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### WORLD BRIEFS

**HONG KONG** A South Korean businessman accused of murdering his wife and son in a five-star hotel killed himself while in pre-trial custody. The man was found unconscious yesterday morning in his cell at a Hong Kong detention center. The man was found with a bed sheet wrapped around his neck and was taken to a hospital, where he was later certified dead, a police statement said. Police had arrested him in January for allegedly killing his wife and son at Hong Kong's Ritz-Carlton hotel.



**USA** President Donald Trump's personal attorney will appear in federal court today to argue over evidence found during a recent FBI raid, and porn star Stormy Daniels' lawyer says she'll be there, too. Michael Cohen (pictured) is under criminal investigation for personal business dealings and was ordered to appear in court to help answer questions about his law practice. He has denied wrongdoing.

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## CE attends AL session today

The Chief Executive, Chui Sai On, will attend a plenary session of the Legislative Assembly today to answer lawmakers' questions on Government policy and social issues. The session will start at 3 p.m. and will be broadcast live on television and radio channels of public broadcaster Teledifusão de Macau (TDM). In addition to attending plenary sessions of the Assembly every year to deliver the Policy Address relating to the following fiscal year, the Chief Executive attends two similar sessions each year.

## PSP: two cases involving noise related crimes

The Public Security Police Force (PSP) has prosecuted two noise related cases since January of this year, according to PSP Commissioner Leong Man Cheong. In total, the PSP received 894 complaints regarding noise in public places, 52 of which occurred in public gardens. Earlier, Secretary for Security Wong Sio Chak suggested the public should be more tolerant of each other when it comes to noise issues, in an apparent reference to the case of the woman shot with an air soft gun when singing at Iao Hon garden. Yesterday, Wong clarified the earlier comments by saying "[When I said to] tolerate each other [I did] not mean that only one party should tolerate or protect the other party. Those people who exercise in our gardens should understand that the residents living in the nearby buildings have the right to rest."

## UM's Activity Centre receives Green Building Label

The University of Macau (UM) Student Activity Centre (Building E31) has recently been awarded the China's Three-Star Green Building Operation Label, the highest-standard green building label awarded by the China Green Building Council. It is the first building in Macau to receive such an award, the UM informed. The certificate presentation ceremony was held last Friday at the Macao International Environmental Cooperation Forum and Exhibition (MIECF). During the ceremony, UM's Vice Rector for Academic Affairs, Lionel Ni, received the certificate from China Green Building Council Director Wang Youwei. The building had previously received the China's Three-Star Green Building Design Label back in 2015.

## CRIME

# Resident accused of sexually harassing bus passenger

Renato Marques

A 23-year-old male local resident has been accused of sexually harassing a woman also in her twenties during a bus ride, a Public Security Police Force (PSP) spokesperson revealed yesterday in a press conference.

The case was reported by the victim on April 10, right after the events occurred. She headed to a police station and gave her testimony, describing the physical features of the attacker. The police were said to have done an immediate follow up on the case and the next day (April 11) conducted a manhunt in near where the crime took place at Ferreira do Amaral Square, between 4.45 p.m. and 6.30 p.m., at the end of which officers spotted a man matching the victim's description and followed him onto the bus.

The report from the officers that followed the suspect noted that he kept looking and staring at women both at the bus stop and on the bus. After he got off the bus, officers stopped him and took him for questioning.

In the investigation that followed, the man admitted to the assault on the previous day, explaining to the officers that whenever he gets in a bus he feels "sexually aroused" and "compelled to engage in sexual behavior." The suspect admitted that on April 10 he was "excited" about two ladies on the bus and started to masturbate



and tried to expose his genitals to at least one of them. The suspect, identified as an engineer, had been involved in a similar case in 2016 that led to an accusation of "insult" by the Public Prosecutions Office. At that time, the law that regulates sexual harassment cases had not been approved.

In a separate case, authorities are looking for eyewitnesses of a traffic accident that occurred on Sunday in the Estrada Governador Nobre de Carvalho in Taipa, which involved a bus hitting and killing a pedestrian.

According to the report by the PSP, the bus was coming from Rotunda do Istmo and heading to Praça Ouvidor de Arriaga,

and hit an 80 year-old local resident on the Estrada Governador Nobre de Carvalho at around 8:45a.m.

The pedestrian was transported to the public hospital but was pronounced dead at arrival.

Tests performed on the bus driver found no alcohol or other substances in his blood and the PSP is calling on citizens that might have seen the accident to contact the PSP Traffic Department.

## TWO WOMEN FALL FOR RENTAL SCHEME

A LOCAL insurance intermediary, a 27-year-old woman, has been accused by two other local women of swindling in a scheme involving an alleged renting of housing units at a lower price to then re-rent them to third parties for a higher amount. The two local women, a student and a real estate mediator also in their late twenties,

reportedly invested HKD10,000 and HKD68,000 respectively in such a scheme but immediately lost contact with the suspect after payment. The suspect was caught by the PJ on April 12 and admitted to the crimes, saying that this rental arrangement never existed and that it was just an excuse to get money from the victims.

## HEALTH

# Macau applies to join WHO network

MACAU has applied to join a global network of emergency services under the World Health Organization (WHO) in order to enhance the region's capabilities in the event of any outbreaks of disease or other public emergencies.

The verification process for membership of

the WHO Emergency Medical Teams (EMT) Initiative is likely to be completed within 18 months, Health Bureau director Lei Chin Ion told reporters recently.

According to a statement issued by the Government Information Bureau, preparation for this verification involves training of local medical

professionals and rescue personnel, as well as optimizing the region's capabilities in terms of medical equipment, Lei added.

The WHO EMT Initiative assigns health professionals to provide direct clinical care to populations affected by emergencies or disasters around the world.

The medical teams operate under WHO guidelines once an incident is declared. The Initiative also supports local health systems facing such circumstances.

There are three types of Foreign Medical Teams (FMTs) under the WHO EMT Initiative. Macau has applied to supply Type 1 FMT,

which provides initial emergency outpatient care of injuries and other significant healthcare needs. According to the statement, the application "required well-trained and self-sufficient teams being able to provide medical treatment in the field and at the onset of a disaster."

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# Wong wants to create department for national security matters

Julie Zhu

**L**OCAL authorities intend to establish a new public department to tackle state security matters, Secretary for Security Wong Sio Chak revealed yesterday.

On the sidelines of the inauguration ceremony for the director of the Public Security Forces Affairs Bureau, Wong explained to the media that since 2009, back when Macau began enacting the National Security Law, there has been an absence of supplementary regulations to implement it successfully.

“Actually, the establishing of a specialized organization is needed [to handle national security matters]. The same happens around the world regarding national security, [which] not only needs a law, but also needs a specialized organization to implement it. Since state security works are very important, professional and special, having such an organization to carry out related work is reasonable,” said Wong, who noted that the state already has a committee responsible for matters of this nature.



Wong Sio Chak (center), administers the swearing-in ceremony of the new director of the Public Security Forces Affairs Bureau, Kok Fong Mei

“Whether Macau also needs to establish a similar organization to conduct decision-making processes concerning state security,

[...] is actually the problem we are facing, as well as the entire society,” declared Wong. “Each resident should think about how to better perform law enforcement works.”

“It will not necessarily become a bureau level department. We will announce [the information to the public] at due time. Whether it will become an independent bureau or a divisional department has not been decided yet,” said Wong.

As for whether the prosecution authority will be the final department handling these related cases, the Secretary affirmed that the Public Prosecution Office (MP) remains as the only supervision and investigation department.

“Even if we establish a specialized investigation organization, our cases will eventually be delivered to the MP,” Wong noted.

When questioned by the Times

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WONG SIO CHAK

if potential future demonstrations organized by the public will be deemed a violation of the state security law, Wong explained that the security force always implements the law according to its own regulations.

“It abides by the regulations. It’s

not like we implement the law the way we want it to be implemented,” said Wong.

According to Wong, information about state security cases will be reported to the public, as well as information about other police force cases.

“Macau’s crime investigation unfolds similarly to the whole world,” said Wong, adding that the investigation and prosecution “must be open” at certain stages.

In addition, Wong indicated that the state security law will not affect the implementation of Macau’s internal security law, and further noted that it will also not be responsible for an increase in the number of people denied entry to Macau.

In 2009, the first version of the state security law covered seven crimes.

Wong denied speaking about whether a new crime definition will be added.

## ZHENG: ‘MECHANISM HAS TO BE OPTIMIZED’



**IN 2009**, Macau passed the National Security Law, however there is no legislative detail regarding enforcement procedures or which bodies should be responsible for enforcing the law. On Sunday, the director of the Liaison Office Zheng

Xiaosong called for a stronger mechanism to safeguard national security. “The execution mechanism still has to be optimized. The leading mechanism of the national security task needs to be strengthened,” he told the press.

# Government drops differentiated fares proposal, prices rise Saturday

**T**HE government yesterday presented the final decision on the rise of the bus fares. In a press conference, the director of the Transport Bureau, (DSAT) Lam Hin San, announced that every trip on public buses would cost, from this Saturday, MOP6. The adjusted fares have no

inclusion of a fare for non-residents, an idea previously thought likely.

At the press conference, Lam said, “In operational terms we feel that at this moment the proposal [of an added differentiation] is not appropriate,” TDM reported.

As for payments

made with a Macau Pass, holders will continue to benefit from special prices with a reduction to half-fare for the normal passes (MOP3) in the normal routes and to MOP4 on the express routes.

Students, elderly citizens (over 65) and people with disabilities will all continue to

benefit from specially reduced bus fares, in some cases not requiring to pay at all.

After this update of bus fares, the first in 10 years, the government expects to cut around MOP150 million per year from the current budget of around MOP1 billion that the government is said to

spend annually to keep the buses running with low fares.

According to DSAT calculations, region’s public buses were accountable for a total of 210 million trips last year, a figure that the government has forecast to increase by about 4 percent this year.

## OPERATORS PUNISHED FOR TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

**ONE OF** the proposals announced by the director of the Transport Bureau, Lam Hin San, during the press conference held to announce the bus fare rise, was that the government might enforce penalties for bus companies involved in traffic accidents. Lam explained that such penalties can be enforced in such a way that “companies that register a high number of road accidents will not have the same possibility to establish new routes contrary to other companies,” TDM reported.

**INVESTORS** snapped up any stocks attached to Hainan, seeking to capitalize on Chinese President Xi Jinping's efforts to boost the economy of the island resort.

Lottery, travel and infrastructure stocks were among the biggest gainers in Shanghai and Hong Kong yesterday, after China unveiled measures over the weekend to transform the island popularly known as "China's Hawaii." The initiatives, which coincided with the 30th anniversary of Hainan as a special economic zone, ranged from a fund to help turn the province into a free trade port, prioritizing tourism to supporting the development of horse racing and sports lotteries.

Here are some businesses that stand to win or lose from the move:

#### PROPERTY, RESORT DEVELOPMENTS

Hainan's property tycoons have poured billions of dollars into luxury resorts, theme parks and convention space but many are far from fully utilized. With the State Council citing a movie festival and an international merchandise fair as events that Hainan should organize, developers like Antaeus Group, whose USD1.6 billion Mangrove Tree resorts were specifically designed for such large-scale events, may see their investments pay off. Here are some other developers that stand to benefit.

#### LAWTON DEVELOPMENT

The Hainan-based company involved in hotels and building renovations, was among the biggest winners on Monday, as its shares climbed to the daily limit of 10 percent in Shanghai trading.

#### MGM RESORTS INTERNATIONAL

The casino operator opened a Hainan hotel, MGM Grand Sanya, in 2012 and plans at least two more with joint venture partner Diaoyutai State Guesthouse.

#### FOSUN INTERNATIONAL

Its \$1.6 billion Atlantis resort, which boasts underwater hotel suites and a water park, is due to open in May Phoenix Island. The luxury resort, built on an artificial archipelago, has a cruise ship terminal and high-end timeshare apartments. China Evergrande

# Hainan stocks, lottery shares soar on Xi's gift to resort island

Group China's third-largest developer is building another artificial archipelago off Hainan's northwest coast, which will house convention centers, theme parks and malls

#### TOURISM FIRMS, DUTY-FREE SHOPS

Hainan has so far failed to become a popular international tourist destination like Macau or Bali. Of the 67 million visitors that trekked to the island last year, a little over a million were from overseas. The new policies will give a needed jolt to the \$13 billion tourism industry, with domestic operators like Tuniu Corp., which is linked to Hainan's HNA Tourism Group, getting a boost.

Duty-free shops are also likely to sprout across the island, with state-owned China Duty Free Group Co. enjoying an incumbent advantage over new rivals.

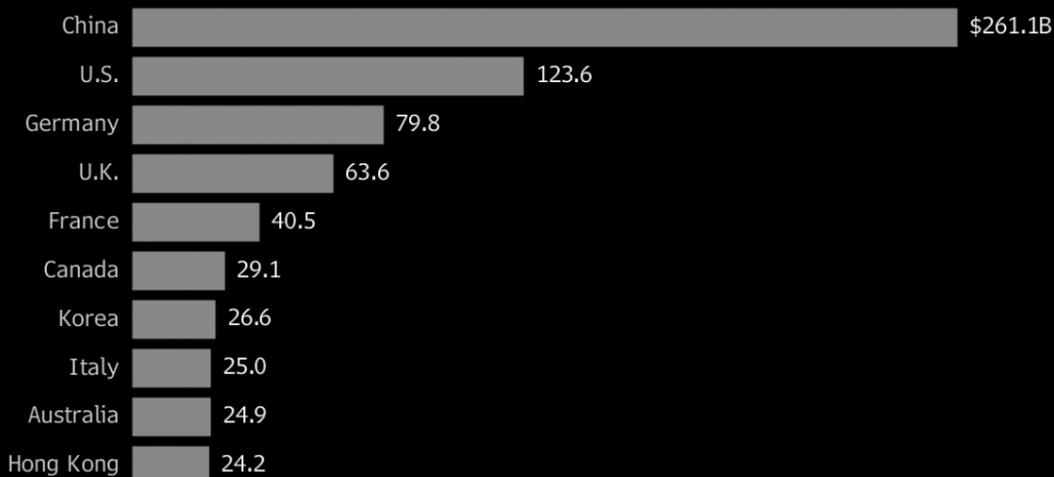
Hong Kong retail sales, having rebounded from a two-year slump, may be at risk if Chinese families find it more attractive to vacation and shop in Hainan. Luxury brands such as LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE and Kering SA may need to shift strategies to tap into the duty-free market in Hainan.

"It is inevitable that Chinese shoppers will divert purchases of pricier items from Hong Kong to Hainan," said Bloomberg Intelligence analyst Catherine Lim. "This is bound to hurt Hong Kong retail sales going forward."

**■ Casino stocks slumped after a rally last week, with an index of Macau gaming stocks dropping as much as 2.2 percent**

## Mighty Yuan

Chinese tourists abroad spent more than twice as much as Americans



Note: Total international tourism expenditure for 2016 in USD billions  
Source: UN World Tourism Organization

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#### MACAU CASINO OPERATORS TO ASSESS RISKS

Any shift in China's approach toward gambling could end up threatening the \$33 billion casino industry in Macau - the world's largest gaming center with revenues five times that of Las Vegas - as well as other casino hubs in the region.

Macau has been trying to attract Chinese tourists and families, while gaming operators from countries like Vietnam and Australia are building casino resorts that target Chinese. Gaming in Hainan would divert the torrent of gambling-loving Chinese away from these rival hubs, while limiting capital outflow and ensuring gaming revenue stays in the mainland economy.

While foreign operators including Las Vegas Sands Corp. and Wynn Resorts Ltd. get the bulk of gambling earnings in Macau, Hainan could favor local developers and operators to dovetail with Xi's emphasis on a resurgent China taking a more prominent position on the world stage.

Casino stocks slumped after a rally last week, with an index of Macau gaming stocks dropping as much as 2.2 percent, with Wynn Macau Ltd. and Galaxy Entertainment Group Ltd. falling more than 3 percent. Shares of lottery companies gained, with RexLot Holdings Ltd. soaring as much as 29 percent in Hong Kong trading.

#### RELIEF FOR HNA GROUP

The plan will come as relief for HNA Group, the embattled conglomerate that grew out of Hainan and has been selling assets around the world as it faces a cash crunch. Its network of companies, ranging from airlines to logistics operators, will likely receive a boost across the board.

HNA stocks rallied on Monday, with HNA Infrastructure Co. gaining as much as 19 percent and HNA Innovation Co., a provider of travel services, jumping 10 percent.

Owned by HNA, Hainan Airlines flies 1,400 domestic and international routes to more than 110 cities worldwide. HNA Infrastructure Co. The subsidiary

leases commercial and retail space at Hainan's Meilan Airport and also generates income from ground handling services and passenger services charges. CWT International HNA last year acquired Singapore's CWT, a logistics operator that owns millions of square feet of warehouse space globally.

More Good News for EV Makers

China will control the number of vehicles in Hainan in "a scientific way," in a bid to make the island a place with a "green lifestyle," according to the official Xinhua News Agency. Xi's administration is due to implement new-energy vehicle production quotas, targeting a seven-fold increase in sales and considering a wholesale ban on gas guzzlers as China tries to cut air pollution and reliance on imported oil. If Hainan becomes the pilot ground for the government's new policies, manufacturers such as Warren Buffett-backed BYD Co., SAIC Motor Corp., BAIC Motor Corp. and Geely Automobile Holdings Ltd. stand to win. **MDT/Bloomberg**

## Mak Soi Kun calls for CCTV surveillance system

**LAWMAKER** Mak Soi Kun has written an inquiry to the government in which he suggested the establishment of a CCTV surveillance Sky Net system.

Mak began by recalling some of the recent crimes committed across town and praised the police force for having

solved them quickly. "However, security is like seeing a doctor: prevention is better than treatment [...] the social environment changes dramatically in one second; different crime methods continuously surface, and Macau is positively joining the development of the

Greater Bay Area. As economies merge and communication among human resources occurs more frequently, the room for cross-border crimes increases as well as the possibility of terrorist attacks," Mak declared.

"Some residents asked me to ask the govern-

ment if the administration authority should enhance the use of more advanced technologies. Some residents suggested that besides installing more CCTV cameras, [Macau] can refer to [the] mainland's practice of using artificial intelligence and big data to predict events,

thus establishing a Macau Sky Net," said Mak, adding that Macau "can introduce a real-time pedestrian detection system in order to establish a three-dimensional social security prevention and control system."

"The power of the police is limited, whereas

the power of the people is unlimited. Will the administration authority upgrade the CCTV surveillance cameras into a CCTV surveillance sky net, [besides the cooperation] among the administration authority, related schools and associations?" Mak asked.

SCIENCE

Two new State Key labs expected this year

MACAU will launch two new State Key Laboratories this year, according to a statement released by the Science and Technology Development Fund (FDCT) last week.

The two research labs, the first at the University of Macau (UM) and the other at the Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST), have already been completed.

The State Key Laboratory of Smart City Internet, located at the UM, will focus on smart cities and the Internet of Things.

The Lunar and Planetary Science Laboratory, located at MUST, will focus on astronomy.

Guo Zhiwei, deputy secretary of the department of basic research of the Ministry of Science and Technology of China, visited both labs earlier this week.

Guo said that the labs' applications for State Key status require modifications in terms of research topics, content and team structures. He added that China's Ministry of Science and Technology will work with FDCT and try to complete both labs' applications within the first half of 2018.

Upon securing State Key status, each lab will receive a three-year budget of MOP24 million.

China's education minister unveils gift to UM

CHINA'S Ministry of Education unveiled its gift, "The Wall of Great Wisdom," to the University of Macau yesterday, symbolizing the university's effort to promote Chinese traditions, culture, and virtues.

The sculpture bears UM's university motto and represents its goal to produce graduates with "great knowledge and great character," the university informed in a statement.

During a visit to Macau, Chen Baosheng, China's Minister of Education, said that the "Wall of Great Wisdom" also conveys the high expectations of the central government for the university, adding that it represents new requirements for UM members.

Chen also recalled that in 1985, the Ministry of Education gave the "Nine Dragon Wall" to UM as a gift which conveyed the hope for the university's fast de-



velopment with the support of the local community and the central government.

Meanwhile, UM rector Yonghua Song explained the design of the Wall of Great Wisdom, noting that the inscription of traditional values conveys the expectation that UM will promote fine Chinese traditions and culture.

On the same day, the unveiling ceremony for the Confucius Institute at UM was officiated.

The Confucius Institute at UM has the unique advantage of being located in a multilingual and multicultural society that is a special administrative region to which a special political system applies, UM noted.

The institute will make full use of this advantage to pursue international collaboration, especially with Portuguese-speaking countries, in Chinese language teaching, learning, and teacher training.

It also aims to establish a communication platform to promote such collaboration.

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# Gov't cracks down on illegal constructions

**T**HE Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau (DSSOPT) has announced its intention to crack down on several illegal construction sites in Macau.

In a statement, the DSSOPT informed that the Permanent Inter-Departmental Working Group for Demolition and Vacating of Illegal Construction had recently taken steps to demolish clandestine construction operations located on the rooftop of two high-rise buildings in the Areia Preta District, as well as in Taipa.

The bureau explained that it had verified that these illegal structures consisted of a metal structure, roof with a net. It was ordered that the people responsible for creating the illegal structures were to immediately demolish them and restore



the tampered rooftop areas in accordance with DSSOPT procedures.

However, as those responsible did not proceed with the removal within the required time period, the Group for Demolition and Vacating of Illegal Construction proceeded

with the demolition at the end of last month.

DSSOPT has performed a similar process following a complaint received regarding a building located at Rua de Chaves in Taipa. A further inspection of the venue revealed that refurbish-

ment works on the rooftop have been completed, including the buildup of a wall with a glass window and with a metallic awning covering.

Similarly to the first case, the Group for Demolition and Vacating of Illegal Construction proceeded with the demolition, which concluded at the end of March, as no response was received from the people responsible for the illegal construction.

The bureau also said that after the demolishing works concluded, it initiated the process to be refunded on the costs by the owners or responsible people for the works. The refund process will be handled by the Financial Services Bureau. In the same statement, the DSSOPT called on all citizens to refrain from carrying out illegal works and stressed that it will closely continue to oversee all suspicious activities, especially any works that might obstruct firefighters and/or other rescue teams in emergency situations, or otherwise constitute a risk to public safety and hygiene.

## HEALTH

### Tam tours new health facilities, inaugurates new pharmacy

**T**HE Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam, visited several health facilities on Friday, including the upcoming Ilha Verde Health Care Center and the new hospital pharmacy of the Conde de São Januário Hospital Center (CHCSJ) where he presided on the new facility's inauguration ceremony to celebrate the completion of expansion works, the Health Bureau (SSM) informed in a statement.

With a total area of 8,728 square meters, the new Ilha Verde Health Care Center will be the largest health care center of the region, and will open this summer to provide health services for an expected population of 96,000 residents. The SSM also noted that services have already been scheduled for the opening of the center, and health care personnel have already been allocated.

Once open, this will be the third health care center located in the Northern area of Macau. The two other health care centers in Areia Preta and Fai Chi Kei will be also reorganized to provide better services to residents in the area, especially in the treatment of dementia and in the provision of services for children with special needs, physiotherapy, and others. The new facilities of the Ilha Verde Health Care Centre first underwent expansion and renovation works between July and December last year to add more space to the patients' waiting area, and add new service counters to reduce the waiting time of patients at the pharmacy.

During the visit to the facilities, the Secretary took note of the procedures for the collection, verification and delivery of medicines, and observed the operation of the new automatic dispensing machine opened last February. The new equipment was said to cut down on the waiting time for dispensing drugs by approximately one third, according to data from the SSM from March. The new automatic dispensing machine has the capability to dispense 2,400 boxes of medicine per hour and has a storage capacity of 13,500 medicine boxes. It can also automatically perform an inventory of the medicine stock and verify the expiration period of stored medicines, thus reducing waiting time and increasing the precision and quality of dispensing.

# Cigarettes caused 18 fires in Q1

Julie Zhu

**D**ATA from the Fire Services Bureau (CB) for the first quarter of 2018 shows that the number of incidents has increased 5.52 percent from the same period last year, with 11,616 incidents reported compared to 11,008 incidents in 2017.

The number of incidents when fire alarms were triggered was 259, up 7.92 percent year-on-year. 92 of these, or 35.52%, were caused by unattended stoves or flames.

David Tsang, First Divisional Officer of CB, said 18 fire alarms were triggered by cigarette butts, "more or less the same" compared to last year.

The CB dispatched ambulances 10,092 times, an annual increase of seven percent from 660 times last year.

"Although the increase in ambulance attendance has slowed, the rescue resources are still limited and we call for all of Macau's public to carefully consider whether the use of an ambulance is appropriate

and to save the resources for those who really need it," added Tsang.

In order to educate the public, the CB organized 63 lectures on fire protection, prevention of abusive use of ambulances and fuel safety. 5,255 people attended these lectures.

About 11 exercises on the use of fire extinguishers were organized, which were attended by 393 people.

Approximately 32,396 pamphlets, posters and guides for fire prevention were distributed.

The department also organized 18 evacuation exercises and other kinds of emergency preparation demonstrations, with 5,472 people participating.

CB carried out 1,971 fire safety inspections in the first quarter, in addition to 624 inspections concerning fuel safety in oil stations, oil storage centers and restaurant fuel suppliers.

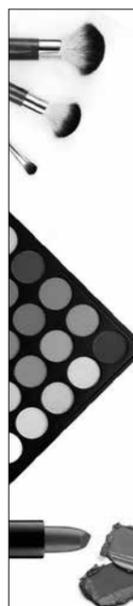
When discussing CB's preparation for the coming typhoon season, Tsang said that "after having gone through

last year's typhoon disaster, CB made short-term, medium-term, and long-term plans. CB has already added 15 more reporting hotlines, and has purchased some equipment, and did some exercises with the Macau Customs Services."

"Later, we will carry out ... internal research regarding cooperating with the Civil Protection Center to do a relative drill," he finished.

According to Tsang, the new equipment will arrive in one to two months.

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# Concretização do Plano Quinquenal de Desenvolvimento da RAEM em 2017 e obtenção de resultados faseados

Taxa de conclusão dos principais trabalhos em 2017 de **93%**

## Promoção estável de uma boa governação social

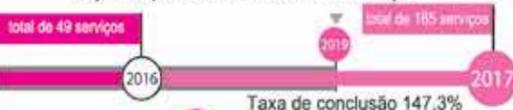
Aumento do número e da proporção de personalidades sociais de reconhecido mérito que desempenham funções em organismos consultivos

Percentagem de personalidades sociais em relação ao total de membros dos organismos consultivos



Número total dos serviços públicos electrónicos, em diferentes níveis, mais utilizados

Objectivo para o ano de 2019: 112 serviços



Taxa de conclusão 147,3%

Superado o previsto

Conclusão da primeira fase da reorganização de funções e de reestruturação dos serviços públicos

Reestruturação de **15** serviços públicos e extinção de **6**



Reestruturação de **11** organismos consultivos e extinção de **3**

## Reforço contínuo da cooperação regional

Articulação activa na elaboração do plano de desenvolvimento para a Região de Grande Baía Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau

Com o testemunho do Presidente Xi Jinping, a Comissão Nacional de Desenvolvimento e Reforma e os governos de Guangdong, Hong Kong e Macau assinaram o «Acordo-quadro para reforço da cooperação Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau e promoção da construção da Grande Baía»

Participação activa na construção de «Uma Faixa, Uma Rota»

- Realização do Fórum Internacional sobre o Investimento e Construção de Infraestruturas.
- Exposição temática de fotografia «Uma Faixa, Uma Rota».
- Promoção do estudo não governamental «Uma Faixa, Uma Rota».
- Organização conjunta com «think-tanks» não governamentais da Conferência Internacional «Uma Faixa, Uma Rota» e o Desenvolvimento de Macau.

## Empenho no desenvolvimento económico

### Recuperação geral da economia

Crescimento positivo do PIB local



Aumento moderado da mediana do rendimento mensal do emprego dos residentes locais



A taxa de desemprego global mantém-se em níveis baixos



### Diversificação adequada da economia

Aumento das condições de acesso ao emprego dos trabalhadores locais

Percentagem dos trabalhadores locais em cargos de gestão de médio e alto nível nas empresas operadoras do jogo



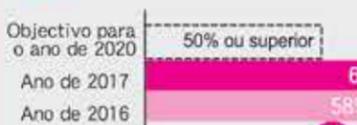
Aumento anual do valor total de vendas do comércio a retalho em 2017 de 12,6%, atingindo 66,26 mil milhões

Aumento da percentagem dos trabalhadores do sector da venda a retalho em relação à população activa



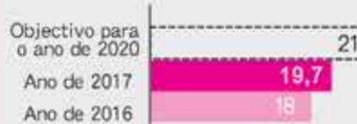
Desenvolvimento contínuo das actividades não-jogo das concessionárias do jogo

Percentagem do valor de bens e serviços locais adquiridos pelas concessionárias do jogo



Aumento da área das instalações para convenções e exposições

Área das instalações para convenções e exposições (dez mil metros quadrados)



## Melhoria contínua da qualidade de vida dos cidadãos



A esperança média de vida continua a situar-se à frente a nível mundial, tendo em 2017 atingido os **83,4** anos

### Régime de segurança social de dois níveis

Ano de 2011

O primeiro nível do regime de segurança social está em vigor desde 2011

Ano de 2017 (objectivos alcançados antes do prazo previsto)

O «Regime de previdência central não obrigatório» foi aprovado, na especialidade, pela Assembleia Legislativa no dia 31 de Maio de 2017, e entrou em vigor no dia 1 de Janeiro de 2018.

Ano de 2020 (objectivo previsto)

Conclusão da criação do segundo nível do «Regime de previdência central não obrigatório»

### Aumento estável do nível de saúde

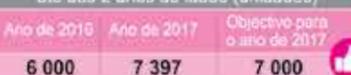


Ano de 2017 **102 mil** beneficiários da pensão para idosos. Aumento anual **8,9%**

### Reforço do número de vagas nas creches



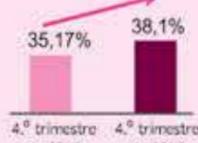
Vagas nas creches destinadas às crianças até aos 2 anos de idade (unidades)



### Reforço da promoção da qualidade da educação



Aumento da percentagem da população activa com nível de ensino superior concluído

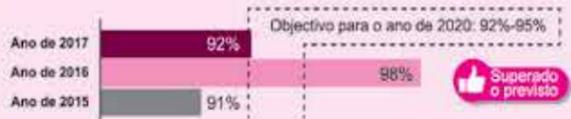


### Resultados visíveis da política de controlo de veículos



### Promoção activa da protecção do ambiente

Aumento da percentagem do número de dias com ar de boa qualidade em relação ao número de dias do ano



Número de mudas de mangue plantadas anualmente em mangais costeiros

Objectivo anual: 3 000 árvores



### Conclusão ordenada dos novos complexos de habitação pública

Novas habitações económicas

Zonas	Quantidade (unidade)
Edifício Bairro da Ilha Verde	2 356
Edifício Cheng Tou	378
Edifício Fai Ieng	436
Edifício Iat Fai da Taipa	288
<b>Total:</b>	<b>3 458</b>

## Cidade inteligente

### Estratégias de desenvolvimento da cidade inteligente

- O Governo da RAEM e o Grupo Alibaba assinaram o «Acordo-Quadro para a Cooperação Estratégica na Área da Construção de uma Cidade Inteligente»

### Promoção activa da construção das bases de uma cidade inteligente

Alargamento da cobertura de WiFi, ajustamento do serviço de banda larga sem fios "WiFi Go" com o plano "FreeWiFi.MO", e estímulo à participação neste plano de um maior número de entidades de Macau, já existem 352 pontos de acesso de "FreeWiFi.MO".

### Progressos das diversas obras prioritárias

- Conclusão dos trabalhos referentes ao aterro da Zona A das Novas Zonas Urbanas, em Dezembro de 2017

### Empenho na concretização das obras da linha da Taipa do metro ligeiro

Conclusão básica das estruturas principais das 11 estações da linha da Taipa

Conclusão básica das obras referentes ao viaduto de 9,3 km de comprimento

### Resultados visíveis quanto à instalação do «Sistema de Monitorização Digital da Cidade»

- 1.ª fase Conclusão da instalação de 219 câmaras conforme previsto
- 2.ª e 3.ª fases Conclusão da instalação de 90% das 601 câmaras planeadas
- 4.ª fase Instalação de 800 câmaras, de acordo com o planeado

Fonte informativa: Gabinete de Comunicação Social do Governo da RAEM

AP PHOTO



Korean Air senior Vice President Cho Hyun-min

# Korean Air suspends 'nut rage' sister from work over tantrum

Youkyung Lee, Seoul

**K**OREAN Air Lines said yesterday it has suspended one of its chairman's daughters from her marketing work after she threw a tantrum at a business meeting, triggering public outrage and a police investigation.

The daughter, Cho Hyun-min, also known as Emily Cho, is the younger sister of another Korean Air executive whose onboard "nut rage" outburst delayed a flight in 2014.

The flag carrier said Cho, a senior vice president, was suspended from work starting yesterday. It said it will take further action following the police investigation.

Cho allegedly hurled a cup of water at an ad agency official during a meeting last month. She later apologized on Facebook, saying the out-

burst was sparked by her passion for commercials. Cho oversaw the company's marketing and commercials.

"I apologize for my foolish behavior," she said on Facebook. "It is my big fault that I could not control my emotions."

Cho's sister, Hyun-ah, achieved worldwide notoriety after delaying a flight at John F. Kennedy Airport over the way nuts were served.

The police investigation will determine whether Cho threw the water on the floor, as Korean Air maintains, or toward the ad agency official's face, as some media report, which could constitute physical assault.

The case is seen as the latest abuse of power by elite business families which exercise outsized influence over publicly listed companies in South Korea, even though the families are not majority sha-

reholders. Members of the founding families of giant business groups called chaebol, often including the second or third generations, are treated as "emperors." Although Korean Air Lines is a listed company, Cho's older sister's anger over macadamia nuts being served in a bag, not on a plate, was powerful enough to force the taxiing flight to return to the gate.

More than 56,000 South Koreans have signed a petition submitted to the presidential office asking the government to stop Korean Air from using the word "Korea" in its name and stop using a logo resembling the national flag.

"There is a huge chance that foreigners who read the news about the founding family's abuse of power would assume that it is part of South Korea's national image," the petition read. **AP**

## GAMING

# Icahn to sell Tropicana for USD1.85 billion to Eldorado, REIT

AP PHOTO



Phil Serafino

**E**LDORADO Resorts Inc. and real-estate company Gaming and Leisure Properties Inc. are teaming up to buy Carl Icahn's casino operator, Tropicana Entertainment Inc., for USD1.85 billion in cash, adding to a wave of consolidation in the gambling industry.

Gaming & Leisure will pay \$1.21 billion for most of Tropicana's casinos and will lease the properties to Eldorado, the buyers said in statements yesterday. Eldorado will pay the remaining \$640 million of the purchase price. The boards of all three companies have approved the deal.

The sale is Icahn's second in about a week. On April 10, the billionaire investor agreed to sell auto-parts maker Federal-Mogul LLC to competitor Tenneco Inc. for \$5.4 billion.

With yesterday's deal, Eldorado will gain seven casinos in six states, including two in its home state of Nevada. The acquisition is the second big deal that Eldorado has announced in about 18 months. The Reno-based company bought Isle of Capri Casinos Inc. in May for \$1.1 billion. Gaming & Leisure, a real-estate investment trust based in Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, also has been an active buyer, purchasing Pinnacle Entertainment Inc.'s properties in 2016 for about \$1.7 billion.

Separately yesterday, Eldorado agreed to buy the Grand Victoria Casino in Elgin, Illinois, for \$327.5 million in cash from MGM Resorts International and its venture partner.

Eldorado shares climbed as much as 15 percent to \$41 in early trading in New York. They had already gained 7.7 percent this year through Friday's close.

Icahn bought a stake in Tropicana in 2008 when the casino company was bankrupt, according to a statement from Icahn Enterprises LP. Casino companies have embraced REITS since Penn National Gaming Inc. spun off its real estate into Gaming & Leisure in November 2013. REITS don't pay federal income tax, passing earnings directly to shareholders instead.

The Tropicana purchase announced yesterday is expected to close by the end of this year, the companies said. Its completion is subject to customary conditions, including the approval of Tropicana shareholders, Icahn Enterprises said in a regulatory filing. Termination of the agreement by either side is subject to a termination fee of \$92.5 million, according to the filing.

The transaction doesn't include Tropicana's Aruba assets, which will be sold as a condition of the deal closing and add to its value. **Bloomberg**

## corporate bits

### MGM HOSTS ACTIVITIES TO RAISE SOCIAL INCLUSION AWARENESS



MGM once again sponsored the Conference on Inclusive Education, Sports and Social Media as one of its initiatives to raise public awareness of social inclusion.

The conference, held at MGM Cotai's Ballroom yesterday,

was the beginning of a series of activities planned throughout the year to further promote social inclusion through art workshops and sporting events during the month of April.

A line-up of international

speakers was invited to share insights on the topic of social inclusion at the conference which was attended by nearly 400 audience members from various fields, according to a statement issued by the gaming operator.

According to that statement, the event highlighted the importance of creating a more welcoming and inclusive world for all, in which individual differences are appreciated and respected.

On the day of the conference, more than 100 athletes with disabilities gathered at MGM Cotai's Ballroom Foyer for an art workshop, and together created designs for mannequins, motorbike toy models, helmets and more.

### BNU OPENS NEW BRANCH IN TAIAPA



BNU yesterday held its Taipa Flower City Branch Opening Ceremony, marking its 20th branch across Macau, Hengqin and Zhuhai.

The newly finished Taipa

Flower City Branch provides a larger area and a more convenient environment for customers, according to a statement issued by the bank.

Compared to the previous Tai-

apa Flower City Branch, this new branch provides the Advantage Service, focused on affluent customers, aiming to bring a new banking experience to customers.

In further news, BNU announced that it will open a new branch at the N1 building of the University of Macau in the second half of the year.

BNU stated that these expansions are part of the bank's efforts regarding the economic development of the city.

Pedro Cardoso, CEO of BNU, officiated the ceremony, along with other guests including Vitor Sereno, Consul General of Portugal in Macau and Hong Kong, and Deborah Ng, Member of the Macao Monetary Authority Administrative Commission, amongst others.

REV. JOHN SANQIANG CAO

# Jailed Chinese pastor's US family seeks mercy



In this May 2014, photo released by Ben Cao, Rev. John Sanqiang Cao (center), poses for a photo with members of the Kachin minority group in Wa State, Myanmar

Yanan Wang, Beijing

**T**HE Rev. John Sanqiang Cao paid no more than three dollars for the trip that would end up costing him his freedom.

For years, he and fellow Chinese Christian teachers would cross the river on a narrow bamboo raft from a tree-shrouded bank in southern China into neighboring Myanmar, carrying with them notebooks, pencils and Bibles. The journey that enabled the missionaries to slip between the countries — a distance no greater than 9 meters — always happened in broad daylight, according to a U.S.-based missionary who traveled with Cao.

The ride on March 5, 2017, was different. Cao and a teacher were on a raft returning to Yunnan province when they saw Chinese security agents waiting for them on the shore. Decades of work in China's clandestine "house" churches and unofficial Bible schools had prepared the prominent 58-year-old Christian leader for this moment. He quickly threw his cellphone into the water, protecting the identities of more than 50 Chinese teachers he had recruited to give ethnic minority Burmese children a free education rooted in Christianity.

But Cao himself could not escape. He was sentenced last month to seven years in prison for "organizing others to illegally cross the border" — a crime more commonly applied to human traffickers. His American sons and Christian colleagues — who have not been allowed contact with him since his arrest — spoke about the case for the first time to The Associated Press, arguing

that the pastor's sentence should be reduced in light of his humanitarian work.

"Nothing my father organized was ever political. It was always just religious or charitable," said Ben Cao, the pastor's 23-year-old son, a U.S. citizen living in Charlotte, North Carolina. "We hope that China will be merciful, and see that my father's intentions were good."

Cao's punishment was handed down as Beijing pursues a plan to "sinicize" the country's major religions, eliminate "foreign influence" and align faiths more closely with the atheist ruling Communist Party's own doctrines. Analysts say the government increasingly views Christianity's rise in China as a threat to its rule, and may be using prominent figures such as Cao as an example to intimidate nascent movements.

The pastor's case also appears to show the party wants to extend its control over the activities of China's faithful even when they are abroad.

"This reflects the tightening environment under President Xi (Jinping) against any kind of religious independence," said Cao's longtime friend Bob Fu, a Texas-based Christian rights activist. "In the past when they talked about foreign infiltration, they were referring to the activities of foreign missionaries inside China, but that has now expanded to include Chinese missionaries going overseas."

New religious regulations implemented in February stipulate that Chinese nationals who leave the country for religious purposes without government

authorization could be fined up to 200,000 yuan (USD31,780). Meanwhile, leaders of churches not approved by the state have reported being prevented from leaving mainland China outright.

A U.S. State Department spokesman told the AP that Washington is "deeply concerned" about Cao's sentence and has urged China to release him as a U.S. legal permanent resident on "humanitarian grounds." Cao intends to retire and return to his family in America once he is freed, the spokesman said.

Chris Smith, a New Jersey congressman who chairs a House subcommittee on human rights, said in a statement that "Pastor Cao's name should be on President Trump's lips whenever he talks to Xi Jinping," China's president.

Cao was 20 years old when he met an American Christian couple who were sightseeing in his hometown in central Hunan province. They gave him his first Bible and exchanged letters with him about Christianity. Cao, the eldest son of teachers, told them

that he listened to the evangelist Billy Graham's radio broadcasts and felt called to pastor the Chinese people.

So even after marrying an American woman, completing seminary studies in New York and pastoring a Chinese-American congregation in North Carolina, Cao retained his Chinese citizenship and split his time between the countries.

He became heavily involved with China's "house" churches — Protestant congregations that are not state-sanctioned but which local authorities have in many cases tolerated. Cao founded more than a dozen Bible boarding schools in central and southern China that trained teenagers from poor Christian families to become unofficial pastors. Some later became teachers at the schools Cao built in Myanmar.

Most of the schools have been raided and shut down by security agents in recent years, Cao's supporters say.

Amos Cao, the pastor's 26-year-old son, said Cao has a magnetic presence that made him a natural teacher. He loves telling self-deprecating bilingual jokes, and ran a website that explained English idioms in Chinese.

"I traveled at least 5,000 miles, mostly by train, hard-seat class or bus," Cao once described his work in a letter to supporters. "Praise the Lord, He has sustained me and kept me in good shape. I lost five pounds!"

When earthquakes struck Sichuan province in 2008, and Nepal in 2015, Cao flew in to help victims, his fellow missionaries said, buying clothes for them

even as he wore the same grey jacket and shoes for years.

"My father always tried to save as much money as possible so he could give it away," Ben Cao said.

Christianity's rapid growth, capacity to mobilize and resilience through harsh periods of persecution make it appear as a threat to the Communist Party, analysts say, particularly given its link to Western civilization.

"I suspect (Cao) was singled out for this arrest," said Xi Lian, a scholar of Christianity in China at Duke University. Lian noted that pastors with "lower visibility" have been doing similar work along the China-Myanmar border with no repercussions, but Cao's prominence in the house church networks made him "the kind of person that may make the Chinese government nervous."

There are now more than 38 million Protestants in China, according to official estimates, and experts have predicted that the country will have the world's largest Christian population in a few decades.

A Chinese Christian teacher arrested with Cao was convicted of a lesser crime and has since been released. Cao's lawyer Liu Peifu said he believed the pastor's religious organizing was a "factor" in his sentence, which Liu has appealed.

Cao tried to get state approval for many of his projects, Ben Cao said. He handed over a primary school and health clinic he established to local authorities, and did not resist when officials asked him to halt certain undertakings.

Still, Cao was under constant surveillance. Darek Jarmola, an American teacher who leads Christian youth trips, recalled noticing someone taking pictures of him and Cao while they were having dinner in Hunan last January.

Cao shrugged it off, Jarmola said. "I haven't done anything wrong, and if I do, they can arrest me," he told Jarmola.

The pastor was frequently called in to meet with security agents who questioned him about his recruitment of Chinese volunteers to build more than a dozen schools in Myanmar's Wa state, Fu said.

"There were no secrets," Fu said. "He always believed that he operated with the government's tacit blessing."

Yunnan's Menglian County Detention Center, where Cao is being held, repeatedly declined to comment on his case. The county's religious affairs office said they were not aware of it.

"The government chose the right church to persecute," Cao once wrote in a letter describing the resilience of house churches. "Time has proven ... that God is still alive and well in China." AP

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BEN CAO

**opinion**

**TECH TITANS SHOULD BRACE FOR SOME MEDIA HUMILITY**

Tim Culpan & Shuli Ren, Bloomberg Gadfly

**Tech** or media? What to many people is an esoteric question could end up making a multi-billion-dollar difference to Chinese companies that serve up content ranging from jokes to gossip.

Technology firms, those ground-breaking companies with research teams hard at work building moats, are more highly prized than media counterparts that merely provide content. In the S&P 500, for example, tech firms trade as high as 30 times earnings, with software players leading the field - a handy premium over media companies at 17.5 times.

Facebook Inc. feels this pain. A drop in its P/E ratio was exacerbated by the Cambridge Analytica scandal, which reminded the world that advertising is the company's business model. From 32 times forward earnings two years ago, Zuckerberg's monster is now trading at 17.9 times.

In China, there no longer seems to be any debate on the matter.

Since Beijing can (and often does) step in to decide what's allowed across search, social media and news, it's clear that regulators see these companies as more than just technology providers offering a neutral platform.

China wants tech companies on its stock exchanges and is prepared to roll out the red carpet to make that happen, including possibly introducing Chinese depositary receipts. Taiwan's Foxconn Technology Group was the beneficiary of this warm welcome when its Foxconn Industrial Internet Co. unit won listing approval in record time.

Foxconn is just the kind of company President Xi Jinping wants.

Vulgar content, not so much. That's the label regulators gave to Neihan Duanzi, an app developed by Toutiao, one of the country's hippest startups. The forum for sometimes off-color jokes, and other apps including some run by Tencent Holdings Ltd., was ordered to shut last week.

Weibo Corp. made clear it's a media company when it announced April 13 that it would delete posts relating to gay culture as part of a three-month "cleanup," prompting a swift backlash from users.

Yet Weibo's 125 percent rally over the last year - to a market value exceeding that of Twitter Inc. - puts the stock at 41 times 2018 earnings, in the realm of tech companies, not media players. Analysts see Weibo's revenue growing 57 percent this year, with EPS rising 76 percent.

Startups are also thinking a little highly of themselves. Toutiao parent Beijing Bytedance Technology Co., which counts Sequoia Capital China, DST Global and Source Code Capital as investors, is already valued at USD11 billion, according to CB Insights. But unicorn status and four rounds of funding clearly aren't enough: The Information reported in December that Bytedance is looking to a \$30 billion valuation.

China is now fast-tracking the IPO process for technology companies and easing profitability requirements. But here's the rub: The innovative companies Beijing wants must operate in fields of importance to national security, such as big data, cloud computing and artificial intelligence. Silly jokes and human rights don't count.

So listed companies had better prepare for new valuation models. And startups might be better off not even attempting a Chinese IPO.

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**TRADE WAR**

**Exporters scramble to cope with Trump tariff hike**

Joe McDonald, Beijing

**F**ACING a possible U.S. tariff hike, one of China's biggest ball bearing makers, Cixin Group, is weighing plans to rush shipments to American customers before the increase makes its sales unprofitable.

The company in the eastern city of Ningbo is among exporters of goods from motorcycle parts to electronics that are scrambling to cope with President Donald Trump's higher duties by shipping early, raising prices or finding new markets.

The 25 percent increase would turn Cixin's profits to losses in the U.S. market, which takes 30 percent of its exports, according to Wang Liqiang, a company manager.

"We are considering manufacturing as many ball bearings as possible for the U.S. market before the imposition of tariffs," said Wang. "We can do it by working overtime."

Some companies are looking at ways to hide their Chinese origin by shipping goods through other countries.

"Maybe customers will buy from South America, and then South America sells to the U.S.," said Yvonne Yuan, a sales manager for Shenzhen Tianya Lighting Co., a manufacturer of LED bulbs.

Trump says higher duties on USD50 billion of Chinese

goods are meant to punish Beijing for stealing or pressuring foreign companies to hand over foreign technology.

The plan targets goods U.S. officials say benefit from improper Chinese policies including machinery, industrial components and aerospace, telecoms and other technology.

Trump left time to negotiate. A public comment period runs through May 11, with a hearing scheduled May 15.

Economists and Chinese officials say the tariff hike's overall impact on China should be limited. But for exporters that depend on the U.S. market, the potential costs are alarming.

Knock-on effects could greatly increase the impact, Moody's Investors Service researchers said in a report. It said that Chinese manufacturers that supply inputs to targeted sectors would see reduced demand and more pricing pressure, spreading the effects of tariffs deeper into the Chinese economy. Manufacturing and processing of metals and metal products, as the key input sectors for technology-product manufacturing, would be hurt the most.

Chinese exporters supply most of the world's mobile phones, personal computers, televisions, toys and other light manufactured goods from thousands of factories.

They are flexible and re-

sourceful but many are struggling with higher costs and slowing demand. China's total exports last year rose 7.9 percent, down from the heady double-digit rates of the past decade.

The United States buys about 20 percent of China's exports. But Americans are especially important to exporters because they buy electronics and other high-value goods, including many targeted by Trump's tariffs.

Some exporters already are reeling from previous U.S. tariff increases of up to 500 percent on washing machines, solar modules and some metal products, meant to offset what the Trump administration says are improper subsidies that allow them to sell at unfairly low prices.

Others are confident American customers cannot do without them.

Makers of motorcycle components plan to use that leverage to ask buyers to split the cost if tariffs rise, said Pan Jianle, an official of the Motorcycle Parts Association in Wenzhou. She said they export worldwide but the United States is their No. 1 market.

"The U.S. motorcycle parts industry relies heavily on China," said Pan. "It is difficult for U.S. customers to find products with good quality and value for money from other places."

Such a politically charged conflict has left companies

and local Chinese officials jumpy.

Pan declined to provide the value of exports of motorcycle components to the United States. A few hours later, the Wenzhou city government's foreign affairs office called AP to ask about its interviews.

Electronics manufacturers also plan to ask buyers to share higher costs, said Li Zengyou, secretary general of the local manufacturing chamber of commerce in the eastern city of Zibo in Shandong province.

Zibo's electronics exports to the United States last year totaled USD1 billion, according to Li. That would mean if the tariff hike applied to all their sales, it could add \$250 million to the cost.

If higher tariffs hit, "they will raise the price," said Li. "If the U.S. customers failed to accept it, they would stop exporting to the United States and turn to explore other markets."

Ningbo-based Cixin Group's margins in the United States are about 10 percent, which would be wiped out by a 25 percent tariff hike, said Wang. The company also exports to Europe and Latin America.

"We can't bear all the costs," he said. "We can try to increase our exports to other countries, but it is not easy to establish a long-term relationship with new customers." AP



Myanmar immigration officials examine documents and photographs with a Rohingya family of five at a receiving center in Myanmar

## ROHINGYA

# Bangladesh rejects Myanmar's claim of repatriating refugees

Julhas Alam, Dhaka

**B**ANGLADESH yesterday rejected a claim by Myanmar that the Buddhist-majority nation had repatriated the first five among some 700,000 Rohingya Muslim refugees who fled to the neighboring country to escape military-led violence against the minority group.

A Myanmar government statement said Saturday that five members of a family had returned to western Rakhine state from the border area. It said the family was staying temporarily with relatives in Maungdaw town, the administrative center close to the border.

The statement said authorities determined whether they had lived in Myanmar and provided them with a national verification card. The card is a form of ID, but does not mean citizenship — something Rohingya have been denied in Myanmar, where they've faced persecution for decades.

The statement did not say whether any more repatriations were being planned. Bangladesh has given Myanmar a list of more than 8,000 refugees to begin the repatriations, but there have been delays due to a complicated verification process.

Bangladesh's home minister, Asaduzzaman Khan, said Myanmar's claim that the family had been "repatriated" was false, noting that the family had never reached Bangladeshi territory.

Khan said Myanmar's move was "nothing but a farce."

"I hope Myanmar will take all the Rohingya families back within the shortest possible time," he said.

Bangladesh's refugee, relief and repatriation commissioner, Abul Kalam, said the Rohingya family

involved had never crossed the border.

"By no definition can this be called repatriation," he said by phone from Cox's Bazar. "No repatriation has taken place. Bangladesh is no way part of it."

Cox's Bazar is a district in Bangladesh where camps have been set up to shelter the Rohingya.

Asif Munier, an independent refugee expert who had handled the Rohingya crisis in Bangladesh for years as part of the United Nations, said Myanmar's claim was a public relations stunt.

"They are doing it again and again," he said. "Bangladesh's government and the international community must ask Myanmar for an explanation for this move. While there is a bilateral process going on and international agencies are involved, such a move by Myanmar is again very unfortunate and unexpected."

Myanmar's social welfare minister, Win Myat Aye, who is leading the repatriation process, said yesterday that Myanmar had given the family the necessary documents.

"The five family members who re-entered Myanmar the other day were people who stayed along the border line between Myanmar and Bangladesh," he said. "As they were repatriated,

Myanmar officials, including from immigration, had verified them and gave them the paperwork they needed."

Myanmar's security forces have been accused of rape, killing, torture and the burning of the homes of Rohingya villagers after insurgents attacked about 30 police outposts on Aug. 25. The United Nations and the United States have described the army crackdown as "ethnic cleansing."

About 700,000 Rohingya Muslims flooded into neighboring Bangladesh to escape the violence.

Bangladesh and Myanmar agreed in December to begin repatriating them in January, but there were concerns among aid workers and Rohingya that they would be forced to return and face unsafe conditions in Myanmar.

On Friday, the U.N. refugee agency and Bangladesh finalized a memorandum of understanding that said the repatriation process must be "safe, voluntary and dignified ... in line with international standards."

UNHCR said it "considers that conditions in Myanmar are not yet conducive for returns to be safe, dignified, and sustainable. The responsibility for creating such conditions remains with the Myanmar authorities, and these must go beyond the preparation of physical infrastructure to facilitate logistical arrangements."

Rohingya Muslims have long been treated as outsiders in Myanmar, even though their families have lived in the country for generations. Nearly all have been denied citizenship since 1982, effectively rendering them stateless. They are denied freedom of movement and other basic rights. AP

## PAKISTAN

# Watchdog says country failing on human rights

Kathy Gannon, Islamabad

**A**N independent Pakistani watchdog criticized the country's human rights record over the past year in a new report released yesterday, saying the nation has failed to make progress on a myriad of issues, ranging from forced disappearances, to women's rights and protection of religious minorities.

The damning report card issued by the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan says people continue to disappear in Pakistan, sometimes because they criticize the country's powerful military or because they advocate better relations with neighboring India.

The controversial blasphemy law continues to be misused, especially against dissidents, with cases in which mere accusations that someone committed blasphemy lead to deadly mob violence, it said.

While deaths directly linked to acts of terrorism declined in 2017, the report says attacks against the country's minorities were on the rise.

The 296-page report was dedicated to one of the commission's founders, Asma Jahangir, whose death in February generated worldwide outpouring of grief and accolades for the 66-year-old activist who was fierce in her commitment to human rights.

"We have lost a human rights giant," U.N. Secretary General Antonio Guterres said following Jahangir's death. "She was a tireless advocate for inalienable rights of all people and for equality - whether in her capacity as a Pakistani lawyer in the domestic justice system, as a global civil society activist, or

as a Special Rapporteur [...] Asma will not be forgotten."

Monday's report also took aim at religious bigotry in Pakistan and the government's refusal to push back against religious zealots, fearing a backlash.

"Freedom of expression and freedom of association is under attack, except for those who carry the religious banner," commission spokesman I.A. Rehman said at the release of the report, which accused Pakistani authorities of ignoring "intolerance and extremism."

Religious conservative organizations continue to resist laws aimed at curbing violence against women, laws giving greater rights to women and removing legal restrictions on social exchanges between sexes, which remain segregated in many parts of Pakistani society, it said.

Still, there was legal progress in other areas, it noted, describing as a "landmark development" a new law in the country's largest province, Punjab, which accepts marriage licenses within the Sikh community at the local level, giving the unions protection under the law.

But religious minorities in Pakistan continued to be a target of extremists, it said, citing attacks on Shiiites, Christians falsely accused of blasphemy and also on Ahmedis, a sect reviled by mainstream Muslims as heretics. Ahmedis are not allowed under Pakistan's constitution to call themselves Muslims.

On Sunday in Quetta, the capital of southwestern Baluchistan province, gunmen attacked Christian worshippers as they left Sunday services, killing two. Five other worshippers were wounded, two seriously. AP



A man comforts a Christian woman who lost her husband in a deadly shooting incident, outside a hospital in Quetta

# China, Japan seek to mend ties as Trump trade war looms

CHINA and Japan took another step toward mending their troubled relations yesterday, resuming high-level economic talks for the first time in nearly eight years.

Foreign Minister Wang Yi led the Chinese delegation, becoming the first foreign minister to visit Japan for bilateral talks since 2009.

Asia's two largest economies have been trying to improve strained ties and now have further reason to cooperate in the face of President Donald Trump's moves to impose tariffs on imports from their countries and his demands that they open their markets more to American exports.

Wang, meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, noted the threats of rising unilateralism and trade protectionism.



Abe heads to the United States today to meet with Trump to discuss both trade and Trump's plans for a summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

Japan's leader said that he is seeking China's cooperation in efforts to get North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapons development in a full and irreversible way.

Earlier, Japan and China held what was billed as the fourth Japan-China High-Level Economic Dialogue, the first such meeting since August 2010.

## AUSTRALIA

# Refugee policy general named next defense chief

Rod McGuirk, Canberra

AN Australian army general who led a secretive military operation to stop asylum seekers from coming to Australia by boat was named yesterday as the country's next defense force chief.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull said Lt. Gen. Angus Campbell will replace Air Chief Marshall Mark Binskin as chief of the Australian Defense Force in July. Binskin will retire after four years in the top job.

Campbell came to public attention as the commander of Operation Sovereign Borders, an operation established by a newly elected conservative government in 2013 to stop thousands of asylum seekers from the Middle East, Africa and Asia from reaching Australian shores in rickety Indonesian fishing boats at a rate of 37 boats a month.

No asylum seeker boat has reached Australia since July 2014, although the government is secretive about what tactics are used to stop them.



Lt. Gen. Angus Campbell (left) and Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull address reporters outside Turnbull's office at Parliament House in Canberra

The government recently announced that 32 boats carrying 800 people had been turned back to Indonesia since 2013, a practice that Indonesians consider an affront to their sovereignty.

Campbell was promoted to chief of the army in 2015.

Questioned by reporters, Campbell declined to say whether he was concerned by China's militarization in the South China Sea.

"We have a very constructive relationship with China and that's all I intend to say," he said.

Turnbull said the appointment came at a critical time, with Australia undertaking the largest modernization of its defense capabilities in its peacetime history.

Turnbull announced the appointment before flying to Britain, France and Germany for security-focused talks with government leaders. AP

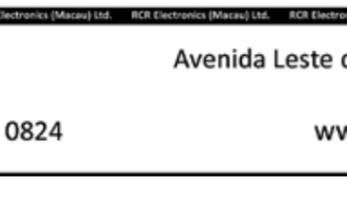
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James Comey

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## Comey says Trump 'morally unfit' to be president

**F**ORMER FBI Director James Comey said he believed that Donald Trump was “morally unfit” to be president and that he treated women like “pieces of meat.”

“A person who sees moral equivalence in Charlottesville, who talks about and treats women like they’re pieces of meat, who lies constantly about matters big and small and insists the American people believe it — that person’s not fit to be president of the United States, on moral grounds,” Comey said.

In a rather disturbing statement, the former FBI chief says he thinks it’s possible the Russians have compromising information on President Donald Trump, that there is “some evidence of obstruction of justice” in the president’s actions and that Trump is “morally unfit” for office.

Comey’s comments in an ABC News interview that aired yesterday [Macau time] were almost certain to escalate his war of words with the president and further erode a relationship marked by open hostility and name-calling. Hours before the interview aired, the president, who fired Comey last year, unleashed a Twitter outburst that labeled Comey “slippery,” suggested he should be put in jail and branded him “the WORST FBI Director in history, by far!”

Comey’s televised remarks, coupled with the release of his forthcoming book, offer his version of events surrounding his firing and the investigations into Russian election meddling and Hillary Clinton’s email practices. Several of the episodes he describes in detail, including a private conversation about former White House national security adviser Michael Flynn, are central to special counsel Robert Mueller’s investigation

and his recollections are presumably valuable for prosecutors examining whether the president’s actions constitute obstruction of justice.

The FBI director, who until his firing last May led an investigation into possible ties between Russia and the Trump campaign, acknowledged that it was “stunning” to think that Russia could have damaging information about an American president. But he said that in Trump’s case, he could not discount the possibility that the president had been compromised.

“These are more words I never thought I’d utter about a president of the United States, but it’s possible,” Comey told ABC News’ chief anchor George Stephanopoulos.

He also answered “possibly” when asked if the president was attempting to obstruct justice when he cleared the Oval Office of other officials last February before encouraging him to close the investigation into Flynn, who by that point was suspected of lying to the FBI about his Russian contacts. The retired general pleaded guilty last December and is now cooperating with Mueller’s investigation.

Trump rejected Comey’s assertion that Trump had sought his loyalty at a January 2017 dinner, saying “I hardly even knew this guy. Just another of his many

lies.” He also suggested Comey should be imprisoned, saying, “how come he gave up Classified Information (jail), why did he lie to Congress (jail).” There is no indication Comey is under investigation for doing either.

Asked if the president wanted the Justice Department to investigate Comey, White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said Sunday on ABC’s “This Week” that she was not aware of a specific request. But, she said, “if they feel there was any wrongdoing, they should certainly look into that just as they do on a number of other topics.”

### ■ Comey says it’s possible the Russians have compromising information on President Trump

But the president’s attacks on Comey began even before the interview aired.

He seized on an excerpt shown Saturday in which Comey said his belief that Clinton would beat Trump in the 2016 presidential election was probably

a factor in his decision to disclose the investigation into her emails. Comey, Trump tweeted, “was making decisions based on the fact that he thought she was going to win, and he wanted a job. Slimeball!”

That argument was startling given that Comey’s handling of the email investigation, including his disclosure shortly before the election that the FBI had reopened its probe, enraged Democrats. After Clinton’s loss, many Democrats blamed Comey, and Clinton herself has said it hurt her election prospects.

Comey again defended his actions, telling ABC that he made what he thought was the best decision at the time. Comey said he did not remember “consciously thinking” about the election results as he decided to disclose that the FBI had reopened its investigation into candidate Clinton’s email use. But, he acknowledged, “I was operating in a world where Hillary Clinton was going to beat Donald Trump, and so I’m sure that it was a factor.”

“I don’t remember spelling it out,” he added, “but it had to have been that she’s going to be elected president and if I hide this from the American people, she’ll be illegitimate the moment she’s elected, the moment this comes out.”

Former Attorney General Loretta Lynch pushed back against Comey’s criticism in the book that, early in the Clinton email inquiry, she had instructed him to refer to it as a “matter” rather than an “investigation.” In a statement Sunday, Lynch said she was simply following longstanding Justice Department protocol against confirming or denying the existence of an investigation.

Trump fired Comey in May 2017, setting off a scramble at the Justice Department that led to the appointment of Mueller as special counsel overseeing the Russia investigation. Mueller’s probe has expanded to include whether Trump obstructed justice by firing Comey. So far, 19 people — including Flynn and Trump’s former campaign chairman, Paul Manafort — have been charged in the investigation. Flynn and two of the president’s campaign aides, Rick Gates and George Papadopoulos, have pleaded guilty and are cooperating with Mueller.

Asked whether he believed Trump ought to be impeached, Comey replied, “I hope not because I think impeaching and removing Donald Trump from office would let the American people off the hook and have something happen indirectly that I believe they’re duty bound to do directly. People in this country need to stand up and go to the voting booth and vote their values.”

He added: “But you cannot have, as president of the United States, someone who does not reflect the values that I believe Republicans treasure and Democrats treasure and Independents treasure. That is the core of this country. That’s our foundation. And so impeachment, in a way, would short circuit that.” **MDT/AP**

CUBA

# Raul Castro leaves island with new freedoms, deep problems

Michael Weissenstein & Andrea Rodriguez, Havana

**I**N 2008 Raul Castro took over a country where most people couldn't own computers or cellphones, leave without permission, run most types of private businesses or enter resort hotels.

Castro set about re-engineering the system he had helped create and Cuba opened dramatically over his decade in office. But when Castro steps down as president Thursday he will leave his successor a host of problems that are deeper than on the day his brother Fidel formally handed over power.

Cuba has nearly 600,000 private entrepreneurs, more than 5 million cellphones, a bustling real estate market and one of the world's fastest-growing airports. Foreign debt has been paid. Tourism numbers have more than doubled since Castro and President Barack

Obama re-established diplomatic relations in 2015, making Cuba a destination for nearly 5 million visitors a year, despite a plunge in relations under the Trump administration.

On the other side of the ledger, Cuba's Soviet-style command economy still employs three of every four Cuban workers but produces little. Private sector growth has been largely frozen. The average monthly state salary is USD31 — so low that workers often live on stolen goods and handouts from relatives overseas. Foreign investment remains anemic. The island's infrastructure is falling deeper into disrepair. The break with Washington dashed dreams of detente with the U.S., and after two decades of getting Venezuelan subsidies totaling more than \$6 billion a year, Cuba's patron has collapsed economically with no replacement in the wings.

Castro's inability or unwilling-



Fishermen prepare their fishing rods on Chivo beach as the sun sets in Havana

ness to fix Cuba's structural problems with deep and wide-ranging reforms has many wondering how a successor without Castro's founding father credentials will manage the country over the next five or 10 years.

"People in Cuba really haven't processed yet what it means to have a government without Raul

or Fidel leading it," said Yassel Padron Kunakbaeva, a prolific 27-year-old blogger who writes frequently from what he describes as a Marxist, revolutionary perspective. "We're entering unknown territory."

Tens of thousands of highly educated professionals are abandoning the island each year, lea-

ving Cuba with the combination of third-world economy and the demographics of a graying European nation. After a 2016 recession, Cuba said growth was 1.6 percent last year, although official accounts remain opaque and questioned by experts. The single-party government controls virtually all forms of expression and organization, with near-zero tolerance of public criticism or dissent. The mood on the street is pessimistic, with few expecting a better future anytime soon.

"The political future of whoever takes over in April depends on the economic question," said Jose Raul Viera Linares, a former first deputy minister of foreign affairs. "It's the possibility for young people to dream, to design their own future. That's all based in the material wealth that this country is able to achieve."

The greatest immediate challenge for Castro's expected successor — 57-year-old Vice President Miguel Diaz-Canel Bermudez — is unwinding a byzantine dual-currency system featuring one type of Cuban peso worth 4 cents and another that is nearly a dollar. The system was designed to insulate a state-run, egalitarian internal market using "national money" from trade with the outside world denominated in "convertible pesos." AP

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## Offbeat

MOWER, TOOTH IN A BOX, VISHNU  
DOLL IN NEW JERSEY BEACH TRASH

The bizarre trash items plucked from New Jersey's beaches last year might be enough to cause nausea or heartburn. But don't worry, a bottle of Pepto-Bismol was among the items collected.

Also plucked from the sands of the state's beaches were a lawn mower, a saw blade, an empty medical marijuana container, a strobe light, a bird cage and two fire extinguishers.

Other items included a plastic statue of the Hindu god Vishnu, a cheese grater, and a human tooth in a box.

Aside from the bizarre items, Cindy Zipf of Clean Ocean Action said last week most of the trash consisted of plastics, which can kill fish and animals that swallow it.

“An emaciated sperm whale washed up dead on a beach in Spain recently,” she said. “The once majestic ocean-cruising youngster looked like a burnt pancake. He died a tragic and painful death feeding on 64 pounds of plastic he thought was food. Countless others have died the same way, or by entanglement of plastics or other man-made products. We humans are wholly responsible for their deaths, and it is on us to do something about it.”

The groups sponsors beach sweeps along New Jersey's entire ocean and bay coastline in spring and fall each year, and painstakingly catalogs everything collected. In 2017, they picked up nearly 374,000 pieces of trash, 84 percent of which was plastic or plastic foam; 66 percent of the trash collected was discarded single-use items.

The trash is either left behind by beachgoers or washed ashore from sewage systems that overflow during heavy rainstorms.

Some of the more unusual items included enough to stock a small medical clinic: blood vials, dentures, a knee brace, pill bottles, a surgical mask, and a bottle of eye drops.

Good grooming may have been on the minds of Jersey beachgoers last summer. Items found on the sand included acrylic nails, a bag of costume jewelry, a belly ring, a fake mustache, a mascara brush, a mermaid purse, nail clippers, perfume samples and shampoo pump.

There was enough to stock a nightmare kitchen: a full jug of milk, presumably WAY past its expiration date, a jar of honey, a coffee maker, an oregano jar, zucchini and raw chicken pieces.

There were 19 car batteries found on the sand; 204 tires, and 43 large 55-gallon drums.

The sweeps also continued to show disturbing evidence of sewage making its way into waterways — and later onto beaches — by the presence of items presumably flushed down the toilet, including condoms (361, up 13 percent from two years ago), and tampon applicators (4,080, up 16 percent in two years.)

## TV canal macau



13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:50	Questions and answers about the Action Lines Governmental and social affairs, with the presence of the Chief Executive (Direct)
18:10	Miscellaneous
18:20	TDM Sports (Repeated)
19:30	Brazilian Soap Opera (Repeated)
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	TDM Interview
21:30	Miscellaneous
22:10	Brazilian Soap Opera
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23:30	Miscellaneous
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## RAMPAGE

ROOM 1  
2:30, 4:30, 07:30, 9:30pm

Director: Brad Peyton

Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Naomie Harris, Malin Akerman

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 107min



## SECRET SUPERSTAR

ROOM 2  
2:30, 5:30, 08:30pm

Director: Advait Chandan

Starring: Aamir Khan, Zaira Wasim

Language: Hindi (English &amp; Chinese)

Duration: 150min

## TOMORROW IS ANOTHER DAY

ROOM 3

2:15, 5:45pm

Director: Nick Park

Starring: Eddie Redmayne, Tom Hiddleston

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 91min



## READY PLAYER ONE

ROOM 3

9:15pm

Director: Steven Spielberg

Starring: Tye Sheridan, Olivia Cooke, Ben Mendelsohn

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 140min

## this day in history

1961 EXILES INVADE CUBA AT BAY  
OF PIGS

Reports from Cuba say the island has been invaded by counter-revolutionary forces trying to overthrow the country's leader, Fidel Castro.

The only news coming out of Cuba is broadcast by the government-run radio station. All other communications with the island have been cut.

The first landing is reported to have taken place in the early hours of this morning.

Broadcasts from Cuban government radio appealing for medical help indicate that the raiders have successfully penetrated 25 miles (40km) inland.

They appear to have come ashore on an area of the coast known as the Bahía de Cochinos, or Bay of Pigs, south-east of the capital, Havana.

There is no indication as to the size of the invasion force, but Dr Castro, in a speech on Cuban government radio, said they are supported by aircraft and warships.

“The glorious soldiers of the revolutionary army and the national militia are battling the enemy at all the points where they have landed,” he said.

The Cuban military have been on high alert for an imminent invasion for some days.

In a speech yesterday, Fidel Castro told the Cuban people he intended to resist such an attack with “an iron hand”.

Cuban exiles based in the United States, who are organising the attempt to overthrow the Castro regime, say thousands of Cubans have joined the rebel forces.

However, there is no independent confirmation of the level of support for the invasion from within Cuba.

The leader of the Cuban exile movement in the US, Dr Miro Cardona, said the battle had begun “to liberate our homeland from the despotic rule of Fidel Castro”.

Dr Cardona played a part in Fidel Castro's revolution against the dictatorship of President Batista in 1959, and was prime minister for 45 days before Dr Castro himself took over.

In a statement in Washington, the US Secretary of State, Dean Rusk, has again denied US involvement in the invasion of Cuba.

He said the United States had not, and would not intervene in Cuba, with armed forces or otherwise.

Strong suspicions that the United States is sponsoring an offensive against the Castro government have been fuelled by the bombing of three of Cuba's military air bases two days ago.

The US denied all knowledge of the episode, saying Cuban Air Force pilots defecting to Florida were responsible.

But reporters who watched one of the planes land in Miami after carrying out the attack described features which indicated it was American-made.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

The invasion of Cuba was carried out by a force of about 1,400 exiled Cubans, with American support from the sea and air.

The main landing point at the Bay of Pigs was a beach surrounded by a mosquito-infested swamp.

The only way to get further in to the island was along just three heavily-defended roads.

The fighting lasted just three days. The invasion force was badly outnumbered and the mass defection of Cubans they had hoped for - their only realistic hope of success - never materialised.

More than 100 of the invasion force died in the attack, and 1,189 were taken prisoner.

Shortly afterwards, President Kennedy acknowledged US support for the invaders.

It was the worst foreign policy embarrassment of his career.

The Bay of Pigs debacle not only strengthened Fidel Castro's hold on power, but also brought the Soviet Union firmly on to his side.

It acted as a key catalyst for the Cuban missile crisis 18 months later, on 28 October 1962, which brought the world to the brink of nuclear war.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 The pathways to your inner self are clear - there are none of the usual traffic jams blocking your way.

Taurus April 20-May 20 Examine your options and remember your high standards - after all, that's part of the reason this person admires you so much.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 In any and all confrontations you have, be sure to take the high road. Let aggressive drivers zoom right by you, and simply smile if someone tries to blame you for something they did.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Someone as charming and fun to be around as you can't let one little 'no' get you down! Rejections happen - the only way you can avoid them is to never take any risks.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Looking out for the people you love is part of your DNA, and everyone in your life admires and cherishes you for it. But sometimes the best support you can give to someone is letting them make their own mistakes.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 The best lessons will come from watching other people work together. In a group dynamic, you should experiment initially with the idea of holding back your thoughts.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 Working with others will be an enriching experience, but it won't be without its challenges. Luckily, you're having a burst of diplomatic skills that should make things flow a lot more smoothly.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 The best approach for this challenging, exciting day is to get everything out of the way as soon as possible - wake up as early as you can and get out while the crowds are still sleeping.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Any discouraging signs you've been seeing lately shouldn't get you down - the road you're on has quite a few twists and turns, and you need to be ready to take them as they come.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Hold firmly to what grounds you and connects you to nourishment. Bask in the sunlight and spend as much time outdoors as you can, even if the weather doesn't cooperate.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 When it rains, it pours! Expect an onslaught of invitations, opportunities and special requests. Everything will have its own appeal, but you can't do it all; it's time to slow down.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 Since you don't have eyes in the back of your head, you've been missing out on all the stuff that's been going on behind you for quite a while now - turn around today.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

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

WEATHER

Weather forecast table with columns for MIN, MAX, and CONDITION. It lists weather for various cities in CHINA and the WORLD.

CROSSWORDS

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for 'ACROSS' and 'DOWN'. Includes a 'Yesterday's solution' section with a completed grid and answers.

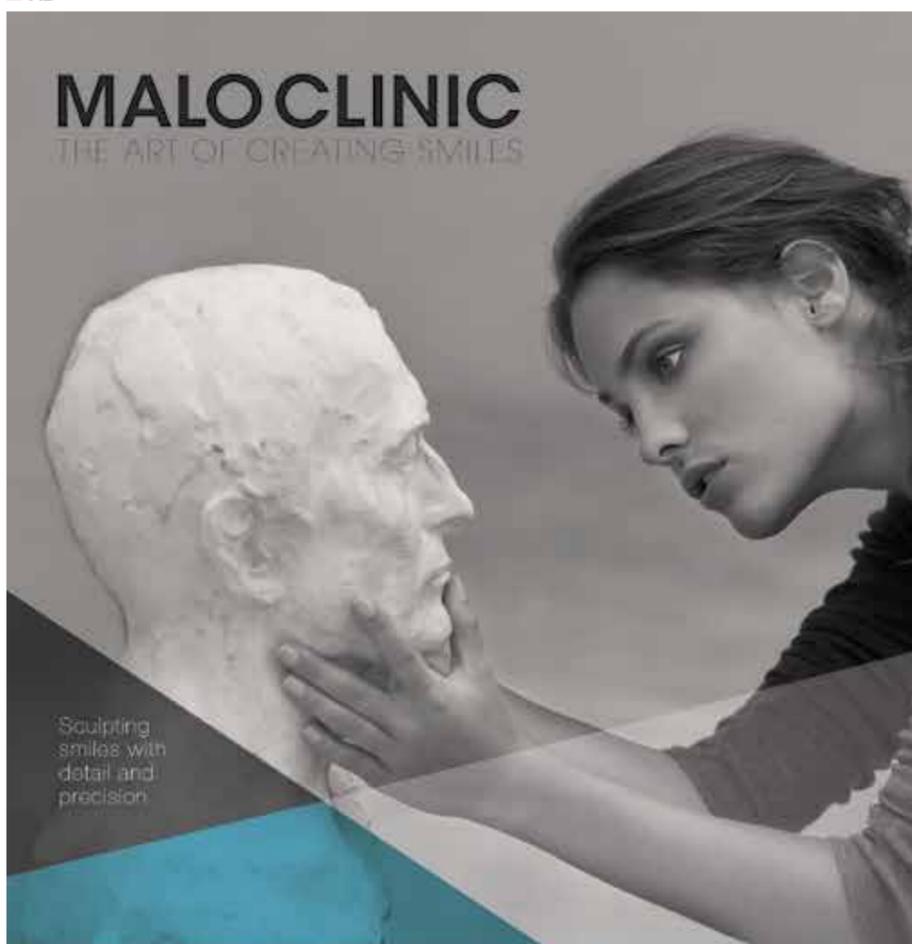
USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

List of useful telephone numbers including Emergency calls, Fire department, PJ (Open line), PJ (Picket), PSP, Customs, S. J. Hospital, Kiang Wu Hospital, Commission Against Corruption (CCAC), IACM, and Tourism.



Real estate advertisement for JML Property, featuring 'FOR SALE' and 'FOR RENT' listings for various properties in Macau and Taipa, including Chun Hung Garden, Caçada da Surpresa, The Buckingham, and Violet Court.

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### Dear patients and friends of Taivex Malo Hospital Dental Clinic/Macau MALO CLINIC,

We at Macau MALO CLINIC Dental Care would like to apologize to you all.

The Macau Health Bureau has notified the hospital to stop all operations for 6 months, thus the dental clinic won't be able to provide you with dental services either.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you.

#### Within this time period, patients may choose the following options:

**A.** Go to one of our 18 MALO CLINIC clinics in Mainland China, all of which, together with Macau MALO CLINIC, operate under MALO CLINIC China Management, following the exact standards and medical protocols as any international MALO CLINIC.

Macau MALO CLINIC will provide the transport to and from our clinics in Guangzhou or Shenzhen. Macau MALO CLINIC will manage the necessary bookings in all MALO CLINICS in China, as well as follow-up and medical records will be provided to our colleagues in China.

**B.** For all patients who will be in Portugal during this period, Macau MALO CLINIC will manage the necessary bookings, follow-up and patients' medical records to our colleagues in any MALO CLINIC in Portugal.

**C.** For those patients who are willing to wait for MALO CLINIC in Macau to proceed with the treatments, we are putting all our efforts in finding a partnering healthcare organization at the moment in order to continue our practice.

If any urgent situation arises or if you have any enquiries, please feel free to contact us.

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(Can be contacted at any time)

Once again, we would like to apologize for all the inconvenience this has put on you all.

Thank you all for your understanding and support.

We hope to find solutions for everyone's cases as soon as possible so that we may keep providing quality dental service to you all.

Yours Sincerely,

**WORLDWIDE**  
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Lisbon | Almada | Portimão | Faro | Funchal | Windsor | Verona  
München/Gladbach | Oslo | Warsaw | Gdansk | Athens | Ioannina  
New York | Rutherford | Jersey City | Elizabeth | Miami | Portland | Toronto  
Montreal | Trois-Rivières | Brossard | Bogotá | Melbourne | Sydney | Perth  
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Dubai | Karachi | Chennai | Macao | Hong Kong Beijing | Shanghai  
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## WORLD SURF LEAGUE

# Surfer mauled by shark swims to shore despite leg injuries

A surfer mauled by a shark yesterday off southwestern Australia managed to swim to shore despite serious injuries to both of his legs, an official and a witness said.

Alejandro Travaglini was surfing at Gracetown around 8 a.m. when he was attacked, St. John Ambulance spokesman Dennis Bertoldo said. The Argentinian-born 37-year-old was treated on the beach by paramedics before he was flown by helicopter 250 kilometers to a hospital in the city of Perth, Bertoldo said.

The hospital described the victim's condition as stable.

The attack prompted the World Surf League to postpone the nearby Margaret River Pro international surfing contest for about an hour.

Organizers had deployed additional shark-spotting drones and jet

skis when the competition resumed to ensure competitors' safety, league deputy commissioner Jessi Miley-Dyer said.

"We wanted to reconvene and make sure we had everything possible in the water to look after those surfers," Miley-Dyer said in a statement on the league's website.

Surf photographer Peter Jovic watched the attack from the beach and likened it to the live broadcast of a shark attack in South Africa in 2015. Former champion surfer Mick Fanning escaped unscathed when a great white attacked his board as he waited to catch a wave.

"If anyone is familiar with the Mick Fanning moment ... it was very similar to that, where a shark pretty much popped up and ended up knocking a surfer off his board," Jovic told Australian Broadcasting

Corp. radio.

"The surfer who was being attacked ended up miraculously body surfing into a little wave and getting pushed in by a local at the same time, who was out there with him, and making it to shore before everyone came to his aid," Jovic said.

Lifeguards said a 4-meter (13-foot) shark was spotted off a nearby beach two hours after the attack.

Nine Network television news reported a 41-year-old surfer sustained a large gash to his right thigh from a shark later Monday at a beach near where the attack occurred.

"Happy to be alive," the unnamed man told bystanders who asked if he was OK. The man insisted he could drive himself to a hospital.

A surfer was killed by a shark at Gracetown in 2013.

AP PHOTO



A rescue helicopter and other emergency vehicles are seen at the scene of the shark attack in Gracetown yesterday

Steve Douglas, Manchester

**O**NCE the celebrations die down, Manchester City might be struck with a slight sense of foreboding as the club assesses the most convincing of its three Premier League title victories.

Pep Guardiola has turned City into one of the most ruthless and aesthetically pleasing teams in the history of English soccer, the goals plentiful and often works of art.

Records have tumbled — the run of 18 straight wins in the league being one of them — and more could follow in the coming weeks as City bids to finish the season with more points, goal and wins than any other team in a single top-flight campaign.

All good things must come to an end, though. And, unless he veers from his previous career strategy, the end might be in sight for Guardiola at Etihad Stadium.

The Spaniard has one year left on his contract with City and has given no indication, either way, about his future. However, he was at Barcelona for four years — one too many, as it turned out — and Bayern Munich for three years. That seems to be his way — short, sharp bursts in charge and then leave for a new project before he gets too burnt out and his intensity starts to affect not just himself but his players.

City captain Vincent Kompany has spoken of creating a dynasty at the club but it's clear that won't happen under Guardiola, who has often wondered out loud how Alex Ferguson (Manchester United) and Arsene Wenger (Arsenal) managed to stay so long at one.

City supporters have been spoiled every three or four days by the pretty passing patterns woven of Guardiola's team and they might have just one year left of it.

Can it get any better than this? Guardiola himself said last week that repeating this season's achievements would be "impossible."

Is it only downhill from having, in many people's view, the world's best coach? Potentially, even if City's hierarchy has a succession plan in place. It might involve Guardiola's assistant, Mikel Arteta.

Guardiola will sit down with his bosses in the offseason and discuss what lies ahead for him and a squad whose average age at the start of this season was 24. If next season really is to be his last at City, certain things will be occupying his thoughts.

#### THE CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

It's been nearly seven years since Guardiola last won European soccer's greatest prize, too long a wait for a coach supposedly at the top of his pro-

AP PHOTO



#### FOOTBALL

# City must confront painful reality of life after Guardiola

fession. Five straight failures, at Bayern and City, are starting to eat away at him and he recently acknowledged that his teams' tendency to collapse under pressure was a worry.

Guardiola is not one to compromise on his principles but it is clear his tactics need to change in the latter stages of the Champions League, because his teams are getting picked off too easily. Maybe it involves dispensing with a playmaker to field an extra holding midfielder, or ensuring his full backs are less attacking so that his defense retains a better shape.

He won't like the thought of reining in his attacking philosophy but it might be necessary for certain games or at certain times during games.

City has only gotten past the Champions League quarterfi-

■ **Guardiola turned City into one of the most ruthless and aesthetically pleasing teams in the history of English soccer**

nals once since Sheikh Mansour's takeover in 2008. It's a paltry return on the Abu Dhabi hierarchy's investment.

#### MORE SIGNINGS

City has spent about USD550 million on new players in Guardiola's two seasons in charge, leaving some to argue that the team's achievements boil down to pure hard cash as much as the Spaniard's methods.

Whatever the reason, City will likely hit the transfer market hard again in the offseason and target one or two big signings to complement an already deep and star-studded squad.

Central midfield is the most pressing concern, with Fernandinho needing a back-up or a foil in his important role as the anchorman behind playmakers Kevin De Bruyne and David Silva.

Guardiola might also want a left back to act as back-up to Benjamin Mendy, who has been injured for most of this season, and/or a left-sided attacker as an alternative to Leroy Sane.

"The club made an investment on players and that is the difference," Guardiola said over the weekend. "We are here and it is only possible because we have these incredible players in terms of mentality, and everything I said they tried to follow."

In light of Neymar's game-changing move to Paris Saint-Germain and widespread knowledge of City's financial power, the signings won't come cheap.

#### RETAINING THE TITLE

Guardiola has mastered the art of winning domestic trophies, and City will be the overwhelming favorite to retain the Premier League title — a feat the club has never achieved.

"We can't just stop at one Premier League title if we go on," City defender Kyle Walker said. "It needs to be a number of years before we can be regarded as one of the top teams ever to have played in the league."

In fact, no team has won back-to-back Premier Leagues since Man United in 2008 and '09, highlighting its difficulty.

City will be new target, with clubs having had a full season to wise up to Guardiola's style. Liverpool perhaps laid the blueprint in the Champions League quarterfinal victory over City this month, pressing high and hitting on the transition. Few have the luxury of Liverpool's clinical forward line of Mohamed Salah, Sadio Mane and Roberto Firmino, though.

No doubt Guardiola will have a few new tricks for next season to keep his players — and his opponents — on their toes. But expect one thing: statistics like scoring nearly three goals per game, having nearly 90 percent passing accuracy and averaging 72.7 percent possession are likely to continue.

#### STAY OR GO?

Guardiola will have to decide sooner rather than later if he intends to leave at the end of his contract or sign a fresh deal, likely for another year.

He dislikes media conferences as it is, but being continually asked about his City future — which will no doubt be the case until he makes his mind up — will hardly make them more appealing.

Guardiola will have to weigh up his concerns about burn-out and getting stale, whether he thinks City will continue to back him financially and through trust in his methods — the answer is surely "yes" on both fronts — and if he has other offers on the table.

Kompany said after winning the league that there is so much more potential to be unlocked in the blue half of Manchester.

City fans will hope Guardiola is the coach that does so. **AP**

opinion

Our Desk

Julie Zhu



BEFORE THEY BECOME MACAU TOURISTS

We all know that one hundred people have one hundred pairs of eyes, which reflect to their owners different perspectives on the same things.

How locals see Macau is very often different from how tourists see Macau. Furthermore, there are different kinds of locals as well as different kinds of tourists, which means there are many different descriptions of Macau out there.

However, due to the simple analytical nature of the human brain, we subconsciously build ideas about a place based on various things we see and hear about it throughout life. Different people can thus quite quickly arrive at many widely-held stereotypes about a city, without even visiting it.

Today, the common opinions I would like to share are held by more than 80 percent of the people I have ever talked to or heard from, about their image of Macau before they first came to the city.

The most common ideas coming from these people, prior to visiting Macau, is the similar kind of information one would expect from a child, that they never have heard news regarding there being some kind of dissatisfaction in Macau, and that Macau is obedient.

The silver medal of preconceptions goes to notions of Macau's large gambling industry... but wait, it is not about the casinos (in the way you could be thinking), nor is it about the gambling companies. It is about Macau's own legend, Stanley Ho, who represents in their minds, Macau's visit card, and the pronunciation of the last character of his name in Chinese. Then, of course, we have all those stories about his families.

After people have consolidated these opinions, normally they imagine Macau as a gold palace. They wonder what the casinos might look like... but the images are always either exaggerated or shrunk by the news, movies, and other entertainment sources.

Some people picture casinos popping from the ground everywhere, some imagine them as if they only have gaming tables, slot machines and cameras. People are often surprised by the fact that shopping malls exist inside the casinos, that there are also restaurants.

The third most commonly heard idea about Macau is that the territory used to be a Portuguese colony. When we reach this point, things start to look more like our own life circle: everything, every thread goes back to where it started.

When people start talking about Macau's colonial identity in the past, people end up discussing the reasons behind Macau's quietness, and they frequently associate Macau's quietness to the Portuguese... suddenly, the conversation no longer concerns Macau. It becomes a comparison between the Portuguese and the British because of the Macau and Hong Kong brothers.

Only then would I say people really start making educated guesses about Macau's casinos, and about other topics concerning gambling, movies, gangsters...

The four words "World", "Tourism", "Leisure", and "Center" have never been mentioned during the conversations I have heard, nor have the terms "Portuguese Chicken" or "Gastronomy".

These terms start surfacing once someone plans a trip to Macau, but even so, "World", "Tourism", "Leisure" "Center" and "Gastronomy" will never be the words they would use to describe our city.

THE BUZZ WEIBO SITE BACKTRACKS ON GAY CENSORSHIP AFTER OUTCRY

One of China's top social networking sites has announced that it will no longer be censoring content related to gay issues after the plan triggered a loud public outcry.

Weibo.com was flooded over the weekend with the hashtags "#I'mGay" and "#I'mGayNotaPervert" after the Twitter-like platform said that cartoons and short videos with pornographic, violent or gay subject matter would be investigated over a three-month period.

The microblogging site, which saw its Nasdaq shares fall on Friday, amended the announcement yesterday, saying, "This clean-up of games and cartoons will no longer target homosexual content." A spokesman refused to provide further details.

While homosexuality is not illegal in China and few Chinese have religious objections to homosexuality, the conservative society's preference for marriage and childbearing has created barriers for LGBT people.

China's latest financial opening up: an industry exam in English

Bei Hu

INDUSTRY exams in English are the latest example of China's financial opening up.

Starting next month, for the first time, foreign senior staff of private securities funds will be able to take the industry's qualifying exam in English, the Asset Management Association of China said on its website April 12. The tests are for staff including chairmen and presidents, as well as investment, research and trading heads.

Fidelity International, UBS Asset Management and Man Group Plc are among foreign firms licensed for China's 2.6 trillion yuan (USD414 billion) private securities funds industry, which caters to qualified domestic companies and wealthy individuals, rather than selling products to the public as mutual funds do. The qualifying exams were previously only offered in Chinese, sending foreign firms scrambling for the limited pool of local language speakers to fill such posts.

"This new development is a major step toward welcoming global talent," Liu Ming, a senior associate at Shanghai-based consulting firm Z-Ben Advisors, said in



The financial district of Pudong, Shanghai

an email. "This offers more opportunity for foreign managers to transfer key senior members of their overseas teams to oversee and run their China operations."

China has been highligh-

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LIU MING  
Z-BEN ADVISORS

ting its plans to open up, as part of managing tensions with the U.S. including President Donald Trump's threats to impose tariffs. More than 30 foreign firms have set up wholly-owned investment management businesses in China and more than 10 have registered with the asset management association to offer private securities investment funds, according to Z-Ben data.

The first English-language exam will be on May 4, according to the association. The compliance and risk management heads of private securities funds will continue to be required to pass the Chinese-language qualifying exam, it added. **Bloomberg**

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

Stefan Sauer/dpa via AP



Treasure island. Hundreds of thousand-year-old medieval Saxonian, Ottoman, Danish and Byzantine coins and silver ornaments had been found near Schaprade on the northern German island of Ruegen in the Baltic Sea.

Station	Air quality
Roadside	45-65 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	70-100 Moderate
Ambient	70-100 Moderate

SOURCE: DSI/MG

WORLD BRIEFS



**USA** Former first lady Barbara Bush is in failing health and after a series of hospitalizations, she has decided not to seek further medical treatment, a family spokesman says. Barbara Bush is the second woman in U.S. history to be both a wife and mother of a U.S. president (George and George W. Bush).



**SYRIA** Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said that the mission from the international chemical weapons watchdog cannot access the site of an alleged chemical attack near the Syrian capital without an appropriate U.N. permit. Ryabkov's remarks could indicate a possible attempt to bog down the team from the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in the wake of the West's airstrikes in Syria over the weekend.



**CUBA** The greatest immediate challenge for Raul Castro's expected successor - 57-year-old Vice President Miguel Diaz-Canel Bermudez - is unwinding a byzantine dual-currency system. **More on p15**



**HOLLYWOOD** Actor John Stamos is a father. The 54-year-old announced on Instagram the birth of his son, Billy Stamos. Stamos says the child is named after the actor's father. Stamos and 31-year-old Caitlin McHugh married in February. His publicist says "Billy and Mom are both home and healthy."