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More provinces to become source of helpers

Macau may be able to hire domestic helpers from more mainland provinces before the end of this month, according to a report by Macao Daily News. The Labor Affairs Bureau (DSAL) raised the possibility earlier in April. Currently, Guangdong and Fujian are the only two provinces allowed to export domestic helpers to Macau. In July, Chinese authorities announced that seven other provinces – Guangxi, Anhui, Hunan, Hubei, Jiangxi, Sichuan and Guizhou – would be added to the list of approved provinces. A meeting on the topic was held in Xiabei on Wednesday and was attended by representatives from DSAL, the Liaison Office in Macau, and the seven provinces.

Lawmakers continue mainland visit in Tianjin

The Macau delegation of the Legislative Assembly continued their trip to mainland China with a visit to Tianjin yesterday, where the 29 lawmakers met with Tianjin's People's Congress. Lawmaker Chui Sai Peng said that Macau can benefit by learning from Tianjin in terms of urban protection, as well as achieving a balance between reclamation and ecological protection. Lawmaker Ella Lei declared that Macau can learn from Tianjin when it comes to preserving coastal land by building green corridors for public use, therefore helping Macau to become a hub for travel and day-to-day living.

UM launches new admission schemes

The University of Macau (UM) recently held the Principals' Recommended Admission Talk 2019/2020. This year's Principals' Recommended Scheme will include two new schemes with exam exemption, namely the Chinese and Portuguese Bilingual Talent Nurturing Scheme, and the Outstanding Student-Athletes Admission Scheme. The university will also launch a new programme, namely Bachelor of Science in Mathematics (Statistics and Data Science). The admission talk attracted a record number of 600 people, including Form-6 students from 40 local high schools and their teachers and parents.

Organizer hopes locals will come to support fundraising for quake-tsunami victims

LOCAL international church Jesus Alive Ministry (JAM), the organizer of this Sunday's "Day of Prayer & Fundraising for the Victims of 2018 Sulawesi Earthquake and Tsunami," is hoping to attract both Indonesian and local participants with the compassion to support the fundraising effort.

The event will be held on Sunday from 4-6 p.m. on the third-floor auditorium of the Macau Assembly of God Church (E, G/F, 15. R. de Ferreira do Amaral), opposite Hotel Royal and across the road from Tap Seac Multisport Pavilion.

Gilbert Humphrey, also known as Betó Beбето, voiced his expectations during yesterday's briefing for the event volunteers: "Yes we would love everyone to donate to help the people of Central Sulawesi who have been displaced and lost everything, but a little act of support like simply coming to this Sunday's event just to join in prayer with us, to me, is more than enough already.



Rescuers rest near the ruin of a house at Balaroa neighborhood in Palu

It shows that Macau people also care about others living in other countries."

"Indonesians make up one of the biggest migrant groups in town. The Indonesian migrant workers have helped locals a lot. I think it's only normal that anyone who has an Indonesian friend or worker or with any other connection with Indonesia, like the Chinese-Indonesians or Yan Nei Va Kio in Macau, is expected to join such

[an] event," he added.

According to Humphrey, who is also the president of Macau Local Indonesians Association (MLIA) as well as a local journalist and radio host of Macau's only Indonesian radio programme, the prayer-fundraising event will include song and dance performances from several local Indonesian migrant groups, including Srikandi Macau and Peduli BMI Macau.

Local Australian artist Denis Murrel has donated two umbrellas with his paintings on them for auction, and local Filipino children book author Bei Terra will donate 10 of her books for sale this Sunday, with all proceeds to be donated to the quake-tsunami victims.

"JAM church is collaborating with Jakarta-based Christian channel, Pijar TV, who will visit and distribute the donations in the form of goods to some of the Central Sulawesi areas worst hit by the devastating quake-tsunami," Humphrey said. He noted that Pijar TV will document the fundraiser as a report and follow-up on the funds donated from Macau.

Sunday's fundraising is sponsored by Macau Daily Times, Macau Post Daily, Jornal Tribuna de Macau, and Kumbang Toh! News, with official support from Macau Child Development Association (MCDA) as well as the Macau Assembly of God Church as the venue sponsor.

Contemporary artists from Lusophone countries showcase works

CLUBE Militar de is holding the "Lusophone Painters Exhibition" from until November 4, featuring 27 works that underlie the diversity and creativity of the visual arts in those countries.

The exhibition aims to contribute to deepening cultural relations between China and the Portuguese-speaking countries, the organization noted in a statement.

One contemporary plastic artist from each of the Portuguese-speaking countries including Angola, Brazil, Cape Verde, Guinea Bissau, Mozambique, Portugal, Sao Tome and Principe, Timor will present three works for the display.

One artist from Macau



is also set to exhibit their works in the exhibition.

This year it is included in the program to celebrate 15 years of the forum's existence.

The exhibition is also part of the annual exhibition program with the generic designation "Meeting Bridges." It is the second one held this year, following the Portuguese painting exhibition that took place last June.

As in previous instances of the event, the curators' mission for this exhibition is to "promote the meeting at this hall of artists from all the Portuguese-speaking countries and Macau."

The format of the exhibition aims to bring together three original works from one artist coming from each country and will invite a local artist to be the host.

From Angola, Dila Morniz will bring a set of portraits of women, while Graça Tirelli from Brazil will ponder on the modern world.

Hélder Cardoso, from Cape Verde, and Ismael Hipólito Djata, from Guinea-Bissau, will establish an unexpected dialogue on youth and tradition.

In a different approach, both technically and figuratively, Lio Man Cheong's works open up a dialogue about matters of memory and remembrance.

Graça Costa draws on fabrics to recreate abstract pictures in three dimensions. The Portuguese Alfredo Luz will present works that feature the world of dreams and fantasy, while Kwame de Sousa, from S. Tomé and Príncipe, plays with distinctive and vibrant colors on everyday subjects. Finally, Gelly Neves, from Timor-Leste, recreates, in a more traditional fashion, the images of his homeland.

"The challenge was to make the set of works presented here challen-

ging and diverse, and yet provide a sense of balance and unity. We strived to do as much, but it is not up to us to make the judgment," the statement read.

"As might be expected, their vision and approaches are both singular and diverse; and yet, we believe the intent and expressive power of their works are recognizable by those visiting this exhibition," it added.

The exhibition is sponsored by the Permanent Secretariat of the Forum for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and the Portuguese-speaking Countries (Macau). The exhibition is part of the celebration of the 15th anniversary of the bilateral institution.

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US Congress renews call for universal suffrage for Macau

A U.S. Congress annual report highlighted that the region's electoral system is not developing according to recommendations made by the UN Human Rights Committee. The report also expressed concerns over the denial of entry of political figures and writers.

In the Congressional-Executive Commission on China 2018 report, the congress is calling on the Chinese and Macau governments to set a timeline for implementing elections in Macau for Chief Executive (CE) and the Legislative Assembly (AL) by universal suffrage. "This past year, proposed legislative amendments, the suspension of a pro-democracy legislator, Sulu Sou, and the denial of entry to Macau of political figures and writers raised concerns regarding Macau's autonomy and rule of law," the report noted.

The document recalled that Sou's suspension marked the first time that a lawmaker has



Aspect of the latest election in Macau

been suspended from his duties since the Macau handover in 1999.

It recalled that pro-democracy group New Macau Association submitted a report to the UN Human Rights Council's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of China calling for direct elections for the CE, AL and members of

the newly proposed municipal administration body that would replace the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau.

Meanwhile, it also highlighted the proposed revision of the basic law of the judicial organization, which prevents foreign judges from deciding in cases of national security. The US

Congress recalled Portuguese lawyers have been "alarmed" by the proposal and feared that it may "violate Macau's Basic Law and further erode the independence of the city's judiciary."

"This past year, proposed legislative amendments raised concerns regarding Macau's autonomy and rule of law. In March 2018, the government completed a draft law amending Macau's Judicial Framework Law to bar foreign judges from hearing national security and defense cases," it noted. Regarding the draft law on cyber security, the report highlighted the concerns of the region's IT sector industry, who views that since cyber attacks in Macau the legislation is not warranted, it raises concerns from cyber industries about the interpretation and impact of the law.

In regards to the denial of entry to the SAR, the report cited the reported the "warning" that the SAR could not guarantee entry to several book authors, including U.K.-based writer and

Mao Zedong biographer Jung Chang.

"Immigration authorities denied pro-democracy and centrist Hong Kong politicians entry to Macau this past year, citing concerns over their participation in activities "which may jeopardize the public security of the SAR," the report stated.

The congress also added a statement from PEN Hong Kong, an international advocacy organization for freedom of expression, which noted that the lack of assurance for the entry of authors "infringes directly on the right of freedom of expression" in Macau.

GOV'T SAYS 'FOREIGN COUNTRIES HAVE NO RIGHT TO INTERFERE'

THE SAR government issued a statement yesterday, expressing its opposition to the annual report. "The 2018 annual report contains groundless and baseless claims, and made inappropriate comments about Macau's internal affairs," it said. "Macau's internal affairs are a domestic matter for China: foreign countries have no right to interfere in China's domestic affairs," the statement read.

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Airport records 'ideal performance' in the 3Q



The Macau International Airport (MIA) recorded an "ideal performance in both passenger and aircraft movements in the third quarter of 2018," according to a statement issued yesterday. Passenger movements surpassed 2,150,000, and there were over 16,800 aircraft movements in the third quarter of 2018. Both figures represent a year-on-year 13 percent increase. Passenger traffic in mainland China routes and Southeast Asia routes continued to perform well, recording an increase of 34 percent and 6 percent compared with the same period last year. Passenger traffic in Taiwan routes recorded a slight increase of 0.2 percent. The passenger movement of MIA increased steadily during Golden Week. From October 1 to 7, MIA handled over 150,000 passenger movements and over 1,300 aircraft movements, representing a 4.5 percent and 6.7 percent increase respectively compared to the same period last year.

CityU opens new centers for eSports and blockchain research

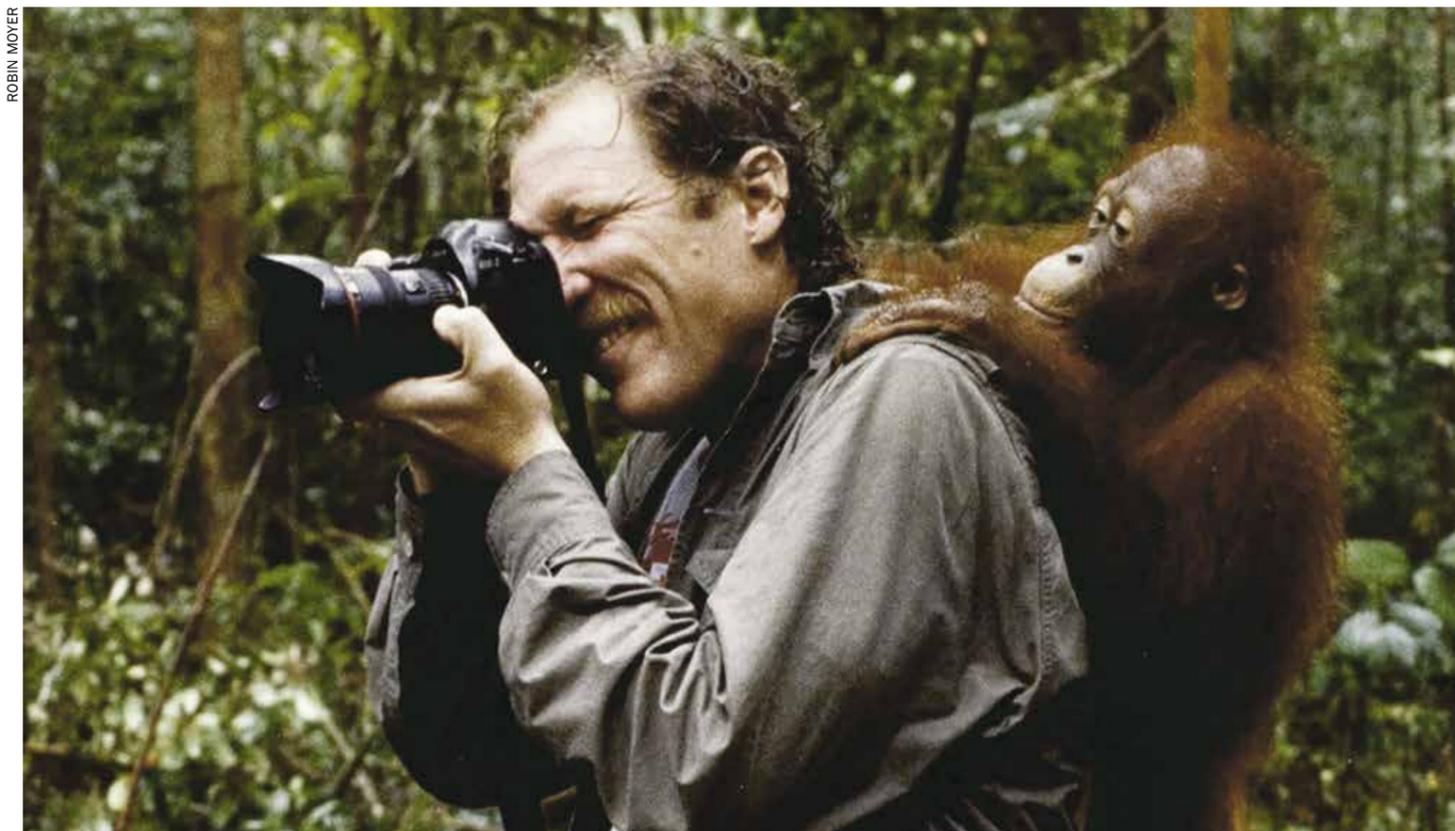
The City University of Macau (CityU) launched an eSports research center and a blockchain applied research center yesterday. CityU's rector Zhang Shuguang explained that the establishment of the two centers meets students' demands, as eSports is a new industry that is continuously developing with great potential. The eSports center will particularly conduct applied research, such as eSports' future development. Zhang believes that the two centers will enrich the university's record of production, research and studying, and will also advance CityU's academic and research diversification.

Responsibility for land expiration believed to be govt's

The president of the Association for Strategy of Land Management and Development Kuan Vai Lam thinks that grantees should not be punished if they did not make mistakes. In Kuan's opinion, in recent years, most of Macau's cases of expiration of the concession of land plots were due to the administrative authority not having issued planning drafts on time, which then led to grantees not being able to complete development before the deadline. Kuan believes that grantees should not be punished when such situations occur.

Q&A ROBIN MOYER,
WINNER OF WORLD PRESS PHOTO PREMIER AWARD (1983)

'Photojournalists are not dead, they are working really hard all around the globe'



ROBIN MOYER

Renato Marques

WITH a career spanning almost 50 years, the American photographer, journalist and author Robin Moyer has photographed many of the world's most interesting events, places and people. His work has won several international awards and recognition. Among them is a World Press Photo Premier Award and the Robert Capa Gold Medal Citation from the Overseas Press Club of New York, both for his work for TIME Magazine on the war in Lebanon (1982).

Moyer, who lives in Hong Kong, will be in Macau tomorrow to present a talk titled "Deadlines" as a side event for this year's World Press Photo exhibition.

Ahead of the talk – a joint initiative of the Macau Portuguese and English Press Association and the "Casa de Portugal" (Portuguese House) Association – the Times spoke to Moyer to learn more about the ideas, feelings and insights of this cross-generational photojournalist.

Macau Daily Times (MDT) – With a career that spans over 50 years, what in your opinion has changed the most about being a photojournalist?

Robin Moyer (RM) – Of

course, that's the digital camera and also the budgets [available] for photography from the magazines. The Internet and the digital cameras came to make the work much easier and much faster. I remember that in the late 1990s we had what we called our "Saturday Camera" which was a very low-quality and basic digital camera that we could use to process and to send [the files] over the telephone wire, but it wasn't until we got super high-speed lines and things like that we could actually process and send high-quality images.

I remember the first time that one of our photographers - Christopher Morris - sent some pictures from the first Gulf War and Time ran the pictures over a double-page of the magazine and you could see the pixels were gigantic, but they made a point.

[Regarding budgeting] when I first started to work for Time magazine I had "carte blanche" and an almost unlimited budget; if I needed a helicopter I would just hire a helicopter. Of course, these days, you don't need a helicopter, you need a drone, unless you are doing big movies or using medium format digital cameras as you don't want to put a USD30,000 camera on a USD5,000 drone.

MDT – You were one of the award winners of the World Press Photo back in 1982. How did this achievement influence your career?

RM – I think that more than anything else, it solidified my work with Time Magazine. I started working with the magazine in 1979 and I think the editors were fairly confident [in] the quality of my work and also the quality of my research, so I was working on several stories before I got my contract, [for example] stories in Korea, stories on the Thai-Cambodian border and in Vietnam.

But once I won the award they immediately gave me a contract and eventually made me the chief photographer for Asia. It also worked in terms of recognition also by other magazines, and still under the contract of Time, it allowed me to work a little bit to [other media such as] the New York Times and London Sunday Times; I photographed tennis players for Elle, among others.

MDT – Your talk tomorrow is called "Deadlines." Can you explain the meaning of this title?

RM – It maybe has a double meaning but that is for you to decide [laughs]. But [in the more common sense of the word] when you start working

for a magazine like Time, there is a deadline every week and in Asia the deadline was usually on Thursday, which was the last day that we could ship our film to New York in order to get it processed and edited on time to put it in the magazine, so it could appear on the pages on the following Monday.

We did not have very acceptable transmission facilities until about 1988 when we could actually process the film in the field and scan it and transmit it to New York, and it would be acceptable for a magazine like Time which required high-quality reproductions.

MDT – Everyone now carries a camera in their mobile device. Do you believe that this is killing photojournalism?

RM – I think that there is always a place for long-term photographic projects. For the "hard news", it is hard to beat a [mobile phone] in a hard news situation where you have 20 people with mobile phones; it is hard to beat them.

But photojournalists are not dead, they are working really hard all around the globe on very important stories like world hunger, dictatorships, all kinds of social problems, long-term stories on environmental topics and global warming. So there is a need for a reinvention [of photojournalism].

CRIME

Third victim reports sexual assault by 78-year-old suspect

A third alleged victim of the 78-year-old instructor of a local music and painting interest course has come forward, the Judiciary Police (PJ) reported late Wednesday night.

The individual wrote on social media that the suspect had sexually assaulted her eight years ago. She claimed she had reported the case to the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ), adding that the suspect had touched her inappropriately.

Yesterday, the DSEJ held a press conference to address the allegations.

Kong Ngai, acting deputy director of DSEJ, denied that the bureau had been aware of the most recent claims posted on social media. According to Kong, DSEJ initiated an internal information search immediately after learning about the claim, but did not find a relevant report.

However, DSEJ was aware of the case. According to Kong, while DSEJ did not



Kong Ngai (center) pictured during yesterday's press conference

find any internal records, the bureau realized that there was an organization involved in the case and that student guidance personnel at the organization had contacted DSEJ previously.

In relation to whether DSEJ tried to cover up the case, Kong said that it is too early to make such a judgement, as the bureau has to protect the privacy of underage individuals involved.

Kong also called upon the victims of sexual assault ca-

ses to contact DSEJ.

The course instructor, a local surnamed Chan, was arrested earlier this week after sexually assaulting two female minor students aged 8 and 9 years old.

He has denied the accusations and claimed that he only adjusted the studying position of the students through normal physical contact. He also said that he had tried his best to avoid unnecessary physical contact.

Following the reports, DSEJ stated that it is monitoring the case and strongly condemns the suspect's actions.

The bureau has contacted the organization and stated that it will actively provide support and assistance to the children and their families.

The case has been transferred to the Public Prosecutions Office and Chan has been charged with sexual assault of children.

Qatar Airways starts cargo services to Macau



The aeronautical authorities of Macau and the State of Qatar concluded bilateral Air Services Agreement (ASA) discussions yesterday in Macau and reached an agreement for the "framework for operating the air transport market between the two places." During a meeting at the office of the Civil Aviation Authority (AACM), the two entities agreed upon the mutual development of their aviation markets. Under the agreement, Qatar Airways will operate their all-cargo services with two weekly frequencies commencing October 15. Both parties will also grant each other the fifth freedom traffic rights without limiting the frequency and aircraft type for both passenger and cargo flights. As such, both sides' designated airlines can cooperate on code-share operations.

Residential loans surge in August

In August, new residential mortgage loans (RMLs) approved by local banks increased by 40.3 percent month-to-month to MOP7.3 billion. New RMLs to residents accounted for 98.1 percent of the total. According to statistics released by the Monetary Authority of Macau, the monthly average of new RMLs approved between June and August 2018 was MOP6.7 billion, up by 13.9 percent from the previous period (May to July 2018). New commercial real estate loans (CRELs) rose by 138.6 percent month-to-month to MOP9.8 billion. Within this total, new CRELs to residents, which occupied 89.8 percent of the total, surged by 116.3 percent to MOP8.8 billion, mainly driven by new enterprise loans with high denominations.

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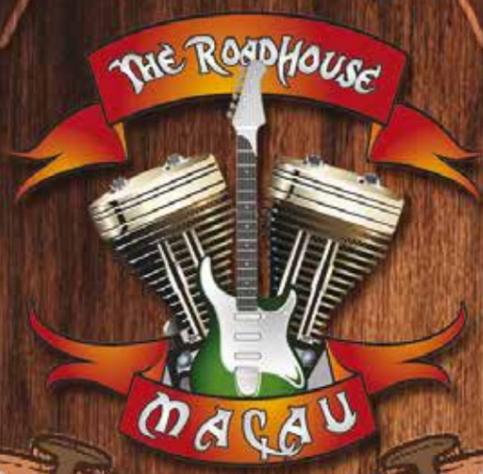


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Gov't pays attention to HK's taxes on first-hand sale of vacant properties

THE Financial Service Bureau (DSF) says that it will pay close attention to Hong Kong's levying of new taxes on first-hand residential units which have remained unsold for a period of time after completion.

DSF's comment came out in a reply to lawmaker Song Pek Kei's written inquiry, which proposed that the government review the law concerning the first-hand purchase of a residential property when it is unfinished.

DSF answered that the bureau will observe changes in Hong Kong's market, particularly with regard to the demand and supply of housing units and prices.

The bureau also indicated that it will research the feasibility of a similar measure for Macau.

According to DSF, Macau and Hong Kong's housing markets are different in nature, as are their real estate regulations.

Most of Macau's vacant properties were built before 2000. Last



Residential buildings stand in Hong Kong

year, there were also some vacant homes due to the completion of new housing projects.

DSF believes that these houses cannot be regarded as first-hand vacant properties.

According to the official statistics, until the end of 2017, there were 15,252 vacant properties (2,300 first-hand) in Macau, representing a vacancy rate of 6.8 percent.

Council wants to amend law targeting beauty salons

THE Consumer Council (CC) said that it will soon amend the Consumer Protection Law following residents' complaints about beauty salons' aggressive sales tactics.

CC receives an average of 40 complaints every year about disputes with local beauty clinics, mostly regarding sales tactics.

In a TDM Radio phone-in program, a customer said, "They are very pushy in terms of selling their beauty treatments. They will individually approach you to keep convincing you to pay them money in advance for the treatment."

The head of the council's Consumer Dispute Resolution Center, Au Weng Tong, said that the consumer law would likely be amended and that it may require a cooling-off period for pre-paid beauty treatments.

"The public consultation had shown that the majority of opinions are support-

ing this. According to my understanding, our legal team has been following relevant law amendment," he said.

There are currently no regulations for the sales and marketing activities of beauty salons and cosmetic clinics, some of which require consumers to pay in advance for a series of treatments.

Leong Pui San, Chief of the Health Bureau's Licensing Department, stressed that all procedures that are considered to be medical practices must be operated by licensed doctors.

She also explained the risks of certain cosmetic procedures.

"Shortwave frequency hair removal could be listed as a low-risk level [which], according to our standard, doesn't have to be regulated. But there are other treatments that are not yet very common in Macau such as colon cleansing and hair transplants."

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Oktoberfest Macau at MGM 2018

The annual Oktoberfest Macau at MGM will once again rock the town in October this year. To mark its 10th anniversary, the event will take place at MGM's newest resort hotel, MGM COTAI, with a more spacious environment for bigger crowds. Guests can experience the most authentic bierfest outside of Germany in the 11-day Bavarian party.

With Macau celebrating the "2018 Macao Year of Gastronomy," MGM aims to enhance the city's gastronomic development with its cultural and entertainment elements as a UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy. Once again, this year's event will be partnered with the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Hong Kong and the German Macau Business Association, and will be supported by the Macao Government Tourism Office.

In the past nine years, MGM has welcomed 127,473 beer lovers with 123,750 liters of beer and nearly 40,000 kilograms of roasted pork knuckles and chickens. MGM captures the essence of the festivities through the traditional German food and beverage, entertainments and decorations, delivering the most authentic Bavarian party atmosphere to Macau. The beloved Hög! Fun Band will once again fly over from Munich for several nights of dynamic live performances. Löwenbrau, one of the six genuine German Oktoberfest brews, is definitely one of the highlights. With the traditional German gastronomies, Bavarian patterned beer tent and ceiling wreaths, as well as a wide range of carnival game booths, all of these will craft Oktoberfest Macau at MGM a guaranteed fun and alive event that is just like the Munich Oktoberfest.

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REAL ESTATE MATTERS

How buying an investment property is like getting married

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Would you be surprised if I said that there are more similarities between property investment and getting married than you might have thought?

Below are the "Five Laws of Lead Generation" from a book called "The Millionaire Real Estate Investor" by Gary Keller, Jay Papasan and Dave Jenks (highly recommended). While there are obvious differences between the mechanical process of selecting investment property and the cherished institution of marriage, in this light-hearted exercise we'll try and find some unexpected parallels.

1. Never Compromise - You're only looking for properties that meet your criteria

We all have expectations on the qualities we want our partners to possess, and we should of course try to find someone who fits the bill. However, it's also important to recognise that like an investment property that appreciates in value, a person is always changing and can grow over time. Instead of demanding to meet someone with certain qualities, perhaps a better strategy

is to first focus on oneself and become someone who will attract such a person.

2. Be a shopper not a buyer - It's better to miss a good one than buy a bad one

Romance is one of the easiest sells out there, and many have readily bought romanticised ideas such as 'love on first sight' or a 'white knight' suddenly appearing to sweep the princess of her feet. But when it comes to marriage, a rushed decision based purely on momentary emotions can lead to a horrible outcome for all parties involved. There are more than 7 billion people on this planet, so it makes sense that it's better to miss out on a potential fit than to force something that just doesn't fit.

3. Timing matters - be the first or last person to make an offer

This is a painful one for many people. I'm sure that everybody can think of someone they were with in the past that they would have married but the 'timing just wasn't right'. Let's move on before today's edition of the Macau Daily Times gets soaked in tears.

4. It's a numbers game - quality is in the quantity

Although there are people who happily marry their high school sweethearts, for most people they learn about themselves and what kind of person they would want to be with through meeting and dating many people. The focus here should not be on 'getting your numbers up', but rather on keeping an open mind towards new encounters.

5. Be organised and systematic - Protect your time and money

When we start a new relationship, it's easy to become starry-eyed and spend all of our attention, time and money on the relationship. Although there is a place for spontaneity and serendipity, it's not wise to go 'all-in' and forsake all of your other priorities whenever you meet a new person.

Despite one being an unemotional investment decision and the other being possibly the most emotional decision of our lives, both decisions are similar in that they are both some of the biggest we will make in our lives. Unfortunately, JML can't help you find the right person to marry, but feel free to get in touch if you are looking for the right investment!

BMW ramps up investment in China to meet electric demand

GERMAN automaker BMW is taking a majority stake in its China joint venture and investing 3 billion euros (USD3.5 billion) in factories there, underscoring the importance of the Chinese market as the company prepares to meet increased demand for electric vehicles.

Munich-based BMW said yesterday it would pay 3.6 billion euros (\$4.2 billion) to raise its stake in BMW Brilliance Automotive Ltd. to 75 percent from 50 percent. Alongside the deal, BMW will invest in new and existing plant facilities in Shenyang, increasing production capacity to 650,000 vehicles a year from the early 2020s. The plants produced 400,000 vehicles last year.

A new plant will be able to produce fully electric, partly electric, and conventional vehicles on the same line.

The Chinese government has issued a new energy vehicle mandate which uses a system of credits to push automakers to



increase the share of battery-only and hybrid cars in their sales mix. The policy is expected to increase the number of electrically powered vehicles in the world's largest car market in coming years. Last year, battery-only and hybrid cars were 2.2 percent of the Chinese market; the International Council on Clean Transportation estimates that could rise to around 4 percent by 2020 under the policy.

The country is BMW's single largest sales market, with 560,000 vehicles sold there last year.

The deal is subject to approval by regulators and shareholders of Chinese

partner Brilliance China Automotive Holdings Ltd.

BMW is taking advantage of the Chinese government's plans to end the requirement that foreign auto manufacturers enter into joint ventures with local partners in order to make cars in China. The BMW-Brilliance deal is scheduled to close in 2022, the year the requirement ends.

"With continuous investment, as well as the development and production of electric vehicles, we underline China's importance as a dynamic growth market for us," BMW CEO Harald Krueger said in a statement. AP

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Billionaire Lau is said to redevelop Goldman's London base

JOSEPH Lau's Chinese Estates Holdings Ltd. has invited companies to pitch to redevelop Goldman Sachs Group Inc.'s London headquarters after the bank vacates the building next year, people with knowledge of the plan said.

The Hong Kong billionaire's company is seeking proposals for River Court, the largest of the interlinking offices that make up Goldman's main U.K. base, the people said, asking not to be identified because the matter is private. A handful of developers have presented ideas for the building in the City of London financial district, including extensions and refurbishment work, they said.

Goldman's move to a new European headquarters next year will leave a swath of vacant office buildings around London's Fleet Street, historically the home of Britain's newspaper industry. The bank will move into a glass and steel building at nearby Plumtree Court, with room for about 8,000 workers.

Any project to modernize the entire space currently occupied by the U.S. investment bank would be among the largest office developments in London. Demand for office space in the U.K. capital has held up better than many expected since the Brexit vote, with technology companies continuing to lease major buildings despite the economic and political uncertainty.

Chinese Estates couldn't immediately comment. Representatives of brokers Cushman &



Wakefield Plc and Savills Plc, which are advising on the project, declined to comment.

River Court spans about 40,000 square meters, the equivalent of almost seven football fields, and some of the developers' proposals include extending it by about 15 percent, the people with knowledge of the plans said.

The building sits within the protected viewing corridor for St. Paul's Cathedral, making a wholesale redevelopment for a much taller building impossible, the people said. The City of London Corporation's planning department would prefer to keep the building as an office rather than convert it to another use, such as a hotel, they

said. A complete rebuild is unlikely, they added.

Chinese Estates paid about 280 million pounds for River Court when it bought the building in 2011. Goldman itself bought Procession House, another of the office properties that the bank is due to vacate, earlier this year. The company, which paid about 69 million pounds for the building, has approval for a refurbishment project.

Joseph Lau was implicated in the La Scala bribery case. He was accused of bribing Macau's former head of the Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau, Ao Man Long, with HKD20 million and in turn was granted with five land plots on the Cotai Strip. **MDT/Bloomberg**

Qatar pledges USD3b to spur interest in new free zones

QATAR plans to spend USD3 billion to attract foreign companies to its new free zones as the oil-rich country seeks to diversify its economy amid a boycott.

The world's biggest exporter of liquefied natural gas wants to lean on its existing ties with companies to attract foreign investment to the areas south of Doha, Ahmad Mohammed Al-Sayed, the chairman of Qatar's Free Zones Authority, said in an interview in the country's capital. Logistics, chemicals, plastics and artificial intelligence are among the industries intended for the zones.

"We are looking for the cornerstone investor first and are setting up a \$3 billion development and foreign direct investment fund as an incentive," said Al-Sayed, a former chief executive officer of Qatar Investment Authority, the nation's sovereign wealth fund. "Qatar has reached a stage of development, after building the physical, social and economic infrastructure, where we are ready to welcome the most talented foreigners to live with us, and work and manage their businesses from here."

The incentive fund is just the start, and could increase to more than \$5 billion as the free zones expand, Al-Sayed said. The country has already spent \$10 billion developing the areas that border one of the world's biggest cargo operations at Hamad International Airport and a new port, he said. Construction and the relevant legal frameworks will be completed by the end of next year.

Qatar, which has ties to companies ranging from Exxon Mobil Corp. to Volkswagen

AG, is transforming its political, trade and financial relations after it was boycotted by its neighbors last year. The country has earmarked \$2 billion for firms to join its financial center, to rival Dubai's, and is trying a similar tactic with the free zones, which are popular in the region.

Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt cut economic and diplomatic ties with Qatar in June last year, accusing it of financing terrorist groups and having close ties with Iran, charges the country rejects. The rift forced Qatar to shift import routes to Kuwait and Oman, and buy goods from Iran and Turkey.

Read more about Qatar's \$320 billion sovereign wealth fund here

Al-Sayed said a group of listed companies in Qatar will form a joint venture to boost investments in the zones. He declined to provide details.

The Gulf has many established free zones, where foreigners can fully own companies and are often exempt from many taxes, in the U.A.E. and proposed areas in Oman and Saudi Arabia. Al-Sayed said there are more opportunities as businesses expand, seek new markets, and want to partner with companies such as Qatar Petroleum, Qatar Airways and the sovereign wealth fund.

"We have energy and resources, and we are determined to maximize the use of this wealth," Al-Sayed said. "You might have a business somewhere else, but companies are growing every day and are establishing new business in every location, so it's normal to have multiple locations." **Bloomberg**

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SANDS CHINA KEPT LARGE-SCALE CONFERENCE RUNNING SMOOTHLY DURING TYPHOON



When a super typhoon struck Macau last month, the Jeunesse Expo 9 was taking place at The Venetian Macao. In spite of the storm, the conference – which ran between September 11 and 17 with more than 23,000 delegates – concluded successfully, with more than 11,000 delegates in attendance on the day the typhoon hit.

According to a statement issued by Sands China, "in the face of this super typhoon, relevant Sands China de-

partments reacted promptly to follow the company's typhoon contingency plan, which included addressing the immediate needs of the company's team members, hotel guests and conference attendees to ensure their safety and well-being."

In preparation for the storm, the chef for the event ordered two 20-foot containers in advance to use as freezers in the expo hall's loading bay, and stocked them with food. With

other combined efforts, the team was able to make it through the typhoon while keeping the expo running as planned.

"Our appreciation goes to the Macau government for its leadership during the storm," said Wilfred Wong, president of Sands China Ltd. "With the dedication and team spirit of our team members, our integrated resorts were able to pass safely through this difficult time. With a short supply of labour on hand, and with a hotel occupancy rate of 90 per cent, our team members continued to deliver extraordinary service that exemplified true professionalism. Sands China is extremely proud of their accomplishments."

Mark Wang, marketing director of Jeunesse in Greater China, said: "We are so grateful for the entire team at The Venetian Macao for making sure our conference was a success under what must have been extremely difficult circumstances for them during the typhoon."

CHINA DUTY FREE GROUP TO OPEN AT LISBOA PALACE



Sociedade de Jogos de Macau, S.A. (SJM) and China Duty Free Group Co., Ltd. (CDFG) announced yesterday that they have entered into a binding Memorandum of Understanding for CDFG's Macau flagship store to open at Grand Lisboa Palace, SJM's planned integrated resort on Cotai,

Macau.

Spanning approximately 7,500 square meters in a prime first-floor retail space at the Grand Lisboa Palace, this anchor tenant will be CDFG's first off-airport outlet in Macau. Established in 1984, CDFG is China's leading operator of duty free shops, and is a sub-

siary of the travel giant China National Travel Service Group Corporation Limited. With more than 200 stores across China, CDFG reportedly runs the most duty free outlets in any single country.

CDFG's Macau flagship store will be located in Grand Lisboa Palace's 53,000-square metre retail mall, which will cover the first and second floors of the development. According to a statement issued by SJM, the mall "is designed to delight visitors with an innovative 'Fantasy Garden' theme, invoking feelings of splendour and luxury with the use of delicate topiary, ornamental birdcages, and elegantly formed garden walkways."

TRADE WAR

China, US jockey for global support as dispute ramps up

Andrew Mayeda & Enda Curran

THE U.S. and China are set to use the latest gathering of the world's finance chiefs to marshal support for their respective cases in a trade dispute that shows no sign of ending soon.

Finance ministers and central bankers from the International Monetary Fund's 189 member nations are gathering in Bali, Indonesia this week for the fund's annual meeting. While the agenda will include discussions on the broader health of the global economy, it will also be an opportunity for American and Chinese officials to cobble together alliances.

On one side is President Donald Trump, who argues his tariffs are a necessary price to pay to force China to stop what he calls unfair trading practices and theft of intellectual property.

On the other is President Xi Jinping, who has positioned China as a champion of globalization and the existing trading order. In a series of speeches, Xi and his top officials have warned about the danger of tearing apart that system, while promising to gradually open up the Chinese economy.

"The struggle for trade alliances carved out of political allegiances is well and truly on," said George Magnus, an economist at Oxford University's China Centre. "This is no ordinary trade spat, such as the one we saw with Japan in the 1980s. This is existential."

RESISTING US PRESSURE

China will resist U.S. pressure just as it overcame "bullying" by other foreign powers in the past, Chinese Commerce Minister Zhong Shan told Bloomberg this week. That comparison with the invasions of China during what is often termed the "Century of Humiliation" suggests that the government isn't likely to back down easily.

The U.S. last month slapped tariffs on a further USD200 billion in Chinese goods, prompting Beijing to retaliate on \$60 billion in American products.

Trump and Xi may talk at a meeting of the Group of 20 nations at the end of November, White House economic adviser Larry Kudlow said last week. "Better to talk than not talk, but the talks have to be serious," said Kudlow, adding that Trump "believes that whole trading relationship is broken."



U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin yesterday met with People's Bank of China Governor Yi Gang on the sidelines of the IMF meetings in Bali. "We discussed important economic issues," Mnuchin wrote on Twitter, without elaborating.

However, in an interview with Bloomberg News, Mnuchin said he's worried about the recent decline in the value of the yuan. "We are concerned about the depreciation and want to make sure that it's not being used as a competitive devaluation," he said in Bali.

COMPETING VISIONS

Until any diplomatic breakthrough, both sides are trying to rally support, but some observers see that the advantage, at least for the moment, lies with China.

"The U.S. is losing the battle to isolate China within the

G-20. It has lost the trust and alienated its major partners," said Thomas Bernes, a distinguished fellow at the Centre for International Governance Innovation in Waterloo, Ontario, and a former IMF executive director. "The irony is that many countries supported U.S. concerns but U.S. policy actions have driven them away."

China is reaching out to Europe with pledges to improve market access. Beijing is also dangling the carrot of investment through Xi's signature Belt and Road Initiative, a sweeping project to build infrastructure across Eurasia. However, the reception of those overtures has been somewhat cool.

In a July meeting between Chinese and European leaders and businesspeople, Cecilia Malmstrom, Europe's trade commissioner, praised China's "strong pleas to keep markets

open and fight protectionism," but added, "we would like to see these encouraging words translated into more concrete action."

CHINA-EU TALKS

The Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker said that he hopes "that globalization and interdependent multilateralism remain the direction of the world," but warned that "the EU is open but it is not naive."

In response, Chinese Premier Li Keqiang encouraged greater European investment into China, promising to "open the door wider and create a better business environment."

China has certainly made some moves to open its economy this year, announcing that foreign companies could increase their stakes in financial and car companies, and cutting import tariffs on a va-

riety of goods to lower costs for consumers. These changes will also reduce costs for foreign companies looking to produce or sell in China.

DEMOCRATIC COALITION

For its part, the U.S. is trying to build a more traditional coalition among free-market democracies. Last month, trade ministers from the U.S., EU and Japan expressed concern that "non-market-oriented" policies are hurting their workers and businesses and undermining global trade. Without naming China, they agreed to discuss new rules for addressing the market-distorting effects of state-owned enterprises and industrial subsidies.

That's an improvement from earlier this year, when Trump was making more enemies than friends. At meetings of the G-20 and NATO, he vexed America's traditional allies with his tariffs on steel and aluminum and distaste for global institutions. Since then, the president has launched formal trade talks with Europe and agreed on a revised trade agreement with South Korea and to start talks with Japan.

He has also reached a deal with Canada and Mexico, which their lawmakers must still approve, on a successor to the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The new Nafta, to be rebranded the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement, contains a clause that allows any of the countries to terminate the agreement if one of them signs a trade deal with a "non-market economy." While no country is named, the measure is clearly aimed at stopping Canada or Mexico from doing a deal with China.

"The U.S. is making an effort to isolate China on trade," said Stephen Jen, CEO of Eurizon Slj Capital Ltd, an asset-management firm based in London. Efforts by China to win European support failed "because the EU is quietly pleased that the U.S. is confronting China on issues that have also bothered the EU," said Jen. **Bloomberg**

Finance chiefs urge Beijing, Washington to cool it



Managing director of IMF Christine Lagarde

THE heads of the World Bank and IMF appealed Thursday to the U.S. and China to cool their dispute over technology policy and play by world trade rules, as tumbling share prices drove home potential perils from a clash between the world's two biggest economies.

Global economic growth is slowing but remains strong, Christine Lagarde, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, said on the sidelines of the IMF-World Bank annual meeting, being held this week on the Indonesian island of Bali.

Countries are mostly in a "strong position," she said, "which is why we believe we are not seeing what is referred to as 'contagion.'"

But the gyrations that rocked Wall Street the day before and Asia and Europe on Thursday, taking the Shanghai Composite index down 5.2 percent and Japan's Nikkei 225 nearly 4 percent, do partly reflect rising interest rates in the U.S. and some other countries and growing uncertainty over trade, she said.

"It's the combination of the two that is probably showing some of the tensions that we see in terms of indices, short-term indicators as well as possibly market volatility," Lagarde said.

The U.S. and Chinese exchanges of penalty tariffs in their dispute isn't helping, she said.

Her advice was threefold: "De-escalate. Fix the system. Don't break it."

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Hackers are using stolen Apple ids to swipe cash in China

ANT Financial's Alipay and Tencent Holdings Ltd. warned that cyber-attackers employed stolen Apple IDs to break into customers' accounts and made off with an unknown amount of cash, in a rare security breach for China's top digital payments providers.

Alipay, whose parent also operates the world's largest money market fund, said on its Weibo blog that it contacted Apple and is working to get to the bottom of the breach. It warned users that've linked their Apple identities to any payment services, including Tencent's WePay, to lower transaction limits to prevent further losses. Tencent said in a separate statement it too had noticed the cyber-heist and reached out to the iPhone maker.

China's two largest companies both recommended that users of their digital wallets take steps to safeguard their Apple accounts, including by changing passwords. It's unclear how the attackers may have gotten their hands on the Apple IDs, which are required for iPhone users that buy content such as music from iTunes or the app store. Apple representatives haven't responded to requests and phone calls seeking comment.

"Since Apple hasn't resolved this issue, users who've linked their Apple ID to any payments method, including Alipay, WePay or credit cards, may be vulnerable to theft," Alipay said in its blogpost.

Digital payments services have become a tempting tar-

get for cyber-thieves as their popularity surges around the world. Ant Financial, which is controlled by billionaire Alibaba co-founder Jack Ma, is estimated to handle more than half of China's USD17 trillion in annual online payments. Formally known as Zhejiang Ant Small & Micro Financial Services Group, it leveraged Alipay's popularity to expand into everything from asset management to insurance, credit scoring and lending. It serves more than 800 million customers. Tencent's rival payments offering is a key component of the social media service WeChat, which has a billion-plus users.

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Many Alipay and WePay customers that're also iPhone users link their digital wallets to their Apple IDs. Once they've gained access, online thieves can transfer cash to external accounts.

"Tencent is actively communicating with Apple to better understand how it's resolving the situation," the WeChat-operator said in its emailed statement. **Bloomberg**

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SANDS MACAO FASHION WEEK

It's finally almost here – the most glamorous, glitz-filled week in Macao's fashion calendar! Sands Macao Fashion Week returns to Sands Shoppes from 18 to 24 October, featuring runway shows, exhibitions and a host of other hip happenings.



NUNO LOPES SHOW, SHOPPES AT VENETIAN

Talented designer Nuno Lopes, the first Macao fashion designer to be featured in Vogue and to participate in London Fashion Week, presents his hottest looks, as worn by celebrities the world over.
Friday 19 October at 11.30am

WALK ON WATER SHOW, SHOPPES AT VENETIAN

Spanning the Grand Canal itself, the on-water runway shows feature fashion-forward collections from leading labels including Max & Co., Marella, Miss Sixty, Calvin Klein Jeans and Hardy Hardy, among others.
Friday 19 October at 3pm, 5pm, 7pm
Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 October at 12noon, 2pm, 4pm and 6pm

BOUTIQUE SHOW, SHOPPES AT PARISIAN

Against the backdrop of Macao's iconic Eiffel Tower, enjoy boutique runway displays showcasing the latest looks and trends from the likes of Zadig & Voltaire, Phase Eight, Sonia Rykiel, Guess by Marciano, and many more.
Friday 19 October at 1.30pm, 4pm, 6pm and 8pm
Saturday 20 October at 1pm, 3pm, 5pm and 7pm
Sunday 21 October at 1pm, 3pm and 5pm

CPTM DESIGNER RUNWAY SHOW, SHOPPES AT PARISIAN

Sands Shoppes in collaboration with Macau Productivity and Technology Transfer Center (CPTM) presents two fashion events to showcase Macao's thriving fashion industry. An exhibition of local designers and their creations, made using recycled and eco-friendly fabrics, is on display on Levels 3 and 5, The Rotunda at The Parisian Macao during Sands Macao Fashion Week, while a selection of up-and-coming Macao fashion labels will present their latest collections at the event's closing show on Avenue Des Champs Elysees.
Sunday 21 October at 7pm

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MALAYSIA

Government says it will end death penalty for all crimes

MALAYSIA'S new government said it will abolish the death penalty for all crimes and halt all pending executions, a rare move against capital punishment in Asia that human rights groups hailed yesterday as a major advance.

More than 1,200 people are on death row in Malaysia, which mandates hanging as punishment for a wide range of crimes including murder, drug trafficking, treason, kidnapping and acts of terror.

Law Minister Liew Vui Keong announced that the Cabinet had agreed to abolish the death penalty and that amendments to laws with capital punishment were expected to be presented when Parliament resumes Monday, local media reported. Liew couldn't be reached for immediate comment.

Communications Minister Gobind Singh Deo yesterday confirmed the Cabinet's decision.

"This is part of our election pledge and also in line with the move away from capital punishment in the rest of the world," he told The Associated Press.

Amnesty International said the move would be a major advance but urged the government to "completely abolish the death penalty for all crimes, with no exceptions." It said the death penalty has been a "terrible stain" on Malaysia's human rights re-



cord, and death row prisoners often have to wait years for their appeals to be processed.

"There is no time to waste, the death penalty should have been consigned to the history books long ago," the human rights group's secretary-general, Kumi

Naidoo, said in a statement, adding that 142 countries worldwide have rejected capital punishment.

Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad's alliance won a stunning election upset on May 9, ousting a scandal-tainted

coalition in the first change of government since independence from Britain in 1957. Its promises included eradicating corruption and bolstering human rights.

The Malaysian human rights group Lawyers for Liberty

praised the government's decision, saying the death penalty is barbarous and pointless as it has never been proven to deter serious crimes. Its adviser, N. Surendran, said the new government has shown that "it is a force for moral good, and an example for the region and the world."

Many Asian countries such as China and neighboring Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand and Vietnam still impose capital punishment.

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GOBIND SINGH DEO
COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER

Surendran urged the government to not forget the hundreds of Malaysians who are languishing on death row in Singapore and other countries, particularly for being drug mules.

"We call upon the government to vigorously speak up for our citizens facing death in distant shores. Having rejected the death penalty in this country, we now have the moral authority to fight for the lives of our citizens abroad," he said in a statement. **AP**

THAILAND

Authorities to deport 70 Pakistani asylum seekers

THAI authorities yesterday convicted 70 Pakistani asylum seekers of staying illegally in Thailand despite their protestations that they face persecution if they are sent home, as police intensify a crackdown on illegal immigration.

The Taling Chan Provincial Court issued fines and up to two-month suspended jail sentences to the group, which was charged with overstaying their visas and illegal entry. An officer in charge of the case, who declined to be named because of office policy, said they will be held in a detention center until they are deported.

The group was accompanied by 11 children who will also be held in the detention center.

One of the defendants, Emmanuel Shan, said the



group consists mostly of Christian Pakistanis and some Ahmadi Muslims, and that members of the two religious groups face persecution in Pakistan.

"I'm Christian and my life and family are not safe back in Pakistan," he said.

In 1984, predominately Muslim Pakistan enacted amendments to its constitution which punish Ahmadis who call themselves Muslims "or pose to be Muslims" with up to three years in prison.

Police said 52 of the de-

fendants were arrested Tuesday after they were found to have formed a group that smuggled Pakistani asylum seekers into Thailand with the goal of reaching other countries.

Thailand regularly reports foreigners who are in

the country illegally, even if they are recognized by the United Nations as refugees who are fleeing persecution.

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Busadee Santipitaks said Thailand is not part of the United Nation's 1951 Refugee Convention and authorities have to act on violations of the law. She said the government deals with migrants with U.N. refugee status on a case-by-case basis.

Phil Robertson, deputy director of Human Rights Watch's Asia division, said those who have refugee status or whose cases are being processed should not be detained.

"This is a rights-abusing populist policy that denigrates Thailand and makes Thailand look cruel," Robertson said.

On Monday, Thai authorities announced they would step up efforts to arrest foreigners without appropriate legal status.

Lt. Gen. Kongcheep Tantravanich, spokesman for the Ministry of Defense, said Defense Minister Prawit Wongsuwan has ordered a one-month campaign to crack down on foreigners overstaying their visas.

Police Lt. Gen. Suttipong Wongpin, acting commissioner of the immigration bureau, said last week that the government had instructed police to strictly enforce the law on foreigners who violate immigration law.

Separately yesterday, immigration police said they charged 24 foreigners with overstaying their visas and 11 others with illegal entry. **AP**

INDONESIA

Grim search for disaster dead nears its end

Dita Alangkara, Palu

INDONESIA'S search for victims buried in neighborhoods annihilated by an earthquake and tsunami is nearing its end almost two weeks after the double disasters hit the remote city of Palu in central Sulawesi.

Authorities had said the official search and rescue effort would end yesterday with prayers in areas of the city such as Balaroa, Petobo and Jono Oge where the force of the quake liquefied soft soil and tore apart neighborhoods.

But the national disaster agency's spokesman, Sutopo Purwo Nugroho, told a news conference it would continue for one more day after requests from families of the missing.

He said it will take two years for the region to rebuild and recover.

The agency said the official death toll had risen to 2,073 as of Thursday, with most of the fatalities in Palu.

Officially, 680 people are missing but officials have acknowledged the number could be several thou-



sand because hundreds of homes were sucked into the earth.

Save the Children's affiliated organization in Indonesia said there could be as many as 1,500 children missing.

Selina Sumbung, the organization's chief, said the end of the search mission is accepted with a "heavy heart."

"Children are particularly vulnerable in disasters, and to think that so many will never have the chance to grow up is heart-breaking," she said in a statement.

Central Sulawesi Gov. Longki Djanggola said the disaster relief period, due to expire on Saturday, was extended by two weeks

to Oct. 26.

Firefighters, soldiers and other personnel searched the rubble Thursday in a last push to find victims. They also burned debris and excavators dug into the tangled remains of buildings.

Heavy equipment hasn't been able to operate in neighborhoods where the earth turned to mud, hampering the search effort, and many bodies have decomposed beyond recognition due to the tropical heat.

Miles of coastline were trashed by the tsunami that followed the Sept. 28 quake, with houses swept off their foundations, trucks crumpled and numerous ships beached. AP

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INDIA

Severe cyclone hits eastern coast; 8 killed

A severe cyclone damaged homes and blew down trees and power poles yesterday in eastern India, where eight people were killed and about 300,000 forced to move to higher ground.

Cyclone Titli, or Butterfly, had winds blowing up to 150 kilometers per hour when it came onshore, the India Meteorological Department said. It spread rain widely in coastal districts of Orissa state and also hit northern parts of neighboring Andhra Pradesh state.

Eight people died from drowning, wall collapses and

fallen trees in the Vijayanagara and Srikakulam districts of Andhra Pradesh, said Kinjarapu Acchan Naidu, the state labor minister.

Schools were closed and air and train travel curtailed in the region. Authorities also set up more than 800 shelters stocked with food and relief materials.

Electricity and telephone services were cut in a number of areas in both states.

The cyclone was likely to weaken further and become a deep depression by Friday, the meteorological department said. AP

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TURKEY

Saudi team after Post writer included soldiers, royal guards



Ayse Wieting, Suzan Fraser & Jon Gambrell, Istanbul

SAUDI royal guards, intelligence officers, soldiers and an autopsy expert were part of a 15-member team from the kingdom that targeted missing writer Jamal Khashoggi, Turkish media said yesterday. The Washington Post contributor vanished last week while visiting the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul.

The reported details, coupled with more-direct comments from Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, appear aimed at gradually pressuring Saudi Arabia to reveal what happened to Khashoggi, while also balancing Ankara's need to maintain the kingdom's investments in Turkey and relations on other issues.

In Washington, President Donald Trump expressed reservations over withholding American arm sales over the writer, even as prominent American lawmakers increasingly criticize Saudi Arabia — America's longtime security ally in the region.

Turkish officials say they fear Saudi Arabia killed and dismembered Khashoggi, without offering evidence explaining why they believe that. Khashoggi contributed columns to the Post, including some critical of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

Saudi Arabia, before going silent in recent days, called the allegation it abducted or harmed Khashoggi “baseless.” However, it too has offered no evidence to support its claim the writer simply walked out of its consulate and vanished despite his fiancée waiting outside for him.

■ **Trump said he wanted to find out what happened to Khashoggi but appeared reluctant to consider blocking arms sales**

Information continues to trickle out through Turkish media about the 15-man Saudi team previously described as an “assassination squad.” These leaks, largely matching across Turkey's state-run media and private Erdogan-linked outlets, likely come from the country's security services as another means to pressure the kingdom over Khashoggi's Oct. 2 disappearance.

The first plane of nine Saudis arrived from Riyadh around 3:30 a.m. that day, and included an individual described as a forensics official, according to the Sabah newspaper. One Turkish official, speaking on condition of anonymity to The Associated Press to discuss an ongoing police investigation, previously described that official as an “autopsy expert.”

The other six flew in on commercial flights, according to a list obtained by Sabah, which also published their names and faces. Local media described the Saudis being military and intelligence officers, as well as several “royal guards.”

Around the time Khashoggi entered the consulate, a second private plane from Riyadh took off for Istanbul. About two hours after he entered the consulate, video released by state media in Turkey shows several vehicles with diplomatic license plates, leave the consulate and drive some 2 kilometers away to the consul's residence.

The Hurriyet newspaper and other media alleged that the consulate's 28 local staff were given the day off because a “diplomats' meeting” would be held there. The reports did not cite a source and there was no official confirmation.

By 7 p.m., six of the Saudis left by the newly arrived private

plane, flying onto Cairo and remaining overnight until heading back to Riyadh, according to Sabah and other media reports. By 11 p.m., another seven left by the other private plane, heading to Dubai, United Arab Emirates, similarly remaining there overnight and then flying on to Riyadh the next day, according to reports. Two others flew out commercially, Sabah said.

While the reports provide nothing definitive, they darken the picture surrounding Khashoggi's disappearance.

Erdogan was quoted by Turkish media yesterday as telling journalists flying with him back home from a visit to Hungary that “we cannot remain silent to such an incident.”

“How is it possible for a consulate, an embassy not to have security camera systems? Is it possible for the Saudi Arabian consulate where the incident occurred not to have camera systems?” Erdogan asked. “If a bird flew, if a mosquito appeared, these systems would catch them and (I believe) they (the Saudis) would have the most advanced of systems.”

Meanwhile, Trump told reporters in the Oval Office that he has a call in to Khashoggi's fiancée, Hatice Cengiz, who has appealed to the president and first lady Melania Trump for help.

Trump said he had spoken with the Saudis about what he called a “bad situation,” but he did not disclose details of his conversations. He also said the U.S. was working “very closely” with Turkey, “and I think we'll get to the bottom of it.”

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said national security adviser John Bolton and presidential senior adviser Jared Kushner spoke on Tuesday to Crown Prince Mohammed about Khashoggi.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo then had a follow-up call with the crown prince to reiterate the U.S. request for information and a thorough, transparent investigation.

■ **Erdogan appear aimed at gradually pressuring Saudi Arabia to reveal what happened to Khashoggi**

In an interview with “Fox News @ Night,” Trump said he wanted to find out what happened to Khashoggi but appeared reluctant to consider blocking arms sales, citing economic reasons.

“I think that would be hurting us,” Trump said. “We have jobs, we have a lot of things happening in this country. We have a country that's doing probably better economically than it's ever done before.”

“Part of that is what we're doing with our defense systems and everybody's wanting them,” he continued. “And frankly, I think that that would be a very, very tough pill to swallow for our country. I mean, you're affecting us and, you know, they're always quick to jump that way.”

On his first international trip as president, Trump visited Saudi Arabia and announced \$110 billion in proposed arms sales. The administration also relies on Saudi support for its Middle East agenda to counter Iranian influence, fight extremism and support an expected peace plan between Israel and the Palestinians.

Khashoggi had gone to the consulate on Tuesday last week to get paperwork he needed for his upcoming marriage. His Turkish fiancée waited outside.

The Post reported Wednesday evening that U.S. intelligence intercepts outlined a Saudi plan to detain Khashoggi. The Post, citing anonymous U.S. officials familiar with the intelligence, said Prince Mohammed ordered an operation to lure Khashoggi from his home in Virginia, where he lived most recently, to Saudi Arabia and then detain him. **AP**

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15:55	Os Craques do Pingue-Pongue
16:45	Quem Quer Ser Milionário
18:55	TDM Talk Show (Repetição)
19:30	Livros com João Guedes (Repetição)
20:30	Telejornal
21:15	Missão: 100% Português
22:10	Fotobox
22:25	Dentro
23:15	TDM News
23:50	Resumo Liga das Nações 2018/2019
00:45	Telejornal (Repetição)
01:30	RTPi Directo

SATURDAY

11:05	Os Ursos Boonie e o Fantástico Outono
11:35	Chai Chai
11:45	Endereço Desconhecido
12:30	Gostos e Sabores
13:00	TDM News (Repetição)
13:30	Telejornal RTPi (Diferido)
14:30	Os Nossos Dias Sr.2 - Compacto
17:30	Janela Indiscreta com Mário Augusto
18:05	A Essência
18:25	Lusa Music Box
18:55	Animais Anónimos
19:40	1986
20:30	Telejornal
21:15	A Teoria de Tudo
23:15	TDM News
23:50	Resumo Liga das Nações 2018/2019
00:45	Telejornal (Repetição)
01:30	RTPi Directo

SUNDAY

11:00	Missa Dominical
12:40	A Essência
13:00	TDM News (Repetição)
13:30	Telejornal RTPi (Diferido)
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16:05	Música Maestro
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Offbeat

GIANT HAMMER ARTWORK STOLEN IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, POLICE WANTS TO NAIL THIEVES

Authorities in Northern California are looking for a hammer. A really, really big one.

The Santa Rosa Press-Democrat says police in Healdsburg in California's wine country are looking for an enormous artwork that vanished over the weekend.

The artwork was an 800-pound ball-peen hammer made of metal with a long redwood handle. The hammer measures 21 feet long and the head is 6 feet tall.

The piece, valued at USD15,000, was loaned by the artist about a year ago to the Healdsburg Community Center. It vanished from the lawn sometime Friday night or Saturday morning.

The artist, Doug Unkrey, says it would have required about eight people or a flatbed trailer with a winch to carry off his work.

Police, of course, want to nail the thieves.



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11 - 18 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



DESTINATION WEDDING

ROOM 2

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

Director: victor levin

Starring: Keanu Reeves, Winona Rider

Language: Cantonese (Chinese, english)

Duration: 130min



PROJECT GUTENBERG

ROOM 2

9:15pm

Director: Felix Chong

Starring: Chow Yun Fat, Aaron Kwok, Zhang Jingchu

Language: Cantonese (Chinese, english)

Duration: 130min

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



2002 DOZENS KILLED IN BALI NIGHTCLUB EXPLOSION

Reports from the Indonesian holiday island of Bali say more than 50 people have been killed in two explosions.

At least 10 foreigners died and more than 120 people were injured - including tourists from Australia, the US, Britain and Europe.

One of the bombs exploded at a nightclub in Kuta Beach, the island's main tourist resort.

Another smaller explosion occurred in nearby Denpasar, Bali's capital, close to the United States Honorary Consulate.

Local police say bomb squad officers are investigating, although the cause of the explosions has not been confirmed.

The explosion in Kuta occurred at about 2330 local time when the bars would have been packed with tourists.

Witnesses say the blast destroyed the Sari Club and the resulting fire then engulfed a neighbouring bar, Paddy's Irish Club.

Other buildings and several cars were also damaged in the blast and ensuing fire.

One witness, Richard Poore, a cameraman for a New Zealand TV company, said the force of the explosion was so strong it severely damaged his hotel nearly 1km away.

"The windows of the hotel blew out, the upper floors have lost their ceilings and dropped in and there was an incredible amount of smoke in the sky."

Mr Poore explained that his "first instinct was to run up the road with a camera" to film the scenes of devastation.

"I have just never seen anything like it. It was horrendous. Total carnage," he said.

The US embassy in Jakarta has issued a series of warnings in recent weeks that its nationals could be targeted by Islamic militants linked to the al-Qaeda terror group.

The embassy itself closed for several days last month after intelligence reports indicated militant groups were planning car bomb attacks.

Indonesian officials have in the past denied that militants linked to al-Qaeda are active in the country.

Known as the Island of the Gods, Bali is a popular holiday resort - 1.5 million tourists visited in 2001.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

A huge car bomb killed 202 people, mainly Australians. No injuries occurred in the American consulate explosion.

The dead and injured came from as many as 24 different countries.

The regional Islamic group Jemaah Islamiyah (JI), was named as a key suspect in the 2003 Bali bomb. JI has alleged links to al-Qaeda.

Three men were sentenced to death for the bombings - Amrozi bin Nurhasyim, his brother Mukhlas and Imam Samudra. Ali Imron was sentenced to life imprisonment.

More than a dozen others were given lengthy jail sentences for their part in the plot.

On 1 October 2005 Bali was targeted again when three suicide bombers blew themselves up in tourist areas killing at least 19 people, mostly Indonesians. Jemaah Islamiyah is once more suspected of carrying out this attack.

YOUR STARS

Aries
Mar. 21-Apr. 19
You may feel like you've lost everything, but you're mistaken. You need to do what you can to defend what you still have. That doesn't even count what matters most, like your relationships.

Taurus
April 20-May 20
It feels like a long time since you've had caresses of any kind, charm or no charm. Getting some extra cash is like a big, wet kiss from the universe today. Pucker up.

Gemini
May 21-Jun. 21
Even your closest friends and family members can't read your thoughts today. In fact, they can hardly understand when you speak plainly. You'll have to express yourself in the universal language. Cash.

Cancer
Jun. 22-Jul. 22
Connecting with others is fine, as long as it's not a form of procrastination. Sticking to your goals means finalizing plans, not just shooting the breeze. Making a profit can't wait.

Leo
Jul. 23-Aug. 22
You're not impulsive, exactly, but you're not thinking things through all the way to the end. Don't put down so much as a penny without thinking through all the possibilities first.

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22
You might not have much of your own on your plate but that shouldn't mean you have nothing to do. Help others with their plans and projects if you need a way to keep busy.

Libra
Sep.23-Oct. 22
If you're feeling overwhelmed, join the crowd. You're perceptive enough to see that others are in the same boat, whether they say so or not. Keep that in mind as you interact today.

Scorpio
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
You may stumble across a secret it goes without saying you weren't meant to hear. Do a friend a favor and don't act on it. You wouldn't make money on it anyway, if that helps you do the right thing.

Sagittarius
Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Are you pushing onward and upward or are you running around like a chicken with its head cut off? Stop and take a breath. Make sure your need to rush ahead is based on more than desperation.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19
When you're designing new proposals, don't forget about all the annoying details, especially those most likely to change. If you've learned nothing else from the last year, it's to have a contingency plan.

Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18
A bad economy makes dealing with others trickier than ever. Don't lose your cool the moment you sense someone has a hidden agenda. That should almost go without saying.

Pisces
Feb.19-Mar. 20
You're so hungry for a project that you'll take almost anything. You may think you can figure out who you're dealing with later, but you should be doing that before you begin. Certainly before you invest a single penny.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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Lhasa	4	19	cloudy/overcast
Chengdu	14	17	cloudy/drizzle
Chongqing	17	21	cloudy/overcast
Kunming	12	18	shower
Nanjing	9	21	clear/cloudy
Shanghai	15	21	cloudy
Wuhan	10	25	clear
Hangzhou	11	21	clear/cloudy
Taipei	20	22	drizzle
Guangzhou	20	26	overcast/cloudy
Hong Kong	23	27	cloudy
WORLD			
Moscow	3	16	clear
Frankfurt	10	24	cloudy/clear
Paris	16	25	drizzle/cloudy
London	14	21	drizzle
New York	17	26	moderate rain

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Judge's seat; 5- Occurrence; 8- Not quite closed; 12- Eastern nanny; 13- Biological subdivision; 15- Roy's "singin' pardner"; 16- Italian bread?; 17- Extreme; 18- Old oath; 19- Imaginary; 22- Sturm ___ Drang; 23- Knight's title; 24- Dame ___ Everage; 26- Cedex; 29- Willows; 31- Flee; 32- ___ luck!; 34- Brownish gray; 36- Just manages, with "out"; 38- Swell!; 40- Hardware fastener; 41- Crates; 43- Freeze over; 45- Rapping Dr.; 46- Wrestling hold; 48- Intervene; 50- Phooey!; 51- Battery size; 52- Pretend; 54- Art of writing in shorthand; 61- Den of wild animals and dragons; 63- Eat into; 64- Denials; 65- Mil. addresses; 66- Reminger et al.; 67- Clotted blood; 68- "___ She Lovely?"; 69- Ballad ending; 70- Copycat;

DOWN: 1- Soothing application; 2- What ___ mind reader?; 3- Stool pigeon; var.; 4- Curd stuff; 5- Hades; 6- Opponent; 7- Free from contamination; 8- Summer drink; 9- American wildcat; 10- Space pioneer Shepard; 11- Comic Foxx; 13- Recompense; 14- Rescues; 20- Beak; 21- Prepare a book or film for release; 25- Tidy, without fault; 26- Klondike territory; 27- Inaction; 28- Beer mug; 29- Novelist Joyce Carol ___; 30- Scorn; 31- Yank's foe; 33- Cul-de-___; 35- Riviera season; 37- Actress Ward; 39- Power problems; 42- Concordes, e.g.; 44- Fleshy fruit; 47- Bony prefix; 49- Monetary unit of Tonga; 52- Jai ___; 53- Hats; 55- Harper's Bazaar illustrator; 56- Short letter; 57- Skunk's defense; 58- Inside info; 59- Roll call call; 60- River of Flanders; 62- Queue after Q;

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FOOTBALL

Monaco fires Jardim after poor start to season

RELISHING his team's fifth consecutive top-three finish in the French league, Monaco vice-president Vadim Vasilyev spoke in May about his dream to make Leonardo Jardim the Alex Ferguson of the principality.

Less than five months later, Vasilyev and Dmitry Rybolovlev, the Russian billionaire who invested millions of euros to bring Monaco back to the topflight in 2013, have changed their mind.

Following four consecutive losses that left the team in the relegation zone and in last place in its Champions League group, they dismissed the Portuguese coach yesterday.

Former Monaco player and Arsenal star Thierry Henry is reportedly in negotiations with club officials to become their new manager. Henry has been working as an assistant to Belgium coach Roberto Martinez since 2016. France's all-time leading scorer, he played in the French league from 1994-99 with Monaco before moving to

Juventus then Arsenal.

A traditional powerhouse in French football, Monaco is in 18th place in the standings and winless in its past 10 games in all competitions.

"Leonardo has established himself on the bench of AS Monaco as a reference in Europe and leaves behind a very positive balance sheet," Vasilyev said. "His passage will remain as one of the most beautiful pages in the history of the club."

Jardim lasted four years in Monaco. Nothing spectacular compared to Ferguson's 26-year tenure with the Red Devils. But during his spell, and despite Monaco's policy to sell its best players to fill bank accounts, Jardim supervised the emergence of Kylian Mbappe as a top player, delivered a league title, led his players to the Champions League semifinals, and managed to build one of Europe's most spectacular teams.

The latest dismantling of his squad proved too much to handle, though.

The combined sales of Joao Moutinho, Fabinho, and Thomas Lemar last summer dealt a fatal blow to Jardim. Monaco recruited young players, including Russia midfielder Aleksandr Golovin, but the hole left especially by Fabinho's departure to Liverpool was not filled, leaving Monaco center backs Kamil Glick and Jemerson constantly exposed.

Jardim previously dealt brilliantly with the loss of key players. Four years ago, when Monaco faced a UEFA probe for overspending on player transfers and wages, he witnessed the departures of Radamel Falcao and James Rodriguez. A year later, Anthony Martial, one of the brightest young players in French football at the time, was sold to Manchester United, after four other key players also left.

Last year, he endured the sales of Mbappe, left back Benjamin Mendy, central midfielder Tiemoue Bakayoko, playmaker Bernardo Silva, forward Valere Germain, and midfielder Na-



AP PHOTO

bil Dirar. All of them had been instrumental in Monaco's run to the French league trophy in 2017 when Jardim's side won the domestic title and reached the Champions League semifinals.

Deprived of its backbone, Monaco did not play the same brand of free-flowing and enthralling football as the previous season but Jardim adapted quickly to the new script

and led Monaco to a runner-up finish behind Paris Saint-Germain.

After taking over from Claudio Ranieri during the 2014 summer, the 44-year-old Jardim took some time to find the right balance, dramatically changing his tactics over the years to turn the principality side from a defensive fortress into one of Europe's best attacking forces. **AP**

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FOOTBALL

Attorney: Ronaldo rape report documents altered, fabricated

Ken Ritter, Las Vegas

CRISTIANO Ronaldo's new Las Vegas criminal defense lawyer went on the attack yesterday [Macau time], saying documents cited in media reports about a rape claim against the soccer star were "complete fabrications" and the encounter was consensual.

In a statement, attorney Peter S. Christiansen blamed reports about the 2009 encounter on electronic data leaks of documents that he said were stolen by a hacker from law firms and other entities in Europe and then put up for sale.

Ronaldo "is accustomed to being the subject of press attention that goes along with being famous," Christiansen said.

But the statement called it "absolutely deplorable that any media outlet would support or advance such an elaborate and deliberate defamation campaign based on stolen, easily manipulated digital documents."

The statement acknowledged that Ronaldo and Kathryn



Mayorga reached a non-disclosure agreement in 2010 after their encounter in Las Vegas.

Mayorga's attorneys, Leslie Stovall and Larissa Drohobycz, did not immediately respond to telephone, email and text messages.

Ronaldo, 33, of Portugal, plays

for the Italian club Juventus and his home country's national team. Some sponsors, including Nike and video game maker EA Sports, have expressed concern about the rape allegation.

Mayorga, 34, a former model, filed a lawsuit on Sept. 27 in Nevada acknowledging that she

accepted USD375,000 to keep quiet about the encounter with Ronaldo in a hotel penthouse.

The lawsuit seeks to void the agreement that her lawyers say she signed under pressure from "fixers" trying to protect the reputation of Ronaldo. The lawsuit also seeks monetary damages of at least \$200,000.

"Given the breach of that agreement by the other side and the inflammatory accusations that have been lodged in the ensuing days, Mr. Ronaldo feels compelled to no longer stand silent," Christiansen said in his statement.

"To absolve any doubt, Mr. Ronaldo has always maintained, as he does today, that what occurred in 2009 in Las Vegas was consensual in nature," it said. "The documents which purportedly contain statements by Mr. Ronaldo and have been reported in the media are complete fabrications."

Drohobycz said previously that Mayorga never wanted her name made public but became worried that she would be identified after a 2017 media report

apparently referred to the encounter at the Palms Hotel and Casino.

In August, her attorneys asked Las Vegas police to reopen an investigation that had been closed in 2009 without charges.

The lawyers followed with the lawsuit about two weeks ago.

Police have refused to release documents, citing the reopened case, and have not commented about progress in the investigation.

Stovall and Drohobycz have said a Las Vegas psychiatrist diagnosed Mayorga with post-traumatic stress and depression "caused by Cristiano Ronaldo's sexual assault in 2009."

The attorneys said she was "emotionally fragile," out of the country and would not be interviewed by media.

Christiansen replaced high-profile criminal defense attorneys David Chesnoff and Richard Schonfeld as Ronaldo's legal representative in Las Vegas.

Ronaldo's attorney in Berlin, Christian Schertz, has refused comment about the rape allegation. He threatened to sue after the German magazine Der Spiegel reported on the lawsuit, saying the article violated Ronaldo's personal rights.

Yesterday, Der Spiegel said it has "hundreds of documents" that substantiate its report and there is no reason to believe they are not authentic. **AP**



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ACTIVISTS: GUIDING US DOWN DESIRE PATHS

Desire paths are tracks worn by the wishes and feet of those gone before. As explained in an article in last week's Guardian, they very often run contrary to design and planning. These are the pathways that take you where you desire via a route that you prefer, regardless of the designs of authorities or blueprints of urban planners.

These are the pathways curtailed by signs demanding "keep off the grass", or by fences and chains along bounded routes. It takes a little courage to follow even well-worn paths, and an adventurous spirit to create them. Desire paths are more frequently being taken seriously as "a way for city dwellers to 'write back' to city planners, giving feedback with their feet". Citizens' desires are being heeded in both concrete and metaphoric form.

Activists - people who campaign for and make change happen - beat those metaphoric pathways for the rest of a community. They are about making reform and improvement in our circumstances. Activists view their environments critically; they question what the rest of us take for granted and do not assume that existing modes of behaviour and the actions of those we rely upon are necessarily beneficial for everyone. They take the risk of beating new pathways alongside the established ones, upsetting the status quo.

It is activists' persistent voices over time that can sway the authority figures - the more powerful designers of our social, economic and political systems - to listen and then change those systems. Then it becomes easier for the rest of us laggards to walk the new paths we truly desire but have no energy, conviction or time to traverse alone.

Much of the inertia for any positive change lies in the existing system. As an example, on social media this week there has been campaign to put pressure on supermarkets to reduce plastic packaging on fresh produce. Currently, even if shoppers want to buy "naked" produce, they cannot work around the system. Each bundle of fruit and vegetables must be placed in a separate bag for weighing and pricing with a bar-coded sticker at the produce weigh station before it can be purchased at the checkout. To change this practice would require a complete revamp of the weigh and price-tagging method so that it could be done at the point of payment, thus removing the necessity for enclosed packaging. This system, as are all waste and pollution problems, is a design choice.

There are always solutions to problems raised by activists, but the required systems-design changes and the sunk-cost in legacy systems is often too great to make these viable in the short term. This is why we need the persistence of activists walking the talk, leading us down desired pathways.

Activism is claiming a higher profile in Macau of late. Yesterday we met Joe Chan on the Times' front page, an environmental activist and president of the Macau Green Students Union, talking about the state of plastic-pollution in Macau. Last Thursday, Scott Chiang and Alin Lam were fined for their "action" against the demolition of Hotel Estoril. Such is the value of activism that The International School has a new program to encourage it. Their "Activist-in-Resident" initiative is not about causing trouble, which is often how activists are portrayed as they destabilise the status quo and question authority, but it is about recognising a need, "to problem solve, think critically, and make positive changes in our global community."

Desire paths will continue to be beaten by those prepared to go off designated roads and forge new ways. Rather than suppress the unwanted voices or cut-off access to alternative routes and new destinations, our community will benefit by taking advantage of the energy and enthusiasm of new active voices with their visions of a better Macau.

THE POLICE: TRUMP'S UK VISIT USED BUZZ 10,000 OFFICERS, COST USD24M

British police chiefs say security for U.S. President Donald Trump's visit in July involved almost 10,000 officers and cost nearly 18 million pounds (USD24 million), making it the biggest police operation since riots swept England in 2011.

National Police Chiefs' Council chairwoman Sara Thornton said yesterday that nearly every police force in the country was involved in covering the four-day visit, which required 26,000 police shifts

by almost 10,000 officers.

She says "the full cost of the operation is still being worked out but an early estimate is nearly 18 million pounds."

Trump held talks with Prime Minister Theresa May at her country retreat, met Queen Elizabeth II at Windsor Castle and visited a Scottish golf course during the trip, which also saw large anti-Trump protests in London and Scotland.

US, Russian astronauts safe after emergency landing



U.S. astronaut Nick Hague (right) and Russian cosmonaut Alexey Ovchinin

Dmitry Lovetsky, Baikonur

TWO astronauts from the U.S. and Russia were safe yesterday after an emergency landing in the steppes of Kazakhstan following the failure of a Russian booster rocket carrying them to the International Space Station.

NASA astronaut Nick Hague and Roscosmos' Alexei Ovchinin lifted off as scheduled at 2:40 p.m. (0840 GMT; 4:40 a.m. EDT) from the Russian-leased Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, but their Soyuz booster rocket failed about two minutes after the launch.

The rescue capsule automatically jettisoned from the booster and went into a ballistic descent, landing at a sharper than normal angle and subjecting the crew to heavy gravitational force.

NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine, who watched the launch at Baikonur along with his Russian counterpart, tweeted that Hague and Ovchinin are in good condition. He added that a "thorough investigation into the cause of the incident will be conducted."

The capsule landed about 20 kilometers east of the city of Dzhezkazgan in Kazakhstan. The astronauts were flown by helicopter to Dzhezkazgan and will later be taken to Star City, Russia's space training center outside Moscow.

The launch failure marks an unprecedented mishap for the Russian space program, which has been dogged by a string of launch failures and other incidents in recent years.

"Thank God, the crew is alive," Russian President Vladimir Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, told reporters when it became clear that the crew had landed safely. He added that the president is receiving regular updates about the situation.

It was to be the first space mission for Hague, who joined NASA's astronaut corps in 2013. Ovchinin spent six months on the orbiting outpost in 2016.

The astronauts were to dock at the International Space Station six hours after the launch, but the three-stage Soyuz booster suffered an unspecified failure of its second stage. Search and rescue teams were immediately scrambled to recover the crew and paratroopers were dropped from a plane to reach the site and help the rescue effort.

Dzhezkazgan is about 450 kilometers northeast of Baikonur, and spacecraft normally land in that region.

Russian Deputy Prime Minister Yuri Borisov said all manned launches will be suspended pending an investigation into the cause of the failure. He added that Russia will fully share all relevant information with the U.S.

Earlier this week, Bridenstine emphasized that collaboration with Russia's Roscosmos remains important.

Relations between Moscow and Washington have sunk to post-Cold War lows over the crisis in Ukraine, the war in Syria and allegations of Russian meddling in the 2016 U.S. presidential vote, but they have maintained

cooperation in space research.

The Russian Soyuz spacecraft is currently the only vehicle for ferrying crews to the International Space Station following the retirement of the U.S. space shuttle fleet. Russia stands to lose that monopoly in the coming years with the arrival of SpaceX's Dragon v2 and Boeing's Starliner crew capsules.

Yesterday's failure was the first manned launch failure for the Russian space program since September 1983 when a Soyuz exploded on the launch pad. Soviet cosmonauts Vladimir Titov and Gennady Strekalov jettisoned and landed safely near the launch pad, surviving without injuries.

Russia has continued to rely on Soviet-designed booster rockets for launching commercial satellites, as well as crews and cargo to the International Space Station.

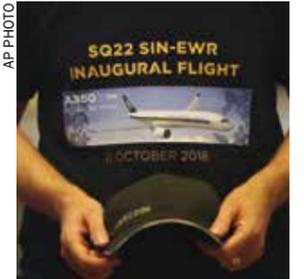
While Russian rockets had earned a stellar reputation for their reliability in the past, a string of failed launches in recent years has called into doubt Russia's ability to maintain the same high standards of manufacturing.

Glitches found in Russia's Proton and Soyuz rockets in 2016 were traced to manufacturing flaws at the plant in Voronezh. Roscosmos sent more than 70 rocket engines back to production lines to replace faulty components, a move that resulted in a yearlong break in Proton launches and badly dented Russia's niche in the global market for commercial satellite launches. **AP**

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Roadside	45-65 Moderate	☹️
High Density Residential Area	30-50 Good	😊
Ambient	45-65 Moderate	☹️

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WORLD BRIEFS



SINGAPORE The world's longest direct commercial flight is back and taking travelers from Singapore to the New York region. Operated by Singapore Airlines, the city-state's national carrier, the trip takes slightly under 19 hours. Skipping a stopover in Frankfurt will save hours of traveling time, the carrier says.



NAURU Humanitarian medical professionals expelled from Nauru said yesterday asylum seekers that Australia had banished to the tiny Pacific atoll were suicidal and their children have lost hope.



US President Donald Trump says he's reluctant to slash weapons sales to Saudi Arabia, saying that if the U.S. doesn't sell arms to the kingdom, then the Saudis will buy them from Russia or China. **More on p15**

SPANISH rescuers have found the bodies of a German couple who went missing after flash flooding on the island of Mallorca, bringing the confirmed death toll to 12. A young child is still missing.

EGYPTIAN authorities detained the youngest son of jailed former President Mohammed Morsi yesterday for questioning on charges of spreading "fake news," then released him on bail.