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**Q&A** LEONG SUN IOK  
NEWLY ELECTED LAWMAKER

# 'Many people from the gaming sector supported me for the election'

**N**EWLY elected lawmaker Leong Sun Iok is the vice president of the Executive Board of the Macau Federation of Trade Unions (FAOM) and the deputy supervisor of the Macao Lucky Gaming Operation and Training Centre.

In the last installment of a series of interviews with newly elected lawmakers, Leong emphasizes that during his involvement in trade union work, he intervened in labor disputes for the practitioners many times to fight for their pay and fringe benefits.

Leong has suggested that good jobs should be offered to Macau residents and that there should be upward social mobility for locals.

During his interview, Leong stated that Macau has faced great changes over the years, from its social development to its economy.

He hopes that additional policies can be created to train talented workers in Macau and that young people especially can have access to better jobs.

Leong explained that the Macau youth should be given opportunities to obtain training from several mainland Chinese plans and policies which involve Macau.

He looks forward to seeing casinos coordinating with all le-



vels of society to explore ways of training talented people in human resource areas, as well as to seeing more promising positions being given to locals.

Leong's other goals include the amendment of the Labor Relations Law, and more generous maternity leave.

In a phone call interview, Leong shared some of the elements that have paved the way for him to become a lawmaker. He also talked about the changes he wishes to bring to the Legislative Assembly (AL) and Macau residents.

**Macau Daily Times (MDT) - When did you find your-**

**self interested in participating in politics, more specifically, interested in becoming a lawmaker?**

**Leong Sun Iok (LSI) -** It is a little bit like a fairy tale. When I was a child, I helped the AL to hand out publicity materials. When I was still in school, I strongly wished that I could serve the society in the future. I participated in associations events when I was still studying. In 2002, or 2003, I started working for casinos, and I also joined the [Federation of] trade union hoping that I could have an opportunity to speak for the workers one day. Talking about the exact moment when I deci-

ded to run for the AL, it would be last year. And in the beginning of this year, I was voted by the members of the União Para O Desenvolvimento to represent the Union to run for the AL.

**MDT - Who are your supporters?**

**LSI -** The main supporters are the employees, employees' associations, people from the gaming sector. Many people from the gaming sector supported me for the election.

**MDT - Can you comment on the AL's previous work?**

**LSI -** I think that each generation has a different background, and the conditions for the AL to take action are also different. As we all noticed, this AL is formed with younger lawmakers, it is more energetic, and there are more experts and scholars who can make the AL more professional and scientific. It might benefit the development of the AL.

**MDT - What are the difficulties you expect to encounter that might bar you from the fulfilment of what you said in your political platform?**

**LSI -** The União Para O Desenvolvimento is formed by different associations, but mainly

employees' associations. Therefore, we might have a few conflicts with lawmakers from the business sector regarding some policies. For instance, the business sector currently has different opinions on some policies regarding the labor force. There might be many difficulties for us to try to fight for the employees' benefits regarding issues involving both the employers and employees. I hope society can understand that matter because the employees do not want their employers to be unwell. Employees hope that their employers can have a healthy development, so that both parties [...] can enjoy a better environment. The employees can enjoy a better work environment, and the employers benefit from a better commercial environment. In the future, I hope that I can coordinate both the parties so that they can communicate better.

**MDT - What changes can you bring to the AL?**

**LSI -** I think that one individual has limited influence over the AL. I hope that I can help the people whom I represent in gaining more benefits. I can't say that I can do something, but I promise that I will do my job well as a way of paying back for the support of my voters. **JZ**

## EDUCATION

# IPM students attend three-week course in Australia

**O**VER the summer, the Macao Polytechnic Institute (IPM) organized the "Overseas Study Program", sending students to Melbourne, Australia, where they attended a three-week intensive course at Monash University.

The initiative was organized by IPM's Student Affairs Office to encourage students to acquire international commercial expertise. According to a statement issued yesterday by IPM, the course had four

key aspects: developing global perspectives, fostering the ability to adapt to diverse cultures, strengthening students' global professional skills and appreciating different corporate cultures.

The students experienced an "interactive mode of learning" during their stay in Melbourne which consisted of putting "students in the center and the course trainers on the periphery, playing only a supportive role in facilitating the stu-

dents to brainstorm new ideas and stimulating their creativity with class activities such as small group discussions, presentations and language games."

The students also visited the Immigration Museum, where they were exposed to the multicultural characteristics of Australian society. IPM students also visited a city council in addition to other established enterprises, taking the opportunity to converse with the managerial personnel, from

whom they were able to learn about Australian corporate culture.

During their stay in Melbourne, IPM students lived individually with local homestay families. In their free time, students took part in numerous local expeditions to cultural destinations, including the Queen Victoria Market, the Great Ocean Road, Phillip Island, Dandi Beach, the Melbourne Zoo and the National Gallery of Victoria.



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COMMUNIST PARTY CONGRESS

# Xi: One country, two systems best institutional guarantee for HK, Macau

AT the opening of the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC), Xi Jinping, President of China, said that the policy of "one country, two systems" has proved to be the best institutional guarantee for the long-term prosperity and stability of Hong Kong and Macau after their return to Chinese sovereignty.

The Chinese president said that the governments of both regions will be supported to "advance democracy with well-ordered steps," maintain law and order, and fulfill the constitutional responsibility of safeguarding China's sovereignty, security, and development interests.

"We will continue to support Hong Kong and Macau in integrating their own development into the overall development of the country," he said, adding that priority will be given to the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area, cooperation between Guangdong, Hong Kong, and Macau, and regional cooperation in the



pan-Pearl River Delta.

Policies will be improved to make it more convenient for people from Hong Kong and Macau to pursue career development in the mainland, he also said.

Xi stressed that patriots should play "the principal role", as Hong Kong people govern Hong Kong and Macau people govern Macau.

"We will develop and strengthen the ranks of patriots who love both our country and their regions, and foster greater patriotism and a stronger sense of national identity among the people in Hong Kong and Ma-

cau," he said.

Xi also said that the Communist Party of China (CPC) has the resolve, confidence and ability to defeat separatist attempts for Taiwanese independence in any form.

"We will never allow anyone, any organization, or any political party, at any time or in any form, to separate any part of Chinese territory from China," he added.

Prior to its opening, the National Congress of CPC revealed most of the delegates' names and the organizations they represent.

Those who represent the

working committees of the CPC, Hong Kong, and Macau offices were not revealed through official channels.

According to a report by Ming Pao, 18 of these delegates from the above areas are certain, but four (three women and one man) of these 18 delegates' identities remain unclear.

Also according to the Ming Pao report, in every National Congress of the CPC held in China, there are delegates whose identity is unknown and who represent the working committees of the CPC, Hong Kong, and Macau offices.

These people are normally CPC's ground level representatives working in Hong Kong and Macau, and are more often women than men.

It is reported that they might not be using their real name when attending the National Congress of the CPC.

According to a report by HKO1, working committees have always existed in Macau, despite the identities of their members not being disclosed. Both committees rarely engage in open activities. JZ/ Xinhua

## Association questions bus operation during typhoons

The Chairman of the Associação dos Comerciantes e Operários de Automóveis de Macau, Leng Sai Vai, questioned whether buses should operate on a restricted basis during typhoon signal No.8, according to a report by Macao Daily News. Leong noted that under the typhoon signal No.8, buses and the casino shuttle buses suspend their operations, with only a small part of the taxi fleet still operating. However, some passengers are in need of transportation in such instances, and a large number of tourists still require transport into the city, making it the best time for dishonest taxi drivers to overcharge passengers. Leng hopes the government will assume a clear stance about bus operation during typhoons.

## Three lawmakers proposed debate motions

Lawmakers Ng Kuok Cheong, Ella Lei, and Sulu Sou, each proposed three debate motions to the Legislative Assembly. Ng Kuok Cheong's motion concerns the political accountability of the government's principal officials following the disaster caused by Typhoon Hato. Ella Lei proposed to debate the proposed bus fare increase. She believes that the adjustment of bus fares has an impact on the livelihood and bus priority policies. Sulu Sou expressed strong doubts over the government's decision to revamp the Border Gate bus terminal. He wants the government to cease its remediation project and to redesign the transportation hub in the vicinity of the border gate instead.

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## Oktoberfest 2017

MGM is hosting Oktoberfest from October 12 to 23. We are giving away a total of 10 sets of entry tickets and F&B coupons. Readers will have to correctly answer today's question to be in with a chance of winning. Each prize set includes:

Oktoberfest entry tickets x 2	\$340
F&B coupons	\$200
Oktoberfest sunglasses x 2	\$80
<b>Total value</b>	<b>\$620</b>

MGM MACAU will bring the ninth Oktoberfest Macau at MGM between October 12 and 23 this year! Locals and guests will again get to experience Macau's most authentic bierfest outside of Germany!

**History of Oktoberfest**  
Oktoberfest began in Munich with over 200 years of long history. It was originally launched for the Münchners to attend the festivities held on the fields in front of the city gates to celebrate the royal wedding, as well as to promote the good Bavarian harvest. Nowadays, Oktoberfest has transformed into one of the most influential annual beer carnivals in the world.

Since 2009, MGM MACAU has welcomed over 110,000 beer lovers with over 106,000 liters of beer, 23,485 kilograms of pork knuckles, 10,416 roasted chickens and 15,238 pieces of homemade pretzels served.

The 11-day beer fest at MGM MACAU captures the essence of Bavarian festivities through German beers, cuisines, live entertainments and the Bavarian party atmosphere. MGM MACAU will serve Löwenbräu, one of only six official Oktoberfest brews from Munich, with other wheat beer to pair with classic German comfort foods. Enjoy the rhythmic accordion, ompah music and folk dances along with the Bavarian beer maids in dirndls. The huge beer tent with traditional decorations, including ceiling wreaths, bunting and carnival game booths, will be a guaranteed fun and alive experience that is just like the Munich Oktoberfest. Once again, MGM is flying the beloved Högl Fun Band all the way from Munich over to Macau to fill the nights with dynamic live performances.

For guests who would like to enjoy the authentic German party with children and family, the Special Day Time Oktoberfest between 11am and 3pm on October 21 is the perfect option. Non-alcoholic beers and a range of beverages are also available as alternatives.

Oktoberfest Macau at MGM 2017 will be held in The Vista II between October 12 and 23. Admission tickets and food and beverage coupons will be available for sale from September 11. The number of tickets and tables are limited, so get them soon before they are out!

**Ticket & reservation counter:**  
Date: September 11 - October 23, 2017  
Time: 1 - 9pm daily  
Venue: Oktoberfest Reservation Counter, 1/F, MGM MACAU (opposite Pastry Bar)  
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### Question for readers:

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## NEW LEGAL YEAR

# Neto Valente continues to call for judicial reform

Renato Marques

**A**NOTHER year has passed without any substantial changes in the justice field," said the president of the Macau Lawyers Association (AAM), Jorge Neto Valente. This was among the opening comments of his speech made at the official ceremony to mark the commencement of the 2017/2018 legal year.

"I could address your excellencies by rereading my speeches from the previous years. I just won't do it because the respect that I owe to all present does not allow me [to do so]," he added.

The veteran lawyer was trying to call attention to the long awaited reforms which, according to him, appear to be moving too slowly.

Neto Valente recalled that although there has been some reduction in the waiting time for certain procedures within the Court of First Instance (TJB) coupled with a slight reduction in the total number of new cases filed in that court, the number of pending cases rose.

The AAM president used as an example matters heard by the Administrative Court, in which less than 10 percent of the number of cases filed were concluded. He deduced, "there isn't a solution in sight since the deficit in the resolution of cases contributed to the influx of new cases that continue to arrive all year long."

Neto Valente recalled his constant appeals over the last two years for a solution in relation to reform of the legal system. "Sooner or later it will have to be followed," he said. "Justice isn't a right for those who manage it, but instead a right for the population to which the Basic Law grants the existence of independent [and efficient] courts."

Among the matters that the lawyer identified as requiring review, Neto Valente mentioned once more the lack of ability to appeal decisions of the Court of Final Appeal (TUI) in cases involving top officials, as well the need to increase the numbers of magistrates in both TUI and Court of Second Instance (TSI). He also noted that the competencies of appeal courts are particularly important to consider, noting, "the lack of response to these questions only contributes to the lack of trust in the courts and disgrace of the justice servants."

The case of the former public prosecutor general, Ho Chio Meng, was implicitly or explicitly mentioned in most of the speeches that followed, with the cur-

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rent prosecutor general Ip Son Sang using the case to remark on the competence of the Public Prosecutions Office (MP) and its "objectivity and equity of everyone under the law," further noting, "the Court of Final Appeal confirmed the existence of the majority of the facts in the accusation by the MP and delivered a fair sentence, convicting the defendant to 21 years of imprisonment."

Ip noted that the case is proof that "while Macau SAR has solid foundations in the rule of law, the judiciary bodies, insisting on maintaining judicial independence, have been finding the people responsible for the crimes, independent of the position they hold."

The prosecutor general also took the opportunity to conduct a brief review on the figures of the criminal cases of the past legal year. He noted that the number of new crimes has been growing, and specifically that "money

laundering, cybercrimes, phone scams and other crimes that involve intellectual capacity from criminals bring new challenges to the investigation and accusation of the MP."

Noting an increase in the number of processes of about 5 percent year-on-year, Ip also remarked that this corresponds to a growth in labor related to such activities of approximately 25 percent year-on-year.

Ip highlighted also that in relation to the total number of processes related to the new domestic violence law (63) the MP has proceeded with four allegations, which he considered positive in terms of "educational and intimidating effects."

According to the president of the TUI, Sam Hou Fai, the source of the registered decrease in the number of completed cases recorded last year (22,869 finished cases against 23,602 from the previous year) was specifically

as result of Ho Chio Meng's case. As he said in his speech, "this has to do with the fact that almost all legal year long a judge from the TUI, a judge from TSI and one judge-president from the criminal section of the TJB were busy with processes relating to the former prosecutor, which jeopardized the moving of all other processes."

Sam also remarked on the exponential hike in the number of administrative cases from 194 to 1,276, a growth of almost 660 percent.

As for the TSI, Sam recalled the registered growth of over 35 percent in the number of processes, a figure that the TUI president says is related to appeals to cases judged in the First Instance, specifically those relating to the expiration of land concessions for several land plots, ordered by the government during the past year.

Sam Hou Fai still took the time to point out some directions for

the future, recalling the great changes which have taken place in Macau society in past years "that has also reflexes in the judicial system."

To Sam, the way to move forward is through implementing "new mechanisms for the resolution of conflicts" such as arbitration. This solution was also advocated by Neto Valente, along with mediation.

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The president of TUI agreed with the president of the AAM in several other aspects, stating that, "due to the large number of processes, the lack of judges and the complex procedures, the number of pending cases has been growing year after year." He further added that it will be a "priority for the juridical reform, the creation of innovative judiciary processes, with added expediency, more simplicity and less cost."

The last to speak at the opening of the legal year was the chief executive, Chui Sai On, who highlighted the training of the new magistrates who will now commence their duties. Chui also commented on the conclusion of the construction of the new building of the TJB in the Praia Grande area.

The CE also took the opportunity to reaffirm the "need for the independent exercise of the judicial power, according to the Basic Law, and in defense of the rule of law and respecting the 'one country two systems' principle."

## AAM to push Macau arbitration to international level

**A**NNOUNCED by the president of the Macau Lawyers Association (AAM) Jorge Neto Valente during the opening speech of the inauguration of the new legal year, the association has implemented a new arbitration center that aims to address commercial disputes of an international nature.

The center, as Neto Valente explained on the sidelines of the event, "is an opportunity for Macau to lead in the field of arbitration," especially when disputes involve people and companies from China and the domains of Portuguese-speaking countries.

"We want [due to its privileged position] Macau to be the first choice for those countries" concerning matters of international arbitration, he said.

Neto Valente remarked that the center will

be composed of a wide panel of experts on arbitration from Macau, Mainland China, Portugal and other Portuguese-speaking countries, as well as other states. The panel will be listed and available for selection by the parties involved in commercial disputes in order to solve the problem according to the relevant common rules and regulations.

In that sense Neto Valente recalled, "The AAM signed a cooperation agreement with the CIETAC [China International Economic & Trade Arbitration Commission]."

To initiate operations, the president of the AAM said, "We need to have these disputes and interested parties to solve them." He also noted that a venue is the "least important matter," as "arbitration can be done anywhere and the AAM has enough space for it."

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Neto Valente

# 'Convenience gambling' at root of addiction, not IRs, says scholar

Daniel Beitler

**PROBLEM** gambling is not necessarily more prevalent in gaming meccas like Macau and Las Vegas, a professor on responsible gambling said on Tuesday, but it is often worse in jurisdictions that permit wide and frequent access to gambling.

Speaking on the sidelines of Sands China's annual Responsible Gaming Team Training Program at The Venetian Macao, Professor Bo J. Bernhard, executive director of the UNLV International Gaming Institute, said that "convenience gambling" is associated with higher social costs than gaming in integrated resorts (IRs).

"Not all gambling is created equal when it comes to problem gambling," said Bernhard. "Integrated resorts that are tourist-focused have shown to bring [relatively] reduced social costs, compared to widespread local convenience gambling, like fruit machines in the UK or pokies in Australia. [...] Convenience gambling in every neighborhood [in some parts of the world] creates more problems. Take Japan and its Pachinko parlors for example. Lots of machines, but no tourism and no job creation."

In Bernhard's opinion, the incidence of problem gambling is connected to exposure to gaming, both in terms of length of time and frequency.

"The nice thing about these integrated resorts is that they bring in tourism and huge economic benefits. And typically, the people who visit these casinos visit less frequently than people who visit the pub for a fruit machine fix," he said.

The argument is opportune for integrated resort operators who stand on the brink of entering



Bo J. Bernhard

the eagerly-anticipated Japanese market. Opponents of Japan's integrated resort bill have long argued that large-scale casinos will lead to more gambling addiction in a country where as many as 900,000 people may already be hooked on Pachinko.

Frequency of exposure as a determinant of gambling addiction may also partly explain the higher rate of problem gambling seen in frontline gaming workers compared with the rest of the population. The phenomenon is seen the world over, but is particularly noticeable in Macau.

"There is definitely research that suggests that casino employees have slightly higher rates of problem gambling," admitted Bernhard. "But it is worth mentioning that typically for the overall population [the rate] is 0.9 percent and for casino employees it might be 1.5 percent.

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So it is an elevated risk, but that doesn't mean a crisis."

Macau-based gaming scholar Davis Fong concurs that exposure to gaming heightens the risk of developing an addiction.

At the graduation ceremony of the responsible gambling program on Tuesday, the newly appointed lawmaker Fong said that a major concern for the government was the sheer scale of the number of frontline gaming workers in Macau. He estimated that there are about 100,000 gaming employees in the MSAR, "or about one-quarter of the working age population," though official statistics put this number somewhere between 80,000 and 85,000.

Even with a 1.5 percent risk, tens of hundreds of workers could be exposed to the socio-economic dangers of a gambling addiction, he warned, adding that, in his opinion, the risk to frontline workers is on the rise.

A government proposal to ban all off-duty, frontline casino workers from entering any casino in the territory is about to complete its 30-day public consultation period, before being considered by the Legislative Assembly early next year. The proposal seeks to emulate restrictions already in place for civil servants of the MSAR.

Under the terms of the proposed ban, frontline casino staff will only be allowed to gamble for several days around the Chinese Lunar New Year, and those that violate the restriction may be fined up to MOP10,000.

Gaming workers' associations have shown a mixed response to the proposal.

A survey conducted by the Macau Gaming Industry Frontline Workers showed that 77 percent of the 3,044 interviewed casino workers supported the revision. But the deputy director of Macau Forefront Gaming said that the proposal was "insane" and that it "treats [workers] as if they were gaming addicts, gam-

bling groups or even chip thieves."

For Bernhard, the proposal is worthy of some commendation as a strategy to reduce exposure to those at most risk of developing a gambling problem.

However, the gaming expert admitted that he was not aware of the technical details of the plan or whether its drafters had motives other than solely to prevent problem gambling.

Although based in Las Vegas, Bernhard is a regular instructor at the Sands China Responsible Gaming Team Training course, which has now completed its fifth consecutive year. The program, is intended to enhance employee knowledge of problem gaming.

Frontline gaming workers Pierre Lai and Shadow Lou, who this week graduated from the program, said that it had helped to build their confidence in identifying and confronting problem gamblers.

His mentor, Romeu Júlio do Espírito Santo, said that the training course involved role-play exercises to reinforce the course material.

"There is a role-play [exercise] that accounts for one-quarter of the training. This helps to give the students practical experience and make the training more memorable," he said. "After the training, the students will be well-equipped to handle these situations."

Lai and Lou, who both hold the position of pit manager, told the Times that they had not personally encountered any colleagues who showed signs of a gambling addiction.

However, Professor Bernhard warned that some frontline workers were likely to be affected by problem gambling and it would be more challenging for gaming workers to confront their colleagues than to intervene with a patron of the casino. "It is always going to be a more emotionally-charged conversation with colleagues," he said.

## corporate bits

### LEADING TECH COMPANIES TO PARTICIPATE IN MGS TRADESHOW



A croupier performs a demonstration during a previous session of the MGS

The annual MGS Entertainment Show will celebrate its fifth anniversary this year, and will return to the region from November 14-16 at The Venetian Macao.

MGS is a gaming, entertainment and leisure tradeshow seeking to attract established suppliers to the gaming industry. Tech innovators are again participating in the tradeshow which is held each autumn to promote their products to industry professionals.

With this year's focus on innovations that are shaping the smart city of the near future, a number of leading technology companies have signed up to showcase technological advances, MGS said in a statement.

This year's tradeshow will feature humanoid robots at the Qihan booth. The Shenzhen-based company has beco-

me a leading player in video analysis since its creation in 2006.

Last year, they came onto the service robotics scene with the launch of their line of Sanbot robots.

Beginning with a service industry robot called Elf, Sanbot has made ins with airport services and border security, as well as shopping malls and entertainment venues.

This year, Sanbot introduced Elf's 'bigger, stronger, faster, and more human-like' younger sibling, King Kong. Both Elf and King Kong will be fully charged and ready for a meet and greet at the Qihan booth. Alibaba's cloud computing service - which is China's largest provider of public cloud computing services - will also be featured at the tradeshow.

Alibaba has recently ente-

red into an agreement with Macau to bring improvements to the territory's infrastructure across various sectors, and to improve professional training in information technology available to students in Macau. Advanced analytics and facial recognition have already permeated the video surveillance market as a result of companies such as Hikvision.

The ability of surveillance technology to piece together a condensed set of relevant events from a vast supply of video footage has changed the way investigations and security monitoring are conducted, the statement added. Other major technology-related companies will also be showcasing their products and services alongside more traditional gaming and entertainment players and businesses.

# 21 Portuguese companies to attend PLPEX, MIF

A delegation comprising representatives from 21 Portuguese companies will attend the “2017 Portuguese Speaking Countries Products and Services Exhibition (Macau) – 2017 PLPEX” at the 22nd Macao International Trade and Investment Fair (MIF) beginning today.

Participation in PLPEX by these companies is co-funded by the Operational Programme for Competitiveness and Internationalisation under the Portugal 2020 Partnership Agreement – a plan that uses European funds to help boost economic growth in Portugal.

According to a joint statement, participating companies are seeking to promote their brands and identify new business opportunities, while also looking for strategic partnerships to facilitate entry into the Chinese market.

The Portuguese companies taking part in the 2017 PLPEX represent a wide range of industries, including construction,

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pharmaceuticals, food and drink, communication, and education.

“Dermoteca,” a cosmetic dermatology business, is taking part in PLPEX for the first time this year.

Cristina Varandas, a representative of the firm, expressed the belief that participation in the event will give the company a better understanding of the local market, adding that coming to Macau is also appealing since the city is known as an “excellent

gateway” into the mainland Chinese market.

“Install Expert,” a services provider to the construction industry, said that it is eager to participate in the event, and comes to Macau with existing “business prospects.”

The company’s representative, Sílvia Caetano, noted that the region “is still expanding in terms of construction, having some room for new sustainable solutions.”

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GUILHERME MARQUES

Another company, “Puris”, represents products from different brands of dietary supplements, and is also keen to enter the Chinese market.

The Chinese market is also enticing for “Estúdio Didático,” which aims to promote a technology called the Ting Pen as an instrument for learning foreign languages.

“For the Chinese market, and at the moment focusing on Macau, the purpose is to introduce our product to the general public and private schools, and we also have the ambition of finding a local retail partner who could sell our product directly to clients,” stated Jorge

Barbosa, the company’s representative.

Logistics and transport firm “Intertráfego” is returning to Macau to take part in PLPEX, after participating in last year’s edition of MIF.

“It’s a very special event that facilitates networking. Portuguese and other European companies want to sell in China and, simultaneously, Chinese entrepreneurs want to sell in Europe. We’re certain that the Chinese market is a winning bet,” said Intertráfego representative Guilherme Marques.

Until last year, PLPEX was organised as part of MIF, an event which plays a pivotal role in promoting the region as a trade and economic service platform between China and Portuguese-speaking countries.

The 2017 PLPEX will take place over an area of more than 3,000 square metres, with more than 210 companies and organisations registered to attend this year’s event.

The 22nd edition of the concurrent event, MIF, will be held on an area of 27,000 square metres, with a total of 1,500 exhibitors.

This year’s MIF has attracted the participation of delegations from over 50 countries and regions, including 1,000 companies and other organisations.

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## GAMING

# Crown hit by slot-machine tampering claims after China turmoil

Jason Scott

**A**N Australian lawmaker is demanding parliament and police probe claims that Crown Resorts illegally tampered with slot machines, a potential setback for the company controlled by billionaire James Packer just two months after it closed the chapter on its legal turmoil in China.

The activity at Crown's Melbourne casino, based on allegations by three former Crown employees, indicates "systemic breaches" relating to slot machines, federal lawmaker Andrew Wilkie said in Canberra yesterday. Crown denied the allegations, which the gaming regulator in Victoria state said it would "thoroughly investigate."

Crown shares fell as much as 8.1 percent and traded 4.1 percent lower at AUD11.27 at 3:56 p.m. in Sydney. The company's stock has dropped about 2.7 percent this year.

Crown "rejects the allegations" made by Wilkie concerning the manipulation of slot machines and illegal conduct at its resort in Melbourne, according to a company statement yesterday. The company called on the lawmaker to immediately provide information relating to the allegations to the authorities.

The allegations are the latest setback for Melbourne-based Crown, which is now relying on domestic revenue to boost earnings. Its overseas strategy fell apart in the wake of a crackdown on its Chinese operations



that saw some staff convicted in June of illegally promoting gambling. Packer, 50, returned to the company's board this year as it retreats from its international operations and closed most of its Asian offices to focus on profitable casinos in Australia.

A 30-minute recorded video with three whistleblowers was tabled to parliament by Wilkie through PokieLeaks.org, a campaign he helped organize last year with other lawmakers and lobby

group Alliance for Gambling Reform. The identities of the three men making the allegations were heavily disguised through image pixelation and voice altering.

"These are very serious allegations," Wilkie, who has long campaigned against casinos and the gambling industry, told reporters. He said he couldn't verify the veracity of the allegations but said they were serious enough to be made public. "They could indicate systemic issues in the broad

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der poker-machine industry right around the country."

The whistleblowers allege that some Crown slot machines, commonly referred to as poker machines in Australia, were adjusted to allow buttons to remain pressed down to continuously generate bets at its Melbourne casino, against Victorian state laws. The testimony also claims that some buttons were disabled to reduce the choice of consumers as to how much they bet, prompting the state's casino regulator to order fixes.

The former employees also claim Crown didn't act sufficiently against drug use and inebriation, and that not all violent incidents were reported to police. The whistleblowers allege that members of the Victoria regulator knew of problems with Crown's slot machines but took no disciplinary action except to ask that they be restored to their intended condition.

The Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation (VCGLR) is aware of the allegations made by Wilkie and will investigate the claims, the regulator said in a statement Wednesday. The regulator maintains constant oversight of the casino, it said. "We take any claims of this type extremely seriously," according to the statement.

Crown operates about 2,600 gaming machines at its resorts in Melbourne, and has approval to operate 2,500 slots in Perth, according to its latest annual report. Crown reported normalized earnings before interest, tax,

depreciation and amortization dropped 3.3 percent to AUD828 million (USD650 million) for the year ended June 30.

Overall, slot machines contribute about 40 percent of Crown's domestic revenue, said Ben Lee, a Macau-based managing partner at Asian gaming consultancy IGamiX.

In June, 19 current and former Crown staff were convicted by a Chinese court of illegally promoting gambling in the country and were handed jail terms of as long as 10 months. They had been detained in a crackdown last October. The last of the employees were released from jail in August.

In the wake of the arrests, Crown sold its stake in Macau casino operator Melco Crown Entertainment Ltd., halted a Las Vegas project and saw its high-roller casino revenue reduced by half.

In Singapore and Macau, home to the world's biggest gaming hub, tampering with electronic gaming machines would result in immediate suspensions, along with huge fines, said IGamiX's Lee.

"The allegations bring further concerns on Crown to investors as they are already unhappy with the impact the China incident had on share prices," said Roy Wheatley, CEO of gambling consultancy Global Consulting & Development Pty. "I would expect the government to launch a full-scale investigation on the casino operator under public pressure." **Bloomberg**

## Toys 'R' Us is said to mull options for USD2b Asia unit

**T**OYS "R" Us Inc., the retailer that filed for bankruptcy in North America, has been exploring options for its growing Asian business, including a potential initial public offering, people with knowledge of the matter said.

The U.S. chain and its local joint venture partner, the billionaire Fung brothers, have been speaking with investment banks to study the feasibility of listing the Asian business on the Hong Kong bourse, according to the people. A deal could value the unit at as much as USD2 billion, said the people, who asked not to be identified because the information is private.

Toys "R" Us and some of

its North American subsidiaries filed for bankruptcy last month, though its Asian unit wasn't included in the proceedings. Deliberations are at an early stage, and Toys "R" Us hasn't decided which path to pursue, the people said. Toys "R" Us owns about 85 percent of the Asian venture, while Fung Group - the private holding company of Hong Kong businessmen Victor and William Fung - has the remainder.

The ongoing bankruptcy could make a listing more complicated and harder to market to investors. Still, an IPO of the Asian unit would allow Toys "R" Us's private equity owners to recoup some of their investment by

selling shares in a business that's still doing well.

"Throughout Asia, income levels are rising and the consumer is trading up to more higher-end toys," Thomas Jastrzab, a Hong Kong-based retail analyst at Bloomberg Intelligence, said by phone Tuesday. "In Asia, you should see faster growth in the toy market compared to Western Europe and North America."

Toys "R" Us dominates the \$20.7 billion Asia Pacific market for traditional toys and games, according to research firm Euromonitor International. It had a 20 percent share of last year's sales of dolls, action figures, puzzles and other products that lack a video-

game component. Its closest competitor in the region had a 1.4 percent share, the Euromonitor data show.

Growth in Asia Pacific helped offset weaker sales in the U.S. and Europe in the quarter ended April 29, Toys "R" Us said in June. Earlier this year, the company combined its Japanese business with a joint venture running stores in greater China and Southeast Asia. The merged business operates more than 400 outlets, according to its website.

Toys "R" Us has about 1,600 stores and e-commerce sites around the world, and the Wayne, New Jersey-based company has

vowed to keep them open during bankruptcy proceedings.

The toy retailer's owners had initially discussed the feasibility of listing the Asian business as early as 2018, but some parties view that timeline as too ambitious because of the complexities related to the bankruptcy proceedings in the U.S., the people said.

A listing could provide a boost for Hong Kong, where fundraising from first-time share sales this year has fallen 42 percent from the same period in 2016, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. The city's market for IPOs is heading for its worst year since 2012, as megadeals such as

an offering from state-owned China Tower Corp. are pushed to next year.

KKR, Bain and Vornado acquired Toys "R" Us in a \$7.5 billion leveraged buyout in 2005. They stand to have their investment erased as the retailer seeks bankruptcy protection after competition from online rivals and price wars made it difficult for the company to service its debt. KKR and Vornado had previously written their investments in the company down to zero.

Toys "R" Us Asia was set up in 1986. Local partner Fung Group is also the biggest shareholder in Li & Fung Ltd., a supplier to Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and other U.S. retailers. **Bloomberg**

Gillian Wong & Joe McDonald,  
Beijing

## 19TH PARTY CONGRESS

# Xi urges stronger Chinese stand a

**C**HINESE President Xi Jinping yesterday urged a reinvigorated Communist Party to take a stronger role in society and economic development to better address the nation's "grim" challenges as he opened a twice-a-decade national congress.

Speaking in the massive Great Hall of the People near Tiananmen Square, Xi laid out his vision of a ruling party that serves as the vanguard for everything from defending national security to providing moral guidance to ordinary Chinese.

He struck a nationalistic line throughout his speech, calling for the party not only to safeguard China's sovereignty but also to revitalize Chinese culture, oppose "erroneous" ideology and promote religion that is "Chinese in orientation."

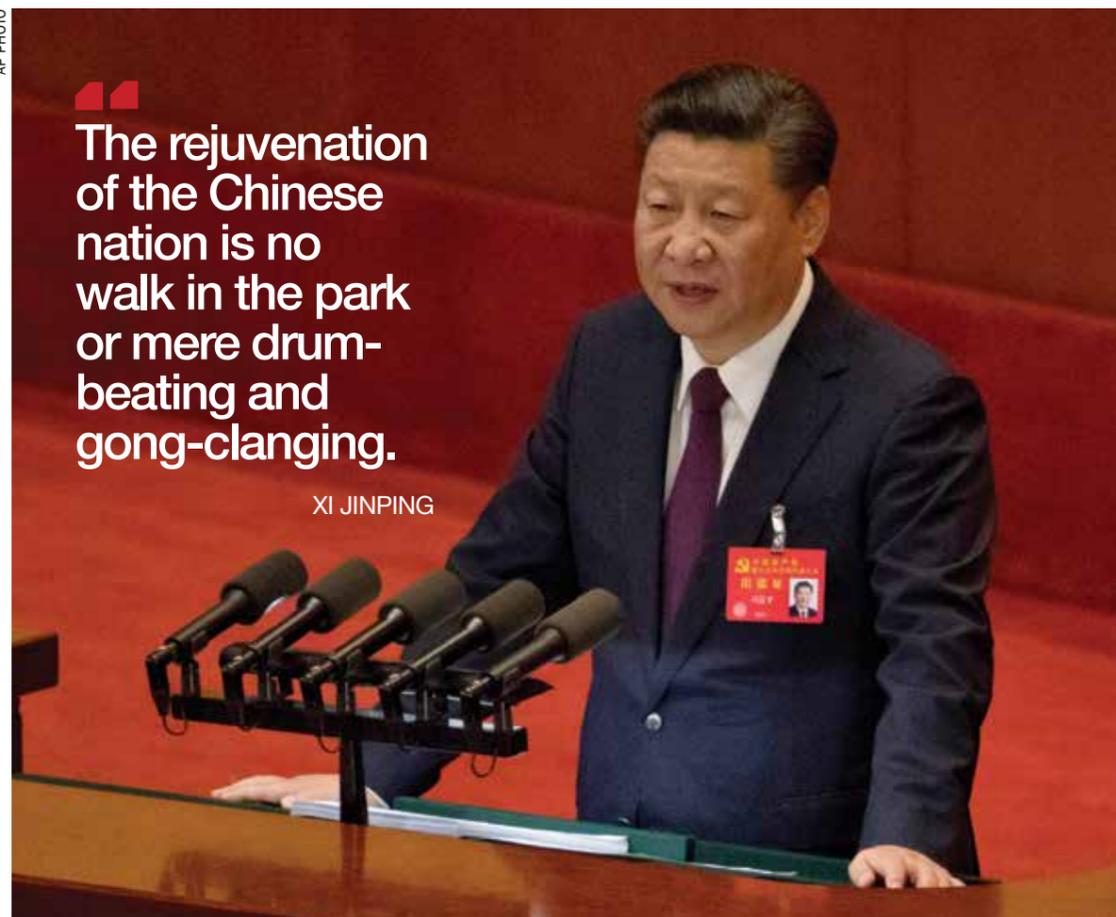
"The great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation is no walk in the park or mere drum-beating and gong-clanging. The whole party must be prepared to make ever more difficult and harder efforts," Xi told hundreds of delegates, mostly men in dark suits who applauded regularly as they read copies of his prepared remarks. "To achieve great dreams there must be a great struggle."

Hailing the start of a "new era," Xi outlined a vision in which the party would lead China on the road to becoming a "great modern socialist country" by mid-century.

Xi wields undisputed power and is expected to get a second five-year term as party leader at the gathering. Analysts say he has consolidated his power by sidelining his competitors in other intra-party cliques, including those surrounding his immediate predecessor Hu Jintao and former leader Jiang Zemin.

Observers will be watching for signs of whether Xi, 64, may be looking to appoint a successor. While the nation's presidency is

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XI JINPING

limited to two five-year terms, the tenure of the party's leader is bound only by tradition.

Xi has already distinguished himself from previous leaders, and is now "leading China into territory in which China is very close to achieving modest prosperity," said Dali Yang, an expert on Chinese politics at the University of Chicago.

According to Xi's vision, "China would not only be a modern, socialist country but one that stands tall among the nations," Yang said. "This message he delivered with vigor."

The Communist Party meetings will largely be behind closed doors and are accompanied by

extraordinary security measures, such as restrictions on knife sales and greater monitoring of dissidents. But the congress will see powerful players emerge in new roles and is a chance for Xi to publicly lay out his political and economic vision over the next five years.

In emphasizing the party's supremacy over all aspects of Chinese society, Xi is "making a big pitch for the importance of party leadership and what he claims only the party can achieve," said Willy Lam, a China expert at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. "It's an appeal to ordinary Chinese to abide by the party's instructions, in particular that

of the top leadership — that is, himself."

Xi, in his three-and-a-half-hour address, said China's "prospects are bright but the challenges are grim," a rare acknowledgement of severe economic issues. He added that the party would have to take big risks and overcome "major resistance."

Other Chinese leaders have regularly warned since the 2008 financial crisis that China's economic growth faces "downward pressure" due to weak global demand that threatens export industries in the world's second-largest economy. But Xi's comments were unusual in a keynote speech meant to highlight the

party's confidence and long-range vision.

Among the grave issues Xi said were insufficiently addressed are a widening income gap and problems in employment, education, medical care and other areas.

He pledged to make high school universally available and promised to extend land-use contracts for farmers for another 30 years after expiration.

Xi hailed China's island-building efforts in the disputed South China Sea as well as his signature foreign-policy initiative, the "One Belt, One Road" infrastructure investment project aimed at improving connections between China, Europe and Africa.

He also praised the party's tightened grip over domestic security, saying that social stability had been maintained and national security strengthened.

To achieve a "moderately well-off society" by 2021 — the 100th anniversary of the party's founding — and even greater national power and prosperity by 2049 — the centenary of the founding of the Communist state — China needs continued economic growth and the lifting of millions out of poverty. The country is also rapidly expanding its military and political power, including its growing ability to dominate the Asia-Pacific region.

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The party declared for the first time in 2013 that it would give market forces the "decisive role," a step business groups welcomed as a commitment to freer

## Five things to know about twice-a-decade Communist Party

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**T**HE crucial parts will be held behind closed doors, but journalists, academics and more than a billion Chinese citizens will be closely watching for any public hints signaling change at this week's twice-a-decade congress of China's ruling Communist Party.

Possible outcomes include the emergence of President Xi Jinping's closest allies, signs indicating the direction of an increasingly aggressive foreign policy and clues about the possible next leader of the world's second-biggest economy.

### SIGNS OF XI'S POWER

Observers are watching to see if Xi's personal political theory will be entered into the party constitution alongside those of predecessors such as Mao Zedong and Deng Xiaoping.

There were no such clues in Xi's wide-ranging, almost 3 1/2-hour address to the congress' opening session yesterday. But the honor could still come as the congress plays out.

Other previous leaders have also had the distinction, but it was bestowed much later in office.

Including it this early would be a clear sign that the already powerful Xi will continue to dominate Chinese politics without opposition.

### POWERFUL PLAYERS WILL EMERGE

Perhaps the most immediate results of the congress will be the distribution of new jobs, rumors about which have swirled for months.

The meetings are cloaked in secrecy, but Xi has spent five years sidelining his rivals, so the recipients will be allies.

While Xi and his No. 2, Premier Li Keqiang, are expected to stay on the party's Politburo Standing Committee that runs China, four others will likely depart. The status of party discipline boss and close Xi ally Wang Qishan seems unclear.

Companies and investors are watching to see what posts go to Xi allies regarded as reformers with the personal authority to push through painful changes over opposition from party factions or state companies that stand to lose influence.

# gainst 'grim' challenges



Xi Jinping (center) stands with former President Hu Jintao (left) as Jiang Zemin is assisted into his seat at the opening ceremony

markets. But the same declaration also said the party would play a bigger role in managing state industry, which could blunt the impact of competitive forces.

## The party would lead China on the road to becoming a 'great modern socialist country' by midcentury

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Excess industrial capacity has strained trade relations with Washington and Europe, which complain that a flood of low-cost Chinese exports is depressing global prices for steel, aluminum and other goods and threatening jobs abroad.

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The most tangible results of the congress will likely be personnel appointments.

China is run by the party's Politburo Standing Committee, currently a seven-member body led by Xi, with Premier Li Keqiang his No. 2. While Xi and Li are expected to stay, the fates of others are determined by loose precedents governing retirement age. Four are expected to depart, while the status of party discipline boss and close Xi ally Wang Qishan appears uncertain.

In a secret process, the congress delegates will select a roughly 200-member central committee, along with more than 150 alternates, from a pool of around 400 candidates. The committee will then pick a 25-member politburo and the elite Politburo Standing Committee, led by the general secretary. The makeup of the top body will only be known at the close of the meeting when its members reveal themselves on stage in front of journalists, according to past practice. **AP**

### ONE SHOT NEWS



Security officers hold umbrellas in the rain outside the Great Hall of the People as delegates arrive for the opening ceremony of the 19th Party Congress in Beijing

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### XI'S SUCCESSOR

Xi is 64 and may suggest a potential successor for when his traditional second five-year term as party leader ends.

The nation's presidency is limited to two five-year terms, but the office of party general secretary is bound by no such restrictions.

Xi could step aside for a younger leader while maintaining ultimate control from behind the scenes.

### STRONGER FOREIGN POLICY

Xi has been steadily channeling Chinese nationalism and pride as he boosts the Communist Par-

ty's role in Chinese life and his country's presence in Asia and the world.

The muscular approach is likely to get even stronger after the congress. Xi will try to gradually expand China's influence by continuing to leverage the nation's booming economy and mountain of foreign currency holdings.

The goal is to restore China to its traditional role as East Asia's leading nation and a global economic and cultural force.

Beijing could push to expand its role in international bodies and become more assertive in regional hot spots such as the South and East China Seas and its contested border with India.

### THE ECONOMY

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on the direction of the world's second-largest economy.

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## 'Frog fans' of elder Jiang light up social media

**C**HINESE President Xi Jinping was at the podium giving a three-and-a-half hour speech to outline his grand vision for a "new era" of China. But for young Chinese cracking jokes on social media, all eyes were on their 91-year-old cult favorite struggling to stay awake in the front row.

Jiang Zemin is dozing off. Jiang Zemin is using a magnifying glass the size of his head to read. Jiang Zemin is checking his watch for the umpteenth time — and Xi's barely halfway into his speech.

China's internet flared up again with largely affectionate jokes about Jiang, the long-retired party leader who has stuck around and haunted Chinese politics despite perennial rumors of his demise. Some users noted how Jiang looked "younger and younger" as he emerged for Xi's speech in Beijing's Great Hall of the People.



Former Chinese President Jiang Zemin uses a magnifying glass to read a work report during the opening session of China's 19th Party Congress at the Great Hall of the People yesterday

Jiang came to power in 1989 after the military's bloody crackdown on pro-democracy protesters at Tiananmen Square in Beijing. He's known for overseeing a four-fold expansion of the economy in the 1990s while reining-in civil liberties, including imposing a crackdown on followers of the Falun Gong, an outlawed spiritual movement.

His human rights record doesn't seem to bother his young fans, who point instead to his frequent stunts — reciting the Gettysburg Address in a 60 Minutes interview or floating in the Dead Sea during a Middle East visit with spandex shorts clinging to his pot belly — as evidence of an unscripted political legend.

Today he's the closest thing there is to a living, breathing Communist Party internet meme. His fans call him "frog" — because of his grin and signature, oversized glasses — and label themselves "frog worshippers" or "frog fans."

Others wryly call him "elder," a reference to his famous 2000 diatribe in which he tried to scold a young Hong Kong reporter by referring to her as "too young," "too simple, sometimes naive" in English. When he turned 90 last year, the popular Chinese messaging app WeChat was filled with well wishes from millennials who were in third grade when Jiang left power.

The fascination with Jiang has unsettled authorities, even if it's unclear whether the sentiment is sardonic or earnest. Jiang's name is often censored in internet searches, and even pictures of frogs are sometimes deleted. The former party chief has also been rumored to clash heavily with Xi behind the scenes over his lingering influence.

Authorities removed one blog post that said it was reassuring that Jiang "looks so healthy" on yesterday, while searches of his name did not return results on Weibo and popular online forums. **AP**



In this Oct. 30, 1965, file photo, members of the Youth Wing of the Indonesian Communist Party (Pemuda Rakjat) are taken to prison in Jakarta following a crackdown on communists after an abortive coup against President Sukarno

## INDONESIA

# Files reveal details of US support for massacre in mid-60s

Stephen Wright, Jakarta

**D**ECLASSIFIED files have revealed new details of U.S. government knowledge and support of an Indonesian army extermination campaign that killed several hundred thousand civilians during anti-communist hysteria in the mid-1960s.

The thousands of files from the U.S. Embassy in Jakarta covering 1963-66 were made public yesterday [Macau time] after a declassification review that began under the Obama administration. The Associated Press reviewed key documents in the collection in advance of their release.

The files fill out the picture of a devastating reign of terror by the Indonesian army and Muslim groups that has been sketched by historians and in a U.S. State Department volume that was declassified in 2001 despite a last-minute CIA effort to block its distribution.

In 1965, Indonesia had the world's third-largest communist party after China and the Soviet Union, with several million members, and the country's president, the charismatic Sukarno, was vociferously socialist and anti-American.

U.S. officials despaired of Indonesia's apparently unstoppable drift into the communist fold and were ecstatic when conservative generals imposed martial law in Jakarta, seized state radio and set out to annihilate the country's communist party on the pretext that it had tried to overthrow the government. Within months, the army would prevail in its power

struggle with Sukarno, shifting Indonesia's political orientation to the U.S. and opening its huge market to American companies.

The newly released files underline the U.S. Embassy's and State Department's early, detailed and ongoing knowledge of the killings and eagerness to avoid doing anything that would hinder the Indonesian army. Historians had already established that the U.S. provided lists of senior communist party officials, radio equipment and money as part of active support for the army.

## ■ The newly released files underline the US Embassy's and State Department's ongoing knowledge of the killings

The documents also show that U.S. officials had credible information that contradicted the Indonesian army's lurid story that the kidnapping and killing of seven generals in an abortive coup by junior officers on Sept. 30, 1965, which paved the way for the bloodbath, was ordered by the Indonesian communist party and Beijing.

The documents specifically

mention mass killings ordered by Suharto, a general who within months would seize total power and rule Indonesia for more than three decades, and the pivotal role in carrying out the massacres by groups that today remain Indonesia's biggest mainstream Muslim organizations: Nahdlatul Ulama, its youth wing Ansor and Muhammadiyah.

A Dec. 21, 1965, cable from the embassy's first secretary, Mary Vance Trent, to the State Department referred to events as a "fantastic switch which has occurred over 10 short weeks." It also included an estimate that 100,000 people had been slaughtered.

In Bali alone, some 10,000 people had been killed by mid-December, including the parents and distant relatives of the island's pro-communist governor, and the slaughter was continuing, the cable said. Two months later, another embassy cable cited estimates that the killings in Bali had swelled to 80,000.

A cable that was part of the 2001 State Department volume showed that by April 1966, the embassy was staggered by the scale of the murders and acknowledged, "We frankly do not know whether the real figure is closer to 100,000 or 1,000,000." Even the Indonesian government had only a "vague idea" of the true number, the cable said.

The release of the documents coincides with an upsurge in anti-communist rhetoric in Indonesia, where communism remains a frequently invoked boogeyman for

conservatives despite the collapse of the Soviet Union nearly three decades ago and China's embrace of global capitalism.

Discussion of the 1965-66 period that departs from the Suharto era's partly fictional account of a heroic national uprising against communism is still discouraged. A landmark symposium last year that brought together aging survivors of the bloodbath and government ministers sparked a furious backlash. And last month, an anti-communist mob led by retired generals attacked a building in central Jakarta where activists had planned to discuss the killings.

"The mass killings of 1965-66 are among the world's worst crimes against humanity, and our country's darkest secret," said Veronica Koman, an Indonesian human rights lawyer. "The 1965-66 survivors are all very old now, and I'm afraid that they will not see justice before they die. Hopefully with these cables coming to light, the truth can emerge and perpetrators can be held accountable."

U.S. Senator Tom Udall, who in 2015 introduced a resolution in the Senate urging Indonesia's government to create a truth and reconciliation commission, said the U.S. must also confront its role in these "terrible acts."

Indonesia's Muslim mass organizations are among those reluctant to face scrutiny for their role, which in the fevered atmosphere of 1965 was characterized by Islamic leaders as a holy war against atheists.

Under the direction of the army,

the Muslim organizations Nahdlatul Ulama and Muhammadiyah were enthusiastic participants in mass murder, carrying out indiscriminate killings as well as organized executions, according to the documents. They also mention the army's recruiting of Catholics to help with its extermination campaign in central Java.

A December 1965 cable from the U.S. Consulate in Medan, Indonesia, reported that preachers in Muhammadiyah mosques were telling congregations that all who joined the communist party must be killed, saying they are the "lowest order of infidel, the shedding of whose blood is comparable to killing chicken."

A detailed four-page report covering mid- to late November 1965 by the U.S. Embassy's political affairs officer, Edward E. Masters, discussed the spread of mass executions to several provinces and the role of youth groups in helping to solve the "main problem" of where to house and what to feed PKI prisoners. PKI is the Indonesian acronym for the country's communist party.

"Many provinces appear to be successfully meeting this problem by executing their PKI prisoners, or killing them before they are captured, a task in which Moslem youth groups are providing assistance," the report said. A cable from earlier in the month mentions an estimated 62,000 prisoners in the province of Central Java alone.

Ansor, the youth arm of Nahdlatul Ulama, was responsible for "brutal attacks" on communists, according to a Dec. 10, 1965, cable, but also caused problems by doing the same to non-communists involved in personal feuds with its members.

Possibly the earliest mention of systematic bloodshed in cables to Washington is a mid-October 1965 record of conversations between the embassy's second secretary and Bujung Nasution, a special assistant to Indonesia's attorney general involved with intelligence matters. Like other intermediaries of the Indonesian army and its allies sent to approach the embassy, Nasution was apparently trying to assess whether the U.S. would object to the extermination campaign.

According to Nasution, the army had already executed many cadres, but this information, he said, must be closely held because the army needed more time to break the communists.

The memo described Nasution as alarmed that reports of atrocities had been leaked to the Malaysian press. It said he warned that it was critical that Sukarno did not learn of the extent of the army's repression, especially from the foreign media.

In response, the second secretary, Robert G. Rich, reassured Nasution.

The U.S. government was fully aware of the sensitive nature of the current events, said Rich, and was "making every effort to avoid stimulating press speculation." **AP**

# Diplomats from US, S. Korea, Japan discuss N. Korean threat

Kim Tong-Hyung, Seoul

**S**ENIOR officials from the United States, South Korea and Japan reaffirmed their countries' commitment yesterday to finding a diplomatic solution to the threat posed by North Korea's rapidly expanding nuclear program. However, U.S. Deputy Secretary of State John Sullivan stressed that the allies must be prepared for any contingency.

After meeting with his South Korean and Japanese counterparts in Seoul, Sullivan said the U.S. continues to view diplomacy, supported by pressure and sanctions, as the primary means for solving the North Korean nuclear problem. But despite that approach, the Trump administration will continue to keep "all options on the table" because the "regime in Pyongyang is unpredictable and non-transparent," he said.

"Our objective is, throughout that campaign of pressure, to bring North Korea to the negotiating table without preconditions so that we can achieve our objective of a denuclearized Korean Peninsula,"



Japanese Deputy Foreign Minister Sugiyama (right), U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Sullivan (left) and South Korean Vice Foreign Minister Lim

Sullivan said at a news conference after the meeting, where the officials mainly discussed responses to North Korea's nuclear activities.

"Diplomacy is our primary objective and primary means to addressing the threat posed by North Korea. But we need to be prepared to respond to any eventuality given the unpredictable nature of the regime in Pyongyang," he said.

Before flying to Seoul for talks

with South Korean Vice Foreign Minister Lim Sung-nam, Sullivan and Japanese Deputy Foreign Minister Shinsuke Sugiyama met in Tokyo on Tuesday and vowed to find more ways to apply pressure on North Korea.

Yesterday, Lim said the allies agree that the situation surrounding the Korean Peninsula should be "managed stably."

The vice-ministerial discussions

were followed by a meeting of the countries' top envoys for currently stalled nuclear disarmament talks with North Korea that also involved China and Russia. The six-party talks were last held in late 2008 and North Korea went on to conduct its second nuclear test in May 2009.

South Korea's Foreign Ministry said the nuclear envoys agreed their countries must pursue every

available avenue, including dialogue and sanctions, to peacefully achieve North Korea's complete denuclearization.

The Seoul meetings came as the U.S. and South Korea conduct joint naval drills involving fighter jets, submarines and other naval vessels, including the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan, to train for potential North Korean provocations. The allies regularly conduct joint exercises that North Korea condemns as invasion rehearsals.

North Korea in recent months has tested purported thermonuclear weapons and intercontinental missiles and launched two mid-range missiles over Japan while also threatening to fire similar weapons toward Guam, a Pacific U.S. territory and military hub.

North Korea's deputy U.N. ambassador, Kim In Ryong, said Tuesday at the United Nations that his country plans to conduct more satellite launches, which outside governments see as a cover for banned tests of missile technologies.

On Monday, Kim told the U.N. General Assembly's disarmament committee that the situation on the Korean Peninsula had "reached the touch-and-go point and a nuclear war may break out any moment," citing the U.S.-South Korea drills and what he called U.S. plans to remove North Korea's leadership. He said the North has the right to possess nuclear weapons in self-defense. AP

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In this file photo taken in Nov. 2016, charred corpses are seen on the floor of a burned hut on the outskirts of Yei

AP INVESTIGATION

# UN, US failed to prevent 'ethnic cleansing' in South Sudan

Justin Lynch, Yei

**W**HEN South Sudan's Yei region turned violent in the midst of the country's civil war last year, a handful of U.N. and U.S. officials begged their leaders for help. Government soldiers were burning villages and slaughtering men, women and children, they warned.

Their pleas fell on deaf ears. The U.N. did not send peacekeeping troops to stay in Yei, and the U.S. continued to support South Sudan's military, possibly in violation of U.S. law, according to an AP investigation based on dozens of internal documents and interviews.

Yei became the center of a nationwide campaign of what the U.N. calls "ethnic cleansing," which has created the largest exodus of civilians in Africa since the Rwandan genocide in 1994. More than 1 million people have now fled to Uganda, mostly from the Yei region. And tens or even hundreds of thousands of people in South Sudan have died.

Kate Almquist Knopf, director at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies at the U.S. Defense Department, compared the situation in South Sudan to Rwanda.

"The reality is that Rwanda happened while the U.N. was there, while the international community was there, and they didn't do anything. The same thing is happening now in South Sudan," said Knopf. "It's happening on Africa's watch. It's happening on

America's watch. It's happening on the United Nations watch. It's happening on everyone's watch."

The U.N. says it is still considering sending a permanent peacekeeping force to Yei if it gets more troops. The U.N. now has about 12,000 peacekeepers throughout South Sudan, but U.S. officials say it would take roughly 40,000 to secure the country.

"It's all about what resources the mission has available," said spokesman Daniel Dickinson.

The U.S. budgeted USD30 million in aid to South Sudan's military for the 2016 and 2017 fiscal years and gave further \$2 million in July for a military and security operations center. The assistance appears to violate a U.S. law prohibiting support to any unit that has committed a gross violation of human rights. South Sudanese soldiers are accused of gang-raping women and killing people, including civilians and a journalist. The government has denied "ethnic cleansing."

A spokesperson for the State Department said military officials who received assistance "were vetted and not credibly implicated in the gross violation of human rights."

However, the U.S. aid is a "red flag," said Sen. Patrick Leahy, who sponsored the law. "The South Sudanese security forces, like their rebel counterparts, are notorious for violating human rights without fear of being punished. We do not want the United States to be associated with such misconduct."

South Sudan, the world's youngest country, has received more than \$1 billion in humanitarian aid every year from the U.S. and the U.N. In 2013, civil war broke out. A peace deal brokered by the U.S. and the international community collapsed in July 2016.

That month, government troops rampaged through the town of Nyori in the Yei region, according to a former local official. Like others, he spoke on condition of anonymity because he feared retribution.

He ran into the bush to hide, and returned three days later to carnage.

"I witnessed with my own eyes, young children, they were slaughtered," he said.

Rose Kiden fled when the soldiers swarmed her house. She said she came back to find her sister on the floor, after being raped by eight soldiers. Her husband was killed by government troops when he went to collect food.

But even as the violence near Yei spread, Kiden said, U.N. vehicles drove by without stopping.

"They didn't do anything," she said. "They just passed."

When U.N. officials visited Yei in September 2016, they were horrified by stories of women gang-raped and a baby hacked with a machete.

"If the security situation is not rapidly stabilized, the protection crisis in Yei will swiftly become a multi-faceted humanitarian crisis," said a U.N. report from Sept. 15 obtained by AP to the top U.N. leader in South Sudan

at the time, Ellen Loj.

After nearly two months, the U.N. started sending small, temporary patrols to the Yei region, but the violence merely continued after they left. On Nov. 11, special advisor Adama Dieng warned about "the potential for genocide."

That month, the U.N. decided not to send a permanent force to Yei. When asked why at her farewell press conference on Nov. 28, Loj said the U.N. did not as yet have enough troops.

"South Sudan is a big country and we cannot have a soldier behind each and every South Sudanese," she said.

During another U.N. visit in February this year, a community leader from the Yei area said he had begged for peacekeepers three times in the past few weeks.

"We need imminent protection

before it's too late," he said, according to an internal report. "If we get killed because we told you the truth today so be it."

Hours later the U.N. left.

The U.S. also struggled to respond to the crisis in South Sudan, according to documents and interviews. In July 2016, the South Sudanese military fired dozens of bullets into two U.S. embassy vehicles.

Still, the U.S. continued to believe it could fix South Sudan's military. In September, President Barack Obama sought a "long-term military to military relationship" with South Sudan and allowed military training and education, according to a letter to Congress obtained by AP.

"Once again in South Sudan, we have shown a pattern of having bad analysis, either ignoring the symptoms of the problem entirely, not seeing them, or analyzing them in the wrong way," said Cameron Hudson, the director of African affairs at the National Security Council in the Bush administration.

The U.S. also got approval from the U.N. Security Council for 4,000 extra U.N. peacekeepers in South Sudan, but failed to get the South Sudan government to accept them.

In the fall, a dissent cable drafted within the State Department argued that U.S. support for the peace deal and failure to act was fueling violence.

"The risks of famine, continued mass atrocities, and genocide are among the highest in the world," the draft cable said. The risks of not changing U.S. policy, it continued, "are immediate and unacceptably high." The draft was never finalized because it did not gain enough support, and senior officials said pulling out of the peace deal would have created even more violence.

Today, more than 18,000 homes have been destroyed in the Yei region. Hundreds of people have died, and many more have fled.

A pastor from the Yei area at a refugee camp in Uganda said he felt abandoned by the U.N. and the world.

"They could have protected people's lives," he said. "They could have saved us from coming to this camp." **AP**



President Salva Kiir (left) takes members of the UN Security Council, including then U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Samantha Power on a tour outside the presidential compound in the capital Juba in September

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A New Jersey newspaper has scored an easy scoop. A Corvette crashed into the newsroom of the Press of Atlantic City newspaper in Pleasantville.

The newspaper reports the car's driver fell asleep yesterday [Macau time] before driving through an intersection, jumping a curb, traveling about 23 meters and then slamming into the newspaper's office.

No one in the office was hurt. The crash shattered two first-floor windows and knocked over several filing cabinets.

The female driver and a male passenger are being questioned by police.

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this day in history



1987 SHARES PLUNGE AFTER WALL STREET CRASH

The world's stock market has collapsed after shares on Wall Street suffered a wave of panic selling.

The Dow Jones industrial average plummeted by a record 508 points, registering a percentage drop of 22.5%.

On Wall Street itself, share prices crashed across the board in frenzied trading that saw collective losses worse than the infamous "Black Monday" in October 1929.

In London the value of quoted shares fell by £50bn as the FT 30-share index dived 183.7 points to 1629.2.

The previous sharpest one day fall was on March 1, 1974 after Labour's indecisive election victory, when shares fell 7.1%.

The FTSE index also crashed more than 300 points with a loss of £63bn.

The collapse was triggered by Friday's fall on Wall Street and a steep drop in Tokyo.

The White House attempted to calm investors by issuing a statement declaring that President Ronald Reagan remained convinced that the US economy was sound.

Dealers marked prices down in an effort to discourage sellers amid scenes close to hysteria.

The percentage drop was the second largest ever next to the 24.4% fall of 12 December, 1914.

Chairman of the New York Stock Exchange John Phelan said: "This is the nearest thing to a financial melt-down I've ever come across. I would not want to be around for another one like this."

But officials warned against comparisons, saying that the situation is dramatically different from 1929.

Trading activity was driven down by growing fears of rising interest rates and a falling dollar.

These were exacerbated by the news that the US had retaliated against Iranian attacks in the Gulf by bombarding an offshore oil rig.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

In the wake of the 1987 crash, which also became known as Black Monday, markets around the world were put on restricted trading mainly because at the time computers were dealing with so many orders that they were unable to keep up.

By the end of October, stock markets in Australia had fallen by 41.8%, Hong Kong 45.8% and the United Kingdom 26.4%. The effects of the crash were not as crippling as expected because it was not followed by a depression.

Over the next decade interest rates went down and investors showed new faith in the market.

The debate over the cause of the crash continued for many years after the event but economists have never been able to name a single factor that ushered in Black Monday.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 If it makes you feel warm, snugly and as well taken care of as can be, you need to try it - even if it makes you feel faintly ridiculous at the same time. It may lead to an unexpected purchase, but that is okay.

Taurus April 20-May 20 You're a veritable magnet for the affection and attention of admirers, new and old, so get used to it. If you happen to be happily attached, you may need to find a way to make your current partner know just how much you care.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 You are feeling especially grounded and stable right now - much more so than usual - and you are unwilling to take any guff from anyone. Your self-confidence is the result of something you did recently.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Things are likely to get a lot better soon. If you can just make it through today, you should be able to sneak away from responsibilities for a little while. You really shouldn't wait.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Right now is the perfect time to approach that elder or supervisor who has been so distant lately. Gather your courage - and proof of how awesome you are - and go for a visit.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You're missing someone, and now is time to make it stop. Ring them up and see if you can get together now, either at their place or, better yet, at yours - since you've probably been making it beautiful all week.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 Most of the time, your main focus seems to be on other people. You concentrate on their needs, what makes them happy and how to please them - because doing that usually makes you happy as well.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 You still feel a pang of regret over some lost friend or loved one, but now is the time to make it right. You're an adult, and you have all the right technology in place to get back in touch or to make amends.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 If friends try to abduct you when you say you're working late or otherwise unavailable once again, don't even try to defend yourself. They can't handle your absence, and who can blame them?

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 This is one of those times that absolutely everyone wishes for - especially since it's happening at a good in-between point. You're endowed with all the right energy to have a warm adventure with the one you love.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 You're still in that chatty zone, ready and willing to charm just about anyone into just about anything legal. Starting this afternoon, your energy starts to add some extra of determination to the mix.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 Do you have the feeling that you've been here, done this and that nothing is new? You could be right - karma is unending. Try not to be so very confident in the outcome of the situation.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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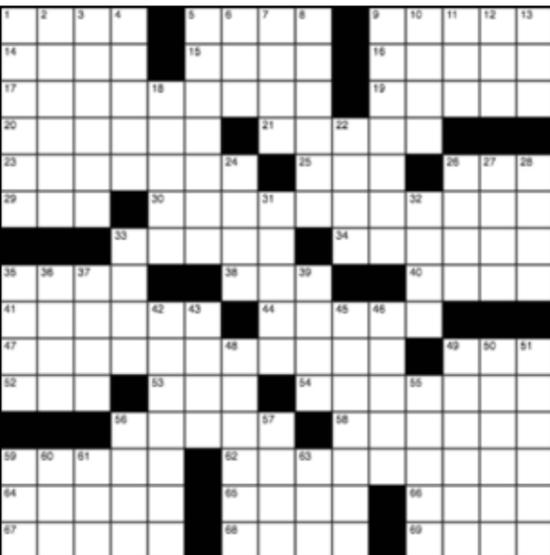
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DOWN: 1- Puget Sound city; 2- Cobra, e.g.; 3- Negligent; 4- Sherpa's home; 5- Deep down; 6- \_\_\_ Beta Kappa; 7- Tombstone lawman; 8- Established procedure; 9- Stiff coarse hair; 10- Travel on; 11- Employ; 12- Poseidon's realm; 13- Timecard abbr.; 18- Cancels a dele; 22- Barbecue fare; 24- Challenge; 26- Poet Pound; 27- Fortuneteller; 28- Mother of the Valkyries; 31- Bits; 32- Dynamic beginning; 33- Eastern nanny; 35- Potatoes' partner; 36- Pound sounds; 37- "Splendor in the Grass" screenwriter; 39- Word that can succeed building, web or burial; 42- Capital of Kenya; 43- Not \_\_\_ many words; 45- Ghastly; 46- Govt. security; 48- Likenesses; 49- Measurable; 50- \_\_\_ Fideles; 51- Linux variety; 55- Reef material; 56- An apple or a planet will have this at the centre; 57- New Zealander; 59- Floor covering; 60- Green prefix; 61- President pro \_\_\_; 63- Pickup truck feature;



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## FOOTBALL

# Mourinho says long-term tenure at Man United unlikely

**J**OSE Mourinho believes the days of a coach lasting "15 to 20 years in the same club" are over, making it unlikely he will end his managerial career at Manchester United.

Speaking ahead of United's Champions League match against Benfica early today, the 54-year-old Mourinho said he plans to stay in soccer management for "15 years minimum."

"It is impossible to last for so long [at one club]," Mourinho said. "If, in this moment, I wanted to finish my career in two, three, four or five years then I would say yes, I want to finish my career with Manchester United."

The Portuguese coach was responding to comments he made about his future at United in an interview conducted with French television that aired on Sunday. In that interview, he also spoke in glowing terms about Paris Saint-Germain



AP PHOTO

and the French club's bid to shake up the established order in Europe with their recent recruitment.

"The answer is that nothing is happening: I am not signing a new five-year contract and I am not leaving for PSG," Mourinho said about

his situation. "I am at Manchester United and I have a contract. And that is it."

"I was asked," he added, "how is it possible in modern football that any manager is going to last 15 to 20 years in the same club? I think Arsene Wenger is the last one

at Arsenal. It is impossible for us with everything that surrounds the job, all of the pressures that surround the job."

Mourinho joined United in 2016 on a three-year contract with the option to stay until at least 2020. **AP**

## WINTER OLYMPICS

## Swiss lawmakers agree on USD1b backing for 2026 bid

**S**WITZERLAND'S federal government says it would contribute almost 1 billion Swiss francs (USD1.02 billion) toward Sion hosting the 2026 Winter Olympics.

The Swiss federal council voted to support the proposed candidature, which still requires approval from expected public votes.

Federal councilor Guy Parmelin, who heads the department for sports, says the project would be withdrawn if the votes are lost.

Swiss support comes three days after voters in Austria rejected a proposed 2026 bid by two-time host Innsbruck.

Sion's plan involves hosting events in towns and cantons (states) across Switzerland which could insist on a referendum.

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## FOOTBALL

# Tottenham holds Real Madrid to 1-1 in Champions League



Tales Azzoni, Madrid

**C**RISTIANO Ronaldo got the best of Harry Kane in the duel between two of Europe's most prolific forwards, but Kane's Tottenham celebrated after taking a 1-1 draw from Real Madrid in the Champions League early yesterday [Macau time].

Tottenham proved tough to crack against the defending champions at Santiago Bernabeu Stadium and held on for the draw that kept both clubs at the top of Group H and in good position to advance to the knockout round.

The English club scored first with an own-goal by Raphael Varane as the Madrid defender tried to clear a cross intended for Kane.

Ronaldo equalized for Madrid by converting a penalty kick just before halftime after Toni Kroos was fouled.

Kane had a great chance to give Tottenham the victory but his close-range shot was saved by goalkeeper Keylor Navas midway through the second half in one of the game's best scoring opportunities.

"They were going to have chances, it was going to be a tough game," Kane said. "A

point at the Bernabeu, you'd take that every day of the week. It shows how far we've come as a team."

The unbeaten sides meet again in England in two weeks.

"We'll try to win at Wembley. We don't need to change a lot," Real Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane said. "We aren't happy as we were at home and we always want to win, but we had our chances."

The teams remain tied for the group lead with seven points and the same number of goals scored and conceded.

In the other group match, APOEL held Borussia Dortmund to 1-1 at home, leaving both teams with one point each.

"This point we earned today means a lot," Tottenham coach Mauricio Pochettino said. "It may help us advance from the group stage."

Tottenham arrived looking for a good performance to show it can compete against the best in Europe. And it was back and forth at the Bernabeu.

"The result is not the most important thing," Pochettino said. "What makes me happy is the fact that we came here and competed against Real Madrid."

All eyes were on Ronaldo and Kane, who arrived as the tournament's top scorers after two group-stage matches. Kane had five and Ronaldo equaled him by converting the penalty on Tuesday.

Tottenham opened the scoring in the 28th minute after Varane found his own net while trying to clear Serge Aurier's cross directed to Kane, who was not able to get his foot to the ball.

Ronaldo's goal came after Kroos was brought down by Aurier inside the area. The Portugal forward sent a firm shot into the corner as Tottenham goalkeeper Hugo Lloris went the other way.

Ronaldo, who scored twice in each of the team's first two games, was denied by the post on a fifth-minute header, and by Lloris on a pair of dangerous shots in the second half.

Kane squandered what could have been the game-winner in the 71st after entering the area free from defenders but failing to get the ball past the Madrid goalie.

"Today was a game for keepers," said Navas, who was returning from injury. "It's hard to score goals and we tried. We wanted a clean sheet, too, but sometimes you can't do anything about it."

Lloris also played well and made a brilliant save with his foot after a close-range header by Karim Benzema in the second half.

"We were better in the first half and we had some good chances to score," Lloris said. "At this level it's a great feeling to get a good draw." **AP**

## Liverpool racked up its biggest ever away win in Europe

**J**UERGEN Klopp's side ended its run of seven group matches by crushing Maribor 7-0 in Slovenia. And to cap a good night for English sides, Manchester City defeated Napoli 2-1.

Spartak Moscow enjoyed a big win in Group E, thrashing Sevilla 5-1, and Besiktas made it three wins from three with a come-from-behind 2-1 win at Monaco.

Leipzig defeated visiting Porto 3-2 for its first ever win in European competition, but the other German side in action - Borussia Dortmund - was left contemplating an early exit after being held at APOEL Nicosia to 1-1.

A look at the groups:

**Group E.** Liverpool's record away win coincided with Maribor's worst Champions League loss.

Maribor had lost only one of its last 11 home games in the competition, but it appeared quickly out of its depth as Roberto Firmino, Philippe Coutinho and Mohamed Salah put Liverpool 3-0 up inside 20 minutes.

Salah and Firmino would go on to grab seconds, substitute Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain had Klopp celebrating with the side's sixth late on, and Trent Alexander-Arnold completed the rout in the last minute. Liverpool's previous highest score on the road in Europe was 5-0, three times.

"It's nice to write history," Klopp said.

Sevilla's heavy defeat in Moscow means Liverpool is well-placed to top the group with a home game against Maribor next.

Liverpool has five points, the same as Spartak, while Sevilla is third on four.

**Group F.** Napoli ended Manchester City's Champions League debut in the group stage in 2011, but Pep Guardiola's side doesn't look like it will be denied by Napoli this time.

Guardiola kept faith in the side that routed Stoke 7-2 at the weekend and was rewarded with early goals through Raheem Sterling and Gabriel Jesus.

Dries Mertens had the

chance to pull one back from the penalty spot after Kyle Walker hauled down Raul Albiol, but Ederson saved the spot kick just as Napoli appeared to be getting back into the game.

Amadou Diawara did better with Napoli's second penalty with just over 15 minutes remaining but there wasn't to be an equalizer.

"You cannot beat Napoli unless you produce a good performance," Guardiola said.

Shakhtar Donetsk was three points behind City after beating Feyenoord 2-1, and Napoli was third with only three points from three games. Feyenoord has no points.

**Group G.** Besiktas came



back to stun a Monaco side which took the lead through Falcao.

Monaco isn't the same side which reached the semifinals last season, and this defeat was the side's fourth across all competitions.

The Turkish side tops the group, five points ahead of Leipzig, which defeated Porto 3-2 for its maiden

Champions League win. All the goals came in the first half.

Porto coach Sergio Conceicao sprung a surprise when he left Spain goalkeeper Iker Casillas on the bench in favor of Jose Sa, who was at fault for Leipzig's first goal.

Porto was third, two points ahead of last-placed Monaco. **AP**

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IS PING PONG THE NEW PROSECCO?

From balls in the face to swingers, it's all happening over a drink.

The latest thing in the drinks industry is 'activity pubs'. Attendance at the local has been decreasing in recent years, with customers ignoring the rattle and neigh of coaches and horses across the UK, and beyond. We might chalk the reasons up on a board marked 'specials': cheaper alcohol at the supermarket, smoking bans consciously uncoupling the traditional 'fags and booze' combination, boxsets, Netflix.

But the main reason, I contend, is that no one has any conversation any more. Sit at the pub, and there's a chance you have to talk. Shocked emoji! The pub presents a big challenge. How to actually engage with other human beings?

Showing an intelligence beyond their species, 'Dogs and Ducks' – or their pub descendants – across various lands have come up with an idea: doing stuff whilst drinking. This is pubs getting involved in 'the experience economy', a snappy phrase used by retail industries for people wanting to buy less and do more.

London already has a ping pong club where you bat ping pong balls around. Fun, and filled with potential for flirting too. If you fancy someone, you actually hit them, rather than hit on them. Conversational content can then largely be taken up by discussion of hand position and arc of your balls. All about ping ponging.

The British capital also has a 'skate, dine and bowl', where you can visit the ice rink and drink. Try a Double Salchow, then a double vodka. Both will leave you on the floor.

Throw up. Get thrown out. Sure, all terms associated with pubs. But just throw? Another activity pub in London concentrates on darts, but we're not talking one meagre board in the corner. Flight Club has a carousel theme, people can book an 'oche' and have two hours to play. Little hope of romance, though. You're more likely to get hit by a dart, not Cupid's arrow.

There's also a 'Swingers Bar' – crazy golf plus drinks. And a 'draughts bar', where you can square off against others without getting asked to leave. And whilst one might observe that the original activity whilst drinking was karaoke, and reasonably wonder if this new trend is just copying entertainment norms from the East, it might actually be time to sit down and have a rest. All this activity is so tiring.

Seated, let's wonder: Where is this all leading? Pubs used to be a central public space where villages gathered, and gossip was exchanged. And Apple's recent bid to have its stores called 'town squares' is yet another threat to pub culture. Can you see a pub in the corner of an Apple store, with beer on app not tap?

And what does this all mean for women? Pubs have traditionally been 'peak bloke' – how many times did you, lady reader or scroller, venture into an old-fashioned pub? (Even after they grudgingly added Chardonnay to the drinks' menu, the equivalent of putting out dog bowls with water. Because, yes, that is what we all drink.) But ping pong girls' nights out? Ping pong plus prosecco? I spend enough time covering spots and undereye circles; adding a ping pong bruise is not enticing.

Let's stay glass half full. I hope that, however social changes affect pub culture, a reference will be made to old names. Many pubs in the past had a picture board outside because not everyone could read. How long until a new pub sign uses the modern version? Fancy a drink at the Dog emoji and Duck emoji?

THE PINK DIAMOND ONCE AMONG FRENCH CROWN JEWELS TO BE AUCTIONED

Christie's says, for the first time in 130 years, it will auction a legendary 19-carat pink diamond that once belonged to French rulers including King Louis XIV and Emperor Napoleon.

The diamond, "Le Grand Mazarin," was only sold at auction once before, at a famous 1887 sale of French crown jewels.

Christie's international head of jewelry Rahul Kadakia says the diamond from

the Golconda mines in India was set in the crowns of almost all kings and emperors of France since the early 18th century. Chairman of Christie's Europe and Asia Francois Curiel called it "the diamond with the most prestigious and historic provenance still to be in private hands." The owner was not specified.

The auction is scheduled for Nov. 14 in Geneva.

Portugal's interior minister resigns over wildfires response

Barry Hatton, Lisbon

THE Portuguese government minister in charge of emergency services resigned yesterday after 106 people were killed in wildfires this year.

Interior Minister Constanca Urbano de Sousa tendered her resignation and Prime Minister Antonio Costa accepted it, the government announced on its website.

Urbano de Sousa said in her resignation letter published on the website that she wanted to quit after 64 people were killed in a wildfire four months ago, but Costa asked her to stay. She repeated her request after 42 people died in another spate of wildfires last weekend.

She wrote that after last weekend, "though the tragedy was caused by multiple factors, I came to the conclusion that I could not continue for political and personal reasons."

The wildfire deaths are by far the highest annual toll ever and have stunned Portugal. Silent protests are slated for next weekend in an effort to press the government into taking more decisive action.

Urbano de Sousa was under severe political pressure to quit. Official investigations into the June deaths, which occurred in one night, found numerous shortcomings in the official response – though they could be traced back to previous governments too.

The pressure over the deaths weighed heavily on Urbano de Sousa, who several times came close to tears when speaking in public about the



Portuguese Interior Minister Constanca Urbano de Sousa

tragedy.

Urbano de Sousa wrote that she has prepared the ground for policy changes expected to be adopted by the government next Saturday.

Meanwhile, Portugal began three days of national mourning yesterday [Macau time] over its 41 wildfire deaths amid widespread public anger.

Rain and lower temperatures helped emergency teams in Portugal and Spain bring under control most of the fires that raged over the weekend. In Galicia, in northwest Spain, four people died.

Portuguese authorities reported that almost all major wildfires were out by early yesterday. Some 2,700 firefighters were deployed to prevent re-ignitions in the country's smoldering forests.

Investigations were underway to find the cause of the late-season wave of hundreds of forest fires, which Iberian officials blamed mostly on arsonists and freak weather

conditions. Temperatures on the Iberian Peninsula exceeded 30 C over the weekend and the area was raked by high winds as Hurricane Ophelia churned past in the Atlantic.

"We are ready to extinguish fires, but we are not ready for arsonists," Spanish Environment and Agriculture Minister Isabel Garcia Tejerina told public broadcaster TVE.

In Portugal, opposition parties rebuked the government for what they called a lack of preparedness.

The Civil Protection Agency's full fire-fighting contingent operates only during the traditional peak wildfire season, which runs from July 1 to Sept. 30. In October, its fire-fighting assets are reduced by half.

Critics say the state of readiness must be more flexible, especially when Portugal is gripped by drought and its weather patterns are affected by climate change.

Prime Minister Antonio Costa called a special meeting of his Cabinet for next Saturday to discuss fire-fighting measures.

"This is not a time for resignations, this is a time for solutions," Costa said on Tuesday.

But public outrage is simmering. Local governments in the worst-hit areas, aided by a social media campaign, are organizing silent street protests in Lisbon and in their own towns and cities to coincide with the Cabinet meeting.

In Galician towns on Monday, angry residents chanted "Never again!" to protest the deadly wildfires. MDT/AP



A house burns in a village near Oliveira do Hospital, central Portugal

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

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS

**IRAQ** Turkey said yesterday that Iraq's retaking of the northern city of Kirkuk from Kurdish forces earlier this week has rectified the Kurds' "mistake" in holding a non-binding referendum on independence last month.

**SYRIA** U.S.-backed Syrian forces were removing land mines and clearing roads in the northern city of Raqqa yesterday, a day after commanders said they had driven the Islamic State group from its de facto capital.



**KENYA** It is "difficult to guarantee a free, fair and credible election" in Kenya's fresh presidential vote just eight days away despite "full technical preparedness," the head of the election commission said yesterday as another wave of uncertainty swept through East Africa's largest economy.

**UKRAINE** Several thousand government protesters rallied outside Ukraine's parliament and some urged President Petro Poroshenko to step down. Former Georgian president Mikhail Saakashvili, who leads a Ukrainian opposition party, said at the rally that Poroshenko was responsible for "poverty and humiliation."



**SPAIN**'s prime minister yesterday urged Catalonia's leaders to back down from their bid to gain independence for the region, a day before a central government deadline that could significantly deepen the country's political crisis.

**NAFTA** Talks to rewrite the North American Free Trade Agreement have stalled over tough American demands, dashing hopes that a deal can be reached this year. A fourth round of negotiations between the U.S., Mexico and Canada ended in mutual exasperation Tuesday. Talks will continue next month in Mexico City and will spill over into next year.