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**JAPAN** A powerful typhoon was ripping through Japan yesterday and authorities were warning people to brace for heavy winds and rain in areas that include those devastated by a previous storm. Many flights were canceled at major airports throughout Japan, including Tokyo's Narita and Haneda, as Typhoon Trami approached. The storm destroyed power lines on the southwestern islands of Okinawa on Saturday. *More on p14*



**US** On the anniversary of the worst mass shooting in modern U.S. history, Las Vegas looks forward even as the victims are mourned and remembered. The city is marking the occasion with a string of events, including a dimming of the Strip's glittering marquee lights. The Oct. 1, 2017, shooting left 58 dead and hundreds wounded. But in a town that has always looked ahead relentlessly, there's not a lot of time devoted to reflection.

**INDIA's** monsoon, which accounts for more than 70 percent of annual precipitation, missed a forecast for normal rainfall for a second year. Showers totaled 804 millimeters - or about 91 percent of the 50-year average - in the June to September period, data from the India Meteorological Department showed.

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# AACM issues preliminary report on Capital Airlines' incident

Lynzy Valles

**T**HE Civil Aviation Authority of Macau (AACM) has issued a preliminary report on the incident involving a Capital Airlines Airbus A320-214, listing the plane's encounters, but not yet identifying who should take the responsibility for the hard landing at Macau International Airport.

As the aircraft is registered with mainland China, the investigation is being jointly carried out by the aeronautical authorities of both mainland China and the SAR.

In the investigation report, AACM noted that the flight was normal until final approach.

The incident, which occurred on August 28, was a result of the aircraft being in its final stages of approach to the local airport. It was descending from 50 to 30 feet above ground level, and its airspeed decreased from 134 to 122 knots.

According to the report, the airspeed decrease occurred within one to two seconds and at touchdown, the aircraft was affected by a 28-knot tailwind. When the aircraft first touched down on the main landing gear, the peak vertical acceleration was 2.359 g. The aircraft then touched down again on the nose landing gear, with peak vertical acceleration reaching 3.406 g four seconds later.

Following that, the nose landing gear was damaged and de-



bris entered both engines, resulting in both engines becoming damaged.

According to the A320 Aircraft Maintenance Manual, any touchdown with a vertical acceleration equal to or greater than 2.86 g is seen as a severe hard landing.

"After the second touchdown, the captain conducted miss approach procedures with a low climb rate," the report noted.

The captain then declared mayday and requested full emergency landing at Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport.

According to AACM, the navigation system was inoperative after the hard landing and backup navigation system was activated.

The incident damaged the nose landing gear, the forward fuselage and the two engines of the aircraft.

All 35 fan blades in the left engine were damaged, including severe damage to the engine's acoustic panels, and damage to the low-pressure compressor and high-pressure compressor blades was sustained due to foreign object debris.

Damage also occurred to the six fan blades on the right engine, along with two acoustic panels. Some damage was also found on the high-pressure compressor blades and low-

-pressure compressor blades. AACM has invited aircraft manufacturer Airbus, as well as the aeronautical authorities of France, where the aircraft was manufactured, to take part in the investigation.

There were a total of 157 passengers, three flight crew members and six cabin crew members on the plane. Five of the passengers sustained minor injuries during the evacuation at Shenzhen airport.

AACM pointed out that a comprehensive investigation was still underway, and that the investigation would focus on analysis of the wheel debris, flight data, flight performance, crew training and qualifications, weather and environment influences, aircraft maintenance history, air traffic control procedures, as well as other areas. The authorities also emphasized that the purpose of the investigation was to identify the cause of the incident, so as to prevent similar occurrences in the future.

## INVESTIGATION OF MIA CONTROL TOWER UNDERWAY

**THE MACAU** Civil Aviation Authority (AACM) is investigating a decision made by a control tower at Macau International Airport on August 28, when it authorized an EVA Air flight to land on the runway after a Capital Airlines wreckage. According to local reports, the flight from

Taiwan was carrying 180 people on board and landed five minutes after the Capital Airlines' "serious incident" occurred. The runway was only cleaned after the EVA Air plane had landed. The investigation is also being conducted with the Civil Aviation Administration of China.

## DSEC launches population statistics database

**T**HE Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) has announced the launch of the Population Statistics Database, which aims to provide users with easy and efficient access to the population statistics of Macau.

The database covers four areas of statistics, namely: total population, local population, households and housing. Data can be sorted and filtered, allowing users to search for population data by different demographic or housing characteristics, such as gender, age group, nationality, education attainment, parish and statistical district. Users can also create and download customised tables and charts.

The Population Statistics Database website, available in traditional and simplified Chinese, Portuguese and English, is now accessible to the public. Currently, the database contains statistics from the 2016 Population By-Census, and population data from previous reference periods will be gradually added to the database.

In addition, the database has a "Comments or Suggestions" section, where users are welcome to provide feedback and help improve the content and functions of the database.

## ASK THE VET

by Dr Ruan Du Toit Bester

### HOW TO CARE FOR A KITTEN DURING THE FIRST 3 WEEKS

**A** kitten needs to be with his mother for the first 8 weeks of his life, however if this is not possible, you need to be the surrogate mother.

#### Kitten Care Essentials

You need some kitten care essentials for the first few weeks:

- Sleeping box; newborn kittens spend a lot of time sleeping, so you need to provide a warm, comfortable box. The room where the box is placed should be warm, as kittens don't have the capacity to keep a normal temperature and may suffer from hypothermia, which can be fatal.
- Blankets and towels to keep the kitten warm
- Special formula kitten food
- Soft toys or paper
- Later, your kitten will also need:
- Litterbox
- Cat litter
- Food and water bowls

- Toys
- Kitten Health

The kitten needs to be taken to the vet. The vet will examine your kitten's health and look for parasites or diseases. A newborn kitten does not get vaccines until the age of 8 to 9 weeks.

#### Feeding the Kitten

If you have the mother cat nursing your kitten, you don't need to feed the kitten. However, if the mother is not present you need to feed the kitten. Kittens have their eyes closed for the first 10 days of their lives, so you will need to use a syringe to hand feed your pet. Get Kitten Formula from Royal Canin and feed your kitten following the guidelines on the box, according to your pet's weight. Kitten food is different from adult cat food; it contains a special formula that is high in protein and fats. The food needs to be highly digestible and nutrient dense. Kittens need wet food, as this is easier to digest. Newborn kittens can't handle dry food,

but this may be given after the kitten is 8 weeks old. Feed your kitten 10 to 12 times in 24 hours or once every two hours. Don't feed the kitten cow milk; this may cause diarrhea or indigestion. The kitten will start growing teeth at about 2 weeks. After 3 weeks, you may start giving your kitten a food bowl and train him to use it.

#### Elimination

Newborn kittens cannot defecate without help. The mother helps kittens to eliminate food by licking their bum. Use a moist cloth and massage your kitten's stomach and bum to stimulate bowel movement. At this age, the kitten will not be able to use a litter box to urinate, so you need to clean after the kitten.

#### Playing and Socializing

The first weeks are essential in determining your cat's behavior. If the kitten is with his mother and brothers, he will learn how to play sa-



fely and will socialize. However, if your kitten is alone, you will need to cuddle him and play with him to develop a relationship with your pet. The kitten typically starts standing up at about 2 to 3 weeks, and will start playing at 3 to 4 weeks.

Hope this info helps  
Till next week  
Dr Ruan Bester

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## GOLDEN WEEK

# National Day marked with many events, less tourists expected

A series of activities will be hosted today to celebrate the National Day, including a flag raising ceremony and a reception, to celebrate the 69th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

At 8 a.m. there will be a flag raising ceremony held at Golden Lotus Square. The ceremony is to be attended by the Chief Executive and representatives from the Liaison Office, the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Macau Garrison of the People's Liberation Army.

The Chief Executive will then attend a National Day reception held at the Macau Tower Convention and Entertainment Centre at 9.30 a.m. Later in the day, Chui will preside at the start of a run to commemorate National Day, and later present awards to those that participated.

A number of public departments will hold events to celebrate the anniversary of the People's Republic of China. Firework displays – held by the Macao Government Tourism Office – will take place on the waterfront near the Macau Tower at 9 p.m. and at 9.40 p.m. today.



An acrobatic show titled "Rainbow over the Silk Road" – presented by the Cultural Affairs Bureau and the Liaison Office – will be held today at 8 p.m. at

the Macau Forum.

Meanwhile, several reports indicate that the gaming and retail industries are facing dimmer prospects for the Golden Week holiday. According to a Bloomberg report, the main reasons for the expected slowdown are the slowing Chinese economy and the ongoing trade war between China and the United States.

About 40 percent of rooms in the territory's 3-to-5-star hotels have been fully booked as of Friday, three days before China's

week-long holiday starts, according to online booking websites including Agoda and Expedia. That compares with 80 percent at roughly the same time last year. Hotels in Macau are charging about double or triple their usual prices, a lower premium than in 2017 when some suites were listed at five times the typical rate.

Prices for some of the most expensive rooms last year reached about HKD10,000 (USD1,280) a night. This year, a room at the Mandarin Oriental in Ma-

cau is available for as little as HKD5,300, while the Parisian is showing a rate of as low as HKD2,098.

Macau has seen softening growth in gaming revenue since the second quarter. Analysts have cut their estimates for this year and 2019, as a weakening yuan, China's economic slowdown and escalating trade tensions with the U.S. threaten to derail a two-year rebound in Macau.

"Expectations remain modest for October" as there are worries surrounding macroeconomic factors, said Grant Govertsen, an analyst at Union Gaming Securities Asia Ltd.

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Typhoon Mangkhut didn't help. Gaming revenue forecasts for September were cut in half to 6.5 percent, according to a survey of seven analysts by Bloomberg News, after the typhoon ripped through Macau mid-September and forced a 33-hour shutdown of casinos.

If the forecast bears out, it would be the first month since February that gaming growth slowed to single digits. Analysts forecast October will follow the weakening trend with growth of 5 percent.

The Golden Week is considered peak season for Macau, with junkets flush with high rollers and casinos offering new entertainment options.

### POOR AIR QUALITY PREDICTED FOR GOLDEN WEEK

**THE MACAO** Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau (SMG) has predicted bad air quality throughout the Chinese National Day holiday. On Friday, SMG called on people with respiratory problems

or heart disease to reduce their physical exertion and to avoid outdoor activities. In addition, SMG has predicted that there will be light showers on the morning of October 1.

## PH buyers dominate consultation opinions on urban renewal regime

Julie Zhu

**T**HE public consultation on the region's urban renewal law concerning temporary and exchange houses received many opinions from former buyers of the stranded Pearl Horizon real estate development project.

Last week, the government held a press conference to release the results of the public consultation.

As reported by Lam Chi Long, deputy commissioner of the Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) and head of the

Administration Appeal Bureau of CCAC, the government received more than 7,000 opinions submitted by Pearl Horizon project's former buyers and personnel.

The opinions of the group were said to be "constructed from their [buyers'] beneficial point of view."

Previously, the MSAR government reclaimed the land plot of the Pearl Horizon project, announcing afterwards that it would build public houses on top of the plot. The government further proposed that Pearl Horizon buyers

would be allowed to purchase public housing units. However, the final plan regarding the procedures to purchase these units has yet to be announced.

According to Lam, some of the opinions suggested that Pearl Horizon buyers should be eligible to purchase an equal number of properties from the government's public housing project.

Other opinions suggested that when Pearl Horizon buyers purchase a unit, they should be exempt from stamp taxes for purchasing their non-first

property because they had already purchased a house from the Pearl Horizon project. In the past, Macau did not charge stamp taxes on first-purchased properties.

During the public consultation, Pearl Horizon buyers once again displayed their strong stance against the government's proposal for solving the Pearl Horizon problem. However, there were also residents who opposed the government's plan for Pearl Horizon buyers.

Some of the opinions called on the government to



only allow Pearl Horizon buyers to buy one property from the public housing project, others suggested that Pearl Horizon buyers should pay stamp taxes, even if they already own other properties.

As Lam stressed, Pearl Horizon buyers' opinions dominated the opinions overall. However, the CCAC deputy commissioner highlighted that the government will not draft

a law simply based on the majority's opinions, and the government will balance public interests.

During the 30-day public consultation period, the government received a total of 11,642 opinions. Eighty-three percent supported the temporary and exchange housing regime, whereas seven percent were against the bill. The remaining 10 percent of opinions were neutral.

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## GGCT monitoring Indonesian tsunami

The Tourism Crisis Management Office (GGCT) is paying close attention to the occurrence of an earthquake and tsunami on the island of Sulawesi, Indonesia, and will keep in close contact with the Macau travel industry for any developments. In a statement, GGCT said that from the information gathered through the Macau travel industry, no requests for assistance from Macau residents have been received. As of Saturday, GGCT has not received any requests for information or assistance either.

## 20 casinos yet to submit applications for smoking rooms

A total of 27 casinos have applied for new smoking rooms on the premises as of Friday, making a total of 404 license applications, the Health Bureau (SSM) announced in a statement. These numbers imply that 20 casinos in the region have not submitted their plans yet. Following the enactment of the smoking ban on casinos on January 1, 2019, older smoking rooms, which do not abide by these rules, are prohibited from operating. These new smoking rooms have stricter requirements than before and will be put in place at beginning of next year. The SSM noted that up to now, only 12 smoking rooms in three local casinos have been approved, which include: Ponte 16, City of Dreams and Studio City.

# Cross-border buses start trial runs across HKZMB

**C**CROSS-BORDER buses operated by Hong Kong companies started trial runs on the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge (HKZMB) on Friday, in preparation for the bridge's upcoming opening.

The trial runs, jointly arranged by the governments of mainland China, Hong Kong and Macau, were expected to last for three days and aimed at testing the readiness of boundary crossing facilities of the three places, the Hong Kong SAR government's Transport and Housing Bureau told Xinhua.

Two major cross-boundary coach trade associations in Hong Kong were invited to send buses and members to participate in the trial runs.

Freeman Cheung, secretary of Hong Kong Guangdong Boundary Crossing Bus Association, said his association trialed one bus carrying about 10 passengers on Friday and Saturday respectively as part of the trial runs. "Our bus started



at noon from the Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities and ran all the way to Zhuhai in about 40 minutes," he said, adding that "the journey was smooth."

Alan Chan, secretary of another trade association who participated in the trial runs as a passenger, said the clearance procedures at all three boundary crossing facilities went

well and smoothly.

"The boundary crossing facilities of Zhuhai and Macau, in particular, are operated in a collaborative way, which helps remarkably shorten the time needed for the clearance procedures," he said.

The HKZMB, situated at the waters of the Pearl River Estuary, is a mega-size sea crossing linking Hong Kong,

Zhuhai and Macau. The 55-kilometer bridge is the longest bridge-and-tunnel sea crossing in the world.

The bridge is meant to meet the demands of passenger and freight land transport from Hong Kong, mainland China and Macau, and establish a new land transport link between the east and west banks of the Pearl River. **MDT/Xinhua**

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# Leong predicts 'possible changes' in economy for 2019



**T**HE Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lionel Leong, has warned that due to factors such as the reduction of the exchange rate of the Renminbi and the rise of the preferential interest rate, the local economy could pass from a forecasted rate of "stable and positive" to "stable with possible changes," the Government Information Bureau informed in a statement.

Leong was speaking on Friday on the sidelines of a public event when he revealed the government's forecasts, noting that economic trends are unpredictable but future changes in the local economy could result from the influence of international policies or measures. He recalled that due to the indexation of the interest rates, Macau is influenced by external factors.

Nevertheless, Leong assured that the government was prepared for this situation and counter-cycle periods, noting that local capability to respond to these situations is high.

The secretary added that he has already instructed the services under his authority to constantly assess and monitor the influences generated by the trade disputes between China and the United States, as well as the increase in interest rates and possible changes in the local employment market.

Currently, he noted the results of this assessment fall within his expectations.

Furthermore, he explained that Macau has sufficient capital to face the impact of negative factors, in order to prevent them from having a direct reflection on the retail sector.

Leong warned that contrary to what has happened in the last 10 years where the banks did not increase interest rates, this time banking corporations have already announced that they will start to increase rates. This will be a reflection of the increase of the financial burden of credit, especially the those related to mortgages.

Despite the less positive forecast, the secretary is confident that the economic structure of Macau will be able to tackle this issue and that extra gaming elements can provide support to the operations of the sector.

Commenting on the outcomes of the investigations done to the Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) and the procedures and standards of attribution of temporary residence, Leong said the investigations closed without any record of unlawful actions performed by staff of the organization. The secretary also said that the government understands the need to review the laws and guidelines on this topic and will do so in a timely manner. **RM**

## Taxi association's app-hailing project hopes to improve service

**T**HE Macau Taxi Drivers Mutual Association has launched a mobile hailing application and a QR-code-based e-payment system created by Macau Pass, hoping to improve taxi services and reduce the number of overcharging cases.

Regarding the application, which is called 澳門的士 (Macau Taxi), intentional users are to first download it and then log in with their phone number so that their location can be displayed within the application. The

application will show whether there are any taxis within a three-kilometer radius around the users' location. The app will then show the taxis' number plates, whereby users can contact the drivers.

Passengers can pay the taxi fare through MPay or Alipay. They can then give the service a score in the Macau Taxi app.

The association will reward drivers with the higher scores. Until now, about 300 taxi drivers have joined the application. The association

hopes to isolate unruly drivers by identifying well-behaved taxi drivers through the application.

President of Macau Taxi Drivers Mutual Association, Kuok Leongson, says the association will consider installing Wi-Fi access points inside vehicles.

Previously, the taxi association had launched a program called "Honest Taxis." Currently, approximately 150 taxis are included in the program, with all the taxis allowing e-payment and app-based tax hailing services.

## Michelin Guide Street Food Festival ends tomorrow

**T**HE second annual Michelin Guide Street Food Festival Macau, featuring Michelin-acclaimed food stalls and eateries, will be serving famed signature creations on site at Studio City until tomorrow.

Dishes from eight Michelin-awarded restaurants and eateries, including Singapore's famed hawker stalls, popular Taiwanese street food, Thai cuisine and Macau's own classic Cantonese favorites, will be available throughout the event.

The event also hosts celebrated chefs, including Bib Gourmand.

The Michelin Guide Street Food Festival Ma-



cau 2018 is organized by Michelin and Robert Parker Wine Advocate, with support from Official Title Partner Melco Resorts and Entertainment.

Dishes are priced between MOP40 and MOP60, and are redeemable via cash coupons.

The festival will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00

p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m..

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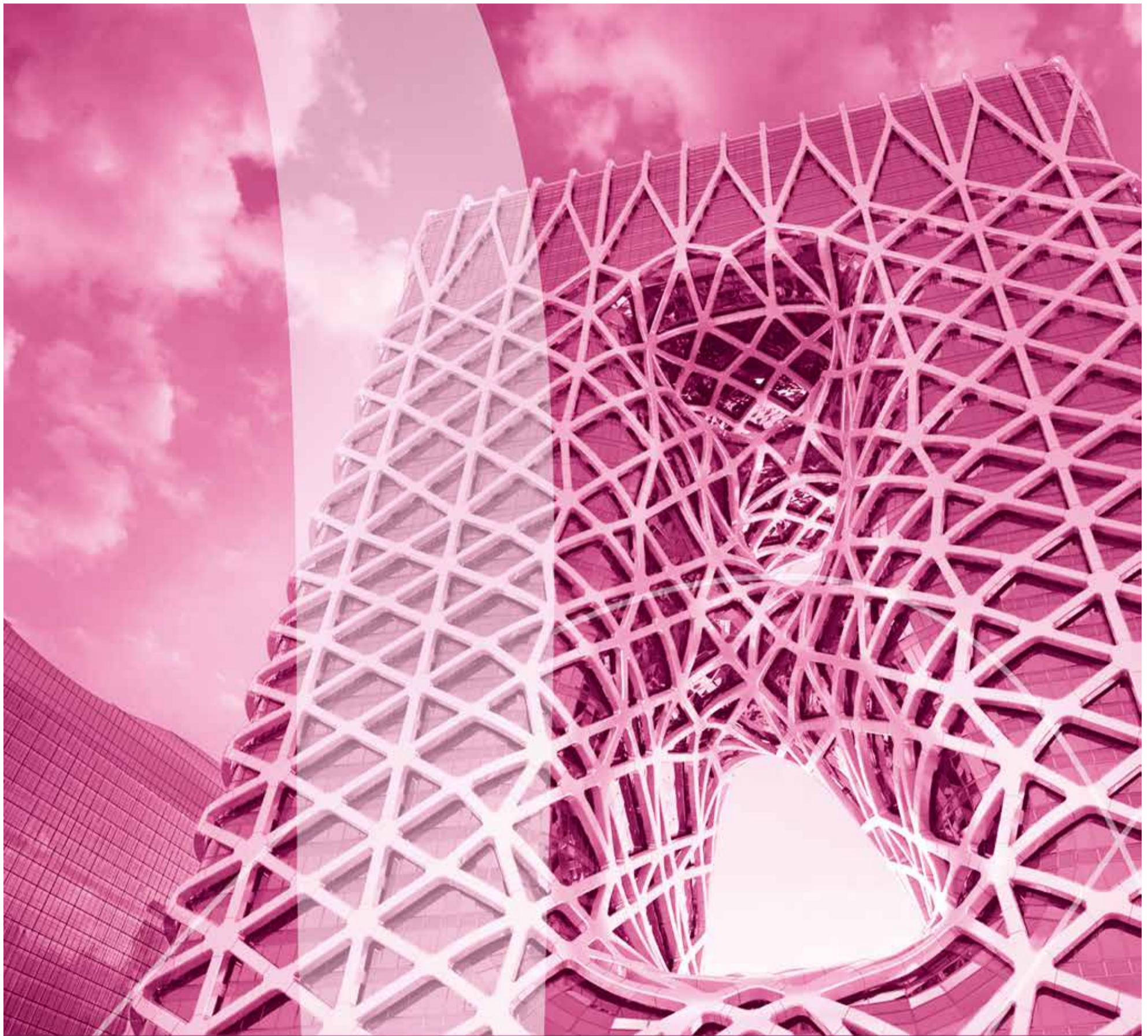
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# SEC forces Tesla to dampen Elon Musk's dominance

Dana Hull

A run-in with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission may prove to be the recipe for reform that corporate governance experts have said Tesla Inc.'s board needed years ago.

The electric-car maker has been forced to find an independent chairman to replace Elon Musk as part of a USD40 million accord with the SEC to settle fraud charges related to his tweets about taking Tesla private. The company also will have to add two new independent directors and implement controls to oversee the communications of its outspoken chief executive officer.

It's a shakeup that's long overdue to many investors, proxy advisers and academics who've blasted Tesla's board for being rife with conflicts and serving as an inadequate check on their visionary CEO. The 47-year-old billionaire has made a series of unforced errors lately that have risked distracting the money-losing company's employees just as they're seeking to mass-manufacture and deliver cars at scale for the first time.

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Elon Musk

In the weeks since sending ill-conceived tweets last month about buying out stockholders at \$420 a share, Musk smoked marijuana in an interview with a comedian and was sued for defamation by a cave diver he called a pedophile. The blunders coincided with an exodus of senior executives and sell-offs of Tesla shares.

All the while, Tesla board members have issued multiple statements saying they continue to back Musk. The nine-director board includes Musk; his brother, Kimbal; and four long-time business associates.

"The addition of two more directors will have the effect of muting his dominance," Stephen Diamond, an associate professor of law at Santa Clara

University who specializes in corporate governance, said of Musk.

The SEC secured a concession from Musk and the board that an individual investor sought at the company's annual meeting in June. Shareholders defeated a proposal to require that the chairman of the company be an independent director, with about 83 percent of votes cast against the measure.

Three board members - Antonio Gracias, a private equity firm founder; Kimbal Musk, a food industry entrepreneur; and James Murdoch, the CEO of Twenty-First Century Fox Inc. - also won re-election in June despite a campaign waged against them by CtW Investment Group. The union pension fund-affiliated activist had argued that issues including missed Model 3 production targets showed the board had insufficiently governed Musk and the company.

CtW also chastised Gracias, Tesla's lead independent director, for failing to insist on the resignation from the board by Steve Jurvetson, who parted ways with the venture capital firm he co-founded after allegations of misconduct emerged

in November of last year. He's remained on leave as a director.

A year earlier, Tesla shareholders sided with the board in defeating a proposal put forward by a group of Connecticut pension funds that would have required directors to face reelection at each annual meeting, rather than serve staggered three-year terms.

Some investors also took issue with directors' coziness with the CEO during the lead-up to Tesla's 2016 acquisition of SolarCity Corp. Musk's cousins ran the money-losing solar-panel installer, and Musk owned more than 20 percent of both businesses at the time of the deal. Proxy adviser Glass Lewis & Co. called it a "thinly veiled bailout plan" in which Tesla paid \$2 billion and took on SolarCity's \$2.9 billion debt load.

"It's not often that an SEC lawsuit could be viewed as an opportunity, but this is one of those rare cases," Gene Munster, a managing partner at venture capital firm Loup Ventures, wrote in a report Saturday. Al Gore, the 2000 U.S. presidential runner-up and Apple Inc. director, or Jim McNerney, the former CEO of planemaker Boeing Co., could be good candidates to be put in charge of Tesla's board, he said.

"The open board chairperson role creates an opportunity for Tesla to potentially put someone in place that is capable of influencing Musk and helping Tesla reach sustainability," Munster said. **Bloomberg**

# Uber clampdown in Spain hurts refuge for long-term unemployed

Charles Penty, Maria Tadeo and Thomas Gualtieri

SPAIN'S Socialist government's efforts to clampdown on the growth of car-hailing apps including Uber and Cabify threaten to hurt people it claims to want to help: middle-aged workers out of work for a long time.

Public Works Minister Jose Luis Abalos on Friday announced new rules requiring holders of licenses for car services such as Uber to seek another permit from local authorities for operating in urban areas. The aim is to address tensions between taxi and hailing-app drivers by putting rules for both on a similar footing, he said.

The tighter rules are Spain's salvo in a battle being fought in cities across the world between firms including San Francisco-based Uber and regulators over services that taxi com-

panies say threaten their existence. Car companies using ride-hailing apps say the government is giving in to demands from taxi lobbies and hurting independent drivers, most of whom can't get back into the job market. This summer, cab drivers blockaded the streets of Madrid and Barcelona in a wave of protests against the spread of ride-hailing apps.

"It's crazy that parties such as Socialists, which have historically protected workers' rights, are now backing the taxi companies," Eduardo Martin, the head of Unauto, the biggest association representing ride-hailing services, said in an interview in Madrid. "The taxi industry is putting pressure on the government to eliminate a direct competitor."

Spanish taxi drivers have been furious at the surge in the number of cars operating with ride-hai-

ling apps, which now serve 6 million customers in Spain. The number of taxi licenses has remained stable over the past two decades at about 70,000, according to AFI, a Madrid-based consulting company. Meanwhile, so-called VTC licenses for chauffeured cars using apps from companies like Uber is on course to rise to as many as 18,000 in about 2020 from about 11,000 now.

Many of those drivers are middle-aged people whose working lives were cut short by a five-year slump that drove the unemployment rate as high as 27 percent in 2013. "The most frequent profile of the new employee is of the long-term unemployed aged more than 50 years old for whom this job represents a unique opportunity to rejoin the world of work," according to a report prepared for Unauto. More

than a third of drivers of VTC cars are aged over 50, it said.

They are people like Armand Baquero, who started working as a VTC driver using the Cabify service in Barcelona last year after losing his job in 2011. He had worked as a consultant and at one point owned a business distributing air conditioning equipment.

"I lost my job, I had no financial stability and three kids to provide for," said Baquero, 59. "Becoming a driver changed all that. I have source of income, I can pay my bills and I'm in a better place emotionally." To be sure, the drivers of traditional taxis also frame their dispute with the VTC drivers around the fight to preserve their own livelihoods.

Increasing use of smartphones and restrictions on personal car use are factors driving the growth in ride-hailing apps worldwi-

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Drivers working for companies like Uber and Cabify march during a protest last week in Madrid

de. In Madrid, there are about 3 VTC licenses per 1,000 inhabitants compared with 15 in New York so there's plenty of room for ride-hailing services to grow.

Adding to concerns for cab drivers are the significant investments many have made in buying taxi licenses on the secondary market. In Madrid, a cab license can change hands for more than 140,000 euros (USD162,134) compared with 50,000 euros for a regional VTC license, according to AFI.

In a gesture to the drivers and owners of hailing-app

vehicles, the government will allow a four-year transitional period for the tighter regulation to take effect. When that time is up, the cars will have to have the corresponding new permit to be able to drive in cities.

"The approval of the decree is a positive thing - rules and laws aren't a bad thing," said Jesus Fernandez, the spokesman for An-taxi, a national association that claim to represent 40 percent of Spanish cabs. "Ride-hailing companies must be regulated if they intend to offer the same service as taxis." **Bloomberg**



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# China claims more patents than any country - most are worthless

Lulu Yilun Chen

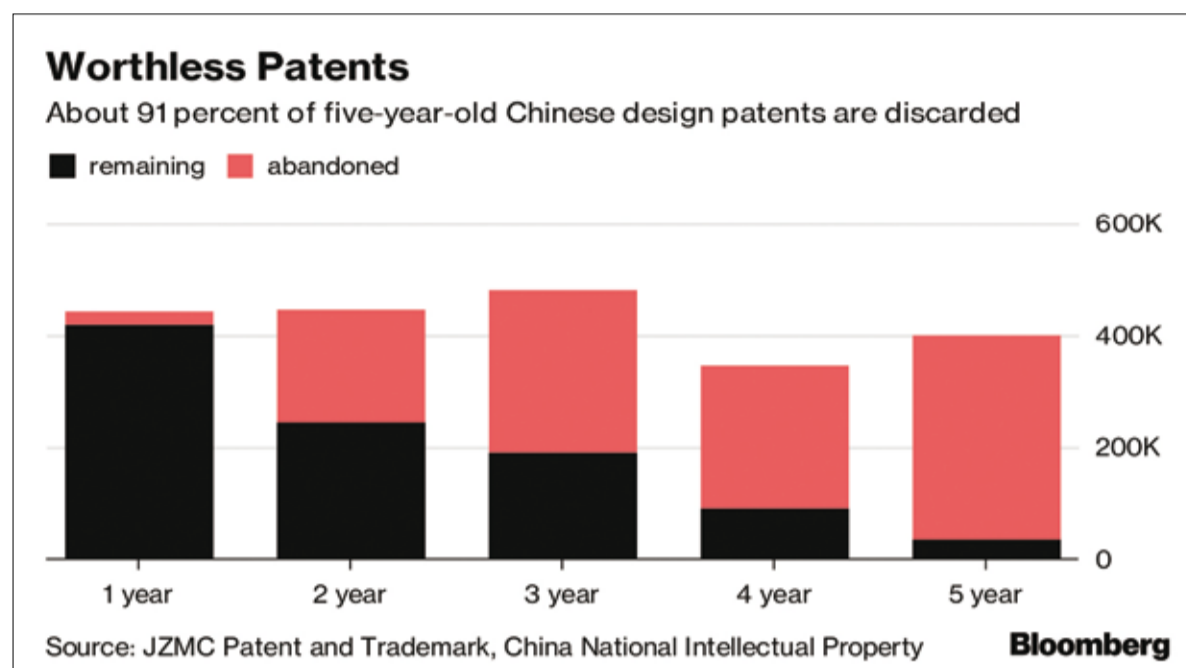
**F**OR nearly a decade, China has taken great pride at filing the largest number of domestic patents. It's proving less keen on keeping them.

Despite huge numbers of filings, most patents are discarded by their fifth year as licensees balk at paying escalating fees. When it comes to design, more than nine out of every ten lapses - almost the mirror opposite of the U.S.

The high attrition rate is a symptom of the way China has pushed universities, companies and backyard inventors to transform the country into a self-sufficient powerhouse. Subsidies and other incentives are geared toward making patent filings, rather than making sure those claims are useful. So the volume doesn't translate into quality, with the country still dependent on others for innovative ideas, such as modern smartphones.

"It means these patents really aren't as valuable as people thought," said Lu Junfeng, a patent attorney at Shanghai-based JZMC Patent and Trademark Law Office. "If the retention rate is so low for design patents, then it calls into question whether there's a bigger systematic problem."

China overtook Japan eight years ago to become the biggest hoarder of domestic patents and has remained in the lead ever since, approving 1.8 million last year alone. President Xi Jinping's Made in China 2025 program - now at the center of tensions with the U.S. - aims to make the country a global leader in technology, and developing a hoard of intellec-



tual property has become a central element of achieving that.

To get a clearer picture on the country's patent history, it's important to understand that not all of them are equal. In China there are three different categories: invention, utility model and design.

Invention patents, as the name suggests, are for new ideas that represent "notable progress" in advancing a technology. This category represents what most people understand about patents, a breakthrough in design, process or concept. It accounted for just 23 percent of the patents granted in China last year.

Just like in the U.S., they face a challenging path to approval in a process that can take 18 months and exposes them to testing and scrutiny. Successful ideas are protected for 20 years.

It's the two other categories, which

both have a 10-year life, that swell the headline numbers but are proving far less valuable. An example of a design patent would be the shape of a soda bottle, while a utility model would include something like sliding to unlock a smartphone. Neither is subject to rigorous examination and can be granted within less than a year.

As of last year, more than 91 percent of design patents granted in 2013 had been discarded because people stopped paying to maintain them, according to JZMC Patent and Trademark data compiled for a Bloomberg query. Things aren't much better for utility models with 61 percent lapsing during the same five-year period, while invention patents had a disposal rate of 37 percent. In comparison, maintenance fees were paid on 85.6 percent of U.S. patents issued in 2013, according

to the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

"The fact that design patent disposal rates are so high is astonishing," said JZMC's Lu. "People have such a low desire to keep them."

While the Chinese government provides an incentive for new applications, that's not the case once a patent is granted, and holders must pay ever-increasing fees just to keep them.

It costs 900 yuan (USD131) a year to own an invention patent, a price that rises to as much as 8,000 yuan later in its life. For the other categories, tolls rise from 600 yuan to 2,000 yuan annually in the last two years.

A lax approval process for the less inventive categories has led to a flourishing of filings, where people literally copy a patent in the U.S. and seek approval in China,

often with the intention of parlaying that into a settlement fee, said Wang Xiang, head of law firm Orrick's China IP practice.

Some companies have also been exposed as frauds, seeking to use patent filings to get tax and residency benefits for employees. Since 2008, as part of China's national policy to encourage innovation, companies certified as "high-tech firms" have won significant tax cuts and annual subsidies of 500,000 yuan in provinces like Hainan.

"There's probably a lack of motive to strictly vet these companies," Wang said. "Unfortunately under the existing judicial system, there is no effective deterrence against fraudulent filing or falsifying evidence."

**Subsidies and other incentives are geared toward making patent filings, rather than making sure those claims are useful**

Chinese regulators are only just starting to notice some of the suspect practices. The Ministry of Science and Technology revoked high-tech licenses for at least 14 companies this year, without citing specific reasons. In an unusual move, the state-owned Xinhua News Agency lambasted China's IP industry for plagiarism, forgery and other sub-par practices in August. It said the sector was beset by "weak IP, fake demands and some companies fervent on phony innovation." **Bloomberg**

## Top diplomat rebukes Trump's trade policy at UN

**C**HINA warned Friday that its critical relationship with the United States could break "like a glass," and used the most global of stages to warn the Trump administration it wouldn't be pushed around on trade.

Foreign Minister Wang Yi insisted that his country "will not be blackmailed" or bow to pressure. "Protectionism will only hurt oneself, and unilateral moves will bring damage to all," he told the U.N. General Assembly gathering of world leaders.

President Donald Trump this week cranked up punitive tariffs on China, and Beijing responded in kind, escalating a trade war between the world's two lar-



Foreign Minister Wang Yi

gest economies. Trump upped the ante by then accusing China of meddling in the upcoming U.S. midterm elections because it opposes his trade policies.

He has presented little evidence to back up the allegations, which China says are untrue.

Wang, in separate remarks at a think tank, said

U.S.-China relationship was at a critical point, four decades since ties were normalized.

"The relationship between our two countries is a common asset. It must be preserved and valued. It's the result of generations of people's efforts," Wang said. "It's like a glass. It's easy to break it" and would be difficult to repair, he said.

Although Wang presented China as upholding multilateral institutions - drawing an implicit contrast with Trump's anti-globalist stance - Beijing's top diplomat said the suspicions that China seeks global hegemony and to displace the U.S. as a world leader is false. But

he warned it's an idea that is spreading, amplifying differences between the two countries.

"This is a serious strategic misjudgment," Wang told the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, "that will be extremely detrimental to U.S. interests and the future of the United States."

He said China rather seeks a path of peaceful development. He defended China's assertive behavior in the South China Sea, where it has built man-made islands to reinforce its sweeping territorial claims that are disputed by its neighbors. He said military facilities on those islands are for defensive purposes to

counter military activities by other nations in the area, including the United States.

Wang also defended China's recent participation in military drills with Russia that have added to U.S. anxiety that its key strategic rivals are setting aside historical differences and teaming up against it. He said military-to-military ties are normal to build "mutual understanding."

On human rights, Wang was asked about the reported harsh treatment of Uighur Muslims in China's far west. He maintained that China had brought law and order to a region once blighted by terrorism. **AP**



INDONESIA

# Tsunami death toll tops 800 amid search for survivors

Niniek Karmini, Palu

**R**ESCUE officials feared the full scale of Indonesia's earthquake and tsunami could climb far past the more than 800 already confirmed dead, as several large coastal towns remained cut off yesterday by damaged roads and downed communication lines.

The country's disaster agency said the death toll more than doubled to 832, and nearly all of those were from the hard-hit city of Palu on the island of Sulawesi. The regencies of Donggala, Sigi and Parigi Moutong — with combined populations of 1.2 million — had yet to be fully assessed.

"The death toll is believed to be still increasing since many bodies were still under the wreckage, while many have not been reached," said agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho. He said a mass burial was held yesterday for health reasons.

Bodies covered in blue and yellow tarps lined the streets of Palu, while rescuers dug through

debris in the hopes of finding survivors from the twin disasters that struck Friday evening. There was particular focus on the eight-story Roa-Roa Hotel, where voices from underneath the rubble could be heard calling out for help on Saturday.

The cries from beneath the hotel, which appeared to have toppled over with its walls splintered like pickup sticks, had gone silent by yesterday afternoon. Officials had estimated some 50 people could be inside.

"We are trying our best. Time is so important here to save people," said Muhammad Syaugi, head of the national search and rescue team. "Heavy equipment is on the way."

Metro TV showed about a dozen rescuers in orange jumpsuits climbing over debris with a stretcher carrying the body of a victim from the modest business hotel.

Aid and supplies were being sent to the area via military and commercial aircraft, including helicopters, to reach badly affected

areas. Officials said the area was lacking medical supplies, fuel, fresh water and experts.

Indonesian President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo toured Palu yesterday. "There are many challenges," Jokowi said. "We have to do many things soon, but conditions do not allow us to do so."

Nugroho said 61 foreigners were in Palu at the time of the disaster. Most of them had been accounted for, but one South Korean was believed to be trapped in the ruins of the Roa-Roa Hotel, while three others from France and one from Malaysia were missing. The survivors were to be evacuated to the Sulawesi city of Makassar in the island's far south.

It's the latest natural disaster to hit Indonesia, which is frequently struck by earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and tsunamis because of its location on the "Ring of Fire," an arc of volcanoes and fault lines in the Pacific Basin. In December 2004, a massive magnitude 9.1 earthquake off Sumatra island in western Indonesia triggered a tsunami that killed 230,000 people in a dozen countries. Last month, a powerful quake on the island of Lombok killed 505 people.

In Donggala, the site closest to the earthquake's epicenter, aerial footage aired on Metro TV showed the sugary blond sands of beaches swept out to sea, as were some buildings. Damage to some buildings in the town was severe, with plywood walls shredded and chunks of concrete scattered on the pavement. Much of the damage, however, appeared

limited to the waterfront.

Palu, which has more than 380,000 people, was strewn with debris from the earthquake and tsunami. A mosque heavily damaged by the quake was half submerged and a shopping mall was reduced to a crumpled hulk. A large bridge with yellow arches had collapsed.

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SUTOPO PURWO  
DISASTER AGENCY SPOKESMAN

The city is built around a narrow bay that apparently magnified the force of the tsunami waters as they raced into the tight inlet. Nugroho said waves were reported as high as 6 meters in some places.

Looters were stealing from the badly damaged shopping mall, which was not being guarded yesterday. They did not appear to be concerned about their safety, despite ongoing aftershocks and the structure's questionable stability. Residents were also seen

returning to their destroyed homes, picking through waterlogged belongings, trying to salvage anything they could find.

Hundreds of people were injured and hospitalized, damaged by the magnitude 7.5 quake, were overwhelmed.

Some of the injured, including Dwi Haris, who suffered a broken back and shoulder, rested outside Palu's Army Hospital, where patients were being treated outdoors due to continuing strong aftershocks. Tears filled his eyes as he recounted feeling the violent earthquake shake the fifth-floor hotel room he shared with his wife and daughter.

"There was no time to save ourselves. I was squeezed into the ruins of the wall, I think," said Haris, adding that his family was in town for a wedding. "I heard my wife cry for help, but then silence. I don't know what happened to her and my child. I hope they are safe."

Nina, a 23-year-old woman who goes by one name, was working not far from the beach when the quake hit. She said the quake destroyed her workplace, but she managed to escape and quickly went home to get her mother and younger brother.

"We tried to find shelter, but then I heard people shouting, 'Water! Water!'" she recalled, crying. "The three of us ran, but got separated. Now I don't know where my mother and brother are."

Communications with the area were difficult because power and telecommunications were cut, hampering search and rescue efforts. Most people slept outdoors, fearing strong aftershocks.

Indonesia is a vast archipelago of more than 17,000 islands that span a distance that would stretch from New York to London. It is home to 260 million people. Roads and infrastructure are poor in many areas, making access difficult in the best of conditions.

The disaster agency has said that essential aircraft can land at Palu's airport, though AirNav, which oversees aircraft navigation, said the runway was cracked and the control tower damaged.

AirNav said one of its air traffic controllers, aged 21, died in the quake after staying in the tower to ensure a flight he'd just cleared for departure got airborne safely. It did.

More than half of the 560 inmates in a Palu prison fled after its walls collapsed during the quake, said its warden, Adhi Yan Ricoh. Ricoh said there was no immediate plan to search for the inmates because the prison staff and police were consumed with the search and rescue effort.

Sulawesi has a history of religious tensions between Muslims and Christians, with violent riots erupting in the town of Poso, not far from Palu, two decades ago. Indonesia is the world's most populous Muslim country. **AP**



# Everybody on plane survives crash landing in Pacific lagoon

Nick Perry, Wellington

A passenger on a plane that crashed into a Pacific lagoon on Friday said the flight attendants were panicking and he saw water pouring through a hole in the side of the plane before he was able to escape.

Local boats helped rescue all 47 passengers and crew after the plane hit the water while trying to land at the Chuuk Island airport in the Micronesia archipelago. Seven people were taken to a hospital, according to officials, including one described as being in critical but stable condition.

Passenger Bill Jaynes said the Air Niugini plane came in very low.

"I thought we landed hard," he said. "Until I looked over and saw a hole in the side of the plane and water was coming in. And I thought, well, this is not the way it's supposed to happen."

Jaynes said those aboard managed to wade through waist-deep water to the emergency exits on the sinking plane.

He said the flight attendants were yelling, and that he suffered a minor head injury. He said he called his wife, who started crying.

"I was really impressed with the locals who immediately started coming out in boats," he said in an interview with a missionary in Chuuk, Matthew Colson, that was posted online and shared with the AP.

"One would think that they might be afraid to approach a plane that's just crashed."

The sequence of events remains unclear. The airline said the plane landed short of the runway. However, Jaynes said

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the only scenario he can imagine is that it hit the end of the runway and continued into the water.

The U.S. Navy said sailors working nearby on improving a wharf also helped in the rescue by using an inflatable boat to shuttle people ashore before the plane sank in about 30 meters of water.

The striking images of people being rescued from the half-submerged plane were reminiscent of the 2009 crash landing in New York City known as the "Miracle on the Hudson."

Louie Mallari, who was working at a hotel near the airport, said he could hear the

whole thing happen.

"As the plane approaches, the sound of the engine is getting stronger, then suddenly a splash of water," he said, adding that he then heard screaming.

He said it's a good thing that so many people use boats to travel and were able to quickly help with the rescue.

"It's really fortunate that we didn't have any fatalities," said Glenn Harris, a government aviation security inspector for the Federated States of Micronesia.

Harris said the plane left from the Micronesian island of Pohnpei about 700 kilometers

to the east before ending up in the water at about 10 a.m.

He said he has yet to see a passenger manifest, but typical passengers would include businesspeople from Micronesia, Papua New Guinea and Australia, as well as some tourists. Chuuk is known for its world-class diving, with dozens of World War II shipwrecks visible in the clear waters.

Harris said he doesn't know what caused the crash landing or whether the pilots had alerted air traffic control of any problems.

The airline said in a statement that the 35 passengers and 12 crew members aboard

the Boeing 737 were all able to safely evacuate. It said the weather was poor at the time, with heavy rain and reduced visibility.

The airline said it was making all efforts to ensure the ongoing safety of the passengers and meet their immediate needs. It said it was in touch with embassies, passenger representatives, stakeholders and families of the crew.

Air Niugini is the national airline of Papua New Guinea and has operated since 1973. The airline identified the flight as PX 073 with the registration number P2-PXE. Flight histories show the aircraft has made recent flights to Manila, Sydney and Singapore.

Air Niugini's network is concentrated on domestic routes linking the capital, Port Moresby, with isolated points across the Papua New Guinea archipelago, but it flies as far as Tokyo and Hong Kong.

The fleet includes Boeing 767 and 737 jets for international routes, according to the airline, as well as Fokker F-100 aircraft, Q400 and Dash 8 aircraft for challenging local terrain.

Micronesia, located north of Australia and east of the Philippines, is home to just over 100,000 people. It has close ties with the U.S. under an agreement known as a compact of free association.

The crash landing comes less than two months before Papua New Guinea hosts the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit, expected to draw world leaders beginning on Nov. 17.

In the "Miracle on the Hudson," both engines on a U.S. Airways jet failed after it struck a flock of geese during takeoff from New York's LaGuardia Airport. Pilots Chesley Sullenberger and Jeffrey Skiles safely landed their powerless plane on the Hudson River and passengers and crew walked on the wings to be rescued.

In both crashes, everyone survived. "I'm alive," said Jaynes, the passenger. "That's an extremely good thing." AP

## Typhoon pummels Japan, flights canceled, trains shut down

A powerful typhoon ripped through Japan on yesterday, forcing cancellations of flights and trains, including in the Tokyo area as authorities warned of strong winds and torrential rain.

Farms and homes in Miyazaki on the southern main island of Kyushu were flooded as Typhoon Trami swept across southwestern Japan. Evacuation orders were issued for tens of

thousands of people over a widespread area, including more than 250,000 people in the city of Tokushima on the island of Shikoku, the national broadcaster NHK reported. At least 51 people were injured in southern Japan, it said.

Many flights were canceled at major airports throughout Japan, including Tokyo's Narita and Haneda. The storm destroyed power lines on the

southern islands of Okinawa on Saturday.

Trami was expected to hit Tokyo late yesterday, and slam northern Japan today.

Bullet trains and other train lines were shutting down while the storm passed. Tokyo's train lines announced they were shutting down after 8 p.m. (11 GMT).

The typhoon is projected to hit regions ravaged earlier this month

by Typhoon Jebi, which caused landslides and floods and temporarily shuttered Kansai International Airport. The strongest typhoon to hit Japan in 25 years, Jebi caused 11 deaths in and around Osaka.

The airport also was closed for this latest typhoon.

In July, heavy rain in western Japan killed 221 people, setting off landslides and flooding. AP

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BRAZIL

# Tens of thousands say 'not him' to leading candidate

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**T**ENS of thousands of Brazilians took to the streets Saturday in protest against the presidential front-runner, a far-right congressman whose campaign has exposed and deepened divisions in Latin America's largest country.

The protests came the same day that Jair Bolsonaro was discharged from a São Paulo hospital where he received treatment after being stabbed during a campaign rally on Sept. 6. On Saturday evening, after flying home to Rio, he tweeted that there was "no better feeling" than to be close to his family.

In São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro and Brasília, people flooded avenues and squares to sing, dance and shout "Not him!" — the rallying cry of groups who are trying to prevent Bolsonaro from taking office in October elections.

"We're saying to those people who are undecided: Not him," said Selia Figueiredo, a 43-year-old banker in Sao Paulo, who said she worried for her rights as a gay woman if Bolsonaro were to win. They can vote "for anyone else, but not him."

In the heart of São Paulo, Brazil's largest city, leftist presidential candidate Guilherme Boulos and his running mate Sonia Guajajara led the march, while people beat drums and waved gay pride flags and banners that denounced Bolsonaro, who is known for offensive comments about gays, women and black people.

In downtown Rio de Janeiro, a crowd that was heavily women shouted: "Sexists and fascists won't advance!" Other smaller



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rallies were held in cities around Brazil, including some in support of the candidate.

Bolsonaro's candidacy has attracted international attention as an example of the trend in many countries toward populism and extremes in politics, and small protests were held against him in London, Lisbon, Berlin and Paris.

Bolsonaro is currently leading polls with around 28 percent of support among voters polled, but he also has the highest rejection rate of any candidate. That could become especially important if no one wins the majority of votes on Oct. 7, and the election is decided in a second round. Polls then show him losing in most scenarios. Bolsonaro has said he will accept nothing less than victory and suggested

his opponents will commit fraud to defeat him.

His support is particularly thin among women, who led the protests against him Saturday. According to a recent Ibope poll, 36 percent of men surveyed said they would vote for Bolsonaro, while only 18 percent of women supported him — an unusually large gap.

The difference in support between men and woman for other candidates varies by only a handful of percentage points.

The poll was conducted between Sept. 22 and 24 and has a margin of error of 2 percentage points.

Brazil is experiencing a moment of intense and unusual polarization after a tumultuous few years. It has suffered a deep, prolonged recession, a

corruption investigation that decimated its political class, and the impeachment and removal from office of its first female president in highly contentious proceedings.

Bolsonaro's campaign has both benefited from and contributed to the political divide by focusing on culture-war issues and "traditional" family values.

He hasn't tempered his rhetoric during the campaign and has kept up his praise of Brazil's two-decade military dictatorship. He has also promised to give police permission to shoot first and ask questions later.

Saturday's protests were led by women's groups and others who said they rejected his divisive rhetoric and feared he would make life harder for minorities of all stripes.

"Being here means saying no to sexism and to hate," said Lidia Ferreira, a 46-year-old literature teacher. "Bolsonaro as president would be a tragedy for the country."

A handful of smaller rallies were also held in support of Bolsonaro on Saturday. One of his sons tweeted a video of dozens of women in pink shirts singing his name in front of the opera house in the Amazonian city of Manaus. Another son tweeted a video of around 100 women who were identified as Evangelical leaders, saying "Yes him, Bolsonaro represents me!"

**■ The candidacy has attracted int'l attention as an example of the trend in many countries toward populism and extremes in politics**

Bolsonaro's "tell it like it is" attitude has gained traction among voters who are angry at the political establishment. Despite his decades in Congress, they see him as a no-nonsense outsider who can rid Brazil of corruption and high crime rates.

He has particularly drawn support among people who are disgusted with the left-leaning Workers' Party, who governed the country much of the last decade, and want to prevent its return to power at all costs.

"People think Bolsonaro is an economic alternative to the last governments. He's not," said Sandro Gandur, a 31-year-old lawyer at the protest in Sao Paulo. "This might be the main area for [changing the minds of] people who are inclined toward him but are uncertain." AP

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# Group tied to literature prize still under Nobel glare

Jan M. Olsen, Copenhagen

**T**HERE won't be a Nobel Prize in Literature this year but the Swedish Academy that awards the prestigious prize is still in the limelight. Jean-Claude Arnault, a French citizen who is a major cultural figure in Sweden, is at the center of a sex abuse and financial crimes scandal that has tarnished the academy and forced it to take a year off in its deliberations.

The 72-year-old is now on trial in Stockholm, facing two counts of rape of a woman seven years ago. He has denied the charges. A verdict in his case is expected today, the same day that the 2018 Nobel Prize announcements kick off with the Karolinska Institute announcing who wins the Nobel award in physiology or medicine. The prosecutor has urged the court to sentence Arnault to three years in prison.

Yet no matter what the verdict for Arnault, the Swedish Academy itself has no guarantee that it will be allowed to keep



Jean-Claude Arnault arrives at the district court for the start of court proceedings in Stockholm

awarding the literature prize.

Lars Heikensten, the head of the Nobel Foundation, was quoted as warning Friday that if the Swedish Academy does not resolve its tarnished image his agency could decide that another group would be a better host. He even suggested there could be no Nobel Literature Prize awarded in 2019 either

— which is counter to the academy's current plan to award both the 2018 and the 2019 literature Nobels next year.

The allegations against Arnault, who ran a major cultural group in Sweden that was closely tied to the Swedish Academy, began in November 2017 when 18 women came forward in a Swedish newspaper with

abuse accusations against him. Arnault is married to a Swedish Academy member, poet Katarina Frostenson, who quit the body in April as tensions escalated.

## ■ In May, the Swedish Academy postponed the 2018 prize with the intention of awarding it in 2019

That month the Swedish Academy said an internal investigation into sexual misconduct allegations found that "unacceptable behavior in the form of unwanted intimacy" has taken place within the ranks of the prestigious institution.

But its judgment in handling the accusations was called into

question, kicking off a fierce internal debate over how to face up to its flaws that divided the body's 18 members — who are appointed for life — into hostile camps. Several members either left or disassociated themselves from the secretive academy.

The first woman to lead the academy, former permanent secretary Sara Danius, also quit in April, leading observers to wonder why some of Sweden's most accomplished women appeared to the taking the fall for a man's alleged misconduct.

Many people in the Scandinavian nation, which is known for promoting gender equality, have expressed dismay over the scandal, which has exposed bitter divisions within the academy and led to accusations of patriarchal leanings among some members.

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The academy's internal probe eventually led to a police investigation and the trial before the Stockholm District Court.

Arnault also has been suspected of violating century-old Nobel rules by leaking the names of award winners — allegedly seven times, starting in 1996. It remains unclear to whom the names were allegedly disclosed, and it is not known whether that has been investigated. AP

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## Offbeat



## TAIWANESE USE NEW MACHINES TO EXCHANGE TRASH FOR CASH

Residents of Taiwan's capital Taipei are using newly installed machines called "iTrash booths" to recycle cans and bottles in exchange for credit on their transportation smart cards.

The initiative seeks to promote recycling while also giving residents more flexibility in how they dispose of their household garbage.

The booths are about the size of vending machines and automatically compress the throwaways and contain odors while depositing payments onto the cards and issuing receipts. Each can collect around 200 kilograms of cans and bottles, with plans to provide 10,000 units for the city of 2.67 million.

With little space for landfills and limited incineration options, crowded Taiwan has for decades required strict separation of paper, plastic, metal and kitchen scraps.

However, many residents must haul their waste to garbage trucks that circulate twice a day and keep the trash at home if they miss the trucks.

So far, feedback from the public has been positive, said city government Commissioner of Information and Technology Lee Wei-bin. "People can be in full control of their schedule, and they do not have to worry about storing garbage in their house," Lee said.

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Duration: 90min

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ROOM 3

7:30pm

Director: Chin Ka-lok

Starring: Michael Tse, Jerry Lamb, Eric Tsang

Language: Cantonese (Chinese &amp; English)

Duration: 90min

## this day in history



Azahari Bin Husin (left) and Noordin Mohamed Top (right)

## 2005 BOMBS RIP THROUGH BALI RESTAURANTS

Three bomb attacks in two tourist areas on the Indonesian resort island of Bali have killed at least 26 people - among them foreign nationals.

More than 50 others were injured as blasts ripped through three restaurants - two in the Jimbaran beach resort, the third in Kuta 30 kilometers away.

Indonesia's president said terrorists were to blame for the bombings, the second time terrorists had struck in three years.

Bombings in Kuta in 2002 killed 202 people, many of them foreign tourists. Local TV has been showing pictures of bloodied and confused survivors and collapsed buildings.

Local media said police had found a number of other unexploded devices. No group has admitted carrying out the attacks.

However, BBC security correspondent Frank Gardner says the finger of suspicion is already pointing towards the extremist regional group Jemaah Islamiah (JI) which was blamed for the 2002 bombings.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

The final number of those killed in the bomb attacks was 19 as well as three suicide bombers.

The following day Indonesia's counter-terrorism chief, Major General Ansyad Mbai, named two Malaysians - Azahari Bin Husin and Noordin Mohamed Top - as the suspected masterminds of the 2005 suicide attacks.

Azahari was killed in a police raid in November 2005. Noordin is still on the run.

Both were believed to be top leaders of Jemaah Islamiah (JI), the shadowy group said to have links with al-Qaeda.

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THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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Easy Sudoku grid with numbers 3, 2, 9, 6, 7, 1, 5, 7, 4, 3, 6, 7, 2, 7, 8, 9, 6, 3, 2, 7, 5, 6, 4, 8, 7, 8, 5.

Easy+

Easy+ Sudoku grid with numbers 6, 9, 3, 8, 1, 5, 7, 3, 6, 9, 8, 1, 8, 2, 1, 5, 5, 6, 7, 8, 7, 4, 6, 2, 7, 4.

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Medium Sudoku grid with numbers 7, 9, 8, 8, 3, 5, 9, 4, 7, 1, 7, 9, 2, 3, 1, 7, 6, 7, 4, 5, 1, 6, 8, 6, 8, 2, 3, 9, 6.

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F1

# Hamilton wins Russian GP after teammate lets him through

James Ellingworth

**L**EWIS Hamilton won the Russian Grand Prix and closed in on his fifth Formula One title, but he's not happy. Victory was handed to Hamilton by his Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas, who pulled over to let him through on orders from the team.

"It's never, ever in my whole life been the way that I wanted to win a race," said Hamilton, who said Mercedes overrode his objections to the switch. Passing Bottas "did not feel good."

Hamilton cruised to victory after the switch and now leads Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel by 50 points in the standings as both chase their fifth title. Even if Vettel wins all five remaining races, he's no longer guaranteed to beat Hamilton.

Hamilton held off a challenge from Vettel at the start and overtook him after the German briefly got ahead at the pit stops, but by lap 25, he was again under serious pressure from Vettel.

Soon the call came through. "You need to let Lewis by into turn 13 this lap," was the team's message to Bottas, who could have taken his first win this year. Seconds later, the Finn eased over to the side of the track.



Hamilton steers his car during the Russian F1 Grand Prix

"I assured Valtteri it's not something I asked for, but it's

what the team feels is right to do. It's a very awkward position to be in," Hamilton said. "There

are not many teammates who would do something like that." It was Hamilton's fifth win in six races and Mercedes' third one-two finish this year.

Team orders, as such coordinated passes are known, have been used for decades and are allowed under F1 rules. But they have a history of alienating fans who would prefer to see competitive racing.

Mercedes strategist James Vowles defended the move by saying Hamilton had a "small blister" on his tire and could have fallen behind Vettel.

Vettel, who finished third, said he held no malice toward Hamilton and Bottas for their switch.

"Well done to both of them. They played together as a team very well," said Vettel. "I think in the position that they are, it's a no-brainer what they did today."

Starting one place behind Hamilton in third, Vettel tried and failed to overtake him off the start and failed to take advantage when Hamilton missed a chance to get past Bottas into the second corner.

On a Russian track that makes overtaking tricky, the main drama came when Hamilton came out just behind Vettel after stopping on lap 14, sparking a

brief but fierce battle between the two title rivals.

Vettel locked a wheel while lining up a move on Bottas, allowing Hamilton to close in before the start-finish straight, but when Hamilton tried to overtake, Vettel cut him off and forced him toward the wall.

Hamilton hung on to Vettel around the long left-hander of turn 3 and charged up the inside into the right-angle turn 4 to retake second. "It was a question of who was going to brake earlier at the next corner and I wanted it more," Hamilton said.

The stewards investigated Vettel for blocking Hamilton — who said the German "nearly put me in the wall" — but didn't take action.

Red Bull's Max Verstappen started 19th on his 21st birthday but charged through the field to finish fifth, though he couldn't challenge the Ferrari of Kimi Raikkonen ahead of him.

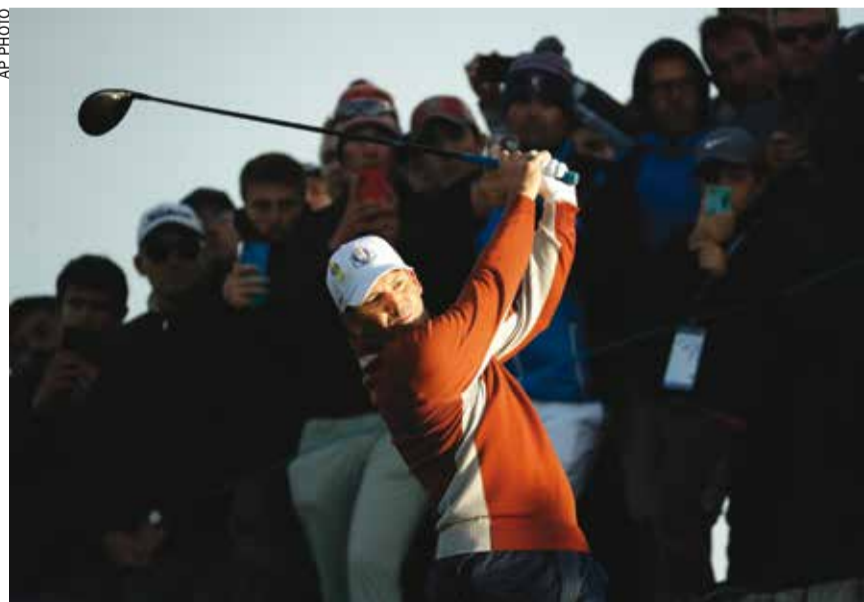
It was another dramatic drive from Verstappen, who over four seasons has firmly established himself as F1's most aggressive and exciting racer, but has never had a car capable of a true title challenge.

Behind Verstappen was the second Red Bull of Daniel Ricciardo. Charles Leclerc, who's replacing Raikkonen at Ferrari next year, was seventh after another strong drive for Sauber, ahead of Kevin Magnussen's Haas.

The two Force Indias of Esteban Ocon and Sergio Perez rounded out the top 10 after their own failed experiment with using team orders to climb up the field. **AP**

GOLF

# Europe wins back the Ryder Cup



**T**HE Ryder Cup is heading back to Europe. The home team secured the victory when Phil Mickelson knocked one in the water at the par-3

16th hole, conceding his match to Francesco Molinari right on the tee box. The home team has a 14½-9½ lead with three matches still on the course

at Le Golf National. Molinari became the first European player to go 5-0 in the competition since the current format was adapted in 1979.

The Americans came into yesterday facing a daunting 10-6 deficit, and there was a glimmer of hope when they closed to within a point midway through the afternoon. But some of their biggest names failed to come through.

Tiger Woods lost all four of his matches in France, capped by a 2-and-1 loss to 23-year-old Jon Rahm of Spain, the youngest player in the event. Jordan Spieth was blown out 5 and 4 by lowest-ranked player on the European team, Thorbjorn Olesen of Denmark. The world's top-ranked player, Dustin Johnson, fell 2 and 1 to Ian Poulter of England. And Molinari finished off by beating Mickelson, who lost both of his matches.

The Americans have not won a Ryder Cup match in Europe since 1993. **AP**



CYCLING

# Alejandro Valverde sprints to road race world title

**A**LEJANDRO Valverde sprinted to gold in the men's road race at the world championships yesterday.

The Spanish rider was the fastest of a leading group of four, with Romain Bardet of France taking the silver and Michael Woods of Canada the bronze, while Tom Dumoulin of the Netherlands placed fourth.

It was Valverde's first world title, after finishing runner-up

in 2003 and 2005 and coming third four times.

Defending champion Peter Sagan had his three-year winning streak snapped when he quit the race with 90 kilometers left. The Slovakian sprint specialist struggled on the 258-kilometer course, which included 4,681 meters of climbing and was regarded as one of the toughest world championship courses in decades.

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**Tax Matters**

Paulo Cordeiro de Sousa



**THE TAXATION OF COMPANIES IN MACAU – WORLDWIDE OR TERRITORIAL BASIS? (CONT.)**

Our previous article about the taxable basis for the taxation of companies in the Macau territory (<https://macaudailytimes.com.mo/taxation-of-companies-in-macau-worldwide-or-territorial-basis.html>) made reference to the fact that the courts in Macau, notably the Court of Second Instance (TSI) and the Tax Administration, do not seem to share the same view regarding income considered as the taxable basis of corporate income tax (ICR) levied on companies with head offices based in Macau. Whilst the courts tend to decide that the taxable basis is worldwide income, the public attendance services of the Tax Administration seem to understand that the taxable basis is income obtained from Macanese sources only – although it appears that central services may be taking a different approach.

In mid-August 2018, the Office of the President of the Supreme Court (TUI) made public that the Court had issued a new decision on the subject. The case in question was that of a company challenging Macau's taxation of profits received from non-resident subsidiaries. Following the announcement from the TUI president's office, which also mentioned the TSI's recent decision, the Court clarified that there is a difference between income received by a Macanese company from non-resident subsidiaries and income received from branches abroad. Branches are part of the company, they do not possess legal personality and therefore any income obtained by such branches shall be understood as income from the direct activity of the company. This means their income is taxable in Macau. On the contrary, subsidiaries have legal personality and are different entities, and according to the law, the profits they distribute to a Macanese shareholder shall be taxed in Macau only if the activity of the subsidiaries is connected with the activity performed in Macau by the Macanese company. The Court's choice of the worldwide taxation principle with this slight exception (profits received from subsidiaries whose activity is completely different from the Macanese company's activity) is clear.

In that respect, one should also note that Macau has concluded tax treaties for the avoidance of double taxation with five countries: Portugal, Belgian, Mozambique, Cape Verde and Vietnam. Those tax treaties lay down (i) the division between the two territories of the powers to tax the different kinds of income, (ii) the limitation of rates regarding certain kinds of income (dividends, interest and royalties), and (iii) methods to eliminate the double taxation, e.g. (a) income derived from real estate (such as rent and capital gains) may be taxed in the territory where the real estate is located; (b) the profits of a company may only be taxed in the territory where the company has its head office, unless the company carries on business in other territories through a permanent establishment (a branch qualifies as a permanent establishment); (c) dividends, interest and royalties may be taxed in the source territory, but only up to a certain rate – 5 percent or 10 percent for dividends, 10 percent for interest, 5 percent or 10 percent for royalties.

The tax treaties set forth that Macau shall exempt from taxation income that is taxable in other territories in accordance with their provisions. In the case of Vietnam, a Macanese company will be entitled to a tax credit in the amount of the tax paid in Vietnam regarding dividends, interest or royalties, to be deducted from the ICR payable in Macau.

The above means that, although taxation should be made in accordance with the worldwide principle, a Macanese company may benefit from certain tax exemptions provided by the law (profits received from non-resident subsidiaries with different kind of activity) and by the tax treaties established by Macau.

**THE FORMER CHINESE STOCK MARKET BUZZ REGULATOR JAILED FOR CORRUPTION**

A former Chinese stock market regulator who was detained after a collapse in share prices in 2015 was sentenced Friday to 18 years in prison on charges of taking bribes and insider trading.

Yao Gang, a former deputy chairman of the China Securities Regulatory Commission, was one of a series of prominent figures in Chinese finance who were detained after misconduct came to light following the market rout.

Yao, 56, also was fined 11 million yuan and stripped of 2.1 million yuan (\$300,000) in insider trading profits, the Intermediate People's Court in Handan, southwest of Beijing, announced on its social media account. He took 69.6 million yuan (\$10.7 million) in bribes from companies to ease share trading and other restrictions from 2006 to 2015, the court said. It said he also traded on information he gained as CSRC vice chairman.

**Tamaki, critic of US bases on Okinawa, wins election**

**D**ENNY Tamaki, who campaigned criticizing the American military presence on the southwestern Japanese islands of Okinawa, won the election for governor yesterday, defeating a ruling party-backed candidate pushing the status quo. The race was to choose a successor to Takeshi Onaga, who died in August of pancreatic cancer. He wanted the bases off Okinawa.

Tamaki, a legislator who had pledged to continue with Onaga's "spirit," thanked his supporters as his campaign office broke into a cheer and later began dancing Okinawa-style, after several major Japanese media polls, including Kyodo news service, declared him the winner.

"The strong feelings of Takeshi Onaga, risking his life to stop the construction of any more bases, helped bring this victory," Tamaki told reporters.

He defeated Atsushi Sakima, a mayor who had argued that Okinawa should work with the national government to sort out the problem. The final vote count was not yet available. But media reports said Tamaki led in almost all areas of Okinawa, making his win certain with the vote partially counted. Tamaki's victory throws into further question Japan's plans for a new air base still under construction in coastal Okinawa.

Okinawa houses about half of the 54,000 American troops stationed in Japan



Tamaki celebrates his victory dancing with supporters

and makes for 64 percent of the land space used by the U.S. bases, under a bilateral security treaty, according to John S. Hutcheson, spokesman for the U.S. Forces in Japan.

The arrangement has long been protested by some as an unfair burden on Okinawa, which makes up less than 1 percent of Japan's land space.

Japan remains highly dependent on the U.S. for defense, but crimes by members of the military, including hit-and-runs as well as rapes, have outraged the people of Okinawa. They are also angry about noise pollution and the dangers of crashes from military aircraft.

Tamaki, whose father is a U.S. Marine he has never met, has often said he is a symbol of the predicament of his people. His mother is Japanese.

"I can clearly state we no

longer want in Okinawa the U.S. bases that destroy our peace and destroy our nature," Tamaki, 58, said during his campaign.

He has promised policies that care about "the weak," helping workers, students and those who face discrimination.

Before running for governor, Sakima, 54, was mayor of Ginowan, where the Marines air base called Futenma is located. Futenma is at the center of the controversy over the government relocation plan for U.S. troops to less densely populated Henoko in Nago, Okinawa.

The planning dates back to the 1995 rape of a schoolgirl in which three U.S. servicemen were convicted. But the planning and construction of Henoko has repeatedly been delayed because of local opposition to the bases. AP

Station	Air quality
Roadside	80-110 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	80-100 Moderate
Ambient	110-140 Bad

**WORLD BRIEFS**

**MALDIVES** The election commission on Saturday released the final results of this month's presidential election, confirming the surprising opposition victory by longtime lawmaker Ibrahim Mohamed Solih.



**SPAIN** Clashes between Catalan separatists and police in Barcelona left 14 people injured and led to six arrests Saturday as tensions boiled over days before the anniversary of the Spanish region's illegal referendum on secession, which ended in violent raids by security forces. Separatists tossed and sprayed colored powder at police officers, filling the air with a thick rainbow cloud and covering anti-riot shields and police vans.



**UK** Ex-Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson has branded British Prime Minister Theresa May's plan for leaving the European Union "deranged," fueling tensions as the ruling Conservative Party holds its annual conference. Johnson told the Sunday Times that May's Brexit plan won't work, particularly proposals that would require Britain and the EU to collect each other's tariffs.

**HOLIDAY TIMES**

Macau Daily Times will not be published during the holidays. The Times will be back on the stands on Thursday October 4. However the MDT website will be updated with breaking news during the recess period. We wish our readers, advertisers and friends the best of times.

**THE DECISIVE MOMENT**

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The annual World Press Photo exhibition opened to the public on Saturday. The exhibition is being held at Casa Garden until October 21. This winner of the year's contest was Ronaldo Schemidt with an image of a demonstrator engulfed in fire at a protest in Venezuela (left).