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**WORLD BRIEFS**

**CHINESE** banks were told by the government yesterday to lend more to entrepreneurs to help shore up flagging economic growth amid an escalating trade dispute with Washington.

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**INDONESIA's** disaster agency says the death toll from the earthquake and tsunami that struck Sulawesi island has risen to 1,763, with more than 5,000 feared missing. More on p13

**N. KOREA** U.S. Secretary of State Michael Pompeo reported progress yesterday after meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in Pyongyang amid high expectations that he can resolve details over a second summit with President Donald Trump.

**MALAYSIA** Eight suspected militants, including seven foreigners, have been arrested for allegedly spreading religious extremism that could threaten national security and fan terrorism in the region.

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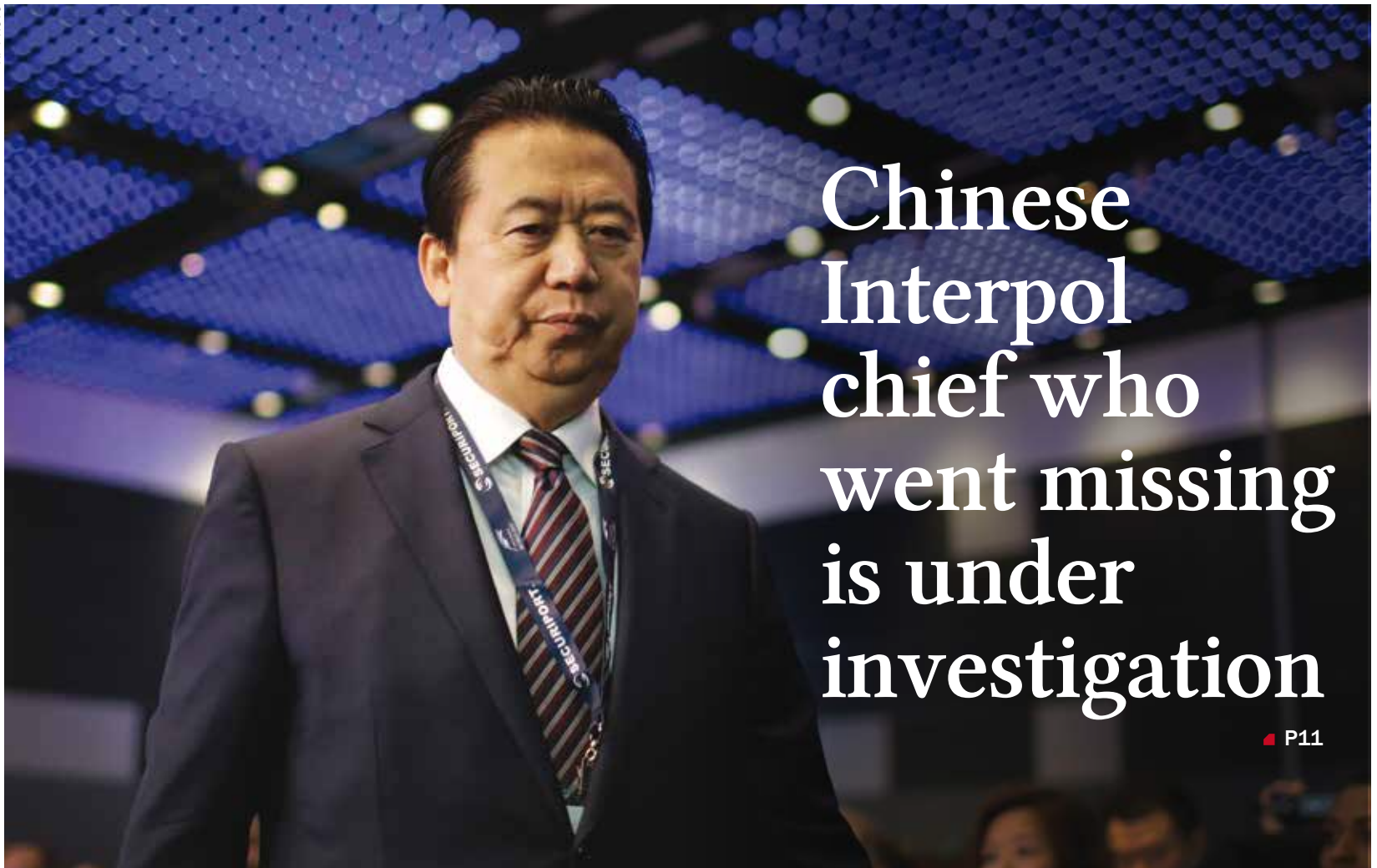
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# Valente's comments over challenger stir controversy

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## REPORT

# Despite speeches, influence of the Portuguese community declining

**T**HE influence of the Portuguese community in Macau is "declining rapidly," according to a Reuters report published on Friday.

In spite of the governmental pledges to turn Macau into a focal point for triangular cooperation between China and Portugal and Portuguese-speaking countries, Portuguese residents told the international news agency that there is a gaping disconnect between the speeches and reality.

"They say everywhere that [the] Portuguese are part of Macau and are always welcome, part of the history. In fact, what they are doing is not what they are saying," said lawyer Alvaro Rodrigues. Another local lawyer, Pedro Cortes, noted that the legislation that has been passed recently shows that "there is a big influence from the first system [China] on the second system [Macau]."



The Portuguese Consulate in Macau

Perhaps the latest example of this influence, according to the report, is the dismissal of senior legal advisers in the Legislative Assembly, Paulo Cardinal and Paulo Taipa.

"Both of the jurists have for the past few years internally criticized

some of the government's bills by stating, in their confidential legal opinions, that they breached the Basic Law, several of which the assembly ended up passing," lawmaker Pereira Coutinho told Reuters.

The Reuters report also mentions cases of ne-

glect of the Portuguese language, which is one of the two official languages in Macau. Experts said that courts rarely provide Portuguese translations and that the government is hiring only Chinese applicants for jobs as lawyers, advisers and jurists.



## Columnist says real estate developers may support independence

**S**ON Pou columnist Lei Kwok Keong declared that the central government should target real estate developers in light of the "independence" issue in Macau.

In his recent column written for Son Pou, Lei argued that Macau independence has no future, and that support for the idea possibly lay within the real estate industry rather than within other groups.

"If, on the streets of Macau, any [...] man shouts for Macau independence, [I] believe that [person] will be regarded as a fool. [...] In terms of economics, politics, geography and humanity, there are no conditions [for Macau independence] and it is destined to fail," Lei writes.

"If [China] prohibits mainland tourists from going to Macau in order to gamble and laundering money, Macau will go bankrupt within

one year, according to [the] Macau government's spendthrift habits," Lei column reads.

"Look at the 'opposition' people who could be labeled as pro-independence. How can they subvert the power when their most powerful weapons are one pen and one mouth?" Lei questions.

"On the contrary, look at those real estate developers who made a fortune through accumulating lands unscrupulously. They are the ones who have the most conditions and are most likely to rebel. If the central government wants to prevent independence threats, then the target should be [the real estate developers]. After all, history has proved, countless times, that father and son can [be on two sides of a war] any time when facing power and money, not to mention grandfather and son," Lei wrote. **JZ**

## ASK THE VET

by Dr Ruan Du Toit Bester

### 10 SYMPTOMS OF CANINE HEART MURMUR

A canine heart murmur is caused when the blood flows abnormally in a canine heart. The abnormal change in the dog heart can cause the right side of the heart to not communicate well with the left side, sometimes affecting a dog's health.

#### Symptoms of a Heart Murmur in Dogs

- The dog's heartbeat seems irregular
- A hacking cough that does not seem to go away
- Breathing that seems labored (excessive panting) even while the dog is resting
- The canine tires easily
- Lack of energy
- Collapsing or fainting
- The gums or tongue have a bluish color
- A racing pulse
- Severe water retention
- Lack of appetite

All of these symptoms may indicate health risks that are serious, but not necessarily a murmur. Only a veterinary doctor can diagnose a heart murmur in dogs.

#### Causes of Heart Murmurs in Dogs

Dogs can develop heart murmurs for a number of reasons. Some dogs may develop heart disease as they age, causing them to have an irregular heartbeat. Blood leakage from the heart valves to the atrium or high blood pressure could also be a cause. Some puppies are born with a birth defect that causes murmurs or they may be more genetically prone to this condition. Dogs that have anaemia or a disease that affects the heart or blood vessels could make a canine more prone to developing a heart murmur.

Mitral valve stenosis, a condition in which the heart's valves leak, can result in a heart murmur in dogs. A condition where holes are present in the chamber that pumps blood, ventricular septal, can cause the blood to flood too rapidly in puppies, resulting in an irregular heartbeat. Pulmonary or aortic stenosis, the narrowing of the pulmonary or aortic artery, can cause an irregular blood flow, resulting in murmurs in dogs.

#### Diagnosing Heart Murmurs

When there is suspicion of a heart murmur in a canine, doctors will perform several different tests to confirm their diagnosis.

Listening to the heart with a stethoscope

#### Chest x-rays

Heart ultrasound: to see all almost all of the functions of a dog's heart in real time and see if the heart has any irregularities

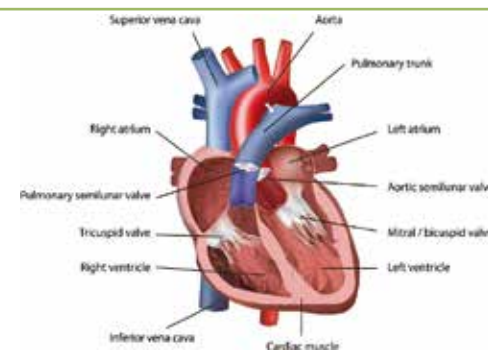
Blood and urine tests: to check for any abnormalities in liver and kidney function

Electrocardiogram: an assessment of the dog's heart activity over a period of time

Treating Heart Murmurs in Dogs

Heart murmurs in dogs can be nothing to worry about or a condition that can progressively get worse. If a puppy is found to have a murmur, it may not be treated until health problems are present. Heart murmurs cannot be cured, but they can be treated surgically, with medication, or dietary changes.

If you suspect your dog may have a problem



with his or her heart, see your veterinarian as soon as possible. Share your concerns and questions with your vet and tell them about any lifestyle and activity changes.

Hope this info helps  
Till next week  
Dr Ruan Bester

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# Filipino community celebrates Migrants Day

Lynzy Valles

**T**HE Philippine Consulate General in Macau celebrated its annual Migrants Day yesterday, honoring the overseas Filipino workers in the region.

The event is aimed at strengthening the bond between these workers, as well as disseminating important announcements from the consulate's several offices.

"Just to honor them for having sacrificed and continuing to sacrifice in providing a good life to their families and relatives back home," said Consul General Lilybeth Deapera.

"Representatives from different organizations came together and coordinated [the event]. They had their own responsibilities like physical arrangement[s], identifying their place, some prepared food and some encouraged their members to come over," she added.

According to the consulate's data, over 300 migrants were present at yesterday's event, coming from various Filipino organizations.

Several participants expressed that participation in the event aims to promote unity and camaraderie. "These events are helpful for us because it's a time where we meet the community and bond with them. Eventually, to communicate [and have] one goal as migrant workers in Macau, and that is unity," said Brenda Embien, representative of the Hong Kong-Macau Alliance.

According to Embien, the group is conducting a project whereby it collects used clothes and groceries to be sent to victims of the recent typhoon in Tuguegarao, one of the areas that was badly hit by the recent typhoon Mangkhut.

Yesterday's event was co-organized with WelAnser Center. Secretary general of Caritas



Macau, Paul Pun, noted that gatherings targeting the migrant groups can be significant to the wellbeing of these non-residents, particularly domestic workers.

"The overseas workers, [particularly the domestic workers]

have different work places. Some work by themselves and they can't easily find friends so it's good to have activities organized," said Pun.

"I believe that by having this cooperation [with the consulate],

we can magnify the impact. We can reach out to more overseas workers. A few of them may encounter difficulty and they need to find channels to seek assistance; at least they know where to turn to," said Pun.

## Paul Pun hopes to commence migrants' clinic soon

**T**HE social clinic targeting the SAR's low-income earners was supposed to commence operations last month. Yet, the clinic was affected by typhoon Mangkhut, thus its commencement of operations has been rescheduled.

According to secretary general of Caritas Macau, Paul Pun, the clinic is still lacking volunteers yet have already found two volunteer-doctors.

"So we have two doctors. Hopefully it's a way to serve the population who need support. I think it's not good to wait [any] longer; we have to save some time to serve the targeted population, which is the domestic worker," said Pun.

Although there is still no scheduled date, the secretary general has assured that the clinic will commence operations soon.

"This is a common concern amongst themselves, regarding the basic healthcare system. For domestic workers, they [call on] some stronger support for the salary system, and I believe that something [very] important is the healthcare.



Psychological support is also important," he noted.

Pun added that if the center acquires further resources, it will establish a mental health section in the center.

**GAMING | USA**  
**Shares hurt by fears about climbing interest rates, wages**

**S**HARES of casino operators and their suppliers tumbled Friday as fears of rising interest rates, higher wages and soft consumer spending weighed on the sector.

Penn National Gaming Inc., which is completing the acquisition of Pinnacle Entertainment Inc., fell as much as 9.6 percent in New York. Slot-machine maker Scientific Games Corp., which carries \$8.9 billion in debt, lost more than 11 percent, and Caesars Entertainment Corp., which reported weaker trends in Las Vegas this summer, slumped 7.1 percent.

"Gaming stocks remain under pressure as rising interest rates and higher wage pressure could negatively affect the earnings of these companies," Chad Beynon, an analyst with Macquarie Bank Ltd. in New York, said in an email. "The deceleration of Macau September revenues, in addition to negative Vegas trends, continues to escalate questions around 2019 growth."

Gambling revenue on the Las Vegas Strip fell 12 percent in August. Revenue in Macau, the world's largest gambling market, rose 2.8 percent in September, but that was the slowest growth in two years. **Bloomberg**

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## Quota of 40 taxis assigned to HKZMB

A total of 101 applications have been received by the Transport Bureau (DSAT) regarding taxi operations on the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge, according to results released by the DSAT. Four applications were submitted by Macau's cross-border transport companies and another four by self-driving car rental companies. Each application was granted a three-vehicle operation license (24 in total). Licensed travel agencies submitted 92 applications. A computerized lottery determined that 16 taxi operation licenses would be granted to these agencies. One application from a self-driving car rental company was deemed not eligible. In total, 40 vehicle operation licenses have been allocated.

## 191 kilos of undeclared meat seized from Sep 23 until Oct 2

Two local residents have been found smuggling meat from Zhuhai to Macau. The Macao Customs Service spotted a man on September 23 and another on October 1. Both are local residents who wrapped chicken meat around their legs, attempting to bring it to Macau. One man smuggled 22.9 kilograms of meat, while the other brought 19 kilograms. On September 25, customs seized a further 24 kilograms of undeclared pork meat from a vehicle at the Border Gate. From September 23 until October 2, customs seized 107.3 kilograms of undeclared pork meat and 84 kilograms of poultry meat.

## ANIMAL RIGHTS

# Martins intends to tender resignation from post today

**T**HE president of animal rights group Anima is set to tender his resignation to the board today, following an announcement by the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) that only its workers will be permitted in the Canidrome premises to take care of the greyhounds.

In July, Anima and the Macau (Yat Yuen) Canidrome agreed to an unexpected partnership over the accommodation and adoption processes of the greyhounds.

Martins' decision is not final and he will still be reflecting over the weekend as to whether he should keep his post.

"It is not final but I still would like Anima to replace me as we need someone now capable of doing things without being too compromised, too involved with difficult issues. I think I am now in a situation where I believe it is not the best for Anima," the president of Anima told the Times.

"Anima really wants to work in a way where we feel we are



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not only being used by IACM, but we are really adding some value to this process," he added.

Martins was informed by the Canidrome on Saturday that they will not be allowed to enter the premises of the Canidrome, as it will be taken over by IACM.

"This was one of the main reasons why I decided to resign," said Martins, noting that he doubts the bureau's capability to handle the adoption processes, citing an instan-

ce where a recently adopted greyhound was found dead.

According to him, they need to have a good control of all the adoption works in the kennel, and should carefully consider whether the greyhounds are still able to be exported or adopted.

"It caused me to believe that there is no human capacity to handle animal welfare because the vets cannot wait for those occurrences to come. This is really a big frustration for me.

I do not believe that the government would pay the [medical] fees," said Martins.

Although the Canidrome pledges to still support the transfer of the greyhounds to other countries, Martins doubts that they will continue to support the animals' medical fees.

The remaining greyhounds were supposed to be relocated to the new premises in Coloane last week, yet IACM announced that it failed to improve the soundproofing of the containers installed in the premises.

Thus, the owner of the company, Angela Leong, is set to be fined for abandoning animals under the Animal Rights Law, which could range between MOP20,000 and to MOP100,000 per greyhound.

Martins is set to meet with IACM next week. "Maybe I will change my mind after talks with IACM's president, José Tavares," said Martins, noting that he was already contacted by the official yesterday morning. LV

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# AAM elections: Neto Valente comments over

Renato Marques

**COMMENTS** from the president of the Macau Lawyers Association (AAM) Jorge Neto Valente when announcing that he will rerun for another mandate for the presidency of the association have caused shockwaves among the legal community.

Speaking to TDM, Valente announced he would be running in the elections, challenging the candidacy previously announced by lawyer Sérgio de Almeida Correia.

Almeida Correia announced at a press conference in mid-September that he decided to run for the top barrister's post after Neto Valente asked for a "total renovation" of the AAM's board and, in an interview to Radio Macau earlier this year, hinted that he would not be running again.

Valente reversed his previous stance on the matter by saying now that the reason leading to his decision to rerun is precisely the candidacy of Correia.

The incumbent president is said to have been approached by several lawyers, who allegedly requested his rerun against Correia, whom Valente has said to be "more known as political commentator and blog writer."

Correia's bid, he said, is one of "rupture and confrontation," a fact that, according to Valente, his supporters think "not to be appropriate at this moment."

"Dr Sergio Correia is not very well known among peers and does not have a significant legal practice," he added.

Valente also attacked Correia's career as commentator, saying, "He is quite aggressive and 'corrosive' with the comments he makes towards the Chief Executive and the Legislative Assembly President. Looks like he is angry with everybody," a reason that led Valente to say that his supporters fear that AAM will become a "political party or a union-like organization."

The personal attacks on Correia were fiercely criticized by lawyer Jorge Menezes.

"The AAM election reached a new moral low by the personal attack conveyed by the current president on Sergio de Almeida Correia, on TDM," he told the Times yesterday.

"Attacking the quality or size of the legal practice of a colleague is ethically unacceptable and should not have happened. The merits of a lawyer are not measured by his or her richness, but by their inner qualities," Menezes added.

"I hope that some of those in his team will come forward expressing that personal attacks and intolerance should not play a role in AAM," he said. The lawyer noted that as he accused Correia in his comments, "Mr

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Neto Valente



Sérgio de Almeida Correia

Valente has in the past publicly disrespected a legislator, judges and colleagues. This ethical failure must stop. Arrogance is a typical consequence of enjoying too much power for too long: power changes people."

For Menezes, the harsh words of Valente could result from the fact that he has been running the association for too long a time, expressing wishes that

the elections could serve, instead, the purpose of a wider discussion of the problems of the sector and ways to improve it.

"He has been the president for over 20 years. It seems that he wants to keep the job at any cost. This is not typical of democratic institutions," Menezes said. "His incapacity to accept a challenge and to engage respectfully with those holding

different views was an unnecessary show of weakness. The objective of these fierce personal attacks may be to make it difficult for Almeida Correia to find enough lawyers willing to be part of his team. There is a climate of fear among lawyers."

In Menezes opinion, such attitudes can contribute to a democracy deficit and open discussion of topics of the in-

terests of all professionals as "lawyers who would welcome a change are shying away from voicing their preferences out of fear of retaliation."

For the barrister who recently helped reinstate Sulu Sou's mandate as legislator, regardless of the final results of the elections and who wins it, "we are all already losing by this public show of intolerance."



# challenger stir controversy

Contacted also by the Times, lawyer Miguel Senna Fernandes said that the fact that there are two candidates to lead the association is positive. "It is the first time that this [has] happened and [the fact that there is challenging competition] shows the vitality of the Association," he said.

"It's good that we can prove that is false, the idea that there is nobody else [besides the current group] that is willing and committed to lead the managing bodies of the association and proves that the presidency is disputed. I can only praise the fact that this is happening."

Regarding the comments of Valente on Correia, Senna Fernandes said, "Obviously if we are talking about prestige, Dr Neto Valente is a lawyer with more prestige, at least because he has been the president of AAM, but this does not mean anything really, and specifically does not mean that the position is not disputed," he said.

"I understand that different candidates will for sure express different opinions on how to conduct the association, and [...] that creates a kind of rupture but, what is important is that we don't have a total rupture."

Senna Fernandes noted that it is also important to understand the "local culture and the fact that the

majority of the population [including of the lawyers] is from Chinese ethnicity."

Senna Fernandes, who is also a commentator, said he is very familiar with Correia's ideas and positions regarding several important public affairs, and said that he hopes he will receive some consideration, and that Correia's candidacy "can show consideration and weighing of the different interests and not just the personal opinions of the leader."

Of a similar opinion is lawyer Frederico Rato, who said, "It's a [positive thing] that there are different opinions and different perspectives and we wish that the association life is well-participated in."

Rato noted also that it is very positive that all the members can "know the candidates, the programs, opinions and finally can choose in conscience what they think is the best."

The veteran lawyer, who heads the Advocacy Council, said that, despite of everything else, what he wishes is that "the perspective, ideas and platforms can be known by the members."

The fact that there are, for the first time, two candidates is "a sign of the diversity of opinions that exist inside the association," Rato concluded.



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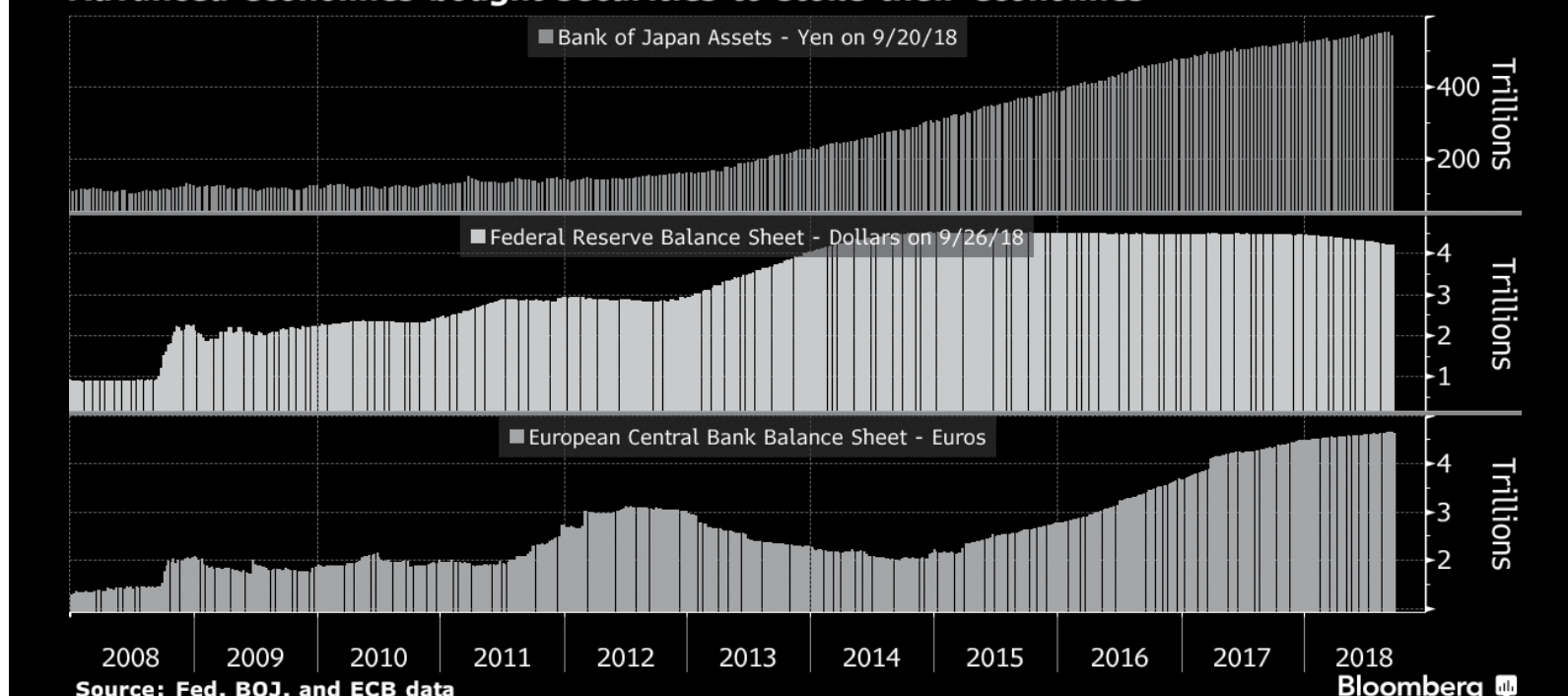


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## Big Balance Sheets

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# Guardians of the global economy descend on Bali divided

Enda Curran, Rich Miller

A decade after the guardians of the world economy united to save it from depression, the scope for such shock-and-awe policies has all but dried up.

It was ten years ago today that the Federal Reserve and five fellow central banks banded together for a rare coordinated interest rate cut. They went on to deploy massive monetary stimulus as the global economy spiraled lower.

As global finance chiefs prepare to meet this week in the resort of Bali, Indonesia, for the annual International Monetary Fund and World Bank meetings, they do so without the firepower of 2008 and with the era of coordi-

nation looking like an anomaly.

Today, central banks still have historically low interest rates and are following different paths, while finance ministers are hamstrung by debt. Governments are also pushing nationalist, not globalist, agendas and grappling with headaches such as Brexit, trade wars, surging oil prices and volatile currencies.

"There are no arrows left in the economic quiver," said Danny Blanchflower, a professor at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire who was a policy maker at the Bank of England in 2008. "Imagine it's only as half a big a downturn next time, there's still much fewer weapons to protect us."

It was the U.S. central bank, under the leadership of Ben Ber-

nanke, which took the lead in bringing the world's monetary policy makers together to cut rates on Oct. 8, 2008.

Counterparts in the euro area, Canada, the U.K., Sweden and Switzerland also acted, while the Bank of Japan, which already had ultra-low rates, voiced support. The People's Bank of China also eased borrowing costs and bank reserve requirements, though it didn't tie its moves to those of the U.S.-led coalition.

All told, Bank of America Corp. calculates global central banks cut interest rates about 700 times and bought \$12 trillion of financial assets since September 2008's collapse of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. Global government debt surged about 75 percent to \$67 trillion.

It's hard to see such forceful and combined action happening today. For one thing, monetary policy lacks the scope it had. Even though the Fed is tightening policy, the average rate of developed countries only just passed 1 percent and will still be below its pre-crisis level a year from now, according to JPMorgan Chase & Co. The Fed's balance sheet alone is still about 20 percent of gross domestic product.

Furthermore, the Fed and ECB are among those who faced political criticism for the actions. That may curb room for uniting across borders next time, said Nathan Sheets, who was director of the Fed's division of international finance ten years ago.

"Maybe there would be more

political scrutiny as to why are you allowing some other country to dictate your monetary policy," said Sheets, who is now chief economist at PGIM Fixed Income.

The political obstacles might prove particularly daunting when it comes to the Fed activating emergency swap lines to provide other central banks with dollars to dole out in a crisis. Those lines - in which the Fed swapped dollars for foreign currency - proved crucial in easing global liquidity strains a decade ago but were subsequently attacked by some Republican lawmakers as handouts to foreign banks.

"The Federal Reserve was the central bank of the world," said former Fed official Edwin Truman, who is now a senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics in Washington. He said the Fed wouldn't provide such levels of support today with the more nationalistic Donald Trump as president.

Fear of the future is one reason why some such as Blanchflower advise central banks to be wary of raising rates now. It would be better to guarantee an expansion is sustainable before pushing up rates, their argument goes.

Central bankers might still have to be more inventive next time around, embracing negative rates more wholeheartedly or mimicking Bank of Japan-style efforts to control bond yields. Joachim Fels, global economic adviser at Pacific Investment Management Co. in Newport Beach, California, sees the chance for "direct financing of fiscal stimulus (aka people's QE)."

"Ideally policy makers will broaden their tool kits to fight the next crisis," said Cui Li, head of macro research at CCB International Holdings Ltd. in Hong Kong. "But a coherent strategy doesn't seem to be in sight." **Bloomberg**

# Singapore happy to be 'goldilocks' for energy usage experiments

Dan Murtaugh, Haslinda Amin

As the world tries to curb carbon emissions, Singapore could be a testing ground for new ideas on how to reduce energy use through data and urban design, according to Chan Chun Sing, its trade and industry minister.

Singapore is using data on how different industries and segments of the population use energy to optimize its electricity system, Chan said in a Bloomberg Television

interview. It's also experimenting with how designs and material choice in buildings can reduce energy consumption, such as for air conditioning.

The city-state of about 5 million people is small enough that it can make changes to its power grid at a system level, yet large enough that the lessons from those tweaks can be applied to larger markets, Chan said. That will allow Singapore to share its experience with the rest of the world.

"We are not too big and not too small," Chan said

in the interview. "We are in what we call a 'Goldilocks' position with a city of 5 million where you can try many of these new and innovative solutions."

Singapore has shifted its electricity mix over the past century from coal to oil to natural gas, which now generates about 95 percent of the country's power. The government announced ambitious plans last year to grow peak solar generation to 2 gigawatts by 2025 from about 140 megawatts in 2017.

The government also plans to impose a SGD5 a

ton carbon tax from 2020. The fee will affect large industrial facilities that produce 25,000 tons or more of greenhouse gases a year, such as oil refineries and power plants. The revenue from the tax would be used to fund more efficient energy production and to help companies improve energy efficiency.

Singapore has long been one of the world's largest oil refining and trading hubs, and the carbon tax could reduce profit margins at those plants by about 3 percent in 2020, according to energy con-



sultancy Wood Mackenzie Ltd. Chan said those plants operate in a relatively more environmentally friendly way than those in other parts of the world. "We are producing in a more efficient way for the

rest of the world," he said. "If those products are not produced in Singapore, they would have been produced somewhere else, probably with less efficient, less green, less clean methods." **Bloomberg**



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HONG KONG

Economy gets stuck between US-China trade war

HONG Kong has long marketed itself as the gateway into China for foreign businesses, especially the U.S. With a trade war now raging between the world's two largest economies, that's precisely the problem.

Having shifted its factories across the border decades ago to benefit from cheaper labor, Hong Kong now finds its role as a trade conduit to be a source of concern.

The import-export business overall represents almost a fifth of the domestic economy, and worsening sentiment on the mainland can spill over into the former British colony in other ways - most obviously tourism spending.

"These are the two biggest traders in the world, and they trade through us with each other," said Nicholas Kwan, director of research at the Hong Kong Trade Development Council.

The immediate effect of the worsening of the trade conflict this year is hard to disentangle from already-slowing activity, but it's clear that metrics such as container throughput will continue to suffer if the tariff war drags on.

Gross domestic product grew 3.5 percent in the second quarter from a year ago, compared with a revised 4.6 percent in the first, according to government data.

The HKTDC cut its forecast for Hong Kong's 2018 export growth to 3 percent from 6 percent after its latest quarterly export sentiment index reading for September plunged a record amount, from an expansionary 54.1 in the second quarter to 35.8 for the third. Rea-

dings below 50 indicate a majority of exporters expect contracting shipments.

The results underscore the gloom surrounding Hong Kong's trade market, especially in the key electronics segment, which suffered the biggest overall drop to 35.4 from 55.2 in the prior quarter, the report said.

The trade woes come at a tricky time as the city navigates the impact of a slowing economy in China while borrowing costs are likely to rise due to monetary policy being tied to a hiking Federal Reserve thanks to the city's currency peg.

"We cannot rely on monetary policy," said Iris Pang, Greater China economist with ING Bank NV in Hong Kong. "We have to rely on fiscal stimulus, and now is the right time for the Hong Kong government to spend its fiscal money."

Pang cut her 2018 economic growth forecast for Hong Kong to 3.6 percent from 4.9 percent in August due to the trade war, and may slash her 2019 and 2020 targets as well if the conflict continues, she said.

Aside from the direct impact on ports and logistics industries, an extended trade war could also impact retail sales and employment, Pang said. Year-on-year retail sales growth has been surging at rates in excess of 10 percent for most of this year, on the back of similarly strong tourist arrivals from the mainland.

Pang estimates as much as a third of economic activity in Hong Kong may be affected by the trade war, with local businesses running factories in China and exporting to the U.S. especially vulnerable.

Edward Yau, Hong Kong's Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development told reporters last week that the city will have to prepare for an extended trade conflict as it doesn't appear the U.S. and China are headed for a speedy resolution. Bloomberg



# China says Interpol's missing president under investigation

INTERPOL said Saturday it has made a formal request to China for information about the agency's missing president, a senior Chinese security official who seemingly vanished while on a trip home.

The Lyon-based international police agency said it used law enforcement channels to submit its request to China about the status of Meng Hongwei. Its statement said the agency "looks forward to an official response from China's authorities to address concerns over the president's well-being." France has launched its own investigation. French authorities say he boarded a plane and arrived in China but his subsequent whereabouts are unknown.

Meanwhile, the disciplinary organ of China's ruling Communist Party said late yesterday that Meng is under investigation on suspicion of unspecified legal violations.

The party's watchdog for graft and political disloyalty said that the Interpol president is "suspected of violating the law and is currently under the monitoring and investigation" of China's new anti-corruption body, the National Supervision Commission.

■ Meng is the first person from China to serve as Interpol's president, a post that is largely symbolic but powerful in status

In addition to his Interpol post, Meng is also a vice minister for public security in China.

Previously, Interpol had said that reports about Meng's disappearance were "a matter for the relevant authorities in both France and China."

Meng's duties in China would have put him in close proximity to former leaders, some who fell afoul of President Xi Jinping's sweeping anti-corruption campaign. Meng likely dealt extensively with former security chief Zhou Yongkang,



who is now serving a life sentence for corruption.

The Hong Kong newspaper said Meng was "taken away" for questioning upon landing in China last week by what it said were "discipline authorities." The term usually describes investigators in the ruling Communist Party who probe graft and political disloyalty.

Meng is the first person from China to serve as Interpol's president, a post that is largely symbolic but powerful in status. Because Interpol's secre-

tary general is responsible for the day-to-day running of the agency's operations, Meng's absence may have little operational effect.

The organization links up police officials from its 192 member states, who can use Interpol to disseminate their search for a fugitive or a missing person. Only at the behest of a country does the information go public via a "red notice," the closest thing to an international arrest warrant. "Yellow notices" are issued for missing persons.

Meng has held various positions within China's security establishment, including as a vice minister of public security since 2004.

His appointment as Interpol president in 2016 alarmed some human rights organizations, fearful it would embolden China to strike out at dissidents and refugees abroad. His term as Interpol president runs until 2020. MDT/AP

## WIFE SAYS MENG SENT KNIFE IMAGE AS DANGER SIGNAL

THE WIFE of the missing president of Interpol says her husband sent her an image of a knife before he disappeared during a trip to their native China. Making her first public comments on the mystery surrounding Meng Hongwei's whereabouts, Grace Meng told reporters in Lyon, France yesterday she thinks the knife was

her husband's way of trying to tell her he was in danger. She says she has had no further contact with him since the message that was sent on Sept. 25. She says four minutes before Meng shared the image, he had sent a message saying, "Wait for my call." She says she hasn't heard from him since and does not know what happened to him.

# Beijing backs Financial Times Hong Kong editor's visa denial

CHINA has defended its decision to refuse to renew the work visa of a Financial Times editor in Hong Kong, in a case that has drawn concern over the shrinking space for free speech in the Chinese territory.

The central government "firmly supports" the local government's rejection of Asia editor Victor Mallet's visa renewal application, according to a statement from the foreign ministry's office in Hong Kong issued late Saturday.

"No foreign country has any right to interfere," the office said, in a response to expressions of concern from the British foreign ministry and the U.S. Consulate in the territory.

Mallet is vice president of Hong Kong's Foreign Correspondents' Club, which drew criticism from the authorities for



Protesters carry a banner with Chinese reads "Do not trample on press freedom" next to a red ribbon symbolizing the bottom line of the Chinese Communist Party during a protest in Hong Kong

hosting a talk by the leader of a now-banned pro-Hong Kong independence party.

Hong Kong was promised semi-autonomy for 50 years as part of its 1997 handover from British rule, allowing it to retain its limited democracy and rights to assembly and free speech that are denied on the Chinese mainland.

Rights groups have called the visa rejection the latest sign of Beijing's expanding restrictions on the territory, including legal cases brought against pro-democracy legislators and organizers of large-scale anti-government protests in 2014.

In a statement dated Friday, Britain's Foreign and Commonwealth Of-

fice asked for "an urgent explanation" as to why Mallet's visa renewal application was rejected.

"Hong Kong's high degree of autonomy and its press freedoms are central to its way of life, and must be fully respected," the statement said.

The U.S. Consulate said the rejection was "deeply troubling," especially since it reflected problems faced by international journalists in mainland China whose visas can be held up or refused because of political considerations.

The London-based Financial Times said in a statement that it was given no reason why Mallet's application was rejected.

"This is the first time we have encountered this situation in Hong Kong," it said. AP

# Two killed in vehicle, knife attack in Zhejiang

AUTHORITIES in eastern China said two people were killed and 16 wounded after a knife-wielding man drove a vehicle into a crowd of pedestrians on Saturday night.

The suspected assailant, identified only by his surname, Wang, was apparently enraged by a "personal conflict" when he committed the attack, the Beilun district government in the Zhejiang province city of Ningbo city said in a statement on its microblog.

It said the case is under investigation and no other details were given.

The incident follows an attack last month in which 11 people were killed and 44 hospitalized after a man drove an SUV deliberately into people at a plaza in the central province of Hunan, before jumping out and attacking victims with a dagger and shovel.

The Hengyang city government said the suspect in that case had previous convictions for crimes including drug trafficking, theft and assault and, acting alone, had sought to "get revenge on society."

Such attacks — generally blamed on mental illness, alienation from society or personal disputes — continue to occur despite China having one of the world's most extensive domestic surveillance and security networks.

Many of the incidents have occurred at schools, including a chain of attacks in 2010 in which nearly 20 children were killed.

In June, a man used a kitchen knife to kill two children in Shanghai, and last year, eight people were killed when a man set off an explosion at the front gate of a kindergarten in eastern China as relatives gathered to pick up children. AP



NORTH KOREA

# Pompeo says 'progress' made after meeting Kim

U.S. Secretary of State Michael Pompeo reported progress yesterday after meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in Pyongyang amid high expectations that he can resolve details over a second summit with President Donald Trump.

Pompeo returned to Seoul and was meeting with South Korean President Moon Jae-in, with a written statement possible, according to the Blue House. The top U.S. diplomat is also expected to meet South Korean Foreign Minister Kang Kyung-wha during his visit.

"We continue to make progress on agreements made at Singapore summit," Pompeo tweeted shortly after arrival at the Osan Air Base south of Seoul, thanking Kim for hosting him.

A U.S. official told reporters traveling with Pompeo that the visit to North Korea was "better than the last time" with a "long haul" ahead.

South Korea's presidential of-

fice expects Pompeo's meeting with Kim to include discussions on a second U.S.-North Korea summit, local television channel YTN reported, citing an unidentified high-level official.

The lightning trip signals Pompeo isn't likely to resolve critical issues over the next steps needed to get North Korea to denuclearize or make much progress on a peace treaty to formally end the Korean War. Kim's regime has said it wants to focus on more than just its nuclear program, and that it expects the U.S. to show some flexibility with its demands.

Pompeo and Kim met for about two hours and then had a 90-minute working lunch, starting with this exchange in front of reporters: "It's a very nice day that promises a good future," Kim said, "for both countries." Pompeo said: "So we had a great, great visit this morning. Thank you for hosting, President Trump sends his regards. And we had a very successful

morning."

Pompeo landed in Pyongyang in late morning to meet Kim after visiting Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Saturday in Tokyo. Moon's office said the meeting will determine how quickly the process for Pyongyang's denuclearization and establishing peace in the Korean peninsula will take place. Pompeo will continue traveling to Beijing and then return to Washington on Monday.

In a sign of the modest objectives of the trip, Pompeo told a reporter en route to Japan that one of his goals would be to "make sure that we understand what each side is truly trying to achieve," a comment that signaled the two countries were still a long way off from detailed negotiations on verified disarmament.

Pompeo added that he hopes to "develop options for both location and timing" for a second summit between the two leaders but said that even that may not



be settled when he leaves Pyongyang, even though Trump said last month he wants a meeting "very soon."

In Tokyo, Pompeo told Abe that the U.S. wanted to work closely on denuclearization talks and that he would raise with the North Koreans the issue of Japanese abductees held for decades by the regime.

The Sunday stop in Pyongyang was Pompeo's first chance to introduce his special envoy for North Korea, Stephen Biegun, to leaders there. Pompeo had hoped to do that in August, when he appointed Biegun and announced they would travel to the country. But Trump called off the trip a day later, saying North Korea hadn't made sufficient progress toward denuclearization.

This is Pompeo's fourth trip to Pyongyang and his first visit since July, when he spent the night and left with little to show for his journey. Soon after the secretary of state left the country on his last visit, North Korea issued a statement lambasting his "gangster-like" demands.

Kim Song Hye, who went to the White House with Kim Yong Chol in June, at a staff lunch described Trump as "generous" and "a leader." She also said she believed the two countries "wouldn't be here without Trump."

Despite public criticism from analysts that the U.S. has obtained little on the denuclearization front, Trump and his team point to a lack of nuclear and missile tests since late last year as signs that their strategy is working. **Bloomberg**

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# Indonesia considers making devastated areas mass graves

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**S**EARCH teams pulled bodies from obliterated neighborhoods in the disaster-stricken Indonesian city of Palu on Saturday as more aid rolled in and the government said it was considering making devastated areas into mass graves.

Indonesia's disaster agency said the death toll from the powerful earthquake and tsunami climbed to 1,649, with at least 265 people still missing, though it said that number could be higher. More nations sent aid and humanitarian workers fanned out in the countryside.

The dead were still being recovered more than a week after the double disaster. Eight victims in black body bags of the national search and rescue agency were arranged in a row in the crumpled Palu neighborhood of Balaroa, destined for a mass grave.

Relatives cried as people placed long pieces of white cloth, to represent a Muslim burial rite, inside the bags.

Among them was 39-year-old Rudy Rahman, who said the bodies of his 18- and 16-year-old sons had been found. His youngest son remained missing. He watched as rescue workers unloaded the bags from a truck. His wife wept inconsolably.



A villager stands amidst destruction caused by an earthquake and tsunami in Palu

"They were found in front of my brother's house opposite the mosque," Rahman said. "They found them holding each other. These two brothers were hugging each other."

Balaroa was one of the areas hardest hit by the Sept. 28 magnitude 7.5 quake, which threw homes in the neighborhood tens of meters and left cars upright or perched on eruptions of concrete and asphalt. Many children were in the area's mosque at the time of the quake for Quran recitation. An assistant to the Imam had said none survived.

Indonesia's top security minister, Wiranto, who uses a single name, said the government is mulling the possibility of tur-

ning Balaroa and Petobo, another neighborhood in Palu, into mass graves. Petobo disappeared into the earth as the force of the quake liquified its soft soil. Liquefaction also struck a large section of Balaroa.

Wiranto said efforts to retrieve bodies are problematic in those neighborhoods, where homes were sucked into the earth, burying possibly hundreds of victims.

He said it's not safe for heavy equipment to operate there.

Wiranto also said on local television that the government is discussing with local and religious authorities and victims' families the possibility of halting the search and turning the areas

into mass graves. The victims can be considered "martyrs," he said.

A Japanese Self Defense Force plane landed at Palu's airport Saturday morning. Soldiers unloaded tons of supplies, including medicine and small portable generators, in boxes emblazoned with the Japanese flag and the words "From the People of Japan." Several other nations have also sent planeloads of aid. Video showed the military dropping supplies from helicopters in places and a large Red Cross ship docked at a port in the region.

In the dusty one-road village of Pewunu, excited children shouted "Red Cross! Red Cross!" as one of the aid group's medi-

cal teams arrived and set up a makeshift clinic in a field where evacuees were sleeping under tarps. One villager said they survived by ransacking shops.

Volunteers laid out a big white tarp on a stage in front of the village office, plunked a green desk on it and interviewed people about their needs as dozens milled around.

Doctors performed medical checks on elderly residents who emerged from tents and climbed the stage's stairs with canes or others supporting them.

People living in the camp said two residents died in collapsing houses in the village. They said they had clean water and noodles but not much else.

"There were supplies, but these were looted. All along the roads toward here, they were looted by outsiders," said Bahamid Fawzi.

"All this while in this crisis, we don't have water, we don't have food," he said. "After that, we started ransacking the stores and the shops. Not because we're thieves, but because we really needed it. There's no water, no food — like it or not, we had to do it."

The earthquake and tsunami swept away buildings along miles (kilometers) of coastline and knocked out power and communications for several days.

In a rare move, Indonesia's government has appealed for international help to cope with the tragedy unfolding on Sulawesi island.

The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs says \$50.5 million is required to deliver "immediate, life-saving" aid. AP

# India signs USD5b deal for Russian air defense systems

**I**NDIA signed a USD5 billion deal to buy five Russian S-400 air defense systems on Friday despite a looming threat of U.S. sanctions on countries that trade with Russia's defense and intelligence sectors.

The deal was signed in New Delhi during a visit by Russian President Vladimir Putin, who met with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to discuss nuclear energy, space exploration and trade.

India has requested that the U.S. grant it a waiver for the deal from sanctions prescribed by the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act, a U.S. law passed in August 2017 that is intended to punish Russia for its annexation of Crimea and alleged interference in the 2016 U.S. elections.

The U.S. did not spare China from sanctions last



month for purchasing its own Russian S-400 surface-to-air missile systems and fighter jets.

If the U.S. does impose sanctions on India, it is unclear how India could pay Russia for the military equipment, since the law bars dollar-denominated financial transactions.

Vladimir Sotnikov, a foreign affairs expert at an independent research institute in Moscow, believes India could make the pay-

ment in a mixture of rupees and dollars to try to circumvent the sanctions.

"I do not think that India would succumb to U.S. pressure over the purchasing of the armaments from Russia," he said. "India has a very sophisticated policy of separating the relationship between India and the U.S. and India and the Russian Federation. And India is in a good negotiating position right now."

The National Security Council at the White House said in a statement that the Trump administration urges all "of our allies and partners to forgo transactions with Russia that would trigger sanctions" under the act, known as CAATSA.

"The administration has indicated that a focus area for the implementation of CAATSA Section 231 is new or qualitative upgrades in capability - including the S-400 air and missile defense system. Our recent action to sanction a Chinese government entity for an S-400 delivery underscores the seriousness of our resolve on this issue."

Officials with India's external affairs and defense ministries confirmed the deal was signed after Putin and Modi made no reference to it during a news conference following their

talks.

An 11-page joint statement made only passing mention, saying that "the two sides welcomed the conclusion of the contract."

The deal will likely bolster the close relationship between India and Russia that dates back to the Cold War, when the U.S. tilted toward Pakistan, India's neighbor and archrival. But it is also likely to strain ties with Washington.

India is the world's largest importer of military hardware, according to Mumbai-based think tank Gateway House, and has depended on Russia for political support as well as billions of dollars in military hardware. Nearly 70 percent of India's present-day defense equipment was procured from Russia, according to India's Defense Ministry.

India's acquisition of the

S-400 long-range missile systems has been considered critical to countering a perceived threat from China, which is increasingly making economic inroads throughout South Asia, India's traditional sphere of influence, according to military experts.

"It gives the capability to destroy targets inside another country. It's a very important capability," said retired Indian air force Air Marshal Nirdosh Tyagi.

India has also developed closer defense ties to the U.S. in recent years with joint military drills and defense sales.

India has signed more than \$15 billion in U.S. defense contracts since 2008, including for C-130J and C-17 transport aircraft, P-8I maritime patrol aircraft, Harpoon missiles and Apache and Chinook helicopters. AP



## ANALYSIS | USA

# Kavanaugh fight sharpens the stakes for midterms

Julie Pace, Washington

**T**HE bitter battle over Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to the Supreme Court has exacerbated the nation's political divide and left many Americans emotionally raw. It's also given new definition to the high stakes of November's election.

Until now, the fight for control of Congress has largely been viewed as a referendum on President Donald Trump's first two years in office. But the turmoil surrounding Kavanaugh has transformed the midterms into something bigger than Trump, with implications that could endure long after his presidency. The election is suddenly layered with charged cultural questions about the scarcity of women in political power, the handling of sexual assault allegations, and shifting power dynamics that have left some white men uneasy about their place in American life.

Both parties contend the new contours of the race will energize their supporters in the election's final stretch. And both may be right.

Republicans, however, may benefit most in the short term. Until now, party leaders — Trump included — have struggled to energize GOP voters, even with a strong economy to campaign on. The president's middling job approval rating and independent voters' disdain for his constant personal attacks have been a drag on GOP candidates, particularly in the more moderate suburban districts that will determine control of the House.

But Republican operatives say internal polling now shows Kavanaugh's acrimonious con-



Retired Justice Anthony M. Kennedy (right) administers the Judicial Oath to Judge Brett Kavanaugh

firmation has given the party a much-needed boost, with GOP voters viewing Democrats as overzealous partisans following the public testimony by Kavanaugh and Christine Blasey Ford, who accused the judge of trying to rape her while they were both in high school. Ford said she was "100 percent" certain that Kavanaugh was her attacker, while the judge steadfastly denied her allegations.

"Their strategy to capitalize on the 'Me Too' movement for the political purposes backfired on them," Republican strategist Alice Stewart said of Democrats. "The fact that they were willing to use Dr. Ford's story that was uncorroborated to launch character assassinations on Judge Kavanaugh did not sit well with voters. A lot of people looked at this as a bridge too far."

The surge in GOP enthusiasm could recalibrate a political landscape that was tilting toward Democrats throughout the summer. Though Democrats still main-

tain an advantage in competitive House races, the past two weeks appear to have shifted momentum in the fight for the Senate majority back to the GOP.

In North Dakota, Republican Rep. Kevin Cramer has pulled comfortably ahead of Democratic Sen. Heidi Heitkamp, who voted no on Kavanaugh. GOP operatives say they're also seeing renewed Republican interest in states like Wisconsin, where Democratic candidates for both Senate and governor have been polling strong.

"It's turned our base on fire," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said Saturday, moments after the Senate confirmed Kavanaugh.

To be sure, some tightening in the race was likely inevitable this fall. Wavering voters often move back toward their party's candidates as Election Day nears, and most of the competitive Senate races are in states that voted for Trump by a significant margin.

With just over four weeks until

Election Day, there is still time for the dynamics to shift again. And the political headwinds from the Kavanaugh confirmation are unlikely to blow in just one direction.

To Democrats, Kavanaugh's ascent to the Supreme Court in spite of decades-old sexual misconduct allegations will only deepen the party's pull with female voters, including independents and moderates who may have previously voted for Republicans. Democrats point to the flood of women who have spoken out about their own assaults following Ford's testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee. Party operatives also believe the optics of the all-male GOP panel that presided over the hearing struck a chord with female voters.

"Kavanaugh's confirmation will leave a lot of outraged and energized women in its wake," said Geoff Garin, a Democratic pollster.

Democrats argue that some of the same tactics that have helped energize Republican voters also

motivate their base, particularly Trump's attacks on Ford. During a campaign rally in Mississippi, the president mocked Ford for not remembering key details of the alleged attack, including the date and location of the party she says she and Kavanaugh attended 36 years ago.

**Republican operatives say internal polling now shows Kavanaugh's acrimonious confirmation has given the party a much-needed boost**

"You've seen some shifts, but I still think that we're in a strong place," said New Mexico Rep. Ben Ray Lujan, who heads the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. "I still think that it gives us a lot of enthusiasm on our side because there are a lot of people out there that are really upset, not just with the testimony that came from Judge Kavanaugh but the way the president was even mocking (Ford) days ago."

Trump remains the fall campaign's biggest wildcard. White House advisers and Republican senators are encouraging him to keep Kavanaugh in the spotlight in the campaign's final weeks. But they're well aware that the president often struggles to stay on message and can quickly overshadow his political victories with new controversies.

Given that, Stewart said Republicans can't assume that this burst of momentum will sustain itself through Election Day.

"The question is whether this is the October surprise or the calm before the storm," Stewart said. **AP**

## PORTUGAL

## 700 firefighters battle wildfire west of Lisbon

**O**VER 700 firefighters battled a wildfire yesterday in a national park west of Lisbon that forced Portuguese authorities to evacuate about 350 people.

The fire that broke out overnight in the Sintra-Cascais Natural Park that covers hilly terrain near the Atlantic coast injured 17 firefighters and one civilian, Andre Fernandes of Portugal's civil protection agency said yesterday.

Fernandes added that 300 people were evacuated from a campsite while another 47 were removed

from their homes in the wooded area as a precaution.

Firefighters on the ground were being supported by 225 vehicles and six aerial fire-fighting units as they tried to put out the blaze. Planes swooped low to dump water on plumes of smoke rising from densely wooded hills 40 kilometers west of the capital.

Fernandes said firefighters were combating the fire on two fronts, and their efforts were being helped by a decrease in the winds that had previously fanned the flames.

"The first hours of the fire were very, very difficult," Fernandes said.

Resident Francisco Reymao told The Associated Press that "it was very windy, so the fire front came all the way down with an astonishing speed."

"The firefighters could only watch during the night because it was impossible to control the fire," Reymao added. "Our luck was the start of the day when the aircraft were able to stop this [...] it would have been a tragedy here in Charneca."

Wildfires routinely blacken large areas of forest every year in Portugal. Last year they also killed 106 people in what was by far the country's deadliest fire season on record.

That was a wake-up call for authorities, who had been slow to react to demographic changes and a climate that was getting hotter and drier. This year the Portuguese government enacted a raft of preventive measures to reduce fire deaths, like employing goats to munch flammable undergrowth along key roads. **AP**





# Bitterly divided Brazil starts voting with democracy at stake

**B**RAZILIANS are putting their young democracy to a political stress test, going to the polls deeply divided after years of corruption and recession have pummeled faith in their institutions.

The 147 million voters in Latin America's largest economy have until early today [Macau time] to cast ballots for a new president as well as most state and national officials. If none of the 13 presidential candidates wins a majority, there will be a second round Oct. 28. The final polls show the far-right candidate Jair Bolsonaro having extended his lead over leftist Fernando Haddad, but still falling short of an outright victory.

Brazilian assets have surged with Bolsonaro's rise, as investors ignore his authoritarian streak and bet he'll deliver on his pro-market stance. Haddad, by contrast, alarms money managers who fear a return to the statist policies pursued in the past by his Workers' Party. It has been a bitter and even violent campaign that has divided



The far-right candidate Jair Bolsonaro

families, seen Bolsonaro being stabbed by a fanatic, and then front-runner Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva being imprisoned and banned from running for office.

"We've reached a point of madness," said Boris Fausto, a Brazilian historian who at age 87 witnessed two long dictatorships in Brazil come and go. "Extremism has taken the upper hand, particularly the rise of an extreme right that has no commitment to democracy."

Bolsonaro has questioned the

reliability of the voting system and even authored a bill in congress demanding a printout of each vote. It was struck down by the Supreme Court earlier this year. During this election campaign, the former paratrooper has repeatedly raised the possibility of fraud by the Workers' Party, without offering any evidence.

Brazil is one of the few countries that uses an entirely electronic voting system. Voters type a number on a keypad and the

corresponding candidate's face appears on a screen, allowing Brazilians to check their choice before finalizing their ballot.

"The polling system is safe. With the biometric security, it's impossible that the vote for one candidate goes to another," said Ayres Brito, a former chief justice who also headed the country's top electoral court. "Candidates and voters need to trust each other."

The defense ministry is deploying 28,000 troops to pro-

vide logistical support for the election and to ensure Brazilians can vote safely. The federal police are responsible for the security of the voting machines.

For the first time, a team from the Organization of American States, led by former Costa Rican president Laura Chinchilla, will monitor the vote, along with about 40 other international observers authorized by Brazil's top electoral court.

The logistics are far from straightforward in some of the more remote regions of the country. In Jacareacanga, for example, an indigenous village in the Amazonian state of Para, a helicopter will fly in two machines for the community's 560 voters. The results will be transmitted by satellite or internet. If those options fail, election officials will retrieve the equipment by boat.

With three time zones in the country, the final polls in the western state of Acre will close at 7 p.m. Brasilia time. After that results should flood in quickly, with urban areas usually filing first.

Voting is obligatory between the ages of 18 and 70, on pain of a small fine and other administrative penalties. For Brazilians aged 16 to 17 and or 70 and over, voting is optional. Governors and state legislators are also up for election, together with a new congress and two-thirds of the Senate. **MDT/Bloomberg**

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 Football Tournament | Bocce Tournament | Charity Sales | Kids Corner



## what's ON



## TREASURE OF SACRED ART OF ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY

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

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

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2835 7911

## SCULPTURE - A JOURNEY, EXHIBITION BY ANTÓNIO LEÇA

TIME: 3pm-8pm (Mondays)

12pm-8pm (Tuesdays to Sundays)

UNTIL: October 21, 2018

VENUE: A2 Gallery, Albergue SCM

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2852 2550 / 2852 3205

## MANDARIN'S HOUSE

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

ADDRESS: No. 10, Travessa de António da Silva

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2896 8820

## MACAU SCIENCE CENTRE

TIME: 10am-6pm daily (Except on Thursdays; open on public holidays)

VENUE: Macau Science Center

ADMISSION: MOP25 (Exhibition Centre)

MOP60 (Planetarium 2D dome or 2D

sky shows)

MOP80 (Planetarium 3D dome or 3D

sky shows)

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2888 0822

## MONKEY KING

TIME: 4pm & 8pm daily (except on Thursdays)

VENUE: Sands Cotai Theatre

ADMISSION: MOP380, MOP480, MOP680, MOP980, MOP1280

COTAI TICKETING: (853) 2882 8818

KONG SENG TICKETING: (853) 2855 5555

## 3RD MACAU INTERNATIONAL LANTERN FESTIVAL

TIME: 10:30am-11pm (Sundays to Thursdays)

10:30am-12am (Fridays, Saturdays and

public holidays)

UNTIL: October 15, 2018

VENUE: One Central Macau Promenade

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2822 2345

## Offbeat

## MEXICO INVESTIGATES CROCODILE'S DEATH IN RESORT CITY

Mexican environmental authorities have launched a criminal investigation into the death of a crocodile.

The young croc was hung from a tree with a note that read: "We are going to continue killing these disgusting animals unless they are brought under control."

The office for environmental protection said Thursday that the reptile's carcass was found in the Pacific coast resort city of Puerto Vallarta on Tuesday.

It was hung by its tail, and a stick had been stabbed into its head with the hand-written note.

Authorities acknowledge that crocodiles sometimes wander around the tourist zone, but they have set up signs to warn people and are working to improve their emergency response.

Crocs are a protected species in Mexico and killing them is a crime.

## TV canal macau

13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
15:00	Portuguese Soap Opera
15:50	Cartoons
16:15	Portuguese Comedy
19:00	Portugal Fashion
19:35	Portuguese Serie
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:15	You, Me & Apocalypse
22:00	Funny Things To Know
22:25	Portuguese Serie - Liberty 21
23:15	TDM News
23:50	Documentary
00:15	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
01:30	RTPi Live

## cinema

## CINETEATRO

04 - 10 Oct



## VENOM

ROOM 1

2:30, 4:30, 7:30 9:30pm

Director: Ruben Fleischer

Starring: Tom Hardy, Michelle Williams, Riz Ahmed

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 112min



## PROJECT GUTENBERG

ROOM 2

2:15, 4:45, 9:45pm

Director: Felix Chong

Starring: Chow Yun Fat, Aaron Kwok, Zhang Jingchu

Language: Cantonese (Chinese, english)

Duration: 130min



## A SIMPLE FAVOR

ROOM 3

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

Director: Paul Feig

Starring: Anna Kendrick, Blake Lively, Henry Golding

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 117min

## JOHNNY ENGLISH STRIKES AGAIN

ROOM 3

7:30pm

Director: David Kerr

Starring: Rowan Atkinson Emma Thompson

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 88min

## this day in history



## 2003 THE TERMINATOR TAKES ON CALIFORNIA

The film star Arnold Schwarzenegger has been elected governor of California, ousting the incumbent, Gray Davis, three years before his term was due to end.

It is the first time in the state's history that a governor has been sacked mid-term. With most of the ballots counted, Mr Schwarzenegger has won almost 48 per cent of the vote.

In a victory speech before jubilant supporters, Mr Schwarzenegger thanked the people of California for giving him their trust. "I want to be the governor of the people," he said. "I know that together we can make this the greatest state in the greatest country in the world."

He pledged to restore trust in California's government and to re-impose discipline on the state's out-of-control budget.

Gray Davis has already accepted defeat, telling supporters voters had decided "it was time for someone else to serve and I have accepted their judgement."

The vote was triggered by Republican activists, frustrated at high levels of unemployment, struggling schools, and the state's budget deficit, which now runs into tens of billions of dollars.

In a two-part ballot, voters were first asked if they wanted to recall - or sack - Governor Davis. The only other governor in US history to be recalled was North Dakota's Lynn Frazier, in 1921.

Then - regardless of their answer to the first question - they had to indicate who they preferred as an alternative among the 135 alternative candidates running. With 96.8 per cent of the results in, 54.4% wanted a recall.

Mr Schwarzenegger was running ahead with 47.9 per cent support. His closest rival, Lieutenant Governor Cruz Bustamante, was on 32.4 per cent.

The Austrian-born film star and former body builder - who made his name in action films such as The Terminator and Total Recall - galvanized the campaign when he announced he would be running on talk show host Jay Leno's television show earlier this year.

Large crowds have gathered to see him at campaign speeches and rallies. But the political fight has been brutal at times, with Mr Schwarzenegger accused of sexually harassing a number of women, and allegations that he once praised Hitler.

He has denied the allegations, although he made an apology for "rowdy behaviour" on film sets.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

The final result was 55.4 per cent in favor of a recall, with 44.6 per cent opposing it.

Arnold Schwarzenegger won a decisive victory with 48.7 per cent support, 16 per cent ahead of his nearest rival. He was sworn in as Governor of California on 17 November 2003.

His first act was to abolish an unpopular car tax rise imposed by Governor Davis. He also formally ruled out tax rises - one of the big question marks overhanging his campaign. Later policies, however, have caused controversy.

In February 2004 he ordered his top legal official to act against the city of San Francisco for allowing gay marriages in defiance of state law, saying they represented "an imminent risk to civil order".

After weeks of wrangling with senators, Governor Schwarzenegger secured a last-ditch agreement on California's \$103bn (£56bn) budget in July 2004.

The budget neither raised taxes, nor cut spending too deeply, instead committing the state to borrowing heavily to keep its finances on track. Some economists have warned the policy only postpones - and could exacerbate - the state's economic problems.



YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 You already know how to count your blessings, especially if there's someone worse off than you in view. Of course, today there is, but with a twist. You have no idea who is who. Regard everyone with interest.

Taurus April 20-May 20 How can you turn desperation into excitement? There is a way, and it doesn't involve a top hat or a magic wand. Putting things into perspective should be the first step in your new routine.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 You're getting dangerously close to being too overwhelmed to function. Get a grip on yourself. Imagining someone else finishing all of your pet projects should be sobering enough for you. Then get a move on.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 You like to stay active, so sitting back, watching and waiting are real work for you. But that's what the times call for. Be extra careful about starting any new projects.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Don't count on getting your financial needs met by others. Friends can only do so much. But don't give up just yet on taking care of yourself, either. Caution and confidence are a good combination.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Go ahead, play mind games with yourself, as long as you're realistic when it comes to the numbers. Tell yourself this is but a minor set back if that's what helps you continue trying.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 What passes for a super day changes all the time. Flirting with disaster has a way of altering your perspective a bit. You'll be happy with the way things unfold, even if it's as simple as balancing your checkbook.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 At least you're not unconsciously shooting yourself in the foot. This time the problem is bigger than you and your subliminal sidearm. In fact, the world economy is your new perfect excuse.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You can't help but be tuned in to the big picture now, if you weren't in the past. Even so, decisions involving money and investing are as difficult as ever. Make sure you think through all aspects.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 If you thrive on challenges, then you couldn't be living through a better time. Keep focusing all of your energy on work, even if it feels like you're not getting anywhere. Oh, and enjoy.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 No matter how intellectual you are, it takes time to process the changes you've been through. You won't feel like a new person overnight, but you will feel good soon. In fact, expect a bit of the better emotions today.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 You may think you've picked the wrong path, but that is foolish. You're simply stuck in a patch of thickets. Did I mention the thorns? You'll make your way out the other side, a few scrapes and scratches notwithstanding.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

Easy

9x9 grid for Easy Sudoku puzzle with some numbers filled in.

Easy+

9x9 grid for Easy+ Sudoku puzzle with some numbers filled in.

Medium

9x9 grid for Medium Sudoku puzzle with some numbers filled in.

Hard

9x9 grid for Hard Sudoku puzzle with some numbers filled in.

WEATHER

Table with columns: MIN, MAX, CONDITION

CHINA

Table listing weather conditions for various Chinese cities like Beijing, Harbin, Tianjin, etc.

WORLD

Table listing weather conditions for various world cities like Moscow, Frankfurt, Paris, etc.

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Castle ring; 5- Struck, old-style; 9- Component of organic fertilizer; 14- Town near Padua; 15- -shanter (Scottish cap); 16- "WarGames" org.; 17- To ... it may concern; 18- Serving to explain; 20- Hong Kong harbor craft; 22- Shortened version of actor Stallone's first name; 23- Amazes; 24- Environmental sci.; 26- Bad mood; 28- Sensation; 32- Medical treatment place; 36- Poker legend Ungar; 37- Went after; 39- Australian marsupial; 40- Windshield option; 42- Indian millet; 44- Film ...; 45- Copycats; 47- Painter Uccello; 49- Prefix with content; 50- Smear; 52- Island in N Japan; 54- Revivalists; 56- Trim; 57- Son of Zeus in Greek mythology; 60- Cow or doe; 62- More massive; 66- Very fine pasta; 69- Ballerina Pavlova; 70- Sean of "The Lord of the Rings"; 71- Woodstock singer Joan; 72- Diplomacy; 73- Cancels a dele; 74- Pot starter; 75- More than one female sheep;

DOWN: 1- Sounds like a kitten; 2- Dept. of Labor div.; 3- Molecule part; 4- Fermented soybean cake; 5- Abnormally narrowed; 6- Nth degree; 7- Mischief-makers; 8- Implements; 9- Verse starter?; 10- 24 hours, for the earth; 11- Get one's ducks in ...; 12- Shipping deduction; 13- Ice cream brand; 19- Lip-...; 21- Breezes through; 25- Illuminated; 27- Variety; 28- Cornerstone abbr.; 29- Michael of R.E.M.; 30- Adjusted pitch; 31- Singer McLachlan; 33- Mother-in-law of Ruth; 34- Troy story; 35- Monte ...; 38- Scout unit; 41- Dispatch; 43- Deacidify; 46- Litigate against; 48- Gumbo veggie; 51- Pear type; 53- Add fizz; 55- Come Back, Little ...; 57- Gardner and others; 58- Repose; 59- Harper's Bazaar illustrator; 61- Brio; 63- Chew on; 64- Suffix with exist; 65- Phooey!; 67- Connections; 68- Allow;

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

Large crossword puzzle grid with some numbers and letters.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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



Real estate advertisement for JML Property, featuring 'FOR SALE' and 'FOR RENT' sections with property details and contact information.



F1

# Hamilton cruises to win at Japanese GP, closes in on title



Jim Armstrong, Suzuka

**L**EWIS Hamilton stormed to victory at the Japanese Grand Prix yesterday, claiming his fourth straight Formula One win and moving a step closer to a fifth world championship.

Starting from pole, the Mercedes driver was never seriously challenged and crossed the finish line 12.919 seconds ahead of teammate Valtteri Bottas. Red Bull's Max Verstappen was third, 14.295 seconds back.

"The whole weekend has been incredibly strong for the team," Hamilton said. "It's a great 1-2 for Mercedes and shows you the strength and depth of our team."

Hamilton has won six of the last seven races and now leads Sebastian Vettel by 67 points with four

races left. He only needs to outscore Vettel by eight points at the next race in the United States to clinch a fifth world championship.

"We've gone from strength to strength as a team," Hamilton said. "And Austin is usually a good track for us so I can't wait to unleash this beast there."

Vettel started eighth and quickly moved up to fourth place, overtaking both Toro Rosso cars that started ahead of him.

But the Ferrari driver attempted to pass Max Verstappen on the ninth lap and the two cars collided with the Ferrari spinning off into the runoff. The move dropped Vettel back to 18th place.

"I'm not the one who makes the rules," Verstappen said. "It was a similar situation to what happened

in China with him. He could have been more careful."

Vettel worked his way back up to sixth but couldn't move higher than that.

It was an impressive day for Red Bull driver Daniel Ricciardo who started 15th but finished fourth ahead of Vettel's Ferrari teammate Kimi Raikkonen.

Force India's Sergio Perez was seventh ahead of Haas driver Romain Grosjean. Force India's Esteban Ocon was ninth while Renault's Carlos Sainz rounded out the top 10.

There was an early collision with Sauber driver Charles Leclerc hitting the rear tire of Kevin Magnussen resulting in a puncture and bringing out the safety car.

Verstappen was given a five-second penalty for an incident with Raikkonen where he clashed with the Ferrari as he rejoined after running off at the chicane.

"Kimi chose the wrong line in the chicane, he could have also just waited for me to come back on the track," Verstappen said. "We touched a little bit but I really think it's ridiculous those five seconds." **AP**

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

# Melee at UFC 229 after Nurmagomedov chokes out McGregor

Greg Beacham, Las Vegas

**A** few seconds after Conor McGregor tapped Khabib Nurmagomedov's arm and submitted to the champion's choke, Nurmagomedov climbed the cage and leaped at the men in McGregor's corner, setting off a prolonged brawl inside and outside the octagon.

A seminal moment in mixed martial arts was immediately overshadowed by a tawdry ending Saturday night when the UFC's infuriated lightweight champion took his conflict with McGregor beyond their bout.

McGregor tapped out in the fourth round of his comeback fight at UFC 229 against Nurmagomedov, who then scaled the cage and scuffled with another fighter manning McGregor's corner. Meanwhile, two men apparently from Nurmagomedov's entourage climbed into the cage and attacked McGregor, who defended himself before security personnel separated everyone.

Order was restored with no apparently serious injuries, but the scuffles immediately dwarfed one of the biggest and most lucrative shows in UFC history.

"Been doing this for 18



Khabib Nurmagomedov (right) is held back by referee Herb Dean after fighting Conor McGregor

years, and (on) the biggest night ever, I couldn't be more disappointed," UFC President Dana White said. "I'm not even mad. I'm just really disappointed."

Nurmagomedov's purse has been withheld by the Nevada Athletic Commission pending an investigation, White said. He also claimed three members of Nurmagomedov's camp were detained and released by police because McGregor refused to press charges against them.

White acknowledged the UFC might strip its title from Nurmagomedov (27-0), a Dagestan-born Russian fighter

who trains in San Jose, California.

"If he gets suspended, it depends on how long his suspension is," White said. "And if it's a long suspension, yeah, he's probably going to get it stripped."

Nurmagomedov appeared briefly at a post-fight news conference after midnight. He apologized to the Nevada State Athletic Commission, saying the brawl was "not my best side," but also condemned McGregor's barbed pre-fight taunts.

"You cannot talk about religion," Nurmagomedov said. "You cannot talk about nation. You cannot talk about this now."

Nurmagomedov also said he got a congratulatory phone call from Russian President Vladimir Putin, who "told me he is very proud of me."

The wild scene occurred after McGregor (21-4) got caught in a choke by Nurmagomedov, who punctuated this simmering rivalry with an impressive victory over the superstar who infamously attacked a bus carrying Nurmagomedov in Brooklyn last April. McGregor shattered the bus windows with a hand truck because he was angry about Nurmagomedov confronting one of his teammates earlier in the week.

The post-fight trouble started when the Russian champion from Dagestan stepped away from the prone McGregor and immediately pointed at the Irishman's corner, shouting and throwing his mouthpiece.

The men in McGregor's corner appeared to respond with taunts, and Nurmagomedov climbed over the fence and fought with Dillon Danis, a Bellator welterweight who trains with McGregor.

One of the two men who attacked McGregor in the cage was widely identi-

fied as Zubaira Tukhugov. The Chechen featherweight is scheduled to fight in three weeks against Artem Lobov, the McGregor team member who was confronted by Nurmagomedov in April.

White said if Tukhugov was the man in the ring, he will never fight again for the UFC.

Nurmagomedov and McGregor both left the ring before the championship belt could be put around Nurmagomedov's waist, and fans in the pro-Conor crowd threw beers and debris at Nurmagomedov on his way out. White said he feared a melee in an arena if he awarded the belt to Nurmagomedov.

"I don't even know what to say right now," White said. "I'm just disgusted and sick over it. ... We had so much security and (police) here. I didn't see that one coming."

UFC heavyweight champion Daniel Cormier is Nurmagomedov's teammate at their gym in San Jose, and he calmed Nurmagomedov after the bout.

"Two wrongs don't make it right," Cormier tweeted after the brawl. "Conor didn't deserve that. No one did. But some things aren't for fight pro-

motion. Religion, family, country. Throwing stuff in Brooklyn. For Khabib it wasn't fight promotion, it was really personal. Diff culture man."

Nurmagomedov and McGregor made no secret of their mutual loathing in the past few months, and the UFC used footage of McGregor's attack on the bus to promote UFC 229, which could be the best-selling pay-per-view card in UFC history. McGregor lobbed several creative insults at Nurmagomedov during the promotion of this matchup, including labeling Nurmagomedov's manager, Ali Abdelaziz, as a "snitch terrorist rat."

McGregor was arrested after seriously hurting two other fighters with broken glass from the bus attack in Brooklyn, but Nurmagomedov shrugged it off and won the lightweight title by beating Al Iaquinta. When McGregor agreed to return to the UFC, he eagerly accepted Nurmagomedov as his opponent.

Before the post-fight madness, Nurmagomedov firmly asserted his grappling dominance over McGregor's striking skill in the Irish superstar's first MMA bout in 23 months. McGregor hadn't been in a fight since losing his boxing match with Floyd Mayweather last year, and Nurmagomedov proved an insurmountably tough opponent for his comeback. **AP**



# Portugal PM defends Ronaldo amid rape accusation

**P**ORTUGUESE Prime Minister Antonio Costa has spoken out in defense of football star Cristiano Ronaldo, who has been embroiled in a rape accusation.

Speaking to television on the Spanish island of Lanzarote on Saturday, Costa made an appeal to the presumption of innocence, as well as Ronaldo's successful career.

"People need to understand one and for all that there's one thing that is presumption of innocence," Costa said. "It is not enough for someone to be accused of something to be guilty of it."

Costa added: "If there's something we have proof of is that he is an extraordinary professional, an extraordinary sportsman, an extraordinary footballer, and someone who has honored and given prestige to Portugal, and certainly what we all wish for is that nothing can ever stain that record of Ronaldo."

Last week, Kathryn Mayorga



Ronaldo celebrates after scoring during Saturday's Serie A match between AC Udinese and Juventus

filed a civil lawsuit in the U.S. saying she was raped by Ronaldo in Las Vegas in 2009. Police have re-opened an investigation.

Ronaldo has denied the accusation.

Ronaldo's Italian club Juventus sent a statement of support and called him a "great champion,"

but his sponsors Nike and video game maker EA Sports have expressed concern about the allegation.

Ronaldo is Europe's all-time leading scorer in international matches. He helped Portugal win the European Championship in 2016. AP

## FOOTBALL

### After United recovers to win, Mourinho lashes out at critics

Just when Jose Mourinho needed it most, Manchester United dug deep to pull off a gutsy victory. The under-fire manager still managed to lash out at detractors after the 3-2 victory over Newcastle on Saturday, claiming he would even be blamed for the weather and the progress of Brexit negotiations. Following a newspaper report that he could be fired because of poor results and frequent criticism of his players, Mourinho was a picture of abject misery on the touchline as United went 2-0 down against Newcastle after only 10 minutes of their English Premier League match at Old Trafford. An animated Mourinho reacted with fury, screaming at his players and gesticulating wildly. In a five-minute span in the second half, United equalized. The winner came in the 90th minute, when substitute Alexis Sanchez headed home and United ended a run of four matches without a win in all competitions.



## TENNIS

### Wozniacki wins 2nd China Open title

Caroline Wozniacki defeated Anastasija Sevastova 6-3, 6-3 to win the China Open and her third WTA title of the year yesterday. The victory was also the Dane's second in Beijing, eight years after the first. The unseeded Sevastova downed U.S. Open champion Naomi Osaka in the semifinal, but couldn't handle the second-seeded Wozniacki's punishing groundstrokes. Though Sevastova threatened late in the second set, Wozniacki broke her in the ninth game to wrap up the title, the 30th of her career. Wozniacki said eight was her lucky number and, having won in Beijing eight years ago, she "felt it was my year." In the men's final, Juan Martin del Potro faced Nikoloz Basilashvili of Georgia.

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**CONTRASTING TENDENCIES**

Despite the almost negligible cash-flow retreat, these days of the heavy showering of bills from the 45 Casinos' Golden Week seems not enough to brighten up the concerned mood among Macau People - pardon us the abuse of the collective term.

As in any developing narrative around the power of the coincidence, we have to retrospectively spot the early steps of the walk of the Macau system (ditto second) towards today's more frequent commentary of being closer to the mainland China system (usually referred to as the first system). As a very important and dutiful job to perform, we would risk a puerile I told you so but for the main objective of this column.

We would rather keep abreast of the ongoing issues, looking to a changing landscape, if not an altered state. And we have to admit that either willingly or unwillingly, the president of MSAR's Legislative Assembly, Ho Iat Seng, was the catalyst that led broad sectors of the population to consider the restructuring in the executive, legislative and judicial levels.

Actually, Ho Iat Seng, regardless of the political heavyweight label he wears as a member of a local family elite and high ranking NPC member, cannot disclaim crossing the line of poor performance, misuse of power and to have been running a Legislative Assembly more prone to rubber stamping than scrutinizing government activity...according to the Basic Law.

Suddenly, last summer Ho Iat Seng decided to dismiss, as he rightfully could, top Legislative Assembly jurists before retirement age on the grounds of a restructuring of the legal experts' department. From that point on, clumsily though but true to the stated restructuring of the judicial and the judiciary, the Legislative Assembly president and the not-yet-assumed candidate for the Chief Executive role came to deny one of the differentiating and well-deserved technical qualities of both legal experts: the reading of the Basic Law. Apparently, Ho Iat Seng takes their said expertise as second-rate as the original mini-constitution of the Macau Special Administrative Region was drafted in Chinese...therefore only Chinese legal experts could read the Basic Law. Legislator Pereira Coutinho told Farah Master from Reuters that both jurists have for the past few years internally criticized some of the government bills because they breached the Basic Law. We would add that this is an either/or problem: either we care about bills breaching the Basic Law or we remove whoever says the bills breach the Basic Law. We see bad things around or, to be elegant, we call upon Yeats: things fall apart; the centre cannot hold.

This should not blind us to the fact that the judicial blitzkrieg, of which lawmaker Sulu Sou's ordeal was a test case, is felt as utterly undeserved by Macau people as they look across the Pearl River Delta to Hong Kong. The source, rather the second source, of the playwright's twist on Macau seems to not take into account the concept of elite (if not a mock one, an empty one). The elite, as the alfa and the omega of the system, only breeds discontent and restricts room for criticism...and the space of the very category of "elite". Does elite mean conformity?

**THE BUZZ NEPAL SAYS ITS TIGER POPULATION HAS ALMOST DOUBLED FROM 2009**

The number of tigers roaming the jungles of Nepal has nearly doubled because of initiatives from the government, conservationists and local authorities who have worked for years to increase the tiger population in the Himalayan nation, an official said yesterday.

Gopal Prakash Bhattarai of the Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation said that the latest tiger count showed there were 235 tigers in the jungles — almost twice as many as the 121 that were found in 2009.

"Even the nation's prime minister is involved and he heads the National Tiger Conservation Committee," Bhattarai said, adding that there has been better security in the conservation areas and awareness among the people living near these locations.

Leaders of nations with tiger populations had met in 2010 and pledged to double the number by 2022.

Bhattarai said yesterday that Nepal is already heading in that direction and could be among the first nations to meet the goal.

**Haiti earthquake kills 11, injures 135**



**EMERGENCY** teams worked to provide relief in Haiti yesterday after a magnitude 5.9 earthquake killed 11 people and left 135 injured.

The country's civil protection agency said that at least seven people died in the coastal city of Port-de-Paix and three people died in the nearby community of Gros-Morne in the province of Artibonite. It said that the injured were being treated at medical centers in the northern part of the country.

Secretary of State for Communications Eddy Jackson Alexis said a preliminary report indicated that 11 people had died.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake hit at

8:11 p.m. Saturday night [local time] and was centered 19 kilometers northwest of Port-de-Paix, which is about 219 kilometers from the capital of Port-au-Prince. The quake was 11.7 kilometers below the surface.

It was felt lightly in the capital, as well as in the neighboring Dominican Republic and in eastern Cuba.

The civil protection agency issued a statement saying that some houses were destroyed in Port-de-Paix, Gros Morne, Chansolme and Turtle Island. Among the structures damaged was the Saint-Michel church in Plaisance.

Rescue workers reported the collapse of part of a hospital in Gros-Morne and an auditorium as the quake hit

on a rainy evening. They also reported damage at the police station in Port-de-Paix.

Parliamentarian Alcide Audne told The Associated Press that two of the deaths occurred in the auditorium.

Haiti President Jovenel Moise indicated in his Twitter account Sunday that civil protection brigades were working to clear debris and help victims. He also said the government had sent water and food.

Impoverished Haiti, where many live in tenuous circumstances, is especially vulnerable to earthquakes. A vastly larger magnitude 7.1 quake damaged much of the capital in 2010 and killed an estimated 300,000 people. AP

**THE DECISIVE MOMENT**

Xinhua/Huan Yueliang



Back to work: Vehicles stranded on the Wuxi section of the Shanghai-Chengdu expressway. A travel peak was registered around China yesterday, the last day of the week-long National Day holidays.

Station	Air quality
Roadside	80-100 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	50-70 Moderate
Ambient	80-100 Moderate

SOURCE: DSMG

**WORLD BRIEFS**



**VIETNAM** A court in Ho Chi Minh City sentenced five activists to up to 15 years in prison on Friday after finding them guilty of running a political group that worked to overthrow the country's one-party Communist rule.

**USA** A crash involving a limousine at a popular upstate New York tourist spot killed 20 people. Local officials told the Times Union of Albany that a limo speeding down a hill hit bystanders Saturday afternoon at the Apple Barrel Country Store in Schoharie, about 270 kilometers north of New York City.



**BELARUS** The country's authoritarian president has rejected a prospective law against domestic violence as Western "nonsense," saying that physical punishment could be "useful" in raising children.

**GERMAN** police have ended a far-right concert early after eight officers were slightly injured by neo-Nazis throwing bottles and rocks at them.



**CONGO's** Health Ministry says at least 39 people are dead and more than 80 people have been hospitalized after a tanker truck collided with another truck in western Congo.