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## WORLD BRIEFS

**VIETNAM**'s rubber stamp National Assembly elected Communist Party General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong as the country's president yesterday. The 74-year-old Trong is the first Vietnamese leader to hold the two positions since founding President Ho Chi Minh in the 1960s. [More on p13](#)



**KOREA** South Korea's liberal president yesterday formally confirmed his recent reconciliation deals with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, triggering immediate backlash from conservatives who called him "self-righteous" and "subservient" to the North. [More on p12](#)

**INDIA** The number of Zika virus cases has crossed 100 in Rajasthan, a state in northern India where palaces and forts draw large numbers of tourists each year. The agency says that the new cases come amid a state health department investigation to track the outbreak of Zika.



**RUSSIA** The Kremlin said yesterday that U.S. President Donald Trump took "a dangerous position" by deciding to abandon an existing nuclear weapons treaty with Russia without offering anything to replace it. Trump has restated his threat to pull out of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty because of alleged Russia violations.

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Pansy Ho (left) and Zurab Pololikashvili

Renato Marques

**PANSY** Ho, the vice chairman and secretary general of the Global Tourism Economy Forum (GTEF) was nominated as the first ambassador in Macau of the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).

The UNWTO Secretary General Zurab Pololikashvili made the announcement during his keynote speech yesterday at the opening ceremony of the 7th GTEF, which closes today in Macau.

"We decided to have the first Ambassador of UNWTO in Macau. It will be a fantastic lady, who is from Macau. She will be our first Ambassador in the region," Pololikashvili said, before calling Ho to the stage.

The UNWTO Secretary General acknowledged Ho's great service to the organization and its members over the years. Pololikashvili also noted the relevance of the organization of the GTEF in Macau saying, "This forum is an example of Macau's long-term economic vision and priorities [given] to tourism development."

He added, "Today is an historic day for the region and for Macau and Guangdong province. I'm very proud, very glad and honored to participate from the opening and celebration of the 'Greater Bay Area' region with the connection between Macau, Hong Kong and nine cities in mainland China. This is a great project, unique in the world and I'm sure that this is another huge opportunity to at-

tract more and more tourists in the region."

The Secretary General highlighted the importance of the project in the region, which is "the fastest growing region for tourism in China."

According to Pololikashvili, one-third of all Chinese tourists

travelling around the world come from Guangdong province, and thus he noted the high importance of such a market for everyone, with a special focus on the European Union (EU).

"The Greater Bay Area vision can help with its innovation, infrastructure and connectivity

to make our sector grow better now and in the future [and also] will help to speed up the transition from manufacturing [sector] to services [sector] positively impacting the tourism across the region," he said, adding that Macau represents an important pillar of such a construction, taking the opportunity to reveal that, for the upcoming year, the theme of the GTEF will be "Tourism and Sports."

"Macau is small, but with big success, especially in tourism. We are very glad and proud to be with you and I want to announce that [for] the next Global Tourism Economy Forum, the main topic will be 'Tourism and Sports' and I'm sure that will be another very important event," Pololikashvili announced.

Pololikashvili also described one of the important roles of the UNWTO - The role of education - and to this end announced the furthering of the cooperation with the Institute for Tourism Studies (IFT), which will be the host of the first edition of the UNWTO Asia-Pacific Academy this year.

"IFT is a very strong supporter [of our event] and we are also a very strong supporter of education and we can announce that this year, we will have the first presence of the UNWTO Academy in Asia-Pacific region, which will be [held] in Macau," he concluded.

## EU-CHINA YEAR OF TOURISM SEEKING TO BUILD 'BRIDGES BETWEEN PEOPLE'

**ADDRESSING THE** audience in her keynote speech, Carmen Cano de Lasala, the head of the European Union Office to Hong Kong and Macau, has noted that the purpose of the establishment of the Year of Tourism between the European Union (EU) and China is "a year full of initiatives seeking to connect our people closer together." The diplomat

added that such a strategy is not restricted to China, but to Asia in general, noting that it is a wish of the European Union (EU) to seek and create links with its partners in Asia "while promoting our values," she said, noting that "[the] EU wants to give a fresh impetus to its relationship with Asia, and tourism is an important part of our strategy."



## Local law firm launches branch in Hong Kong

**LOCAL** law firm MdME has set up a branch in Hong Kong, following approval from the Law Society of Hong Kong to register as a foreign law firm practising Macau law in Hong Kong.

The firm officially opened its Hong Kong office yesterday and will soon also become the first law

firm to have offices in the three jurisdictions of the Greater Bay Area once it receives approval to open on the Hengqin island, Zhuhai, the law firm has noted in a statement.

Gonçalo Mendes da Maia, founding and managing partner of MdME, said, "It is one more step to achieve our mission to

become a truly regional firm in the Greater Bay area, which will be concluded with the setting up of our Hengqin office next year."

He recalled that when the law firm was established 12 years ago, it set out to replicate the "standards and sophistication" of Hong Kong law firms.

"This helped us establish strong, long-standing relationships in the Hong Kong market, so the decision to be the first mover among Macau law firms to open in Hong Kong came naturally to us," he added.

According to its statement, the opening of MdME's Hong Kong office

has been motivated by various market developments and trends in Macau, the Greater Bay Area and in a number of Portuguese-speaking countries.

It added that further opportunities for Hong Kong companies are expected to arise in Macau due to the fundamental changes poised to occur

in the special administrative region's financial markets.

"MdME also foresees economic activities emanating from the Chinese mainland as providing new collaborative business opportunities between Macau and Hong Kong," the statement added.

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# Macau CE says bridge proof 'One country, two systems' working

**P**RESIDENT Xi Jinping yesterday opened the world's longest sea-crossing bridge linking Hong Kong to the mainland, a feat of engineering carrying immense economic and political significance, while the Macau Chief Executive (CE) used the occasion as evidence that the 'One country, two systems' policy is working. The bridge will open to traffic at 9 a.m. today.

At about 10 a.m. yesterday Xi walked up to the podium installed in the city of Zhuhai and announced the opening of the 55-kilometer-long bridge. After the ceremony, Xi rode in a vehicle to tour and inspect the bridge.

During the inspection, Xi ascended on a platform to overlook the bridge at the east artificial island, which is a key part of the bridge. Praising builders of the bridge for breaking a number of world records, Xi said they demonstrate the nation's spirit of striving to overcome any difficulties, the national strength, the innovative ability, and the aspiration to be the world's best.

"You participated in the design, building, and maintenance of the bridge, gave full play to your

talents and wisdom, and accomplished the tasks with good quality and quantity," Xi said. "With the bridge, we have further enhanced our confidence in the path, theory, system, and culture of socialism with Chinese characteristics," he said.

In his speech, Xi said that the bridge should strengthen the Greater Bay Area and promote economic development in its three regions [Hong Kong, Macau and Guangdong]. He stressed that the bridge is important for supporting Hong Kong and Macau in integrating their own development into the overall development of the country.

A 140-member Macau delegation also joined yesterday's ceremony in Zhuhai. The delegation included principal officials of the Macau SAR government and people from the local community. Several officials from the delegation joined President Xi on a tour of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, following the opening ceremony.

Macau Chief Executive Chui Sai On was invited to speak at the ceremony. He commended the sea bridge in the Pearl River Delta as a way to facilitate Macau's contributions toward the

Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area and the Belt and Road initiative.

He also said the advent of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge – the first direct-line road link connecting the three places – had significant influence in terms of politics, economics, and its likely effect on society. Moreover, the close communication between the three governments in building the bridge demonstrated the successful implementation of the "One country, two systems" principle.

The USD20 billion bridge took almost a decade to build while incurring major delays and cost overruns. It includes an undersea tunnel allowing ships to pass through the Pearl River delta, the heart of China's crucial manufacturing sector.

Its opening will cut travel time across the delta from several hours to just 30 minutes, something China hopes will bind the region together as a major driver of future economic growth. Heavily regulated traffic using permits issued under a quota system will begin flowing today.

The bridge forms a physical link between the mainland and Hong Kong, a financial hub that was handed over from British to

Chinese control in 1997 with the assurance it would maintain its own legal and economic system for 50 years.

That carries major political significance for Xi's administration, which has rejected calls for political liberalization in Hong Kong, sparking fears Beijing will clamp down further on civil liberties before the end of the "one country, two systems" arrangement in 2047.

**Xi said the bridge is important for supporting HK and Macau integration into the overall development of the country**

The bridge's opening also comes a month after the inauguration of a new high-speed rail link from Hong Kong to mainland China that runs along a different, shorter route. That

line has vastly decreased travel times but also raised concerns about Beijing's growing influence because mainland Chinese law applies within part of the line's Hong Kong terminus.

To Claudia Mo, a Hong Kong democratic politician, the bridge's political significance outweighs its practical usefulness.

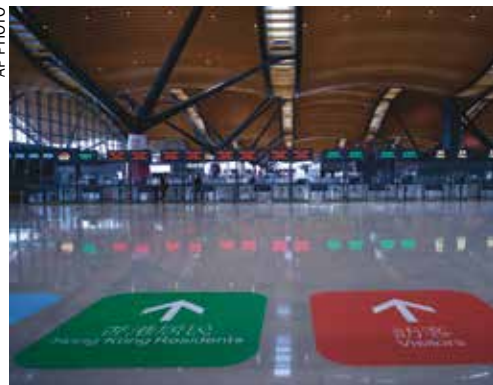
"It's not exactly necessary, because Hong Kong is connected to mainland China in every way already, by land, by air, by sea," Mo told The Associated Press.

"But they still need it as a political symbol or icon to remind Hong Kong people [...] that you are connected to the motherland, with this very grand bridge. It's almost like an umbilical cord."

In Zhuhai, however, sentiments revolved around economic growth and national pride.

Airline pilot Liu Gang said he'd been eagerly anticipating the opening of the bridge, calling it a symbol of the mainland's increasingly close ties with Hong Kong and Macau. "It'll bring us even closer together, make us more flexible, economically and in many other ways. We're now one family," Liu said.

Luo Fengzhi, who works in real estate, cited the bridge as evidence of China's growing economic and engineering prowess. "For Chinese people, this makes them feel proud," she said. "I hope that every patriotic Chinese person can come and see this great feat of engineering, and I welcome foreigners to come and see for themselves as well." **MDT/Agencies**





## Columnist says AL does not fulfil role

Son Pou columnist Lei Kwok Keong says that the competencies of the Macau Legislative Assembly (AL) are not being fulfilled, as stated in his recent column. "It is a general fact that Macau's human rights and freedom has severely shrunk. The function of the AL has also been [taken away]. What's more, people who talk about the truth are silenced, and those silent people continue being silenced." Lei also accused the security authority of establishing the telecommunication interception law as an act towards the legalizing of information interception, and as "an attempt [at] eliminating the truth."

## Woman shot improper pictures on Macau streets

A 20-year-old Taiwan female resident will likely face criminal charges if she sets foot in Macau again. Earlier, while the woman was visiting Macau, she took pictures of her exposed intimate parts at several different locations across the city. She later posted the pictures online. According to the Public Security Police Force (PSP), the woman might face one year in prison, once she is convicted of having violated the law. The woman, a Taiwan university freshman, claimed that she publicized these pictures because she faces heavy pressure from her studies.

# Caritas Charity Bazaar to be held next month



Paul Pun (center)

**T**HE 49th Caritas Charity Bazaar will be held at the Nam Van Nautical Center on November 3 and 4 with the theme "With Love, We Build Together," featuring a series of booths with performances.

The annual bazaar aims to raise funds for Caritas Macau's social services and to assist the local vulnerable groups in the SAR through the bazaar's 90 booths set-up during the two days.

The event will be held from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. next Saturday, whereas on the second day it

will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

During the two days, flag selling activities will be held in Nam Van, San Ma Lou Road and Costa.

The participating institutions include government entities, schools, associations, enterprises, student unions, volunteer teams and service units under Caritas.

In a press conference this week, it was announced that MOP10 raffle tickets will be sold until November 4, with prizes including MOP50,000,

MOP30,000 and MOP20,000 respectively.

Secretary General of Caritas Macau Paul Pun recalled that the bazaar raised around MOP7.1 million last year.

"With the support of families, volunteers, students and corporate employees, they help us build happiness and reduce the burden of the vulnerable groups in Macau," said Pun.

"Through this bazaar, we don't only aim to receive funding, but ideas and thoughts on how to work together and think of new services. As a matter of

fact, we have a booth that aims to attract volunteers to help us support the new [medical center's] services."

Pun also hinted that the 50th bazaar would be slightly different to previous years, adding that it is looking for partnerships for joint ventures.

"We will try to maximize our area and ask someone for joint ventures," said Pun.

Pun also mentioned that Caritas is still looking for more volunteers at the medical center, which offers services for migrant workers, particularly domestic helpers.

As the center had already opened on Monday, Pun noted that it is significant for these migrant workers to inform their compatriots about this new medical service, as according to the law, he is prohibited from promoting the clinic.

"We are not able to promote due to local law, but some domestic migrant workers [may] spread the message to tell [others] where the clinic is. The law says I can't tell [so just] let patients or migrants share with their fellow workers," he said. "I don't see this as a setback because to migrant workers who need the service, they themselves will promote it," Pun added.

No migrants have yet approached the clinic, but Pun is expecting some patients to attend over the weekend. **LV**

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# Macau denies entry to HK writer prior to bridge opening

**H**ONG Kong award-winning playwright Yan Pat-to has been denied entry to Macau on grounds that he practices activities that pose a danger to Macau's public security.

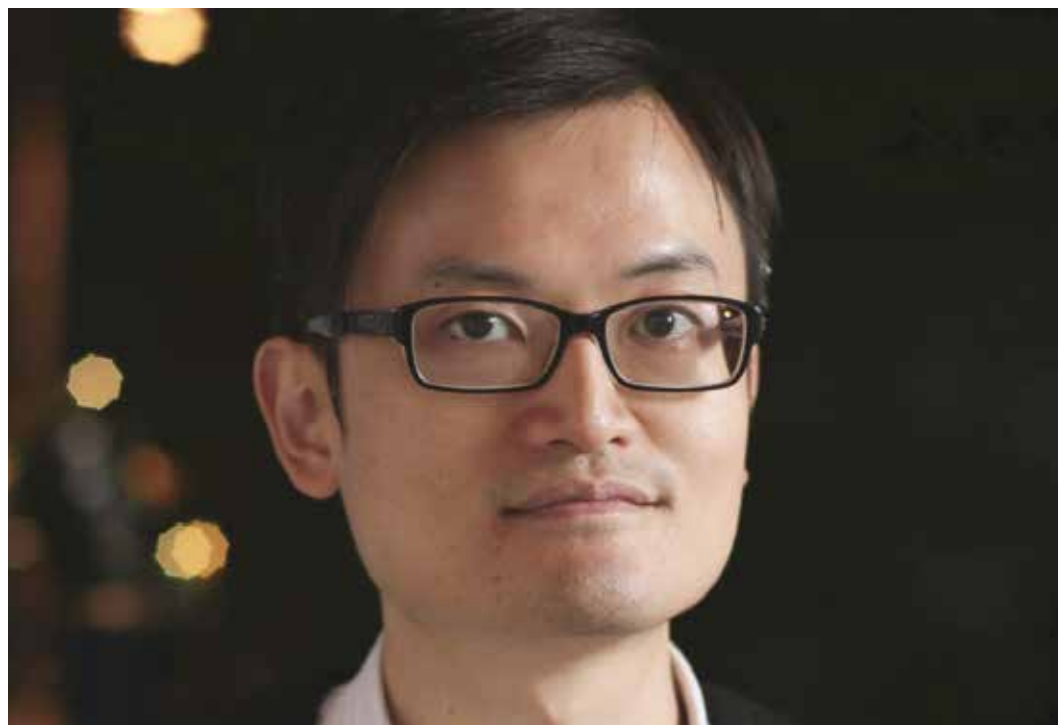
Yan came to Macau on Monday, ahead of the inauguration day of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge.

After arriving at the Macau Outer Harbour Ferry Terminal, Yan waited for approximately two hours at the border before he was given a notification saying he could not enter Macau.

Yan told the Macau Immigration Department officer that he had no problems entering Macau in the past. However, the Macau immigration authority responded that the "rules had changed."

Later on, Yan revealed more information on his Facebook profile.

"After the immigration officer told me I could not enter, the officer required me to sign a notification which



Yan Pat-to

said that I practice activities which jeopardize Macau's public security. When I asked him how I could jeopardize the Macau public security, he told me he was just making a routine report. Then I asked if I could leave

if I did not sign the notification, to which he [the officer] replied by saying no. I did not sign it," Yan's Facebook post reads.

The Hong Kong playwright claims that his visit to Macau was only related to a

lecture co-organized by the Macau Theatre Culture Institute and the International Association of Theater Critics (Hong Kong).

This was the first time Yan has ever been denied entry to Macau.

## Online video revealed victim of school violence

A case of violent school bullying has been discovered after a video went viral online.

According to the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ), both the victim and the bully are from the Escola Luso-Chinesa Técnico Profissional.

As the DSEJ explained, the school only became aware of the case yesterday morning through an online social network platform. The school then accompanied the parents of the victim to report the case to the Judiciary Police (PJ).

The police authority is currently investigating the case.

The DSEJ immediately dispatched consultation services to students and parents who are in need of help regarding school bullying.

The education authority also urged the leaders at the aforementioned school to keep updated on the case, and to review and enhance prevention against school bullying in order to guarantee the safety of all students both inside and outside the campus.

The DSEJ said that it will continue to pay attention to the incident, to help schools strengthen campus safety, and to create a safe learning and growing environment for students, so that the latter and their parents may feel at ease.

At the same time, the DSEJ reminds the public that harming or assaulting others is a serious crime.

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# Global tourism body chief stresses importance of long-term planning

Paulo Barbosa

**T**HE influential World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC) held its invitation-only "Asia Leaders Forum" on Monday in Macau. Interviewed by the Times, the president and CEO of the international organization that represents the travel industry talked about the pitfalls of overtourism and the way technology has changed the industry.

On her first visit to Macau, Gloria Guevara told us that she was impressed by the city, where the newest part of it reminds her of Las Vegas, contrasting with the historical background visitors can find downtown.

After working for the travel industry since 1995, Guevara was appointed as Secretary of Tourism of Mexico between 2010 and 2012. She joined the WTTC in August 2017.

**Macau Daily Times (MDT) - The tourism industry has been growing worldwide and particularly in Asia. How can tourism grow at such a rate and, at the same time, be sustainable?**

**Gloria Guevara (GG)** – One of the differences that I see between what is going on here and in other parts of the world is that in China, I see that there's a long-term plan. You can invest in infrastructure and make important changes, have a good foundation and plan accordingly. That will help you have the growth. Regarding Macau, it was a surprise for me to learn from Helena [Senna Fernandes, the head of the Macao Government Tourism Office] about the plan they put together a couple of years ago. I thought they had it a long time ago, because they have done quite well. That's a good differentiation from some other countries that plan short-term and keep changing as governments change. I think this is an advantage for this part of the world. At the same time, the opportunity is huge. Asia is the part of the world that has been growing the most. It is a region that is booming and it is very impressive.

**MDT - Macau is a small place which receives a large influx of tourists. Many people say that 'overtourism' is happening here. What are the main impacts of 'overtourism' and how**



**can the government manage it?**

**GG** – I'm assuming, now that the bridge is open, that they planned it accordingly. What you don't want to see is overtourism in this part of China. Every country and every city is unique and there is not one solution that fits all. But the best practices that I've seen are, for example, when they break the seasonality. This means that you are open for 365 days and there are no ups and downs, the tourism influx is very well distributed. This is a commercial strategy that can be defined by the national tourism office with the private sector, so that they can maximize the growth [over] the entire year. It is very important that they have that plan. The other thing is product diversification, which Macau is already working on.

**MDT – Would you say that 'overtourism' is one of the main challenges that the travel industry faces right now? We can see places like Venice or Barcelona, where the locals complain about the large influx of visitors.**

**GG** – Not everywhere. A couple of mature markets are facing overtourism. But there are cities, like Dubrovnik, that had overtourism and they fixed it now. In the case of Dubrovnik, overtourism happened because basically all the ships [cruises] were arriving on Thursday at 5

p.m. and now you have one ship every day. It has been spread out throughout the week and they don't have that problem anymore. There are some cities that are still facing challenges with the volumes. But when you want to avoid or overcome overtourism, you need to have PPC – planning; partnership between the public and the private sector and community (the benefits have to be seen by the communities also). And this [PPC] has to be long-term in order to avoid overcrowding.

**Every country and every city is unique and there is not one solution that fits all.**

**MDT - You have a computer science background. How has technology changed the tourism sector over the past years?**

**GG** – The travel industry is very sophisticated in the use of technology. Sometimes people don't realize that because they don't understand what is behind it. For instance, Jane [Sun, the CEO of Ctrip.com, who spoke at the Asia Leaders Forum] was mentioning today,

when you look at the transactions that they [Ctrip.com] do per second... we are talking about millions of transactions per second. It's very sophisticated in terms of [the] technology industry. Our industry has space for anything and every single innovation has an impact. At the beginning, it might be a disruptor, but in a positive way. Self-driving cars for sure are going to impact our industry. They talk about Virtual Reality [VR] and Augmented Reality [AR]... for sure those are going to impact our industry. VR will promote more traveling and AR will benefit the experience. Then they talk about 3D printing... same thing.

**MDT – How does the WTTC see the emergence of home sharing companies such as Airbnb? Does it have an impact on the hotel business?**

**GG** – It is another technology. Airbnb is one of our members, same thing with Uber. We represent them all. Airbnb was a disruptor, it came with a new platform to cover a very specific need for cities that were hosting events and didn't have enough [hotel] capacity. It is another source of revenue, but then we see different reactions. Markets are regulating, so that they have a fair playing field, some others are restricting that, some are very open. Every market makes their own decisions, but you cannot go against progress. You

need to embrace it and see how you make it workable, good, and win-win for everyone.

**MDT – One other trend you mentioned several times during the Asia Leaders Forum is seamless traveling. Here you still have hard borders and many people need visas to travel to China.**

**GG** – It is very important for Macau, Hong Kong and China to work with the private sector – both local and global – to implement the right technology. At the end of the day, what is important is the minimum piece of data that is going to be transferred in exchange for a better experience for the traveler and in a secure environment.

**MDT - After this WTTC event in Macau, do you expect to organize more events here?**

**GG** – We don't know, at this point it is too early to tell. This was the first Leaders Forum in China. We are going to have another one next year. Most likely it will rotate, but that doesn't mean that we might do something with GTEF [Global Tourism Economy Forum, which concludes today in Macau]. Pansy Ho is part of the WTTC executive council and a very active member. This is an important market, of course, for her. For us also, as China is a strategic market.



# Esport betting platform gets license for video game gambling

Jake Seiner

**V**IDEO gamers in the United States and elsewhere will soon be able to bet on themselves. The live-betting esports platform Unikrn had its wagering license approved by the Isle of Man yesterday, clearing the way for users to legally gamble on competitive video games.

"There is finally a legitimate, regulated operator in the space that has a pretty comprehensive offering," Unikrn CEO Rahul Sood told The Associated Press. "It's huge."

Unikrn immediately began rolling out to 20 countries a variety of online products and will soon bring esports wagering to most of Europe, South Korea and other Asian countries, and parts of Latin America. Certain types of esports betting will also be available in the U.S.

Unikrn had previously only been licensed to provide real-money betting on esports in the U.K. and Australia.

In countries with legalized sports betting, Unikrn users will be able to make odds bets on major esports competitions, like the upcoming League of Legends World Championship on Nov. 3.

Unlike traditional sports books, the esports platform will also offer skill-based bets.



Essentially, gamers can bet on their own abilities in games like Fortnite, PlayerUnknown's Battlegrounds and League of Legends.

Once they have verified their age and location, users can link their game to the Unikrn platform, and then Unikrn will generate odds for the player based on his or her profile within the game. Players can place a bet on the Unikrn website into a mutual pool, play their next match,

then come back to the site to claim their winnings or make another wager.

In America, skill-based betting will go live in 41 states as part of Unikrn's product rollout, although a date for the U.S. unveiling hasn't been made public. Esports spectator betting will not yet be available in the U.S.

Unikrn is still trying to establish esports odds betting in America. A path was paved this summer when the Supreme

Court struck down a 1992 federal law that banned sports betting in most states, but the industry remains fragmented. Sood is hopeful that if a national governing sports betting body is formed, it will provide a path for esports betting in American casinos. Unikrn does have a venue at the MGM Grand Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, where users can wager on themselves in video game tournaments, similar to poker. Unikrn plans to

open similar venues at casinos elsewhere.

Sood believes that if the U.S. market is developed, esports betting could be a USD9 billion industry by 2020.

Unikrn was launched in 2014, and its investors include Mark Cuban, Elisabeth Murdoch and Ashton Kutcher. It is the first wagering company in the world — esports or otherwise — built entirely on Blockchain and claims to support 9,000 transactions per second. Blockchain is touted as a secure, decentralized ledger of transactions spread across a global network of computers that use their processing power to verify any changes.

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A class-action lawsuit was brought against the Seattle-based company in August alleging it sold unregistered securities to the public when it held an initial coin offering for its UnikoinGold tokens. Sood told The Associated Press the lawsuit is "very frivolous" and claimed there is "no merit to it." **AP**

# Jet Airways is said to seek loan moratorium to ease crunch

P R Sanjai, Saloni Shukla

**J**ET Airways India Ltd. has approached banks for a moratorium on loans and asked for fresh funds to ease a cash crunch, according to people with direct knowledge of the matter, adding to signs the carrier is sliding deeper into trouble.

The airline has already grounded about a dozen planes as part of a review of its network aimed at reducing unprofitable domestic routes, said one of the people, who asked not to be identified because the plans aren't public. The Mumbai-based carrier is also studying laying off more employees in non-core areas, the person said.

The moves show India's biggest full-service carrier — unprofitable in nine of the past 11 years

— is struggling for survival as two-cent fares in one of the world's most expensive places to buy jet fuel negate the gains from a surge in domestic passenger numbers. Indian banks, having suffered setbacks from lending previously to failed Kingfisher Airlines, had earlier rebuffed Jet Airways with their reluctance to extend additional loans to the company.

The carrier is continuously evaluating commercial viability of its operations and will make announcements on specific measures, spokesman for the company said in an emailed statement.

"The board approved turnaround strategy is under implementation. The strategy encompasses various cost-reduction and revenue enhan-

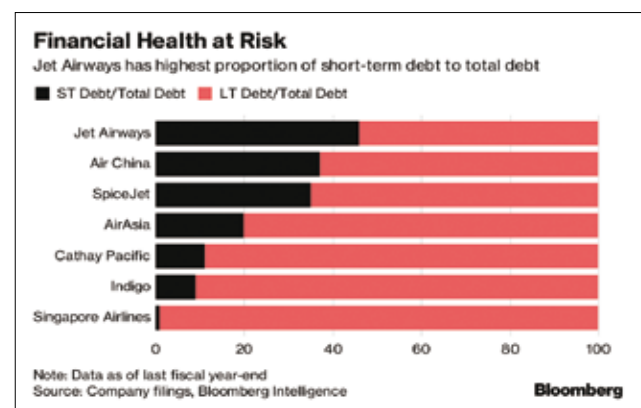
cement initiatives including working on restructuring of our balance sheet via debt-reduction, streamlining cash flows, payroll optimization, exploring funding options such as capital infusion, monetization of company's stake in its loyalty program, and several other measures, to realize higher productivity and operational efficiencies," the company said in the statement.

Shares of the company jumped as much as 4 percent yesterday in Mumbai, before paring their gains to 1.15 percent, on optimism any successful arrangement with lenders could help the carrier get its finances back in order. Jet Airways has the highest portion of short-term debt to total debt compared to its Asian peers at 46 percent.

For Naresh Goyal-led Jet Airways, it's critical to raise funds as the airline is battling a depreciating local currency, intense local competition from budget carriers and surging fuel prices. The banks have asked for a detailed action plan from Jet Airways on proposals to sell shares, the people said.

The carrier was one of the first to take off in the early 1990s after India opened up aviation to non-state carriers. Jet Airways has shared little details of a turnaround plan it announced in August, while the stock has plunged 75 percent this year, shrinking the market value of the company to about \$325 million.

Among the proposed steps it announced were the sale of the carrier's stake in its frequent-



flier program, capital infusion, paring of debt and cutting costs by as much as 20 billion rupees (\$271 million) over the next two years. While Blackstone Group LP and TPG Capital were reportedly in talks for the stake in the loyalty program, JetPrivilege, the carrier hasn't given any indication it is anywhere close to a deal. Jet Airways owns 49.9 percent of JetPrivilege, with the rest held by Etihad Airways PJSC, which separately owns 24 percent of the Indian carrier.

Cash and equivalents at Jet Airways dwindled to 3.2 billion rupees as of

March, from as high as 20.8 billion rupees three years earlier, signaling the urgency to raise capital and tide over any squeeze.

Net debt was at 73.6 billion rupees as of June 30, 65 percent of that denominated in dollars, Chief Financial Officer Amit Agarwal said in August. The local currency's 13 percent slide against the greenback is making matters worse by threatening to drive up plane financing costs.

Jet Airways has 124 aircraft in its fleet, according to its website, compared with IndiGo's 159 as of end-March. **Bloomberg**



# Mozambique rolls out 'red carpet' to Chinese investment

**T**HE Minister of Industry and Commerce of Mozambique, Ragendra de Sousa, at the 2018 edition of the Macau International Fair (MIF), called on China to invest in his country, in areas ranging from agriculture to forestry to infrastructure projects.

On his first visit to the MSAR, Sousa told Macauhub he was impressed by the level of development in Macau, which this year welcomed Mozambique as a guest country at MIF, which took place between 18 and 20 October.

At the opening of a forum dedicated to Mozambique and Fujian, a Chinese province also showcased at this year's MIF, the Mozambican minister invited the audience of investors "to jointly produce food for humanity."



Ragendra de Sousa (left) and the Secretary for Economy and Finance Lionel Leong

"Mozambican agricultural resources are available to Mozambicans, but also to any investor in this audience," said Ragendra de Sousa.

The minister also extended the invitation to "sustainable forestry – not raw but processed, and for investors also to replace the felled trees."

Chinese investment can also be channeled into shipping, he said, as the country prepares to start producing liquefied natural gas and "in the next 7 to 10 years" to become one of the world's largest producers of this raw material.

"We want to export gas, but

we also want to develop our petrochemicals. We have almost signed contracts to produce fertilizers, fuels and the entire chain of the petrochemical industry," said Sousa, who said the country was ready to consider development proposals downstream from oil exploration.

Investment opportunities in Mozambique were outlined by Lourenço Sambo, president of the Mozambican investment promotion agency (Apiex), who detailed projects planned for real estate, transport, mining, among other areas, and for which the Government is seeking investors.

At the opening of the event, Mozambican ambassador to Beijing, Maria Gustava, told Macauhub she expected the highlight of MIF 2018 would be to deepen "knowledge about the reality and potential that the country offers in terms of business and investment for Chinese businesspeople and also for entrepreneurs of other Portuguese-speaking countries."

Mozambique was represented at the PLPEX by government and municipal entities, as well as by a diverse range of companies, from safari tourism to food, clothing and handicrafts. **MDT/Macauhub**

## Cape Verde Airlines to be privatized in 2018

**T**HE government of Cape Verde intends to close the privatization process of the national air carrier by the end of the year with the sale of a controlling stake of 51 percent, according to an official statement.

In the document, the government said it had received a proposal from Icelandic carrier Loftleidir-Icelandic, for the acquisition of 51 percent of the capital of TACV – Cabo Verde Airlines.

This proposal, the document said, was evaluated by a commission appointed by joint order of the Finance, Tourism and Transport Ministers and advised by international experts in commercial law, air transport and privatization.

"The Council of Ministers then decided to elect the tenderer as a strategic partner for the privatization of TACV," the statement said. The privatization of TACV will be carried out through the direct sale of all the shares representing the share capital, and that three lots will have specific recipients.

A first tranche of 39 percent will be sold to institutional investors, the second batch of 51 percent is for direct sale to a strategic partner and the remaining 10 percent will be set aside in equal shares for workers and Cape Verdean emigrants. **MDT/Macauhub**

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## ANALYSIS

# Sino-American ties sinking amid acrimony over trade, politics

Christopher Bodeen, Beijing

**BOTH** ignorant and malicious" was how the official China Daily newspaper recently described comments by U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, offering a stinging insight into the current bitter tone of discourse between the countries.

The White House's move to expand Washington's dispute with Beijing beyond trade and technology and into accusations of political meddling has sunk relations between the world's two largest economies to the lowest level since the Cold War.

A major speech by U.S. Vice President Mike Pence on Oct. 4 was the clearest, highest-level sign that U.S. strategy was turning from engagement to confrontation. Pence accused China of interfering in the midterm elections to undermine President Donald Trump's tough trade policies against Beijing, warned other countries to be wary of Beijing's "debt diplomacy" and denounced China's actions in the South China Sea.

"What the Russians are doing pales in comparison to what China is doing across this country," Pence told an audience at the Hudson Institute think tank in Washington.

Both sides are trading increasingly sharp accusations over human rights and global hegemony, exposing an ideological divide that pits the two on a path of confrontation with no clear resolution in sight.

While a military clash has not been ruled out, American-based analysts envision a continuing push-and-pull for dominance

between Trump and his Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping, China's most dominant — and repressive — leader since Mao Zedong. Xi's aggressive foreign policy and authoritarian ways have altered views of China across the board.

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"What has happened is a sea change in U.S. perceptions of China," said June Teufel Dreyer, an expert on Chinese politics who teaches political science at the University of Miami. While Chinese officials privately say they're concerned about the sharp deterioration in ties, especially given the massive links between the two in trade, immigration and education, it appears Beijing is more than willing to go toe-to-toe under the new circumstances.

Increasingly, the perception that as China grew more prosperous it would fall in line with global values and international law has been exploded. Into that

breach has come hardening U.S. rhetoric toward Beijing and actions to counter, deter or defy China's moves in the international sector, particularly its "Belt and Road" trade and infrastructure initiative that seeks to expand Beijing's economic and political footprint from Cambodia to Cairo.

Trump's first national security strategy, released last year, also labeled China a "revisionist power" alongside Russia.

Beijing's outrage at Pompeo, meanwhile, was prompted by his recent warnings to Latin American countries about the dangers of accepting Chinese infrastructure loans that are a key aspect of Xi's signature foreign policy project.

"U.S.-China relations have deteriorated to their worst point" since the 1989 Tiananmen Square pro-democracy protests in Beijing that were crushed by the Chinese military, said Michael Kovrig, senior adviser for Northeast Asia at the International Crisis Group.

"It may not be a clash of civilizations, but it is a long-festering conflict of national, political and economic interest and systems that has reached a point of rupture," Kovrig said.

Xi has abandoned the strategy laid out by reformist leader Deng Xiaoping that China should bide its time and refrain from advertising its ambitions to become a world power. Instead, he has been accused of overreach by promoting China's drive to become a global technology leader by 2025, including by compelling foreign companies to hand over their know-how, and

pushing Chinese-financed energy and transportation projects that leave target countries with unsustainable debt.

On the military front, a Chinese destroyer last month maneuvered perilously close to the USS Decatur in the South China Sea. The Chinese also denied a request for a U.S. Navy ship to visit Hong Kong and rejects U.S. concerns over its policies toward other countries.

"The U.S. simply aims to drive a wedge between China and relevant countries with those remarks," Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said Monday. "It is meaningless and futile."

The tart rhetoric is evident on both sides.

Nikki Haley, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said in a speech last week that China's government "is engaged in the persecution of religious and ethnic minorities that is straight out of George Orwell," referencing the internment of Muslims in the country's northwest in political reeducation camps.

This month, the United States went further by threatening to pull out of the Universal Postal Union because it says the treaty allows China to ship packages to the U.S. at discounted rates at the expense of American businesses.

Underlying the estrangement is the sense that Beijing lacks reciprocity, taking advantage of open markets and free societies to extend its interests, while denying the same benefits to companies, governments and individuals over which it has influence.

"My bottom line view is that Xi Jinping very much overplayed his hand taking advantage of the restrained and moderate (former President Barack) Obama," said Robert Sutter, a China expert at George Washington University. "Now he has an enormous American series of challenges to deal with, with no easy solutions."

While Chinese companies — often backed by easy credit from state banks — have been snapping up foreign assets, Beijing restricts such foreign purchases in key sectors such as energy, transport and telecommunications. Although China has loosened some joint-venture demands, including in the auto industry, that may be too little too late.

China is "not very willing to constrain itself under rules that it feels were forced upon it," said Dean Cheng, senior research fellow at the Heritage Foundation in Washington. "This includes the international trading system, which is dominated by the U.S."

Still, attempts to contain China along the lines laid out during the Cold War would be "difficult, if not impossible," given the broad range of contacts across political, economic and personal spheres, Cheng said.

The U.S. has also reinforced ties with Taiwan — claimed by China as its own territory — building an impressive new de facto embassy there, approving a major sale of military parts and services, and authorizing companies to help the self-governing island democracy build submarines to defend itself from China's threats to use force to bring it under Beijing's control.

The tensions are underscored by political uncertainties in both countries. Trump faces a referendum of sorts on his policies in next month's midterm elections, while Xi has come under rare criticism at home since he forced through a constitutional amendment in March to allow him to lead indefinitely.

Xi is also beset by a slowing economy, made worse by U.S. tariffs that threaten the jobs of millions of Chinese workers. While China has retaliated with its own tariffs on U.S. goods, the loss of American markets will likely be a major drag on growth.

All such factors appear to speak poorly for any immediate resolution to the frictions.

Michael Mazza, a foreign policy expert at the conservative American Enterprise Institute think tank in Washington, said "competition will remain the norm" between the two countries unless China is willing to make significant changes in its domestic, economic and foreign policies.

"At this point, there is little reason to suspect that such a shift is in the offing," Mazza said. **AP**



# Dyson to build electric car in Singapore, aiming at China

Danica Kirka, London

**D**YSON, the British company best known for vacuum cleaners and prized hair dryers, said yesterday will build its new electric car in Singapore as it joins the increasingly crowded race to create the next generation of clean vehicles.

The bespoke manufacturing facility is due for completion in 2020 and is part of a 2.5 billion pound (USD3.2 billion) investment in new technology globally.

Dyson did not say what kind of a car it hoped to produce, or how many a year. But it is set to at least try to get a foothold in the electric car industry, where visionaries like Elon Musk at Tesla have struggled to translate ideas into profits.

Other car makers also are ramping up their investments in electric cars, but there's no clear front-runner in the field, said David Bailey, a professor of industrial strategy at Aston Business School.

Bailey guessed that Dyson would shoot for a premium product — aiming at Tesla, BMW or Jaguar. Given Tesla's



Inventor James Dyson

challenges, it is likely to not be simple — particularly since Dyson doesn't have the infrastructure other carmakers do, he said.

"I do think they underestimate the scale of the challenge," he said.

The location in Singapore would put Dyson close to

the big and growing Chinese market, where carmakers are increasingly focusing sales. The country is preparing a big shift to electric cars to fight its heavy levels of pollution and to modernize the economy.

But tapping the Chinese market can be difficult. Tesla signed an agreement to se-

cure land in Shanghai for its first factory outside the United States only last week. BMW took a majority stake in its China joint venture earlier this month. General Motors Co., Volkswagen AG and Nissan Motor Corp. are also pouring billions into making electric vehicles in China.

"Dyson is one of the new players in a profoundly changed market," Bailey said. "The race is on."

The choice of Singapore, meanwhile, will raise eyebrows in Britain, which was hoping Dyson would invest more as the country prepares to exit the European Union.

"The decision of where to make our car is complex, based on supply chains, access to markets, and the availability of the expertise that will help us achieve our ambitions," Dyson CEO Jim Rowan said in writing to the company's staff. "Our existing footprint and team in Singapore, combined with the nation's significant advanced manufacturing expertise, made it a frontrunner."

Billionaire founder James Dyson has been a prominent advocate of Britain's depar-

ture from the EU. His critics immediately suggested the company's decision was hypocritical, given that the U.K. is destined to leave the 28-nation bloc and market of 500 million in the coming year.

"It's hardly a vote of confidence in global Britain," said Ian Murray, a Labour Party lawmaker and supporter of an organization fighting to keep Britain in the EU. "When even someone who claims there will be a resurgence in British manufacturing after Brexit isn't prepared to put his money where his mouth is, it raises serious questions about the future of our economy and the impact on jobs and livelihoods as a result of Brexit."

Automakers such as Ford, Nissan and Toyota have expressed concern about the potential impact of Brexit on their operations without a deal. Britain's car industry, which employs 814,000 people, relies on manufacturing techniques in which cars are assembled, not forged in a single place. Critics fear such "just in time" manufacturing techniques will be endangered by new border rules and tariffs on parts as they cross borders to be inserted into cars.

But Dyson doesn't have the same issues as other carmakers, as its manufacturing facilities are in Asia. Though it has research and development facilities in the U.K., where it employs some 4,800 people, it makes nothing in the country. **AP**

## TAIWAN

# Excessive speed caused deadly train derailment

**E**XCESSIVE speed was the main cause of the derailment of a train in Taiwan that killed 18 people and injured scores of others, a district court said yesterday.

The train entered a curve in eastern Taiwan on Sunday afternoon at 140 kilometers per hour, almost twice the speed limit for that section of track, the Yilan County district court said in a statement.

The train's driver has been placed under investigation on suspicion of negligence leading to death.

The driver, Yu Cheng-chung, had disabled the automatic train protection system after sensing "abnormal movements" in acceleration, the court statement said. The system



Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen (center) visits victims from a train derailment at a hospital in Yilan county in northeastern Taiwan

would have allowed him to brake, and without it the driver was left to control the train by hand, it said.

"Because the automatic train protection system had been disabled, the driver should have been more careful in controlling the train's speed and used the

brakes to prepare for avoiding danger," the statement said.

In the train's approach to the station where it derailed, the driver did not notice the speed rules, the court added. The train was not scheduled to make a stop at the station, where the speed limit is 75 kph.

"There was no way to make the curve, causing the entire train to derail and flip over, resulting in the deaths of 18 people," the court said.

The driver was released on bail of 500,000 Taiwanese dollars (USD16,141) and is not allowed to leave Taiwan.

Possible mechanical problems with the train are also being examined.

The 6-year-old Japanese-built Puyuma trains were built to travel at 150 kph (93 mph) to ease transportation on rugged parts of the mountainous island's east coast. They are designed to tilt when going around curves, making journeys quicker and easing pressure on the road system crossing Taiwan's central mountain range.

The train was carrying more than 360 passengers. The crash injured about 190 people.

Sunday's accident was Taiwan's deadliest railway disaster since a 1991 train wreck killed 30 people. **AP**

## SHANDONG

# Emergency crews struggling to rescue 18 trapped miners



**E**MERGENCY crews were struggling yesterday to rescue 18 coal miners trapped underground in eastern China following a collapse inside the shaft three days earlier.

Three miners were killed by falling rocks in Saturday's collapse in Shandong province that also destroyed part of a drainage tunnel.

State media showed ambulances standing by at the mine entrance and crews equipped with oxygen tanks heading underground.

More than 300 people were working inside the mine at the

time of the collapse, and most were lifted to safety.

China long had the world's deadliest coal mines but safety has improved considerably with more modern equipment, better training and the closure of most of the smallest, most dangerous mines.

China is by far the world's largest coal consumer and the amount it mined last year increased about 3 percent in 2017. While some coal projects have been cancelled as China struggles to clear polluted skies, coal remains key to providing heat and powering the economy. **AP**



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Japan's Emperor Akihito (left) and Empress Michiko greet Praemium Imperiale culture award winners including French actress Catherine Deneuve (rear left) in its reception in Tokyo

## JAPAN

## French film star Catherine Deneuve receives award

AP PHOTO



**F**RENCH film star Catherine Deneuve has received Japan's most prestigious art award at a ceremony in Tokyo, where she was greeted by Emperor Akihito.

Deneuve received the Praemium Imperiale yesterday for her achievement in film and theater performances.

The 84-year-old Akihito, who is abdicating at the end of April, shook hands with Deneuve at a reception afterward and congratulated her, according to Japan's Kyodo News agency.

Deneuve has appeared in more than 100 films during a career spanning over 60 years.

The 75-year-old Deneuve is currently working on a new film by Japanese award-winning director Hirokazu Koreeda in Paris. She said at a news conference Monday that she's lucky to be able to work with Koreeda and thanked him for giving her a break to pick up her award. **AP**

## KOREAS

## South approves North deals amid conservative opposition

Hyung-Jin Kim, Seoul

**S**OUTH Korea's liberal president yesterday formally confirmed his recent reconciliation deals with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, triggering immediate backlash from conservatives who called him "self-righteous" and "subservient" to the North.

Some experts say President Moon Jae-in's move is largely symbolic, but others say it shows his determination to carry out the September deals despite growing skepticism about whether his engagement policy will eventually lead to North Korea's nuclear disarmament.

Moon "ratified" the deals yesterday afternoon, hours after his Cabinet approved them during a regular meeting, his office said in a statement.

The back-to-back endorsements came with no prior parliamentary endorsement. In South Korea, a president is allowed by law to ratify some agreements with North Korea wi-

thout consents from lawmakers.

At the start of the Cabinet meeting, Moon said in televised remarks that the ratification would help further improve ties with North Korea and accelerate global efforts to achieve the "complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula."

The main conservative opposition Liberty Korea Party criticized Moon's action, saying the deals would only undermine national security and waste taxpayers' money.

"We deplore the fact that the Moon Jae-in government is weighted toward its subservient North Korea policy and is consistently being self-righteous and lacking communication" with parliament, said party spokesman Yoon Young-seok.

Moon, who took office last year, has said that greater reconciliation with North Korea would help resolve the international standoff over the North's nuclear ambitions. Moon has met with Kim three times this year, and he shut-

led between Pyongyang and Washington to help arrange a series of high-level talks between the countries, including a June summit between Kim and President Donald Trump in Singapore.

Since entering nuclear talks earlier this year, Kim has taken some steps like dismantling his nuclear testing site and releasing American detainees. The United States responded by suspending some of its annual military drills with South Korea but is reluctant to provide the North with major political or economic rewards unless the country takes significant disarmament steps.

Moon's September deals with Kim were largely associated with the broader agreements struck during their first summit in April. Under the latest deals, the two Koreas are to hold a groundbreaking ceremony on a project to reconnect cross-border railways and roads and push to resume stalled economic cooperation projects. The two sides also agreed to disarm

their shared border village, establish buffer zones along the border and withdraw some of their front-line guard posts.

Moon has previously pushed to get parliamentary approval on the April agreements. But conservative lawmakers objected, saying the deals, which had Kim's vague commitment to denuclearization, would only help the North buy time and prefect weapons systems in the face of international sanctions.

Yesterday's ratification follows a contentious ruling by Moon's ministry of government legislation that allowed him to skip parliamentary endorsement on the North Korea accords before ratifying them.

According to the ministry, Moon can unilaterally ratify the deals because they are largely meant to implement the earlier April accords that it says are in the process of getting parliamentary approval. It also cited a law clause that a president can ratify deals with

North Korea without lawmakers' approval if they don't cause unspecified "significant" financial burdens to the public or require related legislation.

The opposition party disagreed, saying inter-Korean projects stipulated in the September accords would eventually require "tremendous" taxpayers' money. It also said the deals' mutual reductions of conventional military strength would weaken the South's war readiness and its alliance with the United States because the North's nuclear capability remains intact.

Moon knows how important public support is for his North Korea overture. Most of the detente projects mentioned in his summit deals with Kim were what his liberal predecessors had pursued during a 1998-2008 "Sunshine Era." Those projects were stalled after conservatives took power in South Korea. Moon now cannot unilaterally revive those projects because of U.S.-led international sanctions. **AP**



## VIETNAM

# Parliament elects Communist Party chief as president

Yves Dam Van, Hanoi

**V**IETNAM'S rubber stamp National Assembly elected Communist Party General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong as the country's president yesterday, consolidating his influence as the most powerful man in the Southeast Asian nation.

The 74-year-old Trong is the first Vietnamese leader to hold the two positions since founding President Ho Chi Minh in the 1960s.

He succeeds President Tran Dai Quang, who died last month after battling a viral illness for more than a year.

Raising one hand and placing the other on the constitution, Trong vowed during the swearing-in ceremony to be "absolutely loyal to the nation, people and the constitution."

He acknowledged in his acceptance speech that despite impressive achievements in recent years, Vietnam faces many challenges. "Many heavy tasks



Communist Party General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong is sworn in as the country's president in Hanoi

and duties are waiting ahead of us," he said.

Earlier this month, the party's Central Committee endorsed Trong as the sole candidate for the presidency.

Nguyen Khac Giang, a researcher at the Vietnam Institute for Economic and Policy Research in Hanoi, said Trong's serving as general secretary and presi-

dent could weaken the collective leadership, which was seen as being more democratic than China's single-party rule.

"When power is concentrated in an individual, there's a tendency which could be negative in a way that could lessen the collective leadership inside the party," Giang said.

Vietnam does not have a sin-

gle paramount leader, with the country run through the collective leadership of the general secretary, president, prime minister and National Assembly chair.

Giang said it's unclear whether the merger of general secretary and president will continue after Trong likely steps down at the next five-year party congress, scheduled for 2021.

Trong, the party's former chief ideologue, was elected to the all-powerful Politburo in 1997, serving as the Communist Party chief of Hanoi and chairman of the National Assembly before being promoted to general secretary in 2011. He was re-elected to another five-year term in January 2016.

Vietnam has seen an increased crackdown on dissidents and corruption, with scores of high-ranking officials and executives jailed since 2016 under Trong's watch.

The anti-corruption drive is likely to continue, according to Le Hong Hiep, a research fellow

at the Singapore-based ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute.

"With his consolidated power, it's likely that he will continue his signature anti-corruption campaign, a key factor that has helped him strengthen his power and won him the presidency," Hiep said.

Trong became the first general secretary to visit former foe the United States when he met with President Barack Obama at the White House in July 2015.

The U.S. Embassy in Hanoi congratulated Trong on his election.

"President Trong's selection comes at a time when our bilateral ties with Vietnam have never been stronger," Ambassador Daniel Kritenbrink said in a statement. "Over the past two decades, the United States and Vietnam have come together to find common purpose based on shared interests. We have expanded our security ties, forged new economic and commercial linkages, and deepened our people-to-people engagement. We share a common desire to promote peace, security, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region."

"We look forward to continuing to work closely with President Trong on further strengthening and expanding the U.S.-Vietnam Comprehensive Partnership," Kritenbrink said. **AP**

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## MIDDLE EAST

# Turkish president says Saudis plotted writer's killing for days

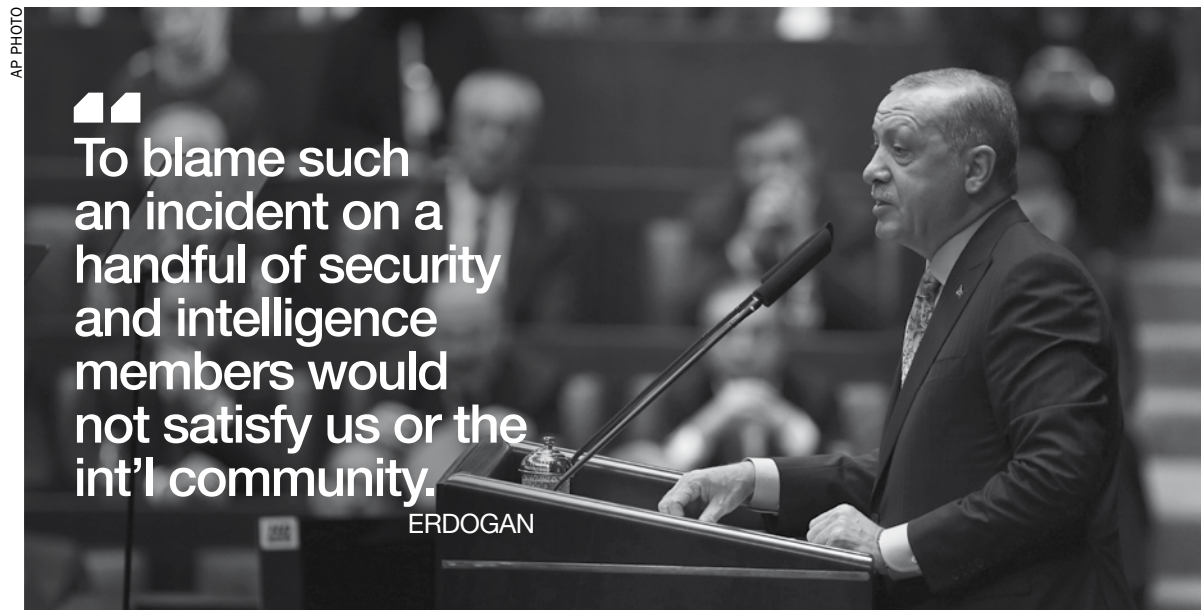
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& Christopher Torchia, Ankara

**S**AUDI officials murdered journalist Jamal Khashoggi in their Istanbul consulate after plotting his death for days, Turkey's president said yesterday, contradicting Saudi Arabia's explanation that the writer was accidentally killed. He demanded that the kingdom reveal the identities of all involved, regardless of rank.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan also said he wants Saudi Arabia to allow 18 suspects that it detained for the Saudi's killing to be tried in Turkish courts, setting up further complications with the Saudi government, which has said it is conducting its own investigation and will punish those involved. Saudi Arabia has described the suspects as rogue operators, even though officials linked to Saudi Arabia's assertive Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman have been implicated in the killing.

"To blame such an incident on a handful of security and intelligence members would not satisfy us or the international community," Erdogan said in a speech to ruling party lawmakers in parliament.

"Saudi Arabia has taken an important step by admitting the murder. As of now we expect of them to openly bring to light those responsible — from the highest ranked to the lowest — and to bring them to justice," said the Turkish president, who used the word "murder" 15 times in his speech.



AP PHOTO

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ERDOGAN

Turkey's President Erdogan addressing members of his ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP), in Ankara, yesterday

Erdogan's speech was previously pitched as revealing the "naked truth" about Khashoggi's slaying. Instead, it served merely to put a named source to information already circulated by anonymous officials and the Turkish press in the days since the columnist for The Washington Post walked into the Saudi consulate in Istanbul.

Erdogan didn't mention Prince Mohammed by name in his speech. However, he kept pressure on the kingdom with his demands for Turkish prosecution of the suspects as well as punishment for the plot's masterminds.

"All evidence gathered shows that Jamal Khashoggi was the victim of a savage murder. To cover up such a savagery would hurt the human conscience," he said.

Erdogan mentioned information that was earlier leaked by Turkish sources, including reports of 15 Saudi officials arriving in private jets shortly before Khashoggi's death as well as a man, apparently dressed in the writer's clothes, acting as a possible decoy by walking out of the consulate on the day of the disappearance.

"Why did these 15 people all with links to the event gather in Istanbul on the day of the murder? We are seeking answers. Who did these people get their orders from to go there? We are seeking answers," Erdogan said. "When the murder is so clear, why were so many inconsistent statements made? Why is the body of a person who has officially been accepted as killed still not around?"

International skepticism in-

tensified after Saudi Arabia said on Saturday that Khashoggi died in a brawl. The case has shocked the world and raised suspicions that a Saudi hit squad planned Khashoggi's killing after he walked into the consulate on Oct. 2, and then attempted to cover it up.

Before Erdogan's announcement, top Turkish officials said Turkey would clarify exactly what happened to Khashoggi as pressure increased on Saudi Arabia, which is hosting a glitzy investment conference this week that many dignitaries have decided to skip because of the scandal.

"As we all know these are difficult days for us in the kingdom of Saudi Arabia," Energy Minister Khalid Al-Falih told attendees seated in an ornate hall during the opening of the confe-

rence in Riyadh.

"Nobody in the kingdom can justify it or explain it. From the leadership on down, we're very upset of what has happened," Al-Falih said.

Saudi Arabia said it arrested suspects and that several top intelligence officials were fired over Khashoggi's killing, but critics alleged that the punishment was designed to absolve Prince Mohammed, the heir-apparent of the world's top oil exporter, of any responsibility. Any major decision must be signed off by the highest powers within its ruling Al Saud family.

Earlier, leaked surveillance video showed a man strolling out of the diplomatic post hours after Khashoggi disappeared into the consulate, apparently wearing the columnist's clothes as part of a macabre deception to sow confusion over his fate.

The new video broadcast by CNN, as well as a pro-government Turkish newspaper's report that a member of Prince Mohammed's entourage made four calls to the royal's office from the consulate around the same time, put more pressure on the kingdom. Meanwhile, Turkish crime-scene investigators swarmed a garage yesterday morning [Macau time] in Istanbul where a Saudi consular vehicle had been parked.

Saudi Arabia's foreign minister, meanwhile, said yesterday the investigation into the killing of Khashoggi would produce the truth about what happened and that his country was committed to ensuring "that the investigation is thorough and complete and that the truth is revealed and that those responsible will be held to account."

Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir, in Indonesia, also pledged that mechanisms will be put in place so that "something like this can never happen again." AP

## SAUDI ARABIA

## Investment forum opens under haze of Khashoggi's death

**A** high-profile economic forum in Saudi Arabia began yesterday in Riyadh, the kingdom's first major event on the world stage since the killing of writer Jamal Khashoggi at the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul earlier this month.

Khashoggi's death loomed large over the Future Investment Initiative forum and coincided with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's claim that Saudi officials murdered Khashoggi in their consulate after plotting his death for days.

Saudi Arabia, which

for weeks maintained Khashoggi had left the consulate, on Saturday acknowledged he was killed there in a "fistfight." Turkish media and officials say a 15-member Saudi team was flown in to kill Khashoggi and accosted the writer in the consulate, cutting off his fingers before killing and dismembering the 59-year-old Washington Post columnist who wrote critically about Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

Prince Mohammed did not attend the start of

the conference. International pressure is mounting against him and critics suspect he ordered Khashoggi's killing or at the least had knowledge of it.

As the conference opened, Saudi Energy Minister Khalid Al-Falih described the journalist's killing as "abhorrent" in his speech.

The forum kicked off without some of its keynote speakers after numerous Western executives and officials cancelled plans to attend over Khashoggi's Oct. 2 slaying.

"As we all know, these are difficult days for us in the kingdom of Saudi Arabia," Al-Falih said to attendees seated in the forum's ornate hall.

"Nobody in the kingdom can justify it or explain it. From the leadership on down, we're very upset at what has happened," he added, referring to Khashoggi's slaying.

The forum is the brainchild of Prince Mohammed and is aimed at drawing more foreign investment into the kingdom to help create desperately needed jobs for



AP PHOTO

Participants attend the opening of the Future Investment Initiative conference in Riyadh

millions of young Saudis entering the workforce in the coming years.

Despite the absence of key executives and speakers from the United States and other Western partners, some USD50 billion in deals were signed yesterday at the forum with Russian and Asian businesses and offi-

cials eager to do business with the kingdom.

"Those partners who are here with us today to continue that journey with us are certainly going to look back and find out ... how committed the kingdom is to its partners that stay the course," Al-Falih said, just moments before several deals were inked on stage. AP



## VATICAN

# Issue of married Catholic priests gains traction under Francis



**A**S the Vatican copes with the growing clergy sex abuse scandal and declining number of priests worldwide, it is laying the groundwork to open formal debate on an issue that has long been taboo: opening up the priesthood to married men in parts of the world where clergy are scarce.

Pope Francis has convened a meeting of South American bishops next year focusing on the plight of the church in the Amazon, a vast territory served by far too few priests. During that synod, the question of ordaining married men of proven virtue — so-called “viri probati” — is expected to figure on the agenda.

This week, a two-hour documentary on Italian television is likely to contribute to the conversation. “The Choice: Priests and Love” profiles more than

a dozen men in four European countries who are either living clandestinely with women, have created their own unsanctioned church communities where married priests preside at Mass, or left the Catholic priesthood altogether to marry.

The documentary, to be aired Wednesday on Discovery Italia and previewed to The Associated Press, makes the case that many of these men would gladly return to the priesthood and offer their pastoral services.

Their plight has found a sympathetic ear in Francis, who has long expressed a willingness to consider “viri probati” to address pastoral needs in the Amazon. He has also expressed sympathy for priests who have made the anguished choice to leave.

Vocatio, an Italian association of these “married

priests,” wrote Francis earlier this month pledging their solidarity as he copes with the global fallout of the sex abuse scandal, and once again offering their services in ministry.

“We would like you to take into consideration — without prejudice or pretense — the opportunity of allowing us an active presence in diocesan activity, given our experience and competence in the sacraments we have lived: ministry and matrimony,” the group wrote.

The head of Vocatio, former priest Rosario Mocciano who married civilly in 1977, estimates there are about 5,000 men in Italy alone who have left the priesthood, a third of whom would seek a return to married ministry if allowed. He said he was hopeful for progress under Francis and some sympathetic Italian bishops,

saying they brought “a new air and atmosphere” to a long-standing problem.

“The possibility of having ‘viri probati’ would be a great opening, a great step forward,” he told AP, adding it would begin to sensitize the church and public opinion to the prospect of both a married and a celibate priesthood.

The celibate priesthood has been a tradition of the Latin rite Catholic Church since the 11th century; no doctrine requires it, and many eastern rite Catholic Churches allow married men to be ordained. In addition, the Catholic Church allows married Anglican clergy who convert to remain in priestly ministry.

Francis has long said he appreciates the discipline of celibacy, but that it can change given it is discipline, not doctrine.

History’s first Latin American pope has been particularly attentive to the argument in favor of the “viri probati” in the Amazon, where the mostly indigenous faithful can go months without seeing a priest, and where Protestant and evangelical churches are wooing away Catholic souls. **AP**

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sky shows)

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UNTIL: October 26, 2018

VENUE: Macau Museum of Art

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 8791 9814

## Offbeat

## BIBLE MUSEUM ADMITS SOME OF ITS DEAD SEA SCROLLS ARE FAKE

AP PHOTO



When Washington's USD500 million Museum of the Bible held its grand opening in November 2017, attended by Vice President Mike Pence, there were questions even then about the authenticity of its centerpiece collection of Dead Sea Scrolls.

Now the museum has been forced to admit a painful truth: Technical analysis by a team of German scholars has revealed that at least five of the museum's 16 scroll fragments are apparent forgeries.

The announcement has serious implications not only for the Bible Museum but for other evangelical Christian individuals and institutions who paid top dollar for what now seems to be a massive case of archaeological fraud.

Jeffrey Kloha, chief curator for the Museum of the Bible, said in a statement that the revelation is "an opportunity to educate the public on the importance of verifying the authenticity of rare biblical artifacts, the elaborate testing process undertaken and our commitment to transparency."

The scrolls are a collection of ancient Jewish religious texts first discovered in the mid-1940s in caves on the western shore of the Dead Sea in what is now Israel. The massive cache of Hebrew documents is believed to date back to the days of Jesus. With more than 9,000 documents and 50,000 fragments, the entire collection took decades to fully excavate.

Most of the scrolls and fragments are tightly controlled by the Israeli Antiquities Authority. But around 2002, a wave of new fragments began mysteriously appearing on the market, despite skepticism from Biblical scholars.

## TV canal macau



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09:20	RTPi Directo
13:00	TDM News (Repetição)
13:30	Telejornal RTPi (Diferido)
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## cinema



## CINETEATRO

17 - 25 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, 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

## SEARCHING

ROOM 3

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

Director: Aneesh Chaganty

Starring: Michelle La, Debra Messing

Language: English

Duration: 88min

## this day in history

## 1945 UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATION IS BORN



The United Nations Organisation has been formally inaugurated during a short ceremony at the US State Department in Washington.

A total of 29 countries ratified the United Nations Charter that was signed by 50 nations on 26 June in San Francisco. US Secretary of State James Byrnes signed the protocol and proclaimed the charter was "now a part of the law of nations".

He said it was a historic day for peace-loving nations of the world. But he warned peace was not based on documents but depended on the will of people to maintain it.

He added the USA would do its best to promote international co-operation.

The world security organisation aims to "save succeeding generations from the scourge of war" and maintain international peace and security.

The UN Charter upholds human rights and proposes that nations should work together to overcome social, economic, humanitarian and cultural challenges.

The name "United Nations" was coined by US President Franklin D Roosevelt, and was first used in the Declaration by United Nations of 1 January 1942 when representatives of 26 nations pledged to continue fighting together against the Axis Powers.

Further proposals for an international security organisation were discussed in August 1944 at Dumbarton Oaks, in the District of Columbia, USA. The final charter was then signed in June in San Francisco and ratified today.

The UN's predecessor, the League of Nations, was established after the 1914-18 World War. It aimed to prevent another global conflict, but it failed to prevent the devastating world war that has just ended.

Much of the league's structure and many of its aims have been adopted by its successor.

The organisation will consist of six organs:

a General Assembly of all members;

a Security Council with five permanent members - China, France, Russia, the UK and the US - and six temporary members;

an Economic and Social Council;

a Trusteeship Council to supervise administration of colonies, former mandates of the League of Nations and territories taken from defeated nations;

an International Court of Justice to be based at The Hague in the Netherlands;

a Secretariat.

A Military Staff Committee will be charged with security and may take control of weapons such as the atomic bomb.

The permanent headquarters of the UNO will be in the US although it has been revealed that France, the UK and the Netherlands voted against this decision.

A preparatory commission will gather in London next month to prepare for the UNO's first General Assembly meeting in the British capital early next year expected to bring 2,000 people to the city.

Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin will lead the British delegation.

Colonel GR Codrington, who is leading the event's organisers at the Foreign Office, told the Times newspaper there would be "no ostentatious entertaining" and that visitors would be given emergency ration cards.

Bomb damage has restricted the amount of hotel rooms available and members of the public have responded to an appeal to take guests into their homes during the conference.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

United Nations Day is celebrated on 24 October each year.

The United Nations Organisation became known simply as the United Nations and by 2005 comprised 191 member states.

Its numbers were swollen as colonies became independent and the Soviet Union disintegrated.

The Vatican and Taiwan remain non-members.

Most members have permanent missions at the UN's main headquarters in New York. This was built in 1952 on land beside the East River donated by US millionaire John D Rockefeller.

Fourteen independent agencies make up the "UN System" alongside many of the organisation's own programmes and agencies.

These include the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the World Health Organisation.

Frictions between the Western nations and the Soviet Bloc during the Cold War dominated much of the organisation's first four decades and hampered the functioning of the Security Council.

Since the 1990s the UN has taken on an increasingly interventionist approach.



YOUR STARS

Aries

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

This is not the best time to suppress your initial reactions — in fact, you may want to let fly with whatever crosses your mind. That does involve some backtracking, but better than dishonesty.

Gemini

May 21-Jun. 21

You may have a hard time keeping your tasks straight today — so make a list or two! Even if you spend more time writing them down than actually doing them, it's still a good use of time.

Leo

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

Your right brain is much more active today — so expect hunches and your intuition to pop up all day long. You don't have to follow them all up, but you would do well to try at least one of them.

Libra

Sep.23-Oct. 22

You have to adapt today — otherwise, you're sure to suffer a setback. It may be minor, but it is likely to be demoralizing. It's just easier for you to bend a little in the wind.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Your relationships are key to your mood and success today — so reach out to anyone who's estranged or who has been causing stress. You can repair almost anything if you're sincere.

Aquarius

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

It's time to move on — though not necessarily from any major life entanglement. If it's time to end that toxic relationship, go for it, but otherwise, just let go of your heaviest baggage.

Taurus

April 20-May 20

This is the best time for your love life to get some attention — especially if you're single! You may find that the people you deal with day to day suddenly seem much more interesting.

Cancer

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Today marks a new beginning of some kind. You may start a new romance, look for a new job or find a kind of spiritual renewal you've been hoping for. Whatever happens is sure to be positive.

Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

You've got to spend more time with your people today — friends, family members or close coworkers. Between fellowship and collaboration, you're sure to find plenty to keep you busy.

Scorpio

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Try something different today — maybe a new dish for lunch that seems crazy and exotic, or maybe asking someone out in a new way that feels less awkward. Your energy is perfect for it.

Capricorn

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

You need to get out of your routines today — skip work or school, get home late or do whatever else you need to do to reconcile your free spirit with your rigid schedule. You can do this!

Pisces

Feb.19-Mar. 20

You are dreaming big dreams today — so it's the perfect time for a life change! If you know what you want, go for it. If not, consult your intuition and go with your gut. It's hard to go wrong.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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WEATHER

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CHINA

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Tianjin	17	27	drizzle/cloudy
Urumqi	10	21	clear
Xi'an	17	24	drizzle/overcast
Lhasa	11	22	shower/cloudy
Chengdu	20	27	shower/clear
Chongqing	24	29	drizzle
Kunming	16	23	shower
Nanjing	24	28	moderate rain
Shanghai	27	31	cloudy/thundershower
Wuhan	23	29	drizzle
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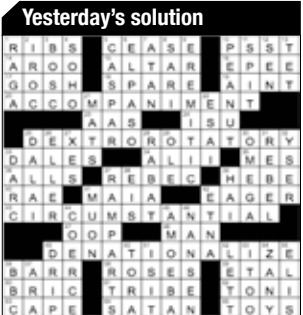
WORLD

Moscow	14	22	clear/drizzle
Frankfurt	15	27	clear/cloudy
Paris	15	25	clear/overcast
London	14	22	drizzle/moderate rain
New York	21	28	clear/drizzle

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Port-au-Prince is its capital; 6- Sawbuck; 9- Sausalito's county; 14- Big dos; 15- Poetically ajar; 16- Texas shrine; 17- Person who induces rainfall; 19- Loudness units; 20- AMA members; 21- Colored; 22- Benjamin; 23- Red Muppet; 25- \_\_\_\_ Carta; 26- Thick woven straw mat; 29- On \_\_\_\_ with; 31- Fails to; 32- Subject to tax; 36- Dagger; 37- Pea's place; 38- Chow; 40- Animate; 43- Sailor; 45- Cod, Good Hope, or Canaveral, e.g.; 46- To a greater extent; 47- Dutch painter Jan; 50- Mil. leaders; 51- Bundle; 52- Gillette product; 54- Airline to Oslo; 57- Above; 58- Wooden promenade; 61- Fishhook line; 62- " \_\_\_\_ tu" (Verdi aria); 63- Bird of prey, score in golf; 64- Pittsburgh product; 65- Ich bin \_\_\_\_ Berliner; 66- The ones here;

DOWN: 1- Solid; 2- At a distance; 3- Eye part; 4- Heavy weight; 5- Belief system; 6- Capital of Japan; 7- Sporting blade; 8- Geek; 9- Eyelash cosmetic; 10- As a companion; 11- Babbled; 12- \_\_\_\_ man with seven wives; 13- It runs in the cold; 18- Fess up; 23- Studio stand; 24- K-O connection; 25- Nth degree; 26- NFL scores; 27- Top-rated; 28- High schooler; 29- Make amends; 30- Cushion; 33- Carries; 34- Like some excuses; 35- Greek vowels; 37- Energy; 39- \_\_\_\_Cone; 41- Steep part of a glacier; 42- Moving vehicle; 43- Campaign tactic; 44- Ages and ages; 47- Divert; 48- Conical shelter; 49- Steve of country music; 50- Rice unit; 51- Flat sound; 52- Have \_\_\_\_ in one's bonnet; 53- Amos or Spelling; 54- Wise; 55- \_\_\_\_ well...; 56- \_\_\_\_-ball (arcade game); 59- PD investigator; 60- Baby's cry;



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## FOOTBALL | CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

# Atletico out to stop Dortmund, Barcelona missing Messi

Ciaran Fahey

Thursday, 3:00  
Barcelona v Inter Milan  
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**A**LTHOUGH Borussia Dortmund is scoring at a remarkable rate, Atletico Madrid has the defenders to stop that flow of goals.

The teams, one with the best attack in Germany and the other with the tightest defense

in Spain, will meet today [Thursday 3 a.m.] in the Champions League with both sides coming off opening wins in Group A.

Dortmund is unbeaten so far this season and is scoring an average of 3.4 goals per game in the Bundesliga - even with sparing use of record-breaking signing Paco Alcacer. The Spain striker has only played one full game for Dortmund since arriving from on loan from Barcelona - scoring one goal in a 3-0 win over Monaco - but he has scored every 18 minutes in the

Bundesliga, where he has a record seven goals in four appearances.

"It's not in question that we're satisfied beyond measure with Paco," Dortmund chief executive Hans-Joachim Watzke told the local Ruhr Nachrichten newspaper.

Alcacer also scored in both his recent appearances for Spain, meaning the 25-year-old forward has yet to play a game this season in which he hasn't found the net.

There's little doubt that Dort-

mund will make use of its option to sign the former Valencia striker to a permanent deal after his one-year loan expires. No other player has made such a good start in the Bundesliga since the league was formed in 1963.

Atletico will provide a stern test, however. The visitor's wizened defenders have only conceded five goals in nine Spanish league games so far.

Diego Costa, out with a hamstring injury picked up in the win over Club Brugge, could return

for Atletico.

Dortmund and Atletico last met in the Champions League in the 1996-97 group stage with both sides recording away victories. Dortmund went on to beat Juventus in the final.

Club Brugge will host struggling Monaco in the other group game. Monaco is hoping for a resurgence under coach Thierry Henry, who lost at Strasbourg 2-1 on Saturday in his debut.

Monaco finished with 10 men, lost top scorer Radamel Falcao to injury, and slipped to 19th place in the French league.

After perfect starts, Barcelona hosts Inter Milan without Lionel Messi, who broke his right forearm in Saturday's win over Sevilla.

Brazil midfielder Philippe Coutinho and France forward Ousmane Dembele, the club's most expensive signings, will be asked to make up for the Argentine's absence, teaming up with Luis Suarez in attack.

With Messi absent, another Argentine will be looking to shine for Inter. Mauro Icardi hopes to make it three out of three in the Champions League after scoring in his debut in the competition, a 2-1 win over Tottenham, and netting the winner against PSV Eindhoven.

The 25-year-old Icardi has six goals in his past seven matches, including a stoppage-time winner in Sunday's city derby against AC Milan.

PSV hosts Tottenham in the other group game.

Christian Eriksen could return to Tottenham's starting lineup. The Denmark playmaker was a late substitute over the weekend in the Premier League after being out for a month with an abdominal injury. **AP**

## OLYMPICS

# Naomi Kawase named to direct 2020 Tokyo documentary

**J**APANESE director Naomi Kawase, named yesterday to make a documentary film about the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, said she hopes to focus on reconstruction efforts in the northern Fukushima region of the country.

The area was devastated in 2011 by an earthquake and tsunami and a resulting nuclear disaster. The Japanese government hopes the Olympics will show the region is recovering and that products made there are safe.

Some Olympic softball and baseball games will be played there to showcase the region.

"This will be an opportunity for me to show the

world where Japan stands and what kind of changes Japan will be undergoing," Kawase said through an interpreter.

She said she also hoped to focus on volunteers at the Olympics.

"I think this really fits with the Japanese spirit of giving and contributing," she said.

Kawase is highly acclaimed and became the youngest director to receive the Camera d'Or prize at the Cannes Film Festival with her 1997 film "Suzaku."

Her best known recent films are "Sweet Bean" and "Still the Water."

The Tokyo documentary will be financed by the In-

ternational Olympic Committee and the local organizing committee, and is a requirement under the hosting contract.

Toshiro Muto, the CEO of the Tokyo organizing committee, said the IOC owns the copyright to the film and "has the right to make key decisions in the creation of the film."

The documentary of the 1964 Tokyo Olympics by Kon Ichikawa, titled "Tokyo Olympiad," is generally regarded as one of the most important in the genre, along with Leni Riefenstahl's "Olympia" from the 1936 Berlin Games.

Ichikawa's film was controversial at the time and

unsettled organizers who wanted a more traditional treatment of the Olympics rather than Ichikawa's more poetic view.

A Japanese reporter, posing a question to Kawase, described her typical film as "quiet and slow-flowing." He then asked how this approach suited something "fast moving" like the Olympics.

She said her style was unlikely to change, and then questioned assumptions about what an Olympic film should look like.

"When it comes to the Tokyo Olympics, we cannot just say it will be speedy just because it's a sports-related theme," she said.

In a statement, the IOC



Japanese film director Naomi Kawase

said Kawase will be only the fifth woman to direct the official Olympic film. She said she hoped to help make a path for women in Japan and for other female film makers.

"It's a fact I am a woman, so I will create from my own standpoint, from the perspective of a female,"

she said.

Kawase said she did not have a title for the film, which is likely to be finished in the spring of 2021.

"At this point I don't have any idea at all," she said. "But as usual I think this is something that will suddenly come to me." **AP**



opinion

World Views

Anjani Trivedi, Bloomberg

CHINA'S TESLA WANNABE HAS A BIG BROTHER PROBLEM

Investors are throwing billions of dollars at connected cars. The technological advances that enable vehicles to be linked into wireless networks promise greater efficiency and, in theory, safety. They also open the possibility of being watched and monitored more closely — and that may be a problem for China's self-proclaimed rival to Tesla Inc.

Nio Inc., the electric-vehicle maker that raised almost USD1 billion in a New York initial public offering last month, is banking on its smart and connected car. But the plethora of cameras and sensors that dot its ES8 model has triggered concern over a potential threat to data privacy.

The Shanghai-based carmaker calls itself a pioneer in automotive smart connectivity and prides itself on NOMI, an "advanced in-car AI assistant" and the NIO Pilot assisted driving system. The company doesn't have an electric-car manufacturing license: What it does have is an autonomous vehicle testing license in California, as well as an equivalent permit in China, having been included in the first batch of companies approved for such trials this year.

NIO, already facing teething troubles and tight on cash, could do without another headwind as it tries to ramp up to meet production targets. The stock has dropped 35 percent from its September high, though it remains 20 percent higher than its listing price.

Last week, the carmaker said it delivered 1,766 vehicles in September, making 3,268 for the third quarter, and is on track to reach 10,000 in the second half. That means the company has to deliver twice as many in the fourth quarter as it did in the previous three months. Those are ambitious goals.

Some have questioned whether the car is fully ready. At high speed, the braking energy recovery system "feels like there's a deviation between the driver's action and the car's movement," the consultant and analysts noted during the Citi conference call. The vehicle's display freezes and mileage has been lower than advertised, they said.

In one case, the car ran out of battery, NIO's anywhere-charging service ran out of electricity and the vehicle was ultimately towed away by a truck, according to a recent Southern Metropolis Daily article that detailed the experience of multiple NIO (or "Weilai" in Chinese) buyers. In response, NIO founder William Li was cited as saying that e-commerce giant Amazon.com Inc. had also had its issues and been criticized until recently.

Such difficulties may pale by comparison if security fears cause buyers to shun NIO. The ES8 has a trifocal front-facing camera, four exterior cameras and a driver monitor camera. The Chinese carmaker has a partnership with Intel Corp.'s Mobileye and is working with the advanced driver-assistance systems company to develop more such technology.

That begs the question: Where does all the data NIO collects go? The company says it retains user information about how NIO vehicles are used to help it make better cars and "enhance the user experience." At the same time, NIO said in its prospectus the risk of information-security failure and privacy concerns posed significant challenges.

Granted, data security will be an issue for all auto companies producing connected cars in the coming era of fifth-generation mobile networks and autonomous vehicles — and hacks and privacy breaches are far from unknown at U.S. and European firms.

However, China's surveillance capabilities and intentions have come into particular focus in recent months. The U.S. is considering imposing sanctions on its national surveillance champions Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Co. and Zhejiang Dahua Technology Co., according to the New York Times.

Hacking so-called intelligent transport systems isn't so difficult to do, according to a 2015 study that focused on the tracking ability of an observer without huge resources (unlike a government or big company).

With increasing sophistication of NIO's products, there's also "an increased level of expertise of hackers," the company noted in its IPO prospectus. Unauthorized access to and use of its systems would hurt its business, as could the costs of complying with laws and regulations on data practices, it said.

How China's would-be Tesla responds to those threats may determine its prospects.  
[Abridged]

THE BELT & ROAD: CHINESE VICE PRESIDENT KICKS OFF VISIT TO ISRAEL

China's vice president yesterday [Macau time] kicked off a trip to Israel that illustrated the warming ties between the two countries.

Wang Qishan is in the region for a three-day trip. The highlight will be co-hosting a joint summit of innovation cooperation with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. He will also head to the West Bank to visit the Palestinians.

Wang, a confidant of President Xi Jinping, is one of the most senior Chinese officials to visit Israel since the countries established diplomatic relations in

1992. In 2000, China's then president, Jiang Zemin, became the first-ever Chinese president to visit.

Netanyahu called the visit a "tremendous compliment" to Israel.

Wang visited Jerusalem's Old City before he was welcomed by Netanyahu at the prime minister's official residence for dinner.

Israel and China have become close trade partners, with China showing interest in Israeli developments in agriculture, water and other environmental technologies.

Prince Harry and Meghan arrive in hot Fiji for three-day visit

Kirsty Wigglesworth & Nick Perry, Suva

THE Duke and Duchess of Sussex were greeted by hundreds of flag-waving well-wishers yesterday after arriving in Fiji for a three-day visit as part of their tour of the South Pacific.

School children in uniform and people of all ages lined the streets and waved both British Union Jack and Fijian flags as Prince Harry and Meghan's motorcade drove past.

The couple arrived from Australia, where Meghan, who is four months pregnant, had her schedule reduced in recent days after a hectic start to their 16-day trip across four countries. Meghan has not announced any plans to reduce her schedule in Fiji.

After stepping off the plane, Meghan needed to hold her cream-colored hat to prevent it from being blown away as Harry inspected a guard of honor. There was a light drizzle and an official held an umbrella above Meghan's head.

The couple was scheduled to attend an official welcome ceremony at Suva's Albert Park that will mirror one attended by Queen Elizabeth II and the



Duke of Edinburgh in 1953. It was to involve traditional elements of Fijian culture, including dances and a kava ceremony. Members of the public are invited and 15,000 are expected to attend.

The couple was scheduled to attend a reception and state dinner hosted by Fijian President Jioji Konrote.

Home to just over 900,000 people, Fiji is a former British colony that became independent in 1970 and later became a republic. Fiji remains a part of the Commonwealth group of countries and is a popular destination for tourists thanks to its warm climate and beaches.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention re-

commends that pregnant women not travel to a number of countries including Fiji and Tonga because of the presence of the mosquito-borne Zika virus, which can cause severe birth defects.

There is no vaccine for Zika, and the CDC says the best way to avoid infection for those who must travel is to take extra precautions to prevent mosquito bites.

The couple is scheduled to visit Tonga tomorrow before returning to Sydney on Friday night for the final days of the Invictus Games, Harry's brainchild and the focus of their tour. The couple will then finish their tour with a four-day visit to New Zealand. **AP**

CINEMA

Julia Roberts, Constance Wu celebrated at InStyle Awards

JULIA Roberts was brought to tears by "Notting Hill" writer Richard Curtis, Jeff Goldblum showed off his socks and celebrated his 66th birthday with a cupcake, and Constance Wu spoke the power of representation yesterday [Macau time] at a glitzy soiree in Los Angeles.

Stylists, designers and celebrities from Jennifer Aniston to Clare Waight Keller, who designed Meghan Markle's wedding gown, gathered at The Getty Center for drinks and dinner at the fourth annual InStyle Awards. The event celebrates those behind the scenes, like hairstylist Chris McMillan, who created "The Rachel," and makeup artist James Kaliardos, who



Julia Roberts

counts Hillary Clinton and Rihanna as clients.

While many of the speeches stayed light and breezy, Curtis, who was tasked with introducing Roberts, the evening's "style icon," recounted a story about when the actress

discovered that his daughter was quite ill.

"She took off her Jimmy Choo shoes that she was wearing to and gave them to us to give to our daughter," Curtis said. "I remember her wandering around Knightsbridge with no shoes on and I thought that is exactly the quintessence of who she is — completely gorgeous and completely normal and human and modest at the same time."

When Roberts took the stage, she said Curtis' intro had made her cry.

"Crazy Rich Asians" star Constance Wu was also given a special honor, the newly anointed "Bad(asterisk)(asterisk) Woman" award. **AP**

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Roadside	60-80 Moderate	
High Density Residential Area	45-65 Moderate	
Ambient	50-70 Moderate	

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WORLD BRIEFS

**SYRIA** The top U.S. commander for the Middle East made an unannounced visit to a key military outpost in southern Syria, pressing the need for a continued U.S. presence there to root out remaining Islamic State fighters and serve as leverage against growing Iranian activity in the region.

**ISRAEL** marked the 70th anniversary of its first diplomatic mission as a new nation yesterday with a re-enactment in the city that hosted the outpost — Warsaw, Poland.



**HUNGARY's** prime minister has repeated his claims that the leadership of the European Union wants to create a "European empire" which would subjugate the continent's nation-states.

**ITALY** The European Commission yesterday rejected Italy's proposed budget — the first time it has ever done so with a member state — as it argues the populist government's spending plans for next year are out of line and would break promises to lower public debt.



**BRAZIL** Three supreme court justices criticized the son of presidential front-runner Jair Bolsonaro for saying that Brazil's top court could be closed if it tried to remove his father from the presidency.

**COSTA RICA** Four American tourists and a Costa Rican guide were killed in a weekend rafting accident in the Central American country, authorities said.