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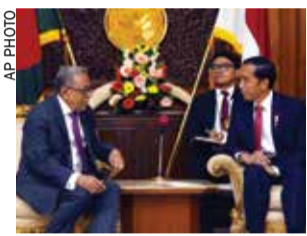
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BANGLADESH
Indonesian President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo is in Bangladesh on a visit to sprawling refugee camps for hundreds of thousands of Rohingya Muslims who have fled Myanmar.

JAPAN A Japanese exchange has lost 58 billion yen (USD530 million) in cryptocurrency because of hacking, according to media reports.



NEW ZEALAND
Six adults and an unconscious baby were rescued yesterday from a life raft in the Pacific Ocean after drifting for four days in the blazing sun without water.
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IRAN is trying to reap the benefits of a tool indispensable for modern life, the internet, while keeping a tight control over how Iranians use it and what information they receive. Tehran's solution to exert control over cyberspace is by creating a so-called "halal net," a totally locally controlled version.

YEMEN Government forces clashed with separatists in the southern port city of Aden yesterday in fighting that left at least eight people dead, as authorities shut down the country's main airport, fearing wider unrest.

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European chambers visit Delta Bridge as it nears completion

TWO groups recently organized a delegation, comprising more than 30 corporate members, to visit the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge (HKZMB) last week, as the construction of the bridge nears completion.

The Macau European Chamber of Commerce (MECC) and the Macau Delegation of Portugal-China Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CCILC) were given a presentation about the planning and construction of the bridge.

A statement issued by CCILC noted that the delegation was received by Wei Dongqing, Deputy Secretary of Party Committee and Executive Director of HKZMB Authority.

The delegation asked questions about the operational arrangements for HKZMB, including the opening hours for border crossing, traffic volume in the initial stage of commissioning, vehicle quota, and border-crossing fees.

Kevin Thompson, president of MECC said, "the potential economic advantages of the Bridge, in terms of greater ease of access, connectivity between Hong Kong, Zhuhai, Macau and Greater Bay, and of an integrated business hub



could be transformational."

The president believes that the bridge will encourage European businesses and entrepreneurs to relocate and co-locate businesses, uncover innovative cross-border cultural tourism and in particular, experience-led leisure opportunities.

"With the connectivity, airport proximity and ease of travel the bridge brings, the potential for MECC to expedite trade links with Europe is of a new order," he added.

Meanwhile Leong Wa Kun, president of the Macau delegation of CCILC, noted that the HKZMB will become a major transportation hub connecting the eastern and western parts of the Greater Bay Area. Leong continued by saying that the bridge will offer the advantage of a significantly shorter commuting

time between core cities within the area, and that this advantage will effectively promote industrial development.

According to him, the bridge will strengthen the mobility of talented individuals between Hong Kong, Zhuhai and Macau, help attract foreign investors and increase the economic competitiveness of the Pearl River Delta region.

Leong added that the visit has deepened enterprises' understanding of the opportunities that will arise from the integration of the Pearl River Delta region. Leong believes that this will help them to invest in the Greater Bay Area that this influx of business will prove the strength of Macau's platforms and further facilitate trade activities between China and Portuguese-speaking countries.

Albergue to launch book on East Timor independence

ALBERGUE SCM will be hosting a book launch ceremony on February 2 for a new work titled "East Timor's Independence, Indonesia and ASEAN". During the launch ceremony, book author and editor Professor Jean A. Berlie, a researcher at the Education University of Hong Kong, will share his views on the research topics that are discussed in his book.

Berlie's book explores how history and cultural traditions have shaped Timorese politics, as well as the role that Indonesia and ASEAN (The Association of Southeast Asian Nations) play in the country's future. It provides a glimpse of the complex political system through a perspective that takes into consideration the Portuguese colonization, Indonesian neo-colonialism and the United Nations missions.

The work also addresses broader issues such as the politics of modernization, development and youth education.

According to a note autho-

red by Berlie, "the possibilities presented by the new president, Luo-Olo, as well as the upcoming parliamentary elections, make this project a timely contribution that confirms the vibrancy of East Timor's democratic process and bi-party political system."

Berlie is a researcher at the Education University of Hong Kong and a member and former vice-president of the Association of Research on Southeast Asia, Paris. He is also a member of the board of Tai Culture within SEACOM (Southeast Asia Communication Centre), Berlin. He teaches at Lingnan University, Hong Kong and Jinan University, Guangzhou: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies.

He has published several books and articles on Chinese and Southeast Asian politics and international relations, including a 2012 piece, titled "The Chinese of Macau a Decade after the Handover".

The book launch ceremony will be conducted in English with free admission.

ASK THE VET

by Dr Ruan Du Toit Bester



3 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN DOG AND CAT FLEA PRODUCTS

There are many differences between dog and cat flea products. It is important to be aware of these differences before making a purchase for your pet. Being uninformed about what you use on your animal can result in purchasing the wrong product and even causing harm to your pet. Below are the most common differences between dog and cat flea products.

1. INGREDIENTS

The main difference between dog and cat flea prevention medications and shampoos is the main ingredient. Permethrin is a common insecticide that is found in dog flea prevention products. It can easily be confused with pyrethrin which is in most flea prevention products for cats. Permethrin is a stronger form of pyrethrin and can be toxic to cats because of its high levels. Flea products that contain permethrin are labeled "for dogs only" and should never be used on a cat. If you have a cat and a dog, it is important that

direct contact between the two be limited after the dog is treated.

Ingredients that are recommended for effective flea treatment in cats are safe levels of insecticide to eliminate adult fleas. Insect Growth Regulators (commonly labeled as "IGRs") or Insect Development Inhibitors ("IDIs") prevent young fleas from developing into mature, biting insects. These ingredients are only effective on insects and are not harmful to mammals. Be cautious when it comes to flea prevention on senior or pregnant pets. Consult your veterinarian for non-insecticidal products.

2. WEIGHT

The dosage in flea prevention products is based on weight. Purchase a product that is suitable for your pet's current weight. If you are unsure of your pet's weight, have them weighed at the veterinarian or groomer. If your pet is small enough, you can get an approximate weight on a home scale by first weighing

yourself, then weighing yourself holding your pet and deducting to find the difference. Weight is another reason why it is unsafe to use a dog flea product on a cat. Most cats will weigh significantly less than a dog. Combined with their sensitive metabolism, using the wrong product can make your cat extremely ill.

3. ENVIRONMENT

Purchase a flea product based on your location. Flea prevention products may also include ingredients that repel mosquitoes, ticks and other insects. A cat who only lives indoors will need a less potent flea product than a dog who goes outdoors to eliminate. Research the most common insects in your area to determine the best product for your pet.

When it comes to purchasing a flea product for your dog or cat, remember the following:

- Read the label. Ingredients found in flea products will determine what insects are targeted.
- Never apply a dog flea product on a cat. Cat's have a sensitive metabolism that is greatly affected by the high levels of insecticide found in dog flea prevention products.
- Weigh your animal before making your



- purchase to find the correct dosage.
- Research your local insect population to determine what your animal needs protection against.
- Be cautious when using flea prevention on senior or pregnant animals. Consult your veterinarian for methods of flea control that don't use insecticides.

Hope this info helps
Till next week
Dr Ruan Bester

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Health bureau urges flu vaccination after fatal case

THE government is calling on the public to take preventive measures and get vaccinated against the seasonal influenza, as the region enters the peak season for the winter flu.

The Health Bureau (SSM) reiterated the appeal at a press conference yesterday, following the death of a 4-year-old girl who died from type A influenza virus on Thursday. The girl's death is the city's first fatal case of the flu this year.

The kindergarten student was presented with a fever and a runny nose on January 18 and tested negative for influenza virus when she first sought treatment at Kiang Wu Hospital.

Her condition did not improve after her initial treatment and she tested positive for the virus on January 23.

Clinical diagnosis showed her death was related to influenza type A infection and



The Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam, visited the Areia Preta Health Centre to gain a better understanding of the seasonal influenza vaccination

was complicated by pneumonia.

The patient and her one-and-a-half-year-old sister – who has also tested positive for the influenza type A virus – did not receive a 2017-2018 seasonal flu vaccination, the bureau said. Other measures that could be implemented include the suspension of classes in case a student dies.

SSM announced in a statement that it has prepared a

response plan to cope with the fluctuating incidence of flu, including reserving sufficient supply of medicines, vaccines and other medical resources.

SSM has purchased a total of 120,000 flu vaccinations for the 2017-2018 flu season; there are still 14,600 vaccines available for local residents.

The region also has a reserve of antiviral medicines that

could serve up to 180,000 people, and a three-month supply of epidemic-prevention materials.

Since January 1, the city has recorded a total of 15 cases (four males and 11 females) with flu infection combined with pneumonia.

Among the balance of the patients, 12 are now discharged and two are being treated in local hospitals and are in a stable condition.

The bureau learnt that 13 of the 15 total patients had not been vaccinated in preparation for the current flu season.

SSM said that it would continue to monitor developments regarding the incidence of respiratory diseases.

Members of the public are urged to practice good personal and environmental hygiene and to take heed of different measures to minimize the risk of infection from a respiratory disease.

Stephen Hung resigns from The 13

Hong Kong investor Stephen Hung has resigned as joint chairman and executive director of The 13 Holdings Ltd., the company developing a "super-luxury" hotel-resort in Coloane called The 13. Hung has now been replaced by Peter Coker as company chairman. The resignation was announced late last week in a filing to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, shortly after the most recent delay to the hotel's opening date and amid ongoing uncertainty over whether The 13 Holdings will be permitted to operate gaming facilities. The company last week said it would open by April 30, 2018, with or without a casino.

Customs seized 81,560 untaxed cigarettes

The Macau Customs Service seized more than 80,000 untaxed cigarettes in recent and continuing inspections across all districts in Macau, according to a statement released by the bureau. On the days of January 22, 23 and 25, the Customs Service, along with tobacco control officers, inspected a total of 25 shops in Macau. In five of these stores, 81,560 cigarettes (4,078 packs) were seen on display without warning signs on the packs. All the incorrectly packaged cigarette packs belonged to famous cigarette brands. In total, the untaxed cigarettes correspond to an amount of approximately MOP122,000 in taxes. Five people have been taken to the Customs headquarters for further enquiry. According to the investigation, the cigarettes were purchased from mainland China by the owners of these shops, and were later sold to non-local workers and parallel goods traders. The responsible people will face a penalty of MOP5,000 to MOP100,000.

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Wynn out as Republican finance chair after harassment claims

BILLIONAIRE Steve Wynn has stepped down as Republican National Committee finance chair, the RNC's chairwoman said, a day after reports that the casino magnate had engaged in multiple instances of sexual harassment.

The decision may be a blow to the Republican Party's fundraising as it gears up for midterm elections in November with an unpopular president as its standard-bearer.

"Today I accepted Steve Wynn's resignation as Republican National Committee finance chair," the RNC's Ronna Romney McDaniel said in a statement that didn't reference the harassment allegations.

Wynn, the founder of Wynn Resorts Ltd., paid USD7.5 million to settle claims brought by a former manicurist at his Las Vegas resort who said he pressured her to have sex with him, the Wall Street Journal said Friday. The report contained numerous other allegations of harassment and coercion by other women.

Wynn's departure was first reported by Politico. In a statement on Saturday, Wynn, whose fortune is estimated by the Bloomberg Billionaires Index at about \$3.5 billion, noted the "distraction" caused by allegations he termed "preposterous" a day earlier.

"The work we are doing to make America a better place is too important to be impaired by this distraction," Wynn said in the statement. "I thank the president for the opportunity to serve."

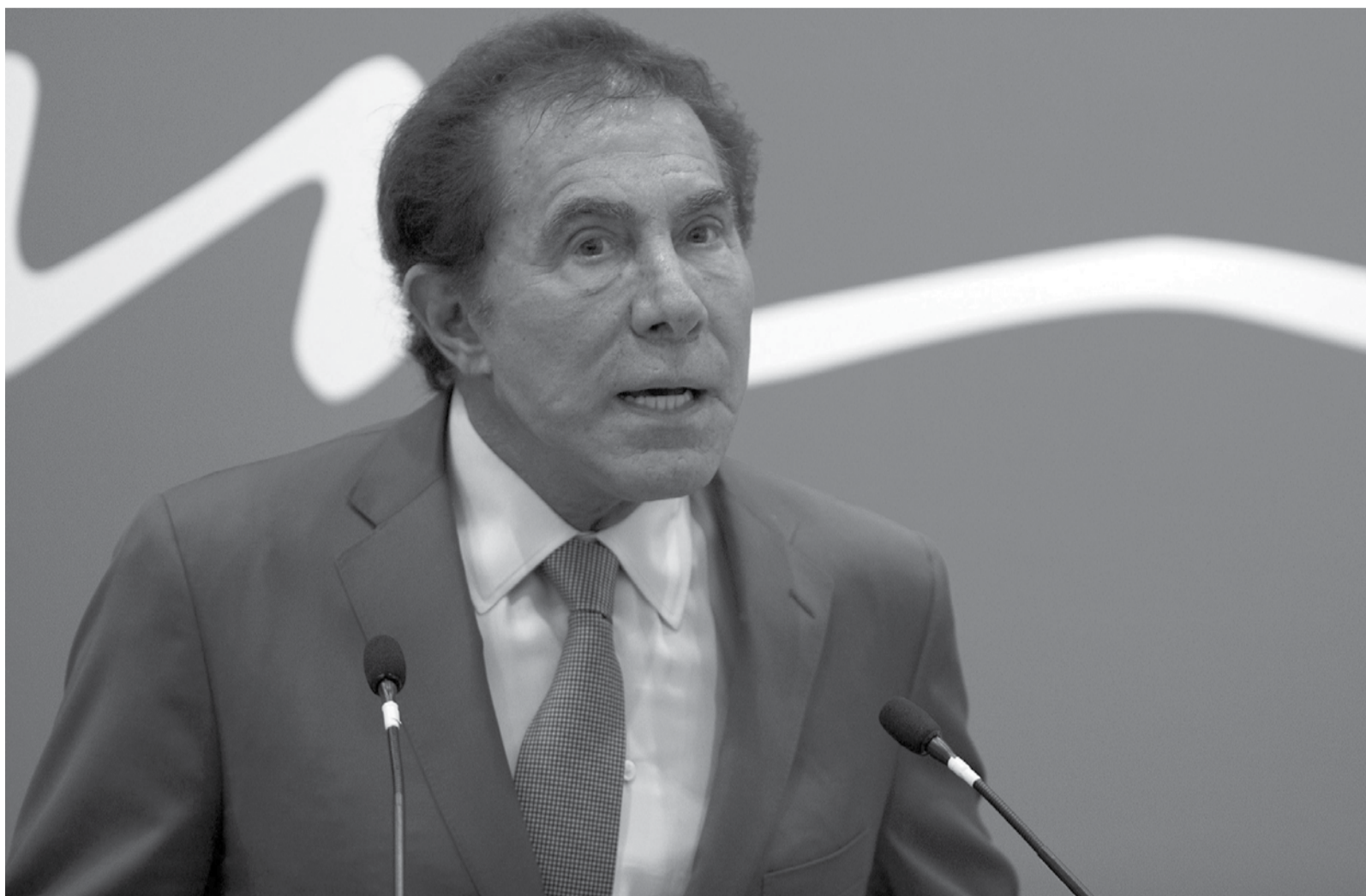
'DEEPLY COMMITTED'

The board of directors of Wynn Resorts met and formed a special committee comprised of independent directors to investigate the allegations, according to a statement issued by the board.

"The board is deeply committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all of the company's employees and to operating with the highest ethical standards," it said in the statement.

Committee members contacted by Bloomberg said they first learned of the allegations from news reports. One, who asked not to be identified because he wasn't authorized to speak for the party, said that in his view the Republican Party couldn't keep Wynn in such a high-pro-

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file position given the nature of the accusations.

Under Wynn, the RNC set a fundraising record in 2017 for a non-election year. It ended November with \$33.5 million more in the bank than its Democratic counterpart, thanks in part to the big donors Wynn can attract.

The work we are doing to make America a better place is too important to be impaired by this distraction.

STEVE WYNN

'ANOTHER WORRY'

"Most of the credit for the cash on hand advantage goes to chairwoman McDaniel and her team. But Wynn was certainly a part of the success. He will be hard to replace, especially mid-cycle," said Dan Eberhart, chief executive officer of oilfield services firm Canary LLC and a Republican fundraiser. "It's another worry the Republicans don't need."

The allegations come at a delicate time for the party, which needs to maintain its financial edge as it faces a wave of retiring House incumbents and an expensive Senate race in Florida.

The party is also struggling to improve its standing with women after its reputation was bruised last year in Alabama. Roy Moore, the party's candidate for what had been one of its safest Senate seats, lost after allegations arose that he had sexually assaulted a 14-year-old girl when he was in his mid-30s and had pursued other teenagers.

STORMY WEATHER

Republicans also have to contend with the fact that President Donald Trump, who personally asked Wynn to be the party's top fundraiser, came under fire in 2016 for a video in which he made lewd comments while taping the television program "Access Hollywood" in 2005. Separately, 19 women have accused the president of sexual misconduct.

More recently were revelations this month that one of Trump's lawyers paid adult-film actress Stephanie Clifford, known as Stormy Daniels, \$130,000 before the 2016 election to keep quiet about an alleged affair with Trump that started in 2006.

As powerful men across an array of industries have been accused of harassing and abusing women, both parties have had to deal with misconduct allegations in their ranks. Democrats forced high-profile incumbents, including Senator Al Franken of Minnesota and Representative John Conyers of Michigan, to resign.

TAXPAYER MONEY

Among Republicans, Representative Blake Farenthold of Texas decided not to seek re-election after a report surfaced that he used \$84,000 of taxpayer money to settle a sexual-harassment complaint brought by a former aide.

Republicans have been critical of Democrats for accepting money from the movie producer Harvey Weinstein, who was a prolific fundraiser for the party as well. In response to the allegations of sexual misconduct against Weinstein, the RNC's McDaniel tweeted that returning his money "would be a no-brainer."

According to the Journal, which said it had contacted more than 150 people who worked with Wynn, he coerced the manicurist and massage therapists to per-

form sex acts for \$1,000 tips.

In his statement denying the allegations, Wynn told the Journal that it was "deplorable for anyone to find themselves in this situation."

Wynn Resorts said in a statement that it requires all employees to undergo anti-harassment training. A hotline was established to report incidents of harassment; currently the hotline has not received any reports regarding Steve Wynn.

'REMAIN SILENT'

Democrats were quick to pounce. "They remain silent amid sexual assault allegations involving Steve Wynn, one of their party's most senior officials," spokeswoman Sabrina Singh said in a statement on Friday. "We believe that women must be empowered and respected."

Wynn and Trump have a long history. They competed in the Atlantic City casino market two decades ago - a period that included a fierce court battle. They have since made amends, though Wynn has said he didn't fully embrace Trump until he had already won.

Wynn said Trump asked him to be the committee's finance chairman before the inauguration. His duties include building a national network of fundraisers and courting major donors, who increasingly have more options amid the rise of outside groups that can raise and spend unlimited sums. **MDT/Bloomberg**

SEVERAL COMMISSIONS TO INVESTIGATE

THE BOARD of Wynn Resorts has announced that a special committee of independent directors will investigate claims of sexual misconduct leveled against Steve Wynn. Patricia Mulroy, a former member of the Nevada Gaming Commission, a body that co-regulates the state's casino industry, will head the committee. Other regulatory

bodies may also conduct investigations. United Press International reported that the Nevada Gaming Control Board said it was "aware of the situation and [is] reviewing the information." In Massachusetts, where a new Wynn casino is being constructed, the Massachusetts Gaming Commission has announced it will launch a separate review.

Heritage consultation enters second phase

THE Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) has informed in a statement that the second phase of the public consultations, "Safeguard and Management Plan of Macau's Historical Center" and "Heritage Classification Procedure - Shipyards of Lai Chi Vun" started on January 27.

Both public consultations have been opened with the purpose of collecting opinions and suggestions that aim to contribute to an "effective [plan to] safeguard the Historic Center of Macau and to implement the Cultural Heritage Protection Law (Heritage Law)." The consultations' other stated aim was to determine the best course of action regarding preservation and future developments on the Lai Chi Vun area, which also includes the old shipyards.

With the first phase reaching to its completion,



The former Lai Chi Vun shipyards

the IC has launched the second phase. The first public session of the second phase, titled, "Safeguard and Management Plan of Macau's Historical Center" was held on January 27. According to the same statement, in the first session, the IC members explained both the plan and targets for heritage protection and control measures as well as the public having the opportunity to voice their opinions.

The IC also reminded all interested parties that the second public session of the public consultation regarding this plan will take place on February 11 at 3 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Macau Cultural Center (CCM), and public participation is welcome.

The first public session of the second phase included a discussion of the second

topic, "Heritage Classification Procedure - Shipyards of Lai Chi Vun." The discussion began with an explanation, given by IC representatives, of the current status and cultural value, and the area and property type that is proposed to be included in the mentioned classification. As in the first case, a second public session of this public consultation is also planned for February 11, at 10 a.m., in the CCM Conference Room.

Both public consultations periods are set to close at the end of March this year and the IC would like to remind all citizens that opinions can continue to be expressed by postal mail, fax, e-mail, through websites and also may be delivered in person. The texts of the two consultations can be obtained at the IC Building at Tap Seac Square, the public libraries operating under the IC and on the respective web pages. **RM**

Unemployment rate remains stable

THE Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) has reported that based on the bureau's latest data for the three-month period from October to December 2017, the unemployment rate in Macau continues to be stable at 1.9 percent. During that period, the underemployment rate was 0.3 percent, representing a decrease of 0.1 percentage points from the September to November period.

The total labor force at the end of the year was 383,000 and the labor force participation rate stood at 69.9 percent. Total employment was 375,900 and the number of employed residents totaled 276,400, down by 1,600 and 2,100 respectively from the previous period.

The number of unemployed people was 7,100, representing a decrease of 300. Fresh labor force entrants searching for their first job accounted for 12.6 percent of the total unemployed, down by 2.2 percentage points.

For the whole year of 2017, the general unemployment rate was 2 percent, up by 0.1 percentage points year-on-year. The unemployment rate of residents was 2.7 percent, the same as in 2016.

In 2017, median monthly employment earnings stayed flat at MOP15,000, while the resident component earned on average MOP19,000 per month, up by MOP1,000 over a year earlier. As for median monthly earnings per household, the average increased by MOP400 to MOP28,400 in 2017.

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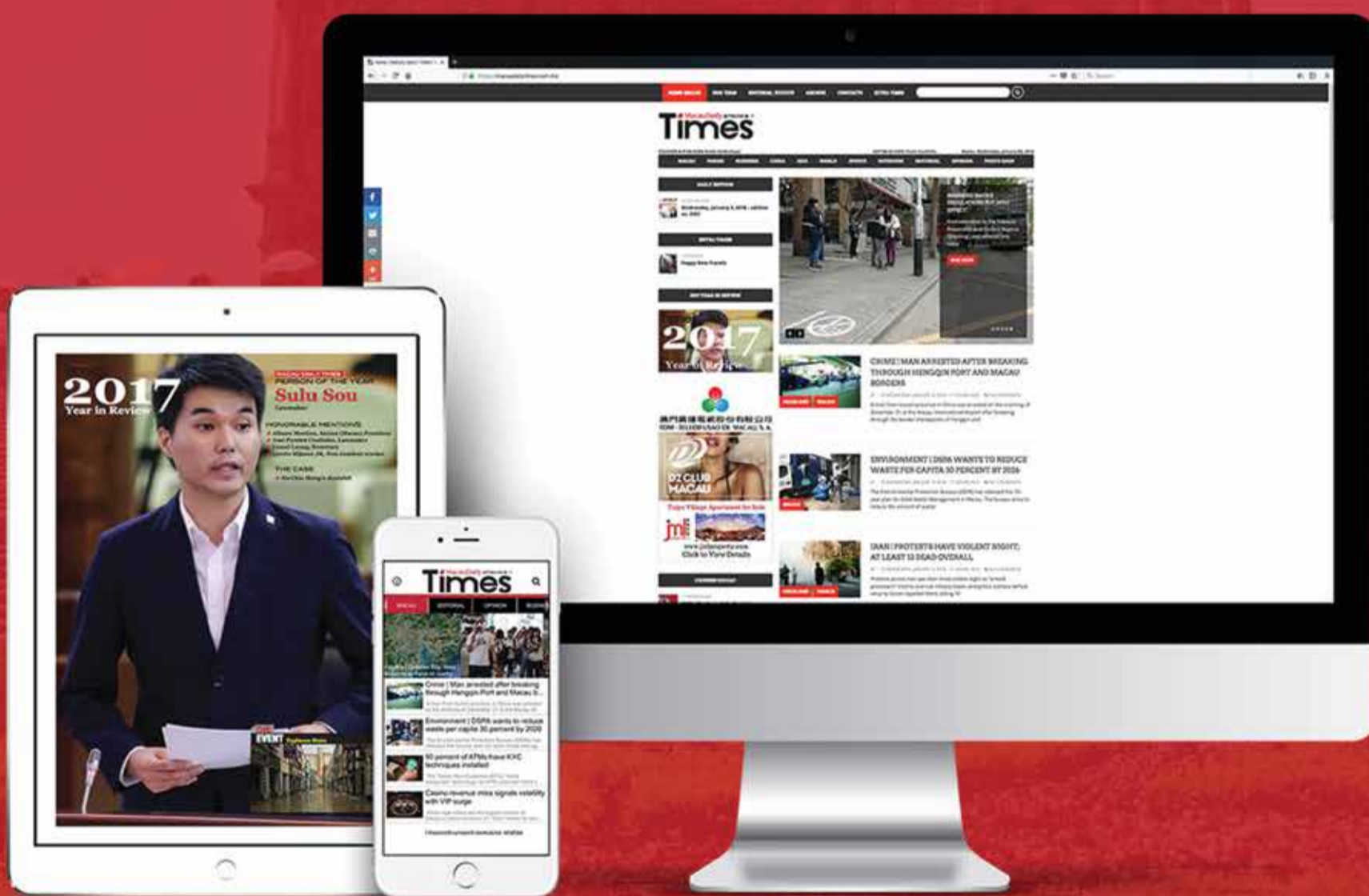
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FMCC celebrates 10th anniversary

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THE France Macau Chamber of Commerce (FMCC) celebrated on Friday with its 10th Anniversary Charity Gala Dinner. The event was themed "Extravagance au Moulin Rouge" and was attended by many local and French distinguished guests.

Over 300 people joined this year's Gala Dinner, which has become an important annual event for the French business community based in Macau.

The annual Charity Gala Dinner commenced with a welcome speech from the consul general of France in Hong Kong and Macau, Eric Berti. The chairman of the France Macau Chamber of Commerce, Rutger Verschuren, also made an address, saying that this year's 10th Anniversary Charity

Gala Dinner was an opportunity to celebrate an exceptional and recent achievement - in June 2017 FMCC was integrated under the umbrella of "CCI France International", a leading French network that unites 120 French Chambers of Commerce and Industries abroad in 90 countries, connecting over 45,000 companies globally. Inclusion in CCI France International marks a major milestone for FMCC, one of Macau's largest chambers and their participation in this international organization will significantly increase Macau's exposure on the world map.

Accompanied by the founders, the VIP guests and board of directors, Verschuren made a toast and wished all those present a successful year.

The 2018 Gala Dinner was in aid of Macau Fok Sin Association



(MFS) a local non-profit association, which provides a platform for young residents to participate in community work. The association works with the aim of helping participants to understand and accept that the unfortunate and underprivileged are a part of the

community. Through the project "Visit the Elderly", MFS organizes visits and provides useful gifts, such as food, clothes and essential articles to unprivileged elderly with low mobility, who do not have families, and who lack emotional and

financial support.

The MFS volunteers also bring smiles, attention and warmth, in special occasions such as Chinese New Year, to benefit the population of disadvantaged elderly residents in the region, particularly those who have yet to fully recover from the destruction caused by Typhoon Hato.

This year, the Macau Fok Sin Association is expecting to help over 80 elderly people, which will cost an estimated MOP80,000. Thanks to the generosity of sponsors, FMCC raised MOP79,984.7.

FMCC, formerly known as FMBA, was founded in 2008 with the support of the Macau Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM), and the Consul General of France in Hong Kong and Macau. FMCC is open to French and non-French members.

Macau willing to help Angola diversify its economy

THE Macau government has expressed its readiness to strengthen the existing partnership between Macau and Angola to assist in the process of economic diversification underway in the country, the Angolan Embassy in China said in a statement.



Luanda, Angola

The support from Macau authorities to help diversify the Angolan economy was given during a recent meeting between the Angolan ambassador to China, João Garcia Bires and the Chief Executive of the MSAR, Chui Sai On.

At the meeting held in Macau, the parties dis-

cussed the strengthening of cooperation and exchanges in the development of Macau as a business and cooperation platform between China and Portuguese-speaking countries, according to a statement from the Angolan em-

bassy cited last week by Angolan news agency Angop.

Garcia Bires, who was accompanied by the Angolan Consul General in Angola, Sofia Pega-do and the advisor to the Angolan embassy in Beijing, Virgilio Zu-

lumongo, thanked the Macau government for its willingness at a time when the Angolan government is committed to attracting investment in order to promote economic diversification.

The Macau chief executive spoke about the importance of improving the relationship between the parties and also invited Angola to join the "Belt and Road" initiative proposed by Chinese President Xi Jinping in 2013, which seeks to strengthen economic ties between Asia, Africa and Europe with an investment of billions of dollars in infrastructure. **MDT/Macauhub**

Police launch winter operation to prevent crime during CNY

THE Macau Unitary Police Service (SPU) has announced their Winter Prevention Operation 2018, an operation that aims to bolster crime prevention efforts ahead of the Lunar New Year (CNY) season. CNY is marked every year by an exponential growth of crimes against property.

In a statement, the SPU has announced that this year's operation started on January 26 and will combine the efforts of both the public security police force (PSP) and the Judiciary Police (PJ). According to the same statement, the operation is composed of "awareness campaigns and operations to fight crime." On the crime fighting part, the authorities clarified that they

will be focusing on "vehicle verifications as well as inspection in the casinos and fighting crimes such as illegal immigration and drugs [consumption and trafficking]."

The authorities continued by saying that measures regarding crowd control will be activated to ensure the flow of people and vehicles "at border crossings and on public roads." This crowd control will be formed by "mobilizing more tourist police officers for the areas of greater movement," and the authorities hope that adequate crowd control will ensure "a deterrent effect on criminals and increase the capacity of authorities to protect residents and respond to emergencies."

corporate bits

MAYDAY PERFORMS AT THE VENETIAN MACAO



Asian band Mayday dazzled at their sell-out audience Friday night, delivering a succession of hits for the "Mayday 2018 Life Tour Macao" at

The Venetian Macao's Cotai Arena as part of their 20th anniversary celebrations.

Mayday's performance was one of four concerts held at

the venue and the band performed around 30 songs over the three-hour show. Their show included costume changes, guest appearances and animated movies depicting band members as superheroes.

According to a statement issued by Sands China, the high points included the songs; "Party Animal", "Jump", "People Life, Ocean Wild", "Sad People Should Not Listen to Slow Songs" and "Stubborn."

Often described as "the Asian Beatles", the band is made up of five members; Ashin, Monster and Stone (guitars), Masa (bass guitar) and Guan You (drums).

To date, Mayday has produced nine albums and numerous hit singles and videos.

MGM PARTNERS WITH JANICE WONG FOR CNY PASTRIES



MGM have announced that they will be teaming up with pastry chef, Janice Wong, to curate contemporary yet nostalgic Chinese New Year confectioneries.

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from the history of collaboration between Wong and MGM, Wong will integrate classic Western pastries with traditional Eastern tea, to create a fresh approach to the tea experience.

To present the signature pastries and teas to the public, the Chinese New Year Gift Set will be available as the prelude of Janice Wong MGM at MGM Cotai.

Three options of exclusive gift sets will be available, including the Chinese New Year Pudding Gift Set, the savory Turnip Pudding Gift Set and a third option of a Mini Chinese New Year and Turnip Pudding Gift Set. These gifts sets will be featured and available for purchase at the two properties.

All three gift sets include the Pineapple Pastries, a tin of signature Janice Wong Tea, and a taste of her creations; the aromatic Toffee Popcorn, the floral Marzipan Rose are two that will be included in the gift sets.

IKEA says founder Ingvar Kamprad has died at 91

Karl Ritter, Stockholm

INGVAR Kamprad, the IKEA founder who turned a small-scale mail order business into a global furniture empire, has died at 91, the company said yesterday.

IKEA Sverige, the chain's Swedish unit, said on Twitter that Kamprad died Saturday at his home in Smaland, Sweden. "He will be much missed and warmly remembered by his family and IKEA staff all around the world," the company said.

Kamprad's life story is intimately linked to the company he founded at age 17 on the family farm. His work ethic, frugality and down-to-earth style remain at the core of its corporate identity today. But his missteps in life, including early flirtations with Nazism, never rubbed off on IKEA, one of the world's most recognizable brands.

Kamprad formed the company's name from his own initials and the first letters of the family farm, Elmtaryd, and the parish of Agunnaryd where it is located. It's in the heart of Smaland, a forested province whose people are known in Sweden for thrift and ingenuity. Kamprad possessed both.

Later in life, his name often appeared on lists of the world's richest men, but he never adopted the aura of a tycoon. He drove a modest Volvo and dressed unassumingly. In a 1998 book that he co-authored about IKEA's history, he described his habit of visiting vegetable street markets right before they closed for the day, hoping to get a better price on their goods.

Born March 30, 1926, Kamprad was a precocious entrepreneur who sold matchboxes to neighbors from his bicycle. He found that he could buy them in bulk



This 2002 photo shows Ingvar Kamprad, founder of Swedish multinational furniture retailer IKEA

very cheaply from Stockholm, and sell them at a low price but still make a good profit. From matches, he expanded to selling fish, Christmas tree decorations, seeds, and later ball-point pens and pencils.

Kamprad soon moved away from making individual sales calls and began advertising in local newspapers and operating a makeshift mail-order catalog. He distributed his products via the local milk van, which delivered them to the nearby train station.

In 1950, Kamprad first introduced furniture into his catalog. The furniture was produced by local manufacturers in the fo-

rests close to his home. After the positive response he received, he soon decided to discontinue all of the other products and focus on low-priced furniture.

■ Kamprad's work ethic, frugality and down-to-earth style remain at the core of IKEA's corporate identity

Since then the IKEA concept — keeping prices low by letting the customers assemble the furniture themselves — offers affordable home furnishings at stores across the globe.

In 1994, Swedish newspaper Expressen reported that Kamprad had contacts with Swedish fascist leader Per Engdahl in the 1940s and '50s. In a letter to IKEA employees, Kamprad admitted that he once had sympathies for the far-right leader and called it "a part of my life which I bitterly regret."

In the 1998 book, he gave more details about his youthful "delusions," saying he had been influenced as child by his German

grandmother's strong support for Hitler. His paternal grandparents emigrated to Sweden in the 1890s.

"Now I have told all I can," he said at a book release ceremony at an IKEA store in suburban Stockholm. "Can one ever get forgiveness for such stupidity?"

The book also contained details about his struggles with alcohol and his successes and failures in business.

IKEA celebrates its Swedish heritage: the company's stores are painted blue and yellow like the Swedish flag and serve meatballs and other traditional Swedish food. But Kamprad's relationship with his homeland was sometimes complicated.

He moved to Switzerland in the late 1970s to avoid paying Swedish taxes, which at the time were the highest in the world. He decided to return home only after his wife Margaretha died in 2011.

The estate inventory filed to Swedish tax authorities in 2013 confirmed that the couple lived comfortably, but hardly in opulence. They had two cars — a 2008 Skoda and a 1993 Volvo 240. Kamprad's personal wealth was established at 750 million kronor (USD113 million), a considerable amount, but far from the multibillion-dollar sums attributed to him on world's-richest lists compiled by Forbes and others.

IKEA officials have said such lists, which compared his wealth to that of Warren Buffet or Bill Gates, erroneously considered IKEA's assets as his own. IKEA is owned by foundation that Kamprad created, whose statutes require profits to be reinvested in the company or donated to charity.

The estate inventory showed that Kamprad donated more than \$20 million to philanthropic causes in 2012 alone.

In June 2013, Kamprad announced that he would retire from the board which controls the IKEA brand as part of moves to hand responsibilities over to his son, Mathias. **AP**

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A combine harvests soybeans

Brazil overtakes the US, becomes main supplier of soy to China

BRAZIL overtook the United States in 2017 to become the main soybean supplier to China, with 50.9 million tons, a figure that is a 33.3 percent increase compared to the figure in 2016, according to figures issued last week in Beijing by the country's customs.

China imported about 95.5 million tons of soybeans in 2017, with the United States selling 32.8 million tons, down 3.85 percent, followed by Argentina, which placed 6.58 million tons in the Chinese market, with an annual decline of 17.8 percent.

In December, China imported 9.54 million tons of soybeans, a year-on-year increase of 6.13

percent, with the United States placing 6.19 million tons in the market and Brazil 1.94 million tons, an increase of 517 percent over the amount exported in December 2017.

Chinese imports of maize reached 2.82 million tons in 2017, 10.7 percent less than in 2016, with Ukraine the main supplier with 1.82 million tones, followed by the United States with 756,000 tons.

Australia was the main supplier of wheat to China, with 1.9 million tons, followed by the United States with 1.55 million tons, with Chinese imports last year totaling 4.3 million tons. **MDT/Macauhub**

Cape Verde to implement 'golden visa' scheme

THE Cape Verdean parliament approved by majority a bill that grants permanent residence permits to foreign nationals who purchase a second home in the West African archipelago.

The proposal stipulates issuing Permanent Resident Cards to foreign citizens who invest in tourist real estate costing over 80,000 euros in municipalities with a per capita Gross Domestic Product (GDP) below the national average and 120,000 euros in municipalities with GDP higher than the national average.

The permanent residence permit will be for an indefinite period and its holders will be given

priority of service at the offices of the Foreigner and Borders Service, and benefits will be extended to any spouse and children aged under 14.

The bill also provides for the exemption of Single Property Tax on the properties concerned and a reduction of 50 percent over the next ten years, and retirees with incomes from outside Cape Verde will also benefit from tax exemptions.

The idea is to promote the construction sector and employment, aiming to put Cabo Verde on the map of investments in the area of tourism real estate, according to the bill. **MDT/Macauhub**

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SANDS CHINA NEWS

Sands China Care Ambassadors Help Live-Along Elderly with Spring Cleaning

Annual Chinese New Year activity in its 9th year
Benefits users of Peng On Tung Tele-Assistance programme

A group of around 70 Sands China Care Ambassadors helped clean the homes of 61 live-alone elderly at Seac Pai Van public housing in Coloane Jan 21, spending time with them in an annual spring cleaning activity in preparation for Chinese New Year.

It is the ninth consecutive year that volunteers from Sands China have visited the homes of live-alone elderly, all of whom are users of the Peng On Tung Tele-Assistance programme organised by The General Union for Neighbourhood Associations. Sands China Ltd. has supported the programme since 2010, donating a total of approximately MOP 1.6 million to date, benefiting nearly 5,000 live-alone elderly.

Bringing cleaning supplies along with them, the Care Ambassadors chatted with the elderly residents they visited, and swept, mopped, and scrubbed their homes to prepare for the upcoming Year of the Dog. They cleaned some of the harder-to-reach places like areas too high for the residents to easily reach, which was met with great appreciation. While there, they also continued their annual tradition of presenting Chinese New Year gift packs purchased from the Fuhong Society of Macau, containing useful staples like oil, grain and noodles.

"It's important that we remember to take care of the older generation, and helping the elderly with their spring cleaning is one of my favourite volunteer activities of the year," said one of the Care Ambassadors. "It's a good feeling to be part of a community where people are concerned about one another, and that's one of the reasons why I decided to become a Care Ambassador."

Founded in August 2009, the Sands China Care Ambassador programme aims to give Sands China employees an opportunity to serve the local community by organising community activities and initiatives that work toward creating a better Macao. With a current membership of more than 1,600 volunteers from across all Sands China properties – Sands® Macao, The Venetian® Macao, The Plaza™ Macao, Sands® Cotai Central and The Parisian Macao – the Sands China Care Ambassadors have contributed close to 12,000 hours of voluntary community service in more than 50 activities in 2017. Sands China Ltd. considers initiatives like its annual spring cleaning activity as central to its commitment toward social causes and community involvement; it is one of the many ways the company's team of volunteers expresses its care and spreads warmth to vulnerable and less-advantaged groups in the Macao community.

Sands China's community work is part of Sands Cares, the global corporate citizenship programme of parent company Las Vegas Sands Corp.



Sands China Care Ambassadors visited 61 households at Seac Pai Van public housing in Coloane Jan. 21 for the traditional Chinese custom of spring cleaning. They spent time chatting with elderly live-alone residents, helped them clean their homes in preparation for the Year of the Dog, and shared Chinese New Year gift packs.



Sands China Care Ambassadors gather outside Seac Pai Van public housing in Coloane Sunday ahead of their ninth annual Chinese New Year spring cleaning service project in conjunction with the Peng On Tung Tele-Assistance programme. Around 70 volunteers visited 61 households of elderly live-alone residents Jan. 21.

1,500 evacuated while WW2 bomb defused

Around 1,500 people were evacuated from Hong Kong's Wan Chai area over the weekend, while bomb disposal officers spent 12 hours neutralizing an unexploded World War Two bomb that was recently uncovered. The 450-kilogram bomb was discovered by workers at the Sha Tin to Central rail link. The work began on Saturday night and was finished yesterday afternoon. According to Radio Television Hong Kong, a senior bomb disposal officer said that the territory's entire team went to the construction site. The work took 12 hours because it was difficult to find a suitable place to cut through and disable the device. The bomb is believed to have been made in the U.S. and dropped on Hong Kong between 1941 and 1945 when the territory was occupied by the Japanese.

China-ASEAN trade volume hits record high

Trade volume between China and ASEAN countries hit a record high in 2017, according to the Ministry of Commerce. Bilateral trade totaled USD514.8 billion last year, up 13.8 percent year on year, the fastest growth pace between China and any of its major trading partners. China's exports to ASEAN countries reached USD279.1 billion in 2017, up 9 percent year on year, while imports grew 20 percent year-on-year to stand at USD235.7 billion. China registered a trade surplus of USD43.4 billion with ASEAN countries, narrowing by 27.4 percent from 2016. Vietnam, Malaysia and Thailand were China's top trading partners in the region last year. Vietnam was China's biggest export destination while China imported more goods from Malaysia than other ASEAN countries.

HONG KONG

Young pro-democracy hopeful banned from election

Kelvin Chan, Hong Kong

THE Hong Kong government barred a young pro-democracy activist on Saturday from an upcoming election over her party's political platform that it said violates electoral laws, in the latest move by the semi-autonomous Chinese city to squelch dissent.

An official statement said the nomination of a female candidate, who was not identified, was ruled invalid.

Agnes Chow, a 21-year-old member of democracy activist Joshua Wong's Demosisto party, confirmed it was her.

Chow is the latest to fall victim to the Beijing-backed government's tightening restrictions on opposition candidates, including a new wave of young activists who emerged from huge 2014 "Umbrella Movement" de-



AP PHOTO
Agnes Chow, 21 years old, a member of democracy activist Joshua Wong's Demosisto party

monstrations against China's plans to restrict elections for Hong Kong's top leader.

She was planning to stand in a March by-election, but the government said the returning officer decided she couldn't be a candidate because of Demosisto's

platform, which advocates "self-determination" or independence for Hong Kong in violation of the city's Basic Law constitution.

Chow intended to replace fellow Demosisto member Nathan Law, who was among six opposition lawmakers removed from

office after the government won a legal battle over their swearing-in ceremonies. Wong was prevented from running because he was given a prison sentence in a case related to the 2014 protests, in which all three played prominent roles as student leaders.

"If a person advocates or promotes self-determination or independence by any means, he or she cannot possibly uphold the Basic Law or fulfil his or her duties as a legislator," the government said.

Chow told reporters the disqualification was "political screening."

"Hong Kong is not even ruled by rule of law, it's just ruled by the Beijing government," Chow said. "The decision to disqualify my candidacy is no less than a declaration to the city that our political rights are handicapped." AP

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Christopher Bodeen

CHINA'S chief envoy for North Korean affairs said Friday the reasons he hasn't visited Pyongyang are "complicated" but that China remains committed to finding a diplomatic solution to tensions over the North's nuclear weapons program.

Vice Foreign Minister Kong Xuanyou offered no details but the lack of a visit has been cited as an indication of how badly relations between Beijing and Pyongyang have deteriorated.

"I am the special representative of the Chinese government on the Korean Peninsula affairs, but I have not visited North Korea yet. The reason is quite complicated," Kong told reporters.

"But regardless whether I visit North Korea, China's commitment to safeguarding peace and stability and realizing denuclearization on the peninsula will never change," he added.

Kong, an ethnic Korean from northeastern China, was appointed special envoy in August.

China has long been the North's chief economic partner and political ally but North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's refusal to rein in his regime's provocative actions has left Beijing officials increasingly frustrated.

China's support for increasingly tough United Nations sanctions has also sparked a backlash from Pyongyang. Recent moves to ban sales of North Korean coal and other key exports are believed to

It's 'complicated:' Beijing's N. Korea envoy on lack of visit



Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Kong Xuanyou

be causing a cash crunch although the effect on regime stability isn't known.

In Tokyo, a Japanese Foreign Ministry official said Friday that Japan sees China as taking the U.N. resolutions on North Korea "very seriously," and that Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Kono intends to encourage Beijing to do more to pressure the North when he visits China this weekend for talks with his counterpart, Wang Yi, and other top officials.

But the official said that as a major trade partner of North Korea,

there is more China can do, including cutting oil supply and other key items. The official spoke on condition of anonymity due to protocol.

Sigal Mandelker, U.S. undersecretary of the Treasury for terrorism and financial intelligence, criss-crossed the region this week seeking more effective cooperation on the sanctions.

She characterized meetings with Chinese officials in Beijing as productive but also stressed that China's efforts were "critical" to maximizing pressure on Pyon-

gyang. That includes expelling any individuals facilitating illicit trade or financial transactions with North Korea and preventing smuggling.

"We need to have very strong international cooperation when it comes to cutting back the ship-to-ship transfers," Mandelker said. "While we seek to work very cooperatively with our Chinese counterparts we won't hesitate to take unilateral action where we think such unilateral action is warranted," she said.

Despite its reservations, China

wants to avoid bringing the regime crashing down, causing a potential refugee and security crisis along with the loss of a buffer between it and U.S.-backed South Korea.

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KONG XUANYOU

Unlike his father and predecessor Kim Jong Il, the younger Kim has yet to visit China since coming to power in 2011.

The last high-level Chinese visitor to Pyongyang was Song Tao, head of the ruling Communist Party's International Department, in November. **AP**

Japan foreign minister hopes for improved ties with China

JAPANESE Foreign Minister Taro Kono expressed hopes for improved relations with China during talks yesterday in Beijing that also touched on joint efforts to counter North Korea's nuclear program.

In opening remarks to his Chinese counterpart, Wang Yi, Kono said that as the world's second and third largest economies, China and Japan "have a major responsibility in safeguarding the stability and prosperity of Asia and the world at large."

Wang said China had noted positive remarks about the relationship from Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, but that difficulties still remain.

"At present, the Sino-Japanese relations are at a crucial stage. There is positive progress, but many disturbances and obstacles remain," Wang said.

Japan has pushed for

stricter measures against North Korea, which fired a ballistic missile over the Japanese island of Hokkaido in August. In his remarks, Kono stressed the need for a united front against Pyongyang.

"Not only do we need to manage our bilateral relations, but we also need to work together to deal with issues facing the entire globe, in particular the issue of North Korea, which is the matter at hand for the international community as a whole," Kono said.

Kono was also expected to discuss possible arrangements for a trilateral summit this spring in Tokyo between leaders from China, South Korea and Japan.

Following the talks, Kono met with Chinese Premier Li Keqiang and senior foreign policy adviser State Councilor Yang Jiechi.

The official Xinhua News Agency quoted Yang as

saying the sides should "set aside interferences, consolidate and expand beneficial factors and further the continued development and improvement of China-Japan relations."

China and Japan experienced a major break in relations in 2012, after Beijing responded furiously to Japan's nationalization of uninhabited East China Sea islands that Tokyo controls but which China claims.

They moved toward normalization with Abe's visit to Beijing in 2014, however, mutual distrust continues to run high, especially over the islands, known in Japan as the Senkakus and in China as the Diaoyus. Taiwan also claims the islands, referring to them as Diaoyutai.

Earlier this month, Tokyo expressed concern when a Chinese nuclear powered attack submarine was found operating just outside

Japan's territorial waters. The sub later surfaced in the high seas flying the Chinese flag.

Japanese media quoted Defense Minister Itsunori Onodera telling reporters after the incident that Japan was "seriously concerned over acts that unilaterally raise tensions" and would "respond swiftly if a similar incident happens."

Also this month, three Chinese coast guard vessels passed through what Japan considers its territorial waters surrounding the East China Sea islands in the third such intrusion this month.

Both incidents have been viewed as attempts by China to probe Japan's ability to patrol the area and detect intrusions.

Animosity between the sides owes largely to Chinese resentment over Japan's brutal invasion and occupation of large parts of China. Many Chinese feel



Taro Kono (left) shakes hands with his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi

Japan has never shown adequate contrition for its acts, a sentiment fueled by the ruling Communist Party's use of heavy-handed nationalistic propaganda in schools and entirely state-controlled media.

Yet, the Japan-U.S. military alliance remains stronger than ever and Japan has responded to China's territorial claims by recently opening a museum in Tokyo to present evidence intended to support its position.

China's generally positive relationship with South Korea, another close U.S. ally, has also soured over Beijing's demands that Seoul remove a sophisticated anti-missile system

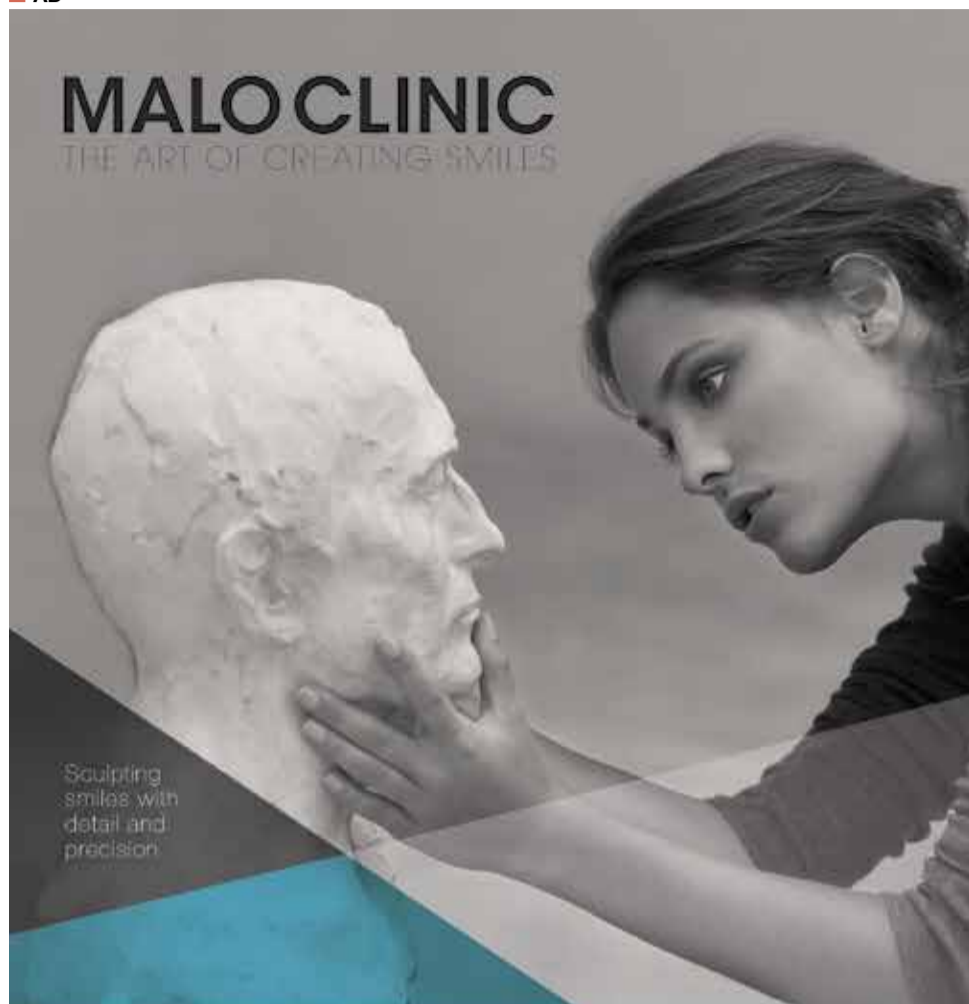
intended to counter the threat from Pyongyang.

South Korea has refused to do so and Beijing has lately softened its position by accepting a commitment to not expand the system, known as THAAD.

Hopes for further reconciliation rose in November when officials from Japan, South Korea and China met in the Philippines to discuss the possibility of again holding a trilateral summit between them. The last one was held in 2015.

Japanese reports say Tokyo hopes to arrange for a visit to China by Abe later this year, followed by a visit to Japan by Xi next year. **AP**

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INDIA

ASEAN leaders watch national day parade

TEN Southeast Asian leaders watched a parade and stunt performances as India celebrated Friday's anniversary of its national constitution taking effect.

Marching bands, floats, military hardware, camels and stunt performers on motorbikes were paraded from the president's palace through the tree-lined roads of central Delhi.

Flags of the Southeast Asian group of countries fluttered at the 90-minute parade. The celebrations also included aerial displays and floats from Indian states.

India's Constitution came into effect on Jan. 26, 1950. It won independence from British colonialists in 1947.

Leaders from Vietnam, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Brunei, Malaysia, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia and Indonesia were invited by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to commemorate the 25th anniversary of ASEAN-India ties.

India looks to deepen bonds with its eastern neighbors amid its wariness over China's growing influence in the region.

With competing territorial claims in the Asia-Pacific region, Modi said India favored a "rules-based order for the oceans and seas" and respect for international law. He was speaking at the ple-

nary session of the India-ASEAN summit on Thursday.

China's building of artificial islands on disputed features in the South China Sea, which Beijing claims almost in its entirety, has alarmed ASEAN. But China's economic and political clout has also divided the bloc in how to deal with an assertive Beijing.

Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said there was "significant potential" for expanding trade and economic cooperation between India and ASEAN.

"Southeast Asia and India together represent a quarter of the world's population, about 1.8 billion people, and a combined GDP of more than 4 and a half trillion US dollars," he said.

A declaration at the end of the summit on Thursday reaffirmed the importance of promoting maritime safety and security, freedom of navigation and overflight in the region. It also underlined the lawful uses of the seas and maritime commerce and called for peaceful resolutions of disputes.

In 2016, French President Francois Hollande was the guest of honor at India's Republic Day parade. In 2015, former President Barack Obama viewed the display. **AP**

CAMBODIA

Foreigners charged after pornographic dance arrests

CAMBODIAN prosecutors charged 10 foreigners yesterday with producing pornographic pictures after they were arrested at a party in Siem Reap town, near the country's famed Angkor Wat temple complex.

Police said they raided a rented villa on Thursday where the foreigners were taking part in what organizers billed as a pub crawl and found people "dancing pornographically." While almost 90 foreigners were detained, all but 10 were released.

The 10 arrested are five British nationals, two Canadians, one Norwegian, one New Zealander and one from the Netherlands. A statement on the arrests posted on the National Police website yesterday included photos showing clothed young adults

rolling around together on a dance floor.

The prosecutor of the Siem Reap provincial court, Samrith Sokhon, told The Associated Press by phone that those charged face up to a year in prison if convicted.

He said after producing the photos, the foreigners shared them on social media.

"Any people producing pornography is contrary to Cambodia's traditions," he said.

The United Kingdom's Foreign Office confirmed they were in contact with British nationals in Cambodia.

"We are assisting five British men arrested in Cambodia and are providing support to their families," the office said in an emailed response to questions from the AP.

Robert Burns, Hanoi

Grim reminders of a war in Vietnam, a generation later

IT'S been over for 40-plus years, the war that Americans simply call Vietnam but the Vietnamese refer to as their Resistance War Against America.

Yet it lingers in so many ways, as was apparent this week when Defense Secretary Jim Mattis dropped in for a couple of days of defense diplomacy with a former enemy. Although he never served in Vietnam and had not previously visited the country, Mattis has said he learned from a lot of Marines who did.

In his meeting with Vietnamese government leaders, Mattis' focus was on a peaceful future. Not the bloody past.

Still, the legacy of the conflict that divided America and ultimately unified Vietnam confronted Mattis almost immediately after his arrival last week as he visited a U.S. office that oversees the search for remains of American servicemen still missing from the war.

More than 1,200 Americans are unaccounted for in Vietnam and 350 more are missing in Laos, Cambodia and China, according to the Pentagon's POW-MIA Accounting Agency. That accounting effort, decades in the making and dependent on cooperation from Hanoi, is likely to continue for decades.

Later, while talking to his Vietnamese counterpart, Mattis was presented with photo identification cards of two U.S. servicemen from the war. Details weren't made public.

More than 58,000 U.S. service members were killed in the war, including more than 1,200 in Cambodia and Laos.

Estimates of the number of Vietnamese killed vary widely, from about 2 million to nearly twice that. For the Vietnamese,



In this May 1966 file photo, a U.S. Air Force C-123 sprays defoliants on dense jungle growth beside the road to eliminate ambush sites

se, the war was a continuation of their fight for independence from French colonial masters. And it was quickly followed by a border war with China in 1979. The country reunified and remains communist, although it has opened up to foreign investment. Hanoi is a bustling, vibrant capital city.

Among Vietnam's other reminders of the war: environmental damage and unexploded mines. Vietnamese still suffer from the effects of herbicides, including Agent Orange, sprayed by U.S.

forces to defoliate the countryside.

"We're still remediating the effects of the war," Mattis told reporters Thursday as he flew out of the country. The U.S. government has helped clean up contamination from bases American forces used before completing their withdrawal in 1975. Last year the U.S. and Vietnam finished the first phase of dioxin cleanup at Danang airport.

Remarkably, given this history, Vietnam indicated during Mattis's visit that it may permit

a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier to make a port visit in March — something that has never happened in the postwar period.

Just down the street from the hotel where Mattis stayed is Hoa Lo prison, known to the Americans who spent part of the war there as the Hanoi Hilton. Inside are dark reminders of the suffering, the sacrifice and the shackles — not just of the Americans held there but also Vietnamese imprisoned in earlier decades by the French.

One of those American pri-

soners was John McCain, shot down on a bombing mission over Hanoi in 1967, before the U.S. anti-war movement was in full swing. Along the lake from which a badly injured McCain was recovered by his captors stands a concrete marker depicting the captured pilot and noting that his Navy plane was one of several shot down that day.

Mattis' motorcade drove by the McCain marker as the Pentagon boss made his way to a lakeside pagoda to show his respect for Vietnamese culture. He told the monk there that he enjoyed the serene setting.

"Beautiful. Peaceful. It makes you think more deeply," Mattis said.

By coincidence, Mattis' visit came just days before the Vietnamese marked the 50th anniversary of the Tet Offensive. That series of assaults by the North Vietnamese was timed to coincide with Tet, the Lunar New Year holiday, on Jan. 31, 1968. Militarily it was a failure, but the offensive marked a turning point in the war because it punctured American hopes of certain and swift victory. After Tet, the U.S. began to focus less on how to win and more on how to get out.

Even with past hostilities in mind, Mattis said his visit made clear that Americans and Vietnamese have shared interests that in some cases predate the Vietnam War. "Neither of us liked being colonized," he said. AP

KIRIBATI - NEW ZEALAND

Seven rescued from life raft in Pacific Ocean after ferry sank

Nick Perry, Wellington

SIX adults and an unconscious baby were rescued yesterday from a life raft in the Pacific Ocean after drifting for four days in the blazing sun without water. The survivors had scrambled onto the small wooden dinghy after the ferry they were aboard sank, according to authorities.

New Zealand Defence Force Air Commodore Darryn Webb said the crew on a military Orion plane had used radar to locate the dinghy while searching for survivors. He said the

ferry had been carrying at least 50 people while traveling between two islands in the remote nation of Kiribati.

Webb said there has been no sign of any other survivors. He said it wasn't clear yet what caused the ferry to sink.

The plane dropped supplies to the survivors including food, water and a radio, Webb said. The survivors used the radio to tell rescuers they'd managed to get off the ferry when it capsized and climb aboard the dinghy, he said.

Webb said the survivors had very little time to react

and found themselves adrift without water or an engine. He said they did have a blanket or tarpaulin which they may have been able to use to get some relief from the sun.

Webb said a fishing boat had changed its course and picked up the survivors Sunday afternoon. He said the dinghy was drifting more than 180 kilometers from the nearest major island when it was found. "Our heart goes out to the baby and to all those remaining of the 50-plus people," he said.

While thankful the life raft was found, Webb said

it was also heartbreaking the ferry had sunk and the others were still missing. He said there was a lot of debris near the dinghy, which may have been from the ferry.

Searchers planned to regroup and interview the survivors before deciding whether to continue the search, he added.

Questions remain as to why it took Kiribati authorities so long to tell New Zealand officials the ferry was missing. Webb said a Kiribati plane had earlier searched for the ferry but didn't have sophisticated radar equipment.



This photo released by the New Zealand Defence Force shows a wooden dinghy, left, carrying seven survivors from a missing ferry and a fishing boat

Named the MV Butiraoui, the 17.5-metre wooden catamaran left Nonouti Island bound for South Tarawa on Jan. 18, according to authorities. The journey was supposed to take two days. New Zealand rescuers say they weren't told about the missing boat until Friday, eight days after the ferry had left.

Senior Search and Rescue Officer John Ashby said they'd been told the ferry underwent repairs to its propeller shaft just before leaving, which may have contributed to navigation problems.

Kiribati is a remote, impoverished nation of 33 atolls that is home to about 108,000 people. AP

UK 'old boys' club rocked by sexual misconduct accusations

Danica Kirka

BRITAIN'S financial "old boys" club was rocked by its own sexual harassment scandal last week after a Financial Times investigation found that female hostesses were groped at a men-only charity gala attended by hundreds of senior executives.

This month's event at London's Dorchester Hotel featured about 100 female hostesses who were required to wear short skirts and high heels. The hostesses included two undercover FT reporters, who described harassment, lewd comments and "repeated requests to join diners in bedrooms elsewhere in the Dorchester."

"It is quite extraordinary to me that in the 21st century allegations of this kind are emerging," Education Minister Anne Milton told the House of Commons after lawmakers requested an urgent discussion of the matter. "Women have the right to feel safe wherever they work and allegations of this type of behavior are completely unacceptable."

The event, organized by a group called the Presidents Club, raised money for charities through an auction whose lots included tea

with Bank of England Governor Mark Carney and lunch with Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson. Representatives for both denied knowledge of the prizes.

One lot offered a strip club trip with the first lap dance for free, a glass of champagne and a smoked salmon bagel. Another provided a chance for plastic surgery at a private clinic, with the promise to "take years off your life or add spice to your wife."

As senior politicians expressed outrage, repercussions were swift. The Presidents Club announced last week that it would shut down after distributing its remaining funds to children's charities, and "will not host any further fundraising events."

One of the club's three trustees, David Meller, resigned as an adviser to Britain's Department for Education. Meller is joint chairman of the Meller Group, which supplies jewelry, beauty products and housewares to British shops.

Labour Party lawmaker Jess Phillips, who brought the issue to the House of Commons, welcomed news that Meller was standing down.

"What happened is that women were bought as bait for men who



were rich men, not a mile from where we stand, as if that is an acceptable behavior," she told lawmakers. "It is totally unacceptable."

The fury comes at a time of reckoning for many men in positions of power as women speak out about sexual misconduct following the scandal surrounding Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein. Women rallied on three continents over the weekend to demand equality and to mark the anniversary of the inauguration of President Donald Trump, whose election in 2016 sparked the first wave of mass protests by women.

The Presidents Club dinner is an annual event for a group that

claims it has raised around 20 million pounds (USD28 million) for children's charities over the past 33 years.

In the year to Oct. 31, 2016, the Presidents Club made or pledged 1.6 million pounds to charities, including 280,000 pounds to Great Ormond Street children's hospital, according to the most recent accounts filed with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. The group's income for the same period totaled 2.05 million pounds, with 1.59 million pounds coming from that year's charity gala.

But raising that money wasn't cheap. The accounts show that the Presidents Club spent 597,790 pounds on the 2016 cha-

rity event.

Great Ormond Street Hospital and Evelina London Children's Hospital said they would return previous donations and sever ties with the Presidents Club.

The FT reported that women working at this year's black-tie event were given short, tight, black dresses, black high heels and a black belt resembling a corset. They told of men repeatedly putting hands up their skirts and said one attendee exposed his penis to a hostess.

"Some of the behavior was pretty shocking, quite depressing, if I am honest," reporter Madison Marriage said in a video about her work on the story.

The newspaper said the hostesses were required to sign a non-disclosure agreement before starting work.

The event has featured some of the biggest names in British business, sports and media. Among them was WPP, the FTSE 100-listed advertising conglomerate, which has traditionally sponsored a table at the event.

"Neither the company nor our attendees were aware of the alleged incidents until informed of them by the Financial Times," WPP said in a statement. It said it was ending its association with the event.

This year's dinner was hosted by comedian and children's author David Walliams, who said he didn't witness any misconduct but was "absolutely appalled by the reports." **AP**

Henry Meyer

SEVERAL thousand Russians braved sub-zero temperatures to protest against President Vladimir Putin, who's seeking to prolong his almost two-decade-long rule in March elections.

Russian opposition leader Alexey Navalny, who's been barred from taking part in the March 18 vote, was dragged roughly by police into a bus shortly after he arrived at the demonstration on Moscow's central thoroughfare, Tverskaya Street, according to a live video feed from the scene.

"I've been detained. That doesn't matter. Come to Tverskaya. You're not coming out for me, but for yourself and your future," he wrote on Twitter moments afterward. He had called on his supporters to rally in more than 100 cities in a bid to put more pressure on the Kremlin after a series of mass protests last year.

Police reported protests in more than two dozen cities, according to official media. About 90 people were detained in cities in

RUSSIA

Putin opponents mount protests across country ahead of vote



Demonstrators shout slogans holding a poster which reads "Elections without me! Strike." during a rally in Vladivostok

eastern and central Russia by 2 p.m. yesterday in Moscow, according to OVD-Info, a monitoring group.

Protesters marched along Moscow's Tverskaya Street, chanting "Putin leave" and defying cold weather and warnings by police that they could face arrest for participating in an unsanctioned demonstration.

"I don't see any other way to register my protest," said Anna Kanunikova, a 32-year-old English

translator, who was carrying a Russian flag. "The elections aren't elections. That's what we came here to say."

After authorities refused to register his candidacy in the election, Navalny has called on supporters to boycott the vote.

"It's absolutely clear that the most important thing that any person can do now is to go and protest," Navalny, 41, said on his blog ahead of yesterday's demonstration. "Because that's the only path open to

us in Russia, where we're kept out of elections and the media and you can't win in court."

While Putin, 65, is assured of victory with popularity ratings of more than 80 percent, his most prominent opponent is counting on dissatisfaction at stagnant growth and living standards after the longest recession this century has fueled the protest mood. Since two rallies in March and June 2017 attracted tens of thousands of people in up to 100 cities across Russia, enthusiasm has waned somewhat.

In Yakutsk in Siberia, a handful of supporters braved temperatures of minus 45 Celsius to protest. In Barnaul, where it was minus 24, about 100-150 people turned out for a peaceful protest, Tass quoted local police as saying. Police in Nizhny Novgorod put turnout there at 550, according to the

RIA Novosti news agency. Opposition activists have criticized official crowd estimates in the past for understating the numbers.

In Moscow, police detained the head of Navalny's local campaign staff, his spokeswoman reported on Twitter. Officers also arrived at the offices of his Anti-Corruption Foundation, using power tools to cut through the door where supporters were conducting a live YouTube broadcast, Navalny said on

a broadcast from a backup studio later.

In Moscow and the second-largest city, St. Petersburg, officials refused permission for the rallies, and a senior police commander, Alexander Gorovoi, vowed to deal "harshly" with violators of the law.

The authorities have waged a crackdown on Navalny, while avoiding making him a martyr by putting him behind bars for more than about a month at a time. Police have raided his campaign offices and jailed activists. Earlier this month, a Moscow court ordered the organization that funds his presidential campaign dissolved. **Bloomberg**

POLICE RAID RUSSIAN OPPOSITION LEADER'S HQ

RUSSIA POLICE have raided the Moscow office of opposition leader Alexei Navalny as demonstrations calling for a boycott of Russia's presidential election took place across the country. A video stream yesterday from Navalny's

headquarters showed police entering the office. One broadcaster on the stream said police apparently were using a grinder to try to get access to the broadcast studio. The anchors said police said they had come because of a bomb threat.

Vanessa Gera, Matthew Lee

Holocaust remembered as warning amid far-right resurgence

HOLOCAUST survivors wearing striped scarves that recalled their uniforms as prisoners of Nazi Germany placed candles on the train tracks carried people to their deaths at Auschwitz on Saturday, exactly 73 years after the Soviet army liberated the death camp in occupied Poland.

On the date now commemorated as International Holocaust Remembrance Day, political leaders and Jewish officials warned that the Nazi genocide must always be a reminder of the evil of which humans are capable.

U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson attended a solemn ceremony at a memorial in Poland to the Jews who died fighting the German forces in the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising of 1943.

Tillerson trailed two uniformed Polish military officers and readjusted a wreath underneath the monument, a dark, hulking structure located in what was once the Warsaw Ghetto.

The head of Warsaw's Jewish community read a prayer, and Tillerson made brief remarks about the importance of not forgetting the horrors of the Holocaust.

"On this occasion, it reminds us that we can never, we can never, be indifferent to the face of evil," Tillerson said.

"The Western alliance which emerged from World War II has committed itself to ensuring the security of all that this would never happen again," he said. "As we mark this day in solemn remembrance, let us repeat the words of our own commitment: Never again. Never again."

His words came amid signs in Europe and beyond that ultranationalism and extreme right-wing groups are on the rise.

In Germany and Austria, the nations that perpetrated the killing of 6 million Jews and millions of others during World War II, far-right parties with their roots in the Nazi era are gaining strength.

The anti-migrant, anti-Muslim AfD party won seats in the German parliament for the first time last year, while the nationalist, anti-migrant Freedom Party is part of the coalition running the Austrian government.

Both parties have members who have made anti-Semitic remarks.

Ultrnationalists who espouse anti-Jewish and anti-Muslim views seem emboldened elsewhere as well.

"Neo-Nazis and white supremacy groups are among the main purveyors of extreme hatred," U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said in a statement. "And too often, vile views are moving from the margins to the mainstream of societies and politics. We must stand together against the normalization of hate."

In Europe, the outspoken white nationalism is seen as partially a backlash to a large influx of mostly Muslim migrants.

Some of those migrants have brought their own brand of anti-Semitism with them.

In Germany, many Jews have reported feeling threatened by anti-Semitism — both from native far-right groups and from newcomers from Arab countries. Jewish institutions across the country have increased security.

Meanwhile, Muslim immigrants have been targets of German far-right attacks or threats.

Hanni Levy, a 93-year-old Holocaust survivor from Berlin, criticized anti-migrant hatred during a



Survivors remember those killed by Nazi Germany at the execution wall at the former Auschwitz death camp

speech Saturday at a Greens party convention in Hannover.

"In the past, the Jews were found guilty of everything. Today it's the refugees," Levy said. "One should never forget how difficult it is to leave behind everything just to survive."

German Chancellor Angela Merkel marked the day in her weekly podcast by addressing the reemergence of anti-Semitism.

She called it "incomprehensible and a disgrace that no Jewish institution can exist without police security — whether it is a school, a kindergarten or a synagogue."

This year, the official commemorations at Auschwitz took place after the Jewish Sabbath ended at sundown.

The United Nations recognized January 27 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in 2005. AP

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Offbeat

FINNS TO LOBBY EU FOR ABOLITION OF DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Finland says it will lobby for the abolition of daylight saving time within the European Union after more than 70,000 Finns signed a petition last year.

Anne Berner, Finland's transportation and communications minister, said Friday on Twitter that the government's goal "would be to abandon [the practice] in a uniform manner within the EU."

No EU member can independently end the practice of advancing clocks by an hour during summer months so that evening daylight lasts longer. All 27 member states must make the change together.

A parliamentary committee in Finland has concluded changing the clocks causes short-term sleeping disorders, reduced performance at work and could also lead to serious health problems.

In Finland, parliament must consider a petition containing at least 50,000 signatures.

The Finns may be particularly irritated by daylight savings because they see little benefit to themselves from it.

One of the world's northernmost countries stretching some 1,160 kilometers from north to south, the sun does not set for 73 consecutive days during summer at Finland's northernmost point. During the winter months, the sun doesn't rise at all for 51 days in Lapland, northern Finland.

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ROOM 1
(2D) 02:15, 04:45, 9:345pm
(3D) 07:15pm

Director: Wes Ball

Starring: Rosa Salazar, Thomas Brodie-Sangster

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 142 min



DOWNSIZIG

ROOM 2
02:15, 04:45, 7:15, 9:45pm

Director: Alexander Payne

Starring: Matt Damon, Christoph Waltz, Hong Chau

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 135min



FATE/STAY NIGHT: HEAVEN'S FEEL - I. PRESAGE FLOWER

ROOM 3

02:30, 5:00, 9:30pm

Director: Tomonori Sudô

Starring: Ayako Kawasumi, Jôji Nakata, Noriaki Sugiyama

Language: Japanese (Chinese)

Duration: 120 min



COCO

ROOM 3

7:15pm

Director: Lee Unkrich

Starring: Anthony Gonzalez, Gael García Bernal, Benjamin Bratt

Language: Cantonese (English)

Duration: 105 min

this day in history



1996 FRANCE HALTS NUCLEAR TESTING

The French President, Jacques Chirac, has said France will no longer test nuclear weapons.

The announcement comes a day after France exploded its sixth and biggest nuclear device in the South Pacific.

There have been international protests including boycotts of French products since Mr Chirac announced the resumption of testing last June.

In a live broadcast to the nation, Mr Chirac said the tests mean that "the safety of our country and of our children is assured."

He has stopped the planned programme of eight tests early in the face of the outcry at home and abroad.

"I know the decision I made last June may have provoked, in France and abroad, anxiety and emotion," he said. "But in an ever-dangerous world, [nuclear weapons] act as a weapon of dissuasion, a weapon in the service of peace."

France will now sign an agreement for a nuclear-free zone in the South Pacific this year, as well as the international Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty which unconditionally ends all future tests.

However, critics of the test programme believe France has damaged the future of the test ban treaty by encouraging nations like India, Pakistan and China to take a harder line.

Mr Chirac's popularity ratings have fallen to an all-time low for a new president since he announced his intention to reverse the three-year moratorium on testing established by his predecessor, Francois Mitterrand.

During the tests at Mururoa and Fangataufa atolls, French naval vessels clashed with Greenpeace campaigners, confiscating their equipment and arresting crew members.

As well as being unpopular at home, the nuclear tests have brought French relations with several other countries to an all-time low.

Protests in Australia, New Zealand and other South Pacific countries have been particularly vehement, sometimes ending in violence, and Japan and several European countries have also objected strongly.

Only Britain has spoken out in defence of France's right to carry out the explosions.

The tests made France the only country apart from China to test weapons of mass destruction since 1992. Yesterday's test, carried out at Fangataufa atoll, was equivalent to approximately 120,000 tonnes of conventional explosives, or six times the force of the bomb dropped on the Japanese city of Hiroshima in 1945.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Paris agreed to a 10-year compensation package for French Polynesia to rectify some of the damage caused by the programme of nuclear testing. In 1995 France asked the UN's nuclear watchdog to measure radiation around the atolls; the study concluded that the levels posed no threat. In 1999 Paris admitted that fractures had been discovered in the coral cone at the sites.

The atolls continue to be monitored.

The UN's Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, drawn up in response to the outrage caused by the French testing programme, has still not come into force.

Those countries who signed the treaty but have failed to ratify it include China, Israel and the USA.

India and Pakistan have not signed the treaty; nor has North Korea.

Two years after France ended its nuclear tests, India and Pakistan confirmed themselves as nuclear powers by carrying out tit-for-tat nuclear tests.

North Korea announced in 2002 that it was reactivating a nuclear reactor and expelling international nuclear inspectors. It has also declared itself a nuclear power.

Then in 2006 Iran provoked international consternation by breaking UN seals on nuclear research facilities to resume uranium enrichment. Iran says it is doing so for peaceful purposes: the international community, however, fears it is working towards developing nuclear weapons.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 You aren't exactly famous for turning down dares...

Taurus April 20-May 20 Secrets are all around you, seemingly at every turn now...

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 If you had something scheduled for today, whether a firm plan...

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Things are getting better now, just like you thought (or hoped) they might...

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Take equal parts impulse and romance, add in a giant pinch of random...

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 If you're getting excited about something new - and you almost certainly are...

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 You don't exactly have a reputation for being chatty - but maybe you should...

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 A colleague you've been thinking about recently - someone who has been returning those furtive glances...

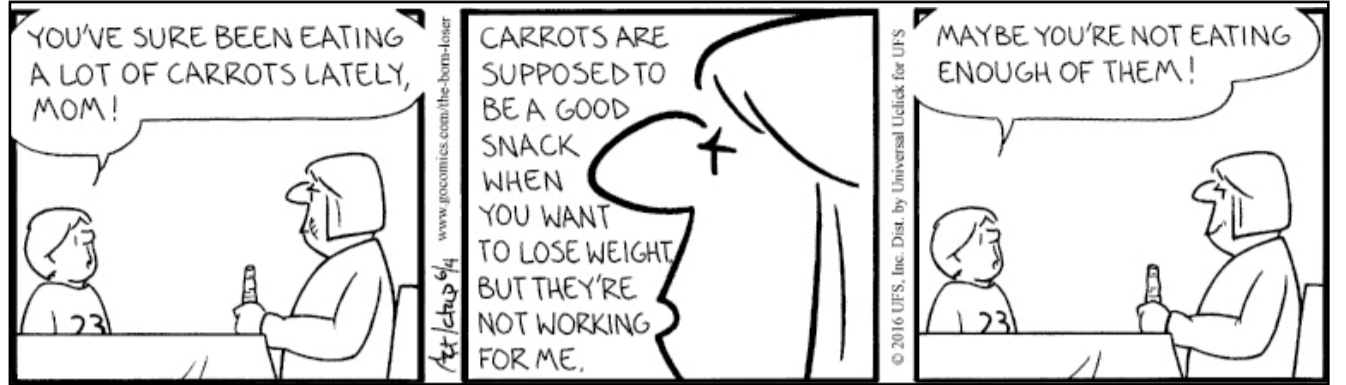
Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You can't seem to even try to be polite while your caustic acquaintance is talking...

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You're not overly emotional - in fact, you'd reliably choose to have oral surgery...

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 You're about to surprise your people in a big way and shock anyone else who's never seen this side of you...

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 It's the perfect time to be you - you're already flexible and able to see the bright side...

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles categorized by difficulty: Easy, Easy+, Medium, and Hard. Each puzzle is a 9x9 grid with some numbers pre-filled.

WEATHER

Weather forecast table for China and World cities. Columns include City, Min, Max, and Condition. Cities listed include Beijing, Harbin, Tianjin, Urumqi, Xi'an, Lhasa, Chengdu, Chongqing, Kunming, Nanjing, Shanghai, Wuhan, Hangzhou, Taipei, Guangzhou, Hong Kong, Moscow, Frankfurt, Paris, London, and New York.

CROSSWORDS

Crossword puzzle with clues and a 'Friday's solution' grid. Clues include: 1- Timetable, for short; 5- Cesspool; 9- Position; 14- Dry watercourse; 15- Small jazz combo; 16- Queues; 17- Territory; 18- Prego rival; 19- Emcee's job; 20- Dog of mixed breed; 22- Attains; 24- Witherspoon of 'Legally Blonde'; 26- Year abroad; 27- Leave; 30- Young bird; 35- Fragrance; 36- Author Stanley Gardner; 37- Person, place, or thing; 38- Young; 39- Remarkable; 42- Song syllable; 43- Evening, informally; 45- It's a long story; 46- Minimum; 48- Precedent setter; 50- Mistreats; 51- Unit of energy; 52- Young haddock; 54- Grades; 58- Nevertheless; 62- Actress Verdugo; 63- Biblical birthright seller; 65- House rodents; 66- Deep sleeps; 67- Related by blood; 68- Cuatro doubled; 69- Bridal path; 70- Cooking fat; 71- Modernists; 1- Did the butterfly; 2- Corn syrup brand; 3- Steinbeck: East of ____; 4- Schematic; 5- Thoroughfare; 6- Russian range; 7- Russian fighter; 8- Rain cats and dogs; 9- Flexible; 10- 16th president of the U.S.; 11- Literary collection: Abbr.; 12- Part of a bird's beak; 13- Those, to Juan; 21- Showed again; 23- Stand used by painters; 25- Angers; 27- Unnerve; 28- Bert's roomie; 29- Newsgroup messages; 31- Exile isle; 32- Smidgens; 33- Suckle; 34- No-see-ums; 36- Greek vowels; 40- Missouri feeder; 41- Arm joint; 44- Endless; 47- Good spirit; 49- Wrinkle; 50- About; 53- Committee head; 54- Word form for 'ten'; 55- 'The Time Machine' people; 56- Precious stones; 57- Marine mammal, secure something; 59- Bad habit; 60- Reflected sound; 61- Classic autos; 64- Reggae relative;

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TENNIS

Federer beats Cilic; wins 20th major title

Roger Federer has won his 20th Grand Slam singles title yesterday with a 6-2, 6-7 (5), 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 victory over Marin Cilic in the Australian Open final.

Back where his career resurgence began last year with an unexpected run to the title following a six-month injury layoff, Federer had an almost perfect title defense until he reached the second set of the final.

After going through four years without winning a major, Federer has now won three of the last five.

The 36-year-old Federer started with an intensity that stunned Cilic, getting service breaks in the first and third games and forcing his Croatian rival to go for a new racket after just 12 points. Federer only conceded two points on his serve in the opening set, which lasted just 24 minutes and was played under a closed roof on Rod Laver



Arena because of the heat outside.

But Cilic rallied in the second, getting his big forehand working and, after missing a set point on Federer's serve in the 10th game, leveled the match in the tiebreaker.

Federer won the third set in 29 minutes and was up a break in the fourth but momentum swung fully again,

with Cilic going on a roll to level the match. Federer's first-serve percentage plummeted from above 80 in the third set to 36 in the fourth as Cilic attacked.

The fifth started with Federer fending off two break points to hold, then breaking Cilic for a 2-0 lead.

Federer upped his level when it counted most,

breaking Cilic again in the sixth game and then closing out love — including an unsuccessful challenge from Cilic on match point — to start his celebrations.

Federer had won eight of their previous nine matches — his only defeat coming in the semifinals of the U.S. Open in 2014, where Cilic claimed his first major title. **AP**

VENEZUELA

Former pitcher dies amid lack of medication

A former Colorado Rockies and Florida Marlins pitcher died in his native Venezuela of pneumonia that baseball colleagues say was made worse by medicine shortages in the crisis-wracked nation.

Marcos Carvajal pitched for the Rockies in 2005 and briefly for the Marlins two seasons later. He later returned to Venezuela and played for a team in his hometown of Ciudad Bolivar and at the time of his death was working as a youth coach in Bolivar state.

Alejandro Castillejo, president of the state's baseball association, told The Associated Press on Saturday that Carvajal checked himself into a hospital in December suffering from a respiratory illness. He said the former pitcher's family had to scramble to find antibiotics that have all but disappeared from

the shelves of Venezuela.


Eventually the drugs were sent from abroad and Carvajal returned to the home he shared with his siblings and grandparents. But his boss said he grew alarmed when Carvajal didn't return to work as expected after the Christmas holiday.

"We were calling him but he wouldn't tell us what was happening," Castillejo said. "We assume he was depressed by the situation, his illness and especially the high cost of the medicine."

Carvajal was rushed to the hospital last week suffering from a relapse and died on Tuesday, Castillejo said. He was 34.

Oil-rich Venezuela is mired in a crushing economic crisis marked by four-digit inflation and an economic contraction deeper than the one in the U.S. during the 1930s Great Depression. **AP**

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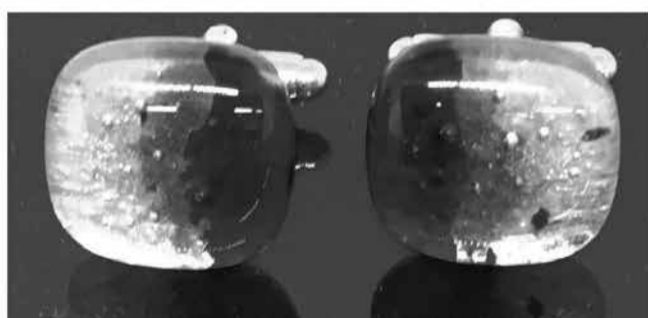
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WHAT ABOUT SCOTT CHIANG?

It looks like the Sulu Sou "affair" has come to a standstill! The Court of First Instance adjourned the trial (aggravated disobedience Sulu Sou/Scott Chiang) sine die pending a decision by a higher instance court over a request to suspend the suspension approved by the Legislative Assembly... so that Sulu Sou could stand trial on aggravated disobedience.

At least there is a perception that everything related to the suspension of the directly-elected pro-democracy legislator moved to a slower mode, particularly if we consider the haste of both the suspension procedure and the resolution drafted to render impossible Sulu Sou's appeal before the court... therefore rendering impossible a TSI ruling on the matter. So plainly obvious and blatant a violation of MSAR Basic Law, it deserved the negative assessment of professors of constitutional law, former legislators and lawyers. The common evaluation being that the now notorious Vong Hin Fai/Kou Hoi In plan threatened to subvert the Basic Law by twisting the separation of powers, ultimately posing a serious menace to the founding concept of the rule of law. Vong Hin Fai is a lawyer by trade.

One would say that this kind of faux pas and flagrant nonsense would fall unto the Legislative Assembly as a call to further study the Basic Law in its substance and geometry and of course the in-house Rules of Procedure. It looks like it will not... as if there was an (hypothetical) influence hanging over the floor and exempting AL from considering or admitting any wrongdoing in that Sulu Sou "affair". As a disclaimer we should say that the above is not related to Vong's appointment to the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference.

As in all ill-crafted stories, the unintended consequences take over the narrative and feed the switch in the script: Here from an alleged case of civil disobedience to a hypothetical politically motivated drive.

Besides the legal evaluations of the constitutionalists and lawyers regarding the Vong Hin Fai resolution aimed at enlightening the people, Sulu Sou's ordeal has commanded a lot of social commentary, well or ill founded, biased or not, but unequivocally out of moral principle. So much so... a source from the Executive tried to reset the question as if it was simply a matter of having a fair trial!

This is no longer a question of a fair trial of which there is no doubt or malicious reticence. The above mentioned "unintended consequences" of both the suspension and the resolution feed the idea that Sulu Sou, being a well-behaved legislator doing everything by the book - that is to say, he operates carefully within the geometry of the very Basic Law others tried to vex - has been unfairly prosecuted on the grounds of civil disobedience for walking unauthorized in the middle of a road and one count of vandalism for throwing paper planes.

It is of no use to dress the Sulu Sou affair as a mellow Singaporean inspiration, which is supposedly a litigious restrictive model that does not abide by the international principle of law of proportionality, is phrased ambiguously, fit all sizes; anything goes. Whether we take the city-state model as utopia or a dystopia, we should consider carefully the 2009 Public Order Act under the wings of which are forbidden public gatherings for political purposes... if deemed political, of course! This is not the Macau Basic Law!

Finally, about Scott Chiang being the title of choice to our column: this is to exorcize the mere and guessed possibility of a face-saving scenario that would split the prosecution and eventually condemn Scott while keeping Sulu Sou... suspended from the bench!

THE BUZZ FRENCH TOWNS SWIM IN FLOODWATERS THAT ARE RISING IN PARIS

Floodwaters have transformed the streets of scenic French towns into mucky canals, swallowed up picturesque parks and drained the demand for river boat cruises through Paris. And the waters are still rising.
 Swollen by weeks of heavy rains, the Seine river is expected to reach

its peak in the French capital today. The bottom floor of the Louvre museum, several Parisian parks and riverside train stations were closed as a precaution. Water lapped the underside of historic bridges and engulfed cobblestone quays, where tree tops and lampposts now poke out of the brown, swirling Seine.



| Station | Air quality |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Roadside | 40-60 Moderate |
| High Density Residential Area | 40-60 Moderate |
| Ambient | 40-60 Moderate |

SOURCE: DSMG

US calls for release of missing Chinese bookseller

PRESIDENT Donald Trump's administration has joined European governments in urging China to release a Swedish citizen who sold gossip books about Chinese leaders.

A U.S. State Department spokeswoman called on China to disclose Gui Minhai's whereabouts and allow him to leave China if he wishes.

"We call on Chinese authorities to explain the reasons and legal basis for Mr. Gui's arrest and detention, disclose his whereabouts, and allow him freedom of movement and the freedom to leave China," spokeswoman Heather Nauert said in a statement.

The U.S. "will continue to coordinate with our partners, allies and regional organizations on promoting greater respect for human rights in China," Nauert said.

Around 10 Chinese police officers surrounded Gui and Swedish diplomats on Jan. 20 as they traveled by train to Beijing. Gui, a naturalized Swedish citizen, was seized and his whereabouts remain unknown.

Gui had disappeared from his home in Thailand in 2015 and reappeared months later in China after being sentenced for a decade-old traffic violation.

In a videotaped confession that supporters believe



In this June 18, 2016, file photo, freed bookseller Lam Wing-kee stands next to a placard with picture of missing bookseller Gui Minhai

was coerced, Gui stated that he had turned himself in to mainland authorities over a hit-and-run accident.

That spurred suspicions that he had been abducted by the Chinese security services. He remained closely supervised even after his release from prison.

His latest detention has particularly rattled Western governments after it unfolded in the presence of diplomats.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry says it has no information about Gui's whereabouts, but has suggested that he may have been breaking the terms of his release. The ministry did not immediately respond to a request for comment Sunday.

Gui was one of five Hong Kong booksellers whose disappearances symbolized Chi-

na's determination to enforce its hard line on squelching political dissent and a free press — despite international criticism.

He was released into house arrest in October in the eastern city of Ningbo, living in what his daughter Angela called a police-managed apartment.

Under Chinese law, those convicted of a crime generally have their civil rights suspended for a period of time, although it wasn't clear whether that applied in Gui's case. The prohibitions, which are often not made public, can also include restrictions on travel.

The office of EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini has said it "fully supports the public statement and efforts of the Swedish government" on Gui's behalf. **AP**

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

Xinhua/Li Ziheng



White beach: A snowfall occurred over the weekend on a beach in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province.

WORLD BRIEFS

JORDAN's king affirmed his support yesterday for establishing a Palestinian capital in east Jerusalem, highlighting his differences with the Trump administration on a central issue in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

TURKEY Fighting raged in northwestern Syria Saturday as Turkish troops and allied militiamen tried to advance their week-long offensive in a Kurdish-controlled enclave, Syrian opposition activists said.

CYPRUS Citizens were voting yesterday for a new president who they hope will overcome years of failure and finally resolve the ethnic divisions that have torn the Mediterranean island nation into a Greek-speaking south and a breakaway, Turkish-speaking north.



SPAIN Catalonia's fugitive ex-president Carles Puigdemont will soon request permission from a Spanish judge to attend a parliamentary session to form a new regional government, a separatist lawmaker says.

BRITAIN's financial "old boys" club was rocked by its own sexual harassment scandal after a Financial Times investigation found that female hostesses were groped at a men-only charity gala attended by hundreds of senior executives. *More on p14*



VENEZUELA Negotiators for Venezuela's opposition say they will return to the negotiating table next week as international pressure mounts on President Nicolas Maduro's government over its decision to push up presidential elections.

BRAZIL Gunmen barged into a party and shot dead "a large number of people" in northeastern Brazil.