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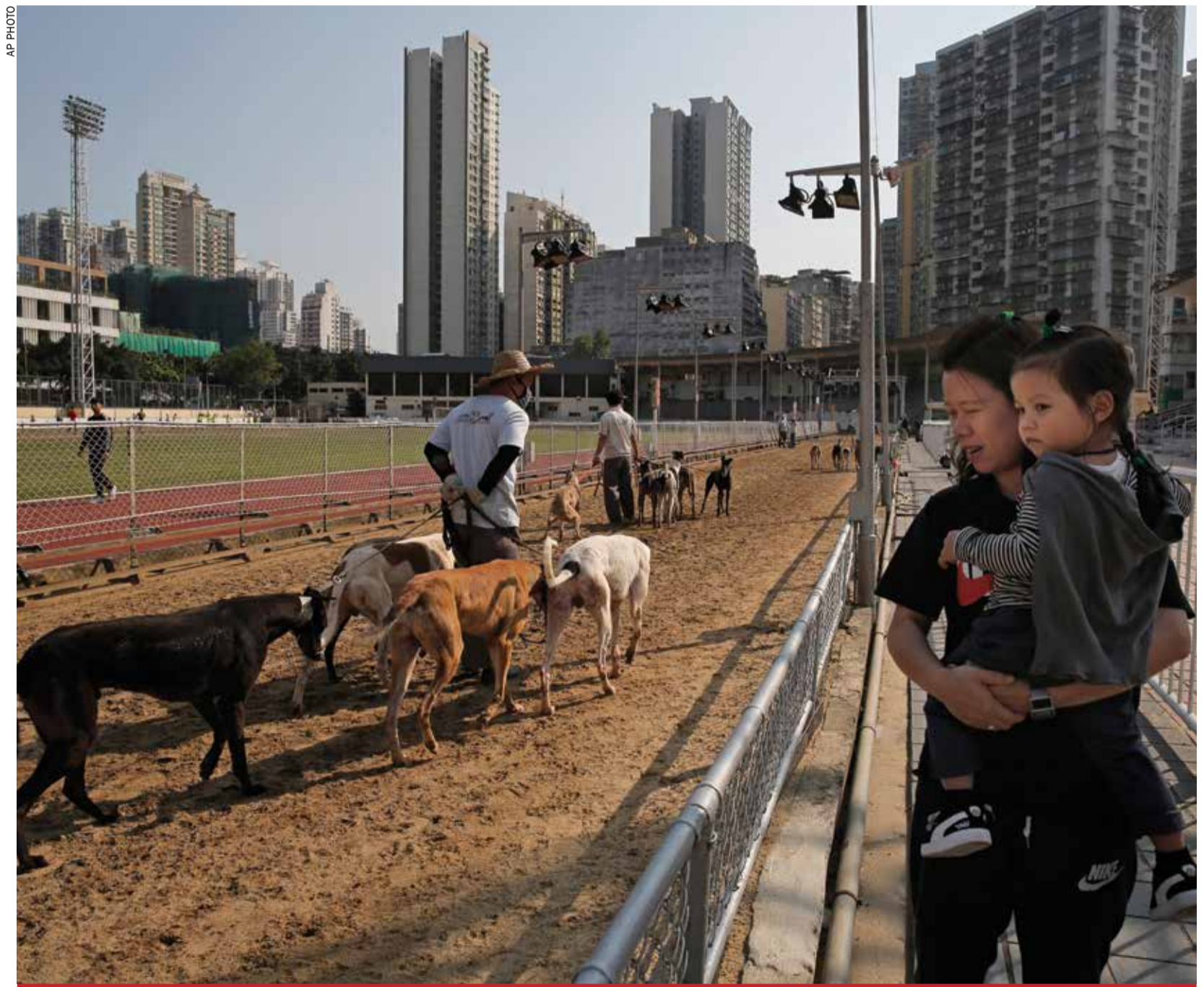
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Consumer prices up over 3pct annually

In June 2018, the Composite Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased by 3.11 percent year-on-year to 112.84 and was up by 0.14 percentage points from 2.97 percent growth in May, according to the Statistics and Census Bureau. The bureau attributed the June rise to increased charges for eating out, increasing gasoline prices and rising rental costs. On a month-to-month basis, the Composite CPI in June increased by 0.36 percent, driven by the arrival of summer clothing and footwear. For the 12 months preceding June 2018, the average Composite CPI rose by 2.13 percent, with notable increases recorded in the price indexes of health (4.88 percent), education (4.73 percent) and clothing and footwear (4.43 percent). Composite CPI reflects the impact of price changes on households in Macau, categorized by monthly income brackets.

Shenzhen textile pavilion attracts record attendance

A record 971 exhibitors from 12 countries and regions, and 17,664 trade buyers from 35 countries and regions, participated in this year's Intertextile Pavilion Shenzhen, up from 721 exhibitors and 15,608 trade buyers in 2017, according to organizers. Exhibitors from China, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Korea, Taiwan and the U.K. were represented again at this year's fair, while exhibitors from India, Indonesia, Thailand and Turkey were new faces in 2018. This year's top 10 buyer countries and regions excluding mainland China were Hong Kong, Taiwan, the U.S., Korea, India, Japan, Brazil, Australia, the U.K. and Macau. The event has emerged as the platform of choice for suppliers to connect with leading brands, with Shenzhen fast establishing itself as a major hub in Chinese fashion, home to over 1,000 brands and some 30,000 fashion designers.



Viva Macau creditors won't get money back

BANKRUPTCY proceedings for former Macau low cost airline, Viva Macau, concluded on June 6 and creditors will not be able to recover their investments, according to a statement issued by the office of the president of the Court of Final Appeal (TUI) yesterday.

The announcement comes after a long period of deliberation, with the courts trying to recover at least part of the company's debt by selling their stock participation,

which is in the possession of the government through the Industrial Development and Commercial Fund (FDIC). The fund is the company's second largest creditor (MOP212 million) after Eagle Airways Holdings Limited, who Viva Macau owes around MOP470 million. These are just two of the 1,841 known creditors which include airlines, airports of several cities, banks, partners, travel agencies, passengers and workers, among others.

After starting in April 2010 the process is now almost finished, with the creditors claiming a total debt that amounts to MOP1.14 billion due to incapacity or claiming more sums from the company's stakeholders. As TUI explains, the bankruptcy administrator was only able to sell some of the seized assets (including automobiles, luggage containers, airplane meal trolleys, office supplies, etc.) to obtain MOP98,000, which when

added to the MOP20,759.64 in their bank accounts at the time of bankruptcy, totaled a little less than MOP120,000.

A judge issued an order on January 23, noting that the sentence was final and that Viva Macau no longer had any other property or funds with which to pay creditors.

The courts also noted that efforts were intended to claim the payment of the debt from the grantor, Eagle Airways, a situation that was impossible to solve due to the attachment order over Eagle Airways' Hong Kong bank account. At that time (October 2011), there were no signs of a judicial co-operation agreement between Macau and the neighboring region of Hong Kong.

The court also noted that Eagle Airways, called upon to be responsible for the case, is a Hong Kong registered investment company with a registered capital of HKD10,000, and is owned by a Hong Kong partner, Macau partner, a Samoan partner and three offshore companies based in the British Virgin Islands.

The office of the president of the TUI remarked that the FDIC should have started procedures in Hong Kong the moment it started judicial action in Macau in 2010, in order to determine the responsibility of the grantor, noting that it is not clear whether the current period for such an act has or has not already expired. **RM**

ASK THE VET

by Dr Ruan Du Toit Bester

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN DOG AND CAT FLEA PRODUCTS

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

1. Ingredients

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

Ingredients that are recommended for effective

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

2. Weight

The dosage in flea prevention products is based on weight. Purchase a product that is suitable for your pet's current weight. If you are unsure of your pet's weight, have them weighed at the veterinarian or groomer. If your pet is small enough, you can get an approximate weight on a home scale by first weighing yourself, then weighing yourself holding your pet and deducting to find the difference. Weight is another reason why it is unsafe to use a dog flea product on a cat. Most cats will weigh significantly less than a dog. Combined with their sensitive metabolism,

using the wrong product can make your cat extremely ill.

3. Environment

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

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

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

Weigh your animal before making your purchase to find the correct dosage.

Research your local insect population to determine what your animal needs protection against.



Be cautious when using flea prevention on senior or pregnant animals. Consult your veterinarian for methods of flea control that don't use insecticides.

Hope this info helps
Till next week
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Activist Chao requests to stand trial in absentia

POLITICAL activist Jason Chao, who is currently studying in the U.K., says he has applied for a trial in absentia in the case of Wang Jianwei's defamation lawsuit against Macau Concealers. The trial is set to begin tomorrow.

A statement issued yesterday by New Macau Association [ANM] indicated that Chao would not travel to Macau to attend tomorrow's hearing. The statement said that the request is currently being processed by a panel of judges.

Chao is the director of Macau Concealers, an online satirical news platform published by members of ANM, which first broke the story of several sexual harassment incidents allegedly implicating University of Macau professor Wang Jianwei.

Wang, who is also the director of the Institute of Global and Public Affairs, claims that the 2015 story regarding the allegations have discredited him and were published in a bid to reinstate a fired associate professor.

ANM wrote in yesterday's statement that, having conducted an in-



ternal investigation into the matter, it has found no evidence of malpractice at Macau Concealers.

The pro-democrat association says that Macau Concealers contacted UM at the time, requesting information on Wang's alleged involvement in the sexual harassment complaints.

The university acknowledged that three investigations were being undertaken into the professor, but refused to comment further.

"Upon the scrutiny of exchange

of emails and statements, in early 2015, the ANM board was satisfied with Macau Concealers' efforts to contact UM for verification," noted yesterday's statement, "and its revelation was neither merely speculative nor 'witch-hunting'."

The statement also noted that, while ANM recognizes Wang's right to file a criminal complaint regarding the "revelation of the existence of multiple sexual harassment complaints against him in 2015," it maintains that Macau Concealers continues to play a vital role as a whistle-blower, compelling "Macau authorities to address issues of high public interest openly."

"[ANM] concludes that whistle-blowing has an important role to play in exposing cases of this nature for the protection of victims, including those of verbal ones, notwithstanding the realm of legal protection," it said.

"[ANM] is deeply cornered that any threat to freedom of expression will create a chilling effect making vulnerable groups more vulnerable, especially for victims of sexual harassment." **DB**



GIT clarifies: No date yet for LRT Taipa line kick-off

THERE is no established date for the commencement of operations for Taipa's Light Rail Transit (LRT) line, the government's Transportation Infrastructure Office (GIT) has said.

The statement comes after last week's comments from Weller Chan, LRT's Manager of Operation and Maintenance, who disclosed during a media interview that the Taipa line would begin trial operation in June next year.

The GIT clarified that the comment came from a preliminary assessment made by the operator

according to their own plans but explained that it is non-binding, compared to the realistic date for the beginning of operation.

"There are other factors to be taken into consideration," the GIT noted, listing aspects such as the infrastructure construction, assembly of the system and preparation for operation. The GIT rejected the existence of a precise operation commencement date for the line, adding that it will be the GIT who discloses any relevant news regarding the project's advancement.

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JAPAN

Law to allow up to 3 casino resorts green lighted

Mari Yamaguchi, Tokyo

JAPAN'S parliament on Friday approved a contentious law allowing up to three casino resorts to open in this wealthy nation and possibly lure more foreign visitors. The bill was approved and enacted into law at the upper house after bulldozing by the ruling bloc. The lower house passed it last month.

It adds rules of operation to a law on casino promotion passed in 2016. The enactment of the "integrated resorts" law means casinos can operate at resorts that include hotels, conference rooms and shopping malls in the mid-2020s.

Supporters say casinos can attract more and wealthier tourists. Opponents say Japan already has "pachinko" pinball parlors and wagering on horse, auto, bicycle and boat racing, and expanding legalized gambling would fuel organized crime and compound gambling addiction. Media surveys have showed a majority of Japanese oppose the plan. Projections by experts show casino visitors would be predominantly Japanese, rather than foreign tourists. Opposition lawmakers said the casino law would only allow foreign operators to make money off Japanese.



In this July 2014 photo, restaurant guests enjoy a casino-style display at Jack & Queen restaurant in Osaka

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The approval Friday was delayed for hours by opposition parties' protests. Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan leader Yukio Edano criticized the casino law and other policies of Abe's government, filibustering at an

earlier lower house session for 2 hours and 43 minutes, the longest known since 1972. Edano condemned Abe for "prioritizing gambling [law]" over support for victims of

recent deadly floods in western Japan.

The law will allow up to three casinos to operate but they are unlikely to open until the mid-2020s, after the Tokyo

2020 Olympic Games. Several cities, including Osaka and Wakayama in western Japan, Yokohama, a southern port city of Sasebo, and a few cities on the northern island of Hokkaido have expressed interests to bid for casino licenses. Host city and the central government split 30 percent of the casino revenue they collect as tax.

To address concerns about addiction, the law limits local residents to three casino visits per week and 10 per month. Admission will be free for foreigners but a set price for residents in Japan.

Japan has a significantly high gambling addiction rate among advanced nations. A 2017 study by the health ministry found that about 3.2 million people, or about 3.6 percent of the adult population, were thought to be addicted to gambling, far higher than many other countries — 1.2 percent in France, 0.4 percent in Italy and 0.2 percent in Germany. Many experts and former addicts say pachinko was the main cause. AP

Let the competition begin

Now that Japan has passed a law outlining a road map for casino resorts, foreign operators from Las Vegas Sands Corp. to MGM Resorts International can start to seek out partners in their bid to tap a gaming market that may be worth as much as USD25 billion. It could also be a boon for Japanese industries - from companies that oversee a resort project to construction giants building infrastructure.

There is still a long road ahead, but talks between Japanese companies and Western operators will become more serious now that the government

has given the green light. Local municipalities will eventually start requesting proposals from consortium groups that want to pitch their plans.

"This business becomes a legitimate viable business after the bill passes," said Masaru Sugiyama, an analyst at Goldman Sachs Group Inc. "Companies that weren't willing to come public with their aspirations - we'll see them be more active with press releases, briefings, blue prints coming out for what kind of projects they want to do and where, and who they want to partner with." Bloomberg

Japan may be a threat to Macau gaming lifeblood

As the Times has previously reported, the long-anticipated casino business in Japan may threaten Macau's lifeblood.

The city is economically dependent on the casino sector, which generates a significant portion of Macau's gross domestic product. However, a nearby competitor that can offer just as much glamor and professionalism has the potential to siphon away visitors that might otherwise try their hand on Macau's gaming floors.

As Ben Lee, managing partner at IGamiX Management & Consulting, told the Times last year, "Japan is the most dangerous [threat to Macau] if the gaming proposal goes through [...] partly due to its high quality of service."

"Right now, there is nothing that rivals Macau in



The Dutch-themed Huis Ten Bosch amusement park, built along the Nagasaki coast, is one of the possible sites for a casino resort

terms of capacity and the quality of our 'hardware' [infrastructure]," said Lee. "But other jurisdictions can create comparative advantage. By specializing, other places nearby can chip away at the Macau market."

Meanwhile, other analysts think Macau will be less affected by the

competition, citing the familiarity of the culture for Chinese travelers and Macau's border proximity to the mainland.

Casino investors consider Japan to be one of the most lucrative gambling jurisdictions the world over.

A 2015 PWC report estimated the current market

value at around USD784 million but analysts say that the gaming liberalization bill could see this swell to as much as USD25 billion.

Naturally, gaming operators, including major U.S. players such as MGM Resorts International, Wynn Resorts and Las Vegas Sands Corp., have made proposals since last year with a view to getting a share of the market.

Executives such as Las Vegas Sands' Sheldon Adelson and MGM's James Murren have said they're willing to spend as much as \$10 billion building an integrated resort in Japan.

"Japan is known worldwide for a unique culture of customer-focused hospitality known as 'omotenashi,'" Wynn Resorts Ltd. Chief Executive Officer Matt Maddox said in

a statement. "This important Japanese tradition of creating a unique guest experience makes it clear to us that Japan will develop extraordinary integrated resorts that are not found in any other country."

MGM, Sands and Melco Resorts & Entertainment Ltd. want to operate a resort in a large city with easy transit options. Caesars Entertainment Corp. has said it's flexible with location, and has unveiled mock-ups for large cities and smaller regional areas.

MGM CEO Jim Murren said the company was going to "advance our relationships with key stakeholders and together create a coalition of Japanese business partners who will collectively define a vision for a uniquely Japanese, world-class integrated resort."

MGM said in a statement that the development would push forward its effort, together with its Japanese business partners, to create a "uniquely Japanese, world-class integrated resort." The company, which set up a Japanese subsidiary in 2014 when Japan started discussing casinos, said it will launch an Osaka office in September.

Hard Rock Cafe International Inc. is also in the running, and has opened a local office in Hokkaido. Other casino operators seeking inroads in Japan include Galaxy Entertainment Group Ltd. and Genting Singapore Ltd. Osaka, Yokohama and Tomakomai in Hokkaido are the leading cities to win government approval for the first three locations allowed to build integrated resorts.



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Venus Court NAPA Macau

(Ref: 18070686)
1,230 sq.ft. HKD 16,200

A beautiful fully furnished apartment located in Nape area. With 3 bedrooms, 2 double and 1 single, shower room with communication with one of the bedrooms, en-suite bathroom on the master room, and another small toilet. A modern western style kitchen with oven, with storage room and laundry area. A nice size balcony with beautiful green views. The apartment was recently renovated



The Buckingham

(Ref: 18060681)
700 sq.ft. HKD 18,000

Two double bedroom fully furnished apartment in luxury complex of The Buckingham, Central Taipa. The apartment has been fitted out to Marriott Hotel standard. Well fitted galley style kitchen equipped with kitchen essentials. Close to banks, supermarkets and public transportation this property is in the perfect location for convenience.



Manhattan D unit, High Floor

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FOR SALE



Jubilee Court, Macau

(Ref: 18030672)
2,200 sq.ft. HKD 15.98M
Rate: HKD 7,263

Great size four bedroom apartment in downtown Macau, across the road from Star World and next to the Landmark this apartment is well located. Two double bedrooms have built wardrobes and walk in shower rooms. The other two bedrooms share a bathroom. Plenty of bespoke storage throughout the property.



Old Macau, Unique Walk Up

(Ref: 18065557)
950 sq.ft. HKD 4.48M
Rate: HKD 4,715

Located close to St Lazarus church on the Macau peninsula this apartment has three bedrooms (one on the rooftop), it's a duplex the property has a lofty feel about it. Modernised a few years ago it needs little renovation.



Jou Fai Kuok, St Pauls Ruin's Macau

(Ref: 18055556)
627 sq.ft. HKD 3.9M
Rate: HKD 6,347

One bedroom apartment in Heritage Area of Macau. A five minute from the Ruins of St Pauls. Renovated 3 years ago. Good size master bedroom with built in wardrobes. Modern shower room with built in under counter cabinet. Well equipped kitchen. S shaped living / dining area with small nook for desk.



Va Nam Top Floor

(Ref: 18045550)
750 sq.ft. HKD 4.18M
Rate: HKD 5,573

This property is centrally located in Taipa and enjoys exclusive access to the corresponding rooftop area. The internal area does need some TLC which makes it a unique opportunity for investors to renovate and force appreciation. The property is currently tenanted but can be viewed with prior arrangement.



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(Ref: 18045555)
3,398 sq.ft. HKD 21M
Rate: HKD 6,180

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Petition launched to protect housing block

An online petition has been started to rally the public in favor of the preservation of the Rainha Dona Leonor Housing Block, a dilapidated residential building next to Hotel Sintra.

As of yesterday afternoon, the petition had secured about three-quarters of the 500 signatures organizers are seeking.

Last week, the Urban Planning Committee gave the green light to plans that will likely lead to demolition of the housing block.

The housing block, located on Avenida Infante Dom Henrique, is nearly 60 years old and was designed in the late 1950s by architect José Lei. The building was the first high-rise residential building in Macau to be equipped with an elevator.

According to those in favor of protecting the site owned by the Holy House of Mercy, the building showcases the principles and ideals born with the advent of modernist architecture in the second half of the 20th century.

They argue that it "stands among the best expression[s] of the modernist style in Macau" and "innovation in [the] design of a vertical high-rise [building]."

The building is not included on the cultural heritage list, which means it is not protected from renovation or demolition.



Grand Prix Museum revamp to cost MOP80m more

THE renovation of the Grand Prix Museum will cost a MOP80 million more than previously estimated and its re-opening will be pushed back into late 2019, the Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO) informed last week.

In 2016, the renovation project had been priced at about MOP300 million, amounting to approximately MOP19,000 per square meter.

Now the MGTO director, Helena de Senna Fernandes, says that the project will cost a total of MOP380 million, citing a delay in the tendering process.

Speaking to TDM, the MGTO director also said that the museum revamp is likely to finish before the end of next year, an approximate 12 month delay from the original opening date.

Moreover, the museum's new location might be slightly smaller than originally intended, meaning the exhibits might have to be cut or reworked.

In 2016, the bureau suggested the area of the Grand Prix Museum would be expanded six-fold to a total of 16,000 square meters. But Fernandes has floated the idea of downsizing the exhibition or presenting some of its exhibits in digital form, in order to save space if a larger location cannot be obtained.

As per its original plan, the museum will feature a racing vehicle display, movie theatre, wax figure display, cultural and creative zone, as well as an interactive family zone, all with the aim of raising awareness of and interest in the Grand Prix event among residents and tourists.

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IACM takes in 533 greyhounds stranded by Canidrome closure

Renato Marques

LOCAL authorities were forced to take in a total of 533 greyhounds abandoned by the Canidrome "Yat Yuen" Company following the closure of the venue on Saturday.

The Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) acknowledged this in a statement and is said to be taking care of the facility in order to "ensure that the greyhounds at [the] Canidrome are being taken care of."

The IACM has taken provisional measures to look after the stranded dogs, noting that a preliminary assessment done by the bureau's veterinary team found the dogs were in a healthy condition.

The IACM also contacted several animal rights organizations in Macau to form a team of volunteers to help handle the high number of dogs at the Canidrome.

So far, the bureau has said



AP PHOTO
Dog handlers escort greyhounds walking at the Canidrome track

that the operations of the multi-organization teams have been running smoothly and the dogs have been receiving appropriate care.

In the same statement, the IACM also informed that, in accordance with the Animal Welfare Law, it "has informed Yat Yuen that the non-reclamation of an animal within seven working days equals to abandon-

ment," reaffirming previous intentions to proceed with the case against Yat Yuen for the dogs' abandonment. In a letter to newsrooms, the president of Anima, Albano Martins, addressed the statement, saying, "Now is not the time to focus only on thanking Anima and its partners for having successfully closed the Canidrome and also having succeeded in convincing the Macau Government, through IACM, to handle the Canidrome pound," noting that the upcoming tasks were "hard ones" but reaffirming the will to complete them. Still believing that this is not the job of the IACM, Martins reaffirmed that Anima "will continue to support

IACM with our limited resources and I believe all other Macau animal welfare organizations that joined us in these last minutes will do the same!"

In Martins' opinion, the time to focus on "fundraising to help the re-homing of these animals with proper families" is now, remarking, "saving these greyhounds will be a huge cost if we do not get airlines [to carry them] for free or at

reduced costs!"

Martins noted that time is short and that there is only one year "until the area will be totally reorganized by the Government!" This is time that the organizations involved will use to find a final solution for the relocation and adoption of all the dogs.

After the official closure of the company's property on Saturday, local authorities found 533 greyhounds

were left behind, including a dozen suffering from skin diseases and other conditions.

Animal rights activists, both locally and abroad, have expressed concern about the fate of the race dogs, most of which were bred in Australia. At the same time, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) has urged Macau authorities to grant custody of the greyhounds to local animal protection groups in order to accelerate the process of adoption and relocation and guarantee that it is done in a proper way, and that the animals do not end up on illegal race tracks in mainland China or other countries.

Yat Yuen former staff reported for duty on Saturday

SEVERAL Yat Yuen Company former staff members reported for duty at the Canidrome venue on Saturday morning with the purpose of continuing work as dog caretakers, TDM Radio reported.

According to the report, the staff members that showed up at the Canidrome claimed to have been told by their supervisors to continue work. They also claimed they were the most appropriate people to handle the dogs as they were already doing such tasks

and knew the animals better than anyone else.

Also according to the radio station, on Saturday morning the Yat Yuen Company issued a statement saying that starting from today, the company will offer jobs to all 129 former Canidrome employees left without jobs due to the closure of the facility. Job positions will be offered at other companies from the Sociedade de Jogos de Macau group, such as the Jockey Club and Macau Slot.

HALF CENTURY OF DOG RACES COME TO AN END

MACAU WAS the only place in China where dog racing is legal. However, betting on dog races at Macau's Canidrome — a tradition more than 50 years

old — soured after animal rights groups accused the company of mistreating the dogs and euthanizing those that underperformed on the track.

EDUCATION

UM visits Angola with designs on PSC collaboration

A delegation led by University of Macau (UM) rector Yonghua Song and vice-rector for research Rui Martins recently visited Angola to strengthen collaboration between the educational institution and Portuguese-speaking universities (PSC).

A statement from UM said the visit intended to support the local government's desire to develop the city as a service platform between China and Portuguese-speaking countries.

During the visit, the UM representatives met with the Chinese ambassador to Angola, where they shared recent university developments, highlighting UM's relocation to the current campus and efforts to produce professionals fluent in both Chinese and Portuguese.

According to UM, the Chinese ambassador said that two senior diplomats from the embassy in Angola once studied Portuguese at the university.

They also met with Angola's Minister of Higher Education, Science, Technology and Innovation. The minister was told by Song



that the internationalization of UM was a priority for the university and that the University values its relations with its Portuguese-speaking counterparts.

They also visited Agostinho Neto University, participated in the 28th annual meeting of the Association of Portuguese Speaking Universities (AULP) and signed a collaboration agreement with Mandume Ya Ndemufayo University, whose rector, Professor Orlando da Mata, is the current president of the AULP.

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MGM turns to never-tested law to sue Vegas shooting victims

Regina Garcia Cano, Las Vegas

THE unprecedented move from MGM Resorts International to sue hundreds of victims of last year's mass shooting in Las Vegas using an obscure U.S. law never tested in court has been framed by the casino-operator as an effort to avoid years of costly litigation — but the legal maneuver may not play out that way.

The company is not seeking money in the lawsuits filed in at least seven states over the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history. Instead, it wants federal courts to declare that it has no liability to survivors or families of slain victims under a federal law enacted after the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

MGM argues that the Oct. 1 shooting met two conditions of the law: it qualifies as an act of terrorism and federally certified security services were used at the venue where 22,000 concertgoers were gathered as gunfire rained down from the company's Mandalay Bay casino-resort.

But experts believe legal resolutions won't come quickly because appeals are practically guaranteed and a U.S. court may not be the appropriate entity to determine whether the shooting is considered terrorism. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security said Friday that the law authorizes its leader to make that declaration.

MGM's lawsuits target victims who have sued the company and voluntarily dismissed their claims or have threatened to sue after a gunman shattered the windows of his hotel suite and fired on a crowd of country music fans. Stephen Paddock killed 58 people and injured hundreds more before



In this Oct. 2, 2017 file photo, an American flag waves near a police barricade on the Las Vegas Strip with the MGM Grand hotel and casino in the background after a mass shooting

killing himself.

MGM is invoking the Support Anti-terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies Act of 2002, enacted to urge development and use of anti-terrorism technologies by providing companies a way to limit liability if their federally certified products or services fail to prevent a terrorist attack. After 9/11, manufacturers and others were concerned they could be sued out of business after an attack.

The law has never been used to avoid liability after mass violence, such as the shooting at a Colorado movie theater in 2012, because previous attacks haven't involved services or products certified by Homeland Security. The department

has only approved about 1,000 services and technologies, including airport screening equipment and stadium security.

MGM said in the lawsuits filed in Nevada, California, Utah and other states that its security vendor for the outdoor concert venue, Contemporary Services Corp., was federally certified.

The Department of Homeland Security said in response to MGM's lawsuits that its secretary "possesses the authority to determine whether an act was an 'act of terrorism'" under the law in question, and it "has not made any such determination regarding the Route 91 Harvest Festival mass shooting incident."

The agency says it's reviewing

the matter. The law broadly defines it as an unlawful act that harms a person in the U.S. and "uses or attempts to use" weapons or other methods that can cause mass destruction.

MGM says Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen is not the only one with authority to make the call and that her public statements "make clear" the attack meets the law's requirements.

The company's argument is "far too broad of an interpretation of the statute. It should be fairly clear that what MGM did is not what was intended in the statute," said Brian Finch, a partner at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman in Washington D.C. "It is [the secretary's] responsibility, not

that of a judge."

CSC's general counsel, James Service, said the company doesn't comment on litigation.

MGM faced immediate backlash over the lawsuits this week, and it insisted in tweets and statements that it is trying to expedite resolutions for the victims. It stressed that it is "not asking for money or attorney's fees" and directed the complaints "only at people who have already sued us or have threatened to sue us."

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"We are seeking justice through the federal court system in order to reach a timely resolution. We want to resolve these cases quickly, fairly and efficiently," spokeswoman Debra DeShong said on MGM's Twitter account.

Victims' attorneys and a legal scholar told The Associated Press that the company's strategy won't speed up anything.

Alfred Yen, associate faculty dean and professor at Boston College Law School, said the law is not perfectly clear, and unless the parties settle, the matter could reach the U.S. Supreme Court because whoever loses is likely to appeal.

"This is a high-stakes, controversial case. A court would be very careful not to rush to a judgment on this," Yen said. "It is going to take a long time for a court to decide the merits of this case." AP

CHINA Tower Corp., the state-owned wireless infrastructure operator, has attracted Hillhouse Capital and a unit of Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. as investors in its planned Hong Kong initial public offering, people with knowledge of the matter said.

Hillhouse funds and Taobao China Holding Ltd. are among the 10 firms that agreed to buy about USD1.4 billion of stock as cornerstone investors, the people said. China Tower is expected to start taking investor orders today, said the people, who asked not to be identified because

China Tower is said to draw Hillhouse, Alibaba to Hong Kong IPO

the details are private. The planned deal could raise about \$8 billion, one of the people said.

China Tower is pursuing what could be the world's biggest IPO in almost four years amid a slump in the Hong Kong equity market, with the benchmark Hang Seng Index trading down 15 percent from its all-time high in January. This year's other hotly anticipated IPO - Xiaomi Corp.'s \$5.4

billion fundraising - priced last month at the bottom of the range, valuing the phone maker at about half its original target.

Hillhouse funds and the Alibaba unit agreed to invest \$400 million and about \$100m, respectively, in China Tower's IPO, the people said. Other cornerstone investors include affiliates of China National Petroleum Corp., SAIC Motor Corp. and Indus-

trial & Commercial Bank of China Ltd., according to the people.

An \$8 billion deal would be the world's biggest first-time share sale since Alibaba's \$25 billion U.S. stock offering in 2014, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. China Tower is expected to price its offering around Aug. 1, the people said.

A China Tower representative couldn't imme-

diately comment outside normal business hours. An external representative for Hillhouse declined to comment, while an external representative for Alibaba said she couldn't immediately comment.

CNPC and SAIC didn't immediately respond to emails seeking comment outside normal business hours. ICBC didn't respond to requests for comment.

The world's largest telecom tower service was formed by combining tower assets of China Mobile Ltd., China Unicom Hong Kong Ltd. and China Telecom Corp. in 2015 as part of a broader plan to reform the nation's state-dominated wireless industry.

China International Capital Corp. and Goldman Sachs Group Inc. are joint sponsors for the planned deal. **Bloomberg**



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East China copes with Typhoon Ampil as it hits



Ampil, the tenth typhoon this year, made landfall on Chongming island in Shanghai at 12:30 p.m. yesterday with winds of up to 28 meters per second near its eye, the municipal meteorological observatory said. The typhoon was moving northwestward but waning in strength, the observatory said. Chongming island, 45 km east of downtown Shanghai, is situated at the mouth of the Yangtze River. Shanghai municipal flood control headquarters said it relocated more than 190,000 people, called over 1,600 ships back to port and reinforced 46,000 trees citywide.

Two 'comfort women' speak out

A pair of sisters, both in their 90s, from central China's Hunan province, have come forward to speak out about their experiences as comfort women and their suffering at the hand of Japanese soldiers during World War II. According to Xinhua, staff of "The Memorial Hall of the Victims in Nanjing Massacre by Japanese Invaders" came across the sisters when visiting Yueyang city in Hunan. The elder sister, Peng Renshou, 94, told them she was captured and taken to a comfort station in the autumn of 1939 when she was only 14. After being raped repeatedly, a Japanese soldier cut open her belly. She survived but was unable to have children. The other sister, Peng Zhuying, 90, said she lost her eyesight as a victim of Japanese germ warfare at the age of nine in 1938. She was then abducted, became a comfort woman and was abused regularly. She was also unable to have children.

Eyesight concerns most Chinese parents: survey

A survey has found that 91.6 percent of Chinese parents are concerned about their children's eye health, China Youth Daily has reported. Of the 1,951 parents of primary and junior middle school students surveyed a further 72.7 percent said their kids were myopic, 32.8 percent of whom were moderately myopic (300 to 600 diopters) and 5.4 percent severely myopic (600 diopters and above). The survey revealed that incorrect sitting posture (62.7 percent), reading books with eyes too close to the book (54 percent) and frequently playing with computers and mobile phones (53.7 percent) were the top three factors parents believed were causing problems. Too much homework and lack of outdoor activity were also blamed, Cui Hongping, a Shanghai ophthalmologist, told the paper.

US presses China and Russia to enforce sanctions on N. Korea

Edith M. Lederer, United Nations

THE United States on Friday welcomed the U.N. Security Council's united support for the fully verified denuclearization of North Korea and pressed China and Russia to strictly enforce U.N. sanctions to get Pyongyang to give up its nuclear weapons.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo accused North Korea of violating an array of tough sanctions imposed by the council. He warned that "when sanctions are not enforced, the prospects for the successful denuclearization of North Korea are diminished."

Nonetheless, Pompeo told reporters after meeting behind closed doors with the 15 council members that President Donald Trump "remains upbeat about the prospects for denuclearization" following his historic summit in Singapore with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. "So do I, as progress is happening," he added without elaborating.

The Trump administration hopes that one day North Korea will be at the United Nations "not as a pariah but as a friend," Pompeo said. But "it will take full enforcement of sanctions for us to get there" as well as Kim following through "on his personal commitments" to Trump.

At the summit, Trump and Kim agreed to work toward denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, without describing when and how it would occur.

Follow-up talks this month between Pompeo and North Korean senior officials in Pyongyang had a rocky start, with North Korea accusing the United States of making "unilateral and gangster-like" demands.

Pompeo stressed Friday that the 15 Security Council nations "are united on the need for final, fully verified denuclearization of North Korea."

Pyongyang for decades has been pushing a concept of "denuclearization" that bears no resemblance to the American definition, vowing to pursue nuclear development unless Washington removes its 28,500 troops from South Korea and the nuclear umbrella defending South Korea and Japan.

China, which is North Korea's closest ally and responsible for more than 90 percent of the isolated country's trade, backs North Korea's call for a "phased and synchronous" approach to denuclearization.

Last month, Beijing suggested the Security Council con-



South Korean Foreign Minister Kang Kyung-wha (second from left) shakes hands with U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo

der suspending or lifting sanctions on North Korea if it is in compliance with U.N. resolutions and making progress in negotiations. Russia said Friday it also backs this approach.

Russia's deputy U.N. ambassador, Dmitry Polyansky, said that Pompeo confirmed the U.S. "will seek the full denuclearization" of North Korea.

"It is necessary that the denuclearization go step by step with parallel actions by the international community," Polyansky said. "We are talking about easing sanctions pressure through the U.N. Security Council, as well as the removal of unilateral U.S. sanctions."

Some exemptions have already taken place.

Last week, South Korea received exemptions from the Security Council committee monitoring North Korea sanctions for communications lines between the North and South and for some goods for the North including furniture, transport vehicles and a bus.

The U.S. has pushed for rapid moves toward ridding North Korea of its nuclear weapons and says sanctions will remain until Pyongyang follows through on Kim's pledge. But Trump has recently been playing down expectations of quick results, saying this week there was "no time limit" on getting North Korea to denuclearize.

U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley, standing beside Pompeo, made clear that Kim Jong Un must take action first. "We continue to reiterate we can't do one thing until we see North Korea respond to their promise to denuclearize," Haley said. "We have to see some sort of action. And so until that action happens, the Security Council is going to hold tight."

As for the broader international community, she said, "we ask you to hold tight as we go forward."

Pompeo said "the scope and

scale" of denuclearization "is agreed to" and "the North Koreans understand what that means," though he didn't elaborate and sidestepped a question on what the first step should be.

"We need to see chairman Kim do what he promised the world he would do," Pompeo said.

Chinese Ambassador Ma Zhaoxu said that "China is committed to denuclearization" and "to peace and stability on the Peninsula." He added that China will "fully implement" U.N. sanctions resolutions, adding that "everyone" else should as well.

But, Pompeo said, North Korea is "illegally smuggling" in refined petroleum products beyond the quota of 500,000 barrels per year allowed under U.N. sanctions, mainly by ship-to-ship transfers.

U.S. documents sent to the committee and obtained by The Associated Press cite 89 instances between Jan. 1 and May 30 in which North Korean tankers likely delivered refined products "illicitly procured" via such transfers.

The U.S. says Russia and China both informed the sanctions committee that they were supplying refined products to North Korea.

Pompeo said North Korea is also evading sanctions by smuggling coal by sea and across borders, through cyber thefts and other criminal activities, and by keeping workers in some countries that he didn't name.

These actions are all "generating significant revenues for the regime and they must be stopped," he said.

Haley criticized "some friends who want to go around the rules," and especially Russia and China for blocking the sanctions committee from demanding that all countries halt shipments of petroleum products

to North Korea immediately.

Moscow and Beijing said they need additional time to investigate the U.S. allegations and put a six-month "hold" on the U.S. request.

"Are they telling us that they want to continue supplying this oil?" Haley asked. "They claim they need more information. We don't need any more information. The sanctions committee has what it needs. We all know it's going forward."

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NIKKI HALEY
U.S. AMBASSADOR

Dutch Ambassador Karel Van Oosterom said the Security Council made clear to Pompeo that it wants to see "concrete actions and deeds" from North Korea to denuclearize.

Van Oosterom, who chairs the North Korea sanctions committee, told reporters: "I think for all of us it's clear that the progress is in the talks so far, that the engagement is there and the discussions are taking place."

South Korean Foreign Minister Kang Kyung-wha said North Korea made "a clear commitment on complete denuclearization repeatedly and, of course, very forcefully at the Singapore summit with President Trump, and we will hold them up to that commitment." AP

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Xi arrives for Africa visit as US interest wanes

CHINESE President Xi Jinping arrived in Africa on Saturday on a four-nation visit seeking deeper military and economic ties while his rival in a bitter trade war, the Trump administration, shows little interest in the world's second most populous continent.

This is Xi's first trip abroad since he was appointed to a second term in March with term limits removed, allowing him to rule for as long as he wants. That rang familiar to some of Africa's long-entrenched leaders.

China is already Africa's largest trading partner, and it opened its first military base on the continent last year in the Horn of Africa nation of Djibouti, which this month launched a China-backed free trade zone it calls the largest in Africa. After surpassing the U.S. in arms sales to Africa in recent years, China this month hosted dozens of African military officials for the first China-Africa defense forum.

Xi is stopping in Senegal and then Rwanda ahead of his participation in a summit of the BRICS emerging economies in South Africa that starts on Wednesday.

The summit comes amid the United States' billion-dollar trade war with China and tough trade negotiations with other key economic partners. Last month the foreign ministers of BRICS members Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa criticized what they called a "new wave of protectionism," saying U.S. measures undermine global trade and economic growth.

Xi's Africa visit also high-



Senegal president Macky Sall (left) and Chinese President Xi Jinping inspect the honor guard during a state visit in Dakar

lights China's sweeping "Belt and Road" initiative that envisages linking Beijing to Africa, Europe and other parts of Asia via a network of ports, railways, power plants and economic zones.

While such high-profile projects bring badly needed infrastructure and generate economic growth, U.S. officials and others have warned that African nations are putting themselves into debt to China. Its government, banks and contractors loaned more than USD94 billion to African governments and state-owned companies from 2000 to 2015, according to the China Africa

Research Initiative at Johns Hopkins University.

"Public debt in the median sub-Saharan African country rose from 34 percent of GDP in 2013 to an estimated 53 percent in 2017," says a report in January by Wenjie Chen and Roger Nord of the International Monetary Fund.

From oil in countries like Nigeria and Angola to rare minerals in Congo, Africa's natural resources are a major draw for China's economy, the world's second largest behind the U.S. China's voracious appetite for resources such as timber and ivory, how-

ever, has taken its toll on Africa's environment, often with the help of corrupt local officials.

On his first visit to a West African country Xi will meet with President Macky Sall of Senegal, which according to the International Monetary Fund had economic growth of 7.2 percent last year and whose largest trading partner is the European Union, notably France.

The stop highlights China's interest both in Francophone Africa and in Atlantic Ocean ports, while Senegal positions itself as a gateway to the region. Already a Chinese-backed industrial park

has appeared outside the capital, Dakar, while rail and road links are being improved as part of an ambitious plan to reach the other end of the continent in Djibouti.

Xi then moves on to Rwanda, becoming the first Chinese president to visit the landlocked East African country, whose economy grew by 6.1 percent last year. He will meet with President Paul Kagame and visit a memorial for Rwanda's 1994 genocide, which killed more than 800,000 people.

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The Chinese leader then will make his third state visit to South Africa for the BRICS summit. South Africa's economy, one of Africa's largest, grew just 1.3 percent last year amid a drop in investor confidence because of a corruption scandal around former President Jacob Zuma, who resigned in February.

Finally, Xi will stop in the Indian Ocean island nation of Mauritius, whose economy grew by 3.9 percent last year.

China's economic push continues in September with the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, which brings together dozens of heads of state. **AP**

CIA: Beijing is waging a 'quiet kind of cold war'

CHINA is waging a "quiet kind of cold war" against the United States, using all its resources to try to replace America as the leading power in the world, a top CIA expert on Asia said Friday.

Beijing doesn't want to go to war, he said, but the current communist government, under President Xi Jinping, is subtly working on multiple fronts to undermine the U.S. in ways that are different than the more well-publicized activities being employed by Russia.

"I would argue... that what they're waging against us is fundamentally a cold war — a cold war not like we saw during THE Cold War [between the U.S. and the Soviet Union] but a cold war by definition," Michael Collins, deputy assistant director of the CIA's East Asia mission center, said at the Aspen Security Forum

in Colorado.

Rising U.S.-China tension goes beyond the trade dispute playing out in a tariff tit-for-tat between the two nations.

There is concern over China's pervasive efforts to steal business secrets and details about high-tech research being conducted in the U.S. The Chinese military is expanding and being modernized and the U.S., as well as other nations, have complained about China's construction of military outposts on islands in the South China Sea.

"I would argue that it's the Crimea of the East," Collins said, referring to Russia's brash annexation of Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula, which was condemned throughout the West.

Collins' comments track warnings about China's rising influence issued by

others who spoke earlier this week at the security conference. The alarm bells come at a time when Washington needs China's help in ending its nuclear standoff with North Korea.

On Wednesday, FBI Director Christopher Wray said China, from a counterintelligence perspective, represents the broadest and most significant threat America faces. He said the FBI has economic espionage investigations in all 50 states that can be traced back to China.

"The volume of it. The pervasiveness of it. The significance of it is something that I think this country cannot underestimate," Wray said.

National Intelligence Director Dan Coats also warned of rising Chinese aggression. In particular, he said, the U.S. must stand strong against China's effort to steal business secre-



ts and academic research.

Susan Thornton, acting assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific affairs, said increasing the public's awareness about the activities of the hundreds of thousands of Chinese students or groups at U.S. universities could be one way to help mitigate potential damage.

"China is not just a footnote to what we're dealing with with Russia," Thornton said.

Marcel Lettre, former undersecretary of defen-

se for intelligence, said China has the second-largest defense budget in the world, the largest standing army of ground forces, the third-largest air force and a navy of 300 ships and more than 60 submarines.

"All of this is in the process of being modernized and upgraded," said Lettre, who sat on a panel with Collins and Thornton.

He said China also is pursuing advances in cyber, artificial intelligence, engineering and technology, counter-space, anti-satelli-

te capabilities and hypersonic glide weapons. Army Lt. Gen. Robert Ashley, head of the Defense Intelligence Agency, told a congressional committee earlier this year that China is developing long-range cruise missiles — some capable of reaching supersonic speeds.

"The Pentagon has noted that the Chinese have already pursued a test program that has had 20 times more tests than the U.S. has," Lettre said.

Franklin Miller, former senior director for defense policy and arms control at the National Security Council, said China's weapons developments are emphasizing the need to have a dialogue with Beijing.

"We need to try to engage," Miller said. "My expectations for successful engagement are medium-low, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't try." **AP**

Seeking to protect boys, Thailand wants control over films

Kaweewit Kaewjinda, Bangkok

THAILAND'S military government, saying it is concerned filmmakers and media may take advantage of the young boys who were rescued from a flooded cave, wants to control how movies portray their ordeal and heroic rescue.

Culture Minister Vira Rojjanarat said he will propose at next week's Cabinet meeting that a special committee oversee the production of films, documentaries and videos related to the experiences of the 12 boys and their coach who were trapped in a cave for almost three weeks.

With the boys returning home, attention has turned to how the media are handling the post-rescue story. There has been criticism of several news outlets, mostly foreign, that are considered to have ignored official advice to leave the boys alone for at least a month to try to avoid psychological stress that recounting their ordeal might trigger.

Deputy Prime Minister Wissanu Krea-ngam said Friday he had instructed officials from the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security to make sure the young football players and those associated with them are not bothered while they are going through



Members of the rescued football team show their skills before a press conference

gh a period of mental rehabilitation. He warned foreign media they may face prosecution even if they unintentionally violate child protection laws.

Wissanu, who is considered the top legal expert for Thailand's ruling junta, said that it is the boys' right to sign contracts for their own benefit, but added that the government committee would provide advice "like a manager," without seeking any profit for itself.

He said the government was "very afraid" that some of those close to the ordeal could be coer-

ced to sign contracts "because once a contract is signed, that person can't do anything else, which is why someone with legal knowledge needs to step in and help."

The rescue, carried out successfully against high odds, was a rare bit of feel-good news from Thailand, which has been mired in political conflict and heavy-handed military rule for more than a decade. Even as the world watched the cave saga, a boat sinking off a southern resort island claimed almost 50 Chinese tourists, an event that normally would have registered as a high-profile debacle.

The cave rescue also allowed the government of Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha, who has been criticized for political maneuvering to stay in power after elections planned for next year, to share in some glory.

The government's Thailand Film Office already regulates the production of films shot in Thailand by foreign companies, including vetting scripts and issuing filming permits, but Vira said the committee would oversee content, licensing and the protection of privacy of the rescued team and their families.

Speaking after a film board meeting Thursday, Vira said that five foreign film production companies had shown interest in making a movie or documentary about the cave rescue and some had already been on location to collect information.

Thai film producers have also shown interest but have not yet contacted the government, Vira said.

The boys and coach of the Wild Boars soccer team were released from the hospital on Wednesday and at a news conference described how they got trapped in the cave, and after 10 days cut off from the outside world, were astonished to see two British divers rising from muddy waters

and assuring them work was underway to rescue them.

"This [story] has all the right elements," Vira said. "If you talk about drama associated with filmmaking, it has everything. It has loss as well as jubilation. The content and story it has for filmmaking is very complete. Even if you don't create additional drama, these events had every flavor."

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Several murals and sculptures have already been commissioned to mark the epic cave adventure. Many focus on Saman Gunan, a former Thai navy SEAL who volunteered to help with the rescue effort and died while diving on a mission to supply the cave with oxygen tanks essential to helping the boys escape. Saman is being treated as a national hero. **AP**

PAKISTAN

Suicide bomb kills election candidate, driver

A suicide bombing yesterday in northwestern Pakistan killed a candidate running for a seat in the provincial assembly and his driver, and wounded three other people, police said.

It was the latest violence ahead of Wednesday's elections, when Pakistanis are to elect the National Assembly, or lower house of parliament, and four provincial assemblies.

According to police officer Zahoor Afridi, the candidate Ikramullah Gandapur from opposition leader Imran Khan's party, was returning home from a campaign event when the bomber struck in the city of Dera Ismail Khan, wounding him. He died a short while later in a military hospital, Afridi said. Along with his driver who was also killed, three other people, including two policemen, were wounded.



A street is decorated with banners and billboards for political parties ahead of the July 25 general elections

Later yesterday, the Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility for the suicide bombing that killed Gandapur.

Earlier this month, a provincial assembly candidate was killed in a massive suicide bombing in Mastung district in southwestern Baluchistan province, along with 148 people. Also, in the northwestern city of Peshawar, a suicide bombing this month killed another provincial assembly candidate and 20 others.

Gandapur's brother Is-

rar was killed in a suicide attack in 2013. After his younger brother's death, Gandapur was elected as a member of the assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province and appointed provincial minister for agriculture.

In the July 25 balloting, he was to run on the list of the Tahrike-e-Insaf party, led by Khan, who aspires to become the country's next prime minister.

Analysts say Khan, a famous former cricket player, enjoys the backing of military, which has ru-

led Pakistan directly and indirectly for most of its 71-year history.

Also yesterday, the convoy of another election candidate, Akram Durrani, came under fire in the northwestern town of Bannu. No one was hurt. Durrani survived a suicide attack earlier this month that killed four people.

Following yesterday's attacks, Pakistan's election oversight body postponed the balloting for the provincial assembly seat that Gandapur was contesting.

It also postponed the balloting for the National Assembly seat from the garrison city of Rawalpindi, where a candidate from former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's party was disqualified after being convicted of substance abuse.

Voting for those two seats would take place at a later date. **AP**

INDONESIA

Teen raped by her brother jailed for abortion

A 15-year-old Indonesian girl who was raped by her brother has been sentenced to six months in prison for having an abortion, police said Sunday. Both the girl and her 18-year-old brother were convicted last week by the District Court of Muara Bulian in Batanghari district in Jambi province, said Singgih Hermawan, deputy chief of the local police. The brother received a two-year prison sentence for having sex with a minor, Hermawan said.

Abortion is illegal in Indonesia, but is allowed in cases of rape, especially if the woman's life is at risk. However, the abortion must take place within 1 1/2 months of becoming pregnant and be performed by professionals.

The girl had her abortion when she was six months'

pregnant, according to a court official. Her mother is facing charges for aiding the abortion. She said she helped her daughter out of fear of being shamed by neighbors.

It was revealed in court that the girl had been raped eight times since September. In May, residents discovered a headless fetus near a palm oil plantation. Police made the arrests in June.

The defendants and their lawyers accepted the sentences, which also ruled that the girl and her brother must undergo rehabilitation at the Institute for Special Education of Children.

It was not clear whether the prosecutors, who had demanded a one-year prison sentence for the girl and seven years for her brother, would appeal the sentences. **AP**

Aijaz Hussain, New Delhi

INDIA

Mob lynches Muslim man over cow smuggling charges

A Muslim man was beaten to death by a mob in western India over allegations of smuggling cows, police said Saturday, despite calls by the country's highest court for immediate steps to stop deadly mob violence across the country.

Cows are considered sacred in Hindu-majority India, and slaughtering them or eating beef is illegal or restricted across much of the country.

The mob intercepted two men on foot who were bringing two cows with them at around midnight Friday in a forested area in Alwar district of Rajasthan state and began punching and beating them with sticks, said police officer Mohan Singh. He said the men were taking the dairy animals to their village in neighboring Haryana state.

One managed to escape while the other, a 28-year-old man, was taken to a hospital, where doctors declared him dead on arrival.

Singh said police got a tip about the attack and immediately reached the area. "However, the attackers fled as they saw us approaching, leaving behind the injured man and two cows," he said.

He said police could not verify the allegation that the men were smuggling cows.

In a similar case last year in the same district, a Muslim man was killed and 14 others brutally beaten after being accused of bringing cows for slaughter. The men had



bought the animals at a cattle fair and were taking them home in Haryana state.

India has seen a series of mob attacks on minority groups since the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party swept national elections in 2014. Most of the attacks by so-called cow vigilantes from Hindu groups have targeted Muslims, who make up 14 percent of India's 1.3 billion people. Hindus make up about 80 percent of the population.

The victims have been accused of either smuggling cows for slaughter or carrying beef. Last month, two Muslims were lynched in eastern Jharkhand state on charges of cattle theft. Such mob attacks have left at least 20 people dead by cow vigilante groups, mostly believed to be tied to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ruling party.

Vasundhara Raje, the chief minister of Rajasthan, who comes from the ruling BJP, condemned the incident. "Strictest possible

action shall be taken against the perpetrators," she said in a tweet.

In the last few years, the vigilante groups, who call themselves cow protectors, have become active in small towns and cities across India. Even lower-caste Hindus who carry out undesirable tasks such as skinning dead cattle have faced mob violence.

Indian broadcasters, who expressed outrage at the incident, reported that police arrested two people in the latest lynching case.

On Tuesday, India's highest court asked the federal government to consider enacting a law to deal with mob violence, fueled mostly by rumors that the victims either belonged to members of child kidnapping gangs or were beef eaters and cow slaughterers.

New Delhi Television quoted Rajasthan's home minister, Gulab Chand Kataria, as saying that "there was no real need for a new law against cow vigilantism."

Rights groups and Muslims say government officials, including Modi, have been slow to strongly condemn the attacks and that police action against perpetrators has been inadequate.

Asaduddin Owaisi, a top Indian

Muslim leader and a lawmaker, said in a tweet that "cow in India has a Fundamental Right to Life" but "Muslim can be killed for they have no Fundamental right" to life. He said the last four years of Modi's government were "lynch rule."

Meanwhile, the Facebook-owned messaging service WhatsApp on Thursday announced restrictions on the number of groups to which a message can be forwarded. In India, the limit on forwarding is to five chats at once, while for WhatsApp users outside India, the limit on forwarding will be 20.

The move comes amid a rise in mob attacks in India fueled mainly by rumors ignited by messages circulated through social media that child-lifting gangs were active in some villages and towns. At least 25 people have been lynched and dozens wounded in such attacks.

India's government has blamed WhatsApp for failing to stop false information and called on it to take "immediate action" to prevent the social media platform from being misused to spread rumors and irresponsible statements leading to mob violence. **AP**

PHILIPPINES

Police disperse group protesting US, China

PHILIPPINE riot police used shields and a water hose Saturday to disperse more than 100 left-wing activists in front of the U.S. Embassy in Manila in a confrontation that injured more than a dozen protesters.

The farmers and workers belonging to the militant

Bayan group burned cardboard showing the U.S. and Chinese flags at the end of an hourlong protest outside the embassy and were leaving the area when they were stopped by the police, who insisted that they use a side road.

A melee then ensued with the police using a water

hose from one of three fire trucks and their shields to drive away the protesters, some of whom were seen

Protesters said they plan to join another demonstration today in time for Duterte's annual state of the nation address

in a video trying to fight back with flag poles and rocks.

Paul Carson, an information officer for the protesters, said at least 13 were brought to the hospital with bruises and other injuries. No arrests were reported.

The flag-waving protesters first converged at a Chinese consulate in the financial district of Makati to protest China's assertive actions in the dispu-

ted South China Sea, then marched in the rain for more than 5 kilometers (3 miles) to the heavily secured U.S. Embassy in Manila to protest alleged U.S. meddling in the Philippines.

After the dispersal, the protesters marched to the presidential palace in Manila and said they plan to join a protest today in time for President Rodrigo Duterte's annual state of the nation address. **AP**

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COLOMBIA

Rebels-turned-politicians sworn into Congress

Christine Armario, Bogota

WITH the swipe of a taupe shade of eyeshadow and the swearing of an oath, Sandra Ramirez's transformation from rebel guerrilla to senator was complete.

Eight ex-combatants with Colombia's once-largest rebel group were sworn into office Friday in another crucial step in implementing the country's peace accord, taking seats in Congress alongside some lawmakers who for years were bitter enemies.

"This is a big responsibility we'll be shouldering," said Ramirez, the widow of a legendary guerrilla leader. "It's a change from life in the mountains, from boots in the mud."

The fledging politicians represent a small faction in a Congress that has the task of pushing forward key aspects of the peace agreement. The rebels were guaranteed 10 seats in the legislature as part of the accord, a stipulation that has angered many Colombians.

In his address to the new legislature, outgoing President Juan Manuel Santos acknowledged the hesitation of Colombians to embrace the former rebels as lawmakers, but he said including them in politics is a powerful demonstration of democracy.

"It fills me with satisfaction that those who for more than half a century fought the state and its institutions with arms today bow to the constitution," Santos said.



From left: Carlos Lozada, Victoria Sandino, Pablo Catatumbo, Marco Calarca and Olmedo Ruiz, all former members of the demobilized FARC

The oath ceremony comes just weeks before conservative Ivan Duque assumes the presidency amid signs that the peace accord remains on shaky ground. Duque vowed throughout his campaign to modify important aspects of the agreement, though he has softened some of his positions since the polarizing election.

Two of the former leaders of the disarmed Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia didn't take their seats in Congress on Friday. Seuxis Hernandez remained jailed in Colombia on U.S. drug charges while Ivan Marquez is holed up in a rural camp for former guerrillas, telling comrades he fears for his safety.

Adam Isacson with the Washin-

gton Office on Latin America said the absence of Marquez, the rebels' chief negotiator during peace talks, was concerning.

"It sends a signal of skepticism that may influence a lot of mid-level leaders' decisions about whether to give up and join a dissident group," he said.

Colombia's conflict between leftist rebels, paramilitaries and the state left at least 250,000 dead, 60,000 missing and millions displaced in a war that still haunts many. Even as the number of homicides drops to a four-decade low, in many parts of the country drug traffickers and smaller illegal armed groups still wreak havoc. Since the signing of the accord, over 300 social leaders and dozens of former rebels have

been killed.

Many fear the wave of violence could portend a repeat of events in the 1980s, when dozens of leftist politicians affiliated with the Patriotic Union party were gunned down.

Ramirez said the ex-combatants taking office Friday were aware of the threats they face.

"It worries us immensely," she said.

On Friday morning, Ramirez woke up at 5:30 a.m. and prepared for the monumental day in her transition to life as a civilian. She put on a cream skirt and an emerald blouse. Then she went to a small beauty salon in a working-class neighborhood and had her hair and makeup done.

As the hairdresser finished gently curling the ends of her long brown hair, Ramirez took out a pair of earrings bearing a cluster of pearls. "Do you like these?" she asked one of her assistants. "They're very beautiful," the young woman said.

Ramirez was the partner of chief commander Manuel Marulanda until his death in 2008 and still goes largely by her alias, Sandra Ramirez. In Congress, she was sworn in with her birth name, Griselda Lobo. She eventually plans to legally change her name to Sandra Lobo, reflecting the dual identity many rebels harbor after years of being called by a *nom de guerre*.

To prepare for life as legislators, she and her comrades took a crash course at a university

that taught them about the role of congress, the various types of laws and how to introduce a bill.

They are calling their coalition the Group for Peace and plan to focus on implementing the accord and defending human rights. Among their first proposals are ideas to improve conditions for young children in remote, rural parts of the country and better guarantee access to water.

"We never imagined ourselves here in Congress, debating bills," rebel leader-turned-senator Carlos Lozada said as he entered the stately legislature building.

The former guerrillas face a steep challenge in winning over Colombians and exercising any pull in Congress. They won less than 1 percent of the votes in the legislative elections and remain deeply unpopular in much of the country.

Many Colombians think the rebels should go before a special peace tribunal before taking roles in Congress.

"They should pay first for all the bad things they did, for all the hurt they caused Colombia," Harold Gonzalez, a hotel administrator, said as he watched a group of teens playing a game of outdoor chess blocks from Congress.

Ramirez said the ex-rebels are doing their part in taking responsibility, by meeting with victims and apologizing for their crimes. She said they are now looking to embark on a new chapter, though not forget the struggles of the past.

She said she awoke Friday with mixed emotions. She felt ready to take on her new role, but couldn't help thinking of comrades who had dreamed of a day like this, but died before it came.

"It brings up memories and longings, wishing they were here for this moment," she said. **AP**

Newly released video shows man believed to be last of tribe

NO one knows his name. No one knows the name of the people he came from. And he appears to have lived alone in Brazil's Amazon for 22 years. Video released for this first time by Brazil's Indian Foundation shows rare images of a so-called uncontacted indigenous man who is believed to be the last surviving member of his tribe. The footage was shot in 2011, though a team that tracks him says it last saw evidence he was alive in May.

The shaky images taken from a distance through foliage show a man chopping down a tree. The sound of his ax hitting the trunk and bird calls can be heard.

The video's release followed a press report that

noted there existed only one image of the man, captured by a documentary filmmaker in the 1990s in which the man's face was hidden behind foliage.

Altair Algayer, coordinator of the team that monitors the man, said the foundation was reluctant to release the video because it could not ask for the man's consent. But he also noted that such images help to draw attention to the plight of people who are struggling to maintain their distance from the outside world.

"Lots of people are seeking out [this video]. They want to know what is he like, how can he be seen, is he still alive," Algayer said in a phone interview.

"I think this ends up helping to protect the territory."

Brazil is home to several "uncontacted" peoples whose lands, like those of many indigenous groups, are increasingly under threat as the scramble for the resources of the Amazon intensifies. Last year, 71 people were killed in conflicts over land, the most since 2003, according to the Pastoral Land Commission, which tracks the violence.

The Indian Foundation has been monitoring the man since 1996, when it found him already living alone in the forest in Rondonia state. It believes encroachment and attacks by farmers and loggers that

began in the 1980s decimated the man's tribe. The last of his fellow tribesmen appeared to have been killed in an attack in 1995 or 1996. In recent years, though, no one has tried to enter the protected area where he lives, the foundation said.

The team that tracks him calls him "the Indian of the hole" because of an unusual hole that he dug, Algayer said. "We don't know who he belongs to," Algayer said, who adds that the man appears to be in good health and between 55 and 60.

The foundation's policy is to allow such people to live their lives in isolation, but members of the foundation tried initially to make



contact with the man since he was alone and they believed him at risk. The man made clear he wanted no contact, and the foundation has not tried again since 2005.

About every other month, a team enters his territory to look for signs that he is still alive and well. They don't always see him — the last time they did was in 2016 — but they are able to tell he is still alive by traces he leaves behind. A mission in May found fresh footprints and a newly cut tree.

They have left tools and seeds for the man, and they have seen that he has planted corn, potatoes, papayas and bananas. "This man, who is unknown to us, even after losing everything, including his people and a series of cultural practices, proved that, even like that, alone in the forest, it is possible to survive and resist joining mainstream society," Algayer said in a statement distributed by the foundation. "I believe he is much better off than if, way back, he had made contact." **AP**

DONALD Trump said Saturday he finds it "inconceivable" that a lawyer would tape a client, as the president weighed in after the disclosure that in the weeks before the 2016 election, his then-personal attorney secretly recorded their discussion about a potential payment for a former Playboy model's account of having an affair with Trump.

The recording was part of a large collection of documents and electronic records seized earlier this year by federal authorities from Michael Cohen, the longtime Trump fixer.

In a tweet, Trump called such taping "totally unheard of & perhaps illegal." He also asserted, without elaborating, in post: "The good news is that your favorite President did nothing wrong!"

Cohen had made a practice of recording conversations, unbeknownst to those he was speaking with. Most states, including New York, allow for recordings of conversations with only the consent of one party; other states require all parties to agree to a recording or have mixed laws on the matter. It was not immediately clear where Trump and Cohen were located at the time of the call.

Cohen's recording adds to questions about whether Trump tried to quash damaging stories before

Trump finds it 'inconceivable' lawyer would tape a client

the election. Trump's campaign had said it knew nothing about any payment to ex-centerfold Karen McDougal.

Transparency groups and Democrats have argued that the secret efforts to silence Trump accusers, including a payment to adult film actress Stormy Daniels, should be investigated by the Federal Election Commission as potential violations of campaign finance laws, which require disclosure of campaign expenditures. Trump's attorneys have argued that any payments to accusers would have been made regardless of his presidential candidacy, and that no violation occurred.

The recording could also further entangle the president in a criminal investigation that for months has targeted Cohen. The erstwhile Trump loyalist has hired a new attorney, Clinton White House veteran Lanny Davis, and disassociated himself from the president as both remain under investigation. Cohen has not been charged with a crime.

Current Trump attorney Rudy



Michael Cohen leaves federal court in New York

Giuliani said the payment was never made and the brief recording shows Trump did nothing wrong. "The transaction that Michael is talking about on the tape never took place, but what's important is: If it did take place, the president said it has to be done correctly and it has to be done by check" to keep a proper record of it, Giuliani said.

Davis said "any attempt at spin cannot change what is on the tape."

"When the recording is heard,

it will not hurt Mr. Cohen," Davis said in a statement. The recording was first reported Friday by The New York Times.

The FBI raided Cohen's office, home and hotel room in April, searching in part for information about payments to McDougal and porn actress Stormy Daniels, who received a \$130,000 payment from Cohen before the election to keep quiet about a sexual relationship she says she had with Trump. The FBI investigation is separate from special

counsel Robert Mueller's probe of election interference in 2016 and potential obstruction of justice by those in the president's orbit.

Referring to that raid, Trump called it "inconceivable that the government would break into a lawyer's office (early in the morning) — almost unheard of. Even more inconceivable that a lawyer would tape a client." In past comments Trump has also referred to the court-ordered seizure as a "break-in," though Cohen has been more sanguine, saying the FBI agents were courteous and respectful.

A self-described fixer for Trump for more than a decade, Cohen said last year he would "take a bullet" for Trump. But he told ABC News in an interview broadcast this month that he now puts "family and country first" and won't let anyone paint him as "a villain of this story." On Twitter, he scrubbed mentions and photos of Trump from a profile that previously identified him as "Personal attorney to President Donald J. Trump." AP

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Offbeat

CHINA SEES 310M EXITS, ENTRIES IN FIRST HALF OF 2018

China saw over 310 million exits and entries across the border in the first half of 2018, a 7.7-percent increase year on year, according to the Bureau of Exit and Entry Administration under the Ministry of Public Security.

More than 78.56 million documents for exits and entries were issued, up 18.2 percent on a yearly basis. About 16.41 million were private passports, and another 13.11 million were travel passes for Hong Kong and Macau, while some 3.55 million travel passes for Taiwan were issued, up 23.8 percent.

Over 77.94 million exits were made by Chinese mainland citizens, while 23.11 million entries were by foreign citizens, increasing by 14.1 and 11.2 percent year on year respectively.

The top three destinations for Chinese mainland citizens were Hong Kong, Macau, and Thailand, while South Korea, Myanmar and Japan were the three biggest sources of foreign citizens' entries.

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Director: Rawson Marshall Thurbe

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Language: English (Chinese)

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ROOM 3

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Director: Peyton Reed

Starring: Paul Rudd, Evangeline Lilly, Michael Douglas

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 118min

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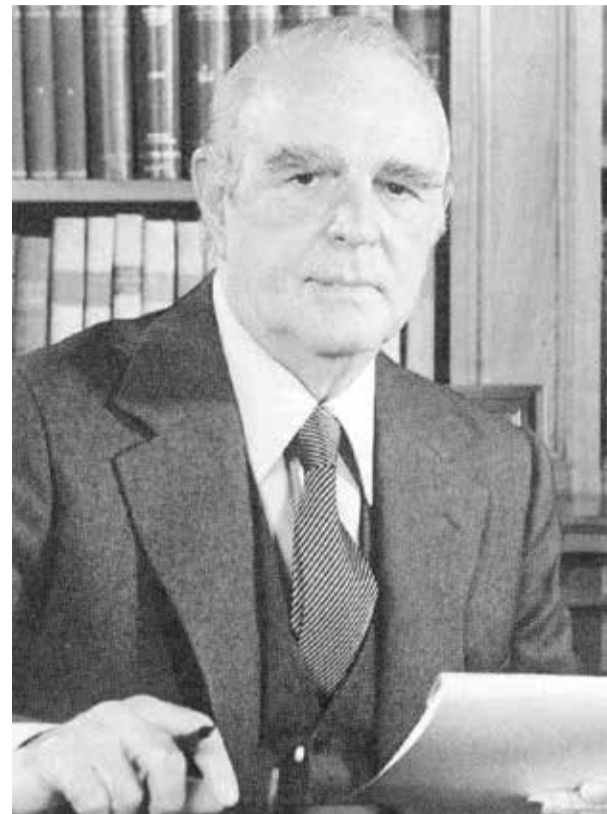
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Language: Japanese (Chinese & English)

Duration: 140min

this day in history



1974 GREEK MILITARY RULE GIVES IN TO DEMOCRACY

The military government in Greece has collapsed and the former prime minister Constantine Karamanlis has been invited to return.

Huge crowds gathered to greet him at Athens airport and there has been jubilation in the streets of the Greek capital to mark the beginning of a return to democracy.

Conservative Mr Karamanlis, 67, was prime minister for an unprecedented eight years until the centre-left won power in the country's last democratic election in 1963.

He has been in self-imposed exile in Paris since then but he was one of eight former senior politicians invited to return yesterday by the foundering military leadership.

A military junta led by Colonel Papadopoulos, Colonel Makarezos and Brigadier Pattakos seized power in Greece in April 1967.

They imposed strict controls over the media and judicial system, suppressed any political opposition and dismantled the reforms of the last elected prime minister, Georgios Papandreou.

A spokesman for the Greek armed forces explained the junta's decision to step down, "in view of the position in which the country finds itself".

The regime, now controlled by Brigadier Demetrios Ioannidis, has crumbled over the growing crisis in Cyprus following the Turkish invasion two days ago.

The Greek National Guard staged a coup on the island last week to replace elected Greek-Cypriot leader Archbishop Makarios with Nicos Sampson, who fell from power yesterday.

Mr Karamanlis' return from exile has been welcomed by the Turkish Government - which sent him messages of congratulation, and the Turkish press has hailed him as "Turkey's friend".

Former Greek King Constantine - exiled since failing to topple the 1967 coup - has been in talks with British Prime Minister Harold Wilson at 10 Downing Street.

Mr Karamanlis will choose his cabinet tomorrow to include experts and representatives from both leading parties from the 1963 poll.

General Gizikis has said he will remain as Greek President until the new government is running smoothly.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The monarchy had been abolished in 1973 and in a referendum on the issue later in 1974 Greek voters rejected re-establishing the king and voted for a presidential system.

The Greek republic was founded with a new constitution in 1975.

Constantine Karamanlis was re-elected as prime minister in 1977 with the New Democracy Party he had founded.

He became President of Greece in 1980.

He secured his aim of Greek admission to the EEC the following year.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 It's going to be an interesting day, as the expression goes, complete with the possibility of a visit from the dreaded green-eyed monster. If it shows up, don't blame yourself. Jealousy is in the air;

Taurus April 20-May 20 It's not exactly true that you're stubborn - not exactly. Fixed, maybe - focused, determined, relentless for sure, and definitely fond of routine - but stubborn? Well, stubborn is a bit harsh.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 If you really want to finish up that project you've been pounding on for what seems like forever, you need to stop chasing your tail. Sit down quietly, get yourself a couple of legal pads.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Keeping your feelings inside you is familiar territory. You know how to do it, and you're good at it. But you've been bitten by a bug and you're suddenly just dying to let it all out.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Isn't love grand? And interesting? If you answered 'yes' to one or both of those questions, let's just say that you definitely ain't seen nothing yet. From now on and for some time to come.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 When you get up this morning, you may think you should expect just more of the same old same old, from your workday - but nothing could be farther from the truth.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 When you get up this morning, you may think you should expect just more of the same old same old, from your workday - but nothing could be farther from the truth.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Better fasten your seatbelt and put your tray table in the upright position, because there's a bit of a bumpy ride ahead. For the next few weeks, you can expect one of several rather unusual scenarios to unfold.

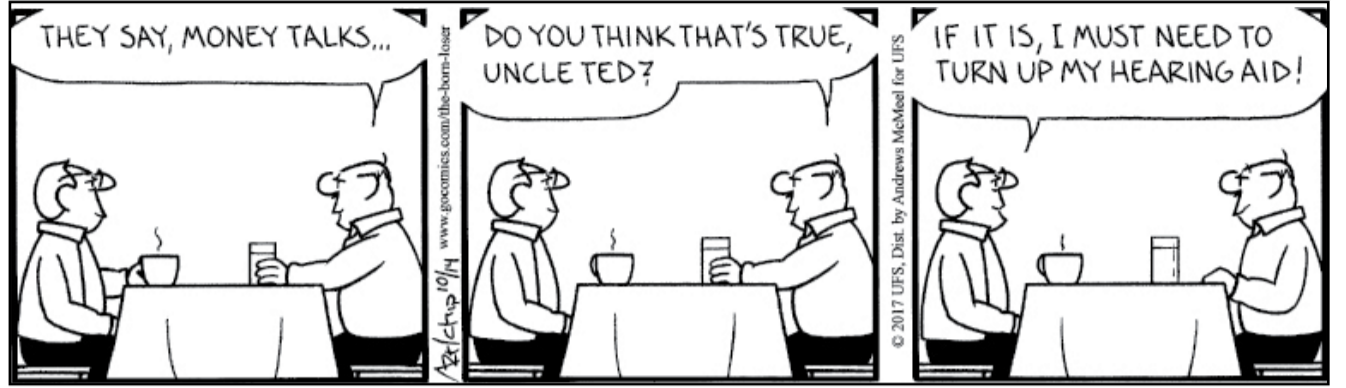
Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 The good news is that for the next few weeks, you'll be especially unbridled in the department of conversation - an astrological additive you really didn't need - but you'll also be so wildly.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You'll want to peruse specialty shops and boutiques that carry absolutely nothing they'd ever expect you to be remotely interested in, much less make a purchase in. Just don't get too carried away with the plastic.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 A very close friend or a member of your current peer group - who means a great deal to you - has recently found it necessary to go out of their way to tick you off. At least, that's the way it seems.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 Your first priority, of course, will be to dash out and pick up all the accessories any Mata Hari or James Bond would need: dark sunglasses, digitally-locked briefcase and lots of slick outfits.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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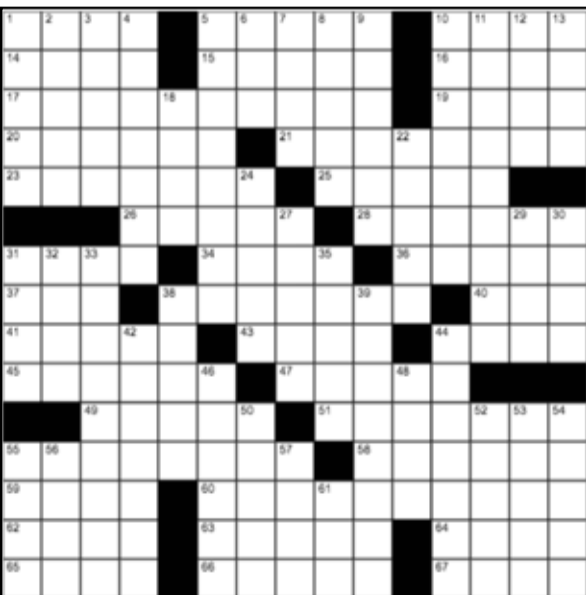
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Tokyo's 1964 Olympics echo through the city's 2020 games

Stephen Wade, Tokyo

MARIKO Nagai walked outside Yoyogi National Stadium — the late-architect Kenzo Tange's masterpiece from Tokyo's 1964 Olympics — and pictured the city in that era.

She was a university student from northern Japan who landed a job as an interpreter at the dazzling swimming venue, where American Don Schollander would win four gold medals.

"I wouldn't say Japanese people were confident about the ability to become one of the advanced nations," Nagai said. "But we wanted to show how much recovery we had made."

Tange's jewel, with a soaring roofline that still defines modern architecture, symbolized Japan's revival just 19 years after the ravages of World War II. A centerpiece in '64, it will host handball in Tokyo's 2020 Olympics, a link between the now-and-then in the Japanese capital.

Tuesday will mark two years before the opening ceremony of the 2020 Games. A new National Stadium is rising on the site of the demolished one that hosted the opening in 1964. Tokyo organizers, though, chose to re-use several older buildings, partly to cut costs. They include the Nippon Budokan, the spiritual home of Japanese judo and other martial arts that became a well-known rock concert venue in the ensuing decades.

For Nagai, the theme of recovery also links now and then. She grew up in Sendai, a city near the northeast coast that was devastated by the 2011 earthquake and tsunami. The 9.0 quake destroyed the house where she lived until she was 18. No one was living there at the time, but family treasures were lost or destroyed.

"Again, this is an opportunity



Japanese interpreter Mariko Nagai speaks during an interview with a backdrop of Yoyogi National Stadium in Tokyo

to showcase to the world how much recovery we have made," she said.

Nagai still has her blue Olympic blazer, now faded and minus a breast-pocket patch that she removed after the games — and has since lost, possibly in the earthquake rubble. The embroidered emblem featured Japan's rising sun, the Olympic rings and "TOKYO 1964" etched across the bottom.

Few foreigners walked Tokyo's streets back then, unlike in today's tourism boom. Japan had 29 million foreign visitors last year and expects 40 million in 2020.

"A lot of ordinary people who were not used to seeing foreigners felt extraordinary that they could be surrounded by so many non-Japanese," Nagai said. "It was something very extraordinary, very special."

She was an exception more than 50 years ago, having picked up English as a high-school exchange student in Dallas.

"In 1964, you could say almost

nobody was able to speak English," she said. "So the organizing committee had a very hard time recruiting interpreters."

She laughs about it now. The job didn't even involve interpreting.

This is an opportunity to showcase to the world how much recovery we have made.

MARIKO NAGAI

"The text would be handed to me in English. All I had to do was read it aloud. I remember that announcing the names was very difficult," she said, still able to recall the tricky pronunciations of some Swedish swimmers.

Her part-time job as a 21-year

-old announcer turned into a career at Simul International as one of Japan's best-known interpreters. She has worked with American presidents, British royals and Japanese prime ministers, from Masayoshi Ohira four decades ago to current leader Shinzo Abe.

Japan has joined the ranks of the world's rich nations, but the Yoyogi stadium fits into 21st-century Tokyo, just as it did in the 1960s and much in the way a 500-year-old European cathedral remains timeless.

"That's the beauty of a classic building," said American-born architect James Lambiasi, who has worked in Tokyo for 25 years. "It does not age. It's always wonderful. Remember, Tokyo was a wooden city recovering from the war, and these new technologies of steel and concrete gave the city its rebirth."

The stadium's sweeping roof is anchored to earth by steel cables, like a suspension bridge, and mixes the modern with traditional forms found in Japanese temples and shrines.

Lambiasi, who teaches design at Shibaura University and the Japan campus of Temple University, called the stadium "the pinnacle of modern architecture."

He minced few words when talking about its importance and that of its designer, Tange, whose tools were slide rules and his imagination.

"The building is a technological wonder," Lambiasi said. "And you have to keep in mind he did it before any type of computer graphics, any computer modeling."

Cutting costs for host cities has become a priority for the International Olympic Committee, which has been criticized for pressuring them to overspend on new venues in the past.

John Coates, who heads the IOC's planning for Tokyo, acknowledged that avoiding "white-elephant" venues is a high priority after the 2016 Games in Rio de Janeiro, which produced a half-dozen without tenants or futures.

"These days we are pushing this, and it seems like they [Tokyo] have had the good sense to go that way," Coates told The Associated Press.

Masa Takaya, a spokesman for Tokyo 2020, said using the older "venues will tell the worldwide audiences a fantastic story."

Besides the Yoyogi stadium, the Nippon Budokan is the most well-known venue being used from '64. A series of Beatles' concerts in 1966 gave the building its world fame, probably more so than the Olympics.

"If you have a favorite band or an album, I'm sure you have one that says 'Live at the Budokan,'" Lambiasi said.

Architects have criticized Japan's construction and real-estate industry for tearing down older buildings, often using updated earthquake regulations as the reason to raze and rebuild. The Yoyogi and the Budokan have bucked the trend.

"As an architect, it's painful to see so many of these iconic buildings being destroyed," Lambiasi said. "I'm so happy to know that, rather than being torn down, these buildings are being reused." AP

New Zealand repeat as Women's Rugby World Cup champions

Alex Espinoza, San Francisco

THE Black Ferns stood shoulder to shoulder Saturday as their national anthem played and day turned to dusk by the San Francisco Bay. About 30 minutes later they stood shoulder to shoulder again, this time atop a podium with gold medals draped around their necks.

The final was one-way

traffic as New Zealand blanked France 29-0 and became the first country to repeat as Women's Rugby World Cup Sevens champions.

Tournament high scorer Michaela Blyde added three more tries to her total as she finished with nine tries and 45 points. But this championship run was founded on a stout defense. The final marked the third shutout

of the tournament for New Zealand after they outlasted host United States in a tense 26-21 semifinal win earlier in the day.

"To be here at a Rugby World Cup, come away with the win and retain the title—we've made history now," Blyde. "We're pretty happy with ourselves."

Sixth-seeded France arrived in the final after

stunning No. 2 seed Australia with a 19-12 win. France's David Courteix was named coach of the tournament after leading his side past third-ranked Canada and Australia to reach the final.

"I'm very proud of the players each time," Courteix said. "I think with the new [knockout] format there was a lot of pressure. I am very proud of



Gold medal winners New Zealand perform a Haka after beating France in the Women's Rugby Sevens World Cup

their attitude."

Australia edged USA 24-14 to claim the bronze me-

dal with Elia Green scoring a brace of tries for the Olympic champions. AP

F1 Hamilton wins German GP as rival Vettel crashes late

Jerome Pugmire, Hockenheim

LEWIS Hamilton regained the championship lead in unexpected and dramatic fashion yesterday, winning the German Grand Prix after Sebastian Vettel crashed while leading near the end.

Heavy rain played havoc late on at the Hockenheimring as Vettel misjudged a basic entry into a turn and slid over the gravel into the barriers with 15 laps to go.

The four-time Formula One champion started from pole position and seemed in control. He was livid with himself, kicking the gravel in frustration as he stepped out his car. His mishap opened the door wide open for Hamilton.

The British driver was fourth at the time of the crash, having started from 14th on the grid because of a hydraulic problem in qualifying. "You've always got to believe. I just wanted to stay



Hamilton steers his car during the German F1 Grand Prix

collected, stay calm," said a delighted Hamilton, adding defiantly. "For those who don't know me, now you do."

Valtteri Bottas started and finished second on a great day for Mercedes, with Kimi Raikkonen taking third on a bad one for Ferrari. Vettel's incident led to a safety car coming out for several laps.

There was confusion at Mercedes, even with Hamilton out in front. Hamilton was told to come into the pits, but ignored his me-

chanic screaming "In, in, in in!" at him.

When the race resumed, with about 10 laps left, Bottas almost overtook Hamilton. That did not go down well at a nervy Mercedes. Shortly after, Bottas was firmly told on team radio to "hold position" and not challenge Hamilton, who secured his fourth win of the season and 66th overall.

"We had a bit of a battle after the safety car [...] Taking positives as a team, perfect

result for us," said Bottas, who added — seemingly halfheartedly — that he "understood" the team's call.

Ferrari had made a similar call earlier on, at Raikkonen's expense.

With a little more than 20 of the 67 laps to go, Raikkonen was leading Vettel — who was complaining of his tires overheating.

Ferrari's senior performance engineer, Jock Clear, told Raikkonen not to hold up Vettel.

Raikkonen replied "I'm sorry but can you be direct? What do you want?" and then, after another indirect suggestion to let Vettel through, Raikkonen said "So you want me to let him [past]? Please. Just tell me."

He eventually did, ending Raikkonen's hopes of a first win since the season-opening Australian GP in 2013. Asked about the instructions moments after the race, a rueful Raikkonen said "it wasn't clear. I had the speed." AP



Vissel Kobe's Andres Iniesta (center)

FOOTBALL

Iniesta makes debut in Japan

ANDRES Iniesta made his debut in Japan yesterday for Vissel Kobe but his new team went down 3-0 at home to Shonan Bellmare. Keisuke Saka and Mitsuki Saito scored to give the visitors a 2-0 lead before Iniesta came on as a 59th-minute substitute. But Shunsuke Kikuchi added another in the 67th to put the result beyond doubt.

The 34-year-old Iniesta had his first touch in the 62nd minute, as he received a pass inside his own area before dribbling to halfway and passing to Takuya Yasui on the wing.

Iniesta created a chance when he sent a through ball that found Wellington inside the box in the 89th minute but the Brazilian's shot was deflected out for a corner.

Iniesta, who trained with his teammates for the first time Friday, is expected to make his first J-League start when Vissel play Kashiwa Reysol at home on Saturday.

Iniesta scored the winning goal for Spain in the 2010 World Cup final. He also was a key part of Spain's two European Championships in 2008 and 2012. AP

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Views on China

Michael Schuman, Bloomberg

Xi's FOREIGN POLICY NEEDS A CONFUCIAN OVERHAUL

China has suffered a series of diplomatic blows lately. Relations with the U.S. are at a multi-decade low as a trade war escalates. This month, Malaysia suspended four Chinese-backed projects as its prime minister tries to pull away from Beijing's orbit. From Myanmar to Sri Lanka to Vietnam, China's overseas investments are being met with a growing backlash.

These are all setbacks to President Xi Jinping's hopes for global greatness. Despite his aspirations to play the responsible world statesman, Xi's foreign-policy record is filled with squabbles, misfires and unfulfilled promise. If he's going to restore China to superpower status and cement its dominance in East Asia, he should take a cue from Chinese history about how to wield power.

For centuries, Chinese dynasties held a role in world affairs that looked very much like what Xi appears to want today. They sat at the center of an East Asian diplomatic and economic order that was stable, peaceful and prosperous over long periods.

That order was based on the "tribute system." In the West, that phrase conjures up unsavory images of tyrannical emperors and cowering vassals. And it's true that other East Asian countries were expected to acknowledge China's supremacy. But the tribute system was also a sophisticated framework for diplomatic relations, with its own rules, customs and values.

The system was infused with the lofty principles of Confucianism, which acted as a governing ideology for China's imperial court and a cultural glue that bound the region together. In the Confucian ideal, relations were hierarchical, but not unfair. The superior power had a duty to treat subordinates with kindness and wisdom.

China had the military and economic power to force its neighbors to kowtow, of course. But for the most part, the emperors showed restraint. From the founding of the Ming Dynasty in 1368 to the first Opium War of the 1840s, China invaded an East Asian state only once (an ultimately disastrous 15th-century push into Vietnam), notes David Kang, author of "East Asia Before the West." In response, the other East Asian countries generally accepted Chinese hegemony; Japan's ill-fated invasion of Korea in the 1590s was the only overt attempt to challenge Chinese supremacy in that entire period.

To the extent the tribute system worked, it was because all parties saw benefits from it, in trade and diplomatic support. Emperors often bestowed gifts on foreign embassies worth more to their vassals than the tributes they received. Occasionally, they made concessions when they didn't have to. In 1725, when Vietnam moved part of its border about 40 miles north into Chinese territory to claim copper mines, the Qing emperor decided to compromise, leaving a majority of the land in Vietnamese hands.

Of course, the emperors were not always peaceful, especially with neighboring peoples to China's west. But if Xi had Confucian scholar-officials in his court, like the old emperors, they'd likely advise him to act with more patience, generosity and conciliation — and thereby get foreign leaders to cooperate with him willingly. What would that mean in practice?

For one thing, China would refrain from further militarizing disputed areas of the South China Sea, and instead sit down with the other claimants, maybe giving an inch or two to reach a compromise that gained foreign support while maintaining China's dominance. To resolve the trade war with Washington, China could focus on the very Confucian principle of reciprocity, and be willing to treat foreign companies on its turf the way its companies are treated overseas. And with Belt and Road, Xi could be more magnanimous and share the program's benefits more evenly with its participants, thereby avoiding a popular backlash.

Xi obviously shouldn't reestablish the tribute system; he couldn't if he wanted to. But the emperors and their Confucian literati did know a few things about prudent leadership. Just because you have power doesn't mean you should use it. Superpowers must sometimes make sacrifices to sustain their stature. And a little Confucian benevolence can go a long way.

THE BUZZ JAPANESE PRINCESS MAKO BEGINS VISIT TO BRAZIL'S BIGGEST CITY

Japan's Princess Mako has arrived in Sao Paulo as part of her two-week visit to Brazil to celebrate 110 years of the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants to Latin America's biggest country. Brazil is home to the largest Japanese community outside Japan. An estimated 1.9 million Japanese or their descendants live in Brazil, most of them in Sao Paulo, South America's largest city.

Shortly after her Saturday arrival,

Princess Mako toured the Japan Festival, a three-day event showcasing Japanese cuisine, culture and products. She also planned to visit the Monument to Japanese Immigration Pioneers at the city's Ibirapuera Park and the nearby Japanese Pavilion.

Earlier in the week, she visited Rio de Janeiro's Christ the Redeemer statue and Botanical Gardens. In all Princess Mako will visit 13 Brazilian cities.



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WORLD BRIEFS

New York City sues Airbnb



BLOOMBERG

NEW York City asked a judge to order Airbnb Inc. to comply with a subpoena for information about its listings, just days after lawmakers demanded it share the names and addresses of hosts in the city.

In a lawsuit Friday, the city said Airbnb is "largely refusing to cooperate" with its investigation into illegal short-term rentals and refusing to produce "any records whatsoever."

Christopher Nulty, an Airbnb spokesman, said Airbnb didn't comply with the subpoena because it was too broad and requested information not related to the investigation. "We are committed to fighting for the privacy of our community and will not stand by silently while OSE attempts to game the legal system in order to continue to harass

responsible New Yorkers who share their home," Nulty said in a statement.

The suit comes days after the city voted to require the home-sharing company to provide information about its hosts so the officials can police Airbnb users who run illegal hotels.

The new law requires Airbnb to provide the addresses and names of its hosts to the mayor's Office of Special Enforcement. Airbnb must also reveal if its rentals are for a whole apartment or just a room - disclosures that are designed to enforce a state law that makes it illegal for most landlords to rent an apartment for less than 30 days.

The lawsuit is the latest blow in an almost decade-long battle between the company and city officials, who argue the home-sha-

ring company squishes housing supply and contributes to rising rents and gentrification.

Airbnb argues it helps homeowners afford their mortgages and brings tourism to neighborhoods that need a boost. This week an Airbnb host backed financially by the city, accusing officials of retaliating against him for speaking out in support of home rentals.

The company also says the new law is doing the bidding of the hotel industry, which Airbnb says has a powerful hold over local regulators. An investigation by Airbnb revealed that 15 of New York City's 51 council members had received donations from the industry and related associations.

"Members of city council are nothing more than bell hops for the hotel operators," Airbnb's head of global policy Chris Lehane said this week on a conference call with the media.

The company didn't immediately respond to a request for comment on the suit.

The city said in its suit it's trying to stop illegal conversions of residences into "ersatz hotels that deplete housing stock for New Yorkers, pose fire and building safety risks and deceive consumers." It said in its suit in state court in Manhattan that it's attempting to "hold accountable all the responsible parties who have displaced permanent housing stock to advance their illegal business activity." Bloomberg



AP PHOTO

SYRIA The Israeli military in coordination with its U.S. and European allies evacuated hundreds of Syrian rescue workers known as the White Helmets from near its volatile frontier with Syria, in a complex and first-of-a-kind operation.

SWITZERLAND Police say an Austrian family allegedly hijacked a taxi, crashed into a parked boat, drove through a hedge and then plunged off a 4-foot-high ledge before trying to escaping on foot.



AP PHOTO

FRENCH authorities opened a judicial investigation of the beating of a protester in May by one of President Emmanuel Macron's top security aides, an incident that was caught on camera and has sparked the first major political crisis of Macron's tenure.

SPAIN-LIBYA A Spanish rescue group says it has filed a lawsuit in Spanish courts against the captain of a cargo ship and the captain the Libyan coast guard for not rescuing three migrants from a shipwreck in the Mediterranean Sea.



AP PHOTO

PERU Hundreds of villagers in Peru's remote Sihuas province broke into offices of the local prosecutor and court, destroying thousands of criminal case files to protest corruption in the judicial system, authorities said.

US A woman was shot and killed when a gunman ran into a busy Los Angeles supermarket where he held dozens of people hostage for about three hours Saturday before handcuffing himself and surrendering to police. No hostages were seriously hurt.

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

Xinhua/Cheong Kam Ka



Dancers perform during a parade of an international youth dance festival in Macau. A total of 27 dance teams participated in Saturday's event.