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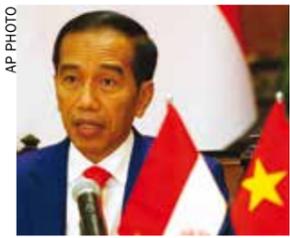
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PHILIPPINES The president vented his anger toward his fiercest political critic on a state TV talk show yesterday, prompting opposition calls for him to focus instead on worsening inflation, rice shortages and an approaching powerful typhoon.



JAPAN proposed an end to a decades-old ban on commercial whaling at an international conference, arguing there is no longer a scientific reason for what was supposed to be a temporary measure.

INDIA A bus carrying pilgrims from a Hindu temple in the hills of south India plunged off a road yesterday, killing at least 55 people including four children, officials said. At least 33 others were injured. *More on p12*

IRAQ The brackish water pouring from the taps of homes in Basra has caused stomach ailments and skin rashes for thousands in the southern Iraqi city once famous for its network of freshwater canals that gave it the nickname the "Venice of the East."

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THE 37th Macao Galaxy Entertainment International Marathon will take place this year with an expected 12,000 participants running the three available distances in the early hours of Sunday, December 2, the Sports Bureau (ID) announced at a press conference held yesterday at the ID's facilities.

This year, the organization decided to maintain the maximum participant quota at 12,000, as established last year. The ID noted that, as in previous editions, it is expected that entries will be sold-out in "just a few hours."

The number of participants permitted in each race this year is the same as last year, with the full marathon to be capped at 1,600 participants, the half-marathon distance at 4,600 and for the shortest, and the most popular distance among the residents – the 'mini-marathon' – to have a maximum of 5,800 registration slots.

The event reserves the majority of the available MOP1.9 million in prize money for the male and female winners of the overall classification.

Each of them will be granted a prize of MOP578,400, which may increase by MOP120,000, in the event that a new record time is set. A special prize of MOP70,000 is reserved for local athletes, also to be split among male and female categories.

As in previous years, the event is kicking-off at 6 a.m. on December 2 at the Macau Olympic Stadium in Taipa.

The mini-marathon competition will take place entirely in the Taipa and Cotai areas, while the marathon and half-marathon events will take broadly similar routes across part of

12,000 expected to fill the streets for 37th Marathon



The president of the Sports Bureau, Pun Weng Kun

the Peninsula, crossing through the Sai Van Bridge and with a passage through some heritage areas such as the Temple of A-Má in Barra before heading back to Taipa along the Governor Nobre de Carvalho Bridge, through Taipa Village and Cotai and down into Coloane.

For this second part of the route in between the Rotunda dos Jogos da Asia Oriental and the

Village of Coloane there will be two laps leading to the finish line installed at Macau Olympic Stadium.

The registration period for the different races will be split across two days. For the marathon and half-marathon events, registration will open on September 15 (Saturday) from 9 a.m. until sold out. Meanwhile, the registration for the mi-

ni-marathon event will open at the same time on the following day, September 16 (Sunday). The president of the ID, Pun Weng Kun, noted during the press conference that places are likely to sell-out fast, as with previous years. According to Pun, "in the last few years, the awareness in the population of the importance of developing healthy lifestyles has been

growing, leading to the growing popularity among residents of the long-distance run."

Pun noted the growing interest from higher-level athletes, demonstrated by an increasing number of records being broken.

Also at the press conference, Ma Iao Hang, the chairman of the General Association of Athletics of Macau, noted that this is the most important running competition to be held in the region, to which the association attaches great importance. The association has "established a workgroup with over 1,000 people" to work in various roles during and ahead of the event, including special training courses to prepare athletes and improve their competition level.

As with Pun, Ma also recalled the limited number of places available, reminding all interested participants to complete their registration as soon as possible.

For the 15th consecutive year, Galaxy Entertainment Group (GEG) continues to be the event's title sponsor.

At the press conference, the director of GEG, Philip Cheng, said the company is pleased by the event's growth, noting that, once more, GEG will sponsor the Best Creative Costume Award and the Best Shot of Marathon campaigns, with prizes that include vehicles, hotel accommodation packages and food and beverage vouchers.

Additionally, Cheng also made mention of the company's policy to incentivize staff members to join the event, saying, "[Last year], over 900 GEG team members took part in the marathon and several of them won awards."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Plastic straws and public shaming

Dear editor,

Today, while transporting my own daughter to school following her lunch break, I had the displeasure to observe a middle aged man deride a group of secondary school students from a local girls school as they were exiting a supermarket sipping on drinks with plastic straws.

What stood out to me was how intentional the public shaming was despite the obvious, nearly cliché, power dynamics at play.

The man, having chosen to use English after he recognized the school the girls attend, effectively mansplained to

a small group of girls with exaggerated shock and feigned outrage to the apparent horrible choice of using plastic straws.

While it is certainly a noble deed to minimize one's impact on the environment, it seems that these noble deeds are being hijacked by groups and individuals that seem to take public shaming as a preferred means to inspire change.

However, this couldn't be a more terrible tactic, whether it is targeting people online or in person. Shaming, after all, comes at a price as it can leave lasting impressions and terrible scars to the psyche.

The issue of plastic straws, when compared to the whole of plastic pollution is negligible, accounting for only 0.02 percent of all ocean pollution by weight.

While doing one's part is important in reducing plastic pollution, is it so important to single out others and shame them openly in the effort to change minds?

This act is quite heinous particularly when one shames without considering the hypocrisy of their own plastic use.

The gentleman that spoke out certainly had to be aware of the plastics contained in his own shoes, clothing, spor-

ts watch and spectacle frames before attempting to pass judgement on these young girls. Or perhaps he committed the all too common human error of prejudice, which so often leads to a bout of foot-in-mouth syndrome.

As we navigate this increasingly divisive world and as we try to make it better, it would behoove all of us to remember one thing: "It's chaos, be kind" (Patton Oswalt quoting his wife Michelle McNamara in Annihilation). After all, not only do we have to live in the world we make, we have to be able to live with each other.

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Cyber security bill insists on real name registration for SIM cards

THE Chief Executive Council has completed its discussion of the cyber security law and has proposed real name registration for SIM cards in addition to the establishment of the Permanent Commission for Cyber Security (CPC).

According to the bill, Macau's cyber security structure will consist of the CPC, the Cyber-security Incident Alert and Response Center (CARIC) and other cyber security supervisory entities.

The CPC will be the decision-making body, whereas CARIC will carry out management and take measures to deal with cyber security matters. The supervisory entities will provide oversight to the infrastructure sector's operators.

The cyber security supervisory entities already existed within the relevant government departments.

Regarding CARIC, its staff members will mainly consist of employees from the Public Administration and Civic Service



Bureau (SAFP), the Judiciary Police (PJ) and the Macao Post and Telecommunications Bureau (CTT).

The bill has also proposed establishing responsible personnel for cyber security, and requiring operators to nominate people eligible for the position with relevant professional experience.

"If [operators] do not [have] cyber security responsible personnel, or if their responsible personnel are not qualified or do not have enough experience, we will apply a punishment. The punishment includes canceling operators' right to respond to the government's public tenders; or, canceling operators' eligibility to receive

government subsidies for a maximum period of two years," said the ExCo spokesperson, Leong Heng Teng.

As explained by Chan Hin Chi, adviser of the Office of the Secretary for Security, people responsible for cyber security should reside in Macau and should answer the government's requests when issues occur.

"They must be reachable at any time in order to solve cyber security incidents," said Chan, adding that such personnel must be able to mobilize both human and economic assets.

In addition, Leong noted that the supervisory entities will only conduct checks on the system status at regular intervals, including network traffic and system logs.

"The relevant supervisors will only check network traffic. It will not conduct any decoding of the network traffic nor will it record any relevant data or decode online [conversations]. This is clear," said Leong.

The bill, which will come into

effect 180 days after its publication, proposed that internet operators should check and register their customers' identification presented for SIM cards purchased before the law come into effect.

Internet operators must require SIM card users and buyers to register their identification within 60 days after the law comes into effect. If users fail to make their registration, the SIM cards will be deactivated. Users will also be given 60 days to complete the real name registration.

This policy will only apply to local internet operators.

As previously announced, cyber security will include all public departments and organizations, and private entities of such sectors as transportation, telecommunication, water and electricity supply.

In total, private entities from 11 sectors are included in the bill. The Office of the Secretary for Security will also join as one of the bodies supervising cyber security.

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PSP to receive demonstration notices from tomorrow

Starting from tomorrow, demonstrators will be required to submit their demonstration notice to the Public Security Police Force (PSP). According to Macau's new demonstration and assembly law, the PSP will replace the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) as the responsible body for receiving demonstration notices. Starting from 9 a.m. tomorrow, nine offices will be open to receive demonstration notices. Three of these offices will be located in the Macau peninsula within the PSP's own offices, and six will be located in Taipa and Coloane.

Woman arrested for role in money laundering

A 51-year-old local woman has been arrested for assisting in a money laundering scheme, the Judiciary Police reported yesterday. The woman is suspected of helping her brother, who is currently in prison, to launder money. Her brother was convicted of embezzling MOP26 million and sentenced to jail for four years and nine months in December 2015. Between 2006 and 2008, the woman used the embezzled money to purchase nine properties in Zhuhai and Zhongshan. She formerly worked as a casino dealer. Most of the suspect's mainland properties and stocks are now frozen.

Suspected skeleton found in Taipa old village

On Monday afternoon, an item suspected to be a skeleton was discovered in the old village of Taipa, on R. dos Clérigos. Construction workers who were carrying out road works spotted the skeleton, and reported it to the Public Security Police Force (PSP). The skeleton, which was discovered 1.2 meters below ground level, has already been removed by the Health Bureau (SSM) and is now awaiting a forensic examination. The case has been transferred to the Judiciary Police (PJ) for further investigation.



GAMING

Macau casinos sink on concern high rollers hit by China slowdown

MACAU casinos shares tumbled yesterday on concerns that a softening Chinese economy is damping the allure of the baccarat tables for high rollers.

The Bloomberg Intelligence index for Macau casinos dropped as much as 5.2 percent, to the lowest level in a year, as Deutsche Bank became the latest firm to lower its forecast for revenue growth in the world's biggest gaming hub. It cut its 2019 outlook by more than half, to 4 percent growth from 11 percent previously, citing concerns about the VIP segment and saying Macau is at the start of a downward earnings revision cycle.

Investors in Macau casinos are bracing for a pullback in spending by high rollers as China wrestles with an economic slowdown and faces uncertainties over the impact of a trade war with the U.S. The challenges threaten a rebound in the enclave that began more than two years ago.

The move by Deutsche Bank follows a note by Sanford C. Ber-

nstein & Co. analysts Monday that showed Macau gaming revenue for the first nine days of September was below estimates.

Analyst Sanford C. Bernstein is forecasting that gross gaming revenue for September is likely to fall in the 8 percent to 11 percent year-on-year range. That will likely make September the second-slowest month of group this year, behind only February's 5.7 percent rise.

"We continue to voice caution about the strength (and volatility) surrounding VIP," said analysts at Sanford C. Bernstein. "Significantly shifting hold rates in VIP creates volatility and lack of ability to more accurately forecast the monthly trend."

Last month gaming revenues reached MOP26.56 billion, up 17.1 percent year-on-year. In terms of monthly revenues, Macau has shown signs of plateauing between MOP25 billion and MOP27 billion per month.

Should monthly revenues hold

stable until the year-end, Macau is on track to record approximately 15 percent year-on-year growth in revenues for 2018.

Some analysts are slightly more pessimistic, holding a consensus view of 14 percent, according to a Bloomberg Consensus Metrix survey of 10 analysts in late August.

And that may slow considerably next year. Bernstein in July forecasted 4 percent growth for gaming revenue next year, citing expectations for decelerating VIP gambling. Deutsche Bank has now joined the fold.

Macau gaming revenue was

USD33 billion in 2017, a gain of 19 percent from a year earlier.

The Macau index of casino shares has fallen 37 percent since the end of May, and has dropped every day but one this month even as gaming revenue for August topped analysts' forecasts.

MGM China Holdings Ltd. led declines yesterday, falling as much as 8.8 percent for the biggest intraday drop in almost two years. Galaxy Entertainment Group Ltd. and SJM Holdings Ltd. dropped more than 6 percent intraday as Deutsche Bank cut its ratings on both stocks to a sell. **MDT/Bloomberg**

MACAU CASINO OPERATORS SHARE PRICE AT TUESDAY CLOSE

Company	Price (HKD)	Change
MGM China Holdings	11.98	-7.42%
Sands China Ltd	32.35	-3.72%
Melco Int'l Development Ltd	15.46	-7.54%
SJM Holdings Ltd	6.97	-6.44%
Wynn Macau Ltd	18.28	-3.28%
Galaxy Entertainment Group Ltd	48.10	-5.69%

Melco Resorts files registration for Studio City IPO

MELCO International Development has announced that it has publicly registered Studio City with the US Securities and Exchanges Commission in a bid to launch an initial public offering (IPO).

According to a statement this week, details about the size and price range of the IPO are yet to be finalized, although it has been confirmed that

Deutsche Bank, Credit Suisse and Morgan Stanley will all play a role.

Melco Resorts is 51.2 percent owned by Hong Kong-listed Melco International Development, whose interest in Studio City will be reduced by an undisclosed sum as a result of the listing, the statement said.

Meanwhile, Melco Resorts and Entertainment (Philippines) Cor-

poration, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Melco Resorts, declared in a filing that it would be submitting a tender for 1.5 billion shares, delisting its company from the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE).

The offer constitutes 27.2 percent of Melco Philippines' outstanding capital stock, for a total of USD207.4 million.

In a filing with Hong

Kong Stock Exchange, parent company Melco International Development Limited said that the corporation "viewed the listed status as an important tool in allowing [Melco Philippines] to raise funds in the Philippines public market, in order to provide capital for expansion and other business plans."

However, it believes that Melco Philippines' listed

status in recent years "has not contributed to its ability to raise funds, despite considerable efforts and expenses being incurred to maintain its listed status."

The tender offer report will be filed with the Philippine Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and PSE on September 17.

According to the company, the delisting and tender offer would allow MCO "to consolidate its interests in MRP to better support and facilitate MRP's future business plans."

Au renews decade-old call for seawater flushing



LAWMAKER Au Kam San has once again called on the Macau government to establish a seawater-based flushing system, this time in the new urban zones currently under construction.

The democrat lawmaker made similar calls 10 years ago in October 2008, but with little success.

Then-director of the Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau (DSSOPT), Jaime Carion, at the time argued that the project was not realistic because of its high implementation costs and the fact that Macau's surrounding seawater was "unstable" and would still require preliminary treatment.

Now Au is repeating his call for the establishment of seawater-based flushing in order to preserve "precious fresh water."

"[When] faced with freshwater shortages, all places around the world cherish fresh water. Macau people are still using precious fresh water for flushing," Au pointed out.

"Soon after the handover when Cotai was under construction, the concept of seawater for flushing

had not yet been introduced, leaving all big hotels and residences in the Cotai Strip, as well as the entire Cotai city, using fresh water for flushing. This is a major mistake from which it is not easy to recover," he said.

The lawmaker has asked the government to consider the use of seawater flushing for the land reclamation zones. The government has already signaled that it plans to reserve a large part of the new urban zones for residential purposes.

In Au's opinion, all areas of the new urban zones "should set up systems using seawater for flushing."

On the same subject, Au praised the government authority for having prepared seawater for flushing systems when it was building the Seac Pai Van public houses, but lamented that the systems have not been put to good use.

"It is still a pity that, knowing of the existence of such a system, seawater for flushing is still not realized," he said, further questioning the government on when it will enter into operation. **DB/JZ**

HOTEL ESTORIL

'Not a case of breaking and entry,' says Scott Chiang

ACTIVISTS Scott Chiang and Alin Lam were tried yesterday for breaking and entering into Hotel Estoril in 2016, where they put up a banner against the demolition project, Radio Macau reported yesterday.

The defendants claim that the building was abandoned and, like in many other similar cases, should have no criminal consequences.

The trial lasted about an hour and it was not translated into Portuguese. Judge Leong Fong Meng, understood that the translation was unnecessary since all the parties in the proceedings spoke Chinese.

At the end of the session, speaking to TDM, Scott Chiang denied having caused any damage or forced his entry into Hotel Estoril.

"The hole in the fence has been there forever," he said. "We all know there are people in and out of the building, for a long time. We did not know we had to ask to enter there. We did not come in to vandalize, destroy, or invade someone's privacy. If we knew that it was necessary, we would have asked for authorization," he said.

The Court of Second Instance scheduled the reading of the sentence for October 4.



Responsible corporate citizenship: Melco CSR initiatives for women

CORPORATE Social Responsibility (CSR) is a big trend in business, and when companies are serious about CSR, communities clearly stand to benefit. With its roots deep in Macau, Melco Resorts & Entertainment's CSR strategy is founded on the vision of giving back to the community it serves and making a positive difference in the lives of others. More than just philanthropy, CSR at Melco is about creating long-term programs that provide solutions and opportunities for society, including for women's health and wellbeing.

Recently, at an event hosted by the Health Bureau (SS) in support of breastfeeding and the promotion of a breastfeeding-friendly society, Melco received recognition from the Macao SAR government for its efforts in the area. Lawrence Ho, Chairman and CEO, explained: "Melco was the first among local gaming operators to set up lactation rooms across all four of its major properties for use by our team members. Melco values employees as our most important asset, and the ready-availability of lactation rooms aims to assist and support mothers returning to work after childbirth, and to provide a safe and welcoming environment in which they can best care for their family."

Opened in 2016 and located in the heart of house areas of the integrated resorts and corporate offices, Melco's lactation

rooms are designed to provide a cozy and relaxing ambience. Each lactation room is comfortable, spacious and equipped with lounge chairs, a water source, cleaning facilities and refrigerator. In 2017, Melco even extended its lactation room facilities to benefit colleagues in their corporate office in Hong Kong. When asked about lactation room facilities available at the workplace, Ms. Lily II. Cheong, an outbound sales executive working at City of Dreams, commented, "As I'm sure is the case for most mothers, my new journey into motherhood has been full of challenges, and I am really glad that returning to work whilst breastfeeding has not been one of them. The company's lactation rooms offer colleagues a discreet, sanitary and relaxing environment for breastfeeding women, and flexible break times are also available to those who need to make use of the rooms for this purpose."

Melco's family-friendly policies were further enhanced in June, when maternity and paternity leave benefits for employees were increased from 56 days to 70 days for mothers, and from 2 days to 5 days for fathers. This benefits upgrade is in support of a study by the Macao SAR Government which showed a consensus among employers, employees and the general public to be in favour of increasing maternity and paternity leave benefits.

Priding themselves in innovative CSR initiatives, Melco has been a pioneering supporter for the promotion of women's health. The company has collaborated with the Organization for Oncology and Translational Research (OOTR) to provide over 5,000 complimentary breast cancer screenings to local women, nearly half of whom were Melco employees. As a result of the screenings, a number of participants were diagnosed with breast cancer and able to receive prompt treatment. Melco has also donated to the Worker's Medical Clinic and the Women's General Association of Macau to provide breast ultrasound tests free of charge for under-resourced women and members of labour unions and raise awareness and promote prevention for women's health issues to the community.

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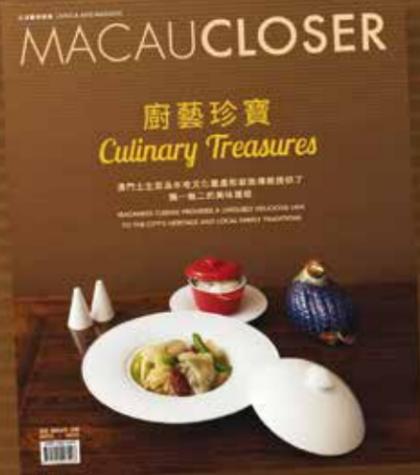
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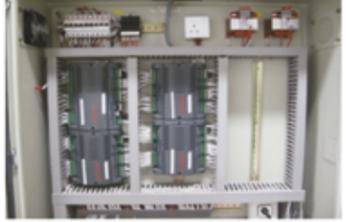
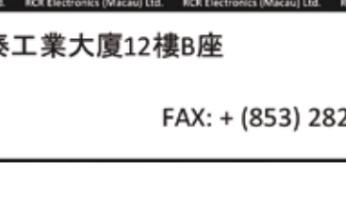
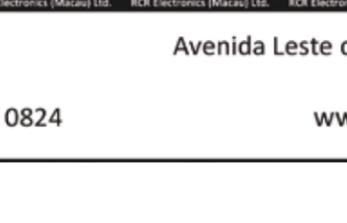
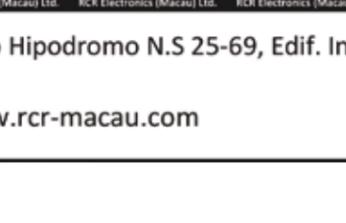
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Q&A AMANDA LIU
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From books to barbell: the story of a lawyer-weightlifter

Renato Marques

BORN in mainland China, Amanda Liu came to live in Macau at the age of 10. At 18, she packed her bags and headed to Portugal to face one of the biggest challenges of her life, but, as she told us, one that changed her forever and made her who she is today.

Besides being a powerlifter and bodybuilder, Amanda Liu is also a legal counselor at a local law firm and hopes to be officially recognized as a lawyer soon.

Interviewed by the Times, Liu speaks about the significance of winning the female category of the 2018 Macau Open Bodybuilding Competitions held on August 12 and representing Macau in the Asian Games.

Macau Daily Times (MDT) – How did an 18 year old who went to Portugal to study law get involved with weightlifting?

Amanda Liu (AL) – Law is quite a difficult major and needs hard work to achieve that goal, but life needs balance. In fact, it was law that gave me the opportunity to open the door to another world, related to the fitness industry. In Portugal, like many other Western countries, sports and fitness is far more popular than in Macau. In Portugal I learned many things. It was there that I entered a gym for the first time. I also did not know a single word of Portuguese when I arrived. When I tried to study there I had obviously a lot of difficulties, especially in terms of the language barrier, as when we [Macau students] go to study in Portuguese universities we do not have any special support, we just have to study in the same way the Portuguese students do. We must be part of them, although it is not really possible, actually. When I started to go to the gym I started to speak better Portuguese as I knew a lot of people there, made some friends, and because we were talking about mundane topics and not law things it was a lot more fun to learn, and we could talk about the exercise and life in general. So it was a more relaxed atmosphere.

MDT – How did you move from fitness to powerlifting?

AL – I guess I had it in my genes, although that was not a realization I had at that time. Actually I only learned from my father last year that he was a weightlifter in China when he was young. He never told me about

RENATO MARQUES



this and I had no idea. [It was] only after I started doing it he told me that, so I started thinking that maybe I do have that in my genes. But I started to [powerlift] through a friend I met at the gym who was a powerlifter. We started to train together and I found out that I really liked the strictness and perfection [in terms of movement and rules] and also because if you only work for muscle mass, it is difficult to see the progress and it is also something very subjective in which different people have different criteria to evaluate [that progress]. In weight lifting there is always a goal – lift more. If today I'm doing 100 [kilos] my next goal will be to lift 110 and then 120 kilos.

Lifting also carries a very good lesson for life, setting goals and working for them. You always look forward to the next day to give it a new try.

The purpose is always to move forward and to ignore all the obstacles.

MDT – You recently participated in and won a bodybuilding competition in Macau. What piqued your interest in bodybuilding?

AL – Yes, it was actually only my second time participating in a bodybuilding competition [and] on the first occasion I did not prepare anything. It was last year and I had just arrived back from Portugal and I was looking to see how to enter the fitness industry here, but I realized it was quite different and nobody was lifting in Macau. Most of people only go to the gym for “beauty” purposes and not for sport. As for the girls, they mostly just [do] cardio things and just want to “keep fit,” [so] I can say that the environment is quite different.

I went to the associations, namely the bodybuilding ones, but they only did bodybuilding, not other sports. But the coach there convinced me to give it a try [and enter] directly into a competition, so I was entering the stage without any preparation or knowledge about it. I even had ramen noodles one day before the competition, which is something that is “ridiculous” for a bodybuilding athlete. So I just entered the stage in high heels and just failed.

On the positive side, this led me to prepare properly this year and to have a very strict diet for around two and half months, as I was powerlifting before and I had a [powerlifting] competition in early June. So I really had to turn 180 degrees and go totally the opposite in terms of dieting and training, as lifting and bodybuilding are extreme opposites - totally incompatible - and

they cannot co-exist at the same time.

So basically I had to change everything to have a totally different kind of body within three months' time. But this adds knowledge and makes me get stronger and stronger in every sense, both in sports and in life, in body and in mind.

MDT – How do the fitness industries in Portugal and Macau compare?

AL – It is very different. In Portugal it has existed for many years and I can say that it is a very mature thing. Here, it is just beginning. We can see that by the number of gyms that have been opening [in Macau] in the recent years and also the number of people joining. But I think it is growing fast and many people are coming to the gym and sometimes we are completely full. Still, I think most of the people who look for gyms in Macau just [want] to “keep fit,” they are not so much focusing on physical conditioning or strength training. This is also due to the size of Macau and to the fact that the sports industry is not so developed. Macau has a lot of resources though, but people do not really know how to use those resources to develop sports. I think there is potential to do much better with the government's financial resources. I'm quite positive about the development of this industry.

MDT – What is your next goal?

AL – In the beginning of October I will go to India for the Asian Games, also competing in bodybuilding. I hope and expect to find a much higher [level of] competition, as in the local competition we only had five contestants – these competitions [in Macau] are sectioned by weight categories, so in the end there is not much competition left.

I hope that in India I'll have to do better and compete in a category with many contestants. I have no idea what to expect as it will be my first time, so I have no reference [point]. I've only seen videos online, those are my only reference [points]. But I saw there are very powerful contestants at these international level competitions. I hope to see and learn more there.

MDT – What about law? What stage are you at on that front?

AL – I am working full-time on that as a legal counselor in a law firm. Every day, I spend eight hours on legal work and every day I face a lot of challenges on that part as well. I like law a lot, but at the moment as I am spending a lot of my time practicing for my competition [so] I cannot dedicate much [time] to study[ing] for law examinations. I just do not have that much time to study hard for them, but I have not given up at all on my law goals. I love it, too.



HONG KONG

Battered from all sides, stocks fall into bear market

Sofia Horta e Costa

A rout in technology stocks, emerging market contagion, currency weakness, an economy under threat.

Welcome to Hong Kong, where just about every problem afflicting global equity investors has found a foothold.

The Hang Seng Index's 0.7 percent slide yesterday tipped it into a bear market, extending its loss since a January peak to more than 20 percent. Already reeling from a selloff in Internet and tech firms as well as concerns over China's slowing growth, Hong Kong is now caught in an emerging-market exodus first sparked by currency crises in Latin America and Turkey. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index is down 21 percent from Jan. 26.

Traders predict more mo-

ney will bleed out of funds that follow the MSCI EM Index around Sept. 21, when options and futures tied to the gauge expire. That tends to increase volume as global money managers, who use those derivatives to hedge risk or bet on the direction of a large basket of stocks, opt to switch or defend their positions before the next quarter. Firms with a primary listing in Hong Kong make up 23 percent of the emerging market benchmark.

"These markets are getting hit hard with the flow, and I wouldn't be surprised to see more switching around the September expiry," said Mark Tinker, head of Framlington Equities Asia at AXA Investment Managers in Hong Kong. "We're waiting for this to stabilize first but when it does, people will realize that it's foolish to

bundle North Asia together with the rest of EM."

Indiscriminate selling across emerging markets has hit Asian stocks particularly hard, thanks in part to the USD2 trillion that follows MSCI's benchmark index. All the bottom 38 performers in the past three months are firms based in Hong Kong, China and Taiwan, which were among the most-owned stocks earlier this year. In March, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. featured in 63 percent of emerging-market portfolios and Tencent Holdings Ltd. was in 53 percent, according to eVestment data.

The rotation around the last index options expiry in June was so aggressive that the largest exchange-traded fund tracking the index lost \$5.4 billion that month, the biggest outflows since 2014. The Hang Seng Index is on tra-

ck for its worst quarter in three years, when China's chaotic yuan devaluation roiled markets around the world.

As volatility soars, calls to stay in cash are growing louder. Investors are preferring to ride out the selloff in safety even though valuations across Asia are the cheapest they've been in years. The Hong Kong gauge trades at just under 10 times projected earnings, the lowest since 2016.

"A lot of players are on the sidelines - you don't want to be caught on the wrong side of this one," said Stephen Innes, head of trading for Asia Pacific at Oanda Corp. in Singapore. "We were short the EM space but now we've flattened our positions. The flow is very one-directional now. I don't think the outflows are over by any means." **Bloomberg**

Alibaba inks USD2b joint venture with Kremlin fund, Mail.ru

ALIBABA Group Holding Ltd. is setting up a USD2 billion joint venture with a Kremlin-backed fund and billionaire Alisher Usmanov's Mail.ru Group Ltd. to grow its e-commerce business in Russia.

Asia's most valuable company signed an accord yesterday with the Russian Direct Investment Fund and Mail.ru to establish AliExpress Russia, which the local investors will collectively control. Alibaba will fold the domestic operations of its online marketplaces Tmall and AliExpress into the venture, while Usmanov's MegaFon PJSC will sell its 10 percent stake in Mail.ru - worth roughly \$486 million at Monday's close - to Alibaba in return for 24 percent of the venture. That deal values the new outfit at roughly \$2 billion.

Alibaba, which is steadily expanding its reach beyond China as part of a global expansion, will access Mail.ru's large audience through two of the country's most popular social networks. The Russian company will prove a key ally in a major market: it recently invested in online food-delivery and ride-hailing and rolled out Pandao, a mobile platform for selling Chinese goods.

"A big part of what we've been able to develop so far in Russia has been our cross-border business," Alibaba President Mike Evans told reporters. "But the future, which will require the presence of our partners at this table, will involve building a much bigger local business."

Pandao will also get folded into the Alibaba venture. The Russian Direct Investment Fund will add an unspecified amount of funding in return for a 13 percent stake, while Mail.ru holds the remaining 15 percent.

The parties inked the deal at a Vladivostok economic forum attended by President Vladimir Putin and Alibaba Chairman Jack Ma.

Ma, who started Alibaba.com in 1999 as a business-to-business marketplace with 17 co-founders, this week announced plans to step back from the Chinese e-commerce titan. His company, which is pushing into overseas markets from Southeast Asia to Russia, last year saw daily package deliveries reach 55 million. **MDT/Bloomberg**

corporate bits

SANDS CHINA LAUNCHES 'MYFITNESS'



Sands China Ltd. is launching "myFITNESS," a new initiative aimed at encouraging healthy habits to support team members' physical fitness, health and well-being.

The first campaigns to be launched under the initiative are "Green Mondays" and a

back-of-house health booth, the gaming operator said in a statement.

"Sands China is very pleased to introduce this new program for our team members, which encourages a healthy lifestyle," said Dr. Wilfred Wong, president of

Sands China Ltd.

"Now we are glad to encourage that same eco-consciousness with this new team member initiative," he added.

During "Green Mondays," the back-of-house team member dining rooms at all Sands China locations will be serving more vegetables, with a separate vegetarian counter offering six healthy choices, including the plant-based meat alternatives Omnipork and Beyond Meat.

Meanwhile, this month's back-of-house health booth will provide team members with information about health indexes, maintaining a balanced diet, nurturing wellness, and developing good exercise habits, inviting the contributions of medical experts.

CAM HOLDS SEMINAR ON AIRPORT'S VIRTUALIZATION PROGRESS



The Macau International Airport (MIA) has held its ninth seminar, titled "Virtualization Progress," inviting Prof. Xue Huacheng,

an expert on information technology management and the information system consultant of Macau International Airport Company Limited (CAM), to its

premises to deliver the address.

MIA has carried out strategic transfer and informatization for 13 years.

Fully-informative, fully-automatic, fully-intelligent and fully-ubiquitous has become the world's expectation as virtualization has become more prevalent, CAM said in a statement.

"There are two ways towards virtualization: one is innovation, the other one is to simplify similar works. Neither is dispensable. Enterprises and employees should keep learning to adapt to the rapidly changing environment, to virtualize tasks and work to a higher level of virtualization," it added.

China, Sao Tome and Principe sign 3 agreements

CHINA and Sao Tome and Principe have signed three cooperation agreements to social housing, setting up a Confucius Institute and granting a donation of USD29 million, the Sao Tome prime minister said.

Patrice Trovoada, taking stock of his trip to Beijing to attend the third summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), said the donation covers 2018 and 2019, that the construction project includes some roads and the Confucius Institute will be established in partnership with the public university of São Tomé and Príncipe.

In addition to announcing that the Chinese President has granted support to the Armed Forces of São Tomé and Príncipe in infrastructure, training of personnel and equipment, Trovoada said the Chinese authorities have agreed to fund the requalification project of the international airport of São Tomé and Príncipe along with construction of a fishing port.

President Xi Jinping at the third FOCAC summit held in Beijing on September 3 and 4, announced support for African countries of \$60 billion, including preferential loans, grants and debt pardon. **MDT/Macauhub**

CHINA'S private companies have shown growing interest in expanding their businesses in Africa, Chinese state news agency Xinhua reported citing entrepreneurs attending a recent Sino-African economic meeting.

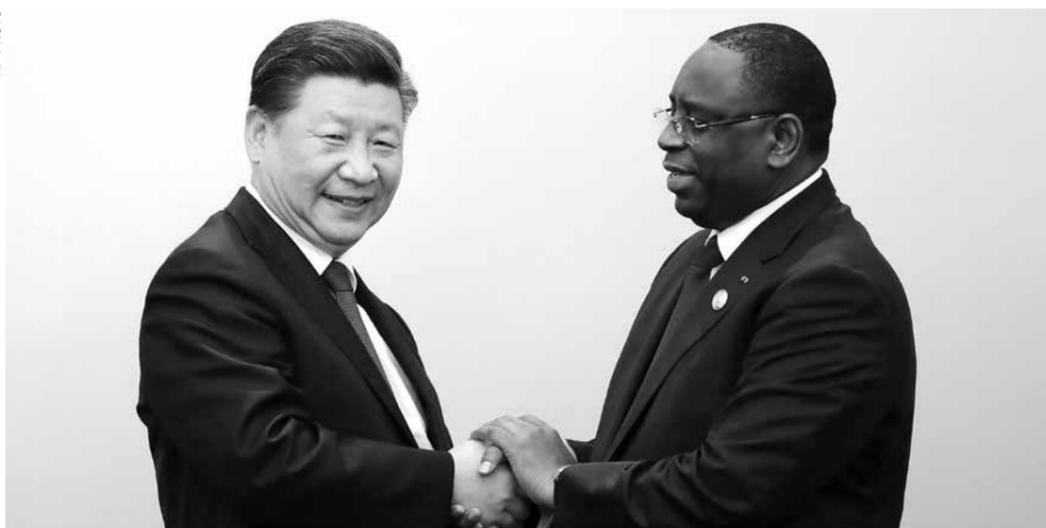
The China-Africa Private Sector Cooperation Summit, held last week in Hangzhou, the capital of Zhejiang Province, was attended by more than 300 representatives of governments, private companies and research institutions from China and Africa.

Xinhua reported that Zhejiang is the base of many of China's most successful private companies, including Alibaba and Netease, which accounted for almost two-thirds of the province's gross domestic product in 2017.

"Cooperation between China and Africa presents an opportunity for entrepreneurs," said Jack Ma, president of the Alibaba Group, who said the Internet and e-commerce were areas in which entrepreneurs can play an important role.

Wang Jianyi, chairman of the Hangzhou-based Futong group, predicted that about 150,000 kilometres of optic cables will be installed in Africa over the next 15 to 20 years, "a business worth hun-

AP PHOTO



Senegal president Macky Sall and Chinese President Xi Jinping

ENTREPRENEURS

Private companies increasingly interested in Africa

dreds of billions of dollars."

Futong Group was one of the 500 largest private companies in China in 2017 and is the leader in cable and fiber optic supply in the country. It is already present in Afri-

ca, namely in Kenya, Nigeria, Seychelles and Angola.

Statistics from China's Ministry of Commerce showed that trade between China and Africa reached USD170 billion by 2017, an annual increase of

14.1 percent.

In that year China sent products to Africa worth \$94.74 billion, an annual increase of 2.7 percent, with imports increasing 32.8 percent to \$75.26 billion. **MDT/Macauhub**

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Alarmed by the rapidly aging population and shrinking workforce, China abandoned its notorious one-child policy two years ago

DEMOGRAPHICS

Authorities move points to possible end of birth limits

CHINA is eliminating a trio of agencies responsible for enforcing family planning policies in a further sign the government may be planning to scrap long-standing limits on the number of children its citizens can have.

The move was part of a reorganization of the National Health Commission announced

that creates a new single department called the Division of Population Monitoring and Family Development responsible for “establishing and perfecting a specialized system for supporting families.”

Expectations of an end to birth limits were also raised by the appearance of a post-

ge stamp last month featuring smiling mother and father pigs with three piglets.

Alarmed by the rapidly aging population and shrinking workforce, China abandoned its notorious one-child policy two years ago to allow two children, producing a nearly 8 percent increase in births in 2016, with nearly half of the

babies born to couples who already had a child.

However, that appeared to have been a one-time increase, with 17.2 million births in the country last year, down from 17.9 million in 2016. Meanwhile, the proportion of the population aged 60 or older increased last year to 17.3 percent.

China currently has the world's largest population at 1.4 billion, which is expected to peak at 1.45 billion in 2029.

While authorities credit the one-child policy with preventing 400 million extra births, many demographers argue that the fertility rate would have fallen anyway as China's economy developed and education levels rose.

Over its 36 years of existence, the policy vastly inflated the ratio of boys to girls as female fetuses were selectively aborted in line with a preference for male offspring. China is predicted to have around 30 million more men than women by the end of the decade. AP

Couple who immigrated from China killed on Oregon Coast

A wave hit two recent immigrants from China as they visited the Oregon Coast, sweeping them out into the ocean and killing them.

Miaochan Chen, 49, and Wenjun Zhu, 41, from Lake Oswego, Oregon, perished over the weekend but their 10-year-old daughter was unharmed, Capt. Tim Fox of the Oregon State Police said yesterday [Macau time].

The family had

been picnicking near Depoe Bay when they took a trail down to rocks overlooking the ocean. A wave washed over the rocks, engulfing the couple.

A Coast Guard helicopter and boat searched, and they were found and helicoptered from the ocean to a nearby state park. Life saving measures were attempted as they were driven by ambulance to a hospital, but they

succumbed to their injuries.

The family immigrated in July. A state agency placed their daughter into a local foster home.

Family members were notified with the help of the Chinese Consulate. The Department of Human Services will be working with the families for the daughter's further placement.

So-called sneaker waves sometimes claim lives of the unwary along the

coast of the Pacific Northwest.

Tuba Ozkan-Haller, a wave researcher at Oregon State University, recommends that when people go to the beach in Northern California, Oregon and Washington state — which because of the nature of the coastline are susceptible to sneaker waves — they study the wave action and ensure escape routes aren't blocked by rocks or cliffs. AP

Russia, China kick off biggest war games in decades, amid tensions

RUSSIA'S largest war games in recent history have kicked off in the Far East.

The Defense Ministry said in a statement yesterday that the largest military drills since the end of the Cold War will involve about 36,000 tanks and 300,000 troops at sea and on the ground.

China is sending 3,200 troops to take part in the Vostok 2018 exercises later this week.



The war games are held a year after Russia staged major drills in the country's west last September, unnerving neighboring former Soviet republics.

NATO and Euro-

pean governments are eyeing the exercises closely, watching to see what they reveal about military cooperation between Russia and China, and their mounting military might. AP

BELT & ROAD

Report: Chinese building projects narrowing economic gaps

Joe McDonald, Beijing

CHINESE-financed railways and other projects in Africa and Asia are helping to reduce economic inequality between regions in the countries where they are built, a group of multinational researchers said yesterday.

China's "Belt and Road" initiative has prompted complaints about debt and unease about Beijing's ambitions among governments from the United States to Russia to India. But a study led by AidData at the College of William & Mary in Virginia strikes a positive note.

The study of 3,485 projects in 138 nations across Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East in 2000-14 found they led to a more equal distribution of economic activity by improving access to jobs and markets.

"Western pundits and politicians often claim that Beijing is a reckless, self-serving or sinister actor," said AidData's executive director, Bradley C. Parks, in an email. But by helping to spread economic activity more evenly, "Beijing's investments address one of the root causes of instability around the globe and thus make it easier for Western powers to tackle other global threats and crises."

The report stressed it focused on only one aspect of Chinese financing. The overall impact is "a more complex question," it said, noting other research has found corruption and environmental damage linked to Chinese projects.

Leaders in Africa, South Asia



Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta presides over the opening of the SGR cargo train, which runs on a China-backed railway from the port containers depot in Mombasa Kenya, to Nairobi, last year

and other regions welcome Chinese projects including "Belt and Road," President Xi Jinping's signature foreign policy initiative, but face complaints about costs. The initiative calls for expanding trade by building railways, ports and other infrastructure across a vast arc of 65 countries from the South Pacific through Asia to Africa and Europe.

Governments including Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand have scrapped or scaled back projects due to high costs or complaints that too little work goes to local companies. Most projects are built by Chinese contractors and financed by Chinese bank loans at market interest rates.

In Kenya, President Uhuru Kenyatta's government faces protests and a strike by filling station operators after imposing a 16 percent tax on fuel this month to repay construction costs. Kenya's payments to Chinese banks are due to triple in 2019 from this year's level.

Kenya is "gradually sinking

deeper" into "Chinese debt-trap diplomacy," wrote commentator Jaindi Kiseru in the Daily Nation newspaper.

Beijing suffered a public blow last month when Malaysia canceled Chinese-built projects, including a USD20 billion railway. Its prime minister said the Southeast Asian country couldn't afford them.

Chinese officials have released few financial details but deny "Belt and Road" and other projects lead to debt problems.

"People's livelihoods and economic development have been boosted," said a Cabinet official, Ning Jizhe, at an Aug. 28 news conference. "No 'debt trap' has been created."

Other governments worry Beijing is trying to gain strategic influence by creating a trading and financial network centered on China, the world's second-largest economy.

AidData's first report in 2013 focused on Chinese financing to Africa. The group includes researchers from Harvard Uni-

versity, Germany's Heidelberg University and other schools and research institutes.

They reported last year China was close to matching the scale of U.S. grants and loans to developing countries. But they said Beijing's financing served its own economic interests and provided little benefit to recipients.

"Belt and Road" was formally launched in 2012 but also includes Chinese-financed projects begun before that.

■ The overall impact is 'a more complex question,' the report said, noting other research found corruption, environmental damage linked to Chinese projects

For their latest report, researchers made a list of projects from news reports, government statements and research by academics and non-government organizations.

Some 43 percent were infrastructure such as roads, railway, bridges, ports, airports, power grids, cellphone towers and fiber optic cable lines. Another 42

percent were services including hospitals, schools and sewers.

To measure economic impact, the researchers looked at changes in nighttime use of lights across cities and rural areas. That was based on satellite images from the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Those changes "correlate strongly with traditional measures of welfare down to the village level," the report said.

Projects financed by Beijing might produce a bigger payoff because Chinese companies work faster and often complete projects within months, while traditional Western-backed projects can require years, Parks said.

Also, they often focus on linking inland areas with ports, which increases export revenue, in contrast to traditional projects that connect areas within the same country, he said.

The ruling Communist Party has financed building projects abroad since the 1960s, when it paid for a railway to carry copper from Zambia in southern Africa across Tanzania to the port of Dar-es-Salaam.

Lending boomed following rapid Chinese economic growth in the 1990s.

In the 15 years through 2014, Beijing lent or gave \$354.4 billion in Africa, Asia and elsewhere, equal to nearly 90 percent of the \$394.6 billion from the United States, according to AidData. But it said only 23 percent of Chinese spending counted as aid by international standards, compared with 93 percent of U.S. spending. **AP**

Beijing to regulate online religious activity amid crackdown

CHINA is rolling out new rules on religious activity on the internet amid an ongoing crackdown on churches, mosques and other institutions by the officially atheist Communist Party.

Anyone wishing to provide religious instruction or similar services online must apply by name and be judged morally fit and politically reliable, according to draft regulations posted online late Monday by the State Administration for Religious Affairs.

Organizations and

schools that receive licenses can operate only on their internal networks that require users to be registered and are barred from seeking converts or distributing texts or other religious materials, the rules said.

They also impose tight limits on what can be said or posted, including a ban on criticism of the party's leadership and official religious policies, promoting religious participation by minors, and "using religion to [...] overthrow the socialist system."

Livestreaming of religious activities, including praying, preaching or even burning incense, is also forbidden.

Authorities in recent months have ratcheted up pressure on religious groups, destroying crosses, burning bibles, shutting churches and ordering followers to renounce their faith.

The campaign is part of a drive to "Sinicize" religion by demanding loyalty to the officially atheist Communist Party and leader Xi Jinping. Observers call

it the most severe crackdown since religious freedom was written into the Chinese constitution in 1982.

Chinese law requires religious believers to worship only in congregations registered with the authorities and bans most religious observance in private homes.

All of China's officially recognized religions appear to have been affected by the crackdown. In the northwestern region of Xinjiang, an estimated 1 million Uighurs and other



Official seal notices are stuck to a backdoor entrance of the Zion church after it was shutdown by authorities in Beijing yesterday

members of Muslim minority groups have been arbitrarily detained in indoctrination camps where they are forced to denounce Islam and profess loyal-

ty to the party.

The government denies setting up the camps but says it is taking necessary measures to eliminate extremism. **AP**

Omer Farooq, Hyderabad

INDIA

Bus accident near Hyderabad kills at least 55 people

A bus carrying pilgrims from a Hindu temple in the hills of south India plunged off a road yesterday, killing at least 55 people including four children, officials said. At least 33 others were injured.

The driver lost control as he hit a speed bump on a road leading from the popular Anjaneya Swamy temple in Telangana state, about 190 kilometers from Hyderabad, the state capital, Transport Minister P. Maneder Reddy said. The overcrowded bus pitched into a gorge.

Crowds often through the temple on Tuesdays. The temple is dedicated to the Hindu god Hanuman, and Tuesdays are seen as auspicious for offering prayers to him.

Passersby rushed to help after the bus crashed, mangling the front of the vehicle. Volunteers crawled into the bus through broken windows, carrying the dead and injured through thick grass and up the hill to the road. The injured were taken to area hospitals.

Local broadcaster ETV showed chaotic scenes at a hospital in Jagtial, where people wailed over bodies in a mortuary.

Reddy said at a news conference that the bus depot manager had been suspended.

"The bus was carrying more

passengers than allowed," Reddy said, adding that the accident appeared to have been caused by a brake failure.

An investigation has been ordered into the cause, officials said.

Among those killed was the bus driver, who lost both of his legs in the accident and later died in the hospital.

"The bus accident in Telangana's Jagtial district is shocking beyond words," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in a tweet. "Anguished by the loss of lives. My thoughts and solidarity with the bereaved families. I pray that the injured recover quickly."

President Ram Nath Kovind also said that he was shocked to learn about the accident.

Around 150,000 people die every year on India's roads, often because of reckless driving, badly maintained roads and vehicles overcrowded with passengers.

Deadly bus accidents are common. In July, 48 people were killed when a bus crashed into a gorge in Uttarakhand state. AP

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AFGHANISTAN

Suicide bomber kills 32 in Nangarhar

A suicide bomber detonated his explosives-filled vest among a group of people protesting a local police commander in eastern Afghanistan yesterday, killing 32 and wounding about 130, a provincial official said.

Attahullah Khogyani, spokesman for the provincial governor said the all 32 people killed in the attack were innocent civilians gathered for a protest. A number

of wounded people are in critical condition, he said.

"Around four hundred people gathered for the protest and the bomber detonated his vest full of explosive among the crowd," said Capt. Qais Saifi, an official at Nangarhar province police headquarters.

Gen. Ghulam Sanayee Stanikzai, police chief of Nangarhar province, said people from Achin district had come to the

Momandara district to block the main highway between the capital Jalalabad and the Turkham border with Pakistan.

Stanikzai said locals had gathered to complain about a local police commander and the suicide bomber targeted them. It was unclear whether the attacker knew the nature of the protest.

Also in Nangarhar, at least one person was killed and four others wou-

nded in a series of additional bomb blasts near different schools, said Khogyani.

Khogyani said the first bomb detonated near a school in the provincial capital Jalalabad. That blast was later followed by two others in Behsud district, also near two schools.

A 14-year-old student was killed and four others wounded in the first attack, he said.

Afghan president Ashraf Ghani strongly condemned the suicide attack against the demonstrators as well as the bomb blasts near schools in Nangarhar. A statement released yesterday from Ghani's office quoted him as saying that "attacks on civilian facilities, mosques, women, children, are all crimes against humanity."

Taliban insurgents in a statement posted on their website denied any involvement in the attack.

No other group immediately claimed responsibility for any of the attacks, but both Taliban insurgents and the Islamic State group are active in eastern Afghanistan, especially in Nangarhar province. AP

VIETNAM

Hanoi urges residents to stop eating dog meat

AP PHOTO



AUTHORITIES in Vietnam's capital are urging residents to stop eating dog meat because it hurts the city's image and improper raising and slaughtering of the animals could spread rabies. For many Vietnamese, dog meat is a delicacy that is thought to increase stamina. Hanoi Vice Mayor Nguyen Van Suu said in a message published yesterday on the city's website that slaughtering and consuming dog and cat meat are disturbing to foreigners and "negatively impact the image of a civilized and modern capital."

Suu instructed local governments to raise awareness of the risk of rabies when

raising dog and cat meat.

The move is part of a national program to stamp out rabies by 2021.

Nguyen Thi Minh, who has run a dog meat restaurant in Hanoi for more than 20 years, said there are no risks of rabies because her restaurant selects healthy dogs and the meat is properly cooked.

"People eat dog meat and there's no problem," she said. "I serve customers from South Korea, the United States and other countries."

Officials say there are 493,000 dogs and cats in Hanoi, of which more than 10 percent are raised for commercial purposes. AP



NORTH KOREA

Mass rally wraps up 70th anniversary events

Eric Talmadge, Pyongyang

TENS of thousands of North Korean students rallied in Pyongyang's Kim Il Sung Square in the final major event of the country's 70th anniversary, an elaborate celebration that has showcased the nation's aspirations for economic growth and Korean unity.

The rally Monday night featured a sea of university and high school students carrying torches that spelled out giant slogans and words when seen from above the square. Leader Kim Jong Un did not attend.

This year's anniversary downplayed the missiles and nuclear weapons that brought the country to the brink of conflict with the United States just one year ago.

It highlighted what has been a series of stunning recent changes for North Korea, beginning with Kim's announcement on New Year's Day that he would seek better relations with the South and that the North was willing to participate in the Winter Olympics held in South Korea.

He followed that up with an announcement in April that he would stop nuclear tests and long-range missile launches and claimed that, having perfected his nuclear arsenal, he was ready to pursue talks with Washington on easing tensions on the

Korean Peninsula. That in turn led to a flurry of summits with Beijing and Seoul and an unprecedented summit with President Donald Trump in Singapore three months ago.

Kim's effort to present a more diplomatic and less-belligerent image was reflected throughout this weekend's 70th anniversary events.

In a sharp contrast to its previous two parades — in April last year and just before the Olympics began in February this year — North Korea refrained from displaying its long-range missiles at the military parade it held on Sunday.

It also revived its iconic mass games after a five-year hiatus with a spectacular and decidedly peaceful and forward-looking performance. At one point, the show featured giant images of Kim shaking hands with South Korean President Moon Jae-in at their first summit, in April, in the Demilitarized Zone that divides their two countries.

The image of the two Korean leaders was met by loud applause and cheers from the audience at the 150,000-seat May Day Stadium.

Kim himself has kept publicly quiet during the anniversary. He made no speech at the parade or at the mass games' opening performance.

Senior North Korean of-

ficials, meanwhile, have stressed the country's confidence in its ability to both maintain a strong military and build up its domestic economy. They have studiously avoided bragging about their nuclear weapons, but at the same time haven't referred to any plans for denuclearization.

Kim's moves seem to be paying off.

Trump quickly tweeted his satisfaction that no ICBMs were rolled out for the parade, which he called a "big and very positive statement from North Korea."

"Thank you To Chairman Kim," he added. "We will both prove everyone wrong! There is nothing like good dialogue from two people that like each other!"

Last year, Trump and Kim were trading insults and threats and Kim was launching his missiles at a record pace. There hasn't been a North Korean launch this year, and Kim unilaterally ordered the destruction of his country's underground nuclear test site in May.

Chinese President Xi Jinping, who sent the ruling Communist Party's third-highest official to attend as his special envoy, issued a statement saying he is willing to work with Kim to develop healthy relations and promote regional peace and stability. "I sincerely hope that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea will prosper and the people

enjoy a happy and healthy life," Xi said.

With the anniversary now behind him, Kim is to host

Moon later this month in Pyongyang to further discuss ways to improve North-South relations, including the establishment of a liaison office in the North's city of Kaesong, and how to move the peace process with Washington forward.

That process has stalled since the Trump summit, with Kim insisting on security guarantees and a formal end to the Korean War

as the first steps, while the U.S. wants irreversible moves toward denuclearization before it will agree to ease up its policy of sanctions and "maximum pressure."

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo was to visit Pyongyang just ahead of the anniversary, but Trump nixed that at the last minute because he said the prospect of making any significant agreements was too low. **AP**

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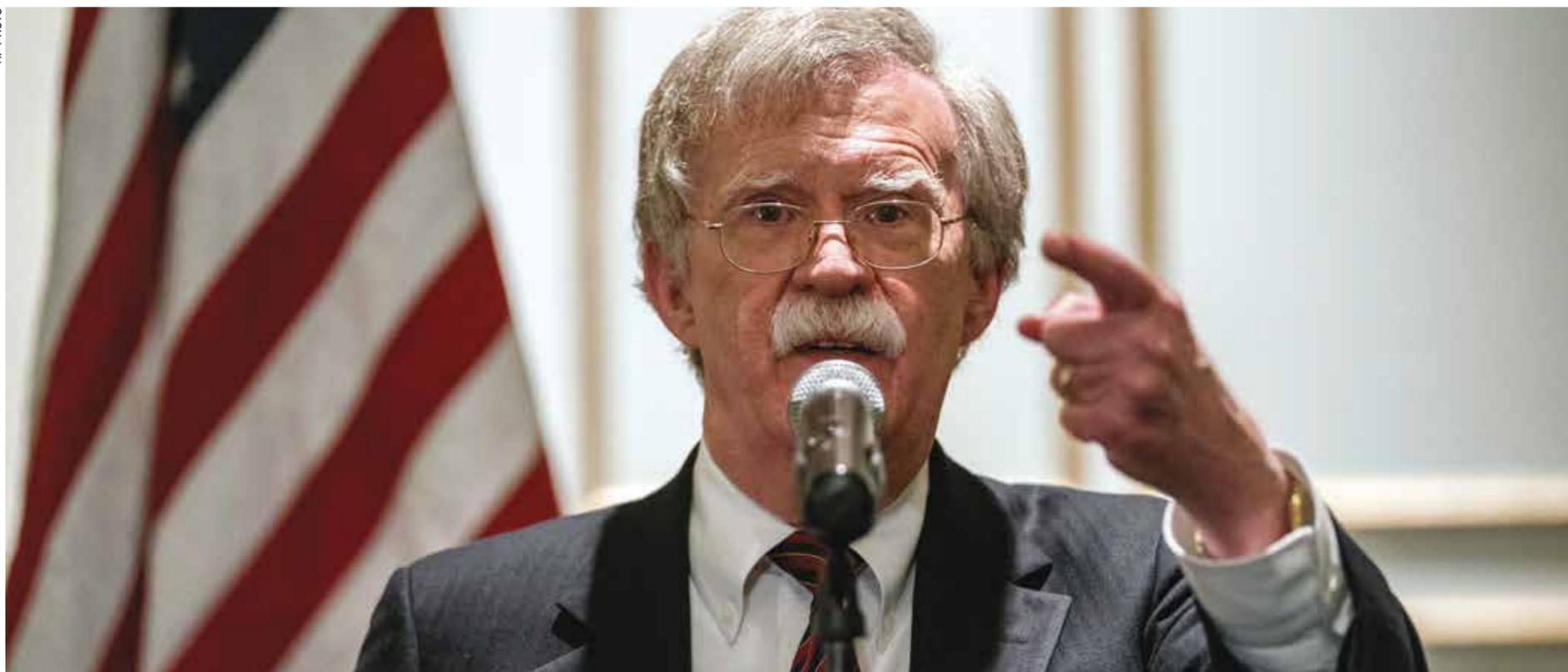
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John Bolton, US National security adviser

USA

Bolton says International Criminal Court 'already dead to us'

Matthew Lee, Washington

AMERICA'S long-running reluctant relationship with the International Criminal Court came to a crashing halt as decades of U.S. suspicions about the tribunal and its global jurisdiction spilled into open hostility, amid threats of sanctions if it investigates U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

National security adviser John Bolton yesterday [Macau time] denounced the legitimacy of The Hague-based court, which was created in 2002 to prosecute war crimes and crimes of humanity and genocide in areas where perpetrators might not otherwise face justice. The court has 123 state parties that recognize its jurisdiction.

Bolton's speech, on the eve of the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attack, came as an ICC judge was expected to soon announce a decision on a request from prosecutors to formally open an investigation into allegations of war crimes committed by Afghan national security forces, Taliban and Haqqani network militants and U.S. forces and intelligence in Afghanistan since May 2003. The accusations against U.S. personnel include torture and illegal imprisonment.

"The International Criminal Court unacceptably threatens American sovereignty and U.S. national security interests," Bolton told the Federalist Society, a conservative Washington-based think tank.

Bolton also took aim at Palestinian efforts to press war crime charges against Israel for its policies in the West Bank, east Jerusalem and Gaza.

He said the U.S. would use "any means necessary" to protect Americans and citizens of allied countries, like Israel, "from unjust prosecution by this illegitimate court." The White House said that to the extent permitted by U.S. law, the Trump administration would ban ICC judges and prosecutors from entering the United States, sanction their funds in the U.S. financial system and prosecute them in the U.S. criminal system.

■ Bolton's speech was another Trump administration rollback of US leadership in demanding accountability for gross abuses

"We will not cooperate with the ICC," Bolton said, adding that "for all intents and purposes, the ICC is already dead to us."

In response, the court issued a statement yesterday saying it was "an independent and im-

partial judicial institution" created to "ensure accountability for crimes that shock the conscience of humanity."

The court said it prosecuted cases only when those states fail to do so or did not do so "genuinely."

It pledged to "continue to do its work undeterred, in accordance with those principles and the overarching idea of the rule of law."

Bolton's speech was an extraordinary rebuke decried by human rights groups that complained it was another Trump administration rollback of U.S. leadership in demanding accountability for gross abuses.

"Any U.S. action to scuttle ICC inquiries on Afghanistan and Palestine would demonstrate that the administration was more concerned with coddling serial rights abusers — and deflecting scrutiny of U.S. conduct in Afghanistan — than supporting impartial justice," said Human Rights Watch.

The American Civil Liberties Union, which represents several people who claim they were detained and tortured in Afghanistan from 2003 to 2008 and could be victims or witnesses in any ICC prosecution, said Bolton's threats were "straight out of an authoritarian playbook."

"This misguided and harmful policy will only further isolate the United States from its closest allies and give solace to war criminals and authoritarian regimes seeking to evade international accountability," the ACLU said.

Iran's foreign minister, Mohammad Javad Zarif, slammed the U.S. opposition on Tuesday.

"The U.S. threatens to impose sanctions on the ICC & even prosecute its judges in American courts. Where is the outrage?" he wrote on his Twitter account. "The boorishness of this rogue US regime seems to know no bounds. When will the international community say enough is enough & force US to act like a normal state?"

Since its creation, the court has filed charges against dozens of suspects including former Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi, who was killed by rebels before he could be arrested, and Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir, who is accused of charges including genocide in Darfur. Al-Bashir remains at large, as does Ugandan warlord Joseph Kony, who was among the first rebels charged by the court in 2005. The court has convicted just eight defendants.

The court has been hobbled by the refusal of the U.S., Russia, China and other major nations to join. Others have quit: Burundi and the Philippines, whose departure, announced earlier this year, takes effect next March.

The Clinton administration in 2000 signed the Rome Statute that created the ICC but had serious reservations about the scope of the court's jurisdiction and never submitted it for ratification to the Senate, where there was broad bipartisan opposition to what lawmakers saw as a threat to U.S. sovereignty.

When George W. Bush took office in 2001, his administration promoted and passed the American Service Members Protection Act, which sought to immunize U.S. troops from potential prosecution by the ICC. In 2002, Bolton, then a State Department official, traveled to New York to ceremonially "unsign" the Rome Statute at the United Nations.

Bush's first administration then embarked on a diplomatic drive to get countries who were members of the ICC to sign so-called Article 98 agreements that would bar those nations from prosecuting Americans before the court under penalty of sanctions. The administration was largely successful in its effort, getting more than 100 countries to sign the agreements. Some of those, however, have not been formally ratified.

In Bush's second term, the U.S. attitude toward the ICC shifted slightly as the world looked on in horror at genocide being committed in Sudan's western Darfur region. The administration did not oppose and offered limited assistance to an ICC investigation in Darfur.

The Obama administration expanded that cooperation, offering additional support to the ICC as it investigated the then-Uganda-based Lord's Resistance Army and its top leadership, including Kony.

On Monday, Bolton effectively turned Washington's back on the court, accusing it of corruption and inefficiency. Above all, he took aim at the court's view that citizens of nonmember states are subject to its jurisdiction.

"The ICC is an unprecedented effort to vest power in a supranational body without the consent of either nation-states or the individuals over which it purports to exercise jurisdiction," Bolton said. "It certainly has no consent whatsoever from the United States." **AP**

SURGE, WIND, RAIN, FLOODS

Hurricane Florence could hit hard

Jonathan Drew, Raleigh (N.C.)

MANDATORY evacuations were imposed for parts of three East Coast states Tuesday as millions of Americans prepared for what could become one of the most catastrophic hurricanes to hit the Eastern Seaboard in decades.

Hurricane Florence's top winds dipped to 215 kph yesterday, but it remains a Category 4 storm and is expected to approach the most-damaging Category 5 status as it slows and strengthens over very warm ocean water off the coast of North and South Carolina.

The center of the massive storm is then forecast to meander Thursday, Friday and Saturday over a stretch of coastline saturated by rising seas, inundating several states with rainfall and triggering life-threatening floods.

The size of Florence is "staggering," National Hurricane Center Director Ken Graham warned.

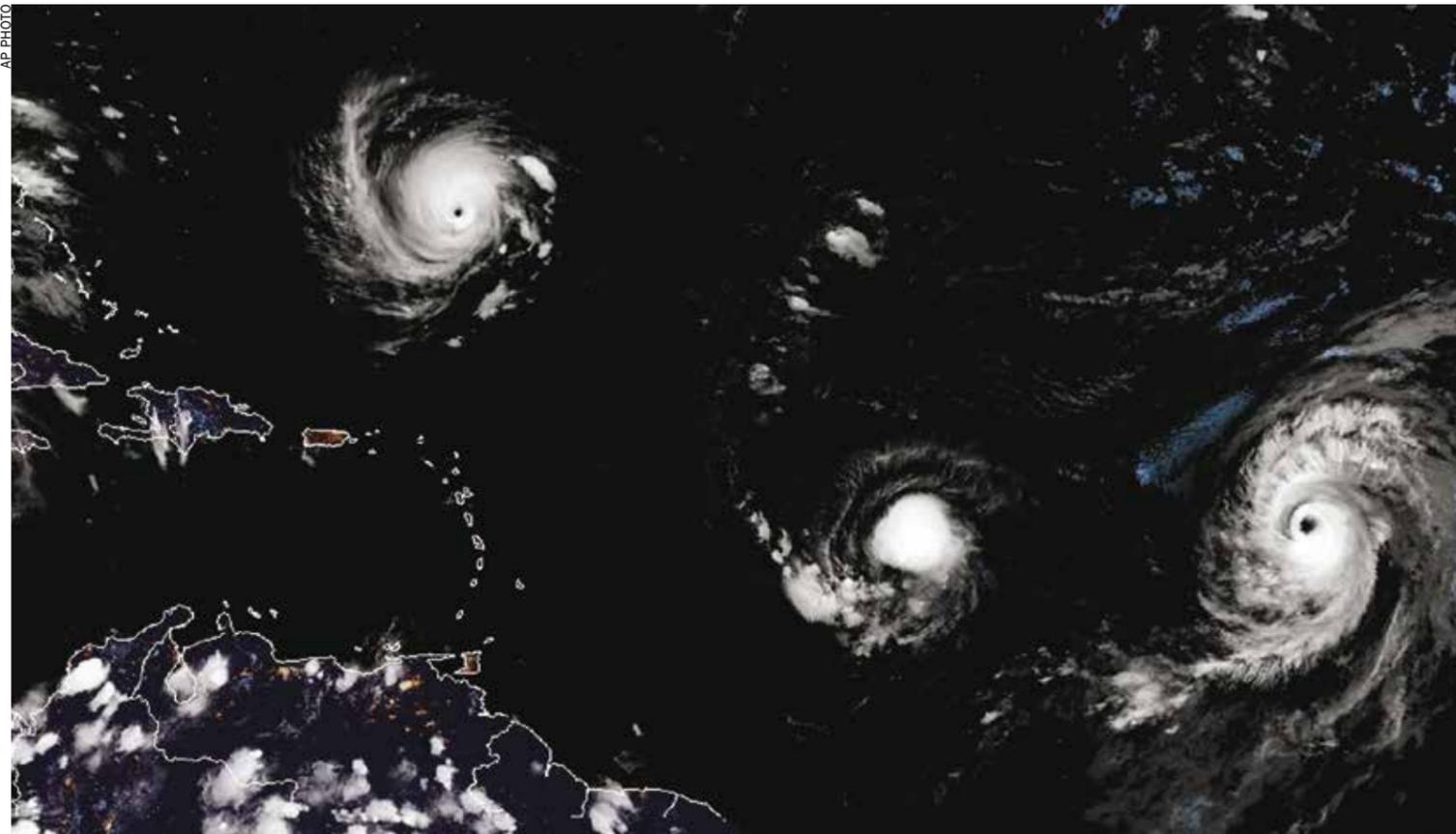
"We could cover several states easily with the cloud cover alone," Graham said. "This is not just a coastal event."

Rainfall will be extremely heavy, dumping up to 10 to 20 inches over the next 7 days over much of North Carolina and Virginia, and even 30 inches in some places. Combined with high tides, the storm surge could reach 12 feet at the center of the storm, forecasters said Tuesday.

"The water could overtake some of these barrier islands and keep on going. With time, the wind pushes the water into every nook and cranny you can think of," Graham said. "All you have to do is look up at your ceiling, and think about 12 feet (of floodwater). That, folks, is extremely life-threatening."

North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper said his state is "in the bullseye" and urged people to "get ready now."

The very center of that bull-



Hurricane Florence (leftmost) yesterday, as it threatens the U.S. East Coast

seye may be Camp Lejeune, the sprawling Marine Corps training base, where authorities were opening emergency operation centers and staging equipment.

"Please be prepared, be careful and be SAFE!" tweeted President Donald Trump, adding: "WE are here for you."

South Carolina's governor ordered the state's entire coastline evacuated starting at noon Tuesday and predicted that 1 million people would flee as highways reverse directions. Virginia's governor ordered a mandatory evacuation for some residents of low-lying coastal areas, while some coastal counties in North Carolina have done the same.

Tuesday's 7-day rainfall forecast showed 20 inches or more falling there, part of a wide swath of rainfall that could total ten inches or more over much of Virginia and drench the nation's capital. Some isolated areas could get 30 inches, fore-

casters said.

Florence could hit the Carolinas harder than any hurricane since Hazel packed 209 kph winds in 1954. That Category 4 storm destroyed 15,000 buildings and killed 19 people in North Carolina. In the six decades since then, many thousands of people have moved to the coast.

Ahead of Florence's arrival, barrier islands were already seeing dangerous rip currents and seawater flowed over a state highway — the harbinger of a storm surge that could wipe out dunes and submerge entire communities.

Watches were in effect Tuesday for a storm surge that could reach up to 12 feet at high tide on a stretch from Cape Fear to Cape Lookout in North Carolina, forecasters said. A hurricane watch was in effect for Edisto Beach, South Carolina, to Virginia's southern border, and the first hurricane-force winds arriving late Thursday.

For many people, the challenge could be finding a safe refuge: If Florence slows to a crawl just off the coast, it could bring torrential rains all the way into the Appalachian mountains and as far away as West Virginia, causing flash floods, mudslides and other dangerous conditions in places that don't usually get much tropical weather.

"This is going to produce heavy rainfall, and it may not move very fast. The threat will be inland, so I'm afraid, based on my experience at FEMA, that the public is probably not as prepared as everybody would like,"

said Craig Fugate, former director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Florence is expected to linger once onshore, downing trees, knocking out electricity and causing widespread flooding along a path that includes half a dozen nuclear power plants, pits holding coal-ash and other industrial waste, and numerous hog farms that store animal waste in massive open-air lagoons.

A warm ocean is the fuel that powers hurricanes, and this area of the ocean is seeing temperatures peak near 85 degrees (30 Celsius), hurricane specialist Eric Blake wrote. And with little wind shear to pull the storm apart, Florence's hurricane-strength winds were expanding, reaching 40 64 kilometers from the eye of the storm.

"Unfortunately, the models were right. Florence has rapidly intensified into an extremely dangerous hurricane," Blake wrote Monday evening, predicting that the hurricane's top sustained winds would approach the 253 kph threshold for a worst-case Category 5 scenario. Tuesday morning's forecast still supports this, the National Hurricane Center said.

By 8 a.m. Tuesday, Florence was centered about 1,530 kilometers east-southeast of Cape Fear, North Carolina, and moving west-northwest at 24 kph. Its center will move between Bermuda and the Bahamas on Tuesday and Wednesday and approach the coast of South Carolina or North Carolina on Thursday.

Two other storms were

spinning in the Atlantic as the 2018 hurricane season reaches its peak. Isaac became a tropical storm again approaching the Caribbean, while Hurricane Helene was veering northward, no threat to land.

In the Pacific, Olivia became a tropical storm again on a path to hit the Hawaiian islands early Wednesday.

Airlines, including American, Southwest, Delta and JetBlue, have begun letting affected passengers change travel plans without the usual fees.

South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster said an estimated 1 million people would be fleeing his state's coast, with eastbound lanes of Interstate 26 heading into Charleston and U.S. 501 heading into Myrtle Beach reversed to ease the exodus.

Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam's evacuation order applies to about 245,000 people, including parts of the Hampton Roads area and Eastern Shore.

Liz Browning Fox was planning to ride out the storm nevertheless on the Outer Banks. She said her house, built in 2009 in Buxton, North Carolina, is on a ridge and built to withstand a hurricane. But even the most secure homes could be surrounded by water, or penetrated by wind-launched debris.

"You never know, there could be tree missiles coming from any direction," she said. "There is no way to be completely safe."

But, she added, she's not sure whether going inland would be much safer: "I don't know where to go from here." AP



People prepare for "monstrous hurricane"

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Offbeat

RAPPER KAMAIYAH PLEADS GUILTY IN AIRPORT DISTURBANCE



Rapper Kamaiyah has pleaded guilty to creating a public disturbance at Connecticut's Bradley International Airport in May when police say she went on a profanity-laced tirade against security officers.

The artist from Oakland, California, will be required to pay a fine of USD50.

The Hartford Courant reports that her attorney said in court in Enfield that she also wrote letter of apology to a state police trooper as part of a plea deal.

Kamaiyah Johnson hit the scene with her 2016 debut mixtape "A Good Night in the Ghetto" and appeared in a Sprite commercial with basketball star LeBron James.

She was arrested after police say she refused to remove a head covering after setting off an alarm. She was charged with misdemeanor breach of peace and interfering with police.

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13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
15:00	Portuguese Soap Opera
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21:50	Miscellaneous
22:25	Portuguese Serie - Liberty 21
23:15	TDM News
23:50	UEFA Nations League 2019/2019 Highlights
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2:30, 4:30, 9:30pm

Director: Jonathan Baker & Josh Baker

Starring: Myles Truitt, Jack Reynor, Dennis Quaid

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 102min

ALONG WITH THE GODS:
THE LAST 49 DAYS

ROOM 1

7:00pm

Director: Kim Yong-hwa

Starring: Shailene Woodley, Sam Claflin, Jeffrey Thomas

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 96min



ADRIFT

ROOM 2

2:30, 4:30, 9:30pm

Director: Baltasar Kormákur

Starring: Dona Adwera, Peter Andre, Richie Campbell

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 85min

KILING FOR THE PROSECUTION

ROOM 2

7:30pm

Director: Masato Harada

Starring: Takuya Kimura, Kazunari Ninomiya

Language: Japanese (Chinese & English)

Duration: 123min

ADIEU

ROOM 3

2:30, 7:30pm

Director: Kenneth Lau

Starring: Louis Cheung, Jason Chan, Michelle Wai

Language: Cantonese (Chinese & English)

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ROOM 3

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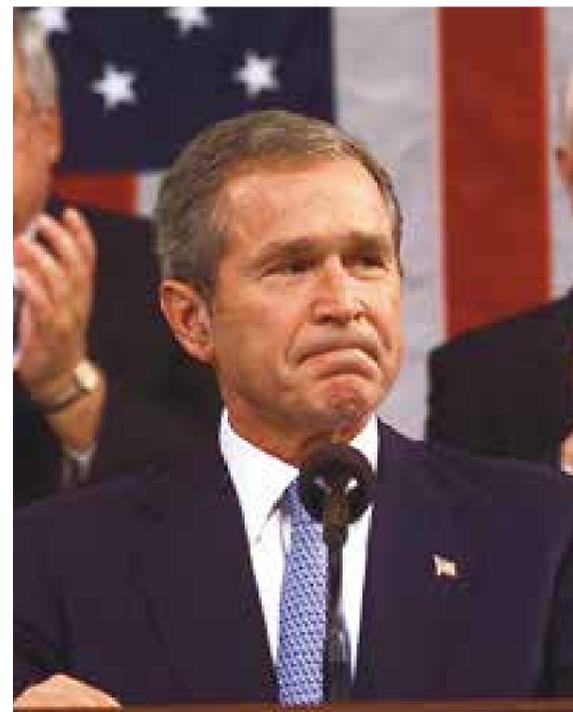
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Starring: Louis Koo, Julian Cheung, Kevin Cheng

Language: Cantonese (Chinese & English)

Duration: 90min

this day in history



2001 US DECLARES WAR ON TERROR

The President of the United States has described the destruction caused in New York and Washington as an act of war against all freedom-loving people.

In a statement broadcast at 1053 local time (1553 BST), George Bush vowed the US would use all its resources to avenge the worst-ever attacks on American soil.

But he warned an angry and wounded nation they would have to be patient and said any action could be a monumental struggle.

The president has also been seeking the backing of world leaders for an international campaign against terrorism.

As the estimated number of dead rose into the thousands the day after the tragedy, members of the US government began talking openly of war.

US Secretary of State Colin Powell said: "It isn't going to be solved with a single counter-attack against one individual, it's going to be a long term conflict."

Expressions of support have come quickly from American allies, and also from countries not known for their sympathy with the US - the leaders of Libya and Palestine both condemned the attacks in the strongest terms.

Only Iraq has endorsed the atrocity, saying the attacks were a "lesson for all tyrants and oppressors" and the fruit of American crimes.

Tony Blair offered the unequivocal backing of the UK, echoing President Bush's words in his press conference announcing the recall of Parliament.

"I don't think there is any doubt at all that this threat is aimed at the whole democratic world," the prime minister told reporters.

"The US has been singled out... But these terrorists will regard us all as targets."

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The criminal investigation quickly identified the hijackers, and linked them to al-Qaeda - the Islamic militant group set up by the Afghanistan-based Osama Bin Laden.

President Bush's "War on Terror" began on 8 October 2001 with an air bombardment of Afghanistan by US and UK forces.

With the help of the Northern Alliance opposition group, the Taliban leaders of the country were quickly toppled.

Many alleged members of al-Qaeda were caught and flown to a US base on Cuba, Guantanamo, but Bin Laden proved to be more elusive and the hunt for him continued for many years.

In December 2009, U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates said that officials had had no reliable information on bin Laden's whereabouts for years. One week later, General Stanley McChrystal, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan said that al-Qaeda would not be defeated unless its leader, Osama bin Laden, were captured or killed. Testifying to the U.S. Congress, he said that bin Laden had become an "iconic figure, whose survival emboldens al-Qaeda as a franchising organization across the world", and that Obama's deployment of 30,000 extra troops to Afghanistan meant that success would be possible.

In April 2011, President Obama ordered a covert operation to kill or capture bin Laden. On May 2, 2011, the White House announced that U.S. Navy SEALs had successfully carried out the operation, killing him in his Abbottabad compound in Pakistan.

YOUR STARS

Aries
Mar. 21-Apr. 19
You've definitely got a flair for keeping track of details. So if you decide to help your sister/cousin... out of a jam, they will sure be able to sleep easy knowing that you'll dot their i's and double-check their t's.

Taurus
April 20-May 20
Yes, you've done everything you can do for the moment, and it's time to catch your breath and clasp your hands behind your neck and rest the old penny loafers on the old desk and take it all in.

Gemini
May 21-Jun. 21
Spend the morning chatting (don't forget: No office works without good communication). Then spend the afternoon consolidating your energies. You're executing - or preparing to execute.

Cancer
Jun. 22-Jul. 22
You bake cookies when people come over. You cook soup and take it to them when they are sick. You always have extra bandages in your medicine chest. You like to take care of the people you love.

Leo
Jul. 23-Aug. 22
You wake up inspired. Make a few creative notes over breakfast, but keep the afternoon free for another kind of expression, because you're spending your energies, for the remainder of the day...

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22
A new interest or passion? A new love of your work? Whatever the shiny sparkling bundle of newness and excitement is, you're going to tingle all over at the prospect of putting it out into the world.

Libra
Sep.23-Oct. 22
All morning long you are looking at problems and coming up with solutions and facing down more problems and coming up with more solutions and, all in all, having a fantastic time.

Scorpio
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
Get creative in the morning and, more than likely, you'll get careful in the afternoon. That's exactly the right order of things: Being too careful at the start of a project can hamper your creativity.

Sagittarius
Nov. 22-Dec. 21
In the morning, you're a bundle of creative energy. You're planting herbs in your window boxes, adding primroses along the sidewalk and watering the tulips in the back.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19
Spend your morning getting creative and your afternoon getting specific. For example, in the morning you might think about low-cost, high-impact redecorating ideas for your bedroom.

Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18
If you don't take a little time off from your work, you'll get too tired too quickly. Even if it's only half an hour, you need to make sure that you give yourself some absolutely work-free time. Breathe deep.

Pisces
Feb.19-Mar. 20
While you're certainly good at looking at the big picture, that's no reason to think you aren't good when it comes to the finishing details. You have an eye for the little things...

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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WEATHER

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CHINA

Beijing	26	33	thundershower/cloudy
Harbin	23	29	moderate rain
Tianjin	28	36	cloudy
Urumqi	18	28	clear
Xi'an	28	40	clear
Lhasa	12	21	moderate rain/drizzle
Chengdu	25	34	shower/clear
Chongqing	30	40	clear
Kunming	18	26	cloudy
Nanjing	26	35	clear
Shanghai	27	34	cloudy
Wuhan	28	37	clear
Hangzhou	27	36	clear/cloudy
Taipei	26	33	cloudy/overcast
Guangzhou	27	34	cloudy
Hong Kong	28	32	shower/cloudy

WORLD

Moscow	19	24	drizzle/moderate rain
Frankfurt	17	28	cloudy
Paris	18	27	overcast/drizzle
London	13	22	cloudy/drizzle
New York	19	28	clear

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1-Baseball's Felipe; 5- Sever; 8- Neat as ___; 12- Large cat; 13-Assumed attitudes; 15- Look ___ hands!; 16- Breathe hard; 17- Marisa of "My Cousin Vinny"; 18- Squabbling; 19- Know-it-all; 22- "Lord, is ___?"; Matthew; 23- Actress Thurman; 24- Greek vowels; 26- Standards of perfection; 29- Deadly fly; 31- Article in Le Monde; 32- Nabisco's ___ Wafers; 34- Stone marker; 36- Gds.; 38- Wynonna's mom; 40- Seed covering; 41- Establish as the truth; 43- Sanctify; 45- Colorful moths; 46- Warns; 48- Poem of 14 lines; 50- Z ___ zebra; 51- Asian language; 52- Guggenheim display; 54- Burning; 61- Journalist Jacob; 63- Apartment sign; 64- Sketched; 65- Riding; 66- Put on cloud nine; 67- Cross letters; 68- Actress Turner; 69- Photo ___ (media events); 70- Coddler;

DOWN: 1- European chain; 2- Actor Neeson; 3- A Chaplin; 4- False; 5- Poultry enclosure; 6- West Point inits.; 7- New driver, often; 8- Doc bloc; 9- Pastry shop; 10- Monogram ltr.; 11- Don't look at me!; 13- Saliva enzyme; 14- Locations; 20- Counterfeiter catcher; 21- Fr. holy women; 25- ___ boy!; 26- Chief of the Vedic gods; 27- Devastation; 28- Thick slices; 29- Domesticates; 30- "Silas Marner" author; 31- Strike caller; 33- Chat room chuckle; 35- Capp and Capone; 37- Nights before; 39- Quarantine; 42- Actor Stoltz; 44- Hitch or glitch; 47- Govt. security; 49- Scandinavian; 52- Asian inland sea; 53- Moreno of "West Side Story"; 55- ___ contendere; 56- Envelope part; 57- Permits; 58- River of Tuscany; 59- Pianist Peter; 60- Ninny; 62- Health resort;



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FOOTBALL | UEFA NATIONS LEAGUE

Portugal adds to Italy's struggles with win

Tales Azzoni, Madrid

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AS Cristiano Ronaldo enjoyed his time off at the French Riviera, his Portugal teammates were busy handing Italy another disappointing result in the UEFA Nations League.

Portugal did not need Ronaldo — who skipped international duty to recharge after a busy summer — to beat Italy 1-0 in Europe's newest soccer competition.

Elsewhere, Turkey mounted a remarkable comeback from two goals down against Sweden, while Kosovo made history with its first competitive win since being admitted to UEFA in 2016.

The European champions easily outplayed Italy, which had opened its Nations League campaign with a disappointing 1-1 home draw against Poland in its first competitive match under coach Roberto Mancini.

"We must be more effective in attack," Mancini said. "We must find solutions and be able to score goals."

Andre Silva scored on a counterattack early in the second half to give Portugal the Group 3 win in the top-tier League A.



Andre Silva (9) scores for Portugal

The hosts had several chances to extend their lead at the Estádio da Luz in Lisbon, while Italy created little and relied mostly on set pieces.

"It was a fair result, we played better throughout the match," said Portugal coach Fernando Santos, who led his team to its ninth straight home win. "Only in the final 10 minutes we slowed our pace a bit and that allowed Italy to grow."

The Nations League gives UEFA's 55 member countries competitive games and eliminates friendlies. The winners of the

League A groups — featuring the highest-ranked countries — go into a final-four competition in June.

Santos did not call up Ronaldo after talking to the player and saying he needed more rest following the World Cup and his transfer from Real Madrid to Juventus. Ronaldo also didn't play in the team's 1-1 draw in a friendly against Croatia last week.

Social media photos showed Ronaldo and his family enjoying time off in Monaco in recent days.

It was Italy's second competitive match since last year's World Cup playoff loss to Sweden.

"There is work to do," Italy midfielder Giacomo Bonaventura said. "We wanted to threaten them but we didn't manage it and we're really disappointed."

HISTORIC KOSOVO

Two goals five minutes apart early in the second half gave Kosovo a historic 2-0 win over the Faroe Islands in Group 3 of the fourth-tier League D.

Kosovo, the Balkan republic which was accepted by UEFA

and FIFA two years ago, had opened with a 0-0 draw at Azerbaijan.

TURKEY BEATS SWEDEN

Turkey bounced back from an opening loss to Russia by coming from two goals down to defeat Sweden 3-2 thanks to two late goals by Emre Akbaba.

Akbaba scored in the 88th minute and two minutes into stoppage time to give Turkey the League B victory.

Sweden, making its Nations League debut following its surprising quarterfinal appearance at the World Cup, had taken a 2-0 lead by the 49th minute at Friends Arena in Stockholm.

It was Turkey's first away win in seven matches.

LOWER LEAGUES

In the third-tier League C, Scotland ended its run of three straight losses with a 2-0 win over Albania in Group 1.

In Group 4, Serbia and Romania drew 2-2, while Montenegro defeated Lithuania 2-0.

In League D, Andorra and Kazakhstan drew 1-1 in Group 1, while Malta drew with Azerbaijan 1-1 in Group 3.

The Nations League guarantees at least one of Europe's low-ranked League D teams will qualify for Euro 2020 through a playoffs. **AP**

TENNIS CARTOON

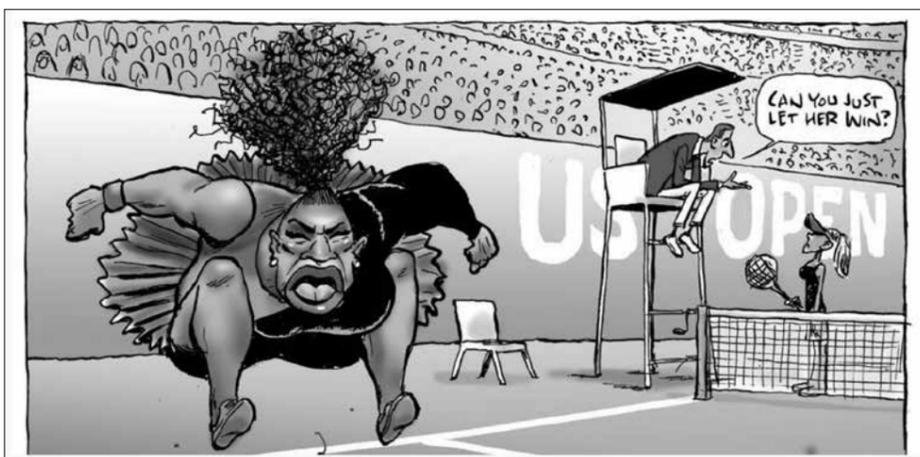
Serena Williams' treatment resonates among black women

WHEN Serena Williams told the umpire at the U.S. Open final that he owed her an apology, that he had stolen something from her, and then she got penalized for her words, Breaa Willingham could relate to her frustration and anger.

Willingham isn't a tennis star, but she is a black woman. She and others like her say Williams' experience resonates with them because they are often forced to watch their tone and words in the workplace in ways that men and other women are not.

And if they're not careful, they say, they risk being branded "Angry Black Woman."

"So much of what she experiences we experience in the workplace, too," said Willingham, a professor of criminal justice at the State University of New York at Plattsburgh. "As black



The controversial cartoon drawn by Mark Knight and taken from a tweet on Monday, which was removed yesterday

women [...] we're expected to stay in our lane, that lane that has been created for us. Any time we step out of that lane, then we become a problem."

The stereotype of the "Angry Black Woman" is alive and well, said Felicia Martin, 36, a federal employee who lives in Brooklyn. She recalls once seeing a white female co-worker cursing

and throwing things and not facing repercussions, while she's been told to calm down for expressing her own upset in a normal tone of voice.

"If I'm upset about something, I should get to express that to you," Martin said.

During Saturday's championship loss to Naomi Osaka, Williams got a warning from the chair

umpire for violating a rarely enforced rule against receiving coaching from the sidelines. An indignant Williams emphatically defended herself, denying she had cheated. A short time later, she smashed her racket in frustration and was docketed a point. She protested that and demanded an apology from the umpire, who penalized her a game.

Many people, black women among them, echoed Williams' contention that she was punished while men on the tennis circuit have gotten away with even harsher language.

"A lot of things started going through my head in that particular situation. You know, first and foremost, what was going to be said about her the next day? The typical angry black woman, you know [...] when she really was just standing up for herself and she was standing up for women's rights," said former tennis champion Zina Garrison, who is black.

Martin and others pointed to a cartoon by an Australian artist as the clearest example of the stereotype facing black women. Mark Knight of Melbourne's Herald Sun depicted Williams as an irate, hulking, big-mouthed black woman jumping up and down on a

broken racket. The umpire was shown telling a blond, slender woman — meant to be Osaka, who is actually Japanese and Haitian — "Can you just let her win?"

"I was deeply offended. This is not a joke," said Vanessa K. De Luca, former editor in chief of Essence magazine, who wrote a column about the U.S. Open furor.

The cartoonist "completely missed the point of why she was upset," De Luca told The Associated Press. "It was about her integrity, and anybody who doesn't get that is perpetuating the erasure that so many black women feel when they are trying to speak up for themselves. It's like our opinions don't matter."

Some black women say they have to worry perpetually about how they're coming across to make sure they're not dismissed as angry or emotional. **AP**

opinion

Macau Matters

Richard Whitfield



THE DELUDED WORLD OF AIR-CONDITIONING

Living in Macau we are all well aware of the great value of air-conditioning (and refrigeration). As countries develop, the first thing that their emerging middle class citizens want is a mobile phone, and the second is air-conditioning and refrigerators – according to The Economist, in 1990 few Chinese households had air-conditioning/refrigerators but it now accounts for about 35% of the world's stock of this kind of equipment (compared to the US's 23%). This growth is set to continue because only 8% of the 3 billion people living in the tropics currently have air-conditioning or refrigerators, compared with over 90% access for Western households.

Global warming makes the old, and very young, more vulnerable to heat stroke. Factories, shopping malls, commercial offices and apartments in high rise buildings all need air-conditioning. Studies have clearly shown that labor productivity and health both drop off with rising ambient temperatures and humidity.

However, current approaches to air-conditioning are very energy intensive - I was once told that over 60% of the electrical power generated in Hong Kong was used to run air-conditioners. Globally, it is said to consume about 12% of all electrical power. Thus it is a big driver of greenhouse gas production and PM2.5 particulates in the atmosphere because most power stations still use fossil fuels. Moreover, air-conditioners and refrigerators contain "F-gases" (hydro-fluoro-carbons) which are 1-9,000 times more potent than CO2 as greenhouse gases if released into the atmosphere.

Air-conditioning is needed because the local climate and weather in many places make indoor environments too hot and/or humid to be comfortable during parts of the year. Unfortunately, modern energy intensive approaches to conditioning indoor living environments seem to totally ignore thousands of years of human experience in creating comfortable indoor environments. Even more concerning is that there are well known, and much less energy intensive, alternatives to conventional air-conditioning that are largely being ignored.

Prevention is always better than cure and for many centuries mankind has known how to orient buildings to minimize heat gain during hot weather. We have also long known how to balance the proportions of walls to windows to minimize heat gain (and loss) and to use ledges and pergolas for shading. And how to use trees for shading and light colors to reflect sunlight and to use heavy roofs and walls to maximize thermal insulation. We have also known how to create cross-drafts through buildings to take away hot indoor air, and to use indoor fountains and other water features for evaporative cooling. We have also known how to draw air into buildings through underground tunnels that naturally cool and dehumidify it. But when you look at most modern buildings these ideas are largely ignored.

Another fatal flaw of modern air-conditioning systems is that they inefficiently combine temperature and humidity control – the air is often over-cooled to reduce its water content and then reheated to get a more comfortable air temperature. Our modern understanding of thermal flows tells us that it is much more efficient to separate temperature and humidity control. Moreover, humidity can be controlled using desiccants with much less energy than cooling air to promote condensation. Finally, it is well known that cooling based on heat radiation or solid material conduction is much more efficient than the convection approach used in conventional air-conditioning (cooling air and blowing it onto your body to cool you down).

Taken all together, if we follow well known principles we can design buildings that do not heat up so much and we can use separate building indoor humidity control systems and we can cool the building structure (walls, floors and ceilings) to more efficiently control indoor temperatures. The available research suggests that making these changes can readily reduce building energy consumption for cooling (and heating) by 70+%. This will have a dramatic knock-on effect to reduce community electricity generation needs and greenhouse gas production. Why not?

THE HUMANITARIAN GROUP SAYS 100 BUZZ MIGRANTS DIE OFF LIBYAN COAST

Doctors Without Borders says more than 100 people have died in a shipwreck off the Libyan coast and the remaining survivors are being held in detention in Libya.

The humanitarian organization said yesterday in a news release the shipwreck occurred Sept. 1 and survivors include people with severe burns, pregnant women and babies. A team from the organization provided medical care.

The group says two rubber boats left the Li-

byan coast carrying migrants from Sudan, Mali, Nigeria, Cameroon, Ghana, Libya, Algeria and Egypt. One of the boats deflated and sank.

The Libyan Coast Guard recovered 276 survivors from both boats and brought them to the port city of Khoms, Libya, and only two bodies were reportedly recovered.

Libya has emerged as a major transit point to Europe for those fleeing poverty and civil war elsewhere in Africa.

Discovery of dog saves Oregon man from sex-crime conviction



Lucy, the black Labrador, is alive and well



Josh Horner with his wife Kelli Horner after his release from the Deschutes County Jail

Andrew Selsky, Salem (ore.)

The discovery of a black Labrador named Lucy led to the unraveling of a criminal case yesterday [Macau time] against an Oregon man who had begun serving a 50-year prison sentence.

Joshua Horner, a plumber from the central Oregon town of Redmond, was convicted on April 12, 2017, of sexual abuse of a minor.

In the trial, the complainant testified Horner had threatened to shoot her animals if she went to the police about the alleged molestation, and said she saw him shoot her dog, killing it, to make his point.

Six months after a jury convicted Horner in a verdict that was not unanimous, he asked the Oregon Innocence Project for help. The group took up his case.

When the group raised concerns in April about the case with Deschutes County District Attorney John Hummel, he agreed to work with them.

Horner had insisted he never shot the dog. Finding the dog would show the complainant had lied under oath. But if it was alive, where was it?

An Oregon Innocence Project volunteer and an official from Hummel's office searched for it. The black Lab had reportedly been given away. The investigators were sniffing on the trail, but they had trouble tra-

cking down the purported dog's owner.

"They made a couple trips around Deschutes County; he was not there," said Steve Wax, legal director of the Oregon Innocence Project. "We heard he was in Seattle. Then we learned he had a place on the Oregon Coast."

It was there, in the town of Gearhart northwest of Portland, that the pair finally found Lucy after her owners agreed to rendezvous at a golf course.

"She was drinking a bowl of water and sitting in shade underneath a porch. We played with her. Petted her. It was wonderful," said Lisa Christon, the Oregon Innocence Project volunteer.

Lucy was identified by an undisputed chain of custody and her looks.

"She's a very distinctive-looking black Lab; not purebred. She's got this adorable shaped head and really long ears," Christon said.

That key evidence showed the complainant had not been truthful when testifying, the district attorney said.

"Lucy the dog was not shot. Lucy the dog is alive and well," Hummel's office said in a statement.

Hummel told the court Monday he's not certain that Horner did not sexually abuse the complainant, but that he's now not convinced he did. The Associated Press is not na-

ming her because it doesn't identify alleged victims of sexual abuse.

Deschutes County Judge Michael Adler dismissed the case.

Horner, in a statement released by the Oregon Innocence Project, thanked the group, his family, friends and Hummel.

"Kelli and I are ready to pick up the pieces of our lives," Horner said, referring to his wife. The couple came out of the courthouse Monday holding hands and smiling.

Horner had walked out of a state prison in Pendleton on Aug. 3 after the Oregon Court of Appeals reversed his conviction and ordered a new trial. The appeals court said the defense had not been allowed to present certain evidence that was unrelated to the dog.

Now, Horner no longer faces that second trial. He declined a request for an interview, saying he is not ready to speak with the press just yet.

After Lucy was found, the complainant failed to attend a meeting in August to discuss her testimony, Hummel said. Last WEEK, one of his investigators heard she was at a home near Redmond. When he pulled up to the driveway, she ran away.

Horner had been indicted under a previous district attorney, but the trial and conviction came under Hummel's watch. AP

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WORLD BRIEFS



AFGHANISTAN A suicide bomber detonated his explosives-filled vest among a group of people protesting a local police commander in eastern Afghanistan yesterday, killing 32 and wounding about 130, a provincial official said. More on p12



RUSSIA In an extraordinary public outburst, President Vladimir Putin's former bodyguard and chief of the National Guard (pictured) yesterday challenged opposition leader Alexei Navalny to a duel.

HUNGARY The European Parliament is set to debate whether Hungary should face political sanctions for policies that opponents say are against the EU's democratic values and the rule of law.

BRITAIN The Bank of England's Mark Carney agreed yesterday to extend his period as governor by six months until January 2020 in order to help out in the initial phases of Britain's exit from the European Union.



SPAIN The Catalan leader says the focus of the Day of Catalonia holiday must be on freeing the high-profile separatists who are awaiting trial for their part in the bid by the region to break away from Spain last year.

US-VENEZUELA A U.S. official has accused Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro of "rapacious corruption" and operating "a kleptocracy" on a rarely seen scale that includes not only embezzling from the state-owned oil company but stealing from a government program created to feed millions of hungry people.