small but nicely furnished with a small balcony

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Tim Dahlberg, Las Vegas

CANELO Alvarez and Gennady Golovkin argued afterward about who won their middleweight showdown.

No one could argue it wasn't a great fight.

Golovkin retained his middleweight titles this weekend, fighting to a 12-round draw with Alvarez in a brutal battle that ended with both fighters holding their hands aloft in victory. It was a fight neither deserved to lose and, when the scores were tallied, neither did.

The middleweight bout years in the making lived up to its hype as the two fighters traded huge punches and went after each other for 12 rounds. Neither was down or seriously hurt, but both landed big punches to the head that had the crowd screaming in excitement.

Alvarez rallied late to win the last three rounds on each scorecard and pull out the draw, though both fighters claimed victory.

"I won 7-8 rounds easily," Alvarez said. "I was superior inside the ring."

"Today people give me draw. I focus on boxing," Golovkin said. "Look my belts, I'm still champion. I've not lost."

Golovkin was the aggressor throughout and landed punches that had put other fighters to the canvas. But he couldn't knock Alvarez down, and the Mexican boxer more than stood his own in exchanges with Triple G. The two were still brawling as the final seconds ticked down.

Alvarez was leading after the first three rounds, then Golovkin dominated the middle rounds. After a pep talk from his corner, Alvarez came out more aggressive in the 10th round to pull out the draw.

Two scorecards were close, with Golovkin ahead 115-113 on one and a 114-114 draw on the other. But veteran judge Adalaide Byrd inexplicably had Alvarez winning 118-110, giving him all but two rounds. The Associated Press scored it 114-114.

Golovkin, who has never lost in 38 fights, retained his middleweight titles. But Alvarez showed that he could not only take the punches of the fighter from Kazakhstan but land telling punches of his own.

A frenzied crowd of 22,358 at the T-Mobile Arena roared throughout the fight as the two middleweights put on the kind of show that boxing purists had anticipated. They brawled, used sharp jabs and counter punched at times, with neither one willing to give the other much ground.

"Congratulations all my friends from Mexico," Golovkin said. "I want a true fight. I want a big drama show."

There was plenty of drama toward the end of the fight as Alvarez rallied in the late rounds and rocked Golovkin with uppercuts and big right hands. But just as soon as he landed, he often took one back from the slugger so feared that most other fighters avoided him.

There was even more drama on



BOXING

Golovkin and Alvarez fight to a brutal draw; rematch to come

the scorecards, as Byrd's score was off the other two by a wide margin.

"That's the life of a judge," said Bob Bennett, executive director of the Nevada State Athletic Commission. "She had a bad night in a big fight."

I won 7-8 rounds easily. I was superior inside the ring.

ALVAREZ

It was a battle from the opening bell, as Golovkin tried to walk Alvarez down only to get hit by sharp counter punches.

Both fighters raised their hands in triumph at the final bell and jumped into the arms of corner men. Then they waited as the scorecards were added up to see who would leave the ring with the belts. "It's not my fault," Golovkin said. "I put pressure on every round."

Golovkin predicted before the fight that the late rounds would resemble a street fight, and in a way they did. Both fighters were willing to trade, and both had no problems landing hard shots to the head.

Ringside punching stats credited Golovkin landing 217 of 703 punches while Alvarez landed 169 of 505.

Golovkin had chased Alvarez for nearly two years, trying to get the signature fight that would pay him millions and make him a pay-per-view draw on his own. Alvarez, the redhead known as Canelo, finally agreed to the match after Golovkin looked vulnerable earlier this year against Daniel Jacobs in a decision win that stopped his knockout streak at 23 fights.

But Alvarez said Golovkin didn't have anything he wasn't expecting, and that his power wasn't what it was made out to be.

Golovkin, who moved to Los Angeles from Kazakhstan to pursue stardom in the ring, said he would welcome a second fight

"Of course I want a rematch," he

said. "I want a fight. A true fight. I have my belts. I want a championship fight."

Alvarez said he was more than willing to do it again.

"Obviously yes, if the people want it," Alvarez said. "He didn't win, it was a draw. I always said I was going to be a step ahead of him."

Look my belts, I'm still champion. I've not lost.

GOLOVKIN

After the decision was announced, both fighters hugged and Triple G whispered something in Alvarez's ear. They then exchanged thumbs-up signs and a handshake, knowing they had done their jobs well.

"We knew this was going to be a war," said Golovkin trainer Abel

Sanchez. "There were no surprises."

The draw was the first mark on Golovkin's record, which now stands at 37-0-1. Alvarez is now 49-1-2, his only loss to Floyd Mayweather Jr.

Golovkin entered the ring first, one of the concessions he had to make to get the fight with Alvarez despite holding all the middleweight belts. Alvarez, who brings millions of Mexican and Mexican-American fans, also got a bigger share of the fight proceeds and top billing.

The fight drew a sellout crowd to the T-Mobile Arena, where Mayweather and Conor McGregor engaged in their spectacle three weeks ago. But while that was more of a reality show than a fight, this was a battle that had fans on their feet screaming almost from the opening bell.

Alvarez was guaranteed USD5 million, while Golovkin had a \$3 million guarantee. Both were expected to make much more on a share of the pay-per-view revenue. AP



Canelo Alvarez (right) fights Gennady Golovkin during a middleweight title fight



Gennady Golovkin (right) connects with a right to Canelo Alvarez

opinion

Insight
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AUTHORITARIANISM AND PARANOIA

1. As I pen this down, it would be too early to comment on the legislative election results, but it is possible to comment on the less enthusiastic campaign. That may be because people don't believe in the accountability of the system and feel that their vote is worthless, given that they are electing a minority of lawmakers. On the other hand, citizens may be tired of the shameful episodes in parliament involving several lawmakers. And there are an increasing number of people who simply don't care anyway, smartphones provided.

Other contributors to voter apathy relate to the crackdown on "free dinners" and other compensatory campaign activities undertaken in previous elections. As a result, many appear to feel discouraged about participating. Only the ones with a direct interest in the election — such as members of associations expecting benefits if their preferred candidate gets elected — wear the numbered t-shirts and raise the campaign flags.

On the side of the candidates, the campaign was poor with the "same old" proposals. Most candidates ignore the scope of the lawmaker role in Macau, which is very limited. They should verify the government's role instead of presenting proposals pretending to be the government.

In some aspects, the new electoral law and its interpretation by the Electoral Affairs Commission for the Legislative Assembly Election (CAEAL) did not contribute to the fairness of the election. Unwillingly — I prefer to believe — they intimidated journalists and even the common citizen. They seemed to be more concerned with minor technicalities than with serious breaches to election fairness. When schools asked parents to support candidates, CAEAL said that it was not illegal, because those schools are private.

Regarding interviews published in the pre-campaign period, a bilingual newspaper was even notified to remove an interview.

"It is perplexing that news content, such as an interview, can be considered electoral propaganda," the Portuguese and English Press Association reacted, adding that freedom of press should be fully respected in all instances and at all times.

To give an example, local elections will be held in October in Portugal, where the media is full of interviews with candidates.

2. What would one impartial observer think if Macau journalists or lawmakers who defend universal suffrage (or any lawmaker for that matter) were barred from entering Hong Kong due to internal security issues?

Most likely the observer would think that the "one country, two systems" principle was being completely undermined and that the HKSAR was becoming a farce.

The arbitrary use of the law destroys the credibility of any administration. It is a matter of fact, but also of public perception. After several incidents with HK lawmakers and citizens barred without explanation at the local borders, the perception here and elsewhere is that the damage done to public perceptions of Macau is irreversible. Just to give an example, here is what Yonden Lhato, the chief news editor at the South China Morning Post, thinks about the MSAR: "Let's face it, apart from its casino economy and vestiges of Portuguese colonial culture, Macau is just another Chinese city. Its government operates on a level of authoritarianism and paranoia that would never fly in Hong Kong. That's why it can arbitrarily detain our reporters and photographers when we send them across to cover news, declaring them 'threats' to security, whatever that means."

Are local authorities blind to common sense? Do they honestly believe that trying to prevent journalists who intend to cover the consequences of Typhoon Hato will somehow work in their favor? If they do, the strategy failed. The ill-preparedness of the local authorities became evident in many reports published or broadcast outside Macau. Just to give an example, watch TVB's "Pearl Report" program covering the tragedy, which kicks off with the anchor Diana Lin asking, "what is happening to Macau?" The program exposes the many flaws uncovered by Hato, from the weather forecasting system, to flood prevention or the lack of a proper civil protection agency.

THE SERBIA'S LEADER ATTENDS GAY PRIDE MARCH FOR FIRST TIME

Serbia's first ever openly gay prime minister joined several hundred gay activists yesterday at a pride event in Belgrade amid tight security in the conservative Balkan country.

Holding rainbow flags, balloons and a banner reading "For change," pride participants gathered in Belgrade, the Serbian capital, before setting off on a march through the city. Many approached Prime Minister Ana Brnabic, greeting her and

taking selfies.

"My message here today is that the government respects all citizens," Brnabic told reporters. "We want to send a signal that diversity makes our society stronger."

Serbian riot police cordoned off the city center with metal fences early yesterday to prevent possible clashes with extremist groups opposed to the pride gathering.

Kenya dump dwellers make a living recycling hair extensions

Adelle Kalakouti & Khaled Kazziha, Nairobi

IN one of Africa's largest dumps, some residents are making a living by collecting and recycling hair from mountains of rubbish.

Nairobi's Dandora Municipal Dumpsite stretches as far as the eye can see. It was declared full in 2001 but has remained active, with 850 to 1,500 tons of waste arriving every day. Kenya last month implemented a ban on plastic bags, a major contributor to the towering piles of trash.

Many environmentalists have campaigned for years to have the dump shut down, calling it an eyesore and a hazard. But for thousands of Kenyans, the dump is their means of existence.

Winnie Wanjira, 31, has spent her whole life at the dump, one of an estimated 6,000 people making their living by scavenging in the rubbish. Some people raise pigs on the organic waste, while others find items to sell.

Wanjira has tapped into the multi-billion-dollar global hair care industry, buying hair extensions collected by young boys in the dump and then selling it to beauty salons for a small profit.

You can get lucky and find unused human hair," she



Winnie Wanjira, 31, at the Dandora municipal dumpsite in Nairobi

says. "Maybe someone bought it and wasn't satisfied with it, maybe the color, then they threw it away." Of the different types of hair extensions, human hair is the most coveted for its softness and versatility. The rising demand in Africa and elsewhere has countries such as India, China and Brazil competing for the biggest share of the market.

Much of the recycled hair is sold to hairdressers in Korogocho, a slum across the river from the dump. Dozens of women have set up makeshift hair salons in the local market.

In a back alley in Korogocho, 29-year-old Mary Wanjiku washes the hair she recently bought. She uses detergent to wash and rinse it, sometimes applying oil and perfume.

"After we get the hair from the dumpsite we usually sort them out and pick the good ones," Wanjiku says. She has been a hairdresser in Korogocho for nearly 10 years. Business can be slow — she averages seven customers a week — as she competes with more than 30 other stalls lined with hundreds of hairpieces.

Wanjiku says she doesn't go out of her way to tell customers where the hair comes from. But she says many know and are happy that the hair has been sufficiently cleaned and is more affordable than hair in town, where a good weave can go for up to 50,000 Kenyan shillings (USD485). A weave in Korogocho can go for around 600 shillings (\$6). AP

| Station | Air quality |
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| Roadside | 150-180 Bad |
| High Density Residential Area | 165-195 Bad |
| Ambient | 180-210 Very Bad |

WORLD BRIEFS



UNITED NATIONS Facing an escalating nuclear threat from North Korea and the mass flight of minority Muslims from Myanmar, world leaders gather in General Assembly starting tonight to tackle these and other tough challenges — from terrorism to a warming planet. The spotlight will also be on Trump and Macron. More on p12,15



CARIBBEAN The hurricane-battered islands of the Caribbean are facing yet another storm threat: Forecasters said that Tropical Storm Maria is likely to hit the Leeward Islands as a strengthening hurricane on Tuesday. Hurricane watches were in effect for many of the very islands still trying to cope with the devastation left by Hurricane Irma.

USA A longtime reporter at an Albuquerque TV station has died after the news helicopter he was piloting crashed in central New Mexico, authorities said last night. Bob Martin, 64, was pronounced dead at the crash scene Saturday night, according to New Mexico State Police.



EMMYS The 69th Emmy ceremony will be about winners and losers and more, including politics and a cheeky turn by host Stephen Colbert [pictured]. Colbert, whose "Late Show" is a regular forum on the Trump administration, said that the president is fair game during the awards show airing at 8 a.m. today on CBS. The Emmys are a celebration of TV, "and the biggest television star of the last year was Trump."

THE DECISIVE MOMENT



Really? A voter is invited to wear a plain t-shirt by the Election Committee staff because her clothing was displaying several numbers.