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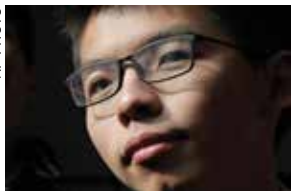
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HONG KONG A judge put off sentencing yesterday for young democracy leader Joshua Wong in a contempt case stemming from 2014 protests in the semiautonomous Chinese city. The 21-year-old Wong was among 16 activists set to face convictions for criminal contempt of court. [More on p11](#)

CHINA-INDIA China's defense ministry expressed its "dissatisfaction and opposition" yesterday over the crash of an Indian unmanned aerial vehicle inside Chinese territory, the latest in a series of border incidents between the regional rivals. [More on p13](#)

CAMBODIA A lawyer for Cambodia's military filed a lawsuit against former opposition leader Sam Rainsy yesterday, a day after the prime minister said he should be charged with treason over a social media post.

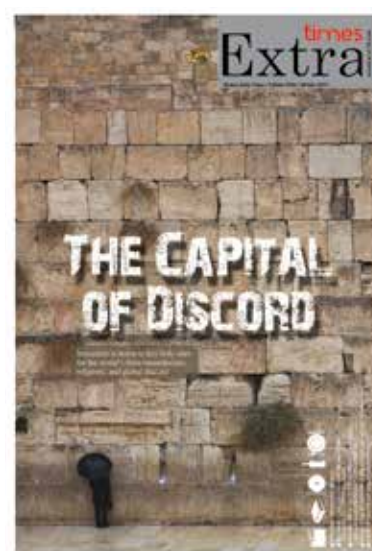
PAKISTAN A police official says a boat carrying dozens of pilgrims has capsized near an island in the Arabian Sea, killing 14 people.

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Compensation for work injuries under examination

The Public Administration and Civil Service Bureau (SAFP) is considering a compensation scheme for civil servants who sustain workplace injuries or partially lose the ability to work due to workplace injuries. Addressing the written questions from lawmaker Lei Cheng I, SAFP said that the government must arrange suitable jobs for civil servants who are returning to their jobs after an injury, matched to their ability and experiences within the area. These arrangements would be available for civil servants who do not suffer a long term or permanent working incapability. Civil servants who sustain work injuries will not see their salary reduced nor will they be fired.

Fire outbreak believed to have been arson case

The recent fire outbreak at the Edificio Veng Fai was caused by arson, according to the Judiciary Police (PJ). The building is located at the Av. da Praia Grande. The incident took place at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, on the building's 7th floor. The fire was seen by residents in the building, who assisted fire fighters in extinguishing the fire. Pieces of burnt trash were found close to the fire's origin. No injuries were recorded during the fire. The case has been forwarded to PJ's investigation department.

UM students win paper plane contest

Students from the Department of Electromechanical Engineering of the University of Macau's (UM) Faculty of Science and Technology (FST) took home the top three prizes in the university section of a paper plane contest. Led by Senior Instructor Lao Seng Kin, the team placed among the top three in both the group and individual categories. This is the fourth consecutive year that UM students have won the competition. The contest was organized by the Macau Innovation & Invention Association (MIIA). More than 300 students from 34 higher education institutions and high schools in mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan participated in the contest. In the longest airtime (individual) contest, Lei Hin Chon won the first prize and broke Macau's record by keeping his paper plane in the air for 16.27 seconds. Chan Ngai Hang and Lao Chi Fai won second and third prizes, respectively.

THE Health Bureau (SSM) has replied to comments made by the Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Raimundo do Rosário, during his two-day hearing at the Legislative Assembly (AL), at which he presented the Policy Address.

In response to questions from several lawmakers, Rosário stated that delays to the construction of the Islands District Medical Complex (Islands Hospital) were not caused by a failure to perform his secretariat responsibilities. Instead, he noted that the SSM has a duty to perform all preparatory works, project, design and tender dossier needed for the Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau (DSSOPT) to launch the public tender.

The SSM issued a statement on the status of current works on the Islands Hospital and the Infectious Diseases Building, annexed to the Conde de S Januario Hospital Center in the peninsula, which were also mentioned by Rosário at the AL.

According to the SSM, "the Islands District Medical Complex, including the General Hospital and other projects, have concluded the preparatory works for the study and planning, environmental assessment, landfilling and soil compression."

The SSM explained further

Health Bureau replies to Raimundo do Rosário



Raimundo do Rosário pictured this week during the Policy Address presentation

that, at present, "all piling of the preliminary stage buildings have been completed; the construction works of the Nursing Institute began last May; the conceptual work of the plan of the Building of the Residence for Staff was completed, awaiting the works of public tender for the construction work."

The Health Bureau noted that, "The concept of the plan of the Islands District Medi-

cal Complex was approved by the Infrastructure Development Office (GDI) last November, [the works on this matter] being currently part of the preparation of the tender dossier. When these are completed, the works to open the public tender of the construction work can be completed." The Infectious Diseases Building project is more advanced, according to the SSM. "The exe-

cution plan of the foundations works was already approved by the GDI last October. [The services] also prepared the tender dossier and documents that were submitted to the GDI for preparatory work for the opening of a public tender." The bureau added that plans for related superstructure works were also delivered to the same department for approval this November. **RM**

Full-time safety directors suggested for construction sites

YESTERDAY, the Labour Affairs Bureau (DSAL) met with the Standing Committee for the Coordination of Social Affairs (CPCS), with DSAL introducing the government's amendment on construction safety ordinance.

The amendment suggests making a change to the city's current system of construction site safety inspectors in that the construction sector be required to have full-time working safety managers on construction sites.

The number of managers should be proportional to the number of



workers on each site.

DSAL director Wong Chi Hong explained that the amendment recommends a minimum of one safety director on each construction site for every 100 to 200 workers.

If a construction site has between 201 and 700 workers, then the

minimum number of safety directors should be two.

At least three safety directors should be available on site when there are 701 to 1,200 workers, and sites with more than 1,201 workers should have at least four safety directors.

These safety directors should be licensed and work full-time on the sites.

According to Wong, Macau currently has more than 1,200 people with a safety inspector qualification. These qualified inspectors will soon be registered as safety directors.

DSAL also proposed new guidelines requiring the operators of lifting machinery, lifting gear and lifting hoists to be registered electrical and mechanical engineers.

Registered civil engineers are responsible for the oversight of digging, demolishing,

and construction plans.

The suggested amendments have been proposed in order to improve construction safety standards, in particular those concerning work conducted at a height.

In addition, the government suggested increasing the penalty for infractions. Besides a substantial increase in the number of penalties, the government also adds additional penalties regarding the safety managers' licenses, with such proposed penalties to begin operating between six months to two years from now.

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MIKE GOODRIDGE
IFFAM ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

'Macau is like a big movie set'

Paulo Coutinho

THE second edition of the International Film Festival & Awards (IFFAM) is opening today with box office film "Paddington 2," the first of over 40 film screenings, under the guidance of a new artistic director. Mike Goodridge wants IFFAM to "cook up a feast" of world cinema and shine a spotlight on young filmmakers to grow Macau as an entertainment hub.

An ex-journalist, Goodridge was the CEO of Protagonist Pictures – a London-based film financing, production and distribution house between 2012 and last summer. Under his leadership, the studio has been involved in a wide range of hit titles including "Love & Friendship," "Lady Macbeth," "The Lobster," "Paris Can Wait," and "Free Fire."

Mike Goodridge sat on more than 25 international film festival juries, but Macau is his first stint as a festival director, a position he finds as challenging as "running a studio."

Although he didn't introduce any changes in the format of the festival this year, his trademark is imprinted in the competition films he chose, by bringing the vigor and uncompromising creativity of young and promising filmmakers – "It ties with Macau" debutant film industry.

Goodridge is all-ears willing to learn from this first experience in Macau, "where there are a thousand stories to tell," he said in an exclusive interview with the Times.

Macau Daily Times (MDT) – Let's start with the opening: "Paddington 2"; it is rather a contrast to last year's choice. What was the idea?

Mike Goodridge (MG) - For me, it's always great to open a festival with a crowd-pleasing film and a film that appeals to everyone – as many people as possible, and I think Paddington 2 is that film. It's a delightful film that adults will enjoy as much as kids and that's the idea. Apart from the fact it's a brilliant, brilliant family film. I don't think a film festival needs to be exclusively the reserve of a certain [elitist] kind of film.

MDT – This intends to attract more people to the festival...

MG – I know, and it's a brilliant way of drawing attention to the festival and saying, "If you like this film, take a look at these other films." Look at the films in our competition section, which aren't big special effects movies like "Paddington". So, to me, it's a completely natural choice. The opening



film of a festival is never necessarily a difficult or challenging film. It's a way of celebrating the opening and I think it's perfect.

Good cinema [...] shows you parts of the world or parts of the human experience that you haven't thought about before.

MDT - That leads us to the selection of the competition films, which brings to Macau mostly debutant directors in feature filming. Why is that?

MG - My initiative this year was to make the competition about young filmmakers and about new filmmakers and introduce a cash prize [USD60,000] and make the competition meaningful. It's a way of bringing them to Asia, bringing them in front of Asian distributors, bringing audiences to these films; tying in also with

the fact that Macau has a very young film-making culture and new directors here who want to express themselves through cinema. I think what you see in these 10 films in the competition is these first and second time filmmakers showing incredible vision and creativity and invention with the medium. Film is not something that is the domain of the rich or the over-educated. It's accessible to everybody now. I think there are a lot of people in Macau who want to tell stories through film.

MDT – I haven't seen the competing movies that will premiere here during the festival. But, according to the reviews, there's one common theme, violence and darkness. Is this a sign of the times?

MG - Read the news! I suppose (smiles). There was no conscious thread when we were selecting them. I think all the programming team is drawn by something that really stands out. It's just a way of telling the stories. They're films from all over the world and yes, they address difficult issues, but that's what cinema does. We've got the most broadly accessible film that's called 'Borg McEnroe,' about the rivalry between Bjorn Borg and John McEnroe, which has its dark side too because both

of them were quite dark characters. Each of the films is about overcoming the odds, I suppose. That's what good cinema does, it shows you parts of the world or parts of the human experience that you haven't thought about before.

MDT - Apart from this, the format, the concept of the festival is pretty much untouched. Didn't you want to make any changes?

MG - Well, I didn't have much time because I only really started in August.

MDT - Do you agree with the concept and format?

MG - Yes, I think so. We've got a genre section, which I think is really important. We've got a 'best of fest' section, which is really important because it's about bringing some of the best films of the year here. The section called Crossfire started well too, which is classic films chosen by filmmakers. They've all sold out.

MDT - ...as we speak?

MG - Yes, which to me was really fascinating because a lot of these films haven't actually shown on the big screen in Macau. So I think there is an appetite here to go to a cinema and not just see brand new films, but just [to] see

the classics, which I find very encouraging, by the way, because that's where these films are meant to be seen, not on your TV screen. So that gives me some ideas for next year.

MDT - Another thing that you changed is all the venues are on the Macau Peninsula. Why?

MG - I think the feeling was to centralize everything this year so that people – whether locals visiting or guests visiting from other countries – are in one location. I don't think that's going to be the case in the future, but I think this year's was about centralizing. We wanted to take advantage of The Cinematheque Passion, which is a wonderful facility. It's also about venues because we definitely want the Cultural Centre to be the focus of the festival. So that was a big part of staying in Macau, and we've got two big theatres there. So by focusing everything here [on the peninsula], everything is kind of within easy reach. We want it to be very user friendly, first of all. ... especially for guests visiting from foreign countries. We want them to experience the old city as much as the new [because] a lot of our guests are staying in Taipa.

It's strange that a city that is like one big movie set hasn't got more local people making films or foreign movies shooting here.

MDT - It is your first time as a festival director. How challenging is it?

MG - It's like running a company. It has its challenges. The exciting bit has been getting to know Macau and what will work in Macau and we'll see next week if the program works, and then it's building on that for next year. That's what I'm really looking forward to as well. It's seeing what works and seeing what doesn't work.

MDT - Do you believe that this can really, as you said, grow into an entertainment/cinema hub?

MG - I think it's strange that Macau hasn't got its own film-making culture. I think it's strange that a city that basically is like one big movie set hasn't got more local people making films or foreign movies shooting here. When foreign movies do shoot here, they bring in Hong Kong crews. Where are the local crews? Film is a big industry around the world and it can be here too.

Europe-China Artist Association kicks off students' arts exhibition

Lynzy Valles

A total of 120 artworks created by students from Macau, Hong Kong, Taiwan and mainland China will be showcased at the Europe-China Artist Association's month-long exhibition, which began yesterday at the University of Saint Joseph (USJ).

The event featured the 4th Shanghai-Macau Students' Outstanding Artworks Annual Awards 2017, the 1st International Youth Art Exchange Exhibition (Shanghai-Macau) 2017, as well as the 1st Shanghai-Macau Creative Exhibition of Special Children 2017. The event theme is "Create a Dream."

Some 1,200 people participated in the exhibition, while only 500 works were selected.

In Macau, 46 students were recognized, 25 works were selected as annual works, and 12 were recognized as excellent works.

This year, the event added an exhibition of artworks created by students with disabilities.

According to the organizer, the goal is to allow students to become more confident and communicate and express themselves through art.

Blair Zhang, chair of the associa-

tion's Student Union Committee said, "We added [a special section] to our whole exhibition to show that this exhibition is about universal love and equity."

"We should treat them equally because we all share the same understanding of beauty," she added.

The event also aims to establish a high-class exhibition culture, while inspiring young people with disabilities to "let art play its curing effect."

Meanwhile, a second year Communication and Media student from USJ stated that photography enthusiasts and students find it encouraging to have similar exhibitions that showcase their works.

Speaking to the Times, Marjolene Estrada, who was given an award at the event, shared, "It was amazing because it's about the composition and has nothing to do with location. [...] It's you as an artist who has to develop that and make it aesthetically nice," she said.

Estrada's selected photograph was taken at a local supermarket.

Commenting on the awards, the student noted that the event encourages local photographers to continue their passion.

"The event acknowledges that pho-



Marjolene Estrada, who was given an award at the event

tography is not just [a] hobby [and] it pushes us to create more, and that our efforts and passion for these things are being acknowledged."

Further, USJ hoped that the university can train local artists and develop local talent.

It pledged to invest more resources, and open other related courses depending on Macau's -or larger market's- demand, in order to coordinate with the city's and companies' needs for innovation.

Macau Artists Salon starts Saturday

CLUBE Militar de Macau is once again organizing the Macau Artists Salon, featuring 33 original works by local artists.

The exhibition is curated and produced by the Cultural Events Promotion Association (APAC) and is on display at the Ho Yin Gallery between December 11, 2017 and January 6.

According to a statement by APAC, the event celebrates the 18th anniversary of the Macau SAR and provides a platform to bring together local artists.

"The objective is simple enough: to bring together a broad set of artists and their works, presenting the vitality and creativity of the local art community," the statement read.

The works highlight the diversity and creativity of the visual arts in Macau.

APAC noted that the outcome features a "wide-ranging sample of works, diverse in their themes and techniques."

The exhibition aims to ensure that the works highlight the state of the arts in the city as well as giving publicity to participating artists.

The event is the third in the annual series entitled "Pontes de Encontro", which featured the exhibition of Portuguese painters in June, and the presentation of Lusophone painters in October.

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Fifteen local candidates to NPC

FIFTEEN Macau residents have submitted their applications to the 13th National People's Congress (NPC). The nomination period ended this week and 12 local deputies will be elected.

The candidates include Legislative Assembly chairman Ho Iat Seng and lawmakers Chui Sai Peng, Si Ka Lon and Sio Chi Wai. Other candidates are Ng Siu Lai, Kevin Ho (the nephew of former Chief Executive Edmund Ho), Wong Ian Man, Lai Sai Kei and Fong Ka Fai.

Current NPC delegates Lao Ngai Leong (the director of Macao Daily), Iong Weng Ian, Kou Hoi In, Lok Po, Ho Sut Heng, and Paula Ling are also candidates. Ho Iat Seng and Chui Sai Peng are currently also NPC delegates.

The main focus of their applications was the promotion of communication and co-development between Macau and mainland China.

Si Ka Long said that he will prioritize the employ-

ment and retirement situations of Macau residents living in mainland China, as well as the development of Macau youth in mainland China.

Sio Chi Wai stated he will focus on equal treatment for Macau residents, similar to mainland Chinese residents in their home territory.

Ho Iat Seng hoped that both sides would communicate more regarding their respective laws, while Lao Ngai Leong promised to concentrate on regional cooperation within the Greater Bay Area.

Chui Sai Peng hoped that mainland China would grant Macau further opportunities to develop special financing, commercial operations, and industrial diversification, so Macau could grow as a world tourism and leisure center.

Ho Sut Heng focused primarily on issues concerning Macau, despite her reservations about the mainland's income contribution, food safety and education equality.

Cecilia Tse is new IC head, Leung resigns

DEPUTY director of the Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO), Cecilia Tse, will become the new director of the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC), according to a statement from the Office of the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture.

Alexis Tam is said to have proposed the nomination to Chief Executive (CE) Chui Sai On. Tam's office explained that the changes in the IC presidency are a direct result of the March report from the Commission Against Corruption highlighting several unlawful hiring practices at the IC. The report was issued just weeks after a leadership change at the IC, in which former president Ung Vai Meng quit unexpectedly and was replaced by Leung Hio Ming, until then one of the bureau's former vice presidents.

Shortly after the report, it was announced that disciplinary proceedings had commenced against members of the board of the IC – specifically against Ung Vai Meng, Leung Hio Ming and Chan Peng Fai – for breaching the law governing public tenders and the unau-



Leung Hio Ming resigned

thorized use of the government's centralized recruitment system. The system was used without mandatory authorization and supervision of the superior body. The breaches allowed services under the IC to recruit a large number of employees through this direct attribution system for over five years (between 2010 and 2015).

According to the statement, IC president Leung Hio Ming and vice president Chan Peng Fai have submitted an application to terminate the service com-

mission, which was accepted by secretary Tam with immediate effect.

In the statement, Alexis Tam is quoted saying, "Compliance with the principles of legality, fairness and good administrative management make it absolutely imperative and indispensable that the public recruitment regime be fully respected." He expressed wishes "that these changes will restore the credibility that affected the entity as well as to present a new dynamic in the management of the bureau."

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One of the world's most popular and successful musicals, THE SOUND OF MUSIC is coming to The Venetian® Macao's Venetian Theatre from Dec. 20, 2017, to Jan. 7, 2018, to delight audiences over the Christmas and New Year period. This highly-acclaimed production comes from the home of West End musical theatre – the famous London Palladium – where it celebrated a record-breaking 954 performances and was seen by over two million people. To add to the excitement, THE SOUND OF MUSIC will feature 20 talented youngsters from Macao and Hong Kong playing the Von Trapp family children. THE SOUND OF MUSIC



tells the uplifting true story of Maria, the fun-loving governess who changes the lives of the widowed Captain Von Trapp and his seven children by re-introducing them to music, culminating in the family's escape across the Austrian mountains as tensions rise prior to the outbreak of World War II. Presented by Chessman and The Venetian Macao, THE SOUND OF MUSIC includes some of the most memorable songs ever performed on the stage, including "My Favorite Things", "Do-Re-Mi", "Climb Ev'ry Mountain", "The Lonely Goatherd", "Sixteen Going on Seventeen", and wonderful title song "The Sound of Music". The original Broadway production of THE SOUND

OF MUSIC has won five Tony Awards, including Best Musical, and was Rodgers and Hammerstein's biggest success. The 1965 movie starring Julie Andrews as Maria also won five Oscars, including Best Picture, and remains one of the most popular movies of all time. Auditions for the roles of the Von Trapp children were held at The Venetian Macao and Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, with 20 talented Macao and Hong Kong youngsters chosen to play in the show. Don't miss this opportunity to experience this dazzling show, widely regarded as the world's greatest musicals, THE SOUND OF MUSIC at The Venetian Macao from Dec. 20, 2017 to Jan. 7, 2018.



Guangdong province proposes toll fares for Delta Bridge

GUANGDONG Province has proposed tolls for the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge, suggesting a charge of RMB150 (approximately MOP189) for a single trip for private cars, according to a statement released on the official website of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge Authority (Authority) on Wednesday. The authority plans to charge RMB115 for container trucks and RMB60 for vehicles transporting goods per trip.

Regarding cross-border buses and shuttle buses, there are two different proposals currently under consideration. The first suggests charging

RMB450 per trip for both types of buses. The alternative proposes charging RMB450 for shuttle buses and RMB200 for cross-border buses.

A minimum of ten percent of the shuttle buses should be electric

According to the Hong Kong transport authority, the HKZMB's main bridge segment is situated over the mainland's

territorial waters, and the toll stations are also located in mainland Chinese territory.

The final toll prices will be evaluated by Guangdong Province's transportation authority, Guangdong's development and reform commission, and by Guangdong's financial department.

The final approval will be made by the Guangdong government.

On December 21, a hearing regarding the tolls will take place in Zhuhai, with 15 customer representatives (five each from Guangdong, Macau and Hong Kong) attending the event.

According to Hong Kong media, the HKZMB's dedicated shuttle bus operator is required to provide between 90 and 140 shuttle buses daily,

with another 30 on standby. Even after including the bridge toll fee – estimated to cost between MOP5 and MOP12 – the fare for a single ride will be less than HKD100.

A further requirement is that a minimum of ten percent of the shuttle buses be electric, and that the ratio of electronic buses should increase year by year. Shuttle buses should also operate on a 24-hour schedule, with a frequency of five minutes per bus during rush hours, and 15 minutes per bus during off-peak hours.

During the night, the frequency should be one bus every 15 to 30 minutes.

Hong Kong lawmaker Frankie Yick, who comes from the transport sector, said on Monday, after the Hong Kong authority announced Guangdong's proposal, that "even though we don't have any formal consultation by the government, we gave them an opinion."

Frankie Yick addressed the toll proposals as "reasonable", according to a report by RTHK.

MACAU TO PAY 12.59 PERCENT OF BRIDGE

THE SECRETARY for Transport and Public Works Raimundo do Rosário said yesterday that the proportion of Macau's work on the main section of the Delta Bridge is 12.59 percent. As such, Macau will pay according to this percentage when financing is needed for the bridge. The Transport and Housing Bureau of Hong

Kong said earlier that "there has been [an] escalation in the construction costs arising from the increase in labor and material costs as well as the refinement of the design and construction schemes. [...] According to our understanding, the cost overrun of the Main Bridge may be around RMB10 billion."

CTM launches new telecom plan

CTM officially launched the "Greater Bay Area Service Plan" this week, representing a further step in telecom cooperation with Guangdong and Hong Kong.

The local telecom company has cooperated with mainstream telecom operators in mainland China and Hong Kong to launch the plan, which provides telecom service support and assists local SMEs and citizens

to participate in the development of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau.

The plan allows users to share mobile data, and voice and SMS credit across one telecom plan.

Vandy Poon, CEO of CTM said that the Greater Bay Area Service Plan is another cross-border sharing service following the City Link Plan (Macau & HK) and City Link Plan Plus (China & HK

& Macau) services. Both services demonstrate CTM's assistance to local corporates in participating in the construction and development in the Greater Bay Area.

The company pledged that it will continue to develop opportunities for collaboration with telecom partners in the

area, and bring more integrated telecom services to cater to the development of the Greater Bay Area.

As of yesterday, residents can now use 1GB of 4G+ mobile data, 500 minutes of free voice calls and 50 text messages between Macau, Hong Kong and main-



land China for a monthly charge of MOP98.

Customers of the Greater Bay Area Service Plan

are part of CMCC's network in mainland China and CMCC's (HK) network in Hong Kong.

CHINA MOBILE LAUNCHES SERVICE FOR GREATER BAY AREA

CHINA MOBILE Guangdong will provide cheap phone call services to customers who take calls while in Macau and Hong Kong. The company has said that the plan is an integrated product for businesspeople who frequently travel across Guangdong, Macau and Hong Kong. However,

the plan will not suit all users of China Mobile Guangdong. Customers will have to purchase a new RMB30 package, a specially-made service for the Greater Bay Area. Other paid services including data and phone call services were also launched to benefit the targeted customers.

Unified telecom license scheme underway

HEAD of the Macao Post and Telecommunications Bureau Derby Lau revealed that preparation for a new telecom-licensing scheme that will issue unified telecom licenses is underway.

The licenses are intended for providers of communication facilities and related services, depending on the services that these industries or companies provide.

Speaking on the sidelines of a press conference organized by CTM, Lau noted that there is currently no concrete timetable due to

several changes to the proposed licensing scheme and to the telecommunication outline law.

Authorities are also seeking to promote 5G telecommunication services and will follow the timetable for launching services in neighboring areas.

As mainland China, Japan and South Korea are rapidly developing their 5G services, Lau estimated that Macau will launch 5G networks between 2019 and 2020, depending on the development of the city's telecom industry. **LV**



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10. Question: Should we invest in an older building or a newer one?

There are pros and cons with each of these investments. Both people and banks prefer newer buildings. Banks find it easier to loan on new developments, although they do also finance older properties of course. However, new properties tend to be more expensive, smaller, and carry higher management fees whilst rents are not significantly higher. As such, the rental yield tends to be much lower. Alternatively, older buildings tend to be cheaper, larger and charge less money for management fees. They also return a higher rental yield, especially if the apartment has been renovated. However, they may be harder to sell when the time comes simply because banks are more reluctant to loan on older properties.

9. Question: Who is responsible for looking after my rental apartment?

The tenant is responsible for the safekeeping and care of the contents of the apartment, and returning the apartment in the same condition that it was handed over with an allowance for reasonable wear and tear. The owner is responsible for the

infrastructure of the apartment such as the shell of the apartment itself, the plumbing, the provision of power etc. In other words, providing reasonable and safe conditions for habitation. Under Macau Law the owner has minimal responsibility, which is why many tenants find themselves with landlords with are not concerned with the upkeep of the apartment.

8. Question: I have a family, where's the best place to live?

With a family, the best place to live is in a complex that provides a club facility. As Macau suffers from a lack of space, the absence of a garden or recreational areas make a club facility extremely important. Complexes such as Nova City or Ocean Gardens have large club areas, whilst buildings such as The Manhattan and The Buckingham also have club facilities such as a swimming pool and gym.

7. Question: I'm alone, where's the best place to live?

If you have access to recreation facilities through your work, or have joined a recreation club such as The Grand Lappa, then an older block in Taipa is proba-

bly the best place to reside as a single person. You have convenient access to stores and restaurants, you are central to Macau, Cotai or Coloane, and there is a bigger choice of accommodation than you might find in Macau.

6. Question: Is it a good time to buy property in Macau?

If you are buying with the long term in mind, it's still a good time to buy in Macau. As more new Casinos and resorts take shape on Cotai, the demand for housing will increase as the population grows. Property of a 'livable' quality is in short supply, and basic economics tell us that prices will continue to rise. However, rising prices cannot continue indefinitely, and we are currently experiencing a slowdown of course. But we have to live somewhere, and it makes good financial sense to own the property we live in. Apart from anything else, we are at least in control of our living arrangements, and not looking for a new place to live every 2 years.

Next week look out for our Top 5 and final part of the 25 Questions We Are Asked About Macau Property.

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Lego wins its first copyright court case in China

LEGO A/S, Europe's biggest toymaker, said it won its first copyright court case in China.

The China Shantou Intermediate People's Court has ruled that products under the name Bela, sold by two Chinese companies, infringed upon Lego's copyrights, the building block maker said in a statement yesterday. The ruling was made in September, but the appeal window only ended last month, Lego said.

The Danish company, which has doubled in size over the past five years, is known for its aggressive use of courts to protect its multi-colored building blocks. In July, the Beijing Higher Court passed a ruling that recognizes the Lego logo and the name in Chinese as 'well-known' trademarks in China.

The September ruling



is "a strong indication of the continued focus on proper intellectual property protection and enforcement by the Chinese courts," Peter Thorslund Kjaer, head of Lego's legal affairs, said in the statement. "This is very important for the continued development of a favorable business environment for all companies operating in the Chinese market." **Bloomberg**

US

Horse tracks may have stake in online gambling

Wayne Parry

NEW Jersey lawmakers want to give the state's horse racing tracks a piece of the action on internet gambling.

The state Assembly is due to vote on a bill that would authorize tracks to offer internet gambling on their premises if they reach a partnership agreement with an Atlantic City casino or an online affiliate of a casino.

Democratic Assemblyman Ralph Caputo says it's a way to help the struggling racing industry with new revenue.

"It would bring more traffic into the racetracks, and they need it desperately," said Caputo, a former casino executive.

Gamblers with internet betting accounts can already place bets from anywhere within New Jersey's borders, and don't need to go to a track to do so.

"The casinos should realize that absolutely nothing will happen unless they agree to allow it through an agreement with a track," said



Dennis Drazin, chairman and CEO of the Monmouth Park racetrack in Oceanport. "Nobody is forcing anything on them. This is really a win-win for the racing industry and the casino industry."

Supporters envision track patrons placing online casino bets between races. The track would be compensated by the casino for drumming up new online business; the exact amount each track would get from a casino would have to be negotiated individually.

Drazin said tracks would set aside an area for customers to place casino bets over the internet. The tracks would be specifically exempted from state law banning so-called "internet

cafes" that offer real-money gambling.

The Casino Association of New Jersey did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the bill.

Internet gambling has been a bright spot in New Jersey's gambling market. On pace to win USD250 million online this year, New Jersey has the largest market of the three states that currently offer internet gambling (Pennsylvania recently approved it but has not started offering it yet).

Delaware allows internet gambling through casinos based at racetracks.

The state Senate has not yet scheduled a vote on the measure, which is being considered in a committee. **AP**

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Banks need more capital after credit boom, IMF says

CHINA'S banks should increase their capital buffers to protect against any sudden economic downturn following a credit boom, the International Monetary Fund said.

In its first comprehensive assessment of China's financial system since 2011, the IMF recommended "a gradual and targeted increase in bank capital." In a worst-case scenario, IMF stress tests suggested the country's lenders would face a capital shortfall equivalent to 2.5 percent of China's gross domestic product - about USD280 billion in 2016 - together with ballooning soured loans.

Overall, 27 of 33 banks stress-tested by the fund, covering about three quarters of China's banking-system assets, were under-capitalized by at least one measure. A larger financial cushion would better reflect potentially underestimated risks stemming from the banks' exposure to opaque investments, and absorb losses as implicit government guarantees are removed, the fund said.

China's top four banks, led by the world's largest lender by assets Industrial & Commercial Bank of China Ltd., have enough capital, the fund said. But it said the nation's smaller lenders, including those focused on individual cities "appear vulnerable."

The findings reflects the burden on a financial system that's doubled in size in 10 years while China evolves from an export-oriented economy to one based on services and consumption. The call for capital highlights the risks during that transition caused by government policies aimed at protecting jobs or propping up failing state entities.

"Stress test results reveal widespread under-capitalization of banks other than the Big Four banks under a severely adverse scenario," the fund said in its report. "Increasing capital would enhance the resilience and credibility of the financial system, as well as reassure markets." The fund didn't name the specific banks that need more capital.

Responding to the report, the People's Bank of China said the assessment was generally fair but disputed the IMF's interpretation



of the stress test results.

"Comments about the stress test in the report do not fully reflect the results of the tests," the central bank said in a statement on its website. "China's financial system has shown relatively strong capability to cope with risks."

President Xi Jinping has highlighted financial stability as a top priority. People's Bank of China Governor Zhou Xiaochuan warned in October about the risk of a 'Minsky moment,' or a sudden collapse of asset values.

Speaking to media yesterday on a video call, the IMF's deputy director of monetary and capital markets, Ratna Sahay, said China's financial system held three main risks. She pointed to an increase in credit that in other countries has been linked to financial distress. An increasingly complex and opaque financial system makes it hard to identify risks, and implicit guarantees encourage excessive risk-taking, she said.

Credit growth needs to slow, guarantees should be gradually removed, and banks need more capital during that process, Sahay said. "Banks need to have some buffers in order to protect against any possible distress that might happen," she said.

While bank capital shortfalls "appear manageable," the fallout

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from any deleveraging process could amplify the need for funds, the IMF said in its report. In a "severely adverse scenario," the capital shortfall at 33 banks tested by the fund could amount to 2.5 percent of GDP, it said.

"We are talking about capital shortfalls in a stress-testing scenario," Sahay told Bloomberg Television's Kathleen Hays in an interview. "It's in that scenario, it's not the current situation. They are moving in the right direction, they understand that the risks are large and they are mitigating them."

China's credit growth has outpaced expansion in GDP, and the credit-to-GDP ratio is now about 25 percent above the long-term trend, the IMF said in its report.

Such a level is "very high by international standards and consistent with a high probability of financial distress," the fund said.

The official proportion of non-performing loans at banks - 1.7 percent in the second quarter of 2017 - may understate the reality, the IMF said. The true extent of soured loans at Chinese banks has been debated by analysts and investors for years. The People's Bank of China said Thursday the ratio has stayed low because banks have written off bad debts.

Under the IMF's "severely adverse" scenario, the non-performing loan ratio at the 33 tested banks jumps to 9.1 percent from 1.5 percent, and their common equity Tier 1 capital ratio, a benchmark

gauge of financial strength, plunges 4.2 percentage points. Banks would be unable or unwilling to maintain their pace of lending, and the fiscal impact might exceed the direct recapitalization needs of the banking system "by a wide margin," the IMF said.

The dangers in removing implicit guarantees in China - the belief among investors that the government will compensate them for losses - and the risks posed by off-balance sheet items also justify higher levels of capital, two of the report's authors, Sahay and James P. Walsh, said in a separate article accompanying the report's release. Wealth management products, hugely popular investments that offer superior yields to traditional bank deposits, make up a large proportion of China's shadow banking sector.

"Off-balance sheet WMPs also represent a significant risk to capital," the report said. "They are not guaranteed, but banks almost always compensate retail investors for principal losses. In a stress scenario, the costs to the banks of supporting WMPs could be substantial and could, in case of a run, place the liquidity position of some banks under strain."

The IMF also ran stress tests to assess liquidity at China's banks. While conditions at China's four big banks were strong, the tests showed that four banks would suffer liquidity shortfalls within 30 days, the IMF said. Late Wednesday, China's banking regulator unveiled new liquidity thresholds for small banks, saying it needed to fill a gap in its supervision.

Authorities need to put less focus on high GDP projections, and better supervise financial conglomerates and reforms to tackle implicit guarantees, the IMF said. But allowing firms to fail and investors to lose money will be challenging.

"Credit growth will not slow sustainably unless tolerance for job losses and slower economic growth rises, particularly at local level, and new sources of revenue are found for local governments," Sahay and Walsh wrote in their article.

Total borrowing will climb to around 328 percent of gross domestic product by 2022 from around 260 percent in 2016, according to Bloomberg Economics.

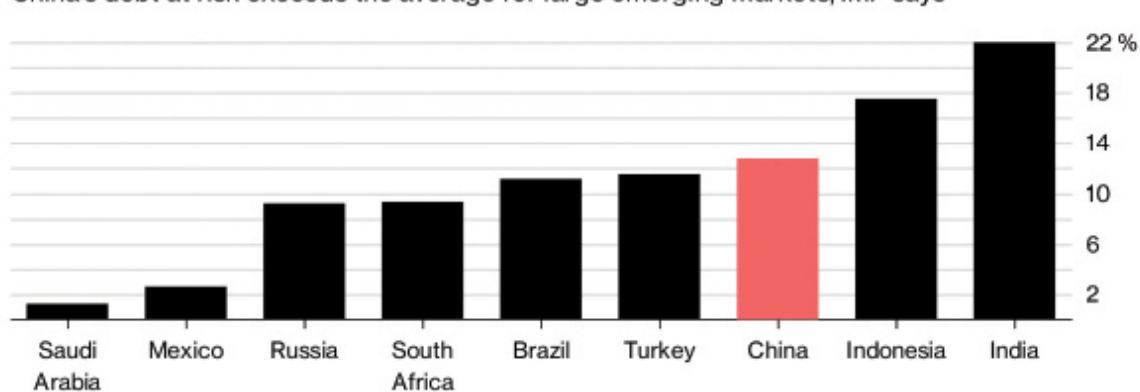
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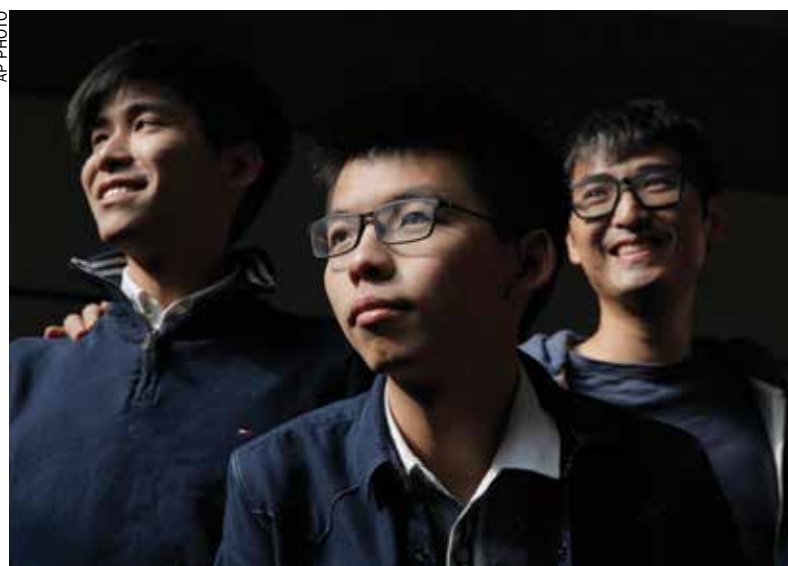
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From left: Young democracy leaders Lester Shum, Joshua Wong and Alex Chow

HONG KONG

Judge postpones sentencing of democracy activist

Kelvin Chan, Hong Kong

A judge put off sentencing yesterday for young Hong Kong democracy leader Joshua Wong in a contempt case stemming from 2014 protests in the semiautonomous Chinese city.

The 21-year-old Wong, who was out on bail while he appeals a prison sentence in a separate case, was among 16 activists set to learn their punishments following their convictions for criminal contempt of court.

But a High Court judge adjourned the case to an unspecified date to await further submissions from defense lawyers.

Hong Kong law sets no maximum penalty for contempt, with sentences usually ranging by case law and legal precedents.

Wong and some others had pleaded guilty months earlier for failing to comply with a court order

to clear out of a protest camp on a main road during the 79-day "Umbrella Movement" protests against Beijing's restrictions on elections for Hong Kong's top leader.

Wong rose to global fame, including a starring role in a Netflix documentary, for leading anti-China protests in the city while still a teen.

In a separate case, he and two other activists were given prison sentences in August ranging from six to eight months for their roles in an unlawful assembly that sparked the 2014 protests. They originally got community service or suspended sentences but those were upgraded after the justice secretary asked for a sentencing review, a move that raised fears the city's independent judiciary was being undermined.

Wong was bailed when he received permission to appeal, which will be heard in January. **AP**

Chinese firm sues Venezuela as crisis tests ally's patience

ONE of China's biggest state-run conglomerates has sued a Venezuelan counterpart in a U.S. court in a dispute over unpaid bills, a sign of Beijing's growing impatience with its socialist South American ally as it slides into bankruptcy.

In the lawsuit filed Nov. 27 in a Houston federal court, a U.S. subsidiary of Sinopec sought more than USD23 million in damages from Venezuela's state-run oil company, PDVSA. Sinopec alleges it never received full payment for 45,000 tons of steel rebar it agreed to sell PDVSA for \$43 million and which was delivered in 2013.

The lawsuit, while small in size, says PDVSA through its U.S. subsidiary Bariven reneged on re-

peated promises to pay Sinopec, at one point costing the Chinese company \$2 million in losses after it entered into arbitration with a supplier it agreed to purchase the steel from to carry out the deal.

"This is not simply a case of a broken promise to pay," Sinopec said in the court documents, accusing PDVSA of "deceit" and "willful deception" in its refusal to pay its bills. "Rather, this case involves a complex commercial transaction specifically calculated to leave Sinopec without a remedy."

The Chinese "usually take a more diplomatic tone" and are clearly angry, Russ Dallen, head of local brokerage Caracas Capital, wrote in a report in which he revealed the existence of the lawsuit. **AP**

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HUNDREDS of participants attended the opening of a human rights forum in Beijing yesterday in the latest installment of China's energetic drive to showcase what it considers the strengths of its authoritarian political system under President Xi Jinping.

Beijing's new outreach comes as the U.S. turns inward under President Donald Trump, who has set aside traditional U.S. advocacy of democracy and human rights in favor of an "America first" approach that has seen Washington withdraw from key forums from the Paris climate agreement to negotiations on a U.N. migration compact.

The "South-South Human Rights Forum," drawing some 300 participants from over 50 mostly developing countries, follows a conference of political parties last weekend in Beijing also attended by hundreds of delegates, some of whom sung the praises of Communist Party rule. The gathering also comes on the heels of a twice-a-decade Communist Party congress in October, at which Xi declared that China now stood "tall and firm in the east" and had entered a new era seeing China "moving closer to center stage and making greater contributions to mankind."

Addressing yesterday's opening session, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said the party congress had "identified the goal of forging a new field in international relations and building a community of shared future for mankind."

"This is China's answer to the question of where human society is heading, and it has also presented opportunities for the development of the human rights cause," Wang said.

China's growing confidence on issues like human rights is related to broader global trends, said William Nee, an Amnesty International researcher on China. "Obviously we've seen the Trump administration deprioritize human rights, we've seen issues like

Global forum featuring Beijing's take on human rights



Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi speaks during the South-South Human Rights Forum in Beijing

Brexit, and China is kind of stepping in the field and void," he said.

"The Western liberal bastion is crumbling and China sees this an ideal moment to strengthen its own normative power," said Jonathan Holslag, a professor of international politics at the Free University of Brussels.

Participants at the Beijing forum were mostly government officials, diplomats and academics from developing nations, along with representatives from the United Nations, the Arab League, the African Union, the World Bank and the World Health Organization. Absent were representatives of NGOs working in the field of civil and political rights such as Amnesty, Human Rights Watch or Reporters Without Borders.

China has long rejected traditional notions of human rights as defined by the Universal Declaration and Western constitutions, redefining the

concept along the more prosaic lines of the right to development, health, nutrition and housing.

Speakers at the forum kept their comments strictly within those parameters.

800 million people globally still live in abject poverty

Citing falling poverty rates and rising life expectancy, Tom Zwart of Amsterdam's Vrije Universiteit told participants China had "entered a new era of human rights."

"China has started to play a bigger role in building a just and harmonious international order that also includes the international human rights system," Zwart said.

Saad Alfaragi, the U.N. special rapporteur on the right to development, noted that 800

million people globally still live in abject poverty.

"South-South cooperation has multiplied opportunities for development cooperation [...] on different terms from traditional development cooperation," Alfaragi said in his address.

The forum's use of the "South-South" designation is a throwback to the Cold War-era concept of developing nations cooperating among themselves, independent of either the U.S.-led West or the Soviet bloc.

Yet, while it still calls itself the world's largest developing nation, China is increasingly casting itself in the role of rising superpower, retiring its past strategy of "hiding and biding" until it was ready.

Analysts and Western diplomats remain divided on whether China is actively seeking to upend the international order or merely making the best use of the circumstances to advance its own interests.

In his address to last weekend's political party forum, Xi offered China's experience as an alternative for others to study or emulate, while taking care to avoid the appearance of coercion. "We don't import models from other countries, neither do we export the Chinese model. We will never place demands on other countries to copy the way China does things," said Xi, who sent a congratulatory letter but did not address Thursday's opening ceremony.

The renewed international outreach comes at a time when Chinese authorities are overseeing the most severe crackdown on activists and dissidents in decades, drawing criticism from Western governments.

"Freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of the press, these are things that have come under severe constraints in China recent years," Nee said.

The city of Beijing has also been criticized domestically over the evictions of tens of thousands of Chinese migrant workers over recent weeks. Officials say they're addressing safety hazards after a fire killed 19 people, but the efforts have drawn attention to unfairness in a system that controls where people may live and denies rural Chinese migrants access to education, housing and medical subsidies granted to residents of the wealthier cities.

Recent years have also seen the party advocate a wholesale rejection of "universal values" as merely a weapon to undermine China's socialist system. Universities have been told to drive such concepts from the classrooms and writers and scholars who argue otherwise can find themselves shunned and unemployed. **AP**

China criticizes India over drone crash inside border

CHINA'S defense ministry expressed its "dissatisfaction and opposition" yesterday over the crash of an Indian unmanned aerial vehicle inside Chinese territory, the latest in a series of border incidents between the regional rivals.

Chinese border troops identified the device and

were dealing with the matter in a "professional and responsible manner," the official Xinhua News Agency cited the deputy chief of the Chinese military's Western Theater Command, Zhang Shuili, as saying.

"In regards to this matter, we express our strong dissatisfaction and opposition," Zhang was cited as

saying in the Xinhua article posted on the ministry's website. "We will earnestly carry out our duty and resolutely defend our country's sovereignty and security."

A spokesman for the Chinese Foreign Ministry said the drone crashed in the Sikkim section of China's border with India and that

China has lodged a complaint with India over the issue.

"I want to point out that the Sikkim section of China-Indian border has been delineated. And Chinese side along the border line is Chinese territory," spokesman Geng Shuang said. "The action of the Indian side violated China's

sovereignty and it's not conducive to the peace and tranquility of the border area."

No further information was given about the vehicle and when it crashed.

Col. Aman Anand, a spokesman of India's Ministry of Defense, said the drone was on a regular training mission inside In-

dian territory when it "lost contact with the ground control due to some technical problem" and crossed the border in Sikkim.

Anand said Indian border security personnel immediately alerted their Chinese counterparts and said India was investigating the exact cause of the incident. **AP**

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First visit by Turkish president in decades off to tense start

THE first official visit by a Turkish president to Greece for six decades got off to a tense start yesterday, with Recep Tayyip Erdogan repeating comments that have alarmed his Greek hosts about the need to "update" the 1923 Treaty of Lausanne that delineated the borders of modern Turkey, among other issues.

Erdogan's first meeting was with Greek President Prokopis Pavlopoulos, and the televised discussions between the two men, usually reserved for pleasantries and formalities before closed-door talks, were visibly awkward.

The presidents engaged in a thinly-veiled verbal spat over the Muslim minority in northeastern Greece and the treaty. Pavlopoulos, whose role is mainly ceremonial, reminded Erdogan that unlike his visitor, he was not head of government and therefore did not have the same powers as Erdogan.

Erdogan's two-day visit to Greece will include a trip to northeastern Greece today to meet with the country's Muslim minority. The status of the community, which Greece recognizes only as a religious minority, was also determined by the Treaty of Lausanne. Turkey considers it to be a Turkish minority.

On the eve of his arrival, Erdogan alarmed Greek officials by saying in an interview with Greece's Skai television that the 1923 Treaty of Lausanne, which determined current Greek-Turkish borders among other issues, should be "updated."

"In fact, all agreements (pacts) in the world should be updated with the passage of time," Erdogan said in the interview. "Lausanne too, in the face of all these developments, is in need of an update. This update would be beneficial not only for Turkey but also for Greece."

Erdogan has made similar comments in the past about the peace treaty, which set the borders of modern Turkey, but his repetition on the eve of his Greek visit alarmed his hosts.

His comments "raises serious

concerns and questions," Greek government spokesman Dimitris Tzanakopoulos said in a statement. "The Greek government and the prime minister want his visit to be a reason to build bridges, not to raise walls."

Respecting the treaty is "the exclusive and non-negotiable foundation on which the honest cooperation of the two countries can be built," Tzanakopoulos said. "Comments regarding its revision do not contribute to the climate we are trying to build in our relations and in the region."

But Erdogan reiterated his views on the historic treaty during his meeting with Pavlopoulos.

The presidents engaged in a thinly-veiled verbal spat over the Muslim minority in northeastern Greece

"This happened in Lausanne, that happened in Lausanne. I get that, but let's now quickly do what is necessary," he told the Greek president. "It's not easy, 94 years have passed, and many things have changed in 94 years. If we review these, I believe that all the sides will agree that so many things have to [change.]"

For his part, Pavlopoulos told Erdogan the treaty "doesn't need revision or updating. It is valid as is." He added the treaty didn't allow space for territorial disputes and clearly set the status for the



Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan reviews the Presidential Guard with Greece's President Prokopis Pavlopoulos, during the welcome ceremony in Athens yesterday

Muslim minority in Greece.

"It is clear that to achieve our goals and to make this visit a historic one [...] as Greece is a member of the EU [...] this requires the full respect of international law," Pavlopoulos said.

After his initial meeting, Erdogan headed to a meeting with Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras for more substantial talks.

The refugee crisis will be high on the agenda of talks, as Greek islands have been the gateway into Europe for migrants crossing from the Turkish coast. Regional relations, energy and business ties, Turkey's stalled bid to join the European Union and longstanding disputes such as Turkey's territorial claims in the Greek Aegean will also be discussed.

One of the current thorny issues to be raised will be the case of eight Turkish servicemen who

have requested asylum in Greece following last year's failed coup in Turkey. Ankara has demanded their extradition, a request rejected by Greek courts on the grounds they could not be guaranteed a fair trial in Turkey.

The move infuriated Erdogan, who said in his Wednesday interview that his country's judicial system is "the best in Europe," adding the servicemen should have been handed over before Greek courts became involved.

"If you leave it up to the judiciary there will be no result," he said. "In order to facilitate the work of the judiciary you must first, as the government, take the necessary measures before you assign it to the judiciary."

Erdogan's visit comes as his country finds itself increasingly isolated on the international stage.

Turkey's ties with the EU and

several European countries deteriorated significantly following Erdogan's post-coup crackdown. Tens of thousands of Turks have been fired from their jobs, and tens of thousands more have been imprisoned on accusations of being linked, however tenuously, with Fethullah Gulen, the U.S.-based Islamic cleric Erdogan blames for masterminding the coup.

Other than Greece, Poland is the only other EU country to have invited Erdogan to visit since mid-2016.

Historical tensions between Greece and Turkey, which have brought the two to the brink of war three times since the 1970s, remain. Decades-old thorny issues include territorial disputes in the Aegean, the Muslim minority and the continued occupation by Turkish troops of northern Cyprus. **AP**

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18:25	European League: Guimarães - Konyaspor (Repeated)
20:10	Non-daily Portuguese News (Repeated)
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:20	Portuguese Serie
22:10	Brazilian Soap Opera
23:00	TDM News
23:30	European League Highlights
23:50	Nine
01:50	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
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Offbeat

Ex-DJ SAYS USD1 PAYMENT TO TAYLOR SWIFT SENT BY MAIL LAST WEEK

A former radio DJ who was ordered to pay a symbolic USD1 to Taylor Swift for groping her at a photo op says he mailed her a Sacagawea coin last week.

David Mueller provided a letter to The Associated Press showing the payment was sent Nov. 28. Mueller previously told the AP he intended the coin featuring a prominent Native American woman as a final jab at the singer in a case her side called a win for all women.

Swift was among the "Silence Breakers" named as Time magazine's person of the year. In a story published this week, she said she hadn't received the dollar.

Mueller had sued Swift claiming she falsely accused him of groping her and sought up to \$3 million. A federal jury in Denver ruled for Swift.



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Duration: 105min



THE FOREIGNER

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Director: Martin Campbell
Starring: Jackie Chan, Pierce Brosnan, Katie Leung, Rufus Jones
Language: English (Chinese)
Duration: 113min



WONDER

ROOM 2
7:15pm
Director: Stephen Chbosky
Starring: Julia Roberts, Owen Wilson, Jacob Tremblay
Language: Chinese (English)
Duration: 113min



MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS

ROOM 3
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

this day in history



Gunman Mark Chapman and John Lennon (top picture)

1980 JOHN LENNON SHOT DEAD

Former Beatle John Lennon has been shot dead by an unknown gunman who opened fire outside the musician's New York apartment.

The 40-year-old was shot several times as he entered the Dakota, his luxury apartment building on Manhattan's Upper West Side, opposite Central Park, at 2300 local time.

He was rushed in a police car to St Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Center, where he died.

His wife, Yoko Ono, who is understood to have witnessed the attack, was with him.

A police spokesman said a suspect was in custody, but he had no other details of the shooting.

"This was no robbery," the spokesman said, adding that Mr Lennon was probably shot by a "deranged" person.

Witness reports say at least three shots were fired and others have claimed they heard six.

There are also reports Mr Lennon staggered up six steps into the vestibule after he was shot, before collapsing.

Jack Douglas, Lennon's producer, said he and the Lennons had been at a studio called the Record Plant in mid-town earlier in the evening and Lennon left at 2230.

Mr Lennon said he planned to have some dinner and then return home, Mr Douglas said.

The Lennons are said to have left their limousine on the street and walked up the driveway when the gunman opened fire.

It is unclear whether the man had been lying in wait in the entrance to the building for Mr Lennon, or whether he came up behind him.

Witnesses describe the gunman as a "pudgy kind of man", 35 to 40 years old with brown hair.

Other former band members, Paul McCartney, guitarist George Harrison and drummer Ringo Starr are thought to have been informed of Lennon's murder.

Fans have already begun arriving at the scene, many still unaware Lennon has died.

Mr Lennon is survived by his wife, their son Sean, and his son from a previous marriage, Julian.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

John Lennon was shot four times in the back by Mark Chapman who had asked the former Beatle for his autograph only hours before he laid in wait and killed him.

Chapman pleaded guilty to gunning down Mr Lennon and is currently serving life in Attica prison near New York. In October 2004 he failed for the third time to secure his release.

He said he had heard voices in his head telling him to kill the world-famous musician.

Twenty years after his death millions of fans paid tribute to Mr Lennon in his home town of Liverpool and in New York.

His widow launched a campaign against gun violence in the United States to mark the anniversary.

YOUR STARS



Aries

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Today might leave you wondering why you didn't decide to invest in breath mints sooner. It just doesn't matter who you're with or what you're talking about - you've got an awful lot to say.



Taurus

April 20-May 20

It's generally pretty easy to talk you into going to the mall or checking out that cute little boutique that just opened. In this situation - but only this one, most likely - you're easy!



Gemini

May 21-Jun. 21

You might want to cancel that one big mission or appointment you've got today. You're in the mood to just hop in the car and take off for some unknown destination, to boldly go where you've never gone before.



Cancer

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

You just love to hide out because it allows you the opportunity to snuggle and nestle in, and there's nothing you love more than comfort. For the next 24 hours, just give in and don't go anywhere.



Leo

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

You're quite the social butterfly today - in fact, you're so darned sociable that it can be tough to make a date with you. Still, if you want to find the time for someone, you can find it.



Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Change is good for your soul - in fact, it's not just good, it's essential. You know it's true because you're practical enough to understand that nothing stays the same forever.



Libra

Sep.23-Oct. 22

Every now and then, everyone is touched with a touch of luck - no matter what we do or how we do it, everything just turns out right! Most times, we can feel it coming.



Scorpio

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Someone you like quite a lot is just about to pull you over to the side and confide a giant secret. You may want to return the favor, and since it just so happens that you have a secret of your very own to share.



Sagittarius

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

It's time for you to mingle, have fun and engage in not just deeply interesting intellectual debates, but also lighthearted, screwball conversations. There's no one better to get the ball rolling than you.



Capricorn

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Some casual acquaintance starts chatting you up, with perfectly good reason. Once you start exchanging ideas, you should realize just how much you have in com.



Aquarius

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

You're just about to meet someone new, unique and maybe a bit rebellious now - in other words, a kindred spirit! Just as you might imagine, you don't run into this person under anything but the weirdest circumstances.



Pisces

Feb.19-Mar. 20

If it isn't supposed to happen today, that means it's exactly what you can expect to happen. The good news is that these weird circumstances free you up to react naturally, without a care for how you're supposed to act.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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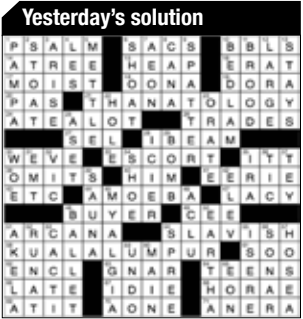
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ACROSS: 1- Draft rating; 5- Final, ultimate; 9- Call for help; 12- Broadway opener; 13- Beethoven dedicatee; 15- Prefix with conference; 16- German river; 17- Ethical; 18- Parade spoiler; 19- Capital of Estonia; 21- Echo; 23- Sick as ____; 24- From ____ Z; 25- Shorthand pros; 28- Pick by hand; 33- Monopoly buy; 34- Floor model; 35- Boot bottom; 36- Satisfied sound; 37- Cruise ship; 38- Calendar abbr.; 39- Pitchfork-shaped letters; 41- Ages and ages; 42- Chaplin persona; 44- And so forth; 46- Understands; 47- Crow call; 48- "The Time Machine" people; 49- Chemical-free; 53- Enigmas; 57- Above, finished; 58- Swift; 60- Eliel Saarinen's son; 61- TV's "Nick at ____"; 62- Soft; 63- Barrett of goSSIP; 64- Old English letter; 65- Fly like an eagle; 66- Flat sound;

DOWN: 1- Kiln for drying hops; 2- Final Four org.; 3- List finish; 4- Skyway; 5- Greek island; 6- As a companion; 7- Title for Anthony Hopkins; 8- Winter Palace ruler; 9- Linebacker Junior; 10- Lena of "Havana"; 11- Dispatch; 14- Bess's predecessor; 15- Soldiers; 20- Worshipped one; 22- Avg.; 25- Condition; 26- Browned sliced bread; 27- Moral principle; 28- Reddish brown; 29- Iowa city; 30- Bits; 31- Small cluster; 32- Retains; 34- Designer Christian; 37- Lee side; 40- Safe; 42- Walked heavily; 43- Oakland outfit; 45- Paving material; 46- Unpowered aircraft; 48- "All My Children" vixen; 49- Bar ____; 50- Ardent; 51- 9th letter of the Hebrew alphabet; 52- Asian country; 54- Tolstoy and Gorcey; 55- Sea birds; 56- In order (to); 59- Arafat's org.;



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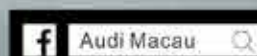
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Steve Douglas, Manchester

Monday, 00:30
Man United v Man City
H 3.55, D 3.6, A 2.22

THERE will be USD1 billion worth of talent on the field, soccer's two most famous coaches renewing their rivalry, a bunch of records ready to be broken, and potentially the destiny of the English Premier League title — even in early December — on the line.

The Manchester derby can rarely have been grander and more globally appealing than when United and City meet at Old Trafford Sunday [Monday, 0:30].

In the blue corner, there's Pep Guardiola's City, a devastating attacking unit that is looking to build an 11-point lead and win a 14th successive league match — an achievement that would be a record in a single Premier League.

In the red corner, there's Jose Mourinho's United, leading the chasing pack and on a club record-equaling run of 40 unbeaten home matches in all competitions — stretching back to September 2016 when it lost to its cross-town rival 2-1.

City is the league top scorer with 46.

United has the best defensive record with just nine goals conceded.

City's approach revolves around intricate passing and all-out attack.

United's is all about power and defensive solidity.

It's a clash of styles that has been the hallmark of games between teams managed by Guardiola and Mourinho, initially when Barcelona and Real Madrid met in Spain and now in the same city in England.

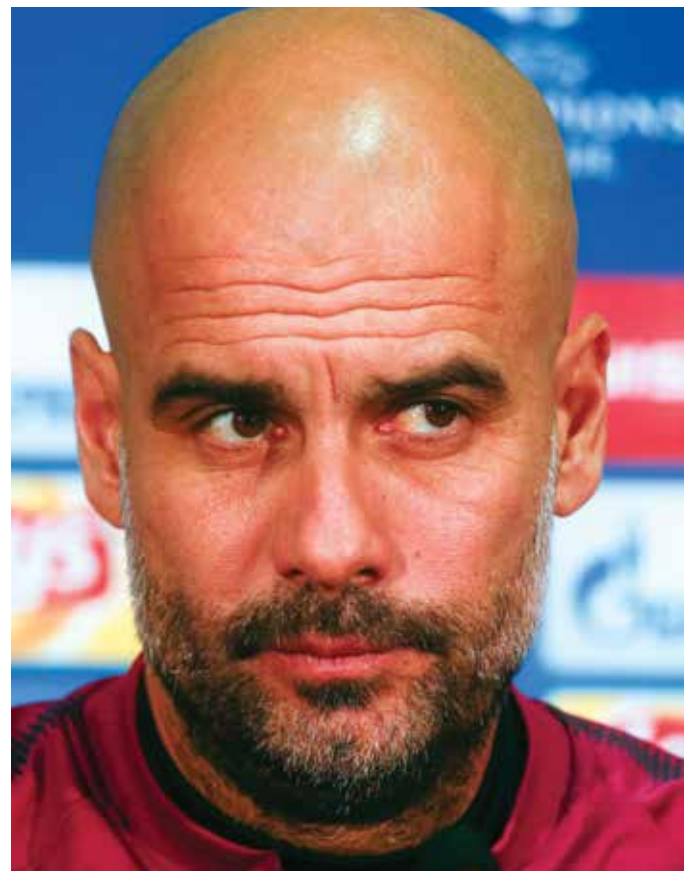
Guardiola has had the edge since they arrived in the Premier League in the summer of 2016, earning a win and a draw in last season's derbies. United beat City 1-0 in a League Cup fourth-round match, when Guardiola fielded a largely second-string lineup.

FOOTBALL

Manchester Derby: United looks to halt City juggernaut



Jose Mourinho



Pepe Guardiola

Given the eight-point gap between them, the onus is on United to win. That might be uncomfortable for Mourinho, whose default setting in big games is to set up not to lose. So this might be one of the rare occasions in United's recent history where its team sits back in a match at Old Trafford and looks to hit a visiting side on the counterattack.

It's too dangerous to do anything else against a team as potent as City.

"Kill the game when you have one chance," said United midfielder Paul Pogba, who will be missing because of suspension, "because they are City and they have quality as well in front and they can kill the game at any time."

Pogba's absence, as a result of

his red card against Arsenal last weekend, is a potential game-changer, robbing United of its best link between midfield and attack.

It remains to be seen whether City is without one of its conductors in midfield, too, with David Silva an injury doubt with an unspecified problem, according to Guardiola.

Mourinho has questioned whether Guardiola was telling the truth in making Silva an injury doubt. It's the only barb that has been thrown so far by either coach in the buildup.

United's best chance of winning might hinge on scoring from set-pieces, with City having a much smaller team. Attacking Fabian Delph, a midfielder filling

in at left back because of Bernard Mendy's long-term injury, is another route Mourinho will look to exploit.

As for City, which is coming off its only loss this season at Shakhtar Donetsk in the Champions League on Wednesday, Guardiola will be confident of dominating the midfield battle with Pogba out and anchorman Nemanja Matic set to be playing for United despite not being fully fit.

United was embarrassed by City in the corresponding fixture last season, the 2-1 scoreline barely doing justice to the dominance of City, especially in the first half. Mourinho didn't play with a recognized defensive midfielder that day — Pogba and Ma-

rouane Fellaini were the midfield two — but has done so ever since.

Given the circumstances — United missing Pogba, City facing its toughest game of the season — both managers would probably take a draw before the game, though that would keep City as a huge title favorite with almost half the season gone.

A City win would, for many, set up a procession to the title.

"We think about the bigger picture," United midfielder Juan Mata said, "and for us we have to keep up the pace and keep winning and winning. I remember a few seasons ago when United were ahead of City and then they won by [goal difference]."

"It's a crazy league and it's too early to think that it's finished." **AP**



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SCARING A MONKEY TO SAFEGUARD THE CHICKEN

It is no secret that Macao's political system is not only overly executive-led and highly dependent on the admonitions coming from up north, but also bogged down by vested corporatist interests whose vision regarding Macao's future seldom goes beyond family or close affiliates, and how these interests fit with the grand design of the day as voiced out in the capital. Oh sure! it's not one big happy family, and competition between clans can be rife, but like any environment driven by (huge) profit-making things get settled behind closed doors and pragmatism ultimately prevails. In traditional settings, overexposure to light is actually scorned more than the idea of conflict.

The suspension of Sulu Sou Ka Hou from his mandate in the Assembly perfectly illustrates the stern reaction any attempt at offsetting the system will provoke. I am even tempted to believe that newly-appointed legislator Pang Chuan is not lying when he declares that lawmakers, despite voting the suspension by 28 votes against four, did not receive any particular instruction: what's the need? Out of 33 legislators, only five (some used to say four, and this vote might have helped clarify other things) are truly independent from these vested interests that often translate into conflicts of interest: corporatist branches will automatically bind together as soon as they feel threatened. And Mr Sou, because of his game-changing perspective, represents a threat to all. Ever since he was elected in September he has targeted all aspects of policy-making — and not only dealing with youth or more segmented concerns. He has directly challenged the Chief Executive in his handling of the Hato crisis, and thus questioned the total lack of accountability, starting from the highest echelon, so detrimental to Macao politics. In his own ordeal, he has shone "light" on black box processes, directly exposing on social media the respective positions of the members of the legislature's House Rules Committee regarding his case, thus highlighting the inherent contradictions between claims and actual practice.

But eventually, the matter boils down to the original sin: what does legislator Sou stand accused of that would warrant a suspension of his mandate? Is he bound to appear in court for a crime of blood? Is he charged with cronyism and has he facilitated the employment of relatives or affiliates in public offices? Has he embezzled public money for personal enrichment?

None of the above: he stands accused of "aggravated disobedience" for having walked in the middle of the road instead of the pavement during a protest in May 2016 and subsequently thrown a paper-plane petition into the garden of the Chief Executive. The object of the demonstration: to protest about the opaque and controversial transfer of MOP100 million to Jinan University (Guangzhou) by the Macao Foundation, that happens to be presided over by the Chief Executive.

Interestingly enough, the biggest beneficiary of funds endowed by the Macao Foundation in 2016 is none other than Macau University of Science and Technology, the very university that employs legislator Pang Chuan. Additionally, Mr Pang's boss sits on the board of the Foundation and the Executive Council. The second biggest beneficiary is the Kiang Wu Hospital Charitable Association, connected to quite a few legislators too, including Chui family members. The third biggest is the foundation behind the City University of Macao, with connections to at least three legislators. Then the Macao Federation of Trade Unions, the fourth biggest beneficiary, is directly linked to four legislators; etc.

What motivates the suspension of Mr Sou then, contrary to what Mrs Angela Leong or Mr José Chui Sai Peng, both sitting on the board of the Macao Foundation, have said is not the respect for the law or the independence of justice: it is to remind the youngest ever-elected legislator who the boss is! Unfortunately, this has not only been done at the expense of our already fragile rule of law, but also with potentially very disruptive consequences for the harmony of our society.

THE BUZZ JERUSALEM STATUS: TRUMP'S WILD CARD COULD HAVE DEEP REPERCUSSIONS

Traditional US allies are among a growing chorus condemning President Trump's decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

Saudi Arabia called it "unjustified and irresponsible", while France and the UK said they did not support the decision.

But Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu hailed it as "historic" and said he was sure more countries would follow suit.

President Trump's move reversed decades of US policy on one of the thorniest issues between Israel and Palestinians.

Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip are due to hold a day of strikes and protests today.

The UN Security Council is to discuss the issue today after eight of the 15 member nations called for an emergency session. The Arab League is to meet tomorrow.

Little-known face of famed Nazi hunters shown in Paris



French Nazi hunters Beate Klarsfeld and her husband Serge Klarsfeld look at photos of young Jews deported from France at the Shoah Memorial in Paris

Thomas Adamson, Paris

THEIR heroic quest to bring down fugitive Nazis such as the so-called "Butcher of Lyon" is widely known. But there's more — a lot more — to the steely, yet unassuming, married duo of Nazi hunters Beate and Serge Klarsfeld, and a new exhibition in Paris is looking to tell that tale.

The French capital's Shoah Memorial is this week hosting the world's first-ever exhibition into their story. Using personal archives, including previously unseen video, "Beate and Serge Klarsfeld, Fighters for Memory" seeks to explain the couple's fight to a new generation. It opens today [Macao time] and runs until April 29.

The aim of the exhibition, say the organizers, is to show how Beate, 78, and Serge, 82, did much more than hunt Nazis, as is often portrayed in the media and in a 1986 film starring the late Farrah Fawcett. Notably, the devoted husband and wife team, married since 1963, played a pivotal role in understanding the horrors of the Final Solution in occupied France.

"Yes, parts of their story are known," curator Olivier Lalieu said. "But we are showing that they are not just Nazi hunters [...] Serge is a historian and pioneer in the writing about the persecution of Jews. They added much to our understanding of what happened during the Holocaust."

The exhibition's timing was chosen carefully, coming five decades since Beate gained international attention for exposing the Nazi ties of West German Chancellor Kurt Georg Kiesinger in 1968, and four decades after the publishing of Serge's book, "Memorial of the Deportation of French Jews."

Objects steeped in memory add fresh color to their story — such as the lock that Beate used to chain herself to a La Paz bench in a famed 1972 protest against the "Butcher of Lyon," Klaus Barbie, who had fled Europe, changed identity and sought protection by the then Bolivian dictatorship. After the fall of the regime, Barbie was finally extradited to France in 1983, where he was convicted of crimes against humanity.

The exhibition also seeks to shed light on the personal dimension to Serge Klarsfeld's fight against impunity for perpetrators of the Holocaust. A French Jew, he managed to escape the Gestapo in Nice in 1943. His father, Arno, was captured and deported to the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, where he died.

During an interview with The Associated Press, Serge Klarsfeld solemnly located his father's name on the wall at the Shoah Memorial. It lists the names of 76,000 Jews who were deported from France as part of the Nazi plan to eradicate Jews of Europe.

"We must continue fighting every day," he said. The couple hopes that future generations can take something away from their activism against extremism and hatred and quell the rise of the far right.

"Young people will perhaps find an example in what we did, hopefully in this retrospective," Serge said. With youthful fire in her eyes, Beate warned against complacency, pointing to the recent successes of nationalist parties in France, Germany and other places in Europe, particularly in the east.

"The young people have to engage themselves," she said. "They can take this message from our actions, in the photos. We had the strength to do it. If the young people have the strength? I don't know. I hope."

As for the media attention, they're used to it following the movies, a myriad of documentaries and a swathe of articles. The real emotion, according to Serge, is being present at the Shoah Memorial and alongside the millions of documents it houses that the Nazi hunting couple relied on to carry out their decades-long investigations and protests around the world. **AP**

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

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TURKEY-GREECE

The first official visit by a Turkish president to Greece in six decades got off to a tense start yesterday, with Recep Tayyip Erdogan repeating comments that have alarmed his Greek hosts about the need to "update" the 1923 treaty that delineated the borders of modern Turkey. **More on p15**

SERBIA An ultranationalist leader in Serbia says he won't attend an appeals hearing next week in his case before a United Nations war crimes tribunal.



EUROPEAN UNION The EU announced yesterday that it is taking the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland to court for failing to accommodate their fair share of refugees under a plan agreed to by the 28-country bloc two years ago.

HONDURAS Eight Latin American governments have applauded Honduras' willingness to recount disputed votes in the presidential elections, but questions remain about how thorough that recount will be.



BRAZIL After one of the deepest recessions in its modern history and the largest corruption scandal in Latin America, Brazilians are desperate for something different — so desperate that some are calling for the return of a military dictatorship.

ARGENTINA A federal judge yesterday asked Argentina's Senate to allow the arrest and trial of former President Cristina Fernandez on a charge of treason for allegedly covering up the role of Iranians in a 1994 bomb attack on a Jewish center.