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Sexual abuse suspect to report to police regularly

THE Public Prosecutions Office requires a kindergarten assistant suspected of sexually abusing minors to make periodic submissions to police authorities while the investigation is ongoing.

The staff member of D. José da Costa Nunes kindergarten, a 30-year-old male worker who has been working at the school as an assistant since 2015, is accused of sexually abusing children in his care, after the parents of three children came forward and claimed the Philippine national "inappropriately touched" them.

According to a statement from the Public Prosecutor's Office, the case has already been referred to the Judiciary Police for investigation as to whether the suspect committed the crime of child sexual abuse under the Criminal Code. Under the Criminal Code, an act of sexual abuse against a minor is punishable by imprisonment of between one and eight years.

The suspect is now required to present himself to authorities on a regular basis.



A parents meeting was held on Friday

"In view of the seriousness of the case and the actual situation, the criminal investigation judge, under the [advice] of the prosecutor, has imposed coercive measures on the accused, namely, periodic submission," the Office wrote.

Meanwhile, a parents meeting was held with the Association for Macanese Education's (APIM) board, the school director, and staff of the kindergarten on Friday night to explain the situation. According to witnesses, the meeting involved a heated

discussion with many parents expressing concerns over how the education institution handled the case. APIM's president, Miguel Senna Fernandes vowed to introduce changes in the recruitment process and other aspects of the school's management.

One controversial aspect of the school's handling is whether it did enough to prevent the alleged offences. The first suspicion of sexual assault attempt occurred in October, but the kindergarten teacher decided not to report the case

to the school's director.

The Education and Youth Affairs Bureau is now following up on the case, demanding that a report be submitted by the D. José da Costa Nunes kindergarten. The bureau called on the public to await the outcome of the investigation before reaching any conclusions.

The parents of children at the kindergarten have been invited to attend two talks next week on sex education and parental guidance for minors. The talks will be conducted in Chinese and Portuguese.



ARTS

Marc Chagall's work to be exhibited in June

THE exhibition, "Marc Chagall, Light and Color in Southern France", which is one of the highlights of the 29th Macao Arts Festival and 2018 Le French May, will be inaugurated on May 31, featuring a selection of Marc Chagall's works created from the 1950s to the 1970s.

Organized by the Macao Museum of Art (MAM), the museum held a seminar titled "Marc Chagall and His Times" last week, where the exhibition coordinator and MAM's researcher Gigi Lo spoke about the topic, according to a statement issued by the Cultural Affairs Bureau.

Through an examination of Marc Chagall's particular epoch, the seminar aimed to outline and highlight the artist's state of mind and

explore the choices he made during the process of his creation.

Marc Chagall (1887-1985) was one of the major artists of the 20th century, having settled in the south of France in the 1950s.

He was nurtured by the several cultural influences encountered during his life and marked by war and exile.

The exhibition will feature a selection of works from the 1950s to the 1970s of the Russian-French artist, including paintings, gouaches, lithographs, costumes and tapestries, which highlight the pre-eminence of light and color in his creations.

"Marc Chagall, Light and Color in Southern France" will be opened to the public from June 1 to August 26, 2018.

ASK THE VET

by Dr Ruan Du Toit Bester

BRUSHING PUPPY TEETH STEP BY STEP

BRUISHING puppy teeth is an important step in developing a dental hygiene program for your dog. Owners must be consistent when cleaning teeth and gums to maintain and improve your puppy's dental care. Between the age of 8 and 16 weeks is a great time to start brushing puppy teeth so they become comfortable with cleaning and develop healthy teeth and gums early.

- The first thing you will need to care for your puppy's teeth is the right toothpaste. Human toothpaste can make dogs sick and should never be used. Buy toothpaste made for dogs and put a small amount on your finger. Allow your puppy to smell and lick the toothpaste, which usually comes in meat flavors.
- Puppies can be squirmy so have someone restrain the dog on a table or flat surface while you clean his teeth. Lay the dog on his stomach or side while holding his collar or harness, or try lifting and holding his rear

leg and collar while he is standing so he can't move around.

- Gently move your finger around his gums and teeth with no toothpaste. Do this for a short amount of time and give your puppy a treat for behaving. Gradually you will lengthen the time you perform this exercise. Add toothpaste the next time you try and clean his mouth. If you have a dog toothbrush, show your puppy the brush and let him see it and lick it.
- If your puppy nips at your finger, make a loud shriek to discourage biting.
- Once your puppy is comfortable with your finger in his mouth, you can start brushing or continue to use your fingers. Start with the top teeth at the back of the mouth. Lift his lip to see where you are brushing and use circular motions along the gum line and front of the teeth. The inside of the teeth are less important to clean.
- Gradually move the brush or your finger around to the front teeth and then again towards

the back of the mouth on the other side. Look for any inflammation, cuts, damaged teeth or tartar buildup. Pay close attention to the back teeth where the most buildup and dental problems can be found.

- Give your dog a special treat and praise him after brushing his teeth.
- Brush your puppy's teeth every day, making sure not to go on for too long of a time. Prolonged teeth cleaning sessions will bore your dog and will make him less willing to cooperate when it's time to brush his teeth again.

Finger combs or brushes are a great for brushing, especially after performing the initial practice cleaning sessions. The combs slide over your finger and allow you to get around your dog's mouth easily and safely. Dog toothbrushes are also available and come in all sizes and shapes to suit your breed and size of dog. Infant or children's toothbrushes can also be used for puppies and dogs with small mouths. The bristles should be soft so make sure to



change your dog's toothbrush often as it gets worn down and rough.

Hope this info helps
Till next week
Dr Ruan Bester

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A local billionaire was sentenced to four years in prison on Friday for bribing United Nations officials to buy their support for a proposed UN center in Macau that was never built.

Ng Lap Seng, one of China's richest men, had no visible reaction to the sentence imposed in federal court in Manhattan. Before hearing it, he had told the judge he was "full or regret" over his conviction on charges accusing him of paying the UN General Assembly president and another ambassador USD1.7 million in bribes.

"I'm very sorry for any suffering I've caused my family, my friends and my employees," Ng told U.S. District Judge Vernon Broderick Friday, reading from a prepared statement, his hands shaking. "I promise, I will never repeat my mistakes."

"I want to apologize to the court for all of the trouble my actions have caused," Ng added through an interpreter.

Ng Lap Seng gets 4 years prison in UN bribery case

The defense had sought a non-prison sentence for a 69-year-old defendant it described as a devoted family man and philanthropist. But Broderick said he deserved time behind bars plus a \$1 million fine, in part because he threw his money around without pausing to consider the consequences. "Instead, you became more aggressive as time went on," Broderick said.

"It is important to send a message, to the people at the UN itself and to other institutions in this country, that perverting the decision-making or attempting to pervert the decision-making through bribes will not be tolerated," Broderick said.



Ng Lap Seng (center) leaves federal court with his wife (right)

Ng, who speaks Cantonese, listened to a translation of Broderick's comments through headphones. More than two-dozen family members and friends attended the sentencing in Manhattan federal court. Some of them had traveled from China and sat in the gallery with headphones, listening to the translation.

The judge ruled Ng could remain under 24-hour guard at a Manhattan apartment on \$50 million bail until he has to report to prison in mid-July. One of his defense attorneys indicated the sentence would be appealed.

In statement after the verdict, the U.N. said it "had cooperated extensively to facilitate the proper administration of justice in this

case, by disclosing thousands of documents and waiving the immunity of officials to allow them to testify at trial."

A jury had found Ng guilty last year of bribery, conspiracy and money laundering — a triumph for prosecutors who navigated thorny legal issues surrounding immunity given to U.N. diplomats before winning the cooperation of suspended Dominican Republic Ambassador Francis Lorenzo.

Lorenzo, who pleaded guilty, testified that Ng initially paid him \$20,000. It was boosted to another \$30,000 a month in exchange for getting Ng's construction business named on official UN documents as the company that would build the Macau center for

Southern Hemisphere nations.

Defense lawyers contended the payments were ordinary. They blamed Lorenzo and the other ambassador — U.N. General Assembly President John Ashe of Antigua and Barbuda — for manipulating Ng. Ashe, who also was arrested in the case, died in 2016 in an accident.

■ The judge ruled Ng could remain under 24-hour guard at a Manhattan apartment until he has to report to prison in mid-July

Ng has been confined to his multimillion-dollar Manhattan apartment, with four bedrooms and 3 1/2 baths, a cook and masseuse, since shortly after his arrest. He told probation officials that his living expenses in New York are about \$20,000 a month.

"He's frankly living a lavish lifestyle," Assistant U.S. Attorney Janis Echenberg told Broderick. **MDT/Agencies**

NG'S PLAN INCLUDED CASINO, LUXURY HOTEL

PROSECUTORS SAID Ng's plan was to build a permanent home for an annual UN conference on economic cooperation among developing countries, to be located on a man-made island off the coast of Macau, for free to

boost the value of a related complex that included apartments, offices, high-end shopping, a casino and a luxury hotel, which he also intended to develop. Ng and others involved were arrested before the center was built.

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More banks to provide Macau Pass online top-up services

Julie Zhu

LOCAL smartcard operator Macau Pass will increase cooperation with local banks to provide better services for Macau Pass users this year.

The announcement was made by Macau Pass CEO Zhang Zhihua last Friday, on the sidelines of the launch ceremony of Macau Pass' new logos.

"Currently, there are three banks providing the Macau Pass online top-up tool. We are now negotiating with several [other] local financial organizations [to provide online top-up services]. The new services will be launched within this year," revealed Zhang.

He added that Macau Pass hopes to extend its services beyond Macau, aiming to benefit the lives of Macau residents in the Greater Bay Area.



Macau Pass CEO Zhang Zhihua

"We still hope we can extend our service to the outside, [...] we are working towards that direction. In regards to the different policies across different Greater Bay Area cities, and the appeal of our target residents, first we have to assemble our operation in terms of circulation in the three regions," said Zhang, adding that "this is not a product

which can be launched in a short period of time. Related departments in three different zones are collaborating together."

Furthermore, according to Zhang, Macau Pass will continue its alliance with Alibaba.

"We hope to learn good things from Alibaba and bring them to Macau. [...] I believe we will have new products in the next half of this year. There will be local innovations [coming from local organizations] and other innovations based on cooperation with famous brands," said Zhang.

Until now, the local smartcard operator has already set foot in more than 7,000 spots in Macau across 40 industries.

On a monthly basis, more than 20 million transactions are successfully made through Macau Pass, invol-

ving approximately 540 million patacas.

"Basically, we look at Macau residents' daily life routine," explained Zhang, when addressing the company's research for new services.

"[Macau Pass] will spend efforts on such aspects as cross-border payments, hoping to bring convenience to Macau residents," said Zhang.

Last Friday, Macau Pass launched its new logos, featuring mainly the colors green and orange.

According to Liu Hei Wan, chairman of Macau Pass, the company's new image assists the Macau government's strategy of promoting the region's online and cashless payments, as well as bringing new synergies to Macau Pass itself, thereby pushing forward Macau's local payment services.

Doubts over plain-clothes police combating taxi infractions

THE Third Standing Committee of the Legislative Assembly (AL) continued discussing the region's taxi operation bill, with the committee hoping that the government can explain matters which concern police officers in plain-clothes.

Regarding whether the newest taxi operation regime implies sting operations, the chairman of the AL's Third Standing Committee, Wong Hin Fai, said "we are unable to make a judgment."

According to Wong, many members of the committee could not find any indication of sting operations from interpreting the law, and therefore require clarification from the government.

Wong noted that the committee could not make a statement on the definition expressed in the text of the current law, which addresses police officers in plain-clothes carrying out operations to combat taxi infractions.

He further noted that during the law's public consultation period, society also had two opposing stances: one against the policy and the other supporting it.

The law stipulates that when a police officer in plain-clothes is injured by a member of the public, the assault should be regarded as having been made upon a government authority.

"What does the law [article] protect? Does it protect the person involved? Does it protect the legislative purpose? Or does it protect the public interest? What does this article mean?" asked Wong.

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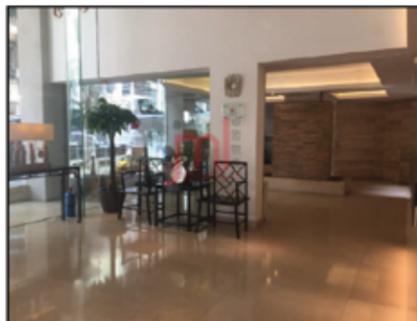
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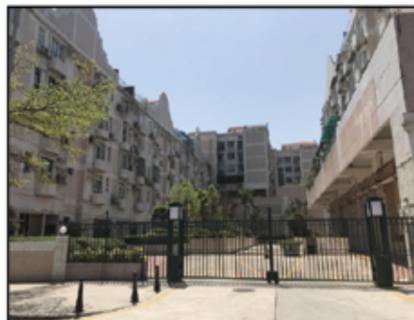
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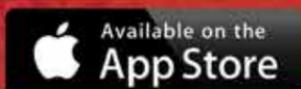
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IC pledges to strengthen communication with neighboring museums



Aspect of the event

As part of the celebrations for International Museum Day, 17 museums in the city co-organized the “2018 Macau International Museum Day Carnival” with the theme “The Mobile Museum – Taipa Houses x Taipa Story.”

Held yesterday at Taipa Houses, the museum booths hosted a variety of activities, including the exhibition of the works of the Photography Contest of the In-

ternational Museum Day of Macau and an exhibition on “Evolution of the Wetland in Avenida da Praia, Taipa.”

There were Taipa virtual reality and augmented reality experience studios, and various activities including a DIY workshop on planting aquatic plants, “Tung Sin Tong Playmats Workshop,” “Workshop of Firecracker Key Holders,” “Reminiscing in Taipa – Sketching” for local children.

The carnival also held a talk on red wine and Macau being a Creative City of Gastronomy.

Meanwhile, the event conducted an ornithological observation session in the wetlands of the Taipa Houses and guided tours on the history and evolution of Taipa streets.

Speaking on the sidelines of the opening ceremony of the carnival, president of the Cultural Affairs Bureau, Mok Ian Ian, said that the event aims to strengthen exchanges and contacts between museums in Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau.

Mok hoped the carnival will promote awareness of the city’s museums, pledging to improve its communication with the museums in the neighboring regions.

“We hope that the museum can be a platform for the people to be connected with each other,” said Mok.

According to Mok, the museums in the city are planning on further digitalization of contents and interactive art. LV

Ministry of Commerce praises city’s ‘unique role’

China’s Ministry of Commerce has emphasized the unique role Macau has in enhancing the relationships between mainland China and Portuguese-speaking countries. A spokesperson for the ministry, Gao Feng, said that Macau has a natural connection with Portuguese-speaking countries with respect to language and culture, as well as other aspects. He further noted Macau’s growing function in being the platform for trade and commercial cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking countries. The Ministry of China hopes that Macau can continue to explore its distinct advantage, and to promote the joint development of mainland China, Macau, and Portuguese-speaking countries.

Sino-Portuguese festival in July

THE Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) is set to hold a festival in July, creating a platform for China and Portuguese-speaking countries – a festival that the Secretary of Culture and Social Affairs Alexis Tam wished to expand within two editions.

Mok Ian Ian, president of the IC, revealed that the festival will feature five activities including an arts performance, two different exhibitions, a themed festival and a cultural forum.

The president pledged that more details would be announced next month.

“The main vision is for China and Portuguese-speaking countries to come together and take advantage of creating cultural exchanges,” she said.

Meanwhile, the IC president said that the office will not have a public tender to hire new staff this year, following a controversial report by the Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) which



Mok Ian Ian

slammed the hiring practices at the IC.

“We have retained 20 employees from last year and their contracts will end in June. We have already made a lot of adjustments from last year and all departments are working smoothly now,” Mok explained.

Sands China launches development program

SANDS China last week launched its latest horizontal development program, offering 48 team members the chance to participate in a two-year academic coursework program and on-the-job training at its departments.

The Sands China Manager Development Program for Integrated Resorts was jointly developed by Sands China and the Institute for Tourism Studies (IFT), offering professional training courses and horizontal work experience to nurture local leaders in hospitality management for integrated resorts.

It is the first of its kind in horizontal development programs for pit supervisors and pit managers, offering them two years of academic



coursework at IFT and on-the-job training within three departments: food and beverage, front office and housekeeping.

During the first 12 months, participants receive one day of paid training at IFT and four days of training at Sands China departments.

For the next 12 months, they receive full-time training at one of the

departments in order to develop skills to overcome challenges and gain management experience.

The program has received applications from over 250 team members, with 48 chosen to join the program this year.

The first group of 23 team members have already started their coursework.

Upon completion, qua-

lified participants can move to middle management in integrated resort operations, in positions such as assistant manager or manager.

Among the participants, 12 are graduates of the one-year Diploma Programme in Business Management exclusively offered by Sands China and the University of Macau, which encourages team members to continue their education. Each participant receives a subsidy of over MOP 16,000 from Sands China for the coursework.

Speaking at the launch of the program, Sands China president, Wilfred Wong, said the company will “continue to invest resources into offering [employees] a diverse range of career develop-

ment programs.”

Meanwhile, the gaming operator also invited local educational institutions to review their achievement in training team members, with program types comprised of continuing education, professional certification, vocational training and horizontal talent development, amongst others.

“Sands China considers talent development [to be] crucial to the company’s success and for the continued development of Macau as a world centre of tourism and leisure,” said Wong.

“We are very thankful for the education institutions we work with for helping us provide a platform for the professional development of Macau locals,” he added. LV

Floodwall tender to open this month

The floodwall construction project, which has been planned for the inner harbor to prevent flooding, which is a public tender, will have its bidding opened sometime this month. Yesterday, the Marine and Water Bureau Director, Susana Wong Soi Man, said that the floodwall will not be able to be completed this year due to the sheer amount of time that is needed for its construction. According to Wong, the temporary floodwall is capable of dealing with large-scale flooding. Recently, a design plan was delivered to Wong’s bureau, which is now awaiting the opinions of the Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau.

Biotech company hopes to expand in Macau

Hengji Biotechnology, a Zhuhai based company, is attempting to export large quantities of captive-bred Andrias (giant salamanders) to Macau for consumption purposes, according to a report by Macao Daily News. The company has been said to be the only one in the world approved to conduct international trade of captive-bred Andrias. Last year, for the first time, the company exported 20 captive-bred Andrias to Macau, which was said to be the first international trade of this kind of animal product. The company is currently applying to export more Andrias to Macau in order to expand its market in Hong Kong, Japan, Korea and Europe. Reportedly, the company was established 24 years ago, and is producing more than 10,000 captive-bred Andrias annually.

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Sulu Sou to begin trial today at Court of First Appeal



LAWMAKER and political activist Sulu Sou will stand trial this morning at the Court of First Appeal, facing charges of qualified disobedience linked to a demonstration in 2016.

Sou is accused of disobeying police authorities during a street protest led by the New Macau Association, against the Macao Foundation over a RMB100 million grant to Jinan University in Guangdong.

The trial was originally scheduled to be held on January 16, but was postponed while the young lawmaker and pro-de-

mocrat activist filed several appeals regarding the lawfulness of the procedure leading to his suspension.

Those appeals were rejected by the Court of Second Instance earlier this year, resulting in the suspended lawmaker to contemplate taking the case to the Court of Final Appeal.

Sou was suspended from his role of a lawmaker in December last year so that his prosecutorial immunity could be waived and he could stand trial. The Legislative Assembly approved the suspension

with 28 votes in favor and just four against.

However, Sou claims that the parliament overstepped a series of procedures disregarding the Basic Law and the House Rules of the Legislative Assembly. Among the violations, the lawmaker says, one of the most serious was that he was being denied the right to defend himself at the legislature.

The case has been criticized for being politically motivated, but this accusation has been refuted on numerous occasions by the Secretary for Security, Wong Sio Chak.



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ONE SHOT NEWS



Hundreds of Catholic devotees and tourists flocked to the St. Dominic's Church to attend the start of the Procession of Our Lady of Fátima. The statue of the Virgin Mary was carried out of the church accompanied by a solemn procession. Every year on May 13, the appearance of the Virgin Mary in Portugal (1917) is marked in Macau.



This April 20, 2018 photo shows a woman playing slot machines at Resorts Casino Hotel in Atlantic City

GAMING

Portrait of a casino: Back in the black after 40 years

Wayne Parry, Atlantic City

WHEN Resorts became the first casino in the United States to open outside Nevada, gamblers overwhelmed it. Cars streamed into Atlantic City on May 26, 1978, and throngs waited in line for blocks on the famous Boardwalk.

People bought tickets for buffets they had no intention of eating, just to sneak inside the casino earlier than the rest. Men relieved themselves into plastic coin cups to avoid losing their

spot at the tables. And cash — more than anyone had ever seen and more than management could imagine — flooded into the counting room, taking an entire day to count.

Forty years later, Resorts is a microcosm of the forces that boosted and buffeted the seaside gambling resort: the rapid rise to fabulous riches, the slowdown and struggle as more competitors emerged, and the recovery in a slimmed-down market.

“We were the first one here, and we’re going to keep doing what we do best,” said Resorts

president Mark Giannantonio.

The casino plans to re-create the ceremonial first toss of the dice that came after then-Gov. Brendan Byrne confessed that his father taught him never to bet on anything other than Notre Dame and the New York Yankees.

But as Atlantic City grew, Resorts’ market share shrank. As one of the smaller casinos in town, with 942 hotel rooms, it suddenly found itself staring down newcomers with rooms of 2,000 or more.

And when casinos started proliferating in nearby Pennsylv-

ania and New York, Resorts came within hours of handing the keys over to lenders and walking away in Dec. 2009.

Veteran casino executive Dennis Gomes, known for wacky promotions including customers competing against a chicken at tic-tac-toe, bought the casino but died soon afterward. His investment partner, Morris Bailey, kept Resorts afloat by writing checks each month, even as the casino lost money.

A turning point came when Resorts inked a deal to have the Mohegan tribe assume day-to-day management and

to affiliate it with other tribal-owned casinos in Connecticut and Pennsylvania. A deal with Jimmy Buffett brought the Margaritaville brand to Resorts, and by 2014, it was back in the black, helped by \$110 million of capital investments.

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It has succeeded as one of seven casinos in a market that just four years ago had 12. But two of the shuttered casinos are reopening this year.

Some see the opening of the Hard Rock casino next door, in what used to be the Trump Taj Mahal, as a potential boon to Resorts.

“If the place next to Resorts is a home run, there will be overflow,” said analyst Lawrence Klatzkin with Rice, Voelker LLC in New York. “Hard Rock could be the best thing that happens to Resorts. There could be good symbiosis there.”

Resorts has found its niche, much as downtown Las Vegas casinos have by not trying to match their larger competitors on the Strip, said David Schwartz, director of the Center for Gaming Research at the University of Nevada Las Vegas.

“Downtown casinos aren’t competing by trying to build their own Bellagio lake; they are competing by offering better value and better gaming conditions,” he said. “If Resorts can do that, it has a good future ahead of it.”

Giannantonio predicts Resorts will have its best summer in a decade or more this year.

“I think we will be around 40 years from now,” he said. “Matter of fact, I’d bet on it.” **AP**

China monthly car sales pick up in April; EV sales double



Kelvin Chan, Hong Kong

CHINESE passenger car sales expanded at a faster pace last month as growth in the world’s biggest auto market picked up steam, an industry group said Friday.

Monthly figures from the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers show that passenger cars sales in April rose 11 percent over a year earlier to 1.9

million vehicles, outpacing a 3.5 percent growth rate in March.

Sales of “new-energy vehicles” such as electric cars and gasoline-electric hybrids more than doubled to 82,000.

China’s communist leaders view electric vehicles as key to transforming China into a technological superpower. Global automakers including General Motors, Nissan and Volkswagen un-

veiled dozens of electric and hybrid vehicles at the Beijing auto show last month.

Recent moves by Beijing to loosen up restrictions on foreign ownership in the auto industry gave priority to the electric vehicle industry. Under the new rules, requirements for foreign car brands to team up with local state-owned partners will be scrapped by 2022, while limits on foreign ownership of electric vehicle producers will be eliminated this year.

The relaxed regulations came amid rising trade tensions between the U.S. and China that might dent U.S. auto imports — Ford vehi-

cles are facing longer waits as Chinese customs agents tighten up inspections. The company said its China sales fell 26 percent in April to 69,503 vehicles.

China’s total vehicle sales including trucks and buses rose 11.5 percent to 2.3 million.

The latest numbers are an improvement on uneven sales earlier this year and a lackluster performance last year as sales growth cooled following a surge in 2016 that was driven by tax cuts.

Automakers forecast total market growth for China this year of 3 to 4 percent, a fraction of earlier double-digit rates. **AP**



HK sets fastest growth pace since 2011, shrugging off Fed

HONG Kong's high-wire economy continued to defy gravity, putting aside fears of a tightening Fed to post its best quarter of growth in almost seven years.

Data Friday showed the Asian financial hub grew 4.7 percent from a year earlier in the first quarter, the highest reading since June 2011 and more than a percentage point above the highest economist estimate.

The world's least-affordable property prices continue to hold up, tourism and shopping have rebounded as China's

economy hums along, and a bustling stock market that's set to boast one of the world's-biggest stock offerings this year is also buoying sentiment.

The city benefited from robust export growth in both goods and services on an upswing in global investment and trade, while inbound tourism continued its recovery and global financial markets buoyed trade flow, according to a government release. Citing increased uncertainties in the external environment particularly in trade and financial fronts, the

Hong Kong government maintained its forecast for real GDP growth of 3 percent to 4 percent for 2018.

There are some signs of strain in the city, however. The gradual tightening of policy by the U.S. Federal Reserve is starting to bite, with the Hong Kong dollar peg meaning the Chinese region imports U.S. monetary policy. Meantime, a looming trade war between China and the U.S. threatens to dim the outlook further.

Robust demand means house prices should hold up, said Ed-

die Cheung, an Asia currency strategist at Standard Chartered Plc in Hong Kong. "Persistent supply shortage and strong pent-up demand mean any price correction should be orderly and modest," he wrote in a note.

A key wildcard for Hong Kong's economic health is the city's interest rates, which had long been stuck at rock-bottom levels thanks to a weak currency and ample liquidity. Now, there are signs of stress.

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority was forced to buy up

more than HKD50 billion since the currency hit the weak end of its trading band for the first time since 2005 in mid-April, triggering a spike in the cost of lending between banks. Hong Kong's aggregate balance of liquidity has dropped to around HKD128 billion.

As the HKMA has to follow U.S. Fed rate hikes, interest rates are "certainly on an up cycle," says Chi Lo, senior economist with BNP Paribas Asset Management.

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RAYMOND YEUNG
ECONOMIST

The HKMA's intervention will help raise the key Hong Kong Interbank Offer Rate, or Hibor, by reducing interbank liquidity - narrowing the gap on other rates such as Libor and reducing the appeal of interest rate arbitrage as investors sold Hong Kong dollars for other higher-yielding currencies, Lo said. The authority has plenty of room to maneuver with USD434 billion in foreign reserves, so the peg remains safe, he said.

There are other worries, too. Ongoing trade tensions between the U.S. and China would have a direct impact, given the role of Hong Kong's vast container ports as a key trading post.

"We should never look down the risk of a U.S.-China trade war," said Raymond Yeung, an economist at Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd. "If the U.S. truly targets China-made gadgets, Hong Kong's trade will be hit." **Bloomberg**

First home-built aircraft carrier begins sea trials

CHINA'S first entirely home-built aircraft carrier began sea trials yesterday in a sign of the growing sophistication of the country's domestic arms industry.

The still-unnamed ship left dock in the northern port of Dalian at 7.00 a.m. to "test the reliability and stability of its propulsion and other system," the Defense Ministry said in a statement.

The Liaoning provincial maritime safety bureau issued an order for shipping to avoid a section of ocean southeast of the city between Sunday and Friday.

The 50,000-ton carrier will likely be formally commissioned sometime before 2020 following the completion of sea trials and the arrival of its full air complement.

The new carrier is based on the former Soviet Union's Kuznetsov class design, with a ski jump-style deck for taking off and a conventional oil-fueled steam turbine power plant.

China's first aircraft carrier, the Liaoning, arrived as a mostly empty hull from Ukraine and was commissioned in 2012 along with its flight wing of Chinese J-15 fi-

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ghter jets.

State media reports say China is also planning to build a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier capable of remaining at sea for long durations.

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It has been deployed to assert China's claim to virtually the entire South China Sea and is increasingly ranging farther into the Pacific and Indian oceans. China last year established its first overseas military



China's first entirely home-built aircraft carrier leaves Dalian

base in the Horn of Africa nation of Djibouti, where rivals such as the U.S., Japan and several European nations also have a permanent presence. **AP**

Annabelle Liang, Singapore

Singapore ties with US, N. Korea make city-state summit site

SINGAPORE'S diplomatic ties with North Korea and its relative proximity made the Southeast Asian city-state a natural choice for the historic summit between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

Trump announced in a tweet Thursday the two leaders will meet in Singapore on June 12. The city is "a great location" for the summit, said Tom Plant, who specializes in nuclear and proliferation issues at London's Royal United Services Institute. "Kim will be on friendly territory, not hostile territory. But he wouldn't be on home turf."

Among the factors: It's closer for Kim than possible Europe venues, the experience of Singapore's security forces, and the fact that Pyongyang has had diplomatic relations with the country since 1975.

Singapore is familiar ground for the reclusive communist country, which has its embassy in Singapore's central business district.

Single-party rule since Singapore gained independence in 1965 has ensured stability and fostered a security state that is among the world's most efficient. Located between two Muslim majority nations — Malaysia and Indonesia — with Islamic State group sympathizers, it has effectively checked terrorist threats.

It's also a perfect venue for top security meetings — protests are not allowed without permission, movement is strictly controlled and media are kept under control.

Singapore is sometimes decried by civil libertarians as repressive. Among the most common complaints: preventive detention without warrants or charges;



monitoring of private electronic or telephone communications also without warrants; the use of defamation laws to discourage government criticism and strict laws limiting freedom of association, according to the annual U.S. State Department human rights report.

North Korea's state companies have, in the past, conducted legal and illegal business dealings with Singaporean companies. The city-state, under pressure from the U.S. and a leaked U.N. report, officially cut off trade relations with North Korea in 2017 to abide by sanctions.

Singapore also is welcome ground for the United States. It is a large trading partner, the second-largest Asian investor, and a longtime supporter of its military presence in the Asia-Pacific region. It's also the regional headquarters of large U.S. companies including Google, Facebook and Airbnb. Diplomatic relations be-

tween the two countries were established in 1966.

"The North Korean side will likely have a very large number of logistical and protocol issues it wants addressed by the summit venue, so having a [North Korean] embassy in the country where the summit is to be held is likely a requirement," said Malcolm Cook, a senior fellow at the ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute in Singapore.

Located just over 4,800 kilometers from North Korea, Singapore is comfortably within the flying range of its aircraft. Flying to western Europe would require a stop or two to refuel.

"Singapore is neither too far away as European nations are, allowing Kim Jong Un's private jet to make it here without refueling, nor too close that Trump might be seen as 'giving way' to Kim by having to travel a longer distance than the latter," said Nah Liang Tuang, a research

fellow at the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies.

Former U.S. Ambassador to Singapore David Adelman said Singapore was ideal because it has been "an honest broker between East and West."

"Singapore has been a great friend to the U.S. but also Singapore has carefully worked to be a friend to all, which has earned it trust in capitals around the world," he said.

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Its free enterprise philosophy welcomes trading partners from everywhere, regardless of politics. "We hope this meeting will advance prospects for peace in the Korean Peninsula," Singapore's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement.

In 2015, Singapore was the site of another unprecedented summit between two leaders burdened with a legacy of mutual distrust: Chinese President Xi Jinping and rival Taiwan's then-President Ma Ying-jeou, the first such meeting since the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949.

It also has hosted regional meetings, including the summits of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in 2007 and 2018. Since 2002, an annual security conference has been held there, featuring defense chiefs and officials from countries including the U.S., China and South Korea.

For such gatherings, roadblocks are set up around the summit venues, where armed Nepalese Gurkhas stand guard.

In 2015, Gurkha officers fired at a car that breached four roadblocks and crashed into a concrete barrier. The driver was killed and two passengers arrested in what turned out to be a drug-related crash, rather than an attack.

Valued foreign guests won't be troubled by protesters, either. Demonstrations in Singapore can only be held in a designated area, the 0.9-hectare Hong Lim Park.

Amnesty International says amendments to the country's Public Order Act have given authorities more power to restrict public assembly, and participants in peaceful protests have been arrested. **AP**

AUSTRALIA

Family of 7 dead with gunshot wounds in rural property

Rod McGuirk, Canberra

A family of seven including four children was found dead with gunshot wounds Friday at a rural property in southwest Australia in what could be the country's worst mass shooting in 22 years, police and news media said.

The children died with their mother and grandparents. The three generations had moved in 2015 to Osmington, a village of fewer than 700 people near the tourist town of Margaret River, to grow fruit, media reported.

Police would not comment on the possibility of murder-suicide, but said they are not looking for a suspect. After being alerted by a phone call before

dawn, police found the bodies and two guns at the property, Western Australia state Police Commissioner Chris Dawson said. Police wouldn't say who made the call.

The bodies of two adults were found outside a house and the others were found inside. They all resided at the property, he said.

Police said they have no information that would raise concerns about wider public safety, suggesting a shooter is not at large. "Police are currently responding to what I can only describe as a horrific incident," Dawson told reporters.

"This devastating tragedy will no doubt have a lasting impact on the families concerned, the whole commu-

nity and, in particular, the local communities in our southwest," he added.

Police were attempting to make contact with the victims' relatives, Dawson said. He declined to release the names or ages of the dead.

Philip Alpers, a Sydney University gun policy analyst, said the tragedy appeared to be the worst mass shooting in Australia since a lone gunman killed 35 people in Tasmania state in 1996, prompting the nation to introduce tough gun controls.

Australia's gun laws are widely acclaimed as a success, with supporters including former U.S. President Barack Obama saying Australia has not had a single mass shooting since



they were implemented.

The generally accepted definition of a mass shooting — four deaths excluding the shooter in a single event — has been met only once in Australia since then. In 2014, a farmer shot his wife and three children before killing himself.

Police have revealed few details about the recent killings, and it is not clear

whether there was more than one shooter.

Farmers are allowed to own guns under Australian law because they have a legitimate need to use them to kill feral pests and predators or sick or injured livestock. But automatic and semi-automatic rifles and shotguns are banned from public ownership.

Osmington is a collection of a few streets, farms, va-

accommodations and vineyards supplying the premium winemaking district known as Margaret River.

Samantha Lee, chair of the Gun Control Australia lobby group, said rural areas were over-represented in Australian gun deaths, including suicides.

"Regional and rural areas are particularly vulnerable to these sorts of tragedies, because of the combination of isolation, sometimes mental or financial hardship and easy access to firearms," Less said in a statement.

"Although the details of this tragedy are yet to come to light, Australia has a tragic history of higher rate of gun deaths in rural areas," she added. **AP**

Tuji Martuji, Surabaya

INDONESIA | TERRORISM

Family of 6 suicide bombers attack Indonesia churches

SUICIDE bombers who carried out deadly attacks on three churches in Indonesia's second-largest city yesterday were a family of six that included two young children, police said, as the world's most populous Muslim nation recoiled in horror at one of the worst attacks on its Christian minority.

At least seven people plus the six bombers died in the attacks in Surabaya, according to police. At least 41 people were injured in the attacks, which Indonesia's president condemned as "barbaric."

The bombings were the worst to target churches in Indonesia since a series of attacks on Christmas Eve in 2000 killed 15 people and wounded nearly 100. Religious minorities in Indonesia, especially Christians, have been repeatedly targeted by militants.

National police chief Tito Karnavian said that the father exploded a car bomb, two sons aged 18 and 16 used a motorcycle for their attack, and the mother was with daughters aged 12 and 9 for her attack. Karnavian said the family had returned to Indonesia from Syria, where until recently the Islamic State group controlled significant territory.

The extremist group claimed responsibility for yesterday's attacks in a statement carried by its Aamaq news agency. It didn't mention anything about families

or children taking part in the attack, and said there were only three attackers.

The first attack struck the Santa Maria Roman Catholic Church in Surabaya, police spokesman Frans Barung Mangera told reporters at the scene. That blast was followed by a second explosion minutes later at the Christian Church of Diponegoro and a third at the city's Pantekosta Church, Mangera said.

A witness described the woman's attack at the Diponegoro church, saying she was carrying two bags when she arrived. "At first officers blocked them in front of the churchyard, but the woman ignored them and forced her way inside. Suddenly she hugged a civilian then [the bomb] exploded," said the witness, a security guard who identified himself as Antonius.

Mangera said three unexploded homemade bombs, two at the Pantekosta church and one at the Diponegoro church, were detonated by a bomb squad.

Shattered glass and chunks of concrete littered the entrance of the Santa Maria Church, which



Debris seen outside Santa Maria church where an explosion went off

was sealed off by armed police. Rescue personnel treated victims at a nearby field while officers inspected wrecked motorcycles in the parking lot that had been burned in the explosion.

A street merchant outside the church said she was blown several meters by the blast. "I saw two men riding a motorbike force their way into the churchyard. One was wearing black pants and one with a backpack," said the merchant, Samsia, who uses a single name. "Soon after that the explosion happened."

President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo visited the scenes of the attacks and described them as "cowardly actions" that were "very barbaric and beyond the limit of humanity."

In Jakarta, Indonesia's capital, the Indonesian Church Association condemned the attacks. "We are angry," said Gormar Gultom, an official with the association, but urged people to let the police investigation take its course.

Indonesia's two largest Muslim organizations, Nahdlatul Ulama and Muhammadiyah, also condemned the attacks.

Separately, national police spokesman Setyo Wasisto said police fatally shot four suspected militants and arrested two others early yesterday in West Java towns. It wasn't clear whether the shootings were connected to the church attacks.

"They have trained in order to attack police," Wasisto said, identifying the militants as members of Jemaah Anshorut Daulah, an Islamic State group-affiliated network of about two dozen extremist groups that has been implicated in a number of attacks in Indonesia over the past year. Jakarta police placed the capital and surrounding areas on high alert, while the transportation ministry warned airports to be on guard.

The church attacks came days after police ended a hostage-taking ordeal by imprisoned Islamic militants at a detention center near Jakarta in which six officers and three inmates died. IS claimed responsibility.

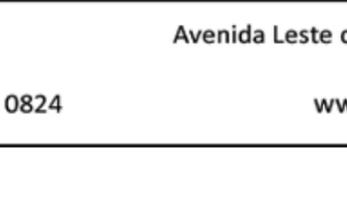
Christians, many of whom are from the ethnic Chinese minority, make up about 9 percent of Indonesia's 260 million people. **AP**

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MALAYSIA

New leader tightens net around ousted Najib over 1MDB

MALAYSIAN Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad moved swiftly against predecessor Najib Razak just days after his shock election win, banning him from leaving the country and planning to reopen a probe into a multi-billion dollar scandal at a state fund that Najib helped set up.

Even as a chastened Najib said he would support a smooth transition of power and relinquished his dual roles as chief of his party and the broader Barisan Nasional coalition, Mahathir made clear he wouldn't be lenient after a bitter and intensely personal election campaign.

Mahathir, who was prime minister from 1981 to 2003 and defected to the opposition to stand as their candidate for premier, repeatedly called Najib, his former protege, a "thief" before the vote and pledged to revisit the 1MDB funding issue. His victory at the age of 92 swept away 61 years of rule by Barisan Nasional, which had maintained a grip on power since Malaysia's independence with the support of ethnic Malay voters.

Mahathir on Saturday confirmed he had personally ordered travel restrictions on Najib after the former premier said he would take a short break to consider his future. Crowds gathered at a local airport after media reports that Najib and his wife were listed on a manifesto for a private plane to fly to Indonesia.

"We have placed certain restrictions on a number of people who may be involved in wrongdoing or in making wrong decisions," Mahathir told reporters in Kuala Lumpur. He cited "whatever little information that justifies ourselves taking action, including detention, arrests or even preventing them from going abroad."

Mahathir said he was instructing the auditor-general to remove any restrictions from the Official Secrets Act on publicizing the details of a report into 1MDB, and planned to replace the attorney-general, though he did not name a candidate for the role. The police would submit the report to him and he would study it, he said.

The U.S. Department of Justice claims billions were siphoned from 1MDB, which



Najib Razak

was set up in 2009 to support infrastructure projects. Najib faced allegations some of 1MDB's money ended up in his personal accounts before an election in 2013. He acknowledged around \$700 million appeared in his accounts but said it was a donation from the Saudi royal family and most of it was returned. He was cleared by the attorney-general of wrongdoing.

Some offshore probes are ongoing. The DOJ is seeking to seize about \$1.7 billion in what it says are misappropriated funds used to purchase a 300-foot yacht, luxury homes, artwork, and stakes in several Hollywood films, including "The Wolf of Wall Street".

"We want to do it as quickly as possible," Mahathir said of any resumed investigation. "It is a very complex thing because it involves a lot of people, it involves a lot of decisions made, and the money you know has to be investigated as to the money laundering. We have to contact America, Switzerland, Singapore."

Najib said on Twitter he would respect the immigration department order. He called the election campaign "regrettably personal and perhaps the most intense in Malaysian history," but said he apologized "for any shortcomings and mistakes, and I thank you, the people, for the opportunity to lead our great nation."

'TAKE TIME'

"Is Mahathir being realistic? Let's not forget that he was prime minister for more than 20 years. He knows how to govern," said Terence Lee, an associate professor of political science at the National

University of Singapore, of the prospects for reopening the 1MDB probe.

"Mahathir has shown that he's interested in moving swiftly to investigate any malfeasance, including those that pertain to the former prime minister," he added. "But it will take time because it will be done through the legal system."

Mahathir on Saturday named Najib's former deputy Muhyiddin Yassin as home affairs minister. Muhyiddin was sacked by Najib in July 2015 after he called for greater clarity on the 1MDB investigations and was later expelled from Najib's party, the United Malays National Organisation.

Former central bank Governor Zeti Akhtar Aziz was included on a "council of elders." She had been uncharacteristically blunt in her criticism of 1MDB, and the central bank had urged criminal proceedings at least twice against the fund.

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MAHATHIR

The government will formulate an economic policy that restores investor confidence in Malaysia after the 1MDB scandal, Lim Guan Eng, who was named finance minister, said in a briefing on Sunday in Penang.

'A THRESHOLD'

Still, moving against 1MDB and Najib may not be straightforward. "Malaysia attorney general's office and investigating authorities have previously announced that they found no wrongdoing on the part of senior political leaders in the previous government," said Robson Lee, a Singapore-based lawyer at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP. "So this would be a threshold that have to be resolved in any review by the new government."

And while Mahathir announced some cabinet members on Saturday, cracks are already starting to show in his coalition, a disparate group of parties that Najib described as a "motley collection."

Deputy Prime Minister Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, who is president of the People's Justice Party, or PKR, was notably absent from the briefing. PKR sees the ministerial appointments as not final as they should be agreed upon by all four parties, Rafizi Ramli, the party's vice president, said in a statement. Mahathir would need facto coalition leader Anwar Ibrahim's approval on behalf of PKR for the picks, Rafizi said.

Mahathir said before the election he would hand power to the jailed Anwar - who was his deputy premier in the late 1990s until Mahathir sacked him - as soon as he is released. While Anwar could be freed early next week, Mahathir has not confirmed he will still cede the premiership to his former foe.

Separately, Najib announced Saturday he would step down as president of UMNO and chairman of the broader Barisan Nasional coalition. Former deputy premier Ahmad Zahid Hamidi will become acting UMNO president, Najib said at a briefing. Former defense minister Hishammuddin Hussein, who is Najib's cousin, will be acting deputy president.

"Maybe this will give us a chance to improve on whatever weaknesses and flaws we must tackle," Najib said. After his comments he was surrounded and hugged by crying party members. **Bloomberg**



CAMBODIA

First arrest on charges of insulting monarchy

A Cambodian school director has become the first person to be arrested on charges of insulting the monarchy after posting comments on Facebook critical of the authoritarian government. The law protecting the monarchy was passed in February. Critics say it further erodes freedom of speech and political activities, already under stress from Prime Minister Hun Sen's government. Police say Khieng Navy was arrested in his home Saturday and could face five years in prison if convicted. He is accused of posting comments online that allegedly insulted King Norodom Sihamoni by suggesting he was behind the November court decision to disband the main opposition party to benefit Cambodia's enemies. Sihamoni is a constitutional monarch with a minimal role in public affairs, while Hun Sen exercises almost absolute control over politics.

PAKISTAN

Heavy rainstorms kill 15

Officials in Pakistan say violent rainstorms in the northwest have caused at least 15 deaths and injured dozens. Latif Khan, a senior disaster management official, says Sunday that most of the deaths from the severe weather overnight were caused by the collapse of mud and stone walls and houses. He says the heavy rains also caused flash flooding in some places. Another official, Inayatullah Rehman, said the roof of a seminary collapsed in the Bajur tribal region, killing six children and injuring nine. In the cities of Nowshera and Peshawar, motorists were killed and wounded by falling billboards and downed electrical cables. Khan says rescue and relief operations are ongoing, meaning the toll could rise.

AFGHANISTAN

Militants attack gov't building, 4 dead

Militants attacked a provincial government building in eastern yesterday, killing at least four people, according to provincial officials. Attahullah Khogyani, the spokesman for the provincial governor of Nangarhar province, said the building belonging to the provincial finance directorate in the provincial capital, Jalalabad. He said there were at least two explosions followed by a gunbattle that was still underway, adding that security forces have surrounded the building. Inamullah Miakhial, spokesman for the Nangarhar hospital, said at least 30 people were wounded. No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack. Both the Taliban and a local Islamic State affiliate have carried out numerous attacks in Nangarhar.

FRANCE | TERRORISM

Paris attacker born in Chechnya, was on radicalism database

Angela Charlton, Paris

THE man behind a deadly knife attack in central Paris was born in Chechnya and had been on police radar for radicalism, and his parents have been detained for questioning, French authorities said yesterday.

Counterterrorism investigators are working to determine whether the man who stabbed five people in a busy neighborhood in the heart of the French capital Saturday night had any help. The attacker killed a 29-year-old man and wounded four others before being shot by police.

Witnesses reported hearing the man shouting Allahu akbar, the Arabic phrase for God is great, during the attack. The Islamic State group claimed the attacker was one of its fighters, but provided no evidence or details about his identity.

The assailant had been on a nationwide database of thousands of people suspected of links to radicalism, according to a judicial official. Extremists behind multiple attacks in France in recent years were also on radical watch lists.

The official said the assailant,



An unidentified man covered in blood lays on a street in Paris

born in 1997, had French nationality but was born in the largely Muslim Russian republic of Chechnya, where extremism has long simmered. The official wasn't authorized to be publicly named speaking about an ongoing investigation.

The man had no record of arrests or criminal activity, and didn't know his victims, Interior Ministry spokesman Frederic de

Lanouville told The Associated Press.

The attacker targeted five people and then fled, according to Paris police and a witness. When police officers arrived minutes later, he threatened them and was shot dead, according to police union official Yvan Assioma.

Bar patrons and opera-goers described surprise and confusion, and being ordered to stay

inside while the police operation was underway on rue Monsigny in the lively 2nd arrondissement, or district, of the French capital.

"I was working in the restaurant and suddenly I heard a woman screaming [...] he came and attacked her," said Jonathan, a witness working nearby who wouldn't provide his last name. "That's when the panic started, everyone started screaming

and trying to reach our restaurant. [...] The attacker just kept walking around with his knife in his bloodied hands."

"Police were quickly on the scene, in less than five minutes. They encircled him and he tried to attack them with a knife but they shot him down," he told reporters.

A police official said the assailant didn't have identity documents with him during Saturday's attack but was identified thanks to DNA.

The four people injured are out of life-threatening danger, Interior Minister Gerard Collomb said. Collomb held a special security meeting yesterday to address the Paris attack, whose motive was unclear.

The Islamic State group's Amaq news agency said the assailant carried out the attack in response to the group's calls for supporters to target members of the U.S.-led anti-IS military coalition. France's military has been active in the coalition since 2014, and IS adherents have killed more than 200 people in France in recent years.

The Russian Embassy in France said that they have asked French authorities for more information on the attacker. Some refugees fleeing wars in Chechnya in the 1990s and early 2000s settled in France, but this country has not seen a high-profile attack by Chechens in the past. Two Chechen brothers were behind the deadly bombing of the Boston Marathon in 2013. **AP**

FRANCES D'emilio, Patricia Thomas

German Chancellor Angela Merkel lamented Saturday that U.S. President Donald Trump's decision to pull his country out of the Iran nuclear accord was making the situation in the Middle East "even more difficult" and warned Europeans to be skeptical of "easy" solutions promised by populists.

Speaking while in Italy to receive a peace prize, Merkel cited the recent escalation of Israeli-Iranian hostility that quickly followed Trump's announcement about the Iran accord as a reason for concern. She said Germany was closely following the developments between Iran and Israel, saying that was "yet another reason for further effort to resolve the conflict."

The German leader made her remarks at St. Francis' Basilica, in Assisi, the saint's hometown, where Franciscan friars awarded her the St. Francis Lamp for peace. Merkel was honored for the welcome Germany gave to Syrian war refugees, a decision

Merkel decries US pullout from Iran deal, gets peace prize

that carried political risks for the chancellor and her party.

Addressing conflicts on her own continent, Merkel decried what she called "nightly violations" in Ukraine of cease-fire agreements

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ANGELA MERKEL



Angela Merkel, flanked by Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos (right) holds the St. Francis lamp peace prize she received

reached in 2014 and 2015 to end the conflict between pro-Kiev forces and pro-Russia fighters in the country's battered east.

Delivering a sweeping speech about challenges to a more peaceful world, the chancellor also cautioned against Europeans seeking easy solutions to their problems from populist politicians, whose clout has been on the rise across much of the continent. "The harder

the problem is, and the easier the solution is claimed to be, the more suspicious and critical everyone [...] should be," Merkel said.

Even as she spoke, two Italian populist leaders, from the euroskeptic 5-Star Movement and the anti-migrant League, were meeting in Milan to try to hammer out a deal for a coalition government.

Merkel stressed the importance of countering po-

pulist statements with facts and of speaking out when people make sweeping claims about entire sections of society. "I think we should try to do two things at once: be European, but also regard our home countries as part of our identity. They don't have to be opposites," she said.

Introducing her at the ceremony was Colombia President Juan Manuel Santos, who won the 2016 No-

bel Peace Prize for dogged efforts to bring 50 years of violent conflict in his country to a peaceful end.

Santos praised Merkel for representing "those principles which ought to serve as antidotes in a world in which the ghosts of nationalism, of fundamentalism, of racism, of populism and of intolerance are surging with dangerous vigor."

For her part, Merkel warned of the damage national stereotypes can pose for European understanding.

She recalled how during the Eurozone crisis of the last decade, Greeks were branded as lazy in German media. "There are lazy Germans [too,]" Merkel said. "As soon as we fall into stereotypes, we destroy Europe."

Addressing the divisions around the issue of migrants to Europe, Merkel said "tolerance must be always present in the European Union." She cited her own Christian faith, hailing Francis as "perhaps the most famous saint."

Francis, she noted, "broke the taboo of society. He embraced society's poor, which was then forbidden." **AP**

Bloomberg warns of 'epidemic of dishonesty'

Steve Peoples

AMERICANS are facing an "epidemic of dishonesty" in Washington that's more dangerous than terrorism or communism.

That's according to former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who warned in a commencement speech on Saturday at Texas' Rice University that "an endless barrage of lies" and a trend toward "alternate realities" in national politics pose a dire threat to U.S. democracy.

The 76-year-old billionaire, who flirted with an independent presidential run in 2016, did not call out any politicians by name. Although he derided Donald Trump as "a con" and a "dangerous demagogue" before his election, in an interview before the speech Bloomberg refused to comment specifically on the Republican president's troubled history with the truth. Fact checkers have determined that Trump has made hundreds of false and misleading statements since entering the Oval Office.

"This is bigger than any one

person. It's bigger than any one party," he said in the interview. In the speech, Bloomberg evoked the legend of the nation's first president, George Washington, who as a boy said he could not tell a lie when asked if he cut down a cherry tree.

How did we go from a president who could not tell a lie to politicians who cannot tell the truth?

MICHAEL BLOOMBERG

"How did we go from a president who could not tell a lie to politicians who cannot tell the truth?" Bloomberg asked Rice graduates and their families gathered in Houston.

He blamed "extreme partisanship" for an unprecedented tolerance of dishonesty in U.S. politics. People are committed

more to their political tribes than the truth, he said, suggesting that the nation is more divided than any time since the Civil War.

"There is now more tolerance for dishonesty in politics than I have seen in my lifetime," Bloomberg said. "The only thing more dangerous than dishonest politicians who have no respect for the law is a chorus of enablers who defend their every lie."

For example, he noted that Democrats spent much of the 1990s defending President Bill Clinton against charges of lying and personal immorality just as Republicans attacked the lack of ethics and honesty in the White House. Just the reverse is happening today, he said.

In one jab at Trump, he noted that the vast majority of scientists agree that climate change is real. Trump and his Republican allies have repeatedly called climate change a hoax promoted by America's adversaries.

"If 99 percent of scientists whose research has been peer-reviewed reach the same general conclusion about a theory, then we ought to accept it as the best available information — even if



Michael Bloomberg

it's not a 100 percent certainty," Bloomberg said. He added: "That, graduates, is not a Chinese hoax."

He warned that such deep levels of dishonesty could enable what he called "criminality." Asked what specifically he was talking about, Bloomberg noted "lots of investigations" going on, but he declined to be more specific.

Several Trump associates are facing criminal charges as part of a federal probe into Russia's meddling in the 2016 election. Three have already pleaded guilty to making false statements to the FBI. Federal investigators want to interview Trump him-

self, although the president's legal team has resisted so far.

"When elected officials speak as though they are above the truth, they will act as though they are above the law," Bloomberg told Rice graduates. "And when we tolerate dishonesty, we get criminality. Sometimes, it's in the form of corruption. Sometimes, it's abuse of power. And sometimes, it's both."

"The greatest threat to American democracy isn't communism, jihadism, or any other external force or foreign power," he continued. "It's our own willingness to tolerate dishonesty in service of party, and in pursuit of power." AP

In Iraq's election, it's hard to avoid Iran's presence

IRAQ'S first election since the defeat of Islamic State is a critical step for a country that could have disappeared from the map amid the jihadists' onslaught. The Saturday vote was also a test of the regional influence wielded by Iran at a time when the U.S. is determined to rein it in.

The Islamic Republic's role in its neighbor Iraq has steadily grown since the 2003 American invasion of Iraq ended Sunni domination and empowered majority Shiites. Fifteen years on, the three Shiite front-runners for the post of prime minister all enjoy good relations with Iran, and those with the closest ties believe President Donald Trump's withdrawal from the landmark Iranian nuclear agreement this week will boost their chances.

"The international and regional pressure on Iran and on Shiites makes Shiites retrench more to defend themselves," said Saad al-Mutalibi, who's running on a ticket led by former Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, who is close to Iran and is appealing



Iraqis wait in a long line to cast their vote in the country's parliamentary elections at a polling site in a battle-damaged building in west Mosul

to the Shiite identity politics that have dominated recent elections. "The anti-U.S. camp is getting stronger day by day because of U.S. mistakes."

But campaigning also saw multiple appeals to Iraqi nationalism as anger over years of sectarian conflict and rampant corruption have disillusioned voters and divided politicians. That means the outcome of the polls could be a deeply fractured parliament, and forming a government could take weeks if not months of negotiation. A

messy coalition could hinder urgently needed post-war reconstruction that Iraq's planning minister estimates will cost \$88 billion.

A desire for security and better living conditions were foremost on the minds of some voters in Baghdad. The ballot boxes were closed at 6 p.m. and most results are expected within 2 years. "People feel frustrated by the situation," said Faleeha Hassan, 71, who was voting in the Karrada area of Baghdad. "I had three

grandchildren killed in previous bomb attacks in Karrada." The country holds the world's fifth-largest crude reserves, according to data from BP Plc, and is the second-largest producer in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

For Iran, too, the stakes are high as it looks to protect its interests in a corridor stretching from the Caspian Sea to the Mediterranean. It strengthened its position in Lebanon last week, where Hezbollah and allies cruised to an election victory. But Tehran's deepening presence in Syria, where its militias prop up President Bashar al-Assad, is being militarily opposed by Israel. And the U.S. is poised to reimpose sweeping economic sanctions with the potential to sink an already struggling economy.

Iraqi Prime Minister Haidar al-Abadi has sought to present himself as a unifying candidate by reaching out to religious minorities, and visiting Iran's chief Middle East foe, Saudi Arabia. His

Nasr slate of candidates includes Sunni tribal leaders and politicians, and is widely expected to come first in the voting.

A compromise candidate acceptable to both the U.S. and Iran, Abadi took power two months after the 2014 fall of Mosul alerted the world to the threat posed by Islamic State. With the critical support of U.S.-led air power and Iranian-backed militias, he oversaw the extremists' defeat and has since sought to heal the nation's rifts.

He's facing stiff competition from at least two alliances seen as closer to Tehran. One is the Fatah group led by Hadi al-Amiri, head of an Iran-backed paramilitary force whose fighters played a prominent role in defeating Islamic State.

The other is Maliki, prime minister for eight years until he was forced out following the fall of Mosul. Though Maliki has a strong support base, history could haunt him. He presided over the government during the worst sectarian violence in Iraq, when

Shiite militias ran amok, fueling anger that some observers say pushed disgruntled Sunnis into the arms of Islamic State.

There's also a wildcard - populist Shiite cleric Moktada al-Sadr whose Mahdi Army fought the American occupation following the fall of Saddam Hussein. He has allied himself with Iraq's Communist Party as a nationalist champion of the poor, denouncing Iran's deep reach, and could end up playing kingmaker.

Sadr has won the attention of Iran's Gulf rivals. The United Arab Emirates flew him in for talks last year, following a meeting the cleric held with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in the desert kingdom. Financial aid and deeper ties were discussed, according to Sadr's website.

Other Kurdish and Sunni-led slates are contesting the election but they are unlikely to emerge in positions of power. About 7,000 candidates are standing for 329 parliament seats. MDT/Agencies

what's ON



"MY CHINESE ZODIAC" – EXHIBITION BY RAQUEL GRALHEIRO

TIME: 3pm-8pm (Mondays)
12pm-8pm (Tuesdays to Sundays)

UNTIL: May 13, 2018

VENUE: A2 Gallery, Albergue SCM

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2852 2550

TREASURE OF SACRED ART OF ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY

TIME: 10am-5pm daily (closed on Wednesdays, open on public holidays)

VENUE: St. Joseph's Seminary and Church, Rua do Seminário

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2835 7911

MANDARIN'S HOUSE

TIME: 10am-6pm daily (last admission at 5:30pm; closed on Wednesdays, open on public holidays)

ADDRESS: No. 10, Travessa de António da Silva

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2896 8820

Offbeat

NETTA BARZILAI WINS 2018 EUROVISION SONG CONTEST FOR ISRAEL



Netta Barzilai is sassy, she's fun and she can sing — and now the Israeli has won the Eurovision Song Contest with a catchy techno dance tune about women's empowerment.

The 25-year-old pre-competition favorite beat out competition from 42 other countries' performers Saturday to claim the music extravaganza's annual crown at the Grand Final with her song "Toy."

There was a strong field of contestants at this year's event in Lisbon, Portugal, which was watched by an estimated 200 million people. The votes coming in live from the capitals of participating countries delivered a tense finale, with Israel gripped in a tight, five-way race with Cyprus, Austria, Sweden and Germany.

Barzilai eventually racked up 529 points, compared with 436 for runner-up Cyprus with "Fuego" by Eleni Foureira, and 342 for third-place Austria with Cesar Sampson's "Nobody But You."

The contest largely shed its traditional hallmarks of glitz and glitter in favor of a more restrained and tasteful tone in Lisbon, which was hosting the event because it won last year with Salvador Sobral's sober and subdued ballad "Amar pelos Dois."

Sobral last week criticized "Toy" as "horrible music," insisting the focus should be on the music and not the spectacle. But Barzilai, with her Asian-themed show in red and yellow and her dancers doing funky chicken moves, was unrepentant.

"I'm happy people chose something different. It's refreshing," she said. "I believe authenticity [shows] through."

Her win — Israel's fourth and first since 1998 — means her country hosts next year's Eurovision Song Contest.

"Next time in Jersusalem!" Barzilai shouted to the audience as she picked up her award.

The international contest began as a competition between European countries, but its huge popularity has led to the inclusion of Israel and Australia among the performers. **AP**

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13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
15:00	Miscellaneous
15:40	Miscellaneous
16:30	Zig Zag
17:50	Brazilian Soap Opera (Repeated)
18:40	Non-daily Portuguese News (Repeated)
19:50	Portuguese Serie
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	TDM Sports
22:10	Brazilian Soap Opera
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Champions League 2017/2018 Magazine
00:05	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
00:40	RTPi Live

cinema



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13 - 16 MAY



AVENGERS: INFINITY WAR

ROOM 1

2:30, 6:00, 9:00pm

Director: Anthony Russo, Joe Russo

Starring: Robert Downey Jr, Chris Evans, Chris Hemsworth

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 149min



SUBMERGENCE

ROOM 2

2:30, 9:30pm

Director: Wim Wenders

Starring: Alicia Vikander, James McAvoy, Charlotte Rampling

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 107min



THE MERCY

ROOM 2

6:30, 7:30pm

Director: James Marsh

Starring: Colin Firth, Rachel Weisz

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 91min

THE TROUGH

ROOM 3

02:30, 04:30, 7:30, 9:30pm

Director: Nick Cheung

Starring: Nick Cheung, Xu Jing Lei, He Jiong, Miu Kiu Wai

Language: Cantonese (Chinese & English)

this day in history



The Presidential Palace in Warsaw, where the pact was signed

1955 COMMUNIST STATES SIGN WARSAW PACT

The Soviet Union and its Eastern Bloc allies have signed a security pact in the Polish capital, Warsaw, after a three-day conference.

Announcements in Warsaw and Moscow said the Soviet Prime Minister, Marshal Nikolai Aleksandrovich Bulganin, and leaders of seven other countries approved the draft of a new mutual aid agreement called the Warsaw Treaty of Friendship, Co-operation, and Mutual Assistance.

It is designed, among other things, to ensure close integration of military, economic and cultural policy between eight Communist nations.

Signatories to the treaty - the USSR, Poland, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Albania - have agreed to unify their forces under one command although at this stage it is not known who will take this post.

Yugoslavia, the only European Communist state not included in the pact, was expelled in 1948 from Cominform, the Communist information agency for refusing to acknowledge Soviet supremacy.

The treaty, signed at the Warsaw Palace, comes in the wake of news that West Germany has been accepted by western nations into Nato (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation) following talks earlier this month in Paris.

In a speech at the beginning of the Warsaw talks, Marshal Bulganin warned that the USA, Britain and France were turning West Germany into "the principal hotbed of the danger of war in Europe" by allowing it to re-arm.

He said allowing West Germany into Nato was "the major obstacle" to reunification of Germany.

Existing bilateral agreements between nations of the Eastern Bloc, he stated, were no longer sufficient to ensure their security and this Warsaw Pact would supersede all of those.

He added that Nato was also encouraging countries in the Near and Middle East to form military blocs to plan attacks on the Soviet Union and its allies.

In his concluding speech today, Marshal Bulganin emphasised the pact was inspired by the Leninist principle of peaceful co-existence between democratic nations and said they wanted to abide by the United Nations Charter.

However the Times newspaper editorial today points out that unifying the armies of all eight countries will also allow the USSR to base its own troops in member states and "would certainly help to keep the satellites in order".

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Warsaw Pact countries placed their forces under the command of Marshal Ivan Stepanovich Koniev.

The Warsaw Pact did allow the USSR to suppress nationalist rebellions. Its troops crushed uprisings in Hungary in 1956 and Czechoslovakia in 1968 which prompted Albania to withdraw from the pact later that year.

The democratic revolutions of 1989 in eastern Europe heralded the end of the Warsaw Pact and the Cold War between east and west.

East Germany withdrew in 1990 and on July 1 1991 at a final summit meeting of Warsaw Pact leaders in Prague, Czechoslovakia, it was declared "non-existent".

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Generally, in life, no one is ever going to walk up to you and ask your ideas about things - you have to step in and become part of the discussion first.

Taurus April 20-May 20 There will be time enough for flitting around like a social butterfly later - right now, your energy is much more suited to introspection.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 You have a powerful energy deep inside you right now, but it will need a little bit of coaxing to come out and shine its full wattage.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 The curse of procrastination can apply to more than just boring chores, work projects, and doctor's visits; if you've been putting off having a heart-to-heart conversation, that counts too!

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 There's a mountain in your path - it could be a bad habit, a challenging situation, or even a difficult person. But one thing is for sure: Whatever is blocking your progress right now cannot be ignored.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 As you continue in this quiet phase, take the opportunity to really see what's going on around you and get a better handle on how to react in the future.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 Try not to let yourself get too impatient. People are going to move at the pace they feel most comfortable at and that's that, if you push them right now, you could push them away.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Connections can happen in unlikely places - and with unlikely people. In circumstances beyond your control, you may find yourself talking to someone you would have never considered talking to before.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 A new person, introduced to you recently by a friend or colleague, can help you make things happen. Speed is a priority, so if you understand the possible connection right now, move forward immediately.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You've got a lot of irons in the fire right now, and they're all starting to get too hot to handle. Before there's a total meltdown, you need to get active! Don't jump blindly into anything without first making a plan.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Today's energy is all focused on completion. As things get wrapped up, you'll discover that your upcoming social calendar has a lot of holes in it - do not fill them up! Leave as many blanks as possible.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 Your impatience for the ineptitude of certain people is nothing new, but it could get pushed to the limit. Therefore, you will be fighting a battle between your ever-thinning patience and your temper.

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-That group; 6- Little lies; 10- Monetary unit of Thailand; 14- Main artery; 15- Quickly, briefly; 16- Name of Isaac's eldest son in the Bible; 17- Frozen rain; 18- German Mister; 19- Prefix with conference; 20- Rock; 21- Fragile; 23- Switch positions; 25- Sense of self; 26- Tax experts: Abbr.; 29- Military force; 32- Reasoning; 37- Start of MGM's motto; 38- Jai ___; 39- Hoi ___; 40- In spite of; 43- In a weird way; 44- Like grass in the morning; 45- Actress Vardalos; 46- Stradivari's teacher; 47- Cry of a goose; 48- The closest one to us is the sun; 49- Scot's refusal; 51- Thanksgiving tuber; 53- Needlepoint; 58- ___ I can help it!; 62- Civil rights leader Parks; 63- Opaque gemstone; 64- Farm bird; 65- Cook; 66- Hawaii's state bird; 67- March honoree, briefly; 68- I smell ___!; 69- Sp. ladies; 70- Iota preceder; DOWN: 1- Soviet news service; 2- Romance novelist Victoria; 3- Twistable cookie; 4- Shorthand pros; 5- Devoured; 6- Saudi king; 7- Aha!; 8- Cereal plant; 9- Parsley piece; 10- Second letter of the Greek alphabet; 11- I'd hate to break up ___; 12- Patriot Nathan; 13- Calendar abbr.; 22- New settlement; 24- Saline; 26- Port of Crete; 27- Introduction; 28- Latin stars; 30- College cheer; 31- Botch; 33- Getting on; 34- Reflect; 35- Ancient Greek colony; 36- Cheroot, e.g.; 38- Sick; 39- Cunning; 41- Intelligence; 42- Sawbuck; 47- Aide; 48- Not rough; 50- Ages; 52- Emo anxiety; 53- 1922 Physics Nobel; 54- Sailing; 55- Floating platform; 56- Turner of "Peyton Place"; 57- Corrida cries; 59- Drink to excess; 60- The wolf ___ the door; 61- Goat's milk cheese; 62- Color TV pioneer;

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

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

- Emergency calls 999
Taxi 28 939 939 / 2828 3283
Fire department 28 572 222
Water Supply - Report 2822 0088
PJ (Open line) 993
Telephone - Report 1000
PJ (Picket) 28 557 775
Electricity - Report 28 339 922
PSP 28 573 333
Macau Daily Times 28 716 081
Customs 28 559 944
S. J. Hospital 28 313 731
Kiang Wu Hospital 28 371 333
Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) 28326 300
IACM 28 387 333
Tourism 28 333 000
Airport 59 888 88



Real estate advertisement for JML Property, featuring 'FOR SALE' and 'FOR RENT' sections with details for various properties in Macau and Taipa.

F1 Hamilton cruises to victory in Spanish GP; Vettel fourth

Tales Azzoni, Barcelona

MERCEDES driver Lewis Hamilton easily won the Spanish Grand Prix yesterday for his second straight Formula One victory, increasing his championship lead over Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel.

Valtteri Bottas secured a one-two for Mercedes at the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya, while Max Verstappen completed the podium despite finishing the race with a broken front wing on his Red Bull.

Vettel, who now trails Hamilton by 17 points in the drivers' standings, was only fourth after a change in strategy didn't pay off. It was the first one-two of the season for Mercedes, which had been slower than Ferrari in the past few races.

The victory bodes well for the team for the rest of the season as the performances in Barcelona — where most teams bring significant car updates — usually sets the tone for the rest of the races on the European portion of the calendar.

Hamilton had also won in Azerbaijan two weeks ago, but that



Lewis Hamilton leads the Spanish GP

victory came mostly because of incidents involving his closest competitors, including a blown tire for Bottas and a crash between Red Bull teammates Daniel Ricciardo

and Verstappen.

Ricciardo was fifth in Barcelona, ahead of Kevin Magnussen of Haas and the Spanish duo of Carlos Sainz of Renault and Fernando

Alonso of McLaren. Charles Leclerc of Sauber and Sergio Perez of Force India closed out the top 10.

Hamilton had a clean start, with Vettel moving from third to second by passing Bottas on the outside of Turn 1. Hamilton pulled away early and was able to comfortably control the pace of the race through to the end, finishing more than 20 seconds ahead of his teammate.

Vettel gave away his position when Ferrari decided to go for an extra stop and give the German driver fresher tires. He lost time in the pits and came back on to the track behind Verstappen, being unable to make up the difference despite the newer tires.

Mercedes was in front in Barcelona the entire weekend, setting the fastest time in all practice sessions and winning pole position with Hamilton — his first since the season-opener in Australia.

Vettel won in Australia and Bahrain, while Ricciardo was first in China.

It was a lukewarm Spanish GP, especially compared to the thrilling races seen in China and

Azerbaijan. Most of the action took place during a first-lap incident involving Romain Grosjean of Haas, Nico Hulkenberg of Renault and Pierre Gasly of Toro Rosso, forcing all three drivers to retire and prompting the deployment of the safety car.

Grosjean, who struggled throughout the weekend, couldn't stop his car from spinning across the track on Turn 3 and Hulkenberg and Gasly could not avoid colliding with him.

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Later in the race Verstappen was running fourth when he clipped his front wing on a Williams under the virtual safety car, but the damage was not significant and he didn't have to make an extra stop.

Ferrari's Kimi Raikkonen retired near the halfway-point because of an apparent mechanical problem. McLaren's Stoffel Vandoorne also retired because of a car failure. **AP**

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FOOTBALL WORLD CUP

Moscow a vast and varied destination

James Ellingworth, Moscow

MOSCOW is one of the world's largest cities with a population of at least 12 million people — more than many of the countries playing at the World Cup.

Its sheer size gives visitors a vast range of things to do, whether that means bars, museums, ballet or golf. The cavernous Luzhniki arena will host the World Cup's opening game on June 14 and the final on July 15, while the smaller Spartak Stadium will also hold games. Here's what you need to know:

THE STADIUMS

Luzhniki holds 80,000 people and has played host to key moments in Russian sports history, including the 1980 Olympics and the 2008 Champions League final between Manchester United and Chelsea — best remembered for John Terry's slip-up in the penalty shootout.

Built in an imposing Soviet style, it opened in 1956 and has been renovated extensively for the World Cup, with the running track removed to bring fans closer to the pitch. Luzhniki's darkest moment was in 1982 when 66 Spartak Moscow fans were crushed to death in a packed stairwell.

Spartak Stadium holds 45,000 and opened in 2014 as the new home for Moscow's best supported club. It's the only one of the 12 World Cup stadiums built without government mo-



An aerial view of the World Cup Luzhniki stadium

ney — Spartak's billionaire president Leonid Fedun funded the construction.

Both stadiums are easy to reach on Moscow's large and sprawling subway network, with tickets on sale for 55 rubles (USD0.89) a journey.

WHAT TO KNOW

The walled fortress of the Kremlin is Moscow's historic heart, situated off Red Square. It's still the heart of the Russian government, though, so visitors need to be part of a guided tour.

Moscow's heritage as the capital of the Soviet Union means

there are large minority populations from across Eastern Europe and Central Asia, and that's reflected in a wide range of food options. Spicy Georgian stews, juicy Ukrainian borscht and even Mongolian lamb dumplings are all on offer.

Bear in mind that Moscow prices are higher than in other Russian cities, generally on a par with other major European capitals.

WHAT TO DO

For a taste of Russia's rich art and culture, the Bolshoi Theater is one of the finest centers

of opera and ballet in the world. There's also a notoriously hedonistic bar and nightclub culture, though you may need local assistance to navigate the vibrant underground music scene.

Moscow is a city of museums, though few historic buildings survive outside the area near the Kremlin and the nearby Kitai-Gorod district. That's partly because most houses in previous centuries were built from wood and also because many old buildings were torn down as the Soviet government tried to rebuild Moscow.

There will be big-screen showings of World Cup games near Moscow State University, on the other side of the river from Luzhniki — though some students aren't happy about the noise.

WHAT TO WATCH

Moscow hosts a total of 12 World Cup games, with seven at Luzhniki and five at Spartak.

The tournament kicks off June 14 at Luzhniki when Russia meets Saudi Arabia in Group A. It's a favorable draw for the hosts, who face the only tournament team lower than themselves in the FIFA rankings.

Spartak hosts a David-and-Goliath clash on June 16 as World Cup debutant Iceland takes on Lionel Messi and Argentina in Group D. The 2014 champion Germany plays Mexico at Luzhniki on June 17 in Group F, before Poland and Senegal face off at Spartak on June 19 in Group H.

Cristiano Ronaldo's Portugal plays Morocco at Luzhniki on June 20 in Group B, before Belgium and Tunisia meet at Spartak on June 23 in Group G. It's back to Luzhniki for Denmark against France on June 26 in Group C, and Brazil plays Serbia at Spartak on June 27 in Group E.

Moscow hosts two games in the round of 16, one at Luzhniki on July 1 and one at Spartak on July 3. There's then a break of eight days before Luzhniki hosts the second semifinal on July 11 and the final on July 15. **AP**

FOOTBALL

Hamburger SV relegated amid chaotic scenes in Bundesliga

Ciaran Fahey, Berlin

THIS time, there was no miraculous escape. Hamburger SV was finally relegated from the Bundesliga amid chaotic scenes on Saturday.

The only ever-present since the league was founded in 1963, "der Dino" went down fighting after 54 seasons by beating Borussia Mönchengladbach 2-1.

The game ended with lines of police on the pitch after fans behind one of the goals lit flares and pyrotechnics, throwing some onto the pitch and sending a huge cloud of black smoke over that side of the stadium.

Most fans reacted with anger to the disturbances, chanting "We are the people of Hamburg and you're not!" and "Get them out!"

After flirting with relegation in recent seasons, Hamburg needed a win and a favor from already relegated Cologne against Wolfsburg to maintain hope of another escape.

But Wolfsburg's 4-1 victory left Hamburg two points short of the relegation playoff place.

"We experienced miracles in the last years but miracles don't go on forever," Hamburg great Uwe Seeler said.

Instead, Wolfsburg will play Holstein Kiel, which finished third in the se-

cond division, in a two-leg playoff to determine which side plays in the top flight next season.

Some Hamburg players broke down and cried after referee Felix Brych finally ended the game after a long hold up due to the disturbances.

"It was just a few who have no business in a stadium," said Christian Titz, Hamburg's third coach of the season. Titz reinvigorated the side over his eight games in charge. Freiburg secured its survival beating Augsburg 2-0.

Hoffenheim reached the Champions League with a 3-1 win over Borussia Dortmund, which also qualified despite the loss

in fourth place.

Bayer Leverkusen might have pipped Dortmund to Europe's top competition on goal difference but fell short in a 3-2 win over Hannover and must be content with fifth place and Europa League qualification.

Leipzig also reached the Europa League after defeating Hertha Berlin 6-2. Bayern Munich, which sealed the title with five rounds to go, celebrated with the trophy and medals despite losing at home to Stuttgart 4-1.

League president Reinhard Rauball handed the trophy to goalkeeper Manuel Neuer, who hasn't played since September



Police officers stand on the pitch when supporters light fireworks just before the end of the match between Hamburger SV and Borussia Mönchengladbach

due to injury and faces a race against time to be fit for the World Cup. Bayern's Robert Lewandowski received the top-scorer trophy for the third time. The Poland striker finished with 29.

Stuttgart boosted its chances of Europa League qualification by taking seventh place, enough to qualify if Bayern wins the

German Cup final against Eintracht Frankfurt.

The cup winner qualifies for the Europa League, but Bayern has already reached the Champions League.

Frankfurt lost at second-place Schalke 1-0 and finished eighth, two points behind Stuttgart. Also, Werder Bremen won at Mainz 2-1. **AP**

opinion

World Views
 Adam Minter, Bloomberg

OPEN SKIES CAN CLEAR CHINA'S 'ORWELLIAN NONSENSE'

The Trump administration has condemned as "Orwellian nonsense" China's insistence that U.S. airlines refrain from listing Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau as separate countries. The words are strong, but its leverage is weak.

China's aviation sector, once a global laggard, is on track to be the world's biggest market. Its growth has empowered the nation's regulators and airlines — and eroded the clout of traditional aviation powers such as the United States. For U.S. carriers keen to get a piece of this growing pie, that means flying by China's rules. And for the Trump administration, that presents an increasingly common and difficult problem: how to rebalance an economic relationship that's tilting away from the U.S.

In aviation, as in other industries, the tilt has happened quickly. For decades, U.S. passengers and airlines were the dominant force on routes between the two countries. To an extent, traffic reflected American tourist and business interests; money flowed from West to East. As recently as 2011, U.S. carriers flew almost twice as many flights to China as vice versa, and 70 to 80 percent of passengers were Americans. But in the summer of 2015, Chinese airlines surpassed U.S. competitors for numbers of flights and seats flown for the first time. These days, the passenger split is roughly equal.

In common with other sectors where Chinese upstarts are catching up with foreign rivals, two factors come into play. First, there are subsidies. In 2016, local government payments were equal to almost half the combined net income of the top four mainland airlines. Those cash injections — US-D1.3b in 2016 — have been particularly important in sustaining international flights between secondary cities such as Wuhan and San Francisco.

Second, and more important, China's domestic market is growing at a blistering pace. Last year, the International Air Transport Association predicted that China will surpass the U.S. to become the world's largest aviation market around 2022. The key driver is Chinese tourism. Since 2012, the country has been the world's largest source of overseas visitors.

But opportunities to access this market are few. Commercial flights are governed by bilateral agreements that cap routes. Even when U.S. airlines receive approval to fly a new route, infrastructure limitations at traffic-strained Chinese airports mean they're often unable to obtain slots. Worse, China has long defied international norms for allocating slots, leading to occasional accusations of protectionist behavior.

That hasn't stopped major U.S. airlines from investing there. Delta Air Lines Inc. and American Airlines Group Inc. both own expensive stakes in Chinese carriers, and — along with United Continental Holdings Inc. — operate codeshare flights with mainland airlines via global alliances.

Those investments may, in time, prove savvy. But for now, they only add to the leverage that Chinese regulators have over U.S. airlines that want access. That leverage can extend to the pettiest of matters, such as sensitivities over how a foreign company refers to territory China claims as its own.

In April, Chinese aviation authorities informed dozens of international airlines that they must accept Beijing's conventions for referring to Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macau on their websites — prompting the U.S. government's "Orwellian" rejoinder. Those that don't comply could face significant, though unspecified, consequences.

In January, after the government criticized Delta for listing Taiwan and Tibet as countries, the company didn't hesitate to "apologize deeply" and take "immediate steps to resolve" the Chinese concerns. It's not alone: Firms in industries ranging from baby food to hospitality have taken similar actions in recent months.

The Trump administration has vowed to resist China's corporate censorship efforts. But so long as foreign corporations decide that doing so isn't worth potentially being shut out of the market, that vow will have little currency at home or abroad. A better approach would be to seek an "open skies" treaty to widen access, such as the U.S. has with 120 other countries.

Such an agreement would remove government regulators from route-making decisions, and has long been under discussion. No doubt it would increase competitive pressures on U.S. airlines. But that's better than having no chance to compete at all.

THE THREE GORGES OFFERS EUR9B BUZZ TO BUY REST OF EDP

China Three Gorges Corp. is offering 9.1 billion euros (USD10.9 billion) to buy the stock it doesn't already own in Portuguese utility EDP-Energias de Portugal SA. The 3.26 euro per-share offer is 4.8 percent higher than EDP's closing stock price of 3.11 euros in Lisbon on Friday.

The offer is subject to Three Gorges holding 50 percent of EDP voting rights plus one after the bid,

the Chinese company said in a statement on the Portuguese securities regulator's website. It currently holds 23 percent of EDP.

Three Gorges was formed more than two decades ago to build a hydroelectric dam on the Yangtze River. It bought a 21 percent stake in EDP more than five years ago as part of a Portuguese government bailout involving the International Monetary Fund.

FILM

82 women walk the red carpet in Cannes protest

Jake Coyle, Cannes

EIGHTY-TWO women climbed the steps of the Palais des Festivals at the Cannes Film Festival in an unprecedented red carpet protest to press for improved gender equality in the film industry.

The number of stars, filmmakers and film industry professionals ascending the steps represented the number of female filmmakers who have been selected to compete at Cannes during the festival's seven-decade history. In contrast to their 82, 1,866 films directed by men have been picked for the prestigious festival lineup.

Organizers said the event was orchestrated by the Time's Up movement and the French movement known as 5020x2020 to show "how hard it is still to climb the social and professional ladder" for women.

It brought an array of film industry professionals to the Cannes red carpet, including actresses Salma Hayek and Jane Fonda, "Wonder Woman" filmmaker Patty Jenkins and French director Agnes Varda, a recipient of an honorary Palme d'Or at Cannes.

Also joining were the five female members of this year's Cannes jury: Cate Blanchett, Kristen Stewart, Ava DuVernay, Lea Seydoux



and Burundian singer Khadja Nin. Blanchett read a statement atop the Palais steps in English; Varda read it in French.

"Women are not a minority in the world, yet the current state of the industry says otherwise," Blanchett said. "We stand together on these steps today as a symbol of our determination to change and progress."

"The stairs of our industry must be accessible to all," she concluded. "Let's climb."

The protest was held ahead of the premiere of French filmmaker Eva Husson's "Girls of the Sun," which is about a Kurdish battalion of women soldiers. Husson is one of three female filmmakers out of the 21 movies in competition for the Palme d'Or this year.

The other two — Nadine Labaki's "Capernaum," and

Alice Rohrwacher's "Happy as Lazzaro" — are to premiere next week.

Cannes has come under increasing scrutiny in recent years over the number of female directors selected into its main slate, considered one of the most esteemed achievements in cinema. Jane Campion is the only female filmmaker to ever win the Palme.

The festival supported Saturday's protest. Festival director Thierry Fremaux earlier this week hailed Saturday's event as a way for women "to affirm their presence."

Fremaux has repeatedly insisted that the festival chooses its films purely based on quality. But he's also signaled that the festival is reanalyzing its procedures and making its selection committees gender-balanced. **AP**

THE DECISIVE MOMENT



Hawaii's Kilauea volcano spawned a new lava fissure Saturday, emitting minor lava spatter less than a mile from a geothermal energy plant. Scientists said the lava flow forming in the crack has been minor, but that could always change.

Station	Air quality
Roadside	30-50 Good
High Density Residential Area	20-40 Good
Ambient	30-50 Good

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS

ISRAEL was celebrating yesterday the opening of the new U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem, a move that has ignited Palestinian protests and raised fears of a further outbreak of violence.



AFGHANISTAN Muslim scholars from three countries issued an edict saying that violent extremism and terrorism, including suicide attacks, are against Islamic principles, in an effort to convince the Taliban to end their violence.

TURKEY-UK Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan started a three-day visit to Britain by praising the country yesterday as "an ally and a strategic partner, but also a real friend."



FRANCE A judicial official says a friend of the young man who rampaged through a central Paris neighborhood knifing passers-by has been detained in the eastern French city of Strasbourg.

SPAIN-PORTUGAL Spanish authorities say three people died when a small airplane that was flying from Portugal crashed in northeastern Spain. Authorities say they haven't yet identified the three occupants or determined their nationalities.

MEXICO Gunmen have killed a mayoral candidate in central Guanajuato state, the third local candidate in Mexico's July 1 elections murdered in the past week and one of more than a dozen during the entire campaign.