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MYANMAR-BANGLADESH Bangladesh President Abdul Hamid has accused Myanmar's military of committing "ruthless atrocities" against Rohingya Muslims, as the now-international issue shows no signs of abating.

AUSTRALIA An Australian lawmaker resigned from his leadership roles in the opposition party yesterday over scandals involving a wealthy Chinese businessman and political donor that have raised accusations of China buying influence. *More on p11*

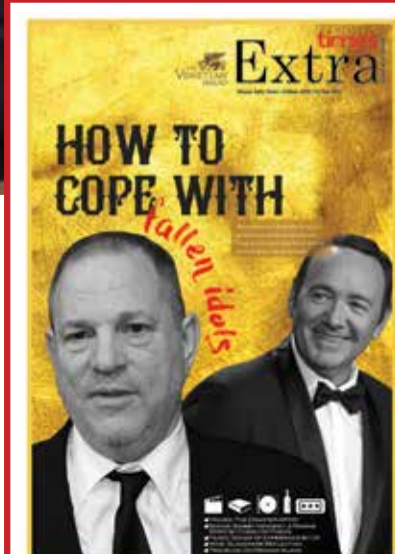
YEMEN Security officials say clashes between rival factions in the rebel-held capital, Sanaa, have killed about 10 fighters from both sides.

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Local artists showcase works in Japan to build cultural bridge

Julie Zhu

FIVE Macau artists, Cai Guo Jie, Eric Fok, Leong Chi Hou, Season Lao and Wong Ka Long, were a part of a group exhibition called "Macau Contemporary - New generation artists" which took place in Tokyo from November 13 until November 19. The exhibition aimed to bring Macau's art works to the Japanese community for them to understand more about the region.

The artists aimed at introducing some popular artworks from Macau to Japanese people, thus allowing them to become acquainted with Macau from different perspectives, through the artists' unique worldviews and self-identification.

The exhibition was organized by the Macau Visual Art Students Zone and sponsored by the Macau Cultural Affairs Bureau.

Interviewed by the Times, one of the participating artists, Wong Ka Long, said that the exhibition was organized to assist in the "gathering of people of the same age who are relatively proactive exhibiting their art in Japan, as well as to let Japan learn about Macau's contemporary art."

"These artists have their own stances explaining Macau's cultural aspects," said Wong.



When addressing the story of their journey to Japan, Wong gave the credit for the initiative to artist Season Lao, who was born in Macau and is now based in Hokkaido, Japan.

According to Wong, two years ago, Season Lao first had the idea of introducing Macau art and artists to Japan.

"As we all know, in Japan, there are not too many references about Macau. Even if they exist, they are only tourism references," explained Wong. "Japan [...] has its firm stance, not only

regarding exhibitions but also regarding foreign culture."

When asked whether the Japanese community embraced their Macau art, Wong said that "it was very interesting."

"The local friends who have interest in Macau, and especially those who have visited Macau, would pay a special visit to our exhibition. There, they would talk to us about the exhibition and about their experience in Macau," said Wong, adding "Japanese friends from the cultural sector in Japan would also

describe the exhibition from an artistic perspective."

Each participating artist has their own educational and cultural background, which makes the works a unique style of Western and Eastern cultures.

Cai Guo Jie's watercolors emphasize his free-style brushstroke, full-blown and full of vivid colors. However complete diversity can be seen amid the styles of young artists Eric Fok and Leong Chi Hou; the former's work consists of nautical maps drawn in an ancient

Western style, while the latter focuses on studying neo-orientalism to draw acrylic paintings by using and experimenting with different new media.

Season Lao, the Macau artist living in Japan whose initiative created the exhibition, created snow sceneries of Hokkaido, through which he captured the beauty of pure white.

Wong Ka Long combines cultural and military aspects to create a series of helmet drawings in blue and white colors.

When explaining the exhibition to the Times, Wong indicated that the artists brought a storyline created by their various artworks to depict Macau's history from the age of discoveries until the age of Macau's gaming liberalization.

The artists also posed a question regarding Macau's future and how it will be marked by a dominating gaming industry.

Wong noted that he, personally, does not prioritize choosing places where he wants to take his art, but he focuses on explaining his artwork to his audiences.

"I mainly focus on whether I depict what I want to say clearly. If I cannot pass forward this idea, and then I go publishing my work, then it will create a bad impression of Macau," said Wong.

Looking into the future, Wong said that he hopes these young artists will show the ability to have a role in the history of Macau's art. "We hope that these enthusiastic and active Macau artists can truly use the experience of the age of discoveries," he said.

ESPORTS

Macau team achieves record quarter-final position

A Macau esports association posted a strong result at the 9th International eSports Federation (IeSF) World Championship last month, qualifying from the group stages in two categories, and reaching the quarter-finals in the League of Legends competition.

Facing off national teams from around the world, Macau representatives Grow uP eSports reached an all-time high quarter-final position in the League of Legends

competition.

The Macau team – which was up against Costa Rica, Tunisia and Israel in Group A – finished second in its group, losing only to Israel before advancing into the knockout rounds, where it was defeated by esports champion South Korea.

Macau also clinched second place in the Tekken7 competition. The top spot in the group went to Israel again, but Macau beat all other group competitors – namely Namibia, South Africa and Azerbaijan

– before another loss to South Korea.

"This is the second time that we have brought Macau to compete in the World Championship and the team's performance was excellent," said Grow uP eSports president, Fernando Pereira.

"We were able to conquer a place among the top eight in LoL [League of Legends] and top 16 in Tekken7, which is a really good position considering 35 countries participated in the championship."

Bringing together teams

from almost 50 countries and territories, the IeSF is one of the few esports events to cater specifically to national competitors.

The championship was held in Busan, South Korea with 35 participating members. The next edition – which will mark the competition's 10th anniversary – will be hosted in Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

GrowuPeSports is a non-profit association which aims to promote the development of the esports sector in Macau. It is an expansion of its parent



association in Portugal, which was founded over a decade ago and is now one of Europe's largest and oldest such groups.

The Macau team counts the Macau Government Tourism Office among its sponsors for this year's event. **DB**

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Sulu Sou calls supporters to attend Sunday's ANM meeting

SULU Sou was yesterday handing out leaflets in the Senado Square area calling for the public to attend the meeting organized by the New Macau Association, which will be held on Sunday evening.

Sou is facing suspension from his lawmaker position after a case dating back to a 2016 demonstration surfaced last month, where he was accused of having walked on the road (instead of the sidewalk) without permission from the authorities. He now stands accused of aggravated disobedience.

The New Macau Association is planning to hold the meeting at the Rotunda de Carlos da



Maia between 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

“Since the moment he was elected as a lawmaker, Sulu Sou shouldered the mission of reforming the Legislative Assembly, spending all his efforts in

order to achieve that,” the leaflet reads. “The New Macau Association recommended a young man who is trustworthy and who will realize the promises.”

“When the young people bravely resist in-

When the young people bravely resist injustice [...], what is the government doing?

LEAFLET

justice [...], what is the government doing? What happened [...] is not solely Sulu Sou's issue, but also an issue of the team and the public who this young man stands for,” the leaflet reads. **JZ**



Kart Grand Prix to be held from December 7 to 10

THE 2017 Macau International Kart Grand Prix will be held from December 7 to 10 at the Coloane Karting Track. Around 120 karters from China, Australia, Chinese Taipei, Italy, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand, the United Kingdom, Hong Kong and Macau will contest three races involving a total of nine groups, including the Macau Cup KZ Invitation Race International, the AAMC Cup KZ Invitation Race Asia, the Asian Karting Open Championship (AKOC) and the Formula 125 Open Senior, Junior and Veteran Class. The four-day event is organized by the Automobile General Association of Macau-China and entry is free.

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Alexis Tam



Au Kam San (left) and Ng Kuok Cheong

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Tam lists more proposals than concrete measures

Renato Marques

ALTHOUGH Social Affairs and Culture is one of the broader secretariats in the government, as it oversees sectors such as education, health and tourism, the first day of the debate over the Policy Address for 2018 was devoid of any major novelties.

Secretary Alexis Tam and his team of directors were at the Legislative Assembly (AL) yesterday to present the prime features of the developments under his secretariat. Although there was a high number of registration from lawmakers (30) which is normally a sign of a heated debate, it was the

opposite yesterday, with the summary of the activities of the secretariat taking most of the time and there being little discussion over the important topics in what is expected to be a difficult year for Tam.

One of the most highlighted topics was, in fact, the new Non-Mandatory Central Provident Fund System coming into force on January 1, with several lawmakers interested in the current status of government negotiations with several industries and organizations, namely about the interest of the gaming concessionaires to join the scheme.

Lawmaker Ng Kuok Cheong addressed the matter, asking

if “the government has already consulted the gaming concessionaires and other ‘large’ companies to join [the scheme]?” Ng urged the Secretary to present the current status. Not being able to give a concrete answer on the topic, Tam reviewed the measures implemented by the government regarding the support provided to the citizens, especially regarding retirement.

Tam said, “we give a lot of importance to this. The elderly [have] contributed a lot to society. We want them to feel included and useful,” adding that, “in other places, working people need to pay a lot of taxes to support these people

[retired]. This doesn’t happen in Macau as the government is assuming this role and not charging taxes to residents that are active in order to support the welfare fund.” According to Tam, “scholars say we have already passed the risk level, that is of MOP4,500. What we give [in subsidies] is above this. We hope they [the elderly] can have a dignifying life.”

Tam said that the goal for the government is to ensure that senior citizens can be taken care of by their families and stay in their homes, and mentioned that the Social Welfare Bureau (IAS) is planning a new subsidy soon in order to help families to do so.

Also in discussion were the issues related to health and questioning on the Islands District Medical Complex (Islands Hospital).

Ho Ion Sang, Zhang Anting and Au Kam San were some of the lawmakers that questioned the government on the topic, asking for clarification on the project and concrete scheduling for it.

On the topic, Tam simply commented “as for the Islands hospital, we are users only, the construction is not in our hands, we don’t have a calendar, but we hope we can have at least part of it [built] by the end of this mandate of the government,” he said, downgrading the importance of the

topic. Tam also mentioned that, “even if we don’t have the [islands] hospital yet, we are improving and extending on other services, especially on Health Care Centers.”

On this, Ho replied by disagreeing with the extension of the working hours of some Health Care Centers, while Tam claimed, “I don’t think creating overtime is not a good measure. It just causes added work pressure to physicians and nursing staff.”

While Au hinted that it was necessary to “increase quality” of the medical services provided, Tam disagreed, citing figures to say that the Macau Health System is considered as one of the top five countries and regions by the World Health Organization and that Macau, in terms of life expectancy, is ranked better than Singapore, the USA and Canada.

Despite being satisfied with the results, Tam has mentioned that they “continue to work to improve and to hire specialists to work in our medical units, especially from Portugal,” adding that such professionals would also serve as “trainers to other medical staff.”

Adding to that, the Health Bureau director Lei Chin Ion said regarding the construction of the Islands Hospital that the government is counting on the help of several international organizations, from medical and design and architecture fields, in order to create the best possible building. He said that this help would be particularly important especially to the “oncology services and surgery block.”

Taking the same opportunity, Lei also clarified the idea of a “Smart Medicine” approach, as noted in the Policy Address. “We are working on information technology systems to help people to regulate health issues such as blood pressure and glucose levels,” he said, adding, “people can do this through a mega data processing app and we can know [also through that system] about some aspects related to particular people or diseases outbreak, for instance, in a certain area of the city or when a group of people are affected by food poisoning. We can easily and speedily identify the causes.”

Blue Sky Project to conclude earlier than expected

INITIAALLY presented by the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture ahead of the policy address for 2016, Alexis Tam said yesterday that the “Blue Sky Project” could be completed 10 years sooner than originally thought.

The project aims to remove schools from residential buildings, improve their environment and ensure that each school has a playground and outdoor space area.

Yesterday, on the first day dedicated to questions and answers regarding the policy address for 2018 for the Secretariat of Social Affairs and Culture, Tam acknowledged that the project could be concluded “faster than expected.” He said that instead of the projected 15 to 20 years, the project could take “probably less than 10 years.”

According to Tam, the basis of the change is the recent development regarding the reclamation of land plots by the government; namely

the site where the Macau (Yat Yuen) Canidrome currently operates.

“At that time we didn’t know about Canidrome and other land plots that could be used to build school parks [such as Zone A of new landfills],” Tam said, adding, “we were quite conservative in our forecast.” The Secretary also noted on the matter of the Canidrome land plot that, through the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau, “We have already presented to the Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau a project to build four schools, one of them to be dedicated to special education. These schools will serve the population of the northern zone of the city.”

“We also have a project [planned] for Zone A [of the new landfills]. We want to have some temporary buildings for schools that need to do construction works to rebuild or change location [of their current school facilities].”

HEALTH BUREAU OPENS RECRUITMENT FOR 21 PORTUGUESE PHYSICIANS

THE HEALTH Bureau opened this week a recruitment process aiming to recruit a total of 21 physicians from Portugal, the SSM informed. According to the statement, the recruitment is being conducted in cooperation with the Portuguese Medical Association and aims to recruit specialists in the fields of gastroenterology,

imaging, neurology, nephrology, pediatrics, pneumology, geriatrics, psychiatry, pathological anatomy as well as general, thoracic, vascular and metabolic surgery. The SSM justified the recruitment drive by noting that such professionals are needed to cope with the growth and development of medicine locally.



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China is a tremendous place for business, entrepreneur says

Julie Zhu

SEASONED corporate and legal professional Alexander Kocsis, who has been Chief Executive Officer of several multimillion-dollar corporations, believes that China is a land of business opportunities.

Kocsis was the keynote speaker at this week's France Macau Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting, which focused on the topic of "Doing Business in China."

Kocsis, who resides in southern China, is a keen observer of China's dramatic rise to superpower status, as well as its strategic implications. He is the only foreigner to have been appointed as an adjunct Professor of Law at Beijing Normal University.

"I think China is a tremendous place for opportunity. Things are changing; the economy is changing so rapidly. Xi Jinping's plan to eliminate poverty is really such a positive move," he told the Times.



Alexander Kocsis pictured during the talk

"There are tremendous opportunities. However, if you want to be successful, I think for a foreign company, you have to combine the identification of opportunities with some intelligence of what's going on in the market – what the political system looks like, how is business actually transacted, who are the key players, how are you able to

move money back and forth?"

"In a western country, you don't really think of those things. In China, you really have to spend effort educating yourself on these points first. So identifying the opportunity [while learning] the market, this is the key crucial point. Just jumping in, I think, will result in trouble."

The law professor also believes

that China's local talent is capable of managing the business operations of foreign companies.

"Without a doubt, there [are] good people in China, but I think the problem is that many western companies are a little bit arrogant. They know they can do it because they are successful in the United States or Canada. The trouble is that success does not translate well into China but because, in their mind, they know they can do it, they just enter without thinking. This is the real problem. So finding good people is not a problem – of course, it's an issue everywhere, but there is no shortage of good people," said Kocsis.

Kocsis also believes that Chinese consumers' confidence in foreign products could help foreign businesses in China, as "the belief that foreign companies have higher quality, better manufacturing standards [...] things like these all lead to the idea that a foreign product is better."

"I think a lot of Chinese produc-

ts are now catching up, or trying to catch up but for sure, western companies have an advantage."

China is well known for its networking-heavy approach to business, which requires people to possess extensive social connections in order to achieve their goals.

For a foreign company, you have to combine the identification of opportunities with some intelligence.

When asked how a foreign company should build connections in China, Kocsis had no answer.

"I really don't know. I think it's a process of making friends," he mused.

One audience member asked whether Macau and Hong Kong could bridge the gap between China and foreign companies, to which Kocsis replied, "this could be the bridge, but it's not."

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MGM staging interactive exhibition for festive season

Daniel Beittler

As part of MGM Macau's 10th anniversary celebration, MGM Art Space is announcing a new "artistic experience" designed as an interactive digital domain geared towards families.

In collaboration with the creative minds behind teamLab, the casino operator is inviting families to visit "Learn & Play! teamLab Future Park" over the Christmas and Chinese New Year holiday season and to immerse themselves in the interactive spaces.

The exhibition features three main interactive areas, the first of which is a 'sketch town' displayed on a giant screen at the center of the MGM Art Space.

The dynamic town is built out of the drawings that each visitor creates. Using special paper, guests can color a picture of a vehicle or building. The picture is then scanned and brought to life on the big screen.

Two filters of the 'sketch



town' will be used throughout the exhibition; a Christmas 'Santa delivery' at the exhibition's launch, followed by a 'futuristic' version at a later date.

Pictures drawn by guests can also be transformed into 3D paper crafts to take home. The process of creating multi-dimensional objects helps children understand space and perspective, according to a statement from MGM China, which helps to break down digital and physical barriers.

Also featured in the exhibition is a light ball orchestra

comprised of giant ball-shaped objects that change their color when touched. At the same time, signal sounds will be played through a loudspeaker. Organizers describe it as the "perfect photoshoot opportunity".

The third component is "Graffiti Nature", an interactive digital installation that allows visitors to experience their self-made creatures within a living ecosystem that reacts to the balance of wildlife. Flowers blossom where visitors stand, attracting butterflies, which may in turn be ea-

ten by the system's carnivores.

"It is about creativity but also following the logic of a real ecosystem," said Christina Kuok, director of Arts and Culture Development at MGM China.

Kuok adds that the exhibition provides children with an array of experiences, including an interactive simulation of an ecosystem and the chance to explore their creativity and coordination.

"From day one when we started Art Space, the objective has always been to bring a variety of experiences [to guests] and to promote creativity and cultural development in Macau and also around us," she said. "The digital experience also teaches young children about spatial awareness, coordination, color and creativity. It encompasses quite a lot of things."

The exhibition, which is ticketed to avoid overcrowding, is open from today until February 28. Admission is free for children aged two and under.

Few parents teach children about harassment prevention

The latest survey conducted by the Sheng Kung Hui Macau Social Services Coordination Office (Sheng Kung Hui) suggests that only 30 percent of parents frequently teach their children about preventing sexual harassment. Sheng Kung Hui interviewed 555 parents who have children below the age of 18. According to the study, 70 percent of parents generally agree with the necessity of educating their children about preventing sexual harassment. Sheng Kung Hui believes that it is hard for local parents to find ways to educate their children using relevant knowledge and effective methods. In the future, Sheng Kung Hui will establish an online information platform for parents to use.

IPM accepts applications to undergraduate programs

The Macao Polytechnic Institute (IPM) will soon accept applications from prospective local students for the 2018/19 undergraduate programs. Graduating senior high school students and working professionals who wish to further their studies can apply from December 4 to January 19. According to a statement issued yesterday, in recent years IPM has introduced several new undergraduate programs which adopt the '3+1' and '2+2' mode of learning - one to two years of studies completed at an overseas institution, during which students are able to broaden their international horizons and develop their language competencies. For the upcoming academic year, IPM expects to continue to recruit mostly local students.

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25 property questions we were asked this year - part III

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15. Question: I'm only here for three months, can I rent an apartment?

Yes, it is possible, but it's not easy. There is usually great difficulty attached to renting an apartment for less than six months. Most owners consider it too much trouble, and many agents refuse to handle such short leases.

However, it is possible to rent for shorter periods.

One option is using a 'Corporate Rental program' where the rental agreement is signed under the company name, and the agreement provides the tenant with more flexibility than a traditional long-term lease.

Another option is using a 'studio' in a hotel, which of course has the advantages of not having to pay deposits, having use of facilities such as a swimming pool, gym etc available, and not having to pay for utilities.

'Air BnB' is also used in Macau, although the service is illegal and does carry with it an element of risk, including the possibility of legal repercussions, security issues regarding access to the apartment and safety concerns especially in older buildings.

14. Question: What happens if I don't pay the rent?

Not paying rent is a bad idea in Macau. Once a rent is overdue for nine days or more, the landlord is entitled to charge a late fee premium of 50% of the rental amount.

If a rent remains overdue for 30 days or more, the landlord can now charge a late fee premium of 100% of the rental amount. In other words, once a rent is 30 days late, you would now owe double the normal rental amount.

This is why it is so important to pay rent at the end of a tenancy agreement. The two-month security deposit cannot be used in lieu of rent, and if you don't pay rent for the last two months, the debt owed will be equal to four months rent.

13. Question: What's the difference between gross and net area?

The net area is the area inside the walls of the apartment that can be used by the occupants.

The gross area is the net area plus a proportional amount of the common areas of the building such as the lobby, lift space and recreational club.

The net area in modern buildings with recreation facilities is usually around 70% of the gross area. This is sometimes referred to as the 'efficiency' or the 'ratio' of the building.

12. Question: What happens when the leasehold runs out on my property?

Leasehold property in Macau is under Portuguese law, and the leasehold is until 2049 (two years after Hong Kong).

Leases ending earlier than 2049 are renewed on a 10-year basis, and will

continue to do so until 2049.

At that point, the government will announce new lease terms and of course the price of the lease.

The leasing of land is usually a government's main sources of income, but it is also a measure of their credibility. A government that tries to rebuke land ownership rights and property titles would effectively destroy any confidence in the country, and is therefore extremely unlikely.

It is more likely that the government will, at that time, issue new leases that expire in 2099, by which time I will be approximately 130 years old and less able to move if I have to...

11. Question: How much notice do I have to give on my rental apartment?

As a tenant, you have a few choices.

When the tenancy agreement is coming to an end, you can let the owner know you will not extend at any point leading up to the end of the lease.

If it is prior to the end of the agreement, you can give notice in accordance with the contract. For example, it may say that the agreement can be terminated with two months notice.

If the agreement does not have a termination clause, you can give the owner three months notice.

When a lease is broken, the owner has the right to retain part or all of the security deposit dependent on the notice period and the wording in the tenancy agreement.

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Hong Kong unveils investor ID plan for China trading link

Benjamin Robertson

INTERNATIONAL investors who trade in Chinese stocks using the Hong Kong exchange link will be monitored in real-time by regulators in both jurisdictions under a plan unveiled yesterday.

Authorities will be able to see a unique identifier for each investor or firm that uses the northbound connect, the trading link between the former British colony and the world's second-biggest stock market. Under current rules, only the broker sending the order is visible to Hong Kong's Securities and Futures Commission.

The changes come as mainland China and Hong Kong integrate more closely, with two equity trading links connecting exchanges in Shenzhen and Shanghai with their southern counterpart. As the markets become more entwined, their respective regulators are looking at ways to bring surveillance more in line with one another.



Traders viewed the plan positively, after earlier voicing concerns that the SFC and China Securities Regulatory Commission would impose a system requiring each fund to register separately. The

details published yesterday show that IDs will be assigned to the fund's parent company. "I am glad to see that the Hong Kong or international market practice was taken into account," said Cindy Chen, head of securities services at Citi Hong Kong, a unit of Citigroup Inc.

Under details issued by Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing Ltd., exchange participants will issue a unique identifier, known as a broker-to-client assigned number, or BCAN, to each client. All orders to buy and sell stocks via the northbound connect will be tagged with BCANs, the bourse said. The changes don't apply to investors trading Hong Kong stocks.

The ID system will take effect in the third quarter of 2018, the SFC said in a statement. There will be a similar regime for the southbound connect after the introduction of the northbound plan, the regulator said. Ashley Alder, SFC's chief executive officer, said in the statement that the new rules are "critical to safeguard market integrity and to strengthen the protection of investors in both markets."

Additional scrutiny may be not welcomed by everyone, however. Hedge funds that trade volatile small-caps stocks or take short-term positions might worry that the CSRC will accuse them of speculating, said Steven Leung, executive director at UOB Kay Hian (Hong Kong) Ltd. Some funds sell themselves as a "black box," and will be concerned about who else is looking at their trade positions, he said.

The plan is good news for the market and removes uncertainty, said Neil McLean, head of execution trading for Asia ex-Japan at Nomura Holdings Inc.'s wholly owned Instinet Pacific.

The Hong Kong Investment Funds Association said in an email that the new system was a "reasonable move." It will enhance transparency, said Castor Pang, head of research at Core-Pacific Yamaichi HK. Despite concerns among investors about increased regulatory oversight of trading in Hong Kong, Alder said last month that he sees a worldwide move by authorities for better client identification systems. In particular, he noted the incoming MiFID II rules in Europe, and efforts underway in the U.S. **Bloomberg**

Sports gambling clash at US supreme court unites Trump, NFL

ALL it took to bring Donald Trump and the National Football League together was New Jersey Governor Chris Christie and his Supreme Court bid to legalize sports gambling.

The NFL, a target of the president's Twitter ire over national anthem protests, is banding together with the administration to fight the outgoing governor in a case the high court will hear Monday.

It's an unusual pairing in a case full of odd alignments

and high stakes. New Jersey is seeking to overturn the 1992 federal law that bars single-game sports gambling in every state except Nevada. Should that effort succeed, other states could move quickly to grab part of the USD150 billion the casino-backed American Gaming Association says is wagered illegally every year.

New Jersey wagering advocates say legalization could revitalize Atlantic City, the gambling center where Trump once owned casinos. Among the most ardent proponents is Christie, whose support for Trump during the 2016 presidential campaign was part of an on-again, off-again relationship that almost resulted in a cabinet position.

The nation's largest pro sports leagues and the National Collegiate Athletic Association are leading the fight against the state, even as some of them inch closer to embracing gambling themselves. National Basketball Association Commissioner Adam Silver has said that Congress should let states authorize wagering, subject to strict regulation and technical safeguards.

"There is an obvious appetite among sports fans for a safe and legal way to wager on professional sporting events," Silver wrote in the New York Times in 2014.

New Jersey has been trying to legalize sports gambling in its casinos for years, starting with a 2012 law that explicitly authorized wagering. Federal courts struck down that measure as violating the 1992 Professional and Amateur Sport Protection Act, or PASPA. That law says states other than Nevada may not "sponsor, operate, advertise, promote, license or authorize by law or compact" a sports-gambling system.

New Jersey then took a less direct approach by exempting racetracks and Atlantic City casinos from its gambling prohibition but not explicitly authorizing wagering or setting up a new regulatory system. A Philadelphia-based federal appeals court voted 10-2 to strike down that law as well, siding with the leagues and the federal government, then controlled by the Obama administration. **Bloomberg**



Christie speaks during a news conference

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LORD STOW'S BAKERY JOINS EFFORTS WITH MOVEMBER FOUNDATION



The Movember Foundation states it is the only charity tackling men's health on a global scale, all year round.

The foundation is addressing some of the biggest health issues faced by men: prostate cancer, testicular

cancer, mental health and suicide prevention.

To help, even in a small way, to spread the word of "Movember" in Macau, members of the Lord Stow's Bakery Team sprouted moustaches during November. The company pledged MOP1,000 to the Movember Foundation for each moustache in place by the end of the month. In addition, they have added 50 percent of gross revenue from its sales of cappuccinos.

The amount of HKD54,523 now makes its way to the Movember Foundation. "Whilst hoping more moustaches take sprout in Macau during November 2018, the 23-strong-Team now have to start shaving," according to a press release issued by Lord Stow's Bakery.

VW'S FLAGSHIP BRAND VOWS TURNAROUND WITH ELECTRIC CARS



Volkswagen AG's main car brand pledged to speed up turnaround efforts and accelerate a push into electric cars as cost cuts and an expanding lineup of sport-utility vehicles help boost profit.

The namesake VW brand will initially develop five all-electric

models, taking on Tesla Inc. with its coming I.D. vehicle range, it said yesterday at a press conference at its headquarters in Wolfsburg. The push will be aided by rising profit margins, which are now targeted to reach between 4 percent and 5 percent of sa-

les in 2020, up from a previous estimate of at least 4 percent.

"We will further accelerate the realignment of Volkswagen, continue the worldwide model and electric offensive and work hard on costs," VW brand chief Herbert Diess said in the statement. "We know which challenges still lie ahead of us."

Reviving profit at the core VW marque is vital for the world's largest automaker to stem the fallout from the diesel-emissions scandal and gather the financial firepower to tackle a seismic industry shift toward battery-powered vehicles and new digital services. The brand accounts for more than half of Volkswagen group's global deliveries and develops key technology for sister nameplates including Audi, Skoda and Seat.



This image made from video shows an image of Kim Jong Un signing what is said to be a document on Nov. 28, 2017, authorizing a missile test

US, China hold low-key military talks amid North Korea tensions

Matthew Pennington, Washington

U.S. and Chinese generals engaged in an unusual set of security talks yesterday [Macau time], just hours after North Korea's most powerful missile test yet, focused on how the mighty American and Chinese militaries might communicate in a crisis.

As President Donald Trump greeted the North's launching of another intercontinental ballistic missile with familiar demands for China to get tougher with its ally, the low-profile and unpublicized meeting at the National Defense University in Washington was taking place amid signs China is more willing at this time to discuss how the two world powers would manage an even worse emergency on the divided Korean Peninsula.

The Pentagon stressed the talks were scheduled long before North Korea's surprise missile launch in the early hours Wednesday in Asia. Officials insisted the dialogue wasn't centered on North Korea or anything else in particular.

Trump has vowed to prevent North Korea from having the capability to strike the U.S. mainland with a nuclear-tipped missile — using military force if necessary. He is running out of time: Some experts said the missile fired on a high trajectory that splashed down in the

Sea of Japan showed North Korea's ability to strike Washington and the entire U.S. Eastern Seaboard.

■ A collapse of North Korea's state could push Beijing into conflict with the US and South Korea

The threat of a military confrontation is making China rethink its resistance to discussing contingencies involving North Korea, according to experts. Such discussions have long been off-limits for Beijing, which fought on North Korea's side against the United States in the 1950-53 Korean War and remains its treaty ally.

In a phone conversation with Trump, Chinese President Xi Jinping reiterated his desire for a diplomatic resolution to the standoff with North Korea.

Objectives for the military consultations appeared modest.

"The engagement will serve as an opportunity to discuss how to manage crises, prevent miscalculations, and reduce the risk of misunderstanding," the office of Gen. Joseph Dunford,

chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told The Associated Press in a statement.

The U.S. and China agreed on the talks when Dunford met with his Chinese counterpart in Beijing in August. While in China, Dunford observed a Chinese military drill at Shenyang, about 120 miles from the North Korean border — an unusual stop for an official visit.

This week's talks were being led by Lt. Gen. Richard Clarke, the Joint Chiefs' planning director, and Maj. Gen. Shao Yuanming, a senior Chinese military official. They're especially noteworthy given the deep strategic mistrust between the U.S. and China, and Beijing's increasing challenge to America's post-World War II dominance in the Asia-Pacific.

China has been more explicit in saying what the talks are about.

Yao Yunzhu, a retired general who specializes in U.S.-Chinese defense relations at China's Academy of Military Science, said this summer they should include Northeast Asia, where North Korea is located. She also mentioned the Taiwan Strait and the South China Sea.

Yun Sun, an expert on Chinese foreign policy at the Stimson Center think tank, said Dunford raised North Korean contingencies at the August meeting and the two sides discussed the po-

tential danger of a conflict or a nuclear disaster. U.S. officials wouldn't confirm that account. Sun said she anticipated those talks would continue Wednesday.

While such discussions have occurred in recent years among non-government experts, they hadn't yet happened at official levels.

However, Oriana Skylar Mastro, a Georgetown University professor, said her Chinese contacts indicated willingness to broach North Korea contingencies in the military dialogue.

"Things are shifting right now in both China and the United States. There seems to be an opening," said Mastro. She expected the talks would still be at a preliminary stage.

"This type of discussion is difficult among friends. It's much more difficult between potential adversaries, but absolutely necessary," Mastro said. "The type of war that might break out [with North Korea] is one that would be more costly than anything that generations of Americans have experienced."

Political limitations exist on both sides, making some experts skeptical that progress would be made or even that North Korean contingencies would be addressed at all. The U.S. must be wary of offending South Korea, which isn't in the dialogue. China risks further alienating a

paranoid ally at a time Beijing is supporting increasingly tough U.N. sanctions on North Korea's economy in response to its missile and nuclear tests.

"The Chinese side is very worried that if North Korea gets word it might turn them into a hostile neighbor," said Frank Aum, a former Pentagon adviser on North Korea.

Chinese opinions are divided. But in a sign of growing antipathy toward Pyongyang, some Chinese intellectuals have called for radical policy change. Not only is North Korea a liability for China's global standing, it also poses a nuclear risk on its doorstep.

A collapse of North Korea's state, or another crisis, could push Beijing into conflict with the U.S. and South Korea. Bonnie Glaser, an Asia expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, mentioned North Korean nuclear facilities within 50 miles of the Chinese border, and said both sides could try to secure loose nukes.

There have been grave miscommunications before. Abraham Denmark, a former senior U.S. military official for East Asia, cited the run-up to the Korean War, when Washington thought Beijing knew it would not seek to invade China; the Chinese thought the Americans knew that if U.S. forces advanced north of the 38th parallel into North Korea, China would intervene.

"Both sides at the time thought that they were being extremely clear, but neither side had any idea of what was going on," Denmark said. "That suggests to me that both sides need to be very up front with one another." AP

INFLUENCE PEDDLING

Australian lawmaker resigns roles over Chinese dealings

Rod McGuirk, Canberra

AN Australian lawmaker resigned from his leadership roles in the opposition party yesterday over scandals involving a wealthy Chinese businessman and political donor that have raised accusations of China buying influence.

Senator Sam Dastyari had been deputy whip in the center-left Labor Party and chairman of a parliamentary committee examining the future of journalism before resigning over his dealings with Chinese Communist Party-linked businessman Huang Xiangmo.

Fairfax Media reported this week that Dastyari gave Huang counter-surveillance advice when they met at the businessman's Sydney mansion in October last year. Dastyari suggested the pair leave their phones inside the house and go outside to speak in case Australian intelligence services were listening, Fair-



Australian Senator Sam Dastyari had been deputy whip in the Labor Party

fax reported.

Dastyari has not denied the reports but said he had no knowledge about whether Huang was under Australian surveillance at the time.

Opposition leader Bill Shorten

demanded Dastyari's resignation from his leadership roles late Wednesday after media broadcast audio of the senator misleading Chinese journalists last year on the Labor Party's policy on the

South China Sea territorial disputes.

Australia maintains that China should respect international law, and an arbitration ruling last year found China's broad claims to the sea were legally baseless. But Dastyari told Chinese reporters at a news conference in Sydney attended by Huang that Australia should observe "several thousand years of history" by respecting Chinese claims over most of the South China Sea. The phrasing mirrors China's stance.

Dastyari told the Senate yesterday the recording "shocked me because it did not match my recollection of events."

"I want to be absolutely clear: I could not be a prouder Australian," the Iranian-born migrant told the Senate.

"I find the inferences that I'm anything but a patriotic Australian deeply hurtful," he added. "Nonetheless, I'm not without fault."

Government lawmakers cal-

led on Dastyari to quit Parliament because he had been prepared to help a foreign national avoid Australian security surveillance.

The Australian Security and Intelligence Organization, the nation's main spy agency, said in October it was unable to keep up with the growing level of "harmful espionage and foreign interference" operations being carried out in Australia. ASIO also said foreign governments have been attempting to covertly "shape the opinions" of the Australian public and media.

In 2015, ASIO cautioned against accepting political donations from Huang because he was suspected conduit to the Chinese Communist Party.

Huang did not immediately respond to a request for comment yesterday.

With concerns over Chinese political influence in Australia and Russian interference in the U.S. presidential election, an Australian parliamentary committee recommended in March a ban on political donations from foreign companies and individuals.

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Pope lands in Bangladesh with Rohingya crisis looming large

Nicole Winfield, Dhaka

POPE Francis arrived yesterday in Bangladesh for the second leg of his six-day trip to Asia with the Rohingya crisis looming large.

Francis arrived in the capital amid tight airport security and much anticipation. Huge banners with pictures of the pope and Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina were put up around Dhaka, and St. Mary's Cathedral was decorated with lights in preparation for his three-day trip to the Muslim majority nation.

Security was a concern after a Christian priest went missing in northern Bangladesh on Tuesday, and his family reported they got calls demanding money. Police said they were looking for the man but would not confirm if it was a kidnapping.

Francis arrived from Myanmar, where he refrained from speaking out about the Rohingya Muslim crisis out of diplomatic deference to his hosts, who consider the Rohingya as having illegally migrated from Bangladesh and don't recognize them as their own ethnic group.

More than 620,000 Rohingya have fled Myanmar and poured into Bangladesh refugee camps over the last few months, and the issue is expected to take center stage in Bangladesh.

The country's leading English-language newspaper, The Daily Star, said in an editorial it felt "slightly let down" the pope didn't mention the crisis specifically while in Myanmar.



Pope Francis reviews a honor guard as he arrives at Dhaka's international airport in Bangladesh

"We remain hopeful that given Pope Francis' legacy of standing up for the oppressed, he will speak out against the ongoing persecution of the Rohingya during this very important visit," the paper added.

Francis won't visit the refugee camps while in Bangladesh but he will host an interfaith peace meeting on Friday in the garden of the Dhaka archbishops' residence, at which a small group of Rohingya are expected.

The Vatican defended Francis' silence in Myanmar, saying

the pope wanted to "build bridges" with the predominantly Buddhist nation.

But human rights groups and Rohingya themselves have expressed disappointment that Francis, an advocate for refugees and the world's most marginal, refrained from condemning what the U.N. has said is a textbook case of ethnic cleansing.

Vatican spokesman Greg Burke said Francis took seriously the advice given to him by the local Catholic Church, which urged him to toe a cautious line and not even refer

to the "Rohingya" by name during his trip to Myanmar.

"You can criticize what's said, what's not said, but the pope is not going to lose moral authority on this question here," Burke told reporters on Wednesday.

Rohingya have faced persecution and discrimination in Myanmar for decades and are denied citizenship, even though many families have lived there for generations. The situation grew worse in August when the army began what it called clearance operations in northern Rakhine state

following attacks on security positions by Rohingya militants.

Rohingya have since poured into neighboring Bangladesh, where they have described indiscriminate attacks by Myanmar security forces and Buddhist mobs, including killings, rapes and the torching of entire villages.

Burke stressed that Francis' diplomatic stance in public in Myanmar didn't negate what he had said in the past, or what he might be saying in private.

■ The Daily Star, said in an editorial it felt 'slightly let down' [by the Pope]

In the past, Francis has strongly condemned the "persecution of our Rohingya brothers," denounced their suffering because of their faith and called for them to receive "full rights."

While he called in his first major speech on Tuesday for all of Myanmar's ethnic groups to have their human rights respected, his failure to specify the Rohingya crisis on Myanmar soil drew criticism from Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and Rohingya themselves.

On Wednesday, Myanmar Bishop John Hsane Hgyi suggested that reports of atrocities being committed against the Rohingya were not "reliable" or "authoritative," and that those who criticized Myanmar's response to a complex situation should "go into the field to study the reality and history" to obtain "true news." AP

JAPAN

Authorities inspect drifting boat carrying 10 North Koreans

JAPANESE authorities yesterday inspected a decrepit boat with 10 men aboard identifying themselves as North Koreans drifting in rough seas off the northern island of Hokkaido.

Coast guard officials said they boarded the wooden boat and started inspection after towing it to a safer area. Officials spotted the boat off the western coast of Matsumae town Tuesday but rough seas prevented them from

approaching it.

The coast guard said the men earlier communicated in Korean via loud speakers and a message board saying they were from North Korea and taking refuge at a nearby island due to rough weather. It was not immediately known whether the boat was involved in illegal fishing inside Japan's 200-nautical mile exclusive economic zone.

Japan has been stepping up patrols after a recent

spike in the number of boats turning up on its coasts.

Dozens of boats and debris wash up on Japanese northern coasts every year. This year, 59 cases — compared to 66 last year and down from 80 five years ago — have been detected, nearly half of them in November alone, according to the coast guard.

Officials said they were linked to a reported campaign by the North to send

fishermen farther out for more catches.

It's unclear if people aboard those boats that drift near Japanese shores each year intend to defect or are simply unable to make their way back in unseaworthy wooden vessels. Officials say the boats are frequently pushed toward Japan during winter due to a seasonal wind.

In Akita on Monday, officials found eight bodies inside a ragged wooden boat believed to be



A wooden boat is seen off Matsumae town, Hokkaido, northern Japan

from North Korea after it washed up on the beach. Last week, a group of eight men who say they are from North Korea washed

ashore and are being investigated. Authorities said they were not asylum seekers and had expressed a wish to return home. AP

Catherine Lucey & Jill Lawless, Washington

Trump stokes anti-Muslim sentiment; censured in US, abroad

STOKING the same anti-Islam sentiments he fanned on the campaign trail, President Donald Trump yesterday [Macau time] retweeted a string of inflammatory videos from a fringe British political group purporting to show violence being committed by Muslims.

The tweets drew a sharp condemnation from British Prime Minister Theresa May's office, which said it was "wrong for the president to have done this." May spokesman James Slack said the far-right Britain First group seeks to divide through its use of "hateful narratives which peddle lies and stoke tensions."

Brushing off the criticism in an evening tweet, Trump said May instead of focusing on him should "focus on the destructive Radical Islamic Terrorism that is taking place within the United Kingdom."

Trump had turned away from taxes, North Korea and other issues facing his administration to share the three videos tweeted by Jayda Fransen, deputy leader of the British group. It was not clear what drew him to the videos, though one had been shared by conservative commentator Ann Coulter the day before.

White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said Trump was simply promoting border security and suggested that verifying the content was not a top concern.

"Whether it's a real video, the threat is real and that is what the president is talking about," she said.

The tweets read: "VIDEO: Islamist mob pushes teenage boy off roof and beats him to death!" and "VIDEO: Muslim Destroys a Statue of Virgin Mary!" and "VIDEO: Muslim migrant beats up Dutch boy on crutches!"

Trump made anti-Muslim comments one hallmark of

his presidential campaign and has previously retweeted inflammatory posts from controversial Twitter accounts including some with apparent ties to white nationalist groups. As president, he has sought to ban travel to the U.S. from a number of majority-Muslim countries.

His promotion of the videos came two days after he mocked Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren as "Pocahontas" during an Oval Office event with Native American veterans, drawing criticism from of Native American war veterans and politicians of both major parties.

Britain First opposes what it calls the "Islamization" of Britain. It has run candidates in local and national elections, with little success, and has campaigned against the construction and expansion of mosques.

Trump's retweets gave a wide platform to the previously obscure group. The videos were each shared more than 10,000 times, and Fransen picked up nearly 10,000 Twitter followers in the hours following Trump's retweets. She thanked him on Twitter, saying "GOD BLESS YOU TRUMP!"

Former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke also welcomed the videos, tweeting that Trump was being "condemned for showing us what the fake news media WON'T. Thank God for Trump! That's why we love him!"

Condemnation from civil rights organizations was swift.

The executive director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, Nihad Awad, said in a statement that Trump is "clearly telling members of his base that they should hate

Islam and Muslims."

The American Civil Liberties Union, in a tweet, said, "Trump's prejudice against Muslims reveals itself at every turn — with today's tweets meant to gin up fear and bias."

There are about 3.45 million Muslims in the United States, according to an August report from the Pew Research Center.

One of the retweeted videos from 2013 showed a radical Islamist in Egypt throwing a 9-year-old boy off a roof. The video was filmed in Egypt days after the overthrow of Islamist President Mohammed Morsi by Egypt's military. The perpetrators of the roof violence were later sentenced to death for killing the boy and another man. **AP**



This screenshot from President Donald Trump's Twitter account shows three retweets that he posted yesterday

London mayor urges May to cancel Trump state visit

THE mayor of London yesterday added his voice to mounting calls for President Donald Trump's state visit to the U.K. to be canceled over his retweets of a British far-right group.

Sadiq Khan said Trump has promoted "a vile, extremist group" and an official visit by him to Britain "would not be welcomed."

Trump's retweeting of anti-Muslim videos from far-right fringe group Britain First has been widely condemned in Britain. Prime Minister Theresa May's official spokesman said the president was wrong to have done it.

In response, Trump urged May to focus on "the destructive Radical Islamic Terrorism that is taking place within the United Kingdom," rather than on him.

Home Secretary Amber Rudd yesterday repeated the government's view that Trump had been "wrong" to retweet the videos.

"I hope the prime minister's comments will have some impact on the president," she said.

Rudd told lawmakers that "British people overwhelmingly reject the prejudiced rhetoric of



the far right."

"This government will not tolerate any groups that spread hate by demonizing those of other faiths or ethnicities," she said.

May has sought to cultivate a close relationship with Trump, visiting him in Washington days after his inauguration in January and extending the offer of a state visit hosted by Queen Elizabeth II. **AP**

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13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:55	Discussion of the Policy Address for 2018: Area of Social Affairs and Culture (Live)
20:00	Miscellaneous
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:20	Portuguese Serie
22:10	Brazilian Soap Opera
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Miscellaneous
01:35	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
02:25	RTPi Live

SATURDAY

10:30	Comedy
11:30	Miscellaneous
12:00	Miscellaneous
12:30	Miscellaneous
13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast (PT)
15:00	Chef's Academy Kids
16:30	Miscellaneous
17:20	Miscellaneous
18:15	Miscellaneous
19:00	European League Highlights (Repeated)
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (PT)
21:00	Drama (PT)
21:40	Portuguese Serie
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Miscellaneous
00:35	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
01:10	RTPi Live

SUNDAY

10:25	Kids Serie
11:00	Sunday Mass (Live)
12:00	Miscellaneous
12:30	Miscellaneous
13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
15:00	Zig Zag
16:00	Pop Lusa
17:00	Brainstorm
18:15	Miscellaneous
19:35	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (PT)
21:00	Non-daily Portuguese News
22:00	Documentary Serie
23:00	TDM News
23:30	European League Magazine
00:25	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
01:05	RTPi Live

Offbeat

RUSSIAN NETWORK RT LOSES CAPITOL HILL CREDENTIALS

Broadcast reporters for Russian state-funded TV channel RT will no longer be able to report daily from the U.S. Capitol.

A committee that governs Capitol Hill access for broadcast journalists has withdrawn credentials for RT after the company complied earlier this month with a U.S. demand that it register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. The law applies to people or companies disseminating information in the U.S. on behalf of foreign governments, political parties and other "foreign principals."

The action also comes just days after Russian President Vladimir Putin has signed legislation allowing Russia to register international media outlets as foreign agents, an act seen as the Kremlin's retaliation for the Trump administration decision on RT. The new rules require disclosures to the Russian government and are seen as stigmatizing the news outlets as promoters of American propaganda.

In Washington, C-SPAN's Craig Caplan informed RT that its credentials were being withdrawn after a unanimous vote of the executive committee of the Congressional Radio and Television Correspondents' Galleries.

Caplan, the chairman of that committee, wrote that gallery rules "state clearly that news credentials may not be issued to any applicant employed by 'any foreign government or representative thereof.'" He said the FARA registration made the network ineligible to hold news credentials, and their withdrawal is effective immediately.

Many news outlets with ties to foreign governments are required to similarly register. English-language newspaper China Daily is registered due to its affiliation with the Chinese government, for example. But the pressure on RT has angered Russian officials, who have said they will retaliate with restrictions on U.S. news outlets.

U.S. intelligence agencies have alleged RT served as a propaganda outlet for the Kremlin as part of a multi-pronged effort to interfere in the 2016 U.S. presidential election. Russia denies interfering.

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MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS

ROOM 1

2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30pm

Director: Kenneth Branagh

Starring: Penelope Cruz, Willem Dafoe, Judi Dench, Johnny Depp, Michelle Pfeiffer, Daisy Ridley and Josh Gad

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 114 min



WONDER

ROOM 2

2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30pm

Director: Stephen Chbosky

Starring: Julia Roberts, Owen Wilson, Jacob Tremblay

Language: Chinese (English)

Duration: 113min



HAPPY DEATH DAY

ROOM 3

2:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:30pm

Director: Christopher Landon

Starring: Jessica Rothe, Israel Broussard, Ruby Modine, Charles Aitken

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 96min

this day in history



1955 BLACK WOMAN CHALLENGES RACE LAW

A black woman has been arrested by police in Montgomery, Alabama, after refusing to give up her seat on the bus to a white person.

Mrs Rosa Parks now faces a fine for breaking the segregation laws which say black Americans must vacate their seats if there are white passengers left standing.

It is not the first time Mrs Parks, who is a seamstress, has defied the law on segregation.

In 1943 she was thrown off a bus for refusing to get on via the back door, which was reserved for black passengers. She became known to other drivers who sometimes refused to let her on.

Today Mrs Parks left Montgomery Fair, the department store where she was employed doing repairs on men's clothing, as usual.

She said she was tired after work and suffered aches and pains in her shoulders, back and neck.

When she got on the bus she realised the driver was the same man, James Blake, who had thrown her off twelve years before.

As more white people got on and the seats filled up, he asked her to give up her seat and she refused.

He threatened to call the police and she told him to go ahead.

She was subsequently arrested and charged with violating segregation law.

She will now appear in court on Monday 5 December.

Mrs Parks is a youth leader of the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People (NAACP) and her husband, Raymond, a barber, has taken part in voter registration drives.

Between them the couple have worked for many years to improve the lot of black Americans in the southern United States where rigid segregation laws have been in force since the end of the Civil War in 1865.

Last year a group of professional black woman in Montgomery, the Women's Political Council, protested to the mayor about segregation on the buses, warning him they were planning a boycott.

The NAACP has also tried to challenge the laws on segregation in the courts and Mrs Parks has been involved in raising money to defend a 15-year-old student, Claudette Colvin, who was removed from a bus in March of this year for refusing to give up her seat to a white man.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Five days later, thousands of black citizens boycotted the buses in Alabama - to mark the day Mrs Parks was due in court. She was fined \$10 (the equivalent of about \$70 in 2003), plus \$4 costs. She challenged the verdict and the NAACP decided to use her case as a test against city and state segregation laws.

Later that same evening, the young preacher Martin Luther King addressed a crowd of several thousand at Holt Street Baptist Church and called for the boycott to continue.

Nearly all Montgomery's 40,000 black citizens took part in the bus boycott, which lasted for 381 days.

On 20 December the Supreme court upheld the decision of a lower court to end segregation on Alabama's buses.

Mrs Parks was sacked from her job and in 1957 left Montgomery for Detroit following harassment. She later became a special assistant to Democratic congressman John Conyers until her retirement in 1988.

She died in October 2005 - an icon for the civil rights movement - almost exactly 50 years after her famous bus boycott began.

YOUR STARS

Aries
Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Sharing resources -- including ideas and emotional strength -- can help you make further progress (more than you thought possible) at a time like this.

Taurus
April 20-May 20

With so much going on right now, the best, easiest thing for you to do is to stay put. No matter how much you want to snap into action and let loose with a flurry of phone calls.

Gemini
May 21-Jun. 21

You can see beyond seeming coincidences and synchronicities straight to the true meaning of today's events. Pay close attention to what your instincts are telling you.

Cancer
Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Your flair for drama should come in handy today when it comes to telling your story and getting people to see their common interests. You've got something special that makes your words just a bit more compelling.

Leo
Jul. 23-Aug. 22

You and someone close are working at cross-purposes today. You know exactly how you want them to be, and it's mighty frustrating that they seem to be falling short.

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22

A new opportunity pops up and lets you rethink your current surroundings. It may turn your schedule upside-down, but if you embrace the change as a means to toss out old habits, you should make serious progress.

Libra
Sep. 23-Oct. 22

Creativity is foremost in your heart and soul right now, so make sure you carve out some time to spend on your own. Give in to the impulse to doodle or take a nice long walk.

Scorpio
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Have some faith that larger forces are at work in your life. It may be hard for you to place your trust in the universe when it feels like you need to go for something (or someone) more tangible.

Sagittarius
Nov. 22-Dec. 21

You may question how you can best help the people around you, but don't give in. You always look for ways to benefit those less fortunate, whether you want to contribute to your community in a new way.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Someone close poses an offbeat but fascinating question, and you want to follow that detour for as long as you can. Make sure that all your tasks and duties for the day are cleared away first.

Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Change may not come easily to you (or to anyone, really), but on days like today, you're so inspired that shifts in attitude and circumstances all seem to flow with childlike ease.

Pisces
Feb. 19-Mar. 20

It can be hard to see too deeply into muddy waters -- if you try to do anything to clear them up, you're more likely to just make things worse than to get a better view.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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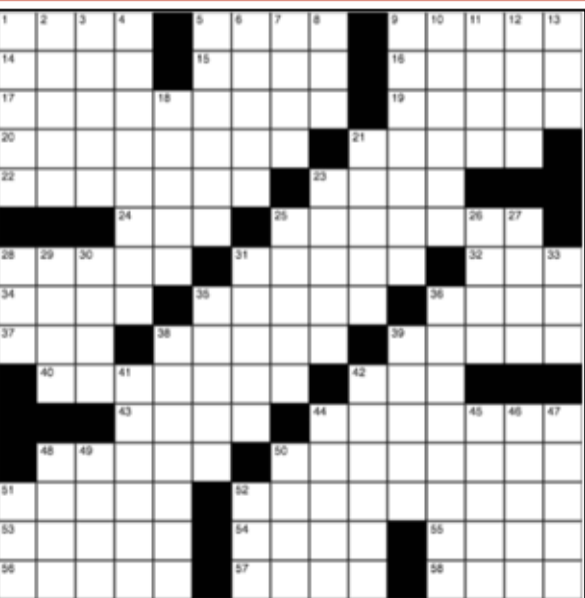
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Harbin	-22	-11	clear
Tianjin	-3	5	clear
Urumqi	-5	-1	clear
Xi'an	0	10	cloudy
Lhasa	-5	12	clear
Chengdu	8	11	overcast
Chongqing	11	13	drizzle
Kunming	6	19	clear
Nanjing	3	12	cloudy
Shanghai	7	11	overcast/cloudy
Wuhan	3	10	overcast/cloudy
Hangzhou	6	10	drizzle/overcast
Taipei	19	21	drizzle
Guangzhou	14	21	cloudy
Hong Kong	19	23	cloudy
WORLD			
Moscow	-3	2	flurry/sleet
Frankfurt	-3	-1	flurry
Paris	0	4	drizzle
London	0	6	drizzle
New York	7	12	overcast/drizzle

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Shower; 5- Vamp Theda; 9- Buffalo hockey player; 14- Prefix with plasm; 15- Up and ___; 16- Prefix meaning "false"; 17- Extinct pachyderms; 19- Narrow street; 20- Munitions; 21- Cancels a dele; 22- Nobility; 23- Initial stake; 24- Gerund maker; 25- Consider overnight; 28- Muslim soldier; 31- Rocker Bob; 32- Buck's mate; 34- Must've been something ___; 35- Shed ___; 36- Marsh growth; 37- Moo goo ___ pan; 38- Trap; 39- Closes; 40- Walks with long steps; 42- Anatomical pouch; 43- Blue dye source; 44- Governing bodies; 48- Pineapple fiber; 50- Casing or covering; 51- Component of organic fertilizer; 52- Cabal; 53- Works hard; 54- Energy source; 55- Airline since 1948; 56- Aconcagua's range; 57- Diet successfully; 58- Racetrack boundary;

DOWN: 1- Chart anew; 2- Without ___ in the world; 3- "Who's there?" reply; 4- Certify through a notary public; 5- No-goodnik; 6- Do penance; 7- 1996 Tony-winning musical; 8- Early hrs.; 9- Splash; 10- Out, in bed; 11- Waist band; 12- Regrets; 13- Dreyer's partner in ice cream; 18- Muscat native; 21- Facial expression used by Elvis Presley; 23- Aquarium buildup; 25- Prophets; 26- Concert halls; 27- Yuletide; 28- Rocker's show; 29- Lukas of "Witness"; 30- Bickering; 31- Madame de ___; 33- Mag. staffers; 35- Actress MacDowell; 36- Backless couch for reclining; 38- Pure; 39- Less loony; 41- Child's toy; 42- Opening word; 44- Greek island; 45- I cannot ___ lie; 46- Zhou ___; 47- Stable compartment; 48- Golf club which can be numbered 1 to 9; 49- Uttered; 50- Roman statesman; 51- Tony-winning Hagen; 52- "Silent" prez;



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RUGBY

NZ-born center Parkes to debut for Wales vs Springboks

NEW Zealand-born center Hadleigh Parkes will make his debut for Wales amid five changes to the starting lineup playing South Africa tomorrow in Cardiff.

All the changes were forced by injuries or players returning to their clubs because the last major rugby test of the year was outside the international window.

After losing to New Zealand 33-18 last weekend, Wales chose Kristian Dacey to start at hooker for Ken Owens, who hurt his back, and Scott Andrews at tighthead prop for Tomas Francis, who was recalled by his Exeter club.

Cory Hill will lock with captain Alun Wyn Jones in place of Jake Ball, who needed surgery after dislocating a shoulder.

Scrumhalf Aled Davies received a fifth cap after



New Zealand-born center Hadleigh Parkes

Rhys Webb was dropped to the reserves. Webb came off 10 minutes into the match last Saturday after his head hit the ground hard in a tackle.

The reserves were shaken up, with only prop Wyn Jones retained. Forwards Elliot Dee, Rhodri Jones, Seb Davies and Dan Lydiate have come in along with backs Webb, Rhys Patchell and Owen Watkin.

No. 8 Taulupe Faletau and Andrews were the only non-Wales-based players in the team. Faletau reportedly has a release clause in his contract with Bath for Wales tests, while Andrews was on loan at Bath from the Cardiff Blues.

Parkes qualifies for Wales when he completes three years' residency on Friday, and has been part of the squad in an-

icipation of his availability. But he has been rushed in after injuries or English clubs have ruled out Jonathan Davies, Jamie Roberts, and last week's starter, Owen Williams.

Parkes played Super Rugby for the Blues, Southern Kings, and Hurricanes, then followed his former Auckland coach Wayne Pivac to Scarlets in 2014. AP

FOOTBALL

Gremio wins Copa Libertadores for the third time

BRASIL'S Gremio won the prestigious Copa Libertadores for the third time in its history with a 2-1 victory at Argentina's Lanus on Wednesday night.

After a 1-0 victory in Porto Alegre last week, Gremio secured the South American crown with goals by midfielders Fernandinho at 28 minutes and Luan at 45.

Lanus' Jose Sand scored from the penalty spot in the 72nd minute.

The Brazilians also lifted the continental trophy in 1983 and 1995. Lanus, a club from Buenos Aires suburbs, was playing its first final in the tournament's history.

Gremio's culture is more of Uruguayan will power than Brazilian flair, but this year it has been a goal machine under coach Renato Portaluppi.

The team has 116 goals this year and hopes to extend that run into the FIFA Club World Cup in December in Abu Dhabi.



As South American champions, Gremio will start that tournament in the semifinal, hoping for a likely final against UEFA Champions League winner Real Madrid.

In the end of the first half, Gremio doubled its lead when Luan scored one of the best goals of the tournament. He dribbled through two Lanus defenders and lobbed the ball gently into the net.

The Brazilian was later chosen the best player in the tournament.

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CIRCULAR IS THE NEW BLACK

This was the year Sands launched its first fashion week showcasing international fashion brands and local designers across luxury and lifestyle wear. Red carpet glitz, an exclusive gala dinner for the who's who of the surrounding regions' fashionista elite lent the proper pizzazz. There were plenty of opportunities too for Macau's mass visitors to share in the glittering spectacle – good news for fashion sales.

Designer fashion is no longer limited to a knowledgeable and well-heeled class thanks to mass production and distribution of textiles globally. Clothing is not just about comfort and protection but is inextricably part of the persona we project; we all now have access to fashionable ready-to-wear pieces at prices so low they are considered disposable.

This week, the Ellen MacArthur Foundation released a solemn reminder of the excesses of fashion in its 150-page report redesigning this epitome of design, the fashion industry. Fast Fashion is problematic for the tremendous negative externalities. The report presents a systemic industry approach to phasing out inputs of concern, increase clothing utilisation, design recyclability as well as functionality into the product, and to move away from non-renewable resources.

Fashion and clothing are not synonymous. I wear clothing, my daughter prefers to wear fashion. I have managed to maintain some beautiful and iconic pieces through two or three cycles of fashion popularity: the original 1970s Ugg boot, baby-doll shortie pyjamas, a flared jumpsuit and a traditional kilt imported in the 80s. I value vintage: a patch-work quilt, each patch reminiscent of dresses, aprons, smocks, uniforms, PJs, dressing-gowns and tunics made and worn from the 60s onwards; pieces embroidered by ladies of the family from the early 1920s; and even a 1978 pair of high-school socks which are still being worn to school by a younger family member this very day – no holes, no darning. Classic men's 1980s jeans, with the worn-through (not manufactured) hole at the knee have been handed down to the next fashionable male body in line in the house. Now, that's decidedly s.l.o.w. fashion for you: Quality must have been different then, but so was the price and our mindset.

A few decades back, it was common for clothes to be made at home, these skills being passed on and taught in schools before it became an outmoded applied study. We would maintain garments - darning, patching and mending. Clothes were used differently – new would be worn for going out, older clothes worn casually, worn-out gear was for grubby work, and then cut down into rags or destined for the scrap bag, rag-rugs, tomato ties, or onto the compost heap (all-natural fibres).

Now, at worst we bin clothes we no longer like or that become unfashionable. At best, we donate them to second-hand shops or hand them on for others to use. Where the industry was once localized and cyclical, it is now linear. "A New Textiles' Economy" report outlines the waste we perpetuate: non-renewable resources extracted for clothes used for a short time then mostly sent to landfill or incinerated. The Foundation states that more than USD500 billion is lost due to underutilisation and lack of recycling. They report a litany of negative externalities of Fast Fashion: total greenhouse gas emissions from textiles production are more than all international flights and maritime shipping combined – 1.2 billion tonnes per year; oil-based synthetic fibres release plastic microfibres through washing – 500 thousand tonnes a year leach into oceans, worse than microbeads from cosmetics.

The Foundation's vision is to make production cleaner, products more valuable and to close the loop so that resources no longer end up as a waste management problem. We have done it before. It is now time for fashionistas and the clothing textile industry to do it on a global and industry-wide scale.

THE AL GORE OPENS STARTUP BUZZ NETWORKING EVENT IN FINLAND

Al Gore has kicked off one of Europe's largest startup events in Finland, where 2,600 companies and some 1,500 investors are gathering to network and negotiate funding.

At yesterday's opening of the two-day Slush conference in Helsinki, the former U.S. vice president urged investors to look beyond short-term gains and support businesses that "make a profit in a sustainable way that does not sacrifice the future."

Finland has managed over the past five years to build a flourishing entrepreneurial scene on the legacy of Nokia's phone operations and the creation of gaming heavyweights Supercell and the Angry Birds developer Rovio. Yet the country and the wider European region have struggled to create a true global giant to compete with U.S. companies like Google or Amazon.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Two local restaurants retain Michelin three-star accolade



MICHELIN unveiled its new selection for the Michelin Guide Hong Kong and Macau 2018 yesterday – its 10th edition – featuring a total of 18 Michelin-starred restaurants located in Macau.

In the new selection, all the restaurants previously awarded three-stars maintain their distinctions, including the city's Robuchon au Dôme and The Eight located at Grand Lisboa.

Only slightly more than a hundred restaurants enjoy this distinction worldwide.

Michael Ellis, international director in charge of the Michelin Guides said, "10 years after the introduction of the very first Michelin guide selection for Hong Kong and Macau, we are pleased to note the vibrancy of the local culinary scene: the number of starred restaurants has been multiplied by three!"

The Michelin Guide Hong Kong and Macau 2018 has also certified numerous two-star establishments, totaling 11 restaurants in Hong Kong and five in Macau, which included Jade Dragon, The Tasting Room at the City of Dreams, Feng Wei Ju, Golden Flower and Mizumi.

Another 11 local restaurants were awarded one-star.

Executive Chef Julien Tongourian of Robuchon au Dôme told the press that 90 percent of its customers dine at its three

Michelin starred restaurants because of its accolade, adding that the restaurant is usually at its peak during lunch hours.

"We're lucky to have these three-stars but I think the goal is not just to have the [award] but to have the guests enjoy everyday."

We are pleased to note the vibrancy of the local culinary scene.

MICHAEL ELLIS
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Executive chef Tam Kwok Fung of Jade Dragon also expressed his satisfaction over the restaurant's accolade.

"We're happy and proud not just because we're recognized as one of the best restaurants in town but we're recognized from a world class organization," said the chef.

He also recalled that the Food & Beverage sector has been through significant changes over the past decade, adding that the locals have developed their skills – which assisted in the city's development in the gastronomy sector.

"Not many people used to know about this town

but now it has become a popular gourmet destination," Tam said. "It's a non-stop investment. Local people developed their skills as well to climb up year by year."

Meanwhile, The Golden Peacock at The Venetian Macao has been awarded a Michelin one-star rating again.

The Indian restaurant is led by Kerala native Chef Justin Paul, who has headed a team of 13 chefs since the restaurant's opening in 2013.

"We are truly honoured to have been recognized by the prestigious Michelin organization again," said Chef Justin in a statement. "My dedicated and talented team works hard to offer authentic and exciting regional Indian cuisine and [we] give our guests not only a delicious experience but also one they will not have had elsewhere in Macau."

This year's selection also includes 82 Bib Gourmand eateries, of which 73 are in Hong Kong and nine are in Macau, offering a quality three course menu for a maximum of HKD400.

The selection highlights the quality of Cantonese cuisine and the richness of local gourmet offerings including dishes like Cantonese stir-fry, congee & noodle, as well as dim sum at attractive prices.

Eight new restaurants located in Hong Kong have been awarded one star in this year's selection. LV

Station	Air quality	
Roadside	65-95 Moderate	
High Density Residential Area	65-95 Moderate	
Ambient	55-75 Moderate	

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WORLD BRIEFS



RUSSIA-EGYPT Russia has approved a draft agreement with Egypt for Russian warplanes to use Egyptian military bases, according to a document released yesterday, a deal that would allow Moscow to further increase its military footprint in the Mideast.

LIBYA Between 400,000 and 700,000 African migrants are living in camps in Libya, often under "inhuman" conditions, the chairman of the African Union Commission said yesterday.



NIGERIA Africa's most populous city is aiming to become a cultural hub for the continent, as the boisterous city of Lagos hosted the AFRICAN Culture and Design festival.

UKRAINE Negotiators say an agreement has been reached for the release by year's end of hundreds of people held prisoner in the war between Ukrainian forces and Russia-backed separatists.



HONDURAS Protests were growing in Honduras as incumbent President Juan Orlando Hernandez emerged with a slim lead yesterday for re-election following a reported computer glitch that shut down vote counting for several hours.

ARGENTINA A former navy captain known as the "Angel of Death" was sentenced to life in prison for human rights violations committed at a notorious clandestine detention and torture center during Argentina's 1976-1983 dictatorship.

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