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**WORLD BRIEFS**



**HONG KONG** This round of currency intervention in Hong Kong is far from over. That's according to analysts, who're watching the interplay between the amount of money in the city's financial system and local borrowing costs. Shorting the HKD will remain profitable until the latter starts to go up sharply. *More on p9*

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**CHINA** The head of energy planning agency has been expelled from the country's ruling Communist Party and dismissed from his post. Nur Bekri used his authority to aid others in job placement, business operations and mineral resource development in exchange for huge amounts of money and property. *More on p11*



**INDONESIA** Flash floods and mudslides triggered by days of torrential downpours tore through mountainside villages in Indonesia's easternmost province, killing at least 58 people and leaving thousands homeless over the weekend.

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## GAMING

# Macau dealmaker, Las Vegas Sands settle 15-year case

A settlement Friday (Macau time) ended a 15-year breach-of-contract battle between Las Vegas Sands Corp. and a Hong Kong businessman who helped the U.S. company open its first casino in the Chinese gambling enclave of Macau.

Richard Suen, his lawyers and attorneys for Sands said the agreement, reached after one day of testimony in the third trial in the case, prohibited them from disclosing terms.

But Suen emerged from a Las Vegas courtroom telling The Associated Press that the battle he waged since 2004 was "worth it" for what he called "the sense of justice."

Suen had no written contract, but maintained he was promised a USD5 million "success fee" if Sands got a Macau license, plus 2 percent of Sands' Macau profits over the 18-year life of the company casino license. Las Vegas Sands now owns five lucrative properties in Macau.

Suen's lawyer John O'Malley, told jurors that Suen and his company, Round Square Co., should get almost \$347 million for introducing Adelson and Sands



Richard Suen

executives to key Chinese officials with influence to grant a coveted Macau gambling license.

Sands attorney Richard Sauber countered with a \$3.76 million figure, accusing Suen of abandoning Adelson and Sands to find other advice in 2001—long before the Sands Macau casino opened in 2004.

Judge Rob Bare informed jurors of the settlement and dismissed them ahead of a second day of videotaped testimony from ailing billionaire Sands chief Sheldon Adelson. Many of the 13 women and two men applauded. Trial had been expected to last until mid-April.

The company disclosed recently that Adelson, the 85-year-old board chairman, CEO and Republican national party donor is being treated for cancer and has not been at the company's Las Vegas offices for more than two months.

Because he was not expected to testify in person, jurors began seeing Adelson's testimony from trials that led to previous jury judgments against Sands of \$44 million in 2008 and \$70 million in 2013.

The Nevada Supreme Court upheld trial findings that Sands was liable for damages. But justices decided in 2016 that a new jury should

hear more evidence before deciding an amount.

Sauber said in court the sides had reached "an amicable settlement and resolution."

Outside court, Suen attorney O'Malley and Sands attorney James Jimmerson called it a fair end to the case.

"Although the dollars are confidential, we're very pleased," O'Malley told AP. "This settlement completely resolves the litigation. There will be no more appeals."

Ron Reese, spokesman for publicly traded Sands, declined to comment.

It isn't clear if financial details will be reported to federal Securities and Exchange Commission regulators. **MDT/AP**

## Chinese workers sue Saipan casino over forced labor scheme

SEVEN Chinese men allege in a lawsuit that they were victims of a forced labor scheme while constructing a Saipan casino.

The casino and its contractors violated U.S. trafficking laws by exploiting the workers, the lawsuit said. Saipan is part of the U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The lawsuit was filed in December. It was amended Friday to add trafficking claims and to include casino owner Imperial Pacific as a defendant.

Representatives for Hong Kong-based Imperial Pacific and the contractors named in the lawsuit couldn't immediately be reached for comment.

According to the lawsuit, the men were subjected to 12-hour workdays, dormitories without showers or air-conditioning and a dangerous construction site.

"Their supervisors yelled and cursed at them, and forced them to pay fines if they did not work hard enough or arrived late," the lawsuit said. Imperial Pacific knew about, or "recklessly disregarded" the exploitation by their contractors, the lawsuit said: "However, rushing to complete the project, rather than remedy the situation, Imperial Pacific and its contractors sought to conceal their illegal scheme from government authorities, medical providers, and any party that might hold them accountable."

U.S. officials announced USD14 million in settlements last year with Chinese construction firms building the casino after finding workers were paid less than required.

"Many foreign migrant workers suffer injuries and endure abuse, but have no access to a remedy," said Aaron Halegua, a New York attorney helping represent the construction workers. "Fortunately, because these events occurred in a U.S. Commonwealth, the plaintiffs are protected under U.S. law." **AP**

## ASK THE VET

by Dr Ruan Du Toit Bester

### SENIOR DOG FOOD: A LOOK AT AGE-SPECIFIC FORMULAS

In order to maintain a healthy and active lifestyle for your pet, owners must know what to look for in senior dog food to suit their animal's needs. Older dogs may not require the same nutrients as puppies or younger dogs, as new nutritional and health issues arise with age. Senior dogs can face problems with decreased activity, joint and bone pain or disease, a weakening immune system, weight gain or loss of appetite, and digestion problems. A proper balanced diet for older pets can help ease these problems and, if started early enough, prevent many of these issues.

#### VITAMINS FOR JOINTS AND ENERGY

As a dog gets older and cannot be as active as he used to be, it is important to keep energy levels up and maintain some level of exercise that does not strain the older and less mobile dog. For joint and muscle pain, try

glucosamine and chondroitin sulfate vitamin supplements to improve joint movement and ease arthritis in older dogs. Other vitamins and antioxidants such as vitamin B-12 for energy and vitamins E and C to build up immune systems are great additions to your dog's diet.

#### AVOIDING OBESITY

With a decrease in activity and a slower metabolism in older dogs, obesity can become a serious problem. Not only is excess weight bad for a dog's heart and lungs, but can also add extra stress to joints and bones. Special diet and senior dog food formulas are not always the best option for heavier dogs—instead, try reducing portion sizes, and feeding your older dog the smaller portions two to four times a day.

Look for nutritionally balanced foods with good sources of proteins from chicken, beef or lamb, rather than from poultry by-product

ts and meat or bone meals. Paying more for high quality food will keep your senior dog more healthy and active. By avoiding cheap and unhealthy dog foods from the beginning, you'll minimize possible joint stress, weight problems and low immune health as your dog enters old age.

#### AVOIDING UNHEALTHY WEIGHT LOSS

Alternatively, weight loss can be a serious problem for senior dogs as they lose their appetite. Try mixing chicken or beef broth, carrots, canned pumpkin or plain diced chicken to dry food to add some taste and variety to the meals. Don't add too much, or it could upset your dog's stomach. Maintaining healthy levels of fiber is also important to avoid intestinal problems that can lead to vomiting, diarrhea or constipation. Also, cut out fatty table scraps and treats that aren't low in fat and calories. Older dogs may



not be able to digest table scraps like younger dogs can, leading to digestive issues or weight gain.

Hope this info helps  
Till next week  
Dr Ruan

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The Lisboa Palace under construction in Cotai

## Zhang Rongshun resigns from NPC

The resignation of the Deputy Director of the Macau Liaison Office, Zhang Rongshun, from his position in the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, has been approved by the committee. Interviewed by TDM, Zhang explained that his resignation complies with the national constitutional law, which suggests that leaders in the central government department cannot simultaneously be members of the Standing Committee of the NPC. In June 2018, Zhang was appointed as vice-director of the Liaison Office in Macau.

## Residents want tougher stance on dangerous driving

At the last session of the public consultation on traffic law, two local residents proposed heavier punishment for dangerous driving. One of these two residents, surnamed Lam, summed up Macau's traffic law by saying that the "legislation is not strict, the law enforcement is loose, the punishment is light." Lam opposes the definition of drunk driving and speeding offences as just administrative violations. Lam wants heavier punishment for dangerous driving, such as 10 years imprisonment, like in Hong Kong. The second resident, surnamed Iong, criticized Macau residents for not obeying traffic rules and jaywalking, even when there are no cars.

## GBA said to worsen regional drug trafficking

Lawmaker Song Pek Kei wants the city to amend the drug law in order to prevent non-local drug traffickers. In her written inquiry to the government, Song first noted that Macau has a relatively light punishment for drug trafficking, and, as the Greater Bay Area continues to develop, and when future new borders start operations, Macau will face more difficulties and challenges in cracking down on cross-border drug trafficking. Macau's drug law has been implemented for two years. Song considers that the law has played no effect in preventing drug traffickers from Macau's neighboring regions to smuggle drugs into Macau.

Julie Zhu

### GAMING

# SJM, MGM extensions granted with view to protecting workers

ON Friday, the Macau SAR government extended the gaming concession and the sub-concession of Sociedade de Jogos de Macau, S.A. (SJM) and of MGM Grand Paradise, S.A. (MGM) until June 2022, citing a need to bring the two gaming operators' contracts in line with the other four and concerns about the employment situation of staff at the companies when the licenses expire. The government also said it wanted a more transparent process for the upcoming negotiations, tenders and the awarding of licenses.

The government announced the extension in a statement, with detailed information provided by public officials, including the Secretary for Economy and Finance, during a press conference that was held on Friday.

On Friday morning, the local government signed an extension agreement with SJM, and SJM signed a sub-concession contract with MGM.

As a requirement of the extension of the concessions, SJM and MGM must pay MOP200 million each in single installments to the SAR government.

The MOP200 million payment does not imply any exemption from payment of the annual premium, the special tax on gaming, and the contributions or other duties stipulated by law. It means that the two companies will continue paying their dues, as well as fulfilling other obligations as before, similar to other gaming operators.

According to Lionel Leong, the MOP200 million payments were proposed by the two gaming operators, which were also the parties requesting the extension of their gaming concession.

As explained by the Di-

rector of the Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau (DICJ), Paulo Martins Chan, every year, each gaming operator pays a MOP30 million annual premium. The MOP200 million represents more than six times the single year's annual premium.

The gaming concessions of SJM and MGM were originally due to expire on March 31, 2020. The extension now means that all of Macau's gaming concessions are due to expire on June 26, 2022.

Secretary Leong explained that the extension decision took into consideration the opinions from all sectors, went through an internal government study, and involved thoughts surrounding Macau's financial development and national security matters.

The extension is also said to benefit the preparatory work and the development of the opening of the next public tender for the gaming concessions, as well as to provide guarantees for the employment of workers in the gaming sector.

"It will be beneficial for us to carry out a unified new round of the gaming concession public tender. [The extension] is helpful to maintain social stability, especially the stability of the employment [of gaming workers]," said Leong.

In addition to the aforementioned payment, the two companies also proposed to adhere to the non-compulsory central pension sche-

me to their employees, and provide a guarantee of labor creditors' rights.

"[The government] also considered that the conditions proposed by the two gaming operators comply with the benefits of Macau's overall and long-term development, especially if they provide better retirement and better protection [against] termination," said Leong.

For the labor creditors' rights, the two gaming operators must establish a guarantee for their employees through a bank. SJM's and MGM's guarantee will be MOP3.5 billion and MOP820 million, respectively.

"We hope that it can inspire more companies to join the non-compulsory central pension scheme," said Leong.

On Friday, MGM issued a statement saying that "we believe that the extension of the sub-concession is especially important for more than 10,800 employees at MGM."

According to Macau's law, if a gaming concession is awarded a term of less than 20 years, the government may, at any time and up to six months before the expiration of the concession, authorize one or more extensions to the concession. The total concession period should not exceed the maximum period of 20 years.

The law also stipulates that once the maximum period of 20 years has expired, the duration of the concession may

be extended by reasoned order by the Chief Executive for one or more extensions, and the extension may not exceed the period of five years in total.

The details of the extension will be published later and made available to the public as a matter of transparency, according to Leong.

Regarding the gaming concession in 2022, Leong said that "we are inclined to go for an open public tender," adding that "[the concession] depends on future laws and regulations."

The Secretary noted that Macau's "World Tourism and Leisure Center" development, the "economic diversification" and Macau's "regional and global competitiveness" will be part of the government's criteria when considering the awarding of the 2022 gaming concession, aside from financial and national security deliberations.

When questioned about the Chinese central government's stance and opinions on Macau's 2022 gaming concession, Leong only stated that the government will listen to the opinions of all sectors.

In addition, Leong remarked that the extension "is not related to the change in the Macau government."

The Secretary stated that the SAR government will continue to hear society's opinions and promote improvements over the supervision and legal regime for the next public tender of the gaming concession.

## UNITED NATIONS

# Secretary Chan says Macau unable to ratify convention on migrants' protection

Lynzy Valles

**T**HE United Nations Human Rights Council has accepted the third report of the China Universal Periodic Review, which has a section covering the Macau SAR. The Secretary for Administration and Justice, Sonia Chan, attended the meeting of the UN Human Rights Council in Switzerland as the deputy head of the Chinese delegation.

In response to a query raised by Indonesia during the review regarding the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, Chan replied that Macau does not have capability to ratify such a convention.

The convention is a UN multilateral treaty governing the protection of migrant workers and families

According to official data, there were a total of 5,466 non-resident Indonesians in the region by the end of January 2019, over 3,800 of whom are involved in domestic work.

"On the recommendation that Indonesia would apply the International Convention [in regards to] the protection of rights of migrant workers, I present that Macau SAR does not have material condition [capabilities] to meet the condition of the requirements," said Chan during the meeting, as cited in a report by public

broadcaster TDM.

Indonesian Migrant Workers' Union chairperson Yosa Wariyanti hoped that the SAR could soon ratify the convention, which protects the rights of migrant workers. "When the government ratifies the convention, it is expected to truly be able to bring changes to the lives of migrant workers in Macau [but] the challenge is how to carry out commitments that [might] be made," she told the Times.

Another migrant group leader, Benedicta Palcon, president of Greens Philippines Migrant Workers Union informed that they are set to meet a lawmaker next month to assist them in their call for rights protection.

Last month, migrant groups held a meeting with the Labour Affairs Bureau to discuss proposals for improving their living conditions in the region.

During the weekend meeting, Chan stressed that local residents are equal before the law and must not face discrimination. The Secretary said that the SAR had made progress in the development of human rights protection.

China accepted 284 recommendations that are 'in line with China's national conditions,' accounting for 82 percent of the total number of recommendations given to China.

This is the third time that China has participated in the review, following its partici-

pation in 2009 and 2013.

Recently, the United States' Department of State published its 2018 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices, stating that "the law provides for freedom of expression, including for the press, but the government occasionally sought to restrict this right."

Regarding press and media freedom, the report stated "local media expressed a wide range of views, but the government took steps to restrict unfavorable news coverage."

In response, the Macau government offered a rebuttal, arguing that foreign countries have no right to interfere in China's domestic affairs and should not interfere in the internal affairs of the SAR.

RENATO MARQUES



Secretary for Administration and Justice Sonia Chan

## Philippines consulate celebrates Women's Month

**T**HE Philippine Consulate General in Macau celebrated the 2019 National Women's Month yesterday at Cham Meng Kam Theater, with an event themed "We Make Change Work For Women."

The celebration is part of the worldwide observation of International Women's Day on March 8.

The event attracted over 150 migrant workers who participated in different activities including a yoga and zumba session, free basic medical test, health seminar and lectures and raffle draws, among other activities.

The health seminar, which tackled matters on hypertension, signs of stroke, and symptoms of diabetes, amongst others -

included a question and answer portion where migrant workers were free to enquire about their health.

Participants of the event were mostly members of the region's migrant workers from the Philippines.

In line with the celebration, the consulate held a photo competition last month, which was open to all Filipino nationals working and living in the SAR.

The theme of the Philippines' National Women's Month celebration for the years 2017 to 2022 is also "We Make Change Work For Women," highlighting the "empowerment of women as active contributors to and claimholders of development." LV

## KIM MURDER

## Malaysian bar chief questions decision to hold Vietnamese suspect

**M**ALAYSIA'S top council of lawyers asked the attorney-general to explain the release of an Indonesian suspect in the murder of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's half-brother, but not a second suspect who is Vietnamese.

Attorney-General Tommy Thomas should explain the inconsistency, especially since the case has attracted global attention, the newly elected head of the Malaysian Bar Council, Abdul Fareed Abdul Ga-

foor, said in a statement. Thomas's office didn't answer a phone call seeking comment yesterday outside business hours.

After Kim Jong Nam was killed at the Kuala Lumpur airport in 2017, Siti Aisyah, an Indonesian, and Doan Thi Huong, a Vietnamese, were charged with murder and accused of smearing VX nerve agent onto Kim's face, Malaysian authorities said at the time. Charges against Siti have been

withdrawn, Abdul Fareed said, while Huong remains in custody, facing trial in the killing.

"There are a lot of questions on why one person is acquitted and the charges against her withdrawn while the other person remains charged," Abdul Fareed said after the council's annual general meeting on Saturday.

Indonesian President Joko Widodo personally greeted Siti when she returned home after being acquitted of charges, a

Twitter post by the president dated March 12 shows.

Kim, the eldest son in the current generation of North Korea's ruling family, had been reportedly living in Macau for around a decade before his assassination. According to those familiar with his lifestyle in Macau, the elusive Kim Jong Nam developed a reputation for living low-key despite being well-endowed financially.

Half-brother to the

AP PHOTO



Doan Thi Huong (left) escorted by police as she leaves Shah Alam High Court

North Korean leader, Kim Jong Nam represented a threat to the regime's stability with the ever-present possibility he might one day be parachuted into power. DB/Bloomberg

Renato Marques

OBITUARY | CHARLIE WHITING

# Macau GP organizers send condolences to FIA legend

**T**HE sudden death of FIA (Federation Internationale de l'Automobile) race director Charlie Whiting last week in Melbourne, Australia, ahead of the Formula One's season kick-off left the racing world baffled and saddened.

Aged 66, Whiting was a legend and charismatic personality of the sport that he loved the most.

The news of his death sent shockwaves around the globe, with messages of condolences and immediate homages delivered by several organizations and institutions that had involved Whiting as either a knowledgeable collaborator, a friend, or both.

Macau was no exception, with the Macau Grand Prix Organizing Committee (MGPOC) mourning the loss of Whiting through a condolence message sent to the FIA and a statement posted to its official website, which was also subdued with a monochromatic color.

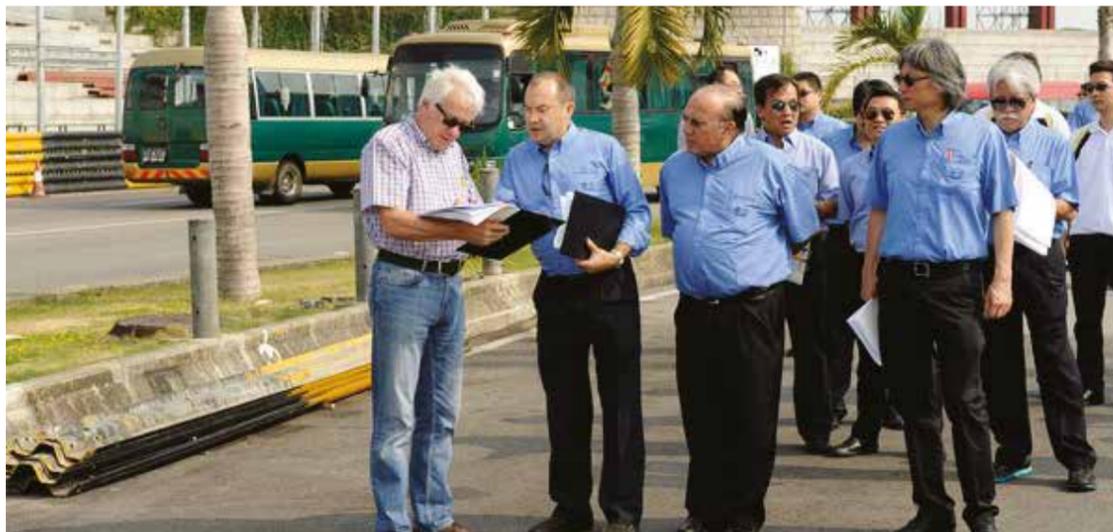
In the message, the local committee said they would be "joining the global motorsport community in mourning the tragic loss of Charlie Whiting, expressing their deepest condolences to Charlie's family and the many friends around the world,

including those in Macau."

The same statement also noted Whiting's contribution to the Macau Grand Prix over the years, describing it as "immeasurable." In the words of the committee, "his guidance and expertise have helped ensure the Guia Circuit and the Macau Grand Prix have continued to meet and exceed the highest sporting and infrastructure standards," continuing, "Macau will be forever grateful for Charlie's dedication, professionalism and friendship."

Despite his low-profile, Whiting was a relevant figure in presiding over the local GP, having performed several important roles such as race director and safety delegate throughout the years.

Questioned by the Times on his importance, Philip Newsome, historian and Macau Grand Prix expert writer said, "I think overall Charlie [Whiting] brought a level of professionalism and credibility to the event that



Charlie Whiting (left) inspecting a track in Macau in 2012

hadn't been seen before," adding that, "he was respected and liked by everyone. He had a very calming influence, which will be sorely missed."

Reflecting on how Whiting's influence was felt on the Guia circuit, Newsome recalls how

the decision to alter the track at Lisboa and some other racing decisions are still topic of conversation today among the drivers and teams involved.

According to FIA's official statement, the FIA Director of Formula One passed away as the re-

sult of a pulmonary embolism. Whiting was in Australia to direct the Australian Grand Prix, which kicked off this year's F1 season. He had been working at FIA since 1988 and had been a race director for the past 22 years.

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ENVIRONMENT

# Impact of plastic bags bill mostly

**P**RESENTED to the public by the Executive Council (ExCo) last week, a law proposal that aims to enforce a surcharge on plastic bag distribution in the retail industry has already started to pique the interest of society.

With the purpose of examining the impact of such a bill on both industry and the populace, the Times conducted its own interviews ahead of the scrutiny the proposed law faces next at the Legislative Assembly.

A shift manager of a large supermarket located in the central district told the Times that it was hard to tell the number of plastic bags they distribute on a daily basis, but it should be "a few thousand on average."

Although the shop has a specific shelf that advertises the sale and use of reusable shopping bags, the same person confided "there are not many people using them. A few, mostly foreigners and people from Hong Kong or Taiwan that are more used to [eco-friendly policies]."

The retailer has not yet established a strategic plan for when the law comes into force, but the shift manager ad-

vanced that for several years the company has had its own initiative to collect and package recyclable materials. In the manager's opinion, when the measure comes into force, it will "all go smoothly, as in other regions."

In fact, just days after its announcement, the manager told the Times that the topic has already created some minor disruption in the daily routine of the supermarket. She said that in the past few days "many costumers have been asking if we are already charging for the bags or not."

A manager of another supermarket store - this time located in Taipa - said, "I personally 100 percent support the plastic charge. We already encourage customers to use less bags, bring their own or buy bio-degradable ones."

"I do not foresee any negative impact in the retail business. Any disruption would be in the short term of the transition period, which can be minimized through communication."

The manager added that

people from Hong Kong and the mainland are already used to paying a plastic bag surcharge. As for Macau residents, most "also have such experience in paying [for the bags] during their visits to the mainland, Hong Kong and other overseas destinations."

He said that over time people would just get used to it and habits would settle "similar to the implementation of the indoor smoking ban."

### MEANINGLESS MEASURE

Not everyone is in agreement.

Interviewed by the Times adjacent to a trash collection center, a 63-year-old retired civil servant said he thinks the bill will be ineffective.

"I think it's tomfoolery," he ranted, adding, "the [plastic] bags are the least important thing. The [take-away] boxes and the tea [and drinks] plastic cups are far worse and more polluting I think."

"They think we're all stupid, [but] that's just a way to 'hunt for our money'," the retiree



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said. "If they do not give the bags [free of charge] in the supermarkets and stores then we will need to buy them because the trash has to be disposed in plastic bags. It is an IAM [Municipal Affairs Bureau] rule; otherwise we are bothered or fined."

"It seems that they [the government departments] cannot understand each other and only find measures with no logic whatsoever - just to pretend that they work. It has been this way in the last years, they launch some measure that does not produce the intended effects."

In his opinion, "most people do reuse shopping bags, unless they are dirty, of course," which is why he regards the proposed law as a "meaningless measure."

In the resident's opinion, the bad example often comes from the government itself that often uses unnecessary plastic materials for short-term decorative purposes like fairs and events, noting that they should take the lead instead of "always putting the lower-layer [of society] footing the bill."

## MUCH MORE REQUIRED

Annie Lao, a local environmental and plastic-waste activist, expressed mixed feelings on the proposal when interviewed by the Times.

"It's definitely a good thing that the government is proposing this new law. We are

very late [on this topic] when compared to Hong Kong or to mainland China - they did it many years ago. [...] It is good to see that they finally put a bill to the Legislative Assembly, but at the same time, the main thing that the government must do concerns education."

**We need to educate people on why to use the reusable bag. That's the main message, it's not about saving one pataca.**

ANNIE LAO  
ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST

Lao noted that of the same importance as creating a law to try to reduce the usage of plastic bags is to explain to people, and especially to the younger generation, why we don't want or need plastic bags.

"We need to be able to explain the environmental causes and to explain to people that when plastic bags are incinerated there are toxins [released into the air]," she said.

"We need to educate people on why to use the reusable bag. That's the main message, it's not about saving one pataca."

Agreeing with the idea expressed by the other interviewee that are other products that deserve more attention from the government than plastic bags, Lao said: "This is actually only a baby-step. After this, the government should really think about the overall waste [situation] in Macau."

"Plastic bags are just one of the single-use plastic waste items that we are using. There are many others, such as the straws, the plastic bottles, the take-away boxes and all the unnecessary packaging in the supermarket."

"The government needs to regulate those and make those businesses responsible for the [amount] of plastic they are using, as we know that in those cases much of that packaging cannot even be recycled," she said. "So why are we using them? The government needs to ban this."

Lao argued that local environmental protection cannot be achieved solely by individual measures taken by private companies. Instead, it requires a general law to compel businesses to act in the same way as some that are more eco-conscious and have already started their own initiatives to reduce the consumption of single-use products.



## ECONOMY

# Growth expected to slow to 3.2 percent in 2019

MACAU is expected to end 2019 with economic growth of 3.2 percent, and for growth to increase by 60 basis points to 3.8 percent by 2020, according to the latest Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) forecasts, reviewed by MacaHub.

One of the reasons for the slowdown in economic growth compared to 2017 and 2018, when gross domestic product (GDP) grew by 9.7 percent and 4.7 percent respectively, is due to delays in the execution of various public works. The EIU report added that, additionally, no large new projects are planned by gaming opera-

tors, with the consequent impact on gross fixed capital formation.

Investment, which fell by 4.7 percent in 2017, worsened the following year to 12.6 percent, and is expected to contract by 4.1 percent this year, before rising again to a rate of 6.7 percent in 2020, according to the same document.

The increase in gross fixed capital formation in 2020, according to the EIU document, is based on the fact that the government is expected to announce its official position on the renewal of gaming concession contracts, which will give casino mana-

gers scope to expand their activities.

However, this expansion should not focus directly on gaming and gambling activities, which is limited to the maximum number of tables authorized by the government, but to tourism activities not directly related to gaming.

The EIU report added that major public works projects, such as social housing in New Urban Area A, the islands medical complex and the first phase of the surface light railway, should have a limited impact on gross fixed capital formation in the period under review. **DB**

## ARTS

# Cinematheque to mark anniversary with film festival

CINEMATHEQUE Passion will celebrate its second anniversary with a "Surprise Film Festival" that will run from March 30 to April 28, featuring eight classic works that will remain undisclosed until the lights go off in the screening room.

The screenings will also be accompanied by talks and exhibitions that spark reflection and interaction.

According to Cinematheque Passion, the program will feature works that range from directorial debuts, love stories, horror films, comedy and world cinema, to landmark sci-fi films.

Cinematheque's CEO

Rita Wong said that, "New perspective" plays a key role in our anniversary programming. It means the audience enters the screening room without any preconceptions. When I was choosing the line-up with guest curator Penny Lam, we decided to go for beloved and renowned works."

"As the festival tagline indicates, they are storytelling [films] that 'transcend time'. And then we show them in secret screenings, which adds a feel of adventure," she added.

Cinematheque Passion has presented over twenty film festivals - along with in-depth

talks, workshops and so forth over the past two years.

Meanwhile, Albert Chu, artistic director of Cinematheque remarked, "When curating film festivals, we aspire to showcase great films and inspire our audience to think deeply."

"What does film bring us? It can be its compelling cinematography, stories and contexts. It also brings back memories, invokes critical thinking and more. It is certainly encouraging to see new faces among the audience. I hope the audience and the Cinematheque will go further together," Chu added. **LV**



This May 23, 2018 photo shows Hengqin New Area under construction

## Hengqin reserves 200,000 square meters of land for Macau

ON Friday, the University of Macau (UM) signed a cooperation agreement with the Hengqin district government to jointly build a research center on the island.

According to the director of the Hengqin district management committee, Yang Chuan, Hengqin will be providing a complimentary 10,000 square meters to UM to develop the

area for technology and innovation.

In addition, Hengqin will also be granting UM a RMB100 million angel investment for a major research and development center to help the university accelerate its integration into the Greater Bay Area, so as to improve UM's innovative research layout, promote the university, and transfer

and transform services and knowledge.

The research center will be built in three phases. The first phase is expected to be completed in July 2019.

On the sidelines of Friday's signing ceremony, Yang claimed that Hengqin has already reserved land resources for Macau's new industry.

The Hengqin leader also re-

marked that the district will proactively and comprehensively work with Macau's other scientific resources.

In total, Hengqin has reserved 50,000 square meters of land specifically for Macau to develop high-technology and medical services.

These lands, including the complimentary 10,000 square meters, are fully equipped

with facilities, said Yang.

Aside from these 50,000 square meters, the Zhuhai government plans to reserve for Macau an even larger piece of land covering 157,000 square meters at a land reclamation site south of Hengqin. This area, which is currently under planning, will support Macau's next round of new industry development.

Yang also expressed hope that Hengqin could work with the Macau SAR government to implement reclamation projects and import more projects, as well as jointly share production results stemming from the industrial development. **JZ**

### HONG KONG

## Analyst predicts Carrie Lam will invite Japan to cooperate on GBA

HONG Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam will likely make a trip to Japan, seeking an agreement to work with the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area (GBA) project, according to a report by Taiwan's Central News Agency.

The report cited an anonymous source, who said that at a time when China and the U.S. are competing with each other in the fields of innovation and technology, and since the U.S. is cautious and critical of Hong Kong's "mainlandization," it will be difficult for Hong Kong to seek cooperation with the U.S. Given this, seeking cooperation with Japan over the economic

initiative becomes reasonable.

However, the same anonymous source further remarked that since Japan is a close U.S. ally, and because Japan's general policy direction must be based on the U.S. ideology, the analysis does not rule out the possibility that Japan might ask for Washington's opinion on the GBA issue, in case Hong Kong does ask for Japan's cooperation.

The Greater Bay Area, a plan drafted by mainland officials, is greater or comparable in size, in terms of population and gross domestic product, to the New York Bay Area, the San Francisco Bay Area, and the Tokyo Bay Area. **JZ**



Carrie Lam

## Chinese Premier Li guarantees Macau customs autonomy

THE central government said it intends to preserve the separate customs territories and free ports of Macau and Hong Kong so as to allow the two Special Administrative Regions to continue delivering investment "advantages" to the mainland.

"Hong Kong and Macau are China's Special Administrative Regions. And the two sides of the Taiwan Strait belong to one, and the same, China. We have all along attached high importance to investments from these three regions," said Chinese Premier Li Keqiang, as cited by the Hong Kong Free Press.

"We will further harness the advantages of Hong Kong and Macau as separate customs territories and free ports," he continued, adding that investments from the two SARs account for about 70 percent of China's foreign investments on the mainland.

Li also said that the government would work towards implementing policies that encourage business people in Taiwan to invest in mainland China.

Li's comments come as central authorities are pushing for greater economic and political integration of Macau and Hong Kong into Guangdong province via the Greater Bay Area initiative. The project has sparked fears in the two SARs that the integration will entail an erosion of economic autonomy. **DB**

Tian Chen

**T**HIS round of currency intervention in Hong Kong is far from over.

That's according to analysts, who're watching the interplay between the amount of money in the city's financial system and local borrowing costs. Shorting the Hong Kong dollar will remain profitable until the latter starts to go up sharply, and the monetary authority will spend at least another HKD50 billion (USD6.4 billion) defending the peg before that happens, according to Bank of America Merrill Lynch and OCBC Wing Hang Bank Ltd.

Hong Kong's currency has hit the weak end of its trading band repeatedly over the past week, spurring intervention that's cost nearly \$700 million.

At the heart of the analysts' calculus is a call on how low the city's aggregate balance can go before banks start feeling a funding squeeze. That's hard to judge given the liquidity measure has swung between HKD426 billion and HKD71 billion in the past decade. (When the central bank buys Hong Kong dollars from commercial lenders, the balance goes down.)

Right now, it sits at just over HKD70 billion, low relative to recent history, but the gap between Hong Kong and U.S. borrowing costs remains wide. So there's little to stop traders selling the city's dollar and parking the proceeds in the higher-yielding U.S. currency.

"The pressures will continue for money to flow out from the Hong Kong dollar, as long as the rate spread exists," said Kevin Lai, chief economist for Asia ex-Japan at Daiwa Capital Markets Hong Kong Ltd. Local borrowing costs will become more responsive to intervention when the aggregate balance slides to HKD20 billion-HKD30 billion, he added.

Any spike in interbank rates as a result of the currency operations risks intensifying pressure on the world's most expensive

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# Hong Kong seen spending billions more to defend currency peg



property market and weighing on the city's economy. But officials do have a tool to mitigate this - they've issued HKD1 trillion of exchange fund bills that, if allowed to mature, would add money back into the system. And the city's \$434.5 billion of foreign-exchange reserves are more than enough to handle the intervention that analysts expect.

The Hong Kong dollar was little changed at HKD7.8497 to the greenback as of 4:41 p.m. local time. The one-month Hibor climbed 3 basis points to 1.55 percent on Friday, extending its advance over the past seven days to 22 basis points.

Here's what analysts say about the Hong Kong dollar and HKMA intervention:

## **BANK OF AMERICA MERRILL LYNCH**

The HKMA may need to spend another HKD60 billion this year to defend the currency peg; that

means the aggregate balance will fall to HKD10 billion by the end of 2019, close to the level seen before the financial crisis in 2008-09. The liquidity drainage will not cause funding conditions to become disorderly because the HKMA can always release liquidity back into the aggregate balance by letting some of its EFBs mature. Prime and deposit rates may be raised by 25 basis points, if the aggregate balance falls below HKD10 billion. Hong Kong dollar to trade near HKD7.85 in the "foreseeable future." Stock investors may sell the local dollars in exchange for the yuan and buy mainland shares via the trading links; but outflows from Hong Kong will be gradual.

## **CITIGROUP INC.**

Bank likes to short Hong Kong dollar with forwards in the near-term, as the trade generates positive carry and enjoys low risk of knee-jerk liquidity tightness

Current positioning for the trade is lighter compared to the same period last year. Such bets need to be "super leveraged" to squeeze substantial returns. Interbank rates won't rise sharply because of the Fed's dovish stance and a lack of attractive tech initial public offerings in Hong Kong.

## **DBS HONG KONG LTD.**

One-month and three-month Hibor rates will climb, squeezing the room for short-Hong Kong dollar trades, after the aggregate balance falls below HKD50 billion; this may happen before the end of next week. Overnight Hibor won't rise persistently unless the aggregate balance drops below HKD20 billion. One-month Hibor to stand at 1.8 percent by end-March and 2 percent by end-June.

## **DAIWA CAPITAL MARKETS**

Hong Kong dollar will hover near HKD7.85 throughout

the year, and the HKMA will intervene repeatedly in the currency market over the next few months. The aggregate balance will eventually drop to zero; how long this process takes also depends on U.S. monetary policy. Hibor will rise significantly after the liquidity pool drops to zero. A prime rate hike is still possible this year. Foreign capital inflows into Hong Kong seen early this year may have more or less stopped.

## **OCBC WING HANG BANK**

The size of short-Hong Kong dollar trades is not as significant as last year, as investors have become more cautious following the drops in the aggregate balance. The aggregate balance may fall to HKD60 billion this month, HKD50 billion in April or May, and HKD20 billion sometime next year. **Bloomberg**

## corporate bits

### **SICHUAN MOON OPENS AT WYNN PALACE**



Wynn Palace Cotai announced the arrival of Sichuan Moon - a restaurant with

internationally acclaimed Chef André Chiang. The restaurant will reinter-

pret the flavors of Sichuan cuisine, gathering seasonal ingredients and using creative concepts to elevate the presentation of each dish. According to a statement issued by the gaming operator, specialty teas sourced from China's tea plantations will also be served.

Chef André has designed a Sichuan Moon Degustation Menu, featuring dishes that blend local and international ingredients.

As the dishes on his degustation menu are specially crafted and require significant time to prepare, only a limited selection of these dishes is available each day. The sommeliers pair the dishes with world-renowned wines and teas selected to bring out the essence of the cuisine.

### **SANDS CHINA OFFERS EASTER SPECIALTIES AT ITS PROPERTIES**



Eight restaurants at Sands Resorts Macao and Sands Macao will offer a series of Easter specialties to celebra-

te the season from April 19 to 22.

The restaurant will offer a series of dishes from spring

lamb to salmon, Boston lobster, glazed Easter ham, oysters, foie gras, traditional hot cross buns and chocolate Easter eggs.

The offer will be available in Portofino, Bambu, Brasserie, Le Buffet, Grand Orbit and The Lounge at Conrad Macao, Chiado and 888 Buffet.

Portofino will feature an Easter Brunch Extravaganza where diners can enjoy authentic Italian dishes and smokehouse American barbecue with roast lamb and an Easter dessert spread, while Bambu will offer a selection of special dishes.

Meanwhile, the Easter specials at Lei Buffet include a dessert buffet that offers hot cross buns, Easter 'nest' cake, 'Bunnies' Garden' white chocolate raspberry cake and Le Eiffel Tower Treats.

## INVESTMENT LAW

# Gov't struggles to reassure foreign firms with new regulations



Matthew Campbell

**T**HE Chinese government wraps up its annual policy conference this week with the passage of a new foreign investment law that it hopes will keep global companies enthusiastic about the world's second largest economy - a group it's never had trouble courting before.

But with its once white-hot growth decelerating, tit-for-tat tariffs in the ongoing trade war with the U.S. hitting consumer demand, and tense political relations with key trading partners like Canada and Australia, some foreign firms are finding the lure of China not what it once was.

The new foreign investment law, passed by Beijing's rubber-stamp legislative chamber on Friday to take effect on Jan. 1, 2020, is designed to keep their ardor burning by addressing a longstanding source of resentment: that vast swathes of China's economy remain closed off to foreign capital. Where foreign businesses are allowed to enter, a dense web of regulations forces them to not just partner with local companies but to sometimes share te-

chnology, a practice that critics say amounts to a forced transfer of crucial know-how to eventual competitors.

The updated law treats all companies registered in China equally, as opposed to the current division between local and foreign businesses, according to lawmakers. Government support will apply equally to foreign firms, and their applications for operating licenses won't be treated differently from domestic rivals, Beijing promises. Forced technology transfer will be banned.

Drafts of the law distributed to lawmakers last week also included the ability for companies to appeal government decisions and apply for settlement through a complaint mechanism.

But crucial questions remain on how the lofty language will be executed, and whether the shift will create another hurdle by forcing companies from General Motors Co. to BASF SE to hammer out new contracts with their current local partners.

And the current set of promises is only the latest. "Our member companies no longer take at face value commitments made by the Chinese

government on potential economic reforms," said Jake Parker, the vice president for China operations at the U.S.-China Business Council in Beijing. "I think they want to see specific implementation of specific policies, not promises of future action."

## SHIFTING SANDS

One immediate impact of the new foreign investment law will be to shake up the country's 300,000-plus foreign-local joint ventures, created under the old regime that forced foreign capital to find local partners to enter China's vast market.

Companies may be forced to draw up new contracts with their existing joint venture partners within five years to comply with the more general company law. In principle, it creates a more level playing field. But the need to amend existing contracts to comply will shake up fundamental agreements that the world's largest automobile makers and chemical companies have in place, said Paul McKenzie, managing partner at law firm Morrison Foerster.

The legislation's lack of detail also gives rise to concern that its broad protections may

be over-ridden by industry-specific regulations that continue to disadvantage foreign firms, the American Chamber of Commerce in China said in a statement. The broad scope of a proposed "National Security Review" - a mechanism for the government to exclude foreign businesses in certain sectors for security reasons - is also concerning, the business group said.

Chinese media on Friday reported that the final law would contain last-minute changes to allay business criticism, including a prohibition on government officials leaking confidential corporate information. Those changes, however, only address "a small slice of the overall set of concerns our members have about the uneven playing field," Chamber Chairman Tim Stratford said.

The shifting legal environment adds to the impression that the game remains at the very best complicated and at the worst rigged against non-Chinese companies.

China has always been a complex operating environment for global businesses - but that mattered less when astronomic growth and access to its vast consumer pool

were the trophies for those who endured. Now, Chinese consumers' financial health is not just a widespread concern, but a factor dragging down the overall performance of companies from Walmart Inc. to Apple Inc. and Tupperware Brands Corp., all of whom have recently reported sluggish sales on the mainland.

While global giants from Starbucks Corp. to BMW AG are continuing to expand, companies that haven't started in China yet are now hesitant about entering the market, said Iris Pang, an economist at ING Bank NV in Hong Kong.

And entrenched businesses are finding themselves trying to put their best spin on things. Asked about the weakness in its Chinese sales on an earnings call in February, Walmart chief executive officer Doug McMillon said: "Considering all the things that are happening in China, we're in pretty good shape."

## COLLATERAL DAMAGE

It could be worse: they could be Canadian. Beijing and Ottawa have been at odds since December, when Canadian police arrested Meng Wanzhou, the chief financial officer of Huawei Technologies Co., in response to a U.S. extradition request. China subsequently detained two Canadians on ill-defined spying allegations, prompting firms including Royal Bank of Canada to ask employees to avoid traveling there.

Canada Goose Holdings Inc. still managed to open a store in Beijing last December after a slight delay, but the perennial prospect of being ensnared as collateral damage in a geopolitical dispute looms over foreign companies. Korean firms learned this the hard way in 2017, after their government agreed to deploy the Thaad missile-defense system, intended to safeguard against attacks by North Korea, over Chinese objections.

Brands from Hyundai Motor Co. to Amorepacific Corp. saw sales plunge from a boycott, K-pop performances were canceled and retail conglomerate Lotte was so harassed by officials for allowing one of its golf courses to be used for a Thaad battery that it's largely wound down its Chinese operations.

"Just because you're a good company with a good brand and know how to operate, it doesn't mean you can come into China and gain ground, because the deck is so stacked against you," said Leland Miller, CEO of China Beige Book, an economics consultancy.

"The ebullience you heard in the past is gone." **Bloomberg**

Joe McDonald, Beijing

# Premier denies Beijing tells companies to spy

**C**HINA'S No. 2 leader denied that Beijing tells its tech companies to spy abroad and promised Friday to treat foreign and domestic competitors equally in an effort to defuse tensions with Washington and Europe.

Premier Li Keqiang's rejection of spying accusations at a news conference was the Communist government's highest-level effort yet to put Western security concerns to rest. They threaten Chinese access to lucrative markets for telecom and other technology.

"This is not how China behaves. We did not do that and will not do that in the future," the premier said when asked whether Beijing told Chinese companies to spy on foreign countries.

The United States, Australia and some other governments have imposed curbs on use of technology from Chinese vendors including Huawei Technologies Ltd. on security grounds. Washington is lobbying European and other allies to shun Huawei as their phone carriers prepare to invest billions of dollars in next-generation technology.

Huawei, the biggest global maker of network gear, has denied it facilitates Chinese spying. Its founder has told reporters he would reject official requests to disclose customer secrets.

President Xi Jinping's government faces mounting pressure to repair trade relations with the United States, Europe and other major markets after last year's economic growth fell to a three-decade low of 6.6 percent. Activity has weakened further on multiple fronts including cooling export growth and a contraction in auto sales.

Li promised to create a "level playing field" for all competitors in China's state-dominated economy. He pledged to open more industries to foreign investment but gave no details.

"We will adhere to the principle of neutrality and treat domestic and foreign companies as equals," he said.

Also Friday, the country's ce-

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remonial legislature endorsed a law aimed at defusing a tariff war with Washington by discouraging Chinese officials from pressuring companies to hand over technology.

The measure is part of an investment law that aims to address complaints that China's system is rigged against foreign companies.

"This is designed to protect the rights and interests of foreign investors and attract more foreign investment," Li said.

It was unclear whether the measure would mollify President Donald Trump, who raised U.S. duties on Chinese imports in response to complaints Beijing steals or pressures companies to give up technology.

Washington also wants China to roll back plans for government-led creation of global competitors in robotics and other technologies.

The new law is "vague enough that it allows for state-led industrial policy to continue behind the scenes," Julian Evans-Pritchard of Capital Economics said in a report.

**This is not how China behaves. We did not do that and will not do that in the future.**

PREMIER LI KEQIANG

Both governments say negotiations are making progress but they have yet to announce formal agreements on ending the dispute that has disrupted trade

in soybeans, medical equipment and billions of dollars' worth of other goods.

The official Xinhua News Agency said China's economy czar, Vice Premier Liu He, talked by phone with U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin. The one-sentence report said they made "further substantial progress" but gave no details.

Forecasters expect Chinese economic activity to pick up in the quarter that starts in April as government stimulus efforts through higher spending on public works construction gain traction.

That spending "will be enough to put a floor beneath economic growth by the second half of this year, but not enough to drive a strong rebound," Evans-Pritchard said.

Government plans also call for

higher spending on development of technologies including artificial intelligence, electric cars, biotechnology and new materials that China's leaders see as a path to prosperity and global influence.

China's emergence as a competitor in smartphones, solar power and other technologies has increased consumer choice and helped to drive down prices. But it rattles Washington and other governments that worry Chinese competition threatens their industries and employment.

The government says the investment law will prohibit Chinese officials from using "administrative methods to force technology transfers."

Foreign business groups welcomed that but said they need to see how the law is enforced to know whether it improves conditions.

The European Union Chamber of Commerce in China expressed concern Friday the law would permit regulators to retaliate against companies from a country they believe discriminates against a Chinese enterprise.

That "allows for political issues to influence" regulatory decisions, a chamber statement said. It said the law's "vague wording" adds to "legal uncertainty" for companies.

The American Chamber of Commerce in China expressed concern in a statement Wednesday about the broad scope of "national security reviews" allowed by the law that might block business activity.

The European chamber also expressed concern the focus on "administrative methods" might leave officials free to use other pressure tactics.

Chinese officials deny companies are required to hand over technology. But the companies face pressure including requirements in auto manufacturing, pharmaceuticals and other industries to work through state-owned partners. That requires them to share technology with companies the ruling Communist Party hopes will become their competitors. AP

# Head of energy agency expelled from Communist Party

**T**HE head of China's energy planning agency has been expelled from the country's ruling Communist Party and dismissed from his post.

Nur Bekri used his authority to aid others in job placement, business operations and mineral resource development in exchange for huge amounts of money and property, China's disciplinary committee announced Saturday evening.

Bekri was one of the most senior officials from the predominantly Muslim Uighur ethnic minority in Xinjiang. There is no indication that his expulsion is connected to a sweeping security crackdown in the far western region, where an estimated 1 million Uighurs and Kazakhs have been detained.

Thousands of both high- and low-level officials have been ensnared in President Xi Jinping's multi-year campaign

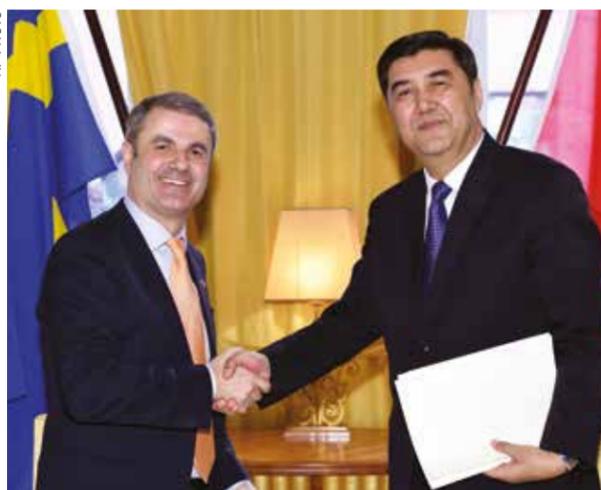
against corruption. The anti-graft drive has been a hallmark of Xi's tenure and contributed to his popularity, but is described by critics as a convenient way to purge political enemies.

Bekri became director of the National Energy Administration in 2014 and was also deputy chairman of the Cabinet's economic planning agency, the National Development and Reform Commission. His case will now be investigated

by criminal prosecutors, the disciplinary commission said.

According to the Saturday statement from the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection, Bekri abused his power by arranging free rides in luxury vehicles, special drivers and other services for his family members. He lived an "extravagant life, coveting greed," the statement said, adding that he was not truthful during his investigation. AP

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China's Energy Minister Nur Bekri (right)

Nick Perry & Juliet Williams,  
Christchurch

## MOSQUE MASSACRE

# New Zealand prepares to bury

**A**NGUISHED relatives anxiously waited yesterday for authorities to release the remains of those who were killed in massacres at two mosques in the New Zealand city of Christchurch, while police announced the death toll from the racist attacks had risen to 50.

Islamic law calls for bodies to be cleansed and buried as soon as possible after death, usually within 24 hours. But two days after the worst terrorist attack in the country's modern history, relatives remained unsure when they would be able to bury their loved ones.

Police Commissioner Mike Bush said police were working with pathologists and coroners to release the bodies as soon as they could. "We have to be absolutely clear on the cause of death and confirm their identity before that can happen," he said. "But we are so aware of the cultural and religious needs. So we are doing that as quickly and as sensitively as possible."

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said a small number of bodies would start being re-

leased to families yesterday evening, and authorities hoped to release all the bodies by Wednesday. But by the end of yesterday night, it was not clear whether any bodies had been released.

Police said they had released a preliminary list of the victims to families, which has helped give closure to some relatives who were waiting for any news.

The scale of the tragedy and the task still ahead became clear as supporters arrived from across the country to help with the burial rituals in Christchurch and authorities sent in backhoes to dig new graves in a Muslim burial area that was newly fenced off and blocked from view with white netting.

The suspect in the shootings, 28-year-old white supremacist Brenton Harrison Tarrant, appeared in court Saturday amid strict security, shackled and wearing all-white prison garb, and showed no emotion when the judge read him one murder charge and said more would

likely follow.

Tarrant had posted a jumbled 74-page anti-immigrant manifesto online before the attacks and apparently used a helmet-mounted camera to broadcast live video of the slaughter.

## ■ The gunman livestreamed 17 minutes of the rampage at the Al Noor mosque, where he sprayed worshippers with bullets

Ardern said the gunman had sent the manifesto to her office email about nine minutes before the attacks, although she hadn't gotten the email directly herself. She said her office was one of about 30 recipients and had forwarded

the email to parliamentary security within a couple of minutes of receiving it.

Bush said at a news conference that they found another body at Al Noor mosque as they finished removing the victims, bringing the number of people killed there to 42. Another seven people were killed at Linwood mosque and one more person died later at Christchurch Hospital.

Thirty-four injured victims remained at Christchurch Hospital, where officials said 12 were in critical condition. And a 4-year-old girl at a children's hospital in Auckland was also listed as critical.

Dozens of Muslim supporters gathered at a center set up for victims, families and friends across the road from the hospital, where many had flown in from around New Zealand to offer support. About two dozen men received instructions on their duties yesterday morning, which included Muslim burial customs.

Abdul Hakim, 56, of Au-

ckland, was among many who had flown in to help.

"As soon as people die we must bury them as soon as possible," Hakim said. "We are all here to help them in washing the body, putting them in the grave."

Javed Dadabhai, who flew from Auckland after learning about the death of his 35-year-old cousin, Junaid Mortara, said the Muslim community was being patient.

"The family understands that it's a crime scene. It's going to be a criminal charge against the guy who's done this, so they need to be pretty thorough," he said.

Still, it was hard, he said, because the grieving process wouldn't really begin until he could bury his cousin.

People across New Zealand were still trying to come to terms with the massacre that Ardern described as "one of New Zealand's darkest days."

A steady stream of mourners arrived at a makeshift memorial outside the Al Noor mosque, where hundreds of

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# mosque victims as toll hits 50

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17 minutes of the rampage at the Al Noor mosque, where he sprayed worshippers with bullets. Facebook, Twitter and Google scrambled to take down the video, which was widely available on social media for hours after the bloodbath.

The second attack took place at the Linwood mosque about 5 kilometers away.

Arden has said Tarrant was a licensed gun owner who bought the five guns used in the crimes legally.

At a news conference yesterday, the prime minister reiterated her promise that there will be changes to the country's gun laws. She said her Cabinet will discuss the policy details today.

Arden used some of her strongest language yet about gun control, saying that laws need to change and "they will change."

Neighboring Australia has virtually banned semi-automatic rifles from private ownership since a lone gunman killed 35 people with assault rifles in 1996.

Before Friday's attack, New Zealand's deadliest shooting in modern history took place in 1990 in the small town of Aramoana, where a gunman killed 13 people following a dispute with a neighbor. AP

flowers lay piled amid candles, balloons and notes of grief and love. As a light rain fell, people clutched each

other and wept quietly. Under a nearby tree, someone had left a potted plant adorned with cut-out red pa-

per hearts: "We wish we knew your name to write upon your heart. We wish we knew your favorite song, what makes

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A rabbi who packs a gun. A church installing security cameras. A police car protecting a mosque.

Houses of worship have traditionally been places of refuge where strangers are welcome. But high-profile attacks in recent years on an African-American church in Charleston, South Carolina, a synagogue in Pittsburgh and now mosques in New Zealand have made many worshippers and their prayer leaders rethink how protected sanctuaries really are.

"People are fearful for their lives, for their houses of worship, for the sanctuary of this mosque and other places of worship like the synagogues and African-American churches that are being attacked. People are concerned," said Imam Mohannad Hakeem while attending Friday prayers at the Islamic Center of Detroit.

He spoke after a horrifying attack in New Zealand left 50 people dead at two mosques during midday prayers. A 28-year-old Australian is the main suspect and called himself in a manifesto a white nationalist out to avenge attacks in Europe by Muslims.

History shows sanctuaries are not immune from violence, as illustrated by bombings at African-American churches during the Civil Rights era. And in countries struggling with sectarian violence, attacks on houses of worship are much more frequent. But for countries at peace, the attacks are much rarer.

For many, houses of worship are sanctuaries where congregants bond with their shared sense of faith and community. The recent attacks have made some question whether houses of worship have turned into soft targets, losing some of their sense of sacredness.

In the parking lot of the Islamic Center of Detroit Friday, a watchful police officer sat in a squad car, keeping an eye out for any signs of potential trouble. Worshippers thanked the officer — offering him food, drinks, a handshake. Inside, Dearborn Police Chief Ronald Haddad greeted congregants with handshakes and hugs. Dearborn is a Detroit suburb with a large Arab and Muslim population.

Haddad said he doesn't know if houses of worship are more of a target today than in previous times, but the scale and scope of the attacks in New Zealand clearly attracted his attention.

"Given what happened in New Zealand last night, we want to make sure that our community feels safe and secure," he said.



USA

## Once sanctuaries, houses of worship struggle with security

In Chicago, the Muslim Community Center and the Downtown Islamic Center increased security during Friday prayers. Several armed police officers stood guard outside and inside throughout the afternoon service.

Dana Al-Qadi, 29, an engineer, was committed to attending after the attacks but said doing so brings her a feeling of peace mixed with fear.

"People are their most vulnerable when they're at the masjid [mosque]. It's where they bring their worries, their weaknesses, and try to speak to God. They're in such a vulnerable state of mind and spirit. In that moment, someone decided to be such a transgressor. That brings me so much sadness," she said.

For many in the Jewish community, last year's synagogue shooting attack in Pittsburgh sparked a similar sense of vulnerability.

Eleven people died in what was the worst attack on Jews in U.S. history on Oct. 27 when an anti-Semitic truck driver is believed to have spewed his hatred of Jews as he opened fire on the Tree of Life Congregation synagogue. Robert Bowers has pleaded not guilty to counts including

using a firearm to commit murder and obstruction of religious exercise resulting in death.

After the attack, Rabbi Yaakov Zucker of Chabad Jewish Center in the small town of Key West started going to target practice along with a handful of congregants.

"We pray on one hand, but we're also armed on the other hand, not in a vigilante way [...] I hope I'll never have to use it, but I am ready for any threat that enters my temple. I do feel responsibility," he said.

Zucker said he doesn't have the funds to hire a full-time security guard but makes sure at least one other person at the temple is also armed. After the Pittsburgh attack, he started asking local police to hang out during big events or for holidays and he says they've obliged.

He lamented that temples and other places of worship, always seen as places of refuge are now "soft targets" and said he fears copycats after the New Zealand attack.

African-American churches struggled with similar challenges after the June 17, 2015 shooting at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston,

South Carolina, in which a 21-year-old white supremacist killed nine parishioners.

Jamaal Weathersby, the pastor at New Hope Baptist Church in New Orleans, said the attack was a turning point for his church and others in terms of thinking about their security.

■ The recent attacks have made some question whether houses of worship have turned into soft targets, losing some of their sense of sacredness

Their church has eight or nine doors, he said, but now people are only allowed through one entrance for services. Security cameras were installed and security agents will be hired for an upcoming revival.

"I think that now the way that people think about church in general whether it is the mosque, synagogue or what have you, it's not sacred anymore," he said.

In Jackson, Mississippi, the New Horizon Church International beefed up security after the Charleston shooting, but Bishop Ronnie Crudup said it's important for the church not lose its open and welcoming environment.

"We seek to not lose ourselves and our own purpose and who we're supposed to be as we react to the present dilemmas that we're in," he said.

Even with heightened security, worshippers said the attacks would not prevent them from gathering together for prayer.

In Chicago at the packed Muslim Community Center on Friday, the imam told his congregants they "cannot be afraid to come to the mosque."

And it the Ramat Shalom Synagogue in Plantation, Florida, congregant Allan Ribbler warned against fear overcoming faith.

"If you let things like this stop you from doing this, we've given up our lives," said Ribbler. AP

BREXIT

# UK leader to lawmakers: Back my deal or face lengthy delay

**BRITISH** Prime Minister Theresa May warned yesterday that it would be “a potent symbol of Parliament’s collective political failure” if a Brexit delay meant that the U.K. has to take part in May’s European elections — almost three years after Britons voted to leave the bloc.

Writing in the Sunday Telegraph, May also cautioned that if lawmakers failed to back her deal before Thursday’s European Council summit, “we will not leave the EU for many months, if ever.”

“If the proposal were to go back to square one and negotiate a new deal, that would mean a much longer extension [...] The idea of the British people going to the polls to elect MEPs [Members of the European Parliament] three

years after voting to leave the EU hardly bears thinking about,” she wrote.

May is expected to try to win Parliament’s approval of her withdrawal agreement for the third time this week. After months of political deadlock, lawmakers voted last week to seek to postpone Brexit.

That will likely avert a chaotic withdrawal on the scheduled exit date of March 29 — though power to approve or reject an extension lies with the EU. The European Commission has said the bloc would consider any request, “taking into account the reasons for and duration of a possible extension.”

By law, Britain is due to leave the EU on March 29, with or without a deal, unless it cancels Brexit or secures a delay. **MDT/AP**

# Ethiopians hold mass funeral ceremony for crash victims

Elias Meseret, Addis Ababa

**THOUSANDS** mourned the Ethiopian plane crash victims yesterday, accompanying 17 empty caskets draped in the national flag through the streets of the capital as some victims’ relatives fainted and fell to the ground.

The service came one day after officials began delivering bags of earth to family members of the 157 victims of the crash instead of the remains of their loved ones because the identification process is expected to take such a long time.

Family members confirmed they were given a 1 kilogram sack of scorched earth taken from the crash site. Many relatives already have gathered at the rural, dusty crash site outside Ethiopia’s capital.

The victims Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 came from 35 countries and included many humanitarian workers headed to Nairobi.

Elias Bilew said he had worked with one of the victims, Sintayehu Shafi, for the past eight years.

“He was such a good person,” Bilew said. “He doesn’t deserve this. He was the pillar for his whole family.”



French investigators said Saturday night that they had successfully downloaded the cockpit recorder data and had transferred it to the Ethiopian investigation team without listening to the audio files. Work on the flight data recorder resumed yesterday but no additional details were given.

Experts from the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board and the plane’s manufacturer Boeing are among those involved in the investigation.

The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration has said satellite-based tracking data shows that the movements of Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 were similar to those of Lion Air Flight 610, which

crashed off Indonesia in October, killing 189 people. Both involved Boeing 737 Max 8 planes.

The planes in both crashes flew with erratic altitude changes that could indicate the pilots struggled to control the aircraft. Shortly after their takeoffs, both crews tried to return to the airports but crashed.

The United States and many other countries have now grounded the Max 8s as the U.S.-based company faces the challenge of proving the jets are safe to fly amid suspicions that faulty sensors and software contributed to the two crashes that killed 346 people in less than six months. **AP**

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## Offbeat

## ESCAPED LION SPENDS NIGHT IN JAIL CELL IN SOUTH AFRICA



A lion that escaped a wildlife park and was captured weeks later spent the night in a South African jail cell, until authorities could send him back to the place he's meant to call home.

Photos taken last week show the darted lion sprawled out in the cell, surrounded by onlookers. One police officer took advantage of the lion's tranquilized state to take a selfie.

The lion had escaped from the Karoo National Park, 40 kilometers far from the area close to Sutherland where he was found.

South Africa's parks service tweeted that the lion had to wait in the cell until a crate arrived for his transport back to the park.

## TV canal macau



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ROOM 1

2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30 pm

Director: Anna Boden, Ryan Fleck

Starring: Brie Larson, Samuel L. Jackson, Ben Mendelsohn

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 124min



## ESCAPE ROOM

ROOM 2

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

Director: Adam Robitel

Starring: Taylor Russell, Logan Miller, Jay Ellis

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 99min



## DRAGON BALL SUPER BROLLY

ROOM 3

2:30, 7:30pm

Director: Tatsuya Nagamine

Starring: Masako Nozawa, Aya Hisakawa, Ryô Horikawa

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Duration: 100min

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ROOM 3

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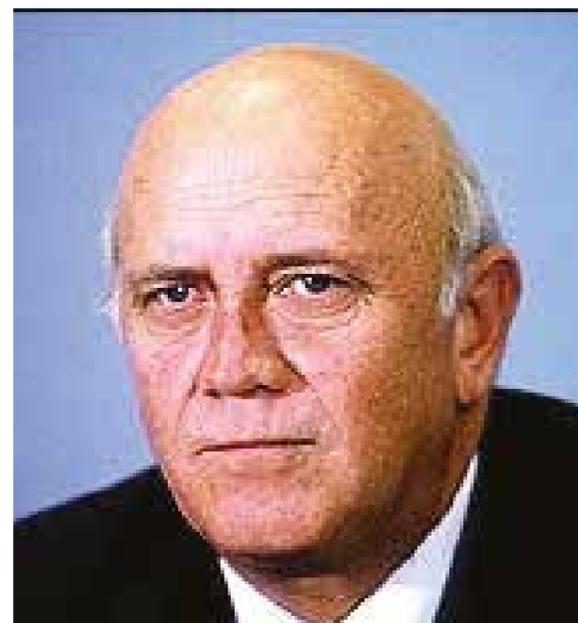
Director: Kyohei Yamaguchi

Starring: Eiji Akaso, Shunsuke Daitô, Nayuta Fukuzaki

Language: Japanese (Chinese & English)

Duration: 100min

## this day in history



## 1992: SOUTH AFRICA VOTES FOR CHANGE

White South Africans have backed an overwhelming mandate for political reforms to end apartheid and create a power-sharing multi-racial government.

In a landslide victory for change, the government swept the polls in all four provinces, and all but one of 15 referendum regions.

It won 68.6% of the vote in a record turn-out, which, in some districts exceeded 96%.

The extent of change was highlighted in the Kroonstad region of the Orange Free State, where five of the seven Parliamentary seats are held by the "no" campaigners in the conservative party.

Despite being one of the most conservative districts in the whole country there was a small yes majority for change.

Only Pietersburg in the Northern Transvaal, a rural right-wing stronghold where Dr Andries Treurnicht has his parliamentary constituency as head of the CP, returned a no vote.

Pretoria, the administrative capital which has symbolised Afrikanerdom, produced a 57% "yes", in the legislative capital, Cape Town, 85% voted "yes" and in the judicial capital of Bloemfontein 58.5%.

"Today we have closed the book on apartheid," Mr de Klerk said in Cape Town as he also celebrates his 56th birthday.

White electors have not only voted by a 2-1 majority to abolish apartheid but also to lose their own power.

Mr de Klerk said the result was a boost for the Convention for a Democratic South Africa, Codesa, but he could not commit himself to a timetable for installing a multi-racial government, which required further discussions

Dr Treurnicht pledged never to work on the Codesa board and that CP would not join the negotiating forum.

He said: "De Klerk has won his referendum. That is clear."

But he vowed there would be a return of apartheid in the country and he blamed media propaganda, foreign intervention and threats by businessmen against employees for the result.

Nelson Mandela, the president of the African National Congress who was jailed for 27 years because of his fight against black segregation, said he was "very happy indeed".

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

The following year talks had led to the creation of an interim constitution and in 1994 South Africa's first non-racial elections was won by the ANC and Nelson Mandela become president.

This brought with it a lifting of sanctions, restored membership of the Commonwealth along with South Africa retaking its seat in the UN General Assembly after an absence of 20 years.

Both Mr Mandela and Mr de Klerk won the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize for their very different but effective assaults on apartheid and the progress of South Africa.

In 1999, Mr Mandela stepped down as president.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Jump on that big, fat opportunity — you need to relish it for all it's worth!

Taurus April 20-May 20 You can count on plans and people today — even the stuff you've been questioning should be pretty solid.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Things are bothering you under the surface today, but you may not be able to plumb the depths in time to figure out what's up.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 An unavoidable issue comes your way today — so prepare yourself! It may be somewhat early, which means you can wrap it up and then take the rest of the day off.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 It's a good day for you to share your passions with new people — you may win a few converts, or at least impress them with your enthusiasm!

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You know better than most how hard work pays off — and early today, you get a reminder of how right you are!

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 Your limits are closer than you'd like, but you still have a ways to go before you risk bumping up against them.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Big ideas are on the table — make sure that yours are mixing and mingling, too!

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You think for yourself — much more so than most people — and today, that quality is shining brightly!

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Your plans are coming together in a great way today — so make sure that you're looking ahead to see what you can do in the future.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Can you maintain focus? If so, today should be golden. If not, you may have to get help from a friend or boss who can keep you on task.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 You need a new boss — which could mean a new job or even a new career! Try to push yourself out there and find something that can work with every aspect of your being, if that's possible.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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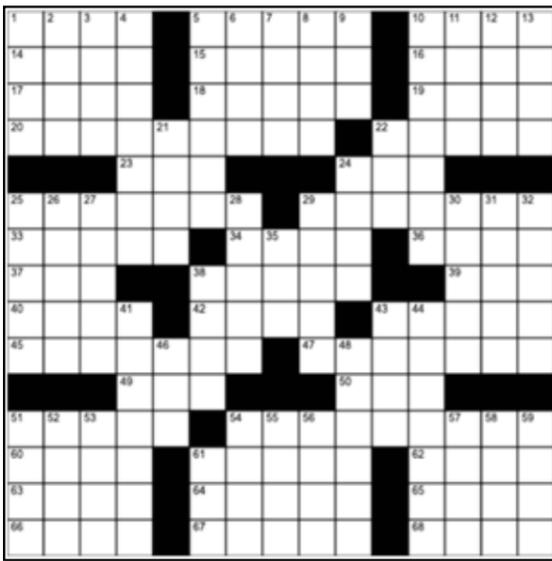
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CROSSWORDS

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DOWN: 1- French summers; 2- Slat; 3- Latin love; 4- Warning device; 5- Coarse sieve; 6- Yuletide; 7- First name in courtroom fiction; 8- Show the way; 9- Put Down; 10- Couple; 11- Listen attentively; 12- So that's it; 13- Not barefoot; 21- Wind indicator; 22- Orthodontists' org.; 24- Intentions; 25- New Zealand native; 26- Look forward to; 27- Challenges; 28- Glass marble; 29- Hang with cloth; 30- \_\_\_ a customer; 31- More recent; 32- Frock; 35- Repair shop fig.; 38- Lower jaw; 41- Indigenous inhabitants; 43- Ancient Semitic for "Lord"; 44- Burdens; 46- Fond du \_\_\_, Wisconsin; 48- Hose; 51- First name in country; 52- Flair; 53- Mardi Gras follower; 54- River to the Moselle; 55- Diving position; 56- Ticks off; 57- Word on a sample check; 58- Sicilian resort; 59- Smell bad; 61- Peace officer;

Friday's solution



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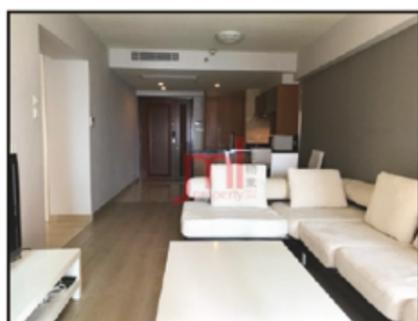
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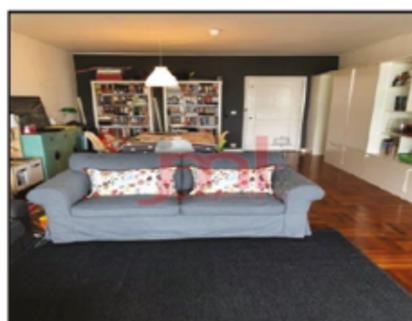
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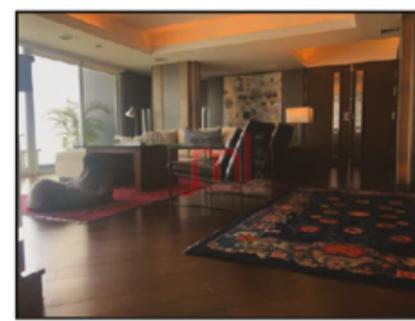
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FOOTBALL

# Man United gets Barcelona in Champions League quarterfinals

Graham Dunbar, Nyon

A new generation of Manchester United players will have to get through Barcelona to win the Champions League.

And Lionel Messi will still be there.

United was drawn last week to face Barcelona in the Champions League quarterfinals, hosting the first leg on April 10.

Tottenham was drawn to face Manchester City in an all-English pairing, Liverpool will face Porto, and Ajax will meet Juventus. The first legs will be played on April 9-10, with the return games on April 16-17.

Messi scored the last two times the teams met — in the Champions League finals of 2009 and 2011. The 31-year-old Barcelona forward is also the leading scorer in this season's competition with eight goals.

Barcelona defender Gerard Pique also played in the two finals against Man United, where he spent four years early in his career.

"I'm coming back to my second home. @ManUtd," Pique wrote on Twitter.

Not all the memories are bad for Man United, however.

In the 2008 semifinals, United beat Barcelona before winning its third title. And it was at Camp Nou that current manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer scored the late, title-winning goal in 1999, against Bayern Munich.

Four English teams reached the last eight for the

first time in 10 years, though only one national derby was drawn.

Tottenham will host Man City in the first leg on April 9, which could be played at Wembley Stadium or at the north London club's soon-to-be-completed new arena. They also play in the Premier League in Manchester less than three days after the second leg.

That pairing brought together the only two quarterfinalists who have never been European champion. The other six have won a combined 21 titles.

Five-time champion Liverpool got a rematch against Porto, the team it beat in the last 16 last season. Back then, Liverpool won 5-0 in Portugal to start its route to the final.

"We know how good we had to be last year," said Liverpool coach Jurgen Klopp, dismissing talk of his team getting the easiest opponent. "I could not be further away from thinking it's the best draw because it isn't."

Liverpool, which lost in last year's final to Real Madrid, will host Porto in the first leg on April 9.

Ajax will play Juventus, first in Amsterdam on April 10, in a rematch of two previous finals. Ajax won in 1973, the third of its four European titles, and Juventus won its second title in 1996.

Last year, Cristiano Ronaldo was bought by Juventus, a team which has lost two finals in the past four years, to end that 23-year wait. **AP**

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Mikey Garcia (left) takes a blow to the body from Errol Spence Jr. during the ninth round of the IBF welterweight championship boxing bout yesterday in Texas

BOXING

# Spence defends IBF welterweight title with win over Garcia

Stephen Hawkins, Arlington (Texas)

ERROL Spence Jr. had to go the distance to defend his IBF welterweight title for the third time. Still, the outcome was never in doubt for one of the world's best pound-for-pound boxers.

Spence unanimously outpointed previously undefeated challenger Mikey Garcia, a skilled boxer who moved up two weight classes for what he considered a legacy fight yesterday [Macau time].

"Throughout training camp, a lot of commentators thought he was too smart and I couldn't box as well as him. I showed I can box and I can move my head if I want to," Spence said. "The game is to be smart. It's the sweet science. I had the size and reach advantage, so why not use it to take away the jab? It's a weapon for me and it takes away one of his weapons."

Spence improved to 25-0 after all three judges awarded him every round. One card was 120-107, and the other two were 120-108.

Garcia took a pounding but never went down. He spent the later rounds blocking punches instead of throwing them and was never able to find the opening for a fight-changing response.

"My brother [trainer Robert Garcia] wanted to maybe stop the fight in the later rounds. He didn't want to let me get hit more, but I told him I was fine and I tried to go out there and pull it off," Garcia said. "I thought I could have landed one good shot to change everything, but I wasn't able to land it."

It was the first time Spence had to go the distance in his last 12 fights.

Garcia, who moved up from 135

to 147 pounds in his attempt to become a five-division champion, lost for the first time in 40 pro fights.

The hard-punching Spence landed 345 of the 1,082 punches (32 percent) he threw — both of those career highs. That included 237 of 464 (51 percent) of his power punches in his second title defense at home in North Texas in nine months.

During one portion of the ninth round, Spence walked Garcia in a full circle around the ring while continually delivering blows.

"The motivation fighting in front of my hometown crowd made me feel great," Spence said. "These people have supported me since day one and I wanted to put on a good performance for all of them."

Garcia threw 406 total punches, and landed only 75 (18.5 percent). After landing 43 percent of his power punches his previous five fights, he was only 25 percent (54 of 218) on those against Spence.

Garcia was fighting for the first time since unifying the IBF and WBC lightweight titles with a unanimous decision last July over Robert Easter in Los Angeles.

"I was able to hold my own," Garcia said. "We just went 12 rounds with a great welterweight champion. That's a feat no one has done recently. I'm proud of what I was able to do. I have to go back and think about it. I will probably go back to lighter divisions but we'll have to think about it."

Both fighters entered the arena to loud cheers and different kinds of music, with Spence following a local high school marching band. Garcia got plenty of support from the large number of Mexican fans at the fight.

Chants of "Mikey! Mikey!" broke

out in the second and third rounds, but those faded away as Spence kept punching and the crowd instead responded to hard shots — many more for the champion than the challenger.

The fight was at midfield of AT&T Stadium, the massive billion-dollar home stadium of the favorite NFL team for both fighters. Cowboys owner Jerry Jones was there along with several players, including quarterback Dak Prescott, as part of an announced crowd of 47,525.

Jones and Prescott even stepped into the ring with Floyd Mayweather before the main event.

Exactly nine months earlier, Jones and the Cowboys were also there when Spence won his second title defense in the 147-pound division. Spence stopped previously undefeated challenger Carlos Ocampo with a first-round knockout at the NFL team's practice facility in Frisco, not far from his home in Desoto.

Garcia grew up around Oxnard, California, where the Cowboys hold part of their preseason training camp each year.

WBA welterweight champion Manny Pacquiao was in the building and could be a future opponent for Spence. Pacquiao won two title bouts at the Cowboys' stadium in 2010, when he beat Joshua Clottey for the WBO welterweight crown and later Antonio Margarito for vacant WBO super welterweight title.

"He's broken records here before, he's a legend in the sport and it'd be my honor to fight him next," Spence said of the 40-year-old Pacquiao, who wants to return to the ring in July.

Spence said he could be ready to fight again then. **AP**

AP PHOTO



ManU's Marcus Rashford (left) celebrates after scoring his side's third goal during the Champions League round of 16 last week

opinion

**Rear Window**

Severo Portela



**THE DECIDING FACTOR(S)**

As we have said before in this column, and we will say it again, apparently all relevant central political tips are vouching for a Ho Iat Seng to run solo in the replacement of the sitting Chief Executive. This December 2019 will define MSAR's 20th anniversary.

However, and that is the beauty of "apparently", the possibility of a dual run, either of the apparent or aesthetic type or a much more balanced, fair and competitive one, is not a delusion at all. Despite the "solo run" seeming to be the logical answer to a slightly developing political system - a mere increase of the small-circle selected elements - the fact is that option has been contributing largely to the erasure of the word "elections".

Albeit this could be a serious consideration to avoid a Ho Iat Seng solitary walk from Legislative House to Government House, the motives not to write off any competition are of a different nature from the idea of safeguarding the right to put in a claim for a due electoral process.

The above mentioned possibility of a dual run comes from an authentic reading of the boundary Beijing has drawn for Macau candidates to the top job; we summarize the criteria for a dual package: political, with the imagery of Love China and Love Macau; technical, with the ability to develop a role for MSAR according to the principle "One country, Two systems"... based on the framework of the Greater Bay Area.

To have a clear view on this point, we care to consider that anyone who dares to wish for the seat of Chief Executive would find it compulsory to comply with the political criteria. From this premise onwards we may conclude that given two or more candidates with patriotic credentials, the best choice should fall to the one with the best technical credentials to, firstly, navigate the political charts of the role and contributions MSAR could add to the Greater Bay Area and the Position of Macau as a service platform for the trade cooperation between China and the Portuguese-Speaking Countries, and, secondly, have the best technical credentials to direct the actual model of economic development and public interest of MSAR people under the Second System.

By "actual model of economic development", and forgive the self-quote, we refer to the self-evident importance of the monoculture of the casinos, which today are on the verge of a renewal of concessions, or a re-arrangement of the gaming landscape. Anyone who becomes Chief Executive will have to deal with the casino industry...a reality an outsider usually takes for granted for its utter complexity.

Besides the gaming cluster, the MSAR Chief Executive to be would have to take care of, and another self-quote to be forgiven, the "public interest of the people under the Second System". Roughly speaking, this is the local community self-interest in confronting the alleged interests of the First System in the integration of MSAR into the PRD.

To help elucidate this issue of public interest, we resort to the echo of community concerns today, protests tomorrow, of the likes pro-democracy Sulu Sou is taking to the Legislative Assembly: the negative influences of over-tourism on the lives of residents and somehow associated with the matter of the non-reciprocal mutual driver license recognition scheme.

This is the job description from which runs a profile! It is probably better not to burn a card for a real contender. And forgive us the pamphleteer "the winner of tomorrow could be the underdog today".

**THE BUZZ SHOULD MEDIA AVOID NAMING THE GUNMEN IN MASS SHOOTINGS?**

A few months after teen shooters killed 12 classmates and her father at Columbine High School, Coni Sanders was standing in line at a grocery store with her young daughter when they came face to face with the magazine cover.

It showed the two gunmen who had carried out one of the deadliest school shootings in U.S. history. In the decades since Columbine, critics say giving

the assailants notoriety offers little to help understand the attacks and instead fuels celebrity-style coverage that only encourages future attacks.

The gunman who attacked two mosques in New Zealand last week, killing at least 49 people, was said to have been inspired by the man who in 2015 killed nine black worshippers at a church in Charleston, South Carolina.

**France cleans up Champs-Elysees after yellow vest rioting**



Bystanders take snapshots of the burned out terrace of the famed restaurant Le Fouquet's on the Champs Elysees

Thomas Adamson & Angela Charlton, Paris

PARIS cleaned up one of the world's most glamorous avenues yesterday after rioting by an ultraviolent core in the dwindling yellow vest protest movement angry at President Emmanuel Macron.

Luxury stores, restaurants and banks on the Champs-Elysees assessed damage after they were ransacked or blackened by life-threatening fires, as tourists took pictures, shop owners repaired broken windows, and city workers scrubbed away graffiti.

Images of the damage — including from a bank fire that engulfed a residential building and threatened a mother and child's life — have shocked France and seems to be further eroding public support for the fizzling four-month-old movement.

"This is disgusting. I used to have support for them, but they have gone too far. A mother and baby nearly died... This isn't protest — this is criminal," said Alice Giraud, a 42-year-old musician from Marseille and mother of two, who was inspecting a burnt out kiosk on the Champs-Elysees that still reeked of smoke.

Others blamed the violence on the "thugs," a hardcore group of ultraviolent yellow vest demonstrators that Interior Minister Christophe Castaner said comprised a mere 1,500 individuals that came into Paris just to smash things up.

"The yellow vest protests are dying... They are basically getting smaller as time goes on, and the thugs are angry about that so they are expressing it

in violence," said Julien, 32-year old a baker from Paris, who wouldn't give his last name.

Some 10,000 people participated in this weekend's Paris protest, according to France's Interior Ministry, up from the 3,000 recorded the Saturday before. Around the country, the ministry estimated that it was up from last week — at 32,300, compared with 28,600.

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However, it was far from the 250,000 yellow vest demonstrators who protested in December — and a fraction of the 145,000 people who took part in peaceful climate marches Saturday around France, according to the ministry's figures.

Public support for the movement that sought for economic justice by has been sullied by violence is dwindling, and the target of the protests, Macron, is resurgent in the polls.

The movement that began on Nov. 17 of last year tapped into widespread discontent with high taxes and diminishing living standards in working class provinces — and anger at Macron, seen as too friendly with the rich and powerful and out of touch

with French concerns.

But the yellow vest movement has lost support because of protest violence, internal divisions and concessions by Macron's government. The remaining protesters appear increasingly extreme, even as they sought to revive their movement Saturday by marking the end of a two-month-long national debate called by Macron that protesters say failed to answer their demands.

A defiant Macron promised a crackdown on troublemakers that "want to destroy the republic, at the risk of killing people."

French officials said 192 people were arrested over Saturday's rioting.

Macron met with security officials at the crisis center overseeing the police response, after cutting short a weekend ski trip late Saturday night. But he also tweeted that the rioting showed that his government needs to do more to address protesters' concerns.

The Interior Ministry said Macron has requested that Prime Minister Edouard Philippe and Castaner meet to come up with a response to the violence.

Authorities and some protesters blamed extremists who come to demonstrations with the express goal of attacking police and damaging property. They dress in black, including masks and hoods to make it harder for police to identify them, and often target symbols of capitalism or globalization.

On the Champs-Elysees, an eerie calm replaced the hour-long chaos of the day before on the street that Parisians call "the most beautiful avenue in the world." AP

Station	Air quality	Icon
Roadside	70-100 Moderate	☹️
High Density Residential Area	45-65 Good	😊
Ambient	70-100 Moderate	☹️

SOURCE: DSI/MG

**WORLD BRIEFS**



**AFGHANISTAN** An overnight Taliban assault on checkpoints in northern Afghanistan killed 22 troops, after some 100 Afghan forces fled heavy fighting in the country's west last week and tried to cross into neighboring Turkmenistan, officials said yesterday.

**PAKISTAN** A bomb explosion aboard a moving train has killed at least three passengers and wounded seven others in the country's volatile southwest. The bomb went off in one of the cars of a Quetta-bound train yesterday, damaging five cars. He says two men and a woman were killed. No one claimed responsibility.



**VATICAN** Pope Francis has offered prayers for "our Muslim brothers" killed in the attack against two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand. Francis in his traditional Sunday prayer said that the mosque attack victims were added "to the pains and conflicts that don't cease to afflict humanity."



**HUNGARY** Calls are increasing for greater scrutiny of Prime Minister Viktor Orban's government's spending of the EU funds. An opposition lawmaker in Hungary has gathered more than 470,000 signatures to pressure Orban (pictured) into joining the budding European Public Prosecutor's Office.