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CHINA-INDIA The leaders of China and India stressed the importance of close ties in talks Saturday, against the background of their rivalry for leadership in Asia. **More on p11**

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ISRAEL-PALESTINE Hundreds of Palestinians converged on the Gaza Strip's border fence with Israel, trying to burn and rip through it before drawing heavy Israeli fire in one of the most violent incidents yet in five weeks of protests. **More on p15**



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Beckham joins Special Olympics athletes in high places

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David Beckham joins MSO athletes for lift to top of Parisian Macao's Eiffel Tower

Julie Zhu

ACCOMPANIED by global icon David Beckham, athletes from the Macau Special Olympics (MSO) participated in a health and wellness event at the Parisian Macao's Eiffel Tower on Friday.

A group of 30 MSO athletes paired up with Sands China Care Ambassadors to make a 30-storey climb from the 7th floor observation deck to the top of the tower, where they enjoyed a bird's eye view of the Cotai Strip from the observation deck on the 37th floor.

The athletes received a boost of encouragement from Beckham, who attended the event and signed a football for the MSO football team. He then accompanied the participants on their climb up the tower, before presenting the MSO members with certificates for participating in the event. They ended the afternoon with a group photo as a memento of the occasion.

"I am very excited to be back in Macau. It's one of those visits and places I am excited to do and excited to be here, so we have had a great, fun few days, and I am looking forward to this," he said ahead of the climb. "This is the highlight of the trip."

"I was an athlete for 22 years, so I went through a lot of different training regimes and tried different ideas and different fitness ideas. And I think it was in Milan, that we tried stair



training, so I think it's a great way to keep fit, it's a great fitness regime. I am excited about this. I know there [are] a lot of floors, so we will do as many as we can, but I am excited," said Beckham.

Friday's community activity was held ahead of Saturday's 'Light the Night' vertical charity race to support MSO. The event was a family fun day incorporating sport, wellness activities,

music, food and drink, and is topped off with a full run around the Venetian Macao and the Parisian Macao, and a 'Tower Fun Run' up the Eiffel Tower.

Beckham's participation in Friday's activity with MSO is said to be an example of Sands China's efforts to utilize events like the Light the Night Run to organize community outreach activities in Macao.

"They are a way for the company to give back to the Macao community, by providing opportunities for locals to interact with incredibly talented and accomplished individuals, offering them inspirational and educational experiences," Sands China said in a press release.

According to Sands China, all registration fees for the Light the Night Run are being dona-

ted to the Macau Special Olympics, which provides year-round sports and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for people with intellectual disabilities.

Money raised will cover MSO's bowling training program for 2018. Including registration fees, Sands China will donate a total of MOP150,000 to the Macau Special Olympics.

ASK THE VET

by Dr Ruan Du Toit Bester

10 TIPS FOR TRAINING ADULT DOGS

THE old cliché says you can't teach an old dog new tricks, but with patience, confidence and repetition, training adult dogs can be a fun and rewarding task for the owners and the animals. At animal shelters, senior dogs are often euthanized because they aren't wanted but, with training, all dogs of any age or breed can be a great addition to the home.

10 Tips for Training Adult Dogs

Praise, praise, praise - Use treats, verbal praise and petting to praise a dog that exhibits correct behavior. When a dog has followed a command and is calm and relaxed, offer some sort of treat or positive encouragement to reinforce good habits with rewards. Only offer rewards immediately after good behavior or the dog will not understand why he is getting a treat.

Never hit a dog - Using physical violence is never

the answer to a dog that is misbehaving. Not only is this painful to the animal but can trigger aggression and make bad habits even worse.

Start with basic commands like you would with a puppy such as sit, stay, come and down.

Be consistent - Continue obedience training each day and stay with your chosen method rather than switching around so you don't confuse the dog. Also, be consistent with the commands you use but never repeat command words. If you're dog doesn't listen to 'sit' the first time, don't repeat the word. Instead, try again later until he learns the command and offer a treat when he performs correctly.

Stay calm - A calm but firm owner will reduce anxiety and fear in many dogs and also communicate clearly and efficiently.

Keep family members committed: Dedication is essential when it comes to teaching an older dog

obedience training. If you are committed to the right behavior but your family members are letting the dog run wild, all of your time and energy may be wasted. Guests should also be aware of any rules for your dog, like a ban on table scraps or jumping on couches, to prevent any bad habits from continuing.

Make time - Dedicate at least 15 minutes every day to dog training. An adult dog has a longer attention span than a new puppy and will enjoy dog training periods for lengthier stretches of time.

Stay active - Exercise is a great outlet for an energetic dog and may prevent him from becoming distracted if he's had a chance to run around and play before training.

Walking - This is one great way to keep a dog active and stimulated. Stay in control by using a short leash and starting out with small walks until the dog is behaved and comfortable on the leash.

Classes - Although difficult to find in Macau, consider signing up for a dog obedience class. These are usually offered for all types and ages of dogs and are a great way to socialise your dog while also training him.



Hope this info helps
Till next week
Dr Ruan Bester

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TOURISM

MITE: Macau through the lens of gastronomy

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THE 6th edition of the Macao International Travel (Industry) Expo (MITE) closed yesterday after three event-filled days that, according to organizers, led 40,000 people to visit the Expo at the Cotai Expo Hall D of The Venetian Macao, marking an expected increase in comparison to the last edition.

In 2017 the exhibition gathered a total 36,000 visitors, according to organizers, which represented a year-on-year increase of 12.5 percent. Taking the motto of “2018 Macao Year of Gastronomy,” the Macao expo area, one of the largest of the event and only surpassed by the mainland, was almost entirely dedicated to the topic, with several areas covering the different faces of

gastronomy, as well as a large number of daily events with live cooking demonstrations and food tasting.

The exhibit area from the largest travel agency represented in the event was also busy, with many local residents taking advantage of the special, discounted prices offered for the event to book a trip to their favorite destinations.

In a brief talk to one of the agents, the Times learned that South Korea, Japan and Taiwan continue to top the local preferences. A member of staff from Sunflower Travel Service said, “although we are now promoting more destinations [namely in the mainland], the favorites of Macau people continue to be the traditional [South] Korea, Taiwan and Japan.”

Guangdong province was featured as one of the mainland’s

most prominent provinces in the expo, although there was little elaboration from the province in terms of its touristic attractions. A representative told the Times that their objective was “to tell people that the Maritime Silk Road started from Guangdong.”

“We had a very important role for China in the silk road and we want to have also the same [importance] in the new road [Belt and Road initiative],” the representative said.

More obvious was the representation of countries like Myanmar, which through several events and music and dancing, were attracting visitors.

The country was mostly targeting visitors from the mainland and namely those from the country’s neighboring province of Yunnan, offering an easy border crossing into Myanmar

for Chinese residents of the province, permitting them to drive across the border with their own cars, hassle-free. As for other international destinations, their representation was very limited or even non-existent. Only a handful of companies - most of which were based in Hong Kong - were promoting destinations such as London or Paris, and only as wedding photography destinations.

Organized by the Macao Government Tourism Office and coordinated by the Macao Travel Agency Association, the 6th MITE qualifies as the largest edition so far, with the total exhibition floor area reaching 11,000 square meters and accommodating a total of 550 booths and 420 travel or tourism-related exhibitors from 50 countries and regions across the world.

It was also the most expensive edition, with a total budget of MOP16 million, for which the local government contributed a share of MOP9 million.

It has already been confirmed that the 7th edition of the expo will be held on similar dates in April 2019.

MGTO showcases winning tourism mascot



THE Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO) has awarded prizes to the winners of the design contest for the Macao Tourism Mascot, a contest that aimed to find for Macau a new tourism mascot that highlights the city as a travel destination.

In a statement issued by the bureau, MGTO director Helena de Senna Fernandes stated that through the contest, MGTO hoped to portray a positive image of the city, attracting the gaze of the tourism industry and assisting the cultural and creative industries to move forward.

The mascot models of the 13 prize-winning entries have been exhibited in the Macao Pavilion at the 6th Macao International Travel (Industry) Expo at Cotai Expo of the Venetian Macao, with a showcase concluding yesterday.

MGTO stated that the tourism mascot would take up the important role of promoting the destination. To announce the winning design, MGTO made a large air-filled doll of the mascot and provided a huge photo frame for spectators to take pictures with and share on social media in exchange for a souvenir.

The design contest for the Macao Tourism Mascot began taking entries in late October of last year.

Within the roughly two-month entry period, applicants submitted a total of 111 designs. MGTO created models of the 13 top-rated entries and showcased them at the Expo.

The selected Macao Tourism Mascot will primarily be used for destination promotion, with its image produced on several promotional materials and appearing at different tourism activities and overseas tourism promotions.

Indonesia to consider using migrants as tourism ambassadors

A community of Indonesia’s Ministry of Tourism named “Generasi Pesona Indonesia” (GenPi), translating to “Wonderful Indonesia Generation,” has hinted at recruiting Indonesian migrant workers in the city to become their “informal” tourism ambassadors.

Indonesia’s Ministry of Tourism’s deputy director of International Marketing for Greater

China, Erwita Dianti, saw this opportunity during her visit to the Macau SAR for “Indonesia Sales Mission” last week.

In a report issued by a segment of Indonesian radio show Kumbang Toh! News, Dianti expressed the view that the 5,500 Indonesian migrant workers in the city, along with the 150,000 Indonesian migrants in Hong Kong, could participate as tourism ambassa-

sadors.

“The migrant workers in Macau and Hong Kong can join GenPI. This is a great idea. I will go back to Indonesia and inform [the relevant department] to seriously consider [a] visit [to] Macau and Hong Kong to do some training on [train] these migrant workers to join GenPI,” she said.

The official is considering the move as many of these migrant workers

are active on social media platforms including Facebook, where they can help promote their country.

“I also encourage them to visit the ‘10 New Balis’ such as Lake Toba, Borobudur Temple, Labuan Bajo and the others, when they go back to Indonesia on a holiday,” said the official.

“They should experience [their own country] personally so they can

[share] their experience [with] others, including their employers,” she added.

GenPi is a community of internet users, including bloggers, who have an interest in tourism, culinary arts, photography and other hobbies related to travel, who promote Indonesian tourism through their online posts on social media platforms such as Instagram and Facebook.

Dianti also revealed that her delegation would join the Macao International Travel (Industry) Expo next year, explaining that their absence this year was due to late notice. **LV**

A drill to test the operational capacity of the authorities, in particular civil protection entities, to respond to a severe typhoon and storm surge was held over the weekend, a statement from the Government Information Bureau informed.

The drill, code-named "Operation Crystal Fish," which took place from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., was observed closely by the Chief Executive (CE) Chui Sai On, who went to the command center of the operation to observe the procedures and see the results first-hand. At the conclusion, the CE praised the authorities for holding the exercise and expressed much pleasure in the outcomes achieved, saying, "with this afternoon's typhoon drill, we intended to get everyone prepared for the upcoming cyclone season," adding, "for the first time, we are cooperating with local residents from several associations and with different government departments, in order to gain more experience [in] testing our overall capability on our newly-drafted evacuation plan."

As part of the drill, several rescue situations were simulated in different areas of the territory, such as procedures to evacuate residents in areas at high risk of flooding, where residents were evacuated to a designated assembly point located at the Sao Lourenco Market building in the inner harbor area. After evacuation, everyone was transferred to the designated shelters in line with the new plan, which establishes 16 locations now in place for such emergency situations. The authorities also tested the response capacity to several other situations, such as simulating two people

Crystal Fish drill tests authorities ahead of typhoon

being trapped in a sinking vehicle, which was held in Ilha Verde district and involved new equipment recently acquired.

TDM interviewed a representative of the Social Welfare Bureau (IAS), in charge of the shelters, who said, "we are confident to say we are fully prepared for the shelters' upcoming operation. If we take the Instituto Salesiano shelter as an example, we can expect to be able to fit in some 300 evacuees." Replying to the question of how long the shelters were to stay operational, the same person said, "we are [hoping] to stay open to [the] public for a maximum of 48 hours [after an emergency]."

According to information from the group in charge of preparing the Civic Protection contingency plan, the 16 shelters located across the Peninsula and Islands have a maximum capacity of lodging around 24,000 people for a short period of time.

The Fire Services Bureau and the Public Security Police Force were also involved in a number of other simulated situations that included gas leakage, collapsed trees and several evacuation procedures.

After the drill came to an end, Commander Ma Io Kun said, "the drills went smoothly, as expected, and have achieved an ideal result," noting the authorities must now submit a fair evaluation of their performance within five days to the Civil Protection Operational Centre. **RM**



Former lawmaker says Basic Law is Macau's biggest advantage

DURING a talk at the Rui Cunha Foundation, former Macau lawmaker Leonel Alberto Alves deemed Macau's Basic Law as the city's biggest advantage for its future development.

Alves, recalling old conversations with friends, said that "Macau will not be weakened, [as] its biggest advantage lies in the Basic Law."

In Alves' eyes, many mainlanders and even Portuguese people do not know where Macau is, which makes it more difficult to promote Macau's Basic

Law.

"Some content in the Basic Law can preserve the specifics of Macau. Macau holds its freedom of draft [regarding its own law], and Macau has the right of final adjudication [whereas cities or provinces in] mainland China [do] not have the right of final adjudication," said Alves.

According to the former lawmaker, Macau's Basic Law needs to continue maintaining social stability and sovereignty, and increasing the development of the economy.

"Macau is not a place for

politics. Macau is a place for business operations, while facing a certain level of challenge. Nowadays, Macau is the platform between China and the Portuguese-speaking countries, and one of the biggest advantages for Macau is being able to join the development of the Greater Bay Area," said Alves.

When talking about the 'One Country, Two Systems' policy, Alves expressed his disagreement towards the 'Two Systems' term.

"I do not particularly enjoy talking about the one

or two systems. I strongly disagree with it [the Two Systems designation]. It should not be mainland China having one system, and Macau having another. What is the development trend? Different people will have different interpretations [regarding what is included as part of the two systems]. They will think that socialism is successful, that therein are advantages. [...] For instance, in terms of land issues, actually, [the] mainland's land laws have more advantages than ours," said Leonel Alves.

The former lawmaker went on to note that the origins of Macau's law trace back to Portugal, and that such a fact offers Macau a helping hand to merge into the development of the Greater Bay Area.

"Through this mutual communication and dif-

ferent cooperation agreements, and through the connection of different [legal] systems, I believe that Macau will not become isolated from the Greater Bay Area development. I hope that, politically, [Macau] can merge into it," said Alves.

ALVES WARNS OF POTENTIAL 'POLITICAL POLICE'

IN RESPONSE to recent remarks by Secretary for Security Wong Sio Chak, Leonel Alves is warning that a new department to address state security matters may result in the presence of a 'political police' in Macau. The former lawmaker, who is also a lawyer, was referring to

the proposals currently under consideration by the Secretariat for Security to establish a new department that would supervise issues related to the National Security Law. He noted with disapproval that the establishment of such an entity may result in the creation of a political police.



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GAMING

Wynn Resorts drops founder's name for new casino

Philip Marcelo, Boston

WYNN Resorts has renamed the USD2.5 billion casino it's building outside of Boston to Encore Boston Harbor, as the company continues to take steps to distance itself from founder Steve Wynn after sexual misconduct allegations.

New CEO Matthew Maddox confirmed the long speculated change to state gambling regulators this weekend as they considered the company's request to remove Wynn's name from its Massachusetts casino license.

Wynn resigned as chairman and CEO and later sold his company shares following the allegations, which he denies.

"This company is not about a man. Steve Wynn is not Wynn Resorts," Maddox said. "Wynn Resorts is about the 25,000 employees that grow this company every day."

Maddox said banners around the Everett waterfront site that once heralded the coming of "Wynn Boston Harbor" were



being removed Friday and new ones bearing the "Encore" moniker also used at one of the company's Las Vegas casinos were going up in their place.

Commission members didn't comment on the change, which doesn't require state approval. They're expected to issue a decision next week on whether Steve Wynn should continue to be con-

sidered a part of the Massachusetts project for regulatory purposes.

The commission has stressed that even if Wynn's name were removed from the company's casino license, it would not interrupt the broader review of Wynn Resorts.

The five-member panel is investigating what the company's board might have known about

the allegations, including a \$7.5 million settlement with one accuser that wasn't disclosed when the state awarded the company a license in 2014.

A lawyer for Steve Wynn has argued that the commission no longer has jurisdiction over him because he's a private citizen divested from "all ownership interests" in his namesake company.

Maddox outlined other ways the company is changing its corporate culture, including appointing three new women to the board of directors, providing paid parental leave, changing its sexual harassment training and creating a new department focused on gender equality, diversity and female leadership.

"Things are moving at lightning speed," he said. "We are moving this company forward. We're taking these issues very seriously."

Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria, who attended Friday's hearing in Boston, said the name change was the right move in light of calls from sexual assault survivors,

who joined a chorus of prominent state officials in requesting it, including Republican Gov. Charlie Baker and Democratic state Attorney General Maura Healey.

"There were a lot of serious allegations made," DeMaria said. "If those prove to be true, they're not appropriate and a name change is in the best interests of the project."

Things are moving at lightning speed. We're taking these issues very seriously.

MATT MADDOX
CEO

Gina Scaramella, head of the nonprofit Boston Area Rape Crisis Center that supports sexual assault survivors, called it a positive step forward.

"It shows that we've reached a tipping point in how our culture responds to sexual harassment and assault," she said.

Wynn has filed a defamation lawsuit against The Associated Press for its reporting on a separate allegation made to police. AP

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RENATO MARQUES



Carlos Dias back to 'tell a story in each photo'

Renato Marques

LOCAL photographer Carlos Dias will soon present a photography exhibition titled "Magic in the Streets of Macau" that will open its doors to the public on Wednesday as an initiative of the International Institute of Macau (IIM).

In an interview with the Times, Dias discussed the reasons behind his decision to re-enter photography after an absence of over 30 years, as well as his choice to use the streets of Macau as his main photography motif.

Entering the field of photography in the late 1960s, Dias recalled that in those days he used his first camera to take family portraits. Then, in 1969, Dias got a "real camera" as he says – a Pentax Spotmatic – which was the obvious choice at that time as it was "the cheapest you could get [from] that range [of cameras]."

After a year of using this camera to portray the daily life of the city in its different aspects, Dias began submitting his works to international photography competitions, where they attracted praise, earning recognition and awards.

In the last couple of years before deciding to end his photography career, Dias received a top 10 citation and a third-place overall in one of the most reputable international photo-

graphy competitions. Dias was pleased with that milestone and decided to stop.

"I stopped for about 30 years, [and] left photography completely aside." That was, until two almost concurrent events occurred. Dias explains: "I was contacted by a friend who asked me if I had any of my old photos of Macau because he wanted to post them on Facebook. At that time, around 2013, I didn't even had a Facebook account, but he posted and the photos gathered a lot of interest and [praise] from people," Dias said, noting, "At the same time, my daughter had bought a camera that she used to take photos of her daughter [my granddaughter] that was basically [unused] for more than one year occupying space in a 'dry box' that belonged to her brother."

From one side he was encouraged by old and new Facebook friends to continue taking photographs and from the other there lay a camera just waiting to be taken out to the streets. "Eventually my daughter gifted me the camera and so, unexpectedly, I restarted my photography more than 30 years [later], this time mostly to post [photographs] on Facebook."

As for the choice of main motif of the streets of Macau, Dias said, "it's an easy option for me; I can shoot the streets at anytime I want, especially now that I'm retired," adding, "In

fact, we don't have many options around here, there aren't models available, there are not many things happening [that are] worth photographing, so [the] streets become a interesting motif."

For Dias, 'the life and the story of a certain moment' is what makes photographs interesting

As Dias explained, more than the buildings, "the life and the story of a certain moment" is what makes photographs interesting, and he strives to include the "human factor" as much as possible.

Speaking about his 30-year hiatus and the changes that have occurred in both photography and in Macau, the photographer says, "Now [it] is harder to capture [...] street life than before," adding, "because of the congestion of the city, the many cars and the junk and rubbish that are all over the roadsides and sidewalks [that diminish the attractiveness of the scenery]."

The fact that street parking

areas have been created in almost every street renders the photographer's job almost impossible in many cases, as the cars conceal the buildings entrances, the facades, and the people moving around, so in order to get a good photograph, "I need to try to find an angle in which I can avoid some cars."

In the exhibition, Dias will display only his most recent works from the "Digital Era" collection. In this collection, Dias approaches the streets of Macau in a particular way: "My way. I have my own approach. Most people like to take photos [on] beautiful days; I like the unusual. When I get up early in the morning and I go to the window and see that [it] is one of those very foggy days or rainy, that's when I go out to capture that on the streets."

His unique style that delivers vivid images and a sense of a painting, through the use of High Dynamic Range (HDR), has earned Dias many followers on social networks, bringing back a feeling of nostalgia from the "old days."

According to information provided by the IIM, the exhibition will give rise to a book later this year, which intends to keep these images of the several corners of this city alive, beyond the usual tourist attractions.

The exhibition is open between May 2 and May 11 at the Chun Chou Tong Pavilion in Lou Lim Ieoc Garden.

Gov't says it has a plan for Pearl Horizon plot

The Macau government says that it has a plan for a future development project to be based on the site of the controversial Pearl Horizon land plot. Following a meeting between Chief Executive Chui Sai On and a group of Pearl Horizon homebuyers, public broadcaster TDM cited the CE as saying there is a plan to "make good use of the site." Nevertheless, Macau's top official was careful not to disclose any details, saying he will wait for the decision of the Court of Final Appeal. The government recovered the land plot in 2015 after the developer, Polytec Asset Holdings, saw its concession expire ahead of the project's completion. Thousands of pre-sale buyers were left without the homes they had purchased and took to the courts seeking compensation. Polytec is confident that it will receive a favorable outcome in the courts and that the construction of the project will be restarted.

Unemployment holds stable in Q1

The general unemployment rate for the first quarter of this year held stable at 1.9 percent, according to the latest data from the Statistics and Census Service, while the unemployment rate of local residents edged up 0.1 percentage points to 2.6 percent compared with the previous quarter. Total employment increased by 4,600 quarter-to-quarter, of which number the number of employed residents went up by 3,700. Median monthly employment earnings in the first quarter increased by MOP500 to MOP16,000. Median earnings of employed residents grew by MOP1,000 quarter-to-quarter to MOP20,000.

Shuttle bus service launched for HUSH concert

Three-day beach concert "HUSH!! Full Music" is currently being staged at Hac Sa Beach, inviting an array of music bands from Macau and across Asia to deliver a marathon of musical performances. Having kicked off yesterday, the festival's final day is tomorrow. In addition to an array of musical performances, organizers are also holding activities such as a silent disco, "Kill the Silence" experimental music festival, as well as several music workshops. A statement from festival organizer, the Cultural Affairs Bureau, says that residents are welcome to participate. In order to facilitate the public traveling to and from Hac Sa Beach, the Cultural Affairs Bureau is providing a shuttle service each day from 12 p.m. until 11 p.m. from both Taipa Central Park and Alameda da Harmonia at Seac Pai Van housing complex. Although the Grand Coloane Resort offers free parking, due to a high influx of people into the area, the public is advised to use public transportation.



China issues rules for securities ventures by foreign firms

CHINA'S securities regulator issued guidelines on the country's previously announced move to allow foreign firms to own a majority stake in local securities joint ventures.

The China Securities Regulatory Commission published the rules on its website this weekend. The watchdog had been seeking public comment on the plan since March.

China surprised the financial industry in November when it announced that it would raise the foreign ownership cap to 51 percent on the ventures, which pro-

vide underwriting and trading services. The move is a key part of President Xi Jinping's pledge to open China's USD40 trillion financial sector.

Wall Street firms have been reluctant to invest in the ventures without being allowed ownership, and a number have moved to exit their holdings in recent years.

China's announcement of the changes in 2017 coincided with a visit by U.S. President Donald Trump to the country. Since then, the two countries have escalated their trade dispu-

tes, proposing tariffs on billions of dollars of goods.

Last week, the Trump administration said it would send Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and other top economic advisers to China in hopes of negotiating an end to the tensions, which have rattled financial markets and raised concerns that the world is barreling toward an all-out trade war.

Xi this month reiterated his pledge to open sectors of China's economy, from banking to auto manufacturing, in a speech to the Boao Forum for Asia. **Bloomberg**

FILM

World's biggest movie hub opens in Qingdao to woo Hollywood



Wanda's billionaire chairman Wang Jianlin

FOUR gigantic, Chinese characters are aligned on a hill overlooking a seaside film studio complex, in a nod to the fabled Hollywood sign, the American cultural icon in Los Angeles.

Except this is northern China's port city of Qingdao, where Dalian Wanda Group Co., a real-estate, retail and entertainment conglomerate, is opening its doors to an audacious 50 billion yuan (USD7.9 billion) world-class film production hub, called

the Oriental Movie Metropolis, or Dong Fang Ying Du.

The project boasts the world's largest studios, a commercial complex covered with giant portraits of Charlie Chaplin, Marilyn Monroe and Bruce Lee. There's also a reclaimed island full of hotels, condos, two theaters and a yacht club.

It all adds up to China's largest and glitziest effort yet to attract Hollywood filmmakers to work their magic using domestic film-production studios - the

sort of move that can enhance the nation's "soft power" and cultural reach on the global stage. For Wanda's billionaire chairman Wang Jianlin, who has dialed back his ambitions to build an entertainment empire thanks to debt pressure, a lot is riding on the success of the complex.

This weekend, executives from major studios in Hollywood and China came to Qingdao, a city best known for its namesake beer, for the opening ceremony. **Bloomberg**

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Portuguese Finance Minister Mario Centeno

'Europe's Florida' sparks rift as Portugal lures rich pensioners

AFTER a lifetime of long Swedish winters and hefty tax bills, Dan Wikstrom's dream of a comfortable retirement in the sun has come true. Not in a Caribbean tax haven, but in Portugal, a far more convenient four-hour flight away.

The 63-year-old former executive is among a growing number of northern Europeans lured south by a flat income tax rate of 20 percent and 10 years of tax-free pension payments. For Wikstrom that means doubling his retirement income, to around USD12,000 per month.

"Do I feel guilty? Of course not," Wikstrom, who used to work for a Swedish energy company, said in a telephone interview from Cascais, a coastal resort about 18 miles west of Lisbon, where he now resides.

Portugal introduced the incentives nine years ago in an attempt to bring back expatriates and attract highly skilled foreign workers. But their appeal to wealthy pensioners has caused tension within the European Union.

Finland has said it wants to end its tax treaty with the Iberian nation, creating a headache for Portuguese Finance Minister Mario Centeno. Centeno chairs the group of EU nations that share the euro, of which Finland is a member.

It's not just about the money. Great golfing resorts, 300 days of sunshine per year and plenty of ocean views also help explain the success of the program, which had attracted a total of 10,684 foreigners by the end of 2016, according to Portugal's finance ministry. Wikstrom followed 777 Swedish nationals who made the move last year.

"The Swedes have always enjoyed coming to Portugal, but they are coming in much

bigger numbers these days," said Bjorn Jacobsen, who runs Swedish real estate broker Fastighetsbyran in Cascais. The 42-year-old, who moved to Portugal with his wife in 2015, credits an improving economy, a booming real estate market and the perception of Portugal as a safe place - it ranked third in the 2017 Global Peace Index after Iceland and New Zealand - for the rise in arrivals.

The program's growing success highlights a fundamental difference in the way EU states approach social security. Nordic nations with generous welfare policies allow citizens to deduct pension contributions during working lives, only to tax incomes after retirement. In southern European states like Portugal, such deductions are generally available only for a minority who have set up a private pension.

"This is a question of equal treatment for all pensions paid out by the Finnish pension system," Finance Minister Petteri Orpo said in a recent email.

Centeno has played down such complaints, telling Bloomberg Television's Francine Lacqua this month that his country's tax incentives were "quite marginal."

Portugal's so-called non-habitual residents program has also caused tension at home, with the Socialist government coming under fire for providing tax breaks to foreigners while many of its citizens struggle financially - Portugal's tax burden reached a 22-year high in 2017, according to a report by the public finance council. Critics also complain that the influx has helped bolster real estate prices, which according to the country's statistics office rose 9.2 percent in 2017. **Bloomberg**

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SANDS CHINA NEWS

Sands China Earns ISO 9001:2015 Certification

First integrated resort operator in Macao to earn 9001:2015 Company's fourth ISO certificate to date

Sands China Ltd. has earned an ISO 9001:2015 certification for the quality management of its facilities department. The scope of the certification covers all Sands China properties – The Venetian Macao, The Plaza Macao, Sands Cotai Central, The Parisian Macao, and Sands Macao – a first for an integrated resort operator in Macao.

It is also the fourth ISO certificate for The Venetian Macao, which already holds an ISO 20121:2012 certification for its event sustainability management system, ISO 9001:2008 for the quality management system of its convention and exhibition services, and ISO 22000:2005 for its food safety management system.

Michael Naylor, senior vice president of facilities for Venetian Macau Limited, said: "It is with great pride that Sands China's facilities department has received the ISO 9001:2015 quality management certification. With over a year of training, standardising and implementation of the quality management system, the teams within our department are beginning to reap the benefits of their efforts. Following standardised procedures is driving improved quality of workmanship and making our teams more efficient and cost-effective. With the successful rollout of the ISO 9001:2015 standard, this provides the base to launch further facilities initiatives."



Coleman Tse (left), sales and marketing director for BSI, presents Michael Naylor (right), senior vice president of facilities for Venetian Macau Limited, with Sands China's ISO 9001:2015 certificate for the quality management system of its facilities department. The scope of the certification covers all Sands China properties – a first for an integrated resort operator in Macao.

Naylor's resort facilities team, which counts over 1,500 team members, is the first in Macao to meet the ISO 9001:2015 standard, making Sands China the first integrated resort operator in Macao to earn the certification.

As part of a family of standards overseen by the International Organisation for Standardisation, ISO 9001:2015 sets out the criteria for a quality management system and can be used by any organisation, large or small, regardless of its field of activity. The standard is based on a number of quality management principles including a strong customer focus, the motivation and implication of top management, the process approach and continual improvement. Using ISO 9001:2015 helps ensure that customers get consistent, good quality products and services.

ISO certifications are awarded by the London-based British Standards Institution (BSI) Group, the world's largest national standards and certification body, which audits and provides certification to companies worldwide who implement and comply with its management systems standards.



Team members from Sands China's facilities department gather to mark Sands China's earning of an ISO 9001:2015 certification for the quality management system of its facilities department. The scope of the certification covers all Sands China properties – a first for an integrated resort operator in Macao.

Paul Panckhurst

HONG Kong may dig deep to reverse the city's chronic shortage of land for building, adding underground caverns to the mix of options aimed at creating more housing in the world's most expensive property market.

It's an option, according to a government body trying to come up with more land for development. Facilities such as sewage plants and reservoirs could be relocated to caverns, freeing up land for housing, the Task Force on Land Supply said on its website.

"Hong Kong's hilly terrain and strong rock formations make it highly suitable for developing rock caverns, particularly on the urban fringes," the task force said, seeking public submissions over the next five months on 18 options for boosting land supply.

Although urban centers in the city are among the densest in the world, about three-fourths of Hong Kong's land mass is made up of open spaces that are off limits to development, such as protected country parks. As a result, Hong Kong faces a shortfall of at least 1,200 hectares - more than 60 times the size of the city's Victoria Park - as it plans for about the next 30 years, according to the Task Force.

Hong Kong looking underground for new housing

The government's policy of controlling the amount of new land it makes available to developers - which enables it to earn billions of dollars per year in revenue - creates scarcity of supply that results in ever higher land prices. Developers say they also face a thicket of regulations in converting private land they purchase for residential use.

Developing caverns was "probably the most expensive" choice and would take longer than some

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alternatives. Tapping developers' holdings of farmland, developing "brownfield" sites - former agricultural land - or building on land used for recreation were among swifter options, the task force said.

Cramped homes and soaring property prices are signs of the

crisis that sees Hong Kong regularly named the world's least affordable city to buy a home. As the public argues the merits of converting land on the edges of country parks or redeveloping the golf course that's home to the historic Hong Kong Golf Club, one business leader had a diffe-

rent idea this week.

Frederick Ma, the chairman of MTR Corp., which runs the city's subway system, told the South China Morning Post on April 23 that one option was to build a "Hong Kong town" in mainland China, linked by high-speed rail. **Bloomberg**

Asian tigers leave Taiwan behind as economic fortunes diverge

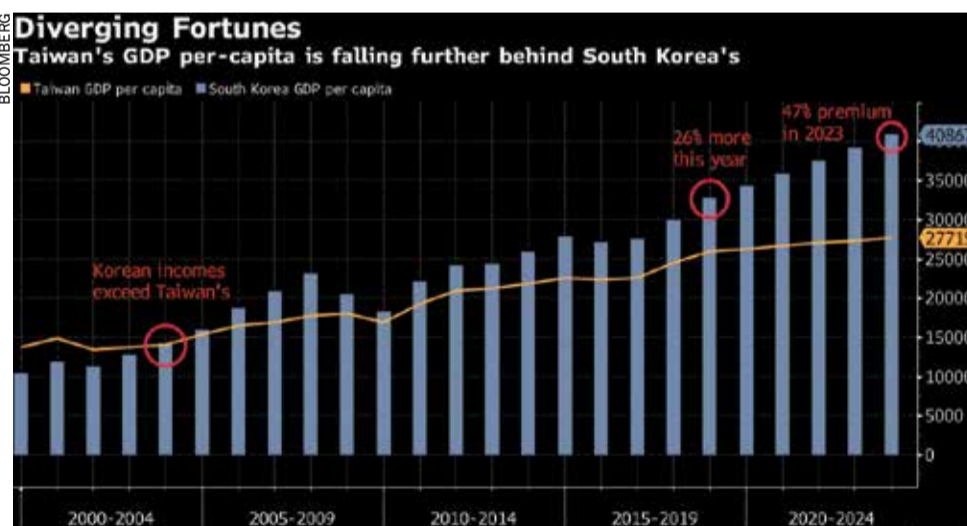
OF Asia's fabled "tiger" economies, one is burning less brightly than the rest.

Taiwan is set to lag further behind its three peers - Singapore, Hong Kong and South Korea - economies which underwent rapid industrialization starting around the 1960s, according to data from the International Monetary Fund.

The disparity is clearest when Taiwan is stacked against South Korea, the manufacturing and consumer-electronics powerhouse that's structurally most similar. Apple Inc.'s five largest suppliers are either Taiwanese or Korean.

Taiwan is forecast to have a gross domestic product per-capita this year of USD25,977, 26 percent less than South Korea's \$32,775. By 2023, when Korea exceeds \$40,000, that gap will widen to 47 percent, according to IMF projections.

A surge in Taiwanese exports since 2016 has prompted accelerating economic growth, partly a result of the island's deep



integration into the global consumer-electronics supply chain. A continuation of that trend is looking less certain, as the current smart-phone product cycle comes to an end and China gets dragged into a trade stand-off with the U.S.

Taiwan is expected to report 3.2 percent first-quarter growth on Friday, according to economists surveyed by Bloomberg, down from the previous quarter's 3.28 percent. For the full year, forecasters see output growth slowing to 2.7 percent

from 2.9 percent in 2017, and dipping further after that.

What explains Taiwan's longer-term malaise? A key weakness has been Taiwan Inc.'s inability to develop global brands. Meanwhile, Korea has built powerhouses such as Samsung Electronics, Hyundai Motors and LG Electronics Inc.

Taiwan's best-known companies, led by Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. and Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., have much of their fortunes tied to supplying other

companies, led by Apple Inc. Any hopes HTC Corp. would become a household name around the world for its mobile devices came to an end last year when Google bought its main smartphone engineering business.

"The manufacturing sector's ability to innovate and upgrade to higher value-added sets Taiwan and Korea apart," DBS Group Holdings Ltd. economist Ma Tieying said via telephone. "This explains why productivity is higher in Korea than in Taiwan." **Bloomberg**

Tencent-backed Little Red Book is said to seek USD200m

CHINESE e-commerce startup Xiaohongshu, or "Little Red Book," is in early talks to raise at least USD200 million at a valuation or more than \$2.5 billion to quicken its expansion in a heated e-commerce space, according to people familiar with the matter. The women-focused shopping site co-founded in 2013 by Charlin Mao is seeking to more than double its valuation since its last round of funding more than two years ago, the people said, requesting not to be named because the matter is private. Its plans are preliminary and the fundraising targets may change, they added.

Xiaohongshu - which calls itself RED and stresses its name bears no relation to the seminal book of Mao Zedong's quotations - works by letting its mostly younger female users post pictures of their favorite products.

Backed by Tencent Holdings Ltd., it competes not only against titans like Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. but also up-and-comers that rely on social media such as Pinduoduo, which is said to have raised more than \$1 billion at a \$15 billion valuation.

Xiaohongshu declined to comment. But co-founder Miranda Qu told Bloomberg Television in April her company was looking into another round of fundraising this year, and said it was open to an initial public offering within two to three years.

Qu said the company wasn't affected by trade tensions between China and the U.S., as it focuses on cosmetics and fashion items not yet on a proposed tariffs list. And revenue contribution from overseas products had dropped since the company pivoted to its own home market.

Iain Marlow

THE leaders of Asia's two most-populous countries agreed to strengthen communication between their two militaries to avoid disputes along their contested Himalayan border, after last year's months-long standoff over territory in Bhutan.

Chinese President Xi Jinping and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi met for an "informal summit" in China's central city of Wuhan last week. They agreed to coordinate more closely so that stability between Asia's largest and third-largest economies could help boost prosperity in the region, Indian foreign secretary Vijay Gokhale said in a briefing after the face-to-face talks.

Xi told Modi that the basis of stability and development in Sino-Indian relations is mutual trust, according to a readout from the official Xinhua News agency. Xi called for the two sides to "conduct closer strategic communication and frequently consult on important matters of mutual concern." The two sides should work for a "stable, developed and prosperous 21st century Asia," he said.

The meeting - which wound up on Saturday and was billed as a way for Xi and Modi to reset a fractious relationship - caps months of intensifying diplomatic exchanges that have seen visits to China from India's foreign minister Sushma Swaraj and national security adviser Ajit Doval.

Improved relations would provide "stability amidst the current global uncertainties," said Gokhale, the top official in India's foreign ministry.

Modi and Xi agreed their countries should strengthen existing diplomatic mechanisms and improve lines of communication between the two militaries to ensure peace and tranquility along the lengthy border, Gokhale said. India and China also agreed to undertake a joint project in Afghanistan,



Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi (left) and Chinese President Xi Jinping walk together in Wuhan in central China's Hubei Province

China, India agree to avoid military dispute on tense border

the Press Trust of India reported.

China is India's largest trading partner with two-way trade of USD87 billion, way behind the \$100 billion by 2015 target they set in 2010. Still, tensions between the two strategic rivals in Asia are often high. Bilateral ties deteriorated last year when troops from both nuclear-armed powers stared each other down for months in a remote part of the Himalayas in a border dispute near Bhutan. New Delhi also opposes China's infrastructure investments in South Asia, particularly in Pakistan-administered Kashmir, which India claims as its own sovereign territory.

The meeting in Wuhan is part of an intensifying dialogue between two leaders whose coun-

■ The meeting, billed as a way for Xi and Modi to reset a fractious relationship, caps months of intensifying diplomatic exchanges

tries comprise more than one-third of the world's population and 18 percent of global gross domestic product. Modi and Xi met during the Himalayan border dispute on the sidelines of a G-20 meeting in Hamburg and again at a summit of the so-called BRICS nations in China's southeast port city of Xiamen. They are also scheduled to meet again in June for the Shanghai Cooperation Organization meeting in China's Qingdao.

Analysts including Carnegie India's C. Raja Mohan and the Brookings Institution's Tanvi Madan have warned the bilateral relationship is too complicated, competitive and fraught for any one meeting to have a truly

transformative impact. But this meeting comes as both powers attempt to reduce risk in their own environments as China faces down U.S. President Donald Trump's threatened trade actions and Modi seeks to keep India's economy on track ahead of a 2019 general election.

Modi and Xi agreed that better ties could also benefit the region's economies, Gokhale told reporters in Wuhan.

"The development of a sound bilateral relationship between two countries which have about 40 percent of the world's population will also be conducive for the development and prosperity of the region," Gokhale said. **Bloomberg**

US-China trade fight unfolds as diplomats spar in Geneva

JUST a month after President Trump upended the global order with threats of tariffs against allies and adversaries alike, his ambassador to the World Trade Organization took aim at both China, a main focus of Washington's ire, and the global trade body itself.

China's "trade-distorting policies" represent a "threat to the international trading system," Deputy U.S. Trade Representative Dennis Shea said in Geneva on Friday during

his first public comments on the matter. China's technology transfer policies harm every WTO member and industry that "relies on technology for maintaining competitiveness in world markets."

Trump has proposed tariffs on up to USD150 billion in Chinese imports as punishment for what his administration sees as widespread violations of U.S. intellectual property rights. Beijing has vowed to retaliate in kind, with levies on everything from

American soybeans to airplanes. Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin, U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer and National Economic Council Director Larry Kudlow will travel to Beijing next week for trade talks with top Chinese officials.

It's a "very delicate" moment in relations, and the conflict has the potential to curb economic growth and weaken the WTO's role as a global trade arbiter, according to WTO Director-General Roberto Azevedo.

"Progress could be quickly undermined if governments resort to restrictive trade policies, especially in a tit-for-tat process that could lead to an unmanageable escalation," Azevedo told reporters earlier this month.

China's Deputy Permanent Representative Yu Benlin said on Friday that Washington's tariffs are unilateral and don't comply with WTO rules.

The U.S. actions are "challenging the foundation of the rules-based

multilateral trading system," Yu said, according to a copy of his prepared remarks. "We believe the time has come for all members to join with each other to take actions against the unilateralism and protectionism manifested in the U.S. conduct."

Shea dissented, saying the U.S. measures are legal and they aim to counter China's "harmful trade distorting policies," according to a copy of his remarks. "Instead of addressing its

damaging and discriminatory policies, China accuses the United States of 'unilateralism'," Shea said. "This criticism has absolutely no validity."

"If the WTO is seen as a shield protecting those members that choose to adopt policies that can be shown to undermine the fairness and balance of the international trading system then the WTO and the international trading system will lose all credibility and support among our citizens," Shea said. **MDT/Bloomberg**

PHILIPPINES

WWII sex slaves statue removed

A statue honoring women who were forced to work in Japanese military brothels during World War II was quietly removed from a busy seaside promenade in the Philippine capital, angering women's groups. Manila City Hall said in a statement that the bronze statue of a blindfolded Filipina, unveiled alongside Manila Bay in December, will be returned once drainage work is completed. It gave no time frame for the project.

BANGLADESH

UN team pledges to end crisis

A U.N. Security Council team visiting Bangladesh promised yesterday to work hard to resolve a crisis involving hundreds of thousands of Rohingya Muslims who have fled to the country to escape military-led violence in Myanmar. The diplomats, who visited the sprawling camps and border points where about 700,000 Rohingya have taken shelter, said their visit was an opportunity to see the situation firsthand.

Singapore PM: ASEAN growing closer to 'new powers'

Annabelle Liang, Singapore

SOUTHEAST Asian countries will work more closely with "new powers" China and India to counter the pressure of protectionism and ensure continued growth, Singapore's prime minister said Saturday.

Addressing the summit of the 10-nation Association of Southeast Asian Nations, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said that regional economic growth was under threat because the political mood in many countries had turned against free trade. He said recent trade tensions between the U.S. and China in particular are worrying.

The U.S. and China are entangled in their most consequential trade dispute since World War II. Both countries have proposed tariffs of USD50 billion on each other's products. President Donald Trump is looking to impose tariffs of up to \$100 billion more on Chinese goods.

"The global strategic balance is shifting, and so is the regio-



Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong

nal balance," Lee said. "New powers, including China and India, are growing in strength and influence. This has opened up new opportunities for ASEAN member states as we expand our cooperation with them."

He said that the group faces challenges closer to home as well, such as the Islamic State group, cybersecurity and strengthening a regional economic community.

In a statement on Saturday, ASEAN leaders affirmed the need for peace in the South China Sea, where the bloc is cur-

rently negotiating a set of rules with China to avoid conflicts arising from a bitter territorial dispute pitting some members against Beijing's vast claims to the strategic waterway.

They also encouraged Myanmar and Bangladesh to press on with their "shared commitment to carry out the voluntary return" of about 700,000 Rohingya Muslims who have fled Myanmar's Rakhine state, Lee said.

Myanmar's military has been accused of instigating the persecution of the ethnic minori-

ty, which has been denied citizenship in the predominantly Buddhist country.

Lee said the leaders agreed that the refugees' return must be carried out "in a safe, secure and dignified way, without undue delay."

The leaders also welcomed a historic summit between North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and South Korean President Moon Jae-in as a first step toward reducing tensions on the Korean Peninsula.

"It's a positive step — it's better than firing missiles and testing bombs — but how does it go? That's something which we will wait and see and which we can only hope for the best," Lee said.

To fight protectionism, Lee said ASEAN would like to conclude negotiations this year on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, a proposed free trade agreement between ASEAN members and Australia, China, India, Japan, South Korea and New Zealand. AP

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PRESIDENT Donald Trump and Defense Secretary Jim Mattis spoke on Saturday with their South Korean counterparts after the historic meeting between leaders of the two Koreas, and Trump said “things are going very well” as he prepares for an expected summit with the North’s Kim Jong Un.

Mattis and Defense Minister Song Young-moo said they were committed to “a diplomatic resolution that achieves complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearization” of the North, according to the Pentagon’s chief spokeswoman, Dana W. White. Mattis also reaffirmed “the ironclad U.S. commitment” to defend its ally “using the full spectrum of U.S. capabilities.”

Trump tweeted Saturday that he had “a long and very good talk” with President Moon Jae-in. He also said he updated Japan’s prime minister, Shinzo Abe, about “the ongoing negotiations” for an anticipated summit with Kim, tentatively scheduled for May or early June.

Moon and Kim have pledged to seek a formal end to the Korean War, fought from 1950 to 1953, by year’s end and to rid the Korean Peninsula of nuclear weapons. Trump has said he’s looking forward to the meeting with Kim and that it “should be quite something.”

“Things are going very well, time and location of meeting with North Korea is being set,” Trump tweeted. A statement from the White House describing the call between Trump and Moon also referred to the North’s future being contingent upon “complete, verifiable, and irreversible denuclearization.”

Trump is claiming credit for the Korean summit, but now faces a burden in helping turn the Korean leaders’ bold but vague vision for peace into reality after more than six decades of hostility.

Trump must contend with suspicions about his own suitability to conduct that kind of war-and-peace negotiation and succeed where his predecessors have failed, and whether Kim really is willing to give up the nuclear

AP PHOTO



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un (left) prepares to shake hands with South Korean President Moon Jae-in over the military demarcation line

US reaffirms its ‘ironclad commitment’ to defend S. Korea

weapons his nation took decades acquiring.

“It is still unclear whether North Korea still believes that it can have its cake and eat it too,” said Victor Cha, who until January had been in the running to become Trump’s choice for ambassador to South Korea.

At a White House news conference with German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Friday, Trump basked in the afterglow of the meeting between Kim and Moon, and said he has a responsibility to try to achieve peace and denuclearization.

“And if I can’t do it, it’ll be a very tough time for a lot of countries, and a lot of people. It’s certainly something that I hope I can do for the world,” he said.

Moon and Kim have not specified what steps would be taken to formally end the war or eliminate nuclear weapons. Now the pressure to deliver results, at least on the allies’ side, has shifted to Trump.

The president pushed back against critics who say he’s being manipulated by Kim, who has abruptly shifted to diplomacy after last year’s full-scale push to become a nuclear power that could threaten the U.S. mainland.

“I don’t think he’s ever had this enthusiasm for somebody, for them wanting to make a deal,” Trump said in the Oval Office. “We’re not going to be played, OK. We’re going to hopefully make a deal. The United States in the past has been played like a fiddle.”

New Secretary of State Mike

Pompeo, who as CIA director met Kim four weeks ago in North Korea, told reporters in Brussels that he got the impression that Kim was “serious” about negotiating on denuclearization because of the Trump-led economic pressure campaign.

But Pompeo added a word of caution: “I am always careful. There is a lot of history here. Promises have been made, hopes have been raised and then dashed.”

North Korea has already called a halt to nuclear and long-range missile tests, which has helped dial down tensions significantly.

North Korea was hit with unprecedented economic restrictions during 2017, when the U.S. and North Korean leaders traded threats while Kim pushed his na-

tion to the verge of being able to fire a nuclear-tipped missile at the U.S. mainland.

The diplomatic climate has changed dramatically this year, as Kim has ended his international seclusion, reaching out to South Korea, the U.S., and China.

Mattis has said the U.S. is “optimistic right now that there’s opportunity here that we have never enjoyed since 1950” and any progress will be up to the diplomats. He was referring to the year the Korean War broke out.

The fighting, which also involved China, cost hundreds of thousands of lives and ended with the declaration of an armistice, not a peace treaty. That has left the peninsula in a technical state of war for decades. **AP**

Pyongyang to close nuke test site in May

NORTH Korean leader Kim Jong Un has vowed to shut down the country’s nuclear test site in May and open the process to experts and journalists from South Korea and the United States, Seoul’s presidential office said yesterday.

Kim made the comments during his summit with South Korean President Moon Jae-in on Friday at a

border truce village.

Moon and Kim during the summit promised to work toward the “complete denuclearization” of the Korean Peninsula, but made no references to verification or timetables.

North Korea this month announced it has suspended all tests of nuclear devices and intercontinental ballistic missiles and plans to close its nuclear testing

ground.

Kim reacted to skepticism that the North would only be closing down the northernmost test tunnel at the site in Punggye-ri, which some analysts say became too unstable to conduct further underground detonations following the country’s sixth and most powerful nuclear test in September. In his conversation with

Moon, Kim denied that he would be merely clearing out damaged goods, saying that the site also has two new tunnels that are larger than previous testing facilities, Yoon said.

The Friday summit between Moon and Kim kicked off a global diplomatic drive to deal with the North’s nuclear and missile threats, which after a flurry of weapons tests

last year involve purported thermonuclear weapons, developmental ICBMs and quick-fire solid-fuel missiles.

While the meeting ended with no new concrete measures on the nuclear standoff, the more substantial discussions on the North’s denuclearization — including what, when and how it would occur — were always going to be

reserved for a Kim-Trump summit.

Seoul has said Kim expressed genuine interest in dealing away his nuclear weapons. But North Korea for decades has been pushing a concept of “denuclearization” that bears no resemblance to the American definition, vowing to pursue nuclear development unless Washington removes its troops from the Korean Peninsula and the nuclear umbrella defending South Korea and Japan. **MDT/AP**

SPAIN

Gang rape verdicts spur third day of protests

Tens of thousands of people have marched in northern Spain for a third consecutive day to protest the acquittal of five men on gang rape charges. Local police in Pamplona estimated the size of the crowd at Saturday's march was 35,000. An 18-year-old woman was attacked during the city's famed San Fermin bull-running festival in 2016. The five men, whose members named their WhatsApp group "The Pack," were convicted last week on a lesser felony of sexual abuse and sentenced to nine years each in prison. Lawyers say the victim is appealing.

BLOOMBERG



BRITAIN

Londoners warned of toxic caterpillars

Residents in London are being told to beware the white-haired caterpillars that can cause rashes, vomiting and asthma attacks. The British Forestry Commission says caterpillars that become oak processionary moths have been spotted in and around the British capital since mid-April. The caterpillars are covered in thousands of hairs containing the protein thaumetopein, which can cause skin rashes, sore throats, breathing difficulties and eye problems. Officials are treating oak trees - where the creatures are often found - with pesticide to try and eliminate the moths, which were accidentally introduced to Britain in 2005 on plants imported from continental Europe.

ROMANIA

President calls on premier to resign

Romania's president said Friday that the country's first female prime minister was unfit for the job and should resign, a call she rejected hours later. President Klaus Iohannis said that Viorica Dancila, who became premier in January, "is not up for the job of Romanian prime minister" and represented "a vulnerability" for the country. Dancila said she would not resign because she had the backing of the ruling Social Democrats and was doing a good job. She is the third premier since the Social Democrats came to power in 2016.

What's at stake if Trump kills the nuclear deal with Iran?

Lin Noueihed, David Wainer

U.S. President Donald Trump has until May 12 to decide whether to perhaps fatally undermine a years-in-the-making nuclear deal with Iran, with the consequences likely to be felt from Middle East war zones to oil markets. If the U.S. refuses to continue to waive sanctions under the six-nation agreement reached in 2015, there's a real threat Iran will also walk away. European powers are scrambling to persuade Trump to preserve the agreement, with German Chancellor Angela Merkel in Washington on Friday on the heels of French President Emmanuel Macron. So what's at stake if the U.S. withdraws?

OIL MARKETS

A "snap-back" in Iran sanctions by the U.S. would almost certainly reduce Iran's oil exports, further stretching an oil market that's seen prices rise 11 percent this year. What's more uncertain is exactly how far shipments would fall.

A recent Bloomberg survey predicted Iranian exports would be cut by 500,000 barrels a day. Iran is currently shipping just over 2 million barrels a day. More than half of that goes to China and India, while European Union nations currently buy about a quarter.

Although America purchases no Iranian oil, that might not matter. If U.S. sanctions put banks, shipping companies, refiners, insurers and ports at risk of losing access to the glo-

bal banking system, they would have little option but to end their involvement with Iran. Much depends on whether Trump offers waivers and exemptions.

DOING BUSINESS

A resumption in U.S. sanctions could derail tens of billions of dollars in business deals. While a U.S. exit may not render signed deals illegal, new sanctions would make it risky for international companies to continue working in Iran due to potential ramifications for their U.S. business or banking transactions.

It's not just companies involved in Iran that are worried. Privately, business leaders increasingly fret about the growing risk of conflict in the region if Iran resumes uranium enrichment in response to a U.S. withdrawal - and what that could mean for world trade.

GLOBAL POWER BALANCE

On the international stage, the biggest winners from a resumption of American sanctions could be two other signatories to the deal - China and Russia, whose influence has gradually spread in the Middle East as the U.S. has scaled back its engagement.

Russia is already fighting, and winning, on the same side as Iran in the Syria conflict. And cold feet among European and U.S. investors could herald a new boom for some Chinese companies, already major investors in Iran, where they have signed multi-billion dollar agreements in the oil, industrial and transportation sectors.

NUCLEAR RISKS

The collapse of the accord could hamper denuclearization efforts, and not just in the Middle East. Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif warned this week that if the U.S. exits, his country might resume its nuclear program. Iranian officials have also threatened to leave the Non-Proliferation Treaty if the deal crumbles. Iran denies its enrichment was ever intended to build weapons as the U.S., Israel and others had charged.

North Korea, which does have a nuclear arsenal, will be watching developments closely. Ditching a deal the U.S. helped shape could undermine American credibility at the negotiating table as it seeks denuclearization in the Korean peninsula. Some analysts say the upcoming talks with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un might be weighing on Trump - and leave him more inclined to preserve Iran's agreement.

IRANIAN POLITICAL DYNAMICS

A collapse of the nuclear deal would be a blow for Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and the reformists who championed a diplomatic settlement to the nuclear standoff that had left Iran increasingly isolated. The nuclear deal is a rare concrete achievement for Rouhani, who was re-elected last year but has been weakened by demonstrations, a currency crisis and problems in the banking sector.

Hardliners, who warned through years of talks that the U.S. was not a trustworthy partner, would emerge strengthened.

There are also signs that the attitudes of ordinary Iranians, many of whom welcomed a deal they hoped would bring prosperity, are hardening.

"If the U.S. doesn't stick by its obligations then it'll go back to before and we will start enriching uranium," Morteza, an unemployed Tehran resident, said. "It's Iran's right to do so, because they're the ones violating it, not us."

RISK OF CONFLICT

If the deal collapses and Iran restarts its nuclear program, the risk of confrontation could increase. Washington's leading Middle East allies - Israel and Saudi Arabia - are both determined to roll back Iranian influence in their neighborhood. Israel in the past has threatened to bomb Iranian nuclear sites to prevent it obtaining a weapons capability.

The potential for a broader conflict is compounded by the war in Syria, which has already drawn in Iran, Lebanon's Hezbollah, Russia, the U.S., Turkey and Israel.

DEFYING THE US

The amount of turbulence, especially for businesses, will depend on how Iran, and other powers, respond to any U.S. exit. "If the Americans wind up walking away from the deal but the rest of the world is able to say 'we are sticking to our approach,' then this might not be so catastrophic for investments in Iran," said Alex Vatanka, a senior fellow at the Middle East Institute in Washington. **Bloomberg**

HUNDREDS of Palestinians converged on the Gaza Strip's border fence with Israel on Friday, trying to burn and rip through it before drawing heavy Israeli fire in one of the most violent incidents yet in five weeks of protests. Three Palestinians were killed and dozens were reported wounded.

The Israeli military accused Gaza's Hamas leaders of orchestrating what it called a "serious and irregular" attack and said it would not tolerate similar activity in the future.

The violence came shortly after a top U.N. official urged Israel to refrain from using excessive force against the protesters.

At least 38 protesters have been killed by Israeli live fire and more than 1,600 wounded in the weekly protests since they began March 30. Israel has rejected the international criticism, saying it is defending its sovereign border and accusing Gaza's Hamas leaders, who are organizing the protests, of using the crowds as cover to carry out attacks.

In Friday's unrest, a large crowd gathered a few hundred meters from the border, with some throwing stones and setting tires on fire in what has be-

Deadly violence erupts again in Gaza at Israeli border fence

come a weekly occurrence.

Late in the afternoon, dozens of young men broke away from the larger protest, moving south about 200 meters and approaching the fence. The crowd then tried to break through the fence with hooks and wire cutters when Israeli forces opened fire. Witnesses said three protesters briefly crossed into Israel and turned around.

Hundreds of additional protesters ran to the scene, and Israeli armored vehicles sped to the site and fired barrages of tear gas. As gunfire erupted, the crowd dispersed. A dozen Palestinian ambulances jammed a dirt road lining up to evacuate the wounded. Some in the crowd shouted "shahid," or "martyr" as bodies were taken away on stretchers.

Palestinian health officials reported three people killed and 611 wounded, including 138 hit by live fire in incidents along the border throughout the day.

In a statement, the Israeli mi-



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litary said it had "thwarted" an attempted infiltration by Palestinian protesters and opened fire "in accordance with the rules of engagement" to halt the crowd. It released a video showing a young Palestinian man placing a burning tire along the fence in an apparent attempt to set it on fire.

Lt. Col. Jonathan Conricus, a military spokesman, said the event was unlike anything Israel has seen over the past month. He said an estimated 500 to 700 protesters carried out a "deliberate attack" on the fence, throwing firebombs and explosives, trying to set it on fire with burning tires and attempting to

tear it down with a metal hook and winch system.

He said the incident was notable in the number of protesters, the speed they moved and the "audacity with which they attacked." He claimed Hamas leaders had been in the area encouraging the crowd.

"We saw a totally irregular event and severe attack, which was clearly orchestrated by Hamas leaders on the ground who were urging the rioters on, and to run toward the fence, to assault the fence," he said. He said Israel would not tolerate Hamas attempts "to use civilians as human shields and as a disguise for terrorists trying to infiltrate into Israel."

Israel and Egypt imposed the Gaza blockade in 2007, in response to a violent takeover of the territory by Hamas, which had won Palestinian parliament elections a year earlier. The marches are aimed in part at trying to break the decade-old border blockade. **MDT/AP**

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Offbeat

FRUIT'S PUNGENT SMELL MISTAKEN FOR GAS LEAK, PROMPTS PANIC

The pungent smell of the rotten durian fruit at an Australian university library has been mistaken for a gas leak, prompting an evacuation of the building.

Specialist crews wearing masks searched the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology university campus library on Saturday, but all they found was rotting durian in a cupboard.

About 600 staff and students had cleared the building.

A Metropolitan Fire Brigade spokesman said the smell alarmed staff and students as it permeated the air-conditioning system.

Durian is a tropical fruit known for its strong smell. It is commonly banned from hotel rooms and public transport across Southeast Asia.



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ROOM 2

4:00pm

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Duration: 149min

TOMORROW IS ANOTHER DAY

ROOM 2

2:30, 9:30pm

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Duration: 91min



SECRET SUPERSTAR

ROOM 2

06:045pm

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Duration: 150min



RAMPAGE

ROOM 3

2:15, 07:30, 9:30pm

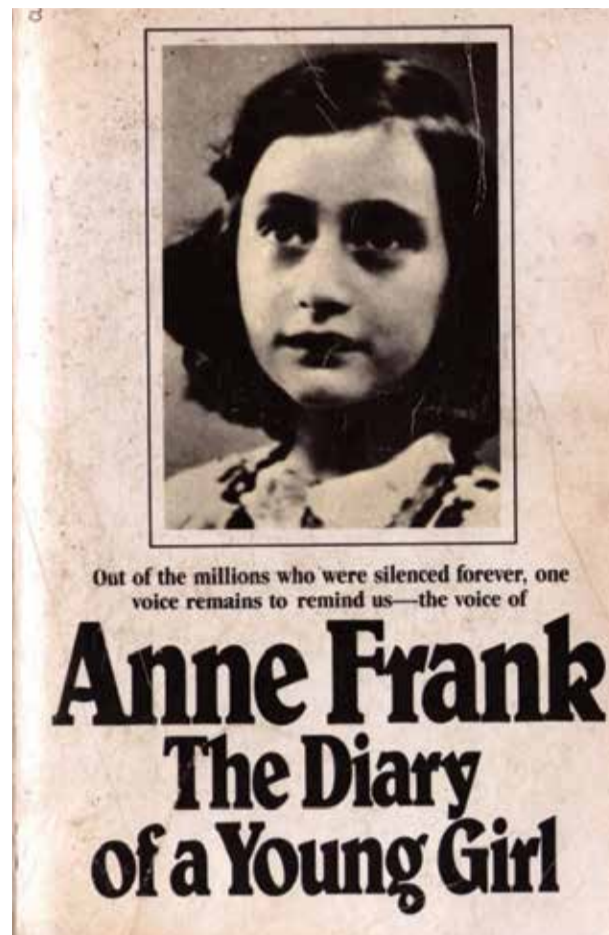
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Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Naomie Harris, Malin Akerman

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 107min

this day in history



1952 ANNE FRANK PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH

The moving diary of Anne Frank, a Jewish victim of the Holocaust, is now available in British book shops entitled *The Diary of a Young Girl*.

The book was first published in Dutch in 1947 under the title *Het Achterhuis* (The Secret House) by her father Otto Frank, who survived the concentration camps.

It is a lively and at the same time disturbing account of a teenager living in hiding with seven others in fear of their lives in occupied Holland.

Anne died just before her 16th birthday in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in 1945.

Her father survived and returned to Amsterdam where he, his family and friends had been in hiding for two years before the Nazis found them.

There, his Dutch friends gave him papers left behind after the Gestapo raid. Among them was his daughter's diary.

It was some days before he could bring himself to read it and when he did he was astonished to find out about a side of his daughter he never knew - someone who was wise beyond her years and had a deep faith in humanity in spite of her suffering.

Her entry for 12 July 1944, three weeks before her arrest, read: "I hear the approaching thunder that, one day, will destroy us ... I feel the suffering of millions. And yet, when I look up into the sky, I somehow feel that everything will change for the better, that this cruelty too will end, that peace and tranquillity will return once more."

The Franks had moved to Holland from Nazi Germany in 1933. In July 1942, after the Germans had occupied the country, the Franks and four other Jewish people went into hiding in an annex of a house in central Amsterdam.

That year, Anne, who had an ambition to be a writer, was given a red and white check diary for her 13th birthday and immediately started writing about her experiences.

The annex was raided by the Gestapo on the 4 August 1944 after a tip-off from a Dutch informer and the eight occupants sent to Westerbork, a transit camp in Holland, and then on to Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen.

Anne died weeks before the liberation of Bergen-Belsen as did her mother, Edith, and sister, Margot.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Anne Frank became a symbol of Jewish suffering under the Nazis. Her diary, later entitled *The Diary of Anne Frank*, was translated into 50 languages and became one of the most popular books in the world. It was made into a play in 1956 that won the Pulitzer Prize and into a film three years later.

An unexpurgated edition was published in English in 1995 revealing both Anne's awakening sexuality and her criticism of some of the adults in hiding with her.

The apartment in Amsterdam where the family hid, Number 263 Prinsengracht, is now the Anne Frank museum.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 You feel like you haven't been more than inches away from electronic devices for days, and you're extremely ready for a vacation, no matter how brief. How about taking one, unofficially.

Taurus April 20-May 20 Every feeling that touches our hearts now will be much larger than life. We'll be more than happy to share those feelings with our confidantes, but, of course, also with the person those feelings involve.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 It's never easy for you to remain anonymous - not once you open your mouth. Everyone within shouting distance - no, actually, within listening distance - won't be able to resist.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 After years of defending it, finding ways to tuck it into your schedule and resisting the urge to do without it when you know it's necessary, you're an expert on the subject of privacy.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 If there's any way possible for you to take off for a trip that's equal parts business and pleasure, you really should do whatever it takes to make it happen.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 After days of trying to decide what to do about a private matter that's been threatening to emerge, with or without your assistance, you've finally been able to escape from under it - thank heaven.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 You've got to be exhausted. Over recent days, you've managed to keep all kinds of people on the same page - people who probably have been hard-pressed to suspect that they'd ever even read the same books.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 If anyone can handle a meeting, it's you. The almost imperceptible frown, the slight purse to your lips - the glance that's just a millisecond too long at one particular paragraph.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 An authority figure you've had a rather 'iffy' relationship with is about to deliver up a surprise you just weren't expecting, not now or ever. Something you thought you'd never, ever hear...

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Ever notice that at least nine times out of ten when someone suddenly pops into your mind for no reason at all, it's not at all unusual to bump into them just as suddenly, or to get a call from them.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Over the past week or so, 'instant replays' have been occurring to all of us. Some of those have been for the best because they were so darned enjoyable that experiencing them at least twice couldn't be anything but wonderful.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 There are all kinds of communications on the agenda now, most of which will turn out to be larger than life, whether they seemed to be ordinary or not.

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

ACROSS: 1- Thunderstruck; 5- Black-wooded tree; 10- Bishop of Rome; 14- Domesticated; 15- European capital, in song; 16- Auto loan figs.; 17- Victor's cry; 18- Skater Slutskaya; 19- Cut the crop; 20- Singer LaBelle; 22- Republic in central Europe; 24- Adjoin; 27- Glitch; 28- Difficulty in speech articulation; 32- Place to sweat it out; 35- Stutz contemporary; 36- Prepared; 38- Native New Zealander; 40- The wolf ___ the door; 42- Great Lakes tribesmen; 44- Cravings; 45- Cut at an angle; 47- Greek fabulist; 49- Actress Vardalos; 50- Tennis's Monica; 52- Take the weight off; 54- Cabinet dept.; 56- 1952 Winter Olympics site; 57- Accessory; 60- Bank offerings; 64- Final Four org.; 65- Bing Crosby's record label; 68- Hook's helper; 69- Eye part; 70- Basketball twig; 71- Ski lift; 72- Chipper; 73- Windows predecessor; 74- Drinks slowly; DOWN: 1- Take ___ from me...; 2- Toddler's glassful; 3- Send out; 4- Pertaining to the teeth; 5- Prefix with center; 6- Place for ordering alcoholic drinks; 7- Not a dup.; 8- Hawaiian state birds; 9- Pines; 10- Republic in central South America; 11- Dentist's request; 12- Ask for divine guidance; 13- Uncommon sense; 21- Construction beam; 23- Polite address; 25- Peter Fonda role; 26- Jewelled crown worn by women; 28- Bit; 29- Affirmatives; 30- Italian white wine; 31- Old French expression meaning 'goodbye'; 33- Very much; 34- Golfer Palmer, to his army; 37- Type of question; 39- This ___ outrage!; 41- Live feed of CNN, e.g.; 43- Weeps; 46- Director Riefenstahl; 48- Influence; 51- Rarely; 53- Perches; 55- Like non-oyster months; 57- Land unit; 58- Neet rival; 59- Not base; 61- Prefix with dextrous; 62- Half-moon tide; 63- Sun. speeches; 64- Pinch; 66- Bus. bigwig; 67- ___ longa, vita brevis;

Friday's solution crossword grid with filled-in words.

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Telephone - Report 1000
PJ (Picket) 28 557 775
Electricity - Report 28 339 922
PSP 28 573 333
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Real estate advertisement for JML Property, featuring 'FOR SALE' and 'FOR RENT' listings with details on location, size, and price for various units in Macau and Coloane.

SUMO

Japan Association to consider opinions on female ban

THE Japan Sumo Association says it will consider outside opinions from experts and the public over its much criticized policy of banning women from entering the sumo ring.

The association held an extraordinary meeting of its board this weekend. It did not reach a decision regarding the ban on women but did clarify that women can enter the ring in times of an "emergency" as an exception, Kyodo News agency reported.

The association came under fire in early April when it ordered female first responders to leave the ring as they attempted to revive an official who collapsed at an event in northern Kyoto.

The 67-year-old mayor of the city of Maizuru collapsed during a ring-top speech, and two women, apparently medical experts, rushed in and started performing first aid. When two more women entered the ring trying to



AP PHOTO

join the effort, a sumo official demanded that the women get out of the ring.

The mayor, a man, was then taken to a hospital and survived what was diagnosed a stroke.

Amid worldwide attention, the head of the Japan Sumo Association

apologized, saying the official at the Kyoto event made an "inappropriate response."

The sumo ring, or dohyo, is considered sacred in the male-only sport. Women are banned from entering it because they are seen as "ritually unclean." AP

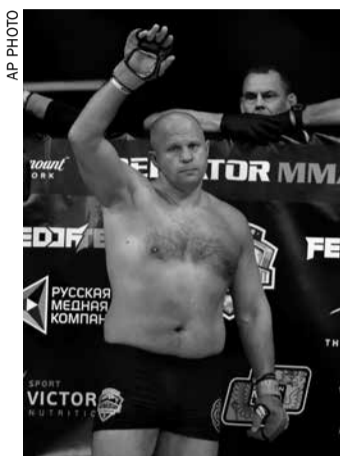
MMA fighter with links to Trump, Cohen is questioned by FBI

ARussian mixed martial arts fighter who has connections with President Donald Trump, the president's personal attorney Michael Cohen and Russian President Vladimir Putin was questioned this week by the FBI, his manager confirmed yesterday.

Fedor Emelianenko was questioned by agents who met him in his hotel room on Tuesday, manager Jerry Millen said before Emelianenko's Bellator MMA heavyweight fight against Frank Mir. Millen declined to detail his client's conversations with the agents.

"The FBI came to the hotel looking to talk to Fedor and they were very nice, came in to speak with Fedor for a few minutes, spoke to me, very cool guys, and that's all I can really say about it. Again, the FBI did come to the hotel, they found us, knocked on the door," Millen said.

"Hundred percent, kind of surprised," Millen added. "They were very nice, very professional."



AP PHOTO

The agents were in attendance at Saturday's fight, Millen said.

Putin has attended Emelianenko's fights, and the 41-year-old fighter has been photographed with the Russian president. His connection with Trump dates back to 2008, when he was signed by Affliction Entertainment, a fight league in which Trump had an ownership stake. Trump announced a joint venture involving MMA and Emelianenko at a news conference on June 5, 2008.

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BOXING

Jacobs beats Sulecki, eyes another middleweight title shot

DANIEL Jacobs smiled in his corner after an action-packed third round, looking pleased to be in a tough fight.

It wasn't clear he would win it until he knocked Maciej Sulecki down with the kind of punch he wants to throw at the middleweight division's biggest names.

The 12th-round knockdown helped Jacobs win a unanimous decision yesterday [Macau time], strengthening his hopes of getting another title shot.

Jacobs pulled out a competitive fight, winning by scores of 117-110, 116-111 and 115-112 and handing the Polish fighter his first loss.

"Going into the late rounds, the championship rounds, I mean ultimately what I was thinking was just to give these fans a great show," Jacobs said.

The Associated Press scored it 116-111 for Jacobs.

Jacobs (34-2-0) became the mandatory challenger for the WBA 160-pound title, giving the popular Brooklyn fighter and cancer survivor hopes of a chance to avenge his unanimous decision loss to Gennady Golovkin from last year. Golovkin is fighting next week and afterward may want to turn his attention back to Canelo Alvarez after



Daniel Jacobs (left) punches Poland's Maciej Sulecki during the 10th round of a middleweight boxing match

their planned May 5 rematch was scrapped when Alvarez was suspended for six months by the Nevada Athletic Commission for failing two drug tests.

So Jacobs also mentioned a fight with Jermall Charlo, who became the WBC's interim mid-

dleweight champ with a second-round knockout of Hugo Centeno Jr. in this same ring last week.

"My plan is to fight any of the champions with the belts, any of the top guys at middleweight," Jacobs said. "If Brooklyn wants Charlo, then Charlo it will be."

Jacobs had a much tougher time with Sulecki (26-1), who seemed to gain confidence as the fight went on and was getting the better of some of the action in the late rounds until Jacobs caught him with a quick right to the head early in the 12th, sending

Sulecki to the canvas as Brooklyn fans roared for the hometown fighter.

There had been chants of "Brook-lyn, Brook-lyn" earlier in the bout from the local fans that made up the announced crowd of 7,892 at Barclays Center. But the vocal section of Polish fans grew louder in the later rounds as their fighter rallied.

They had traded hard shots across the final seconds of the third, Jacobs smiling in his corner afterward as if pleased the action was picking up. Disappointed that Luis Arias went defensive and he had to settle for a decision in his last bout, Jacobs seemed to enjoy being in a real fight this weekend.

He won it by finding a way to be just a bit quicker than Sulecki in their exchanges. But promoter Eddie Hearn has been calling Jacobs the best middleweight in the world, and at times Saturday he was barely the best middleweight in the ring. AP

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Ms Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes
Director, Macau Government Tourism Office

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THE WEST SHOULD BEWARE OF THE KOREAN PEACE TRAP

On the surface it looks like the doubters were wrong. North Korea's leader, Kim Jong Un, traveled into South Korea on Friday to meet his counterpart. They agreed in principle at least to formally end the war that has divided the peninsula they share. Kim even agreed to a joint statement calling for the denuclearization of the peninsula. What's not to like?

Plenty. To understand why, examine the "Panmunjom Declaration for Peace, Prosperity and Unification of the Korean Peninsula" issued by Kim and President Moon Jae-in Friday after their meeting.

Let's start with the issue most important to America and North Korea's neighbors, the nuclear file. The joint communique says, "South and North Korea confirmed the common goal of realizing, through complete denuclearization, a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula." It also says the two states "shared the view that the measures being initiated by North Korea are very meaningful and crucial for the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula and agreed to carry out their respective roles and responsibilities in this regard." Finally it pledged that both would seek help and cooperation from the international community to achieve the goal of denuclearization.

That sounds pretty good, but it isn't. North Koreans have historically used the phrase "denuclearization" to mean the U.S. should no longer extend its nuclear umbrella to protect South Korea. As former senior State Department official Evans Revere explained in a recent policy brief for the Brookings Institution, North Korean interlocutors have explained the concept in talks to U.S. officials and experts as "the elimination of the 'threat' posed by the U.S.-South Korea alliance, by U.S. troops on the Korean Peninsula, and by the U.S. nuclear umbrella that defends South Korea and Japan."

Then there is the strange language about how Kim's recent announcement to pause missile tests is considered by both leaders "very meaningful and crucial for the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula." It isn't.

The real test of Kim's commitment for denuclearization will be measured in the level of transparency he provides to weapons inspectors and whether he will take steps to dismantle his nuclear infrastructure.

The problems with the communique though go beyond what both sides mean by "denuclearization." There is also a sickening parity in the statement that equates a vibrant democratic republic with a totalitarian slave state. There is only one political party in North Korea and no civil organizations. It's dangerous to pretend otherwise.

Along those lines it's particularly troubling that South Korea appears to agree to stop allowing its citizens to send leaflets over the border to break North Korea's information monopoly over its citizens.

This is hugely detrimental to the North Korean people. In the last decade more and more Koreans with the help of defectors have sent drones containing portable video players with memory sticks full of Korean soap operas and other "dangerous" cultural items into the north in the hopes of breaking the Kim regime's information grip over his population. Nicholas Eberstadt, an economist at the American Enterprise Institute, told me this provision "means North Korea's thought control now extends to the south."

Finally, President Donald Trump in particular should worry about what the communique between the two Koreas means for his own strategy. It references a 2007 communique between the two Koreas that pledged "economic growth and co-prosperity."

It calls for connecting roads and railways between the two Koreas. In and of itself, that's unobjectionable. However it could be an economic lifeline that eases pressure before nuclear concessions are made.

For these reasons, Trump should be careful about next steps. He needs to make sure South Korea will not seek a separate peace with its rival. He also needs to get a better sense of the real steps Kim will take to disarm. Until then, Trump should slow the diplomacy down and wait. Kim has shown he is adept at getting optimistic headlines. That is a testament to his connivance, not his intentions.

[Abridged]

THE IRANIAN JUDICIARY CONFIRMS ARREST OF BRITISH-IRANIAN ACADEMIC

Iran's judiciary has confirmed the arrest of British-Iranian academic Abbas Edalat, the state-run Iranian Students' News Agency reported.

"Accusations are security-related and he is under detention," judiciary spokesman Gholamhossein Mohseni-Ejei said, according to ISNA, which cited a press conference in Tehran.

He declined to discuss the case further.

Edalat, a professor of computer science and mathematics at Imperial College London, had traveled to Iran to take part in an academic workshop, the New York-based Center for Human Rights in Iran reported last week. He was arrested by the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps on April 15, it said.

UK vows to have 'humane' immigration policy as scandal grows

Jill Lawless, London

BRITAIN's interior minister was fighting for her job yesterday as uproar spread over authorities' mistreatment of long-term U.K. residents wrongly caught up in a government drive to reduce illegal immigration.

Home Secretary Amber Rudd says she will stay in her job to ensure Britain's immigration policy is "humane." But opposition politicians demanded she resign over what has become known as the Windrush scandal.

Rudd plans to make a statement today in the House of Commons about the scandal, which critics say reflects a hostile attitude to immigrants.

The furor has grown since the Guardian newspaper reported that some people who came to the U.K. from the Caribbean in the decades after World War II had recently been refused medical care in Britain or threatened with deportation because they could not produce paperwork proving their right to reside in the country.

Those affected belong to the "Windrush generation," named for the ship Empire Windrush, which in 1948 brought hundreds of Caribbean immigrants to Britain, which was seeking nurses, railway workers and



Britain's Home Secretary Amber Rudd leaves 10 Downing Street in London

others to help it rebuild after the devastation of World War II.

They and subsequent Caribbean migrants came from British colonies or ex-colonies and had an automatic right to settle in the U.K. But some have been ensnared by tough new rules introduced since 2012 that are designed to make Britain a "hostile environment" for illegal immigrants.

Legal migrants have been denied housing, jobs or medical treatment in Britain because of requirements that landlords, employers and doctors check people's immigration status. Others have been told by the government that they are in Britain illegally and must leave.

"What has happened to the Windrush generation isn't

an anomaly. It's not due to an administrative error. It's a consequence of the hostile environment created by this [Conservative] government," London Mayor Sadiq Khan, a member of the opposition Labour Party, said yesterday.

In recent weeks Rudd and Prime Minister Theresa May have apologized repeatedly to the Windrush generation, saying all pre-1973 Commonwealth immigrants who don't already have British citizenship will get it, and those affected will get compensation.

Rudd's position worsened after she told lawmakers last week that the government did not have targets for deporting people — only for a 2017 memo to emerge that mentioned specific targets for "enforced removals." AP

THE DECISIVE MOMENT



Chief Executive Chui Sai On (center) watches a performance during the open house at the Taipa Barracks of the Chinese People's Liberation Army Macau Garrison

Station	Air quality
Roadside	65-95 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	35-55 Good
Ambient	65-95 Moderate

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS

GREECE The U.N. refugee agency made an urgent appeal to Greece Friday to create more reception facilities at a border area with Turkey that has seen a surge in crossings in recent months by asylum-seekers from Syria and Iraq.

EUROPEAN UNION The leaders of Germany, France and Britain are ready to push back if the Trump administration does not permanently exempt the European Union from new import taxes on aluminum and steel imports.



MALI A governor in Mali says suspected jihadists have killed at least 40 civilians in two attacks near the country's border with Niger, where attacks have increased in the past year.

US-NIGERIA After more than a year in office, President Donald Trump for the first time is hosting an African president at the White House, Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari.



MEXICO U.S. immigration lawyers are telling Central Americans in a caravan of asylum-seekers that traveled through Mexico to the border with San Diego that they face possible separation from their children and detention for many months.

VENEZUELA President Nicolas Maduro announced he was restoring flights to Panama, one of the most popular connections for getting in and out of his crisis-stricken nation.