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NORTH KOREA fired two suspected short-range missiles toward the sea on yesterday, South Korean officials said, its second weapons launch in five days and a possible warning that nuclear disarmament talks with Washington could be in danger. *More on p12*



MALAYSIA Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad defended his government's record on the anniversary of its election victory yesterday and reiterated that he will hand over power to his successor, Anwar Ibrahim, though he wasn't clear on when.

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Macau NPC representatives try autonomous vehicles in Shanghai

A delegation of representatives from the National People's Congress' Macau is currently visiting Shanghai. Their first stop was the SAIC Motor Corporation Limited Technical Center for Passenger Vehicles, where they tried operating an autonomous vehicle. Using a mobile phone, the vehicle was set to move within a certain area. The vehicle was even able to look for a parking spot by itself. The Shanghai government has several designated testing areas for autonomous vehicle technology. The allowed driving distance was initially set at 6 km, but has been extended to 12 km. Current laws mandate assisted auto-pilot in the vehicles, meaning that the operation of an autonomous vehicle must be done under the supervision of a human driver.

MIA serves 800,000 passengers in April, a new record

Macau International Airport (MIA) served more than 800,000 passengers in April, a new record. Year-on-year comparisons showed an increase of 19%. A 31% increase was recorded over the four-day Easter holiday, amounting to more than 120,000 passengers. This past April also saw the busiest month in the airport's history. A total of 6,400 flights were handled. Passenger counts for the first four months of 2019 were above 3.1 million. Despite the increase, MIA was awarded Level 2 accreditation for control of carbon emissions for the sixth year in a row. The accolade was given by the Airport Council International.

No AL, gov't consensus on social housing age floor

A review of the bill for the Social Housing Legislation continued at the First Standing Committee of the Legislative Assembly (AL). The bill proposes an increase in the minimum age of applicants from 18 to 23 years of age. However, the committee and the government are yet to reach a consensus with regard to this provision, though both sides have a common interest in preventing the abuse of the benefit. Secretary Raimundo do Rosário said that further discussion was needed to come to a consensus, but he was unable to predict how long it would take. Ho Ion Sang, chairperson of the committee, admitted that the government had taken the committee's suggestion of adding a conditional waiver, which authorizes the Chief Executive to waive the age requirement in certain cases.

'GBA will strengthen Sino-Portuguese cooperation,' Chui says

IN an written interview with the Portuguese news agency Lusa, the Macau Chief Executive (CE) Chui Sai On said he believes that the new project aiming to bring together nine cities in the south China region plus the two SARs of Macau and Hong Kong, all together known as the Greater Bay Area (GBA), will strengthen Sino-Portuguese cooperation in several areas, including the training of Chinese-Portuguese bilingual staff.

"The participation of the Portuguese-speaking countries in the construction of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay [Area] and the 'Belt and Road' initiative can serve to broaden the cooperation field in a way that the fruitful outcomes resulting from China's opening to the world can be shared by all, while moving forward with development that provides mutual benefits," said Chui.



The CE noted, once more, that Macau is one of the four main cities and territories that has highlighted responsibilities within the GBA plan. Macau's role is reinforcing its duty to provide a services platform for commercial cooperation between China and the Portuguese-speaking countries.

On the one hand, Chui noted that China "supports the learning of the Portuguese language and the training of

qualified bilingual staff." The task is clearly defined and in general outlines of the GBA plan. "One of the main projects is defined as the construction of a base that guarantees training of bilingual staff in Chinese and Portuguese languages," a base which would not only be a way of diversifying local economy, but also a useful asset for the MSAR itself.

The interview precedes Chui's visit to Portugal, which

starts tomorrow and runs until May 19.

During his tour of Portugal, the CE will lead a delegation from Macau and tour several cities, in addition to meeting with several of the most important Portuguese officials, including President of the Portuguese Republic Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, who was in Macau on May 1, and Prime Minister of Portugal António Costa.

Chui will also chair the sixth meeting of the Macau-Portugal Joint Commission with Portugal's Minister of Foreign Affairs Augusto Santos Silva.

In his interview, the CE said, "This visit of the MSAR delegation to Portugal aims at continuing, innovating and strengthening the friendly cooperation between the two sides, in order to achieve more fruitful results for cooperation, deeply boosting future development, contributing to mutual development and other partnerships." **RM**

CE approves Anima funding of MOP5 million

Lynzy Valles

THE government funding for animal rights group Anima Macau has been increased from MOP3.8 million to MOP5 million, Anima president Albano Martins announced.

Provided by the Macao Foundation, the increase in funding came after Anima sent a request to the Chief Executive.

Anima's 2019 budget is over MOP11.5 million, while its investment budget is MOP1.2 million. The

latter will mainly cover the renovation of the shelter, as well as operational costs.

However, Martins said that the funds remain insufficient to take care of canines and felines and continued calling on donors.

"We have asked the CE in a letter that [funding of only] MOP3.8 million in a budget of around MOP11 million is very hard. [...] Our request was to approve MOP5 million but this does not mean that our lives will be [easier]," Martins told the Times. "Our lives are still in

hell because our [2019] budget is around MOP11 million and this means that we still have to find a lot of donors for that," he added.

The animal rights activist recalled that last year's budget was cut down to around MOP8 million due to insufficient funding, explaining that the association has no capacity to earn more.

Anima also faces a challenge with its investment budget, due to the increasing maintenance requirements of the building.

"We can allocate our

resources to find donors but this is not a guarantee. [...]

This maintenance [expense] is an investment as we have to build new areas. [...] This requires money and we don't have that," Martins said, stressing that it would be difficult for him to find a successor.

"It's very hard and I do not understand why this is not clear for many people in Macau," he said, noting that no one would want to be his successor without a monthly wage.

In Anima's letter to the CE, the organiza-

tion suggested that gaming operators should be linked to the city's non-governmental associations to assist these organizations in operating.

He hinted that such a move could be a criteria for the tendering of gaming concessions.

"MOP10 million is peanuts for a casino," he stressed.

In a post on social media, Martins revealed that the public had donated MOP75,673 to the centre in the last three months.

In April last year, Martins announced that the group may have to shut down due to insufficient funding, explaining that it was difficult to balance its annual expenses of MOP10.5 million.

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EU report describes Macau's political opposition as weak

Lynzy Valles

A report from the European Commission has called on Macau authorities to allow greater public involvement in the election of the SAR's Chief Executive and the Legislative Assembly.

Issued yesterday [Macau time], the commission wrote that although civil liberties are protected by the SAR's Basic Law, political opposition is "weak and civil society is not very vocal," adding that other legislative acts do not allow for the introduction of universal suffrage.

Regarding political development, the report mentioned lawmaker Sulu Sou's suspension from the Legislative Assembly, as well as Scott Chiang's aggravated disobedience case.

It also cited the sacking of the veteran legal advisers Paulo Taipa and Paulo Cardinal, which raised concerns in civil society about "increasing efforts to sideline Portuguese/foreign expertise in favor of Chinese expertise."

The annual report also stated that human trafficking remains a problem in Macau, calling for more stringent anti-trafficking law enforcement.

It said that the number of prosecutions and convictions for trafficking remains low despite a large number of complaints.

"The EU stands ready to renew exchanges and to cooperate with Macau to provide technical expertise on best practices to address this global challenge," the report stated.

The commission believed that the city has not effectively enforced freedom of association and collective bargaining as enshrined in International Labour Organisation (ILO) conventions.

Thus, the commission have encouraged Macau to take the neces-

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sary steps to comply with ILO conventions, also noting that Macau does not have a minimum wage, except for cleaning and security workers.

The commission added that the SAR has not established an independent human rights body despite the recommendation to do so issued by the UN Committee Against Torture in December 2015.

"The UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights had also urged Macau to adopt comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation."

The report also mentioned that in 2018, local authorities undertook or announced several initiatives to strengthen national security, which brought the SAR's policy more in line with the views of the mainland.

Last night, the local government issued a statement condemning the latest report of the EU.

"The European Union Report ignores facts, makes irresponsible and frivolous remarks about the MSAR. The MSAR government expresses its strong opposition and that there should be no interference by the European Union in the affairs of Macau," the government said.

It called on the commission to "refrain from false statements and inappropriate actions on the domestic policy of the People's Republic of China."

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Cultural Industry Fund presents renovated teahouse

Staff reporter

THE Cultural Industry Fund (FIC) hosted a tea gathering for the media yesterday at an antique Chinese teahouse near Rua de Cinco de Outubro. The location was renovated as part of their subsidized regeneration scheme.

Casa de Cha Tai Long Fong, or the Dragon and Phoenix Teahouse, is one of several FIC-approved projects for subsidized regeneration. Once a popular place for Cantonese yum-cha, the teahouse's glamor had faded significantly in recent decades. It has become popular

among Cantonese opera enthusiasts because of daily "concerts" held there by amateur singers, and later started to attract locals and tourists searching for the antique teahouse.

The teahouse is now brighter and cleaner, following the recent renovations subsidized by the FIC. The majority of the broken facility was repaired, and the wall under the staircase was revamped with the addition of four golden-colored boards featuring carpentry in the style of Chinese paintings. The stage for the daily "concerts" has also been added, with lighting that resembles Chinese lanterns.

DUMPLINGS, TEAS, BISCUITS

Three brands are undergoing regeneration: an eatery selling dumplings, a Chinese herbal tea shop and a Chinese biscuit shop.

Of particular note among these brands is the Chinese biscuit shop, the Pan Fong Bakery, which opened in 1936.

Traditionally, only reputable Chinese businesses could get a special type of signboard, known in Cantonese as "The Gold-plated Signboard." It may not really have been gold-plated, but Chinese people honored it as it symbolized the reputation of a business. The

Pan Fong Bakery still has one of these signboards hanging in their shop.

The bakery sells around two dozen types of Chinese baked delicacies, including the "Wife Pastry," egg cookies and others.

The design house commissioned to work on this project made the signboard the centerpiece of the new food packaging, which will still be made of paper. It is presented in a modern manner, with the addition of flowers auspicious to the Chinese such as chrysanthemums and orchids. The new packaging comes in at least four different colors.

Traditional Chinese art has

been used in several of the new corporate images. For example, Chinese calligraphy, originally written by a Chinese medical practitioner, has been printed on paper cups used by the herbal tea shop.

FIC SUBSIDY TO COME AGAIN

FIC subsidy campaigns have somehow become a recurrent job for the fund. The FIC reported that in the first four months of this year, MOP41 million worth of subsidies were approved, 70% of which were interest-free loans.

The FIC is also supporting local fashion and design with dedicated subsidy platforms for each industry. The fund is also helping local creative industry workers expand into the Greater Bay Area.

A new round of subsidy campaigns is now inviting proposals. Applications close on June 25.

MGTO to start consultation on tourist levy

DEPUTY Director of the Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO) Ricky Hoi told the media that his office is about to launch a public consultation on the levy of tourist tax.

Levy discussions started

months ago, when many Macau tourist attractions were becoming overcrowded several times within a year. Comments varied, as those in favor of the levy thought the income could be used to improve Macau's infrastruc-

ture in future, while those against it thought the levy would fail to control the influx of tourists and only increase the government's income.

Meanwhile, the MGTO thought a consultation necessary. It will target

residents, tourists and the industry. The consultation will take place online, with a dedicated website to be made in association with the Institute for Tourism Studies. Currently, data about tourists' feeling about a

possible levy are being collected at all the immigration checkpoints, Hoi says.

The MGTO expects the consultation to run for a month, with the possibility of an extension depending on the popularity of

the consultation. In other words, the MGTO has no idea how much data is required to be made a representative sample.

Hoi also noted the tourist flow report system will be available on other MGTO's digital platforms.

HOMEGROWN products manufactured by small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) has been a major driving force behind Macau's economic rise. As a Chinese corporation rooted in the city, Galaxy Entertainment Group (GEG) recognizes their contributions and aims to create a variety of platforms to empower SMEs to continue to flourish and foster their development under the Macau SAR Government's policies to diversify Macau's economy. Through the "Large-Businesses-Leading-Small-Businesses" cooperation model, GEG has been maintaining a mutually-beneficial partnership approach to working with the local SME community. With a wide range of assistance initiatives in place as well as the commercial opportunities provided to support business growth, GEG aims to develop thriving communities and contribute to sustainable development. Through building capacity and working alongside suppliers, GEG strives to empower SMEs so that they are ready to capture burgeoning opportunities presented in the Greater Bay Area.

Amongst the pool of local suppliers that GEG has been working closely with is the Agencia Comercial CARMEN Lda (CARMEN). With over 30 years' experience of producing quality garments under its belt, CARMEN earlier secured an order of 5,000 staff windbreakers from GEG on top of other previous collaborations. Mr. Ian Daniels, Senior Vice President of Procurement and Warehousing at GEG, was impressed with the local manufacturer's capabilities in delivering high quality products efficiently against a tight schedule. He said: "We are pleased to cooperate with local SMEs such as CARMEN, which have an abundance of local insight and understanding. They provided us with full support during the design, development and manufacturing process, while ensuring that the aesthetics and specifications met GEG's needs and standards. Although there were several changes required during the design stage,



GEG senior executives and team members sport new staff windbreakers in a show of solidarity.

Homegrown brands flourish alongside GEG



Jose Tang, Managing Director of CARMEN.

Carmen was very professional and cooperative, responding to the changes in a timely manner." The seasoned procurement professional, who has previously worked for a number of the world's largest retailers, stressed that Carmen demonstrated a

high level of expertise, which is comparable to larger-sized corporations. Confident of their creations for GEG, CARMEN proceeded with filing applications for the Macau Product Quality Certification Scheme and the Hong Kong Q-Mark Product Scheme, also known as M-mark and Q-mark respectively, and became the first homegrown apparel maker to succeed in attempting to have their products certified as "Made in Macau" through a rigorous assessment process by two institutes. CARMEN's bid was strongly supported by GEG, which believed that it would inspire the wider SME community to follow suit and seize the many business opportunities brought about by the Greater Bay Area (GBA). Mr. Daniels said: "We have spared no effort to encourage smaller enterprises in Macau to embrace the Greater Bay Area opportunities by aiming for higher service or

production standards through accreditation. GEG believes that it will help propel them into the Greater Bay Area, and even further onto the global stage with a more established set of credentials." Managing Director of CARMEN Mr. Jose Tang said: "When we informed GEG of our intention to apply for Q-mark and M-mark during a meeting with Mr. Daniels and GEG executives, they offered us words of encouragement straight away. I could feel their sincerity and that they have always cherished our partnership. Additionally, they

welcomed our suggestions and input throughout the production process and I felt that they have a true partnership approach to cooperating with us. I am also happy to see larger corporations provide continued support for SMEs, as it will make it easier for us to expand into the Greater Bay Area markets." With more local enterprises pursuing the two product certifications, Tang believes that it will make a positive impact on the city as a whole as certified homegrown brands will gain greater attention in the Greater Bay Area and abroad, as the certifications place them on a par with their international counterparts. Under the accreditation system, certificate holders have to adhere to the exacting standards required by the certification issuers to maintain the two accolades by undergoing audits, and inspections on a regular basis, therefore, constantly challenging them to keep abreast with high, exacting industry standards for a promising future.



Ian Daniels (first from right), Senior Vice President of Procurement and Warehousing of GEG, and his team.





Hong Kong bookseller Lam Wing-kee

ANALYSIS

For Macau, Hong Kong dissenters, asylum in Taiwan still elusive

Stacy Hsu, CNA staff reporter

IMAGINE this: You have been locked and mentally tormented in a carefully guarded room for months and you worry your partner or friends may be suffering the same fate.

On top of this, you know the only thing that stands between you and physical torture is the authorities' need for you to "look good" in a forced TV confession later on. The level of despair is overwhelming.

The idea of reliving that ordeal was what drove Hong Kong bookseller Lam Wing-kee to flee to Taiwan in late April.

Lee, along with four other individuals related to Causeway Bay Books, "vanished" for months in late 2015 for selling titles critical of the Chinese government and mailing them to people in China.

After being detained by Beijing for months, he was returned to Hong Kong, but feared being sent back to China under controversial extradition legislation Hong Kong is likely to pass in the coming months.

"It would spell the end of me if I was sent back [to China]. I would be screwed and there would be no getting out of the place," the 63-year-old Lam said, describing his escape from Hong Kong as inevitable, especially with city authorities answering only to China's bidding instead of the rule of law.

He could have gone to Germany, the United States or Ca-

nada, Lam said, but he chose Taiwan as his second home because he wanted to open a new bookstore in a Mandarin-speaking country and help safeguard Taiwan's free and independent-thinking culture.

For asylum seekers from Hong Kong or Macau, the problem is not the lack of a legal basis to handle their requests but that laws are ambiguous

Fortunately for Lam, his high-profile name has landed him friends who are working tirelessly to ensure that he finds a job that qualifies him for a residency permit in Taiwan, sparing him from the often futile process of seeking political asylum in a country that still lacks a system for handling asylum seekers.

Li Jiabao, a 21-year-old Chinese exchange student in Taiwan who publicly criticized Chinese President Xi Jinping's removal of China's presidential term limits in a livestream video in

March, may not be as fortunate.

He does not want to return to China but is not optimistic that he will be granted asylum in Taiwan after his student visa expires in July.

Li's pessimism is understandable, given that no Chinese asylum seekers have been given sanctuary in Taiwan since 2014, when the then-Kuomintang (KMT) government granted nine Chinese refugees residency status, Taiwan Association for Human Rights Secretary-General Chiu E-ling said.

For asylum seekers from China, Hong Kong or Macau, the problem is not the lack of a legal basis to handle their requests, Chiu said, but that laws are conveniently ambiguous or require almost unattainable criteria, making it easy for authorities to turn people away.

Under existing laws, the government can grant long-term residency to Chinese nationals based on political, economic, social, educational, or cultural considerations on a "case-by-case basis."

An applicant could also be a democracy movement leader, a person who provides "valuable information" that helps Taiwan "understand" China, or who has made "special contributions" to Taiwan's national security, international image or social stability.

Similar ambiguity is seen in the Laws and Regulations Regarding Hong Kong and Macau Af-

fairs, which stipulates that «necessary assistance» should be provided to Hong Kong or Macau residents whose safety and liberty are «immediately threatened» for political reasons.

"Who should be the judge of whether someone's safety is immediately threatened? What are the standards? And what does 'necessary assistance' entail? Nothing is made clear by the laws," Chiu said.

Compounding the problem is the lack of a refugee law to deal with requests for asylum in Taiwan, Chiu said.

Legislative efforts to enact a refugee act have been stalled since five versions of the bill passed a committee review in July 2016, meaning asylum seekers remain vulnerable to being trapped in limbo because the authorities do not know how to deal with them.

So why the inaction? Chiu feels the draft legislation is simply not a priority for legislators. Some also fear the act's passage could lead to an overflow of Chinese asylum seekers, she said.

"A lawmaker's assistant came right out and told me that if the act is passed, all the people in China are going to seek asylum here," Chiu said.

Just passing a refugee act, however, would not be enough to help people from China, Hong Kong or Macau looking for sanctuary in Taiwan because it would only apply to other foreign nationals but not them.

The Act Governing Relations Between the People of the Taiwan Area and the Mainland Area and the Laws and Regulations Regarding Hong Kong and Macau Affairs would also have to be revised, posing a significant political challenge.

At present, legislation that would amend those two laws to allow refugee act provisions to apply to asylum seekers from China, Hong Kong and Macau is sitting in committee, and it is unclear how much enthusiasm there would be to pass it after a refugee act was enacted.

Proponents of refugee rights such as Chiu and Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) lawmaker Yu Mei-nu seem focused on getting the draft refugee act passed first, which will be difficult enough considering its low priority, without stressing any linkage to the revisions for Chinese, Hong Kong and Macau residents.

That means people like Lam Wing-kee and Li Jiabao could still be left without a way to settle in Taiwan rather than face persecution at home.

Yu did say, however, that if the refugee act passes and eventually does apply to residents of China, Hong Kong and Macau, it would not spark an inundation of refugees because an annual quota would be set based on Taiwan's ability to absorb them.

She also argued that an effective and objective mechanism to screen asylum seekers would be established to prevent potential abuse of the system.

There would be a two-tier review process under which asylum applicants would first be evaluated by local government agencies and then by a group of government representatives, specialists, academics and other impartial members of society, Yu said.

Joshua Wong, a Hong Kong student activist and politician who serves as secretary-general of pro-democracy party Demosisto, believes the need for Taiwan to pass a refugee act that covers everyone is pressing.

Lam may be the first one to flee Hong Kong due to the extradition bill, "but he would not be the last one," Wong told CNA in a telephone interview.

Under Xi's tight grip, Chinese and Hong Kongers seeking asylum in Taiwan will only grow in number, he said.

Wuer Kaixi, a Chinese student leader during the 1989 Tiananmen protests who married a Taiwanese and has been given Taiwanese citizenship, argued that people here should not worry about asylum seekers overrunning society.

Granting political asylum to Chinese dissidents would not create an immigration problem for Taiwan, he said. "Rather, with a properly devised policy, asylum seekers could even become an effective moving force in society." **Courtesy CNA**

Ben Sharples & Natalie Lung

HONG KONG

Extradition law may hurt overseas investment, says ICC

HONG Kong's pro-democracy forces pledged to step up their effort to block the government's plan to allow extraditions to mainland China.

The opposition coalition, known as the pan-democrats, will lend their backing to a protest today outside the offices of the Legislative Council (LegCo), before hearings the next day on the plan, Claudia Mo, a pan-democratic lawmaker said at a press conference yesterday.

Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam was doing the bidding of the government in Beijing and not defending the interests of Hong Kong, Mo said. "This is an absolute order from Beijing and there is no room for her to maneuver," she said. "She's just a puppet."

■ The opposition coalition will lend their backing to protest today outside the offices of LegCo

The proposal, which would also ease extraditions to Taiwan and Macau, could open the door to Hong Kong citizens and foreign residents being prosecuted on the mainland. Critics say the plan will erode the autonomy guaranteed to Hong Kong before its 1997 return to China, and business groups have also warned the



Protesters against an extradition law march along a downtown street in Hong Kong last month

legislation could reduce the city's appeal as a global financial hub.

As many as 130,000 people took to the streets to protest against the bill in April, among the largest demonstrations since months-long pro-democracy rallies in 2014 ended without any concessions from the Beijing-backed government. The Hong Kong chapter of the International Chamber of Commerce said this week the bill may impact the city's ability to attract overseas

investment.

Lam said yesterday that there had been a lot of misunderstanding about the bill and that she was "pained and disappointed" by what she described as extreme opinions and the unnecessary fear that it has generated.

"We are suggesting safeguards in the event of an extradition agreement and we shouldn't resist the goal of plugging a loophole and passing a bill that could bring about justice," she said.

The proposed changes would allow extraditions on a case-by-case basis and was spurred by a high-profile 2018 murder case against a Hong Kong resident who confessed to killing his girlfriend in Taiwan. The confession came after the man returned to Hong Kong, which doesn't have an extradition agreement with Taiwan.

"There are simpler ways to deal with this case as legal experts have pointed out, without having

to complicate matters, and use a sledgehammer," the ICC's Hong Kong secretary Keith Brandt wrote in a letter to the Legislative Council. The ICC called for the process to be put on hold until a "thorough" and "proper" public consultation could take place.

In response to criticism from the business community, Lam has already removed nine categories of business-related crimes from the potential offenses eligible for extradition. **Bloomberg**

China's top high-tech show to highlight GBA innovation

OVER 3,000 exhibitors from more than 100 countries and regions will participate in China's top technology show in November, which this highlights the science and technology innovation in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area, Xinhua reported yesterday.

The 21st China Hi-Tech Fair (CHTF) will be held from Nov. 13 to 17 in the southern tech hub Shenzhen, Guangdong Province, its organizers said at a press conference in Beijing this week.

This year, the CHTF will highlight Advanced products and technology in fields such as information technology, energy conservation, environmental protection, photoelectric dis-

play, smart city, manufacturing and aerospace will be showcased.

Hundreds of well-known enterprises from home and abroad have already signed up for the event, according to Wang Lixin, deputy director and secretary-general of the fair's organizing committee.

According to Xinhua, it will also hold overseas exhibitions in Ireland, Serbia and Croatia in June this year.

The CHTF has been held for 20 years. It has played a key role in strengthening innovation capability, deepening cooperation, promoting the transformation of innovation achievements and creating a good innovative environment, Xinhua notes. **MDT/Xinhua**

EDUCATION

HKUST to launch the city's first marine science program

THE Hong Kong University of Science and Technology will offer the city's first undergraduate course in marine science in September this year.

Up to 40 students are expected to take up the Bachelor of Ocean Science and Technology program under the university's School of Science by 2020.

They will be taught professional knowledge and experience relating to the marine environment, helping Hong Kong and the Chinese mainland to deal with marine ecological problems and develop marine resources, said Qian

Peiyuan, acting head of the Department of Ocean Science.

The demand for professionals in ocean science has risen with large-scale coastal infrastructure projects in the pipeline in the Greater Bay Area, he said.

The program will provide a cross-disciplinary curriculum, including basic science subjects like physics, chemistry, biology and ecology to help students take part in the Bay Area projects.

Qian cited the construction team of the mega Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge that had to deal with complicated

marine and geological conditions, which required knowledge such as how sea water flows, how sediment moves, and how white dolphins migrate.

The curriculum also involves innovative technology, such as pollution tracking, sensors and instrumentation, as well as data mining and management to enable students to resolve practical problems like water pollution and declining biodiversity, said Stanley Lau Chun-kwan, associate professor at the Department of Ocean Science.

The school will also arrange capstone pro-

jects, internships and study trips to overseas science institutions, including research cruises in Suruga Bay in Japan and field surveys on the Chinese mainland.

Marine environmental research can also promote studies on climate change, especially extreme weather conditions, as the ocean has a crucial influence on the climate of coastal areas, Qian said.

Thus, the program could contribute to developing a quality living circle around the Bay Area, as listed in the region's outline development plan. **MDT/China Daily**

REAL ESTATE MATTERS

Top 20 Questions On Renting A Property In Macau - Part 1

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With high sales prices, many people in Macau are looking to rent a property rather than make purchase. Here are the top 20 questions we are asked by tenants; this week we will cover the first 5.

1. WHY DO I HAVE TO PAY 4 MONTHS MONEY IN ADVANCE?

In most cases, tenants are asked to pay up to 4 months rental money in advance. This consists of;

2 months Security Deposit (See next question)

1 Month advanced rent

1 Month agency fee

When you find a property that you like, you will usually be asked to put down a deposit equivalent to 1 month's rent to hold the property. This will then be used as the first months rent once you have moved in.

The 2 months security deposit is usually paid upon signing the rental agreement, and is explained in the next question.

The 1 month agency fee is usually invoiced prior to moving in, and becomes payable after the move in date.

2: WHAT IS THE SECURITY DEPOSIT FOR?

The security deposit is held by the property management company or the landlord as a sum to compensate any damages to the property by a tenant.

Contrary to popular belief, the deposit may not be used in lieu of rent, unless otherwise agreed by tenant and landlord, and is held separately from the rent.

When you leave an apartment, it is normal for the property management company or landlord to conduct an inspection with you, and to reach an agreement on pricing for any damages or loss caused during the period of tenancy. Then the outstanding utility bills are worked out, and the apartment must be thoroughly cleaned.

The agreed amounts are deducted from the deposit, and the deposit returned.

This process usually takes between 2 to 10 working days. If you want your landlord to return the security deposit on the day that you move out, it is likely that you will have to make special arrangements with the landlord so that they can pre-inspect the property, and you can arrange to pay cash for the utility bills and cleaning expenses.

3: CAN THE OWNER SELL THE APARTMENT WHILST I HAVE A TENANCY CONTRACT?

Yes. The owner has the right to sell at any time he or she chooses.

4: IF THE OWNER SELLS THE APARTMENT, DO WE HAVE TO MOVE OUT?

No.

Tenants are protected by the tenancy contract, and a new owner does not have the right to ignore a valid tenancy contract.

The contract and all of its terms must be adhered to by the new owner, who should be aware of the tenancy agreement and have a copy provided to them during the sales process.

5: CAN THE OWNER OR THEIR AGENT BRING PEOPLE INTO THE APARTMENT TO LOOK AROUND?

Not without your permission.

When you have a valid tenancy agreement in place, you may decide who and who not to let into your home.

If an agent knocks on your door and requests to see the property, you are perfectly within your rights to say "No", then call the owner to complain.

TRADE WAR

Chinese companies brace for tariff hike as trade talks begin

Yanan Wang, Beijing

CHINESE exporters of all sorts of products, from power adapters and computers to vacuum cleaners, are anxiously hoping trade talks in Washington this week will yield a deal that might stave off higher U.S. tariffs on imports from China.

Companies across China are bracing for a tariff hike after President Donald Trump, complaining Beijing was backtracking and the talks on a festering trade dispute were taking too long, said he would raise import duties on USD200 billion of Chinese goods to 25% from 10%.

Amber Chen, sales manager for a vacuum cleaner manufacturer based in southern China, says her company has \$100 million in exports to the U.S. at stake.

"I really hope that the two countries can reach an agreement," Chen said in a phone interview. "We just can't swallow the costs of a tariff increase."

The tariffs have devastated many factories in Chinese coastal regions that serve the U.S. market. Industries such as electronics have seen sales to the U.S. plummet up to 40%. Overall Chinese exports to the U.S. dropped 13% in April from a year earlier.

Many Chinese companies are reluctant to speak publicly about their problems, especially those linked to sensitive topics such as the ruling Communist Party's policies on trade and technology.

But sales managers of five Chinese companies that depend heavily



Workers transfer LED lights components at a factory in Yushan county in Jiangxi province

on exports to the U.S. told The Associated Press that while they have managed to adjust to current tariff levels with minimal trouble, a jump to a 25% tariff would make doing business with the U.S. virtually impossible for most of them.

"If the tariffs rise to 25 percent, then we're done for," said James, a sales manager for a computer monitor manufacturer in Shenzhen, China's southern tech hub.

He declined to give his full name. He said 30 to 40% of his company's products are exported to the U.S.

Before this week, both the U.S. and China said the trade talks were making steady progress, giving the impression that the world's two biggest economies were approaching an agreement. Trump's unexpected threat early this week to raise tariffs sent global financial markets into a tailspin.

China has kept official statements on the latest trade talks, the 11th round, low-key and restrained. That's in contrast to more aggres-

sive rhetoric in earlier rounds. Domestic media avoided reporting on Trump's tweeted threat for hours after it was posted.

If the tariff increase goes ahead, the impact will be deeply felt by small- and medium-sized enterprises, said Shawn Yang, sales manager for a company in Shenzhen that produces electric power adapters.

"We're on the front lines," he said.

Many of the company's products are designed for use in the U.S., Yang said, so it would be difficult to shift sales to other markets.

AP He said he's confident it can weather the trade war because of the quality of their products, though some buyers are waiting for a conclusion to the trade dispute before placing new orders.

Yang said he has faith the two countries will reach an agreement.

"(The trade war's) impact is too far-reaching," he said. "It's not possible for them to keep fighting like this." AP

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WYNN TO PRESENT ART EXHIBITION IN JUNE

In support of the international arts and cultural event "Art Macao," Wynn will be launching a four-month long art exhibition under the theme "Wynn - Garden of Earthly Delights" on June 6.

The exhibition will feature a selection of modern and contemporary art pieces at both Wynn Macau and Wynn Palace, according to a statement issued by the gaming operator.

The opening ceremony for the exhibition will take place at the Art Gallery of Wynn Palace on June 6.

The exhibition is



inspired by Hieronymus Bosch's masterpiece "The Garden of Earthly Delights," which he painted during the Renaissance.

The exhibition will

feature art pieces of Edoardo Tresoldi, Herb Alpert, Jennifer Steinkamp, Refik Anadol, Robert Indiana, Sam Francis, and MAD Architects amongst others.

TWO GEG ENGINEERS COMPLETE SCHEME "A" GRADUATE TRAINING

Galaxy Macau received accreditation from the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE) in 2015, offering the Scheme "A" Graduate Training Program in Mechanical Engineering for graduates of the Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering program at University of Macau (UM).

Vito Ao leong and Tom Lam are both UM alumni of the class of 2016 and engineers in Galaxy Macau's Engineering Department. Last July, they became the first locally trained engineers to complete the two-year training program in Macau,

Galaxy Entertainment Group announced in a statement.

According to the gaming operator, there are currently a total of eight team members in GEG's Scheme "A" Graduate Training Program in Mechanical Engineering.

During the on-the-job training, the job rotation system provides the trainees with exposure to various job assignments in the Engineering Department. The program fast-tracks becoming a registered engineer, as the two years of on-the-job training are recognized by HKIE.



GAMING

Fox Sports, Stars Group to offer sports betting in deal

Wayne Parry, Atlantic City

A major U.S. sports network is getting into the sports betting game.

Fox Sports says it is buying just under 5% of The Stars Group, the parent company of PokerStars, for about USD236 million. Both companies will offer real-money sports betting this fall in states where it is legal and they are licensed.

The network has the option to acquire half of the Stars Group's U.S. business after 10 years.

The companies will offer full-blown sports betting under the name Fox Bet in states that have legalized it.

They also will offer a free-to-play game offering cash prizes to users who correctly predict the outcome of sporting events.

The move comes a week before the anniversary of a U.S. Supreme Court decision clearing the way for all 50 states to offer legal sports betting should they so desire. Eight states currently do, with dozens of others considering it.

"We are expanding the way we immerse fans in the sports culture they love," said Eric Shanks, CEO and executive producer of Fox Sports. "Digital sports wagering represents a growing market opportunity that allows us to diversify our revenue streams, connect directly with consumers and expand the reach of the Fox Sports brand."

The Stars Group owns or licenses gambling brands, including PokerStars, PokerStars Casino, BetStars, Full Tilt, BetEasy, Sky Bet, Sky Vegas, Sky Casino, Sky Bingo, Sky Poker and Oddschecker.

"We believe this strategic partnership uniquely positions us to build a leading betting business in the U.S., which represents one of the most exciting long-term growth opportunities for our

company," said Rafi Ashkenazi, CEO of the Toronto-based Stars Group. "Leveraging our proven media partnership strategy with Sky Sports in the U.K., we are excited to partner with Fox Sports to integrate wagering into sports media and drive customer acquisition and retention in the U.S."

The 25-year deal shows just how lucrative legal sports betting is becoming in the U.S., with professional leagues partnering with gambling companies, technology firms and individual teams to get in on the fast-growing business.

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While it's the first time a major broadcast network has directly partnered with a licensed gambling operator in its business, others have dabbled in related waters with gambling-related content or paid fantasy sports offerings.

The two companies will get the use of some of each other's trademarks and rights, and the Stars Group will make minimum annual advertising commitments with the network.

The Stars Group is licensed for internet gambling in New Jersey through an affiliation with Resorts Casino Hotel in Atlantic City. Casino president Mark Giannantonio said Resorts will benefit from a rebranding of the Stars Group's BetStars betting portal. AP

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Scuderia Ferrari Junior has opened at Shoppes at Venetian, offering its Scuderia Ferrari Junior Collection, a line exclusively available in Asia that combines Ferrari's signature colours with meticulous craftsmanship. The stylish children's clothes, with options suited to both daily wear and special occasions, are available for infants and children aged up to 14 years old. Shop 605a, Sun Street, Level 3, Shoppes at Venetian



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Trade dispute with US a political challenge for China's Xi

Christopher Bodeen, Beijing

THE tariff war between Washington and Beijing poses one of the biggest challenges yet for Chinese President Xi Jinping, potentially exposing his political vulnerabilities at a time when the Chinese economy is already slowing.

The U.S. effort to win concessions from China on strategic industrial policies has put Xi's own prestige on the line. It also has cast into question the ruling Communist Party's social contract with the Chinese people: keeping authoritarian, one-party rule and ruling class privileges in exchange for delivering robust economic growth, better living standards and a higher global profile for China.

Chinese and U.S. officials were due to resume talks in Washington early today [Macau time] on the dispute over Beijing's technology ambitions in meetings overshadowed by President Donald Trump's threat to raise tariffs further as of today.

Xi needs to balance standing firm against U.S. pressure with the increasing urgency to reach a deal that would relieve battered exporters who have long underpinned growth and job creation, particularly outside the major cities.

"Xi Jinping is under a lot of pressure. If he is seen as succumbing to the threats, then he will be seen as weak and failing to stand up to the Americans," said Willy Lam, a Chinese politics expert at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

The stakes are high.

A failure to reach agreement in this week's talks, the 11th round of negotiations so far, would be "deeply embarrassing and somewhat damaging," for Xi, said Steve Tsang, director of



the China Institute at London's School of Oriental and African Studies.

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It would not be catastrophic, he said. However, "it would be a different story if a sustained and escalating trade war puts the Chinese economy in a tailspin and keeps it down over a year or two."

Sometimes referred to as the "chairman of everything," Xi is widely regarded as China's most powerful leader in decades. He cleared a path to remaining in office indefinitely last year when he amended the constitution to remove presidential term limits. He also has led a sweeping crackdown on corruption that netted several high-profile targets while fortifying the party's presence at all levels.

Xi's signature foreign policy strategy, the trillion-dollar Belt and Road infrastructure initiative, has racked up notable successes despite complaints that it saddles participating countries with unsustainable levels of debt.

He also has led a major expansion of China's military while adopting a more confrontational approach to relations with the U.S., Taiwan and countries with rival claims to territory in the South China Sea. That's raised expectations among a highly nationalistic public and party and military hardliners that Xi will stand up to the U.S.

in the tariff conflict and others likely to follow.

China's aggressive efforts to gain dominance in areas such as robotics and artificial intelligence lie at the heart of the dispute with the Trump administration, which highlights complaints by companies and governments over the forced transfer, or outright theft, of cutting-edge technology.

Underlying Xi's great power is a sense of insecurity, reflected in the elaborate protective measures he deploys and massive spending on domestic security that exceeds even the defense budget, Tsang said.

There is also great unease over the economy, which expanded at an annual rate of 6.4% in January-March, matching the previous quarter for the weakest growth since 2009.

Xi "must be acutely aware that his domestic critics hold him responsible for lack of success in the talks," June Teufel Dreyer, an expert on Chinese politics who teaches political science at the University of Miami.

"His actions indicate that he fears dissent from the chattering classes, and social instability from the rest," Dreyer said.

Perceptions of Xi's leadership and his advisers' handling of the trade dispute were not helped by a tweet by Trump on Sunday expressing frustration at the pace of the trade talks and vowing to raise tariffs on \$200 billion in Chinese products from 10% to 25%, and apply the tariffs to just about everything the U.S. imports from China.

China's Commerce Ministry said yesterday that Beijing would retaliate.

Early in Trump's presidency, Xi appeared adept at handling his American counterpart. That tweet appeared to catch him off-balance.

"Now it appears that there is no clear policy response to Trump on the trade war, and that China seems on the back foot," said Rana Mitter, a China politics and history expert at the University of Oxford. "That may open up more space for other figures at the top to make it clear that their views still matter," which could in turn, could restrict Xi's ability to rule as a "single, dominant voice," Mitter said.

Xi faces time pressures from the party's inner dynamics. He is expected to call a meeting of the powerful Central Committee by October at the latest, and needs to show he has the trade dispute well in hand. Informal summer meetings among officials at the Beidaihe seaside resort could also test of Xi's leadership on the matter, Lam said.

Such sensitivities appear to be affecting how officials publicly discuss the dispute.

During earlier rounds of talks, officials went on the offensive, blaming the U.S. for creating tensions and disrupting global trade. Recently, the tone has been more muted, part of a pattern of clamping down on politically sensitive discussions that "suggests a desire to bat down the hatches," Mitter said. **AP**

US trade deficit edges up to \$50 billion in March

THE U.S. trade deficit increased slightly in March even though the deficit with China fell to the lowest point in five years.

The deficit in goods and services edged up 1.5% to USD50 billion in March, after falling 3.6% in February, the Commerce Department reported yesterday. The deficit is the difference between what America sells to the rest of the world and

what it imports.

Exports rose 1% to \$212 billion in March while imports rose a slightly faster 1.1% to \$262 billion.

The deficit in goods with China dropped 16.2% to \$20.7 billion, the lowest level since March 2014.

The United States and China have been locked in a trade war for the past year with a new round of U.S. tariffs scheduled to go into effect Friday. Ne-

gotiators from both countries are scheduled to meet Thursday and Friday in Washington for an 11th round of talks aimed at reaching an agreement to ease economic tensions between the world's two biggest economies.

The Trump administration for weeks had been indicating that the talks were making progress but then on Sunday President Donald Trump expressed frustration with

what the U.S. side saw as backsliding by Chinese negotiators. Trump has said tariffs will be raised on \$200 billion in Chinese products from 10% to 25% starting Friday.

The new trade report showed that the deficit with China for the first three months of this year totals \$80 billion, still the largest with any country, but down 12.2% from the same period a year ago.

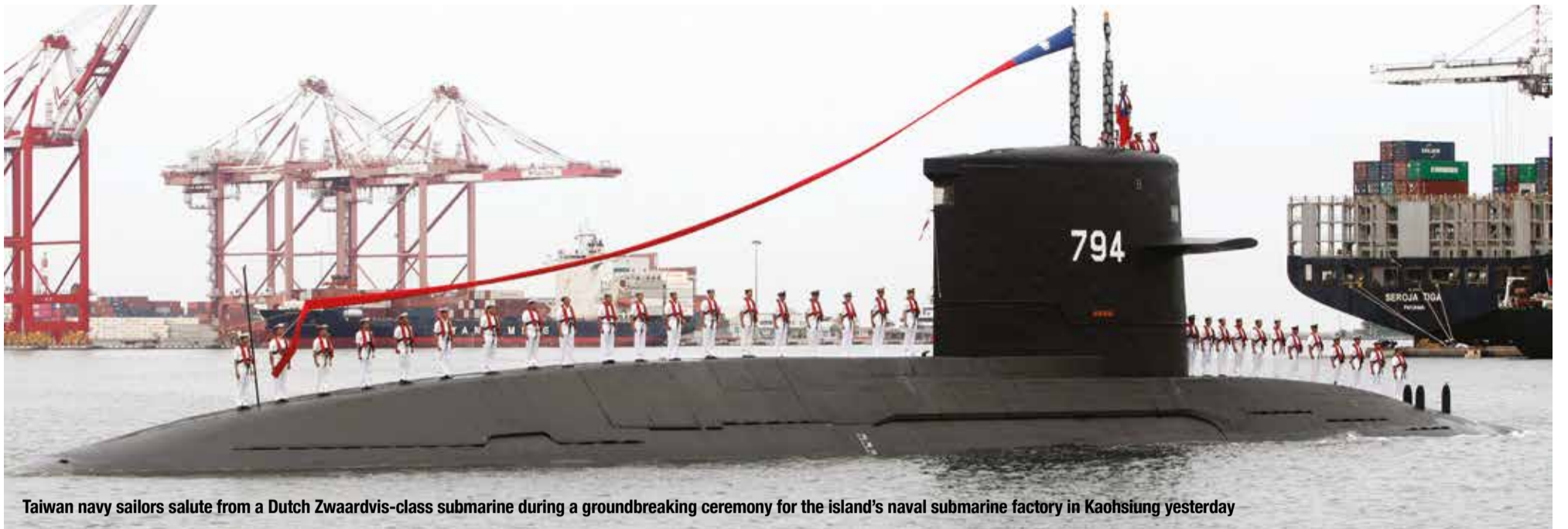
The deficit with Mexico jumped to \$9.5 billion in March, the highest on record, while the deficit with Canada was unchanged at \$1.4 billion.

The trade fight with China involves U.S. allegations that China is stealing U.S. technology and forcing firms to turn over trade secrets in exchange for access to the Chinese market. In response to the punitive tariffs the Trump adminis-

tration began imposing last year, China has retaliated by targeting \$110 billion worth of American products including higher Chinese tariffs on American soybeans.

Trump campaigned on a pledge to reduce America's longstanding trade deficit with the rest of the world, which he sees as a sign of economic weakness and a series of bad trade deals from past administrations. **AP**

AP PHOTO



Taiwan navy sailors salute from a Dutch Zwaardvis-class submarine during a groundbreaking ceremony for the island's naval submarine factory in Kaohsiung yesterday

TAIWAN

Taipei breaks ground on submarine shipyard to counter Beijing

TAIWAN broke ground yesterday on a shipyard to produce submarines to counter China's growing military threat.

The self-governing island's President Tsai Ing-wen presided over a ceremony in the southern port city of Kaohsiung, saying submarines were an effective way to deter a foe from surrounding the island by sea.

"We must have concept and thinking of asymmetric warfare," Tsai said, referring to the military concept where a smaller opponent can hold off a larger one using specialized strategies and tactics.

China, which claims Taiwan as its territory to be annexed for force if necessary, operates a growing navy that boasts some 75 submarines, including latest generation homebuilt vessels.

Taiwan operates just four aged submarines but pressure from China has prevented it from buying more abroad. Plans call for the shipyard to produce eight diesel craft, with the first due for completion in 2025.

Taiwan relies on the U.S. for much of its defense needs, but the U.S. now only produces nuclear-powered submarines.

Holland's decision to sell Taiwan

two Zwaardvis Class submarines 30 years ago resulted in a major diplomatic rift with Beijing and, under Chinese pressure, they would not sell more, Tsai said.

"Therefore, building them indigenously is our only way," she said.

Despite Chinese pressure, more than a dozen foreign firms have reportedly expressed strong interest in taking part in the submarine projects under the Kaohsiung-based Taiwan Shipbuilding Corporation, also known as CSBC.

Tsai has made reviving Taiwan's indigenous armaments industry a priority for her administration.

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China has stepped up military, diplomatic and economic pressure on Taiwan in hopes of compelling her to endorse its contention that the island is a part of China, known as the "One-China Principle."

That has included sending ships to nearby waters and military aircraft to circle the island, with warplanes this year crossing the center line of the Taiwan Strait for the first time in years.

Surveys show large majorities of Taiwanese reject Beijing's demands for political unification between the sides, preferring to maintain their current de-facto independent status. **AP**

Chinese court holds appeal hearing for Canadian sentenced to death

A Chinese court held an appeal hearing Thursday for a Canadian who was sentenced to death for drug smuggling in a case that has deepened a diplomatic rift between the two countries.

The intermediate-level court in northeastern Liaoning province said Robert Schellenberg's sentence would be announced at an unspecified date.

Convicted of playing a central role in a methamphetamine smuggling operation, Schellenberg was initially sentenced to 15 years in November, only to be handed the death sentence at a hastily-scheduled January retrial.

That came after Canada arrested Meng Wanzhou, chief financial officer of



In this file image taken from January video footage run by China's CCTV, Canadian Robert Lloyd Schellenberg attends his retrial at the Dalian Intermediate People's Court

Chinese telecom giant Huawei, on a U.S. extradition warrant in December.

Days later, two Canadians — Michael Kovrig and

Michael Spavor — were detained in China in apparent retaliation.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau con-

demned Schellenberg's sentencing in January and accused China of "arbitrarily" applying the death penalty.

Schellenberg, who was arrested in 2014, has maintained his innocence.

More than 200 kilograms (440 pounds) of methamphetamine were seized as part of Schellenberg's case, the court said. It called the 36-year-old Canadian the "principal offender" and said the evidence presented was "true and sufficient."

Canadian Embassy officials were notified and Schellenberg's litigation rights were lawfully protected during Thursday's proceedings, the court added.

Schellenberg's attorney Zhang Dongshuo said it was not clear when the court would announce a decision.

"Both sides comprehensively debated what each believes to be the issues in the case," Zhang said, adding that at this stage he cannot assess what the final judgment will be.

The appeal hearing followed Meng's court appearance Wednesday in Vancouver.

Meng is accused of lying to banks about the company's dealings with Iran in violation of U.S. trade sanctions. Her attorney, Scott Fenton, has argued that comments by U.S. President Donald Trump suggest the case against her is politically motivated.

Washington has pressured other countries to limit use of Huawei's technology, warning they could be opening themselves up to surveillance and theft of information.

China and the U.S. are currently embroiled in a trade dispute that has beleaguered global financial markets. **AP**



N. Korea fires two suspected missiles in possible new warning

Kim Tong-Hyung, Hyung-Jin Kim & Foster Klug, Seoul

NORTH Korea fired two suspected short-range missiles toward the sea yesterday, South Korean officials said, its second weapons launch in five days and a possible warning that nuclear disarmament talks with Washington could be in danger.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said the weapons flew 420 kilometers and 270 kilometers, respectively. It said it is working with the United States to determine more details, such as the types of weapons that were fired.

South Korea's military said earlier that at least one projectile was launched from the Sino-ri area of North Pyongan province, an area known to have one of North Korea's oldest missile bases where a brigade operates mid-range Rodong missiles. It later said there were two launches from the nearby town of Kusong, where North Korea conducted its first successful flight tests of its Hwasong-12 intermediate-range missile and Hwasong-14 intercontinental ballistic missile, both in 2017.

Kusong is also home to missile test facilities that were critical to the development of North Korea's solid-fuel Pukguksong-2, which was successfully flight-tested for the first time in February 2017, in the North's first missile test after President Donald Trump took office.

The latest launches came as U.S. Special Representative for North Korea Stephen Biegun visits South Korea, and hours after the North described its firing of rocket artillery and an apparent short-range ballistic missile on Saturday as a regular and defensive military exercise. North Korea also ridiculed South Korea for criticizing those launches.

South Korean President Moon Jae-in urged North Korea to refrain from actions that could impede diplomacy. In an interview with the KBS television network, Moon also said Seoul will explore various options to help revive the talks, including providing food aid to the North and pushing for his fourth summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

"I want to tell North Korea once again that it's not ideal to repeat actions that create various in-

terpretations of its intent, raise concern and risk throwing cold water on the atmosphere of dialogue and negotiations," said Moon, a liberal who facilitated contacts between the U.S. and North Korea last year.

Moon's office earlier said the North Korean launches were "very concerning" and detrimental to efforts to improve inter-Korean ties and ease military tensions on the Korean Peninsula.

There was no immediate comment from the United States.

Some analysts have said that if North Korea resumes testing the kind of longer-range banned ballistic weapons that it fired in unusually large numbers in 2017 — when many feared a U.S.-North Korea standoff could end in war — it may signal that North Korea is turning away from diplomacy.

The tensions in 2017 were followed by a surprising diplomatic outreach by North Korea in 2018, when Kim attended summits with the South Korean and Chinese presidents and with Trump. But North Korea has not received what it wants most from its summitry: relief

from punitive sanctions imposed over its nuclear and missile programs.

A summit earlier this year between Trump and Kim ended in failure, with the United States saying that North Korea was not offering to take enough disarmament steps in return for the widespread sanctions relief it sought.

Just ahead of the launch, senior defense officials from South Korea, the United States and Japan met in Seoul to discuss North Korea's earlier launches on Saturday and other security issues. Details from the meeting weren't immediately announced.

Experts who analyzed photos from North Korean state media say it's clear that the North tested a new solid-fuel missile on Saturday that appears to be modeled after Russia's Iskander short-range ballistic missile system.

With the consecutive weapons launches, North Korea is pressuring South Korea to turn away from the United States and support North Korea's position more strongly, said Du Hyeogn Cha, a visiting scholar at Seoul's

Asan Institute for Policy Studies. Following the collapse of the Trump-Kim meeting, North Korea demanded that South Korea proceed with joint economic projects that have been held back by U.S.-led sanctions against the North.

By firing weapons that directly threaten South Korea but not the U.S. mainland or its Pacific territories, North Korea also appears to be testing how far Washington will tolerate its bellicosity without actually causing the nuclear negotiations to collapse, Cha said.

"To the United States, the North is saying 'don't push me into a corner.' To South Korea, the North is saying the inter-Korean peace agreements could become nothing if Seoul fails to coax major concessions from the United States on behalf of the North," Cha said.

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South Korean and U.S. officials have described what North Korea fired Saturday as "projectiles," a broader term that includes both missiles and artillery pieces. This could be an effort to keep diplomacy alive as U.N. sanctions bar North Korea from engaging in any ballistic activity.

Some observers say North Korea may fire more missiles, including medium-range ones, to increase the pressure on the United States. Cha said North Korea isn't likely to fire longer-range missiles, such as its Hwasong-12 intermediate-range missiles and Hwasong-14 and 15 intercontinental ballistic missiles, unless it intends to completely abandon diplomacy since it is certain to invite new U.N. sanctions.

North Korea last conducted a major missile test in November 2017 when it flight-tested the Hwasong-15 and demonstrated the potential capability to reach deep into the U.S. mainland. Experts think North Korea still needs more tests to make its ICBMs viable.

Kim in a New Year's speech said he hopes to continue his nuclear summitry with Trump, but would seek a "new way" if the United States persists with sanctions and pressure against North Korea.

Following the collapse of his second summit with Trump in February, Kim said he is open to a third meeting, but set the end of the year as a deadline for Washington to offer mutually acceptable terms for an agreement. **AP**

MONTENEGRO

Two Russian spies sentenced in coup attempt

Predrag Milic, Podgorica

A Montenegro court yesterday sentenced 13 people, including two Russian secret service operatives, to up to 15 years in prison after they were convicted of plotting to overthrow the Balkan country's government and prevent it from joining NATO.

Chief judge Suzana Mugosa said the two Russians, identified as Eduard Shishmakov and Vladimir Popov, were convicted of "attempted terrorism" and "creating a criminal organization." The two were tried in absentia.

Shishmakov received a 15-year prison term while Popov got 12 years. Two leading ethnic Serb opposition politicians, Andrija Mandic and Milan Knezevic, were sentenced to five years each.

The verdict said the group planned to take over parliament on election day on Oct. 16, 2016, assassinate then-Prime Minister Milo Djukanovic and install a



pro-Russia, anti-NATO leadership.

Montenegro joined NATO in June 2017 as the Western military alliance's 29th member despite strong opposition from Moscow, which considers the small Adriatic country a historic Slavic ally and is opposed to NATO's enlargement.

The Kremlin has repeatedly denied involvement in the coup attempt. Montenegro's police thwarted the action after receiving tips from Western spy organizations, authorities said.

The lawyer of one of the convicted Serbs said he will appeal.

"The Russian Federation has been charged and sentenced with this political pamphlet," said Miroje Jovanovic, referring to the verdict.

The Russian pair, said to be members of the Russian military secret service agency GRU, coordinated the attempted coup from neighboring Serbia, the verdict said. They were allowed by Serbia's pro-Russia authorities to leave for Moscow despite reports that they operated with sophisticated spy equipment.

The judge said that the Russians provided at least 200,000 euros for the purchase of rifles

and guns.

She said two tried to recruit "as many people as possible to come to the protest" and try to "change the electoral will" and "prevent Montenegro from joining NATO."

The judge said that the two ethnic Serb politicians made several trips to Moscow on the eve of the election where they were believed to get instructions from the GRU operatives.

"Each member of the criminal organization had a task and role that had been previously determined and the criminal organization was ready to implement violence and intimidation," she said.

The United States and its allies have accused the GRU of involvement in the 2018 nerve agent attack on a Russian ex-spy in Britain, hacking the 2016 U.S. presidential campaign and disrupting anti-doping efforts in world sports. Russian authorities have rejected the accusations, calling them part of a Western smear campaign. AP

FRANCE

Unions hold strikes, protests against Macron policies

FRENCH unions are holding strikes and protests against 120,000 job cuts and other deep changes to France's huge public sector by President Emmanuel Macron's government.

France's unions have been eclipsed by the yellow vest movement in recent months, and are now trying to capitalize on its success in getting Macron to backtrack on some of his pro-business policies.

Waving union flags of all colors, activists marched in Paris, Marseille and other cities yesterday. Strikes hit some schools, airports and hospitals.

In addition to job cuts, medical workers are angry at changes to public hospital financing. Teachers are angry at hiring changes they say will add to workloads.

Macron says the changes are necessary to make France's indebted public service more efficient. AP

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RUSSIA

Putin on Victory Day: military to be strengthened

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin told the annual military Victory Day parade in Red Square yesterday that the country will continue to strengthen its armed forces.



The parade marked the 74th anniversary of the defeat of Nazi Germany. It included about 13,000 servicemen and 130 pieces of military equipment, ranging from a T-34 tank — renowned for its effectiveness in World War II — to lumbering Yars ICBM launch units.

For the second time in three years, the parade did not conclude with an aerial display of helicopters and warplanes speeding above the square. Russian news reports said the cancellation was due to heavy clouds.

Among the guests were

recently resigned Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbayev and Steven Seagal, the American actor who obtained Russian citizenship in 2016 and later was named a special envoy for humanitarian ties with the United States.

Putin said in his speech that “we have done and

will do everything necessary to ensure the high combat capability of our armed forces.”

He added: “At the same time, Russia is open for cooperation with all who are ready to resist terrorism, neo-Nazism and extremism.”

Dozens of other Russian cities also held parades

for the country’s most significant secular holiday.

In neighboring Ukraine, which also observes the holiday, outgoing President Petro Poroshenko struck out at Russia.

“For five years, the descendants of the glorious victors over Nazism have defended with arms the freedom of the Ukrainian people and their civilization choice from Russian aggression,” Poroshenko said.

Russia annexed Crimea from Ukraine in 2014 and backs separatist rebels who have been fighting Ukrainian forces in the country’s east for the past five years, a conflict that has left over 13,000 dead.

TV actor Volodymyr Zelenskiy roundly defeated Poroshenko in Ukraine’s April 21 presidential runoff. **AP**

ITALY

Holocaust survivor opens book fair after neo-fascist banned

A Polish-born Holocaust survivor opened a book fair in Italy yesterday to a standing ovation, after organizers agreed to ban a publisher linked to a neo-fascist group.

Halina Birenbaum, an 89-year-old poet who lives in Israel, was quoted by Italy’s Corriere della Sera daily as saying “this is more proof for me that evil will not win.”

Birenbaum and the Auschwitz-Birkenau museum had threatened to boycott the 2019 Turin International Book Fair if the Altaforte publishing house, whose director is linked to the neo-fascist CasaPound party, was included.

“We consider our presence incompatible with that of a neo-fascist publishing house that openly spreads a revisionist culture,” read a letter signed by Birenbaum and others including Piotr Cywinski, director of the state mu-

seum in Poland.

The head of the publishing house, Francesco Polacchi, has defined himself as a fascist. He has praised late Italian dictator Benito Mussolini and said “anti-fascism is the true evil in this country.”

Polacchi, who is also under investigation for promoting fascism, said he would sue. He called the ban an attack on the county’s hard-line interior minister, Matteo Salvini.

Altaforte is publishing a book of interviews with Salvini that was to be presented at the fair.

Salvini also denounced the ban on Altaforte, saying there is a “minority on the left that claims the right to decide who can make music, who can do theater, who can publish books.”

“Ideas are answered with other ideas, not with censorship,” Salvini said. **AP**

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21:15	Semana Internacional
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POKEMON: DETECTIVE PIKACHU

ROOM 1
2:30, 4:30, 7:30pm
Language: CantoneseROOM 1
9:30pm

Director: Rob Letterman

Starring: Ryan Reynolds, Justice Smith, Kathryn Newton

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 104min

this day in history



1994 MANDELA BECOMES SA'S FIRST BLACK PRESIDENT

Nelson Mandela has become South Africa's first black president after more than three centuries of white rule. Mr Mandela's African National Congress (ANC) party won 252 of the 400 seats in the first democratic elections of South Africa's history.

The inauguration ceremony took place in the Union Buildings amphitheatre in Pretoria today, attended by politicians and dignitaries from more than 140 countries around the world.

As part of the ceremony he pledged his allegiance to South Africa and his determination to continue his work for reconciliation.

"I do hereby swear to be faithful to the Republic of South Africa and do solemnly and sincerely promise to promote that which will advance and to oppose all that may harm the republic... and to devote myself to the well-being of the republic and all its people."

Jubilant scenes on the streets of Pretoria followed the ceremony with blacks, whites and coloureds celebrating together.

When the new president, flanked by First Deputy President Thabo Mbeki and Second Deputy President FW de Klerk, appeared on the Botha Lawn beneath the Union Buildings the crowd went wild.

More than 100,000 South African men, women and children of all races sang and danced with joy.

Addressing the crowd President Mandela paid tribute to outgoing president Mr FW de Klerk: "He has made for himself a niche in history.

"He has turned out to be one of the greatest reformers, one of the greatest sons of South Africa."

He also spoke of the "human disaster" of apartheid.

"We saw our country tear itself apart in terrible conflict... The time for healing of wounds has come... Never, never again will this beautiful land experience the oppression of one by another."

And urging forgiveness he said in Afrikaans: "Wat is verby verby" - "What is past is past"

Courtesy BBC News

Offbeat

ORCHESTRA SEARCHING FOR CHILD WHO CHARMED CROWD WITH 'WOW!'



America's oldest performing arts group is looking for a child who was literally wowed by a recent classical music concert.

The Handel & Haydn Society had just finished its rendition of Mozart's "Masonic Funeral" at Boston's Symphony Hall on Sunday when a youngster blurted out loudly: "WOW!"

Boston classical music station WCRB-FM captured the exuberance on audio. The crowd can be heard bursting first into laughter and then rousing applause for the child.

Now the organization founded in 1815 has mounted a search for the kid it's calling the "Wow Child" - not to reprimand him or her, but to offer a chance to meet the conductor and hear the orchestra again as a guest of honor.

"It was one of the most wonderful moments I've experienced in the concert hall," Handel & Haydn president and CEO David Snead wrote in a letter to concertgoers asking them to share the child's name.

"While (artistic director) Harry Christophers was holding the audience rapt in pin-drop silence following the music's end, what sounded like a child of about six years of age couldn't hold back," Snead said, calling it "something I've never before experienced in my 40-plus years of concert-going."

WCRB was recording the orchestra's season finale for airing this autumn, and it described the youngster's exuberance as "unbelievably charming."

"That actually brought me to tears," tweeted Mary Jane Leach, a composer and performer in Valley Falls, New York.

Handel & Haydn said it's delighted and hopes the appreciation from its "young new fan" erases any notions that classical music is stuffy and aloof.

The venerable orchestra, which celebrated its bicentennial in 2015, is older than the New York and Vienna Philharmonics, both of which debuted nearly three decades later in 1842. It is the United States' oldest continuously operating arts organization.



AVENGERS: ENDGAME

ROOM 2

2:30, 5:45, 9:00pm

Director: Anthony Russo, Joe Russo

Starring: Brie Larson, Scarlett Johansson, Karen Gillan

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 181min



THE HUSTLE

ROOM 3

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

Director: Chris Addison

Starring: Anne Hathaway, Rebel Wilson, Tim Blake Nelson

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 94min

IN CONTEXT

Following the inauguration ceremony, President Mandela entrusted his deputy, Thabo Mbeki, with the day-to-day business of the government. Mandela himself concentrated on the ceremonial duties of a leader, building a new international image for South Africa.

Mandela stepped down as South Africa's president after the ANC's landslide victory in the national elections in the summer of 1999, in favour of Mr Mbeki.

Since his retirement he has continued travelling the world, meeting leaders, attending conferences and collecting awards.

Nelson Mandela died in December 2013

YOUR STARS

Aries
Mar. 21-Apr. 19
Be as clear as you can be today — otherwise, things are sure to get really weird. One of your closest friends is in dire need of a wake-up call, but if you muddy it, they won't understand.

Taurus
April 20-May 20
Things are getting somewhat weird today, so make sure that you're stepping up and tackling the challenges as they arise. You need to pay closer attention to the details in order to understand them.

Gemini
May 21-Jun. 21
You may not even realize you're flirting until someone starts to step up their game and you have to make the call: Go or no go. This can be fun, but it might also be awkward if you're already seeing someone!

Cancer
Jun. 22-Jul. 22
You may not want to pore over all those data tables or job listings, but now is the best time to handle the details. You can spot things others would miss, and you are sure to set yourself apart.

Leo
Jul. 23-Aug. 22
You're blessed with friends, and should find that most of them are giving you what you need today. See if you can get them to follow your lead, as you've got plenty to offer right now.

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Work is on your mind — maybe you need a new job, or maybe you need to close out an account so you can finally sleep well at night. Whatever it is, your mental energy is just right for dealing with it.

Libra
Sep. 23-Oct. 22
Your great energy is perfect for any brainy activity — or just for having fun! See if you can sweet-talk a few close friends into an impromptu barbecue or something even bigger and more wild.

Scorpio
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
This is not a good time to ignore the fine print — get in deep and really make sure you understand it all! That could mean consulting with a lawyer, if the stakes seem high enough to you.

Sagittarius
Nov. 22-Dec. 21
If you're worrying about what comes next, take it easy — things are looking up, really! You just need to take firm, decisive action, as your presence determines success or failure now.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19
You feel somewhat looser and more willing to wander today — so make the most of it and enjoy what you've got! It's a great time to meet new people, make new friends and flirt with hotties.

Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18
You've got creative energy to spare — and today, the whole world can see it! Don't hold back, because your biggest, boldest ideas are those that are likeliest to sway people and bring about change.

Pisces
Feb. 19-Mar. 20
You are feeling just a little busier than you would like, but that's okay — in fact, you kind of need the distraction. You can feel a surge of energy coming, but it's not quite here yet, so just keep plugging away.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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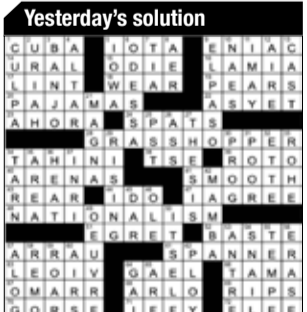
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Shanghai	16	27	clear
Wuhan	14	29	cloudy
Hangzhou	17	28	cloudy
Taipei	21	24	drizzle
Guangzhou	21	29	cloudy
Hong Kong	22	26	cloudy
WORLD			
Moscow	15	24	drizzle
Frankfurt	8	18	drizzle
Paris	12	17	drizzle
London	7	15	drizzle
New York	11	20	drizzle

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DOWN: 1- Brit's raincoat; 2- Bruin legend; 3- Join the competition; 4- Legal add-on; 5- Hara-kiri; 6- Cabinet department; 7- Tortoise racer; 8- Spring mo.; 9- Rural expanse; 10- Brass wind instrument; 11- Gay; 12- Marisa of "My Cousin Vinny"; 13- Ruhr Valley city; 21- Pub pint; 23- Highest European volcano; 24- White as a ghost; 25- Subway turner; 26- Golfer Palmer, informally; 27- Clear (of); 28- Shows up; 29- Thunderstruck; 31- Salon job; 33- Twixt's partner; 34- Back at the track; 35- Free to attack; 36- Low-budget prefix; 38- Not duped by; 41- Lucy's husband; 42- Quarantine; 43- Small fish; 44- Funnyman Philips; 46- Lawn material; 47- Windows predecessor; 48- Lulus; 49- Nostrils; 50- Trials; 52- Civil rights leader Parks; 55- Used car locale; 56- Rat-a-; 58- Boy; 59- Acknowledgment of debt; 60- Onetime Jeep mfr.; 61- Pass away, perish;



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the Roadhouse Macau Yamaha. I'm really happy with the pace of the bike and we are getting it to where we want it to be handling-wise as well, so it's all coming together."

The rider also announced that he would skip the North West 200, which will take place from May 12 to 18, instead choosing to properly prepare for the biggest event of the year, the Isle of Man TT.

"We won't be going to the North West 200 with the bike because we just want to pack it away now for the Isle of Man TT, rather than risk blowing a motor as it wouldn't leave us with enough time to get a new one prepared to the required specification for the TT. I'm really looking forward to riding the bike on the island and hopefully we'll have a good run in practice to set us up to challenge for some decent results in the two Supersport races," Shiels said.

Shiels has also been racing in the Macau Grand Prix motorcycle race since 2016. He achieved his best result with an eighth-place finish last year, after being named the best newcomer of 2016, when he finished in ninth place.

Shiels and the Roadhouse Macau Yamaha will be back on the road for the Isle of Man TT races, which will take place from May 25 to June 7.

ROADHOUSE

Macau-sponsored rider Sheils scores podium at Irish race

Renato Marques

IRISH motorcycle road racer Derek Sheils, racing under the title sponsor of Roadhouse Macau, has claimed a podium finish at the National Road Ra-

cing Championship. He finished third at the Tandragee 100 road races last week.

Riding a Yamaha R6, Sheils had already started the new season strong with a solid fourth place finish at the Cookstown 100 at

the end of April. He built on that result with a strong performance on the challenging 8.5 km Tandragee 100 course in County Armagh in Northern Ireland.

The experienced rider from Dublin had a quiet race at the

Tandragee 100, securing third-place behind Adam McLean and race winner Derek McGee.

After the race, the rider said, "It was a great day's racing at Tandragee and I was delighted to get my first podium of the season on

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FOOTBALL

Tottenham stuns Ajax to reach first Champions League final

AJAX 2, TOTTENHAM 3

FACING a three-goal deficit at halftime in their Champions League semifinal, Tottenham's players only had to think back 24 hours or so to find a source of inspiration.

"We saw Liverpool last night — it goes to show it's not over until it is over," Tottenham fullback Danny Rose said.

In this year's Champions League, that certainly seems to be the case. Just a day after Liverpool's stunning win over Barcelona, Tottenham pulled off another epic comeback yesterday [Macau time].

Lucas Moura completed a hat trick in the sixth minute of injury time as Tottenham rallied to beat Ajax 3-2 and reach its first Champions League final, ending a remarkable run by the young Dutch team that had knocked off some of Europe's biggest clubs along the way.

It was a rally that was eerily similar to the one the previous night at Anfield, where Liverpool erased a 3-0 deficit from the first leg by beating Barcelona 4-0 at home.

In Amsterdam, Moura nearly single-handedly helped Tottenham pull off a similar feat.

Ajax seemed to have the two-legged semifinal wrapped up by halftime after teenage captain Matthijs de Ligt and Hakim Ziyech netted to put it 2-0 up at the break — and 3-0 on aggregate.

But Moura scored twice in a four-minute span to put the visitors one goal from going through 3-3 on aggregate thanks to the away goals rule.

After Jan Vertonghen's header hit the crossbar in the 87th minute, that goal finally arrived when Moura struck again deep into injury time. Dele Alli laid the ball off for the Brazilian as he streaked

into the area and his low shot crept inside the right post to complete another improbable victory.

"It's impossible to explain what I'm feeling in this moment," Moura said. "We always believed it was possible, and we gave everything on the pitch. I think we deserved this moment."

Moura's winner led to a pile-up of Spurs players near the corner flag celebrating one of the biggest wins in club history, as the disbelieving Ajax players lay on the ground.

It means Tottenham will face Liverpool in Madrid on June 1 in the first all-English final since Manchester United beat Chelsea in 2008. That's a scenario few had imagined last week when Barcelona and Ajax both won the first legs.

For Ajax, it ended a run that saw a team built around young homegrown talents knock out Real Madrid and Juventus before putting themselves on the brink of the club's first Champions League final since 1996.

The hosts dominated the first half and De Ligt, the 19-year-old captain, headed home a corner in the fifth minute after goalkeeper Hugo Lloris had been forced into making a good one-handed save from Dusan Tadic.

Son Heung-Min countered by hitting the post at the other end minutes later but Ziyech doubled the lead in the 35th. Donny van de Beek streaked forward and laid the ball off to Tadic, who cut the ball back to Ziyech for a one-time finish beyond the reach of Lloris.

That should have been it, especially given the fact that Ajax had never lost a Champions League game after scoring the first goal.

But even without injured star striker Harry Kane, Tottenham found a way back.

In a second half filled with chances at both ends, Moura started

the comeback after a quick counterattack as Alli again laid the ball off for the streaking Brazilian to slot a low shot past goalkeeper Andre Onana.

The second came after Onana made a stunning close-range save to deny Fernando Llorente but couldn't control the ball, and it fell to Moura in the following scramble. With his back to goal, the Brazilian swiveled and fired into the left corner of the net.

Suddenly the semifinal was hanging in the balance again, and both teams missed chances to score a third. Ziyech had the best opportunities for Ajax but he shot just wide when he was picked out by Tadic in the middle of the box in the 63rd and then hit the post with a similar effort in the 79th.

That proved costly as Spurs launched one desperate counter just as the five minutes of added time were nearly up. A long ball up the pitch fell to Alli, who created a chance for Moura to complete another dramatic semifinal comeback.

"We were so close, we had so deserved it, but that last second," Ajax coach Erik ten Hag lamented. "When that ball hits the post from Hakim Ziyech, it's over and out for Spurs. But I can't blame anyone. We have had an incredible Champions League season and have grown a lot as a team. It is difficult to process."

Tottenham manager Mauricio Pochettino, who is still aiming for his first title with the club, was in tears as he celebrated on the field and broke down again in a TV interview.

"It's still difficult to talk. Thank you football, thank you these guys, my players. This type of emotion, without football I think is impossible to," experience, Pochettino said. "They are all heroes but (Moura) is a superhero." **AP**

Amazing matches highlight epic Champions League season

REAL MADRID-AJAX

Three-time defending champion Real Madrid was a huge favorite to reach the quarterfinals after beating Ajax 2-1 in the first leg in Amsterdam. But a young, vibrant Ajax team ended Madrid's reign in a 4-1 rout that set the tone for the rest of the competition — no storied club was safe, not even on home turf.

Madrid's humiliation was highlighted by how captain Sergio Ramos came to miss the second leg.

Ramos committed a 90th-minute foul in Amsterdam to intentionally get a yellow card. He had calculated that a suspension from the return match was worth clearing his disciplinary record for the matches to come.

PARIS SAINT-GERMAIN-MANCHESTER UNITED

One day later, video review helped Manchester United pull off another comeback win.

United, revitalized by interim manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer after grim times under Jose Mourinho, faced Paris Saint-Germain in the last 16 trailing by two goals and with Paul Pogba suspended.

A pair of first-half goals from Romelu Lukaku gave United hope, and the 3-1 victory was secured by a stoppage-time penalty from Marcus Rashford.

But the drama came from how the penalty was awarded, using technology UEFA had only weeks earlier decided to include.

Diogo Dalot's long-range shot seemed to be heading high over the goal until the ball hit the arm of PSG defender Presnel Kimpembe.

The penalty was given after a lengthy review.

MANCHESTER CITY-TOTTENHAM

Another game ultimately decided by video review — overturning what even Tottenham thought was a stoppage-time goal by Manchester City forward Raheem Sterling — came in the quarterfinals.

There were three lead changes early in the match and a Champions League record five goals in the first 21 minutes.

Man City were set to advance when Sergio Aguero made it 4-2 in the 59th minute, but Tottenham regained control in the 73rd when Fernando Llorente scored with his hip to make it 4-3. That goal stood after a review for possible handball.

The stadium later erupted, with City manager Pep Guardiola galloping down the touchline in ecstatic leaps, when Sterling scored after a misplaced pass by Tottenham midfielder Christian Eriksen sent Aguero clear.

Unnoticed at first, Eriksen's pass had glanced off a City player's leg. Aguero was offside, the goal was disallowed, and Tottenham was reprieved.

LIVERPOOL-BARCELONA

To reach the final, Liverpool had to overturn a three-goal deficit against a Barcelona team led by Lionel Messi.

And they had to do it without two of their top forwards, injured teammates Mohamed Salah and Roberto Firmino. But if it was going to happen anywhere, it would be under the floodlights on a European soccer night at Anfield.

Stand-in striker Divock Origi scored early, and halftime substitute Georginio Wijnaldum quickly added two more to make it 3-3 on aggregate.

Barcelona eventually was eliminated when 20-year-old Liverpool fullback Trent Alexander-Arnold tricked a sleeping defense. His quick pass from a corner found Origi for the winning goal.

AJAX-TOTTENHAM

In a competition where big leads have had a habit of disappearing, Tottenham pulled off the final trick with almost the final kick.

Ajax won in London 1-0 in the first leg and scored two more in the first half on yesterday.

Then came Lucas Moura...

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KILLING THEM NOT SO SOFTLY

True: United Nations agencies or “bodies” can be confusing, especially when their names are long — the more specialized they are the longer the name — and the way they are designated in the mainstream press only refers to their acronym. There is the IPCC on the one hand, and the IPBES on the other, with the latter sometimes being characterized as the former “on biodiversity”—how helpful is that?!? Indeed, the IPCC is the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and this is the one organization we most often heard about as the unprecedented warming of planet earth is seen as the root cause of all our environmental challenges, present and future.

The IPCC’s work provides scientific evidence about and policy recommendations on how to deal with these challenges to its 195 member states. It is the IPCC, which was founded in 1988, that warned us last October that efforts to limit global warming “well below 2°C” above pre-industrial levels over the century would not be enough, contrary to what we thought in 2015, and that the new threshold not to cross was 1.5° C in order to prevent a grilling amplification of heat-waves, a sudden destabilization of the marine ice sheet in Antarctica, the irreversible loss of the Greenland ice sheet, and an alarming rise of mean sea level across the globe.

The consequences would be dreadful for human societies and the urgency is here and now: CO2 emissions have to be reduced by about 45% at the horizon of 2030 and reach net zero — carbon neutrality — by 2050!

The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services is more recent — it was created only in 2012 — and, as the name indicates, is focused on the footprint human activities have on biodiversity and ecosystems across the world. Governments — 130 member states altogether — support the action of the IPBES, but just like the IPCC, its different roles are grounded in expertise bringing together scientists, NGOs as well as businesses and industries. It is well-known for its “assessments”, among which certainly the most influential to date has been its report on “Pollinators, Pollination and Food Production” and ground-breaking trend it triggers in the global fight against pesticides since it was published in 2016.

Now, the plenary session of the IPBES just convened for two weeks in Paris in the UNESCO building and released on May 4th a short version of its huge report on the unprecedented and dangerous decline of nature because of human activities. The most quoted and conscience-striking fact highlighted in that “summary for policymakers” being that 1 million species of plants and animals — out of a total of 8 million, including 5.5 million insects — are “threatened with extinction, many within decades, more than ever before in human history.”

The report also indicates, just like the IPCC report from October, that “global goals for conserving and sustainably using nature [...] cannot be met by current trajectories, and goals for 2030 and beyond may only be achieved through transformative changes across economic, social, political and technological factors.” The constant reminder of the 2030 horizon deriving from the 17 Sustainable Development Goals set by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015.

What is meant by “transformative changes” is pretty complex, although the executive summary makes it very clear that these should follow four key principles of governance: ‘integrative’ governance to ensure policy coherence and effectiveness; ‘inclusive’ governance approaches through stakeholder engagement and the inclusion of indigenous peoples and local communities; ‘informed’ governance for nature and nature’s contributions to people; and finally ‘adaptive’ governance and management. Any piece of policymaking should thus be implementable and implemented across the board, by all and for the benefit of all, based on facts and assessments and enabling locally tailored choices that can then be erected as guidelines for best practices by all.

But then, the report concludes distressingly that a “transformative change can expect opposition from those with interests vested in the status quo,” a disheartening warning not quite mitigated by the somewhat naive assertion that “such opposition can be overcome for the broader public good.” Reminds you of anywhere?

THE HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR OPENS BOOK FAIR BUZZ AFTER NEO-FASCIST BANNED

A Polish-born Holocaust survivor opened a book fair in Italy to a standing ovation, after organizers agreed to ban a publisher linked to a neo-fascist group.

Halina Birenbaum, an 89-year-old poet who lives in Israel, was quoted by Italy’s Corriere della Sera daily as saying “this is more proof for me that evil will not win.”

Birenbaum and the Auschwitz-Birkenau museum had threatened to boycott the 2019 Turin International Book Fair if it included the Alta-

forte publishing house, whose director is linked to the neo-fascist CasaPound party.

“We consider our presence incompatible with that of a neo-fascist publishing house that openly spreads a revisionist culture,” read a letter signed by Birenbaum and others including Piotr Cywinski, director of the state museum in Poland.

“In my life I suffered too much to be in the same place with people who propagate ideas that caused me to lose all of my family,” Birenbaum said.

BBC DJ fired after royal baby tweet with chimpanzee picture

Gregory Katz, London

A BBC radio broadcaster was fired yesterday for using a picture of a chimpanzee in a tweet about the royal baby born to Meghan the Duchess of Sussex and her husband Prince Harry.

Danny Baker, who had a weekly show on BBC Radio 5 Live, tweeted that he has been fired after posting an image of a couple holding hands with a chimpanzee dressed in clothes and the caption: “Royal baby leaves hospital.”

The tweet came on Wednesday, the same day Harry and Meghan posed for photos with their first child, Archie Harrison Mountbatten-Windsor. The tweet was seen as a racist reference to baby Archie’s heritage. His grandmother Doria Ragland is African American.

Baker, 61, said the posting had been meant as a gag, tweeting late Wednesday that it was “supposed to be (a) joke about royals vs circus animals in posh clothes but interpreted as about monkeys & race.” The post has since been deleted.

“Enormous mistake, for sure. Grotesque. Anyway, here’s to ya Archie, Sorry mate,” he tweeted.

BBC Radio 5 Live controller Jonathan Wall said in an email to staff that Baker had shown poor judgment.

“This was a serious error of judgment and goes against the values we as



a station aim to embody. Danny’s a brilliant broadcaster but will no longer be presenting a weekly show with us,” Wall said.

Yesterday, Baker insisted he is not racist and attacked the BBC for its handling of the controversy. He said the call to fire him “was a masterclass of pompous faux-gravity.”

When Harry was first dating Meghan, his office released a scathing letter in which the prince complained about sexist and racist media coverage and online comments about Meghan, who at the time was starring in the TV show “Suits.”

The flap over Baker’s tweet came as Harry took a break from parental duties to travel to the Nether-

lands to promote the 2020 Invictus Games, an international competition he founded for injured service personnel and veterans.

Harry grinned and made funny faces for the cameras as he held up a tiny baby outfit given to him by Princess Margriet of the Netherlands.

Baby Archie was introduced to his great-grandparents, Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Wednesday. Harry and Meghan posted an Instagram picture of the meeting, which also included Meghan’s mother, who is staying with the royal couple.

One of Britain’s leading contemporary artists, Yinka Shonibare, said Thursday the baby is a heartening symbol of Britain’s multicultural society.

“My parents’ generation unfortunately had a very difficult time in Britain, my parents are from Nigeria, and also the Windrush generation had a very hard time,” he said after receiving an award at Buckingham Palace.

“It’s good to know that finally we are treated as equals and everyone should be celebrated, so I think this is a natural progression for the next generation to be properly part of British society.” AP



Danny Baker

Station	Air quality	
Roadside	40-60 Good	
High Density Residential Area	40-60 Good	
Ambient	50-70 Good	

WORLD BRIEFS



JAPAN A Japanese court has rejected an appeal from the lawyers of Nissan’s former chairman Carlos Ghosn over bail conditions that forbid him to contact his wife, as a prosecutor defended the restriction as needed to prevent evidence tampering.



AUSTRALIA Central bank has taken responsibility for typos on 46 million bank notes after a radio station posted an image of the microscopic error on social media.



RUSSIA will keep strengthening its armed forces, President Vladimir Putin promised yesterday, speaking at the annual military Victory Day parade that flooded Red Square in Moscow with celebrants, soldiers and military equipment. More on p15



VATICAN Pope Francis issued a groundbreaking new church law yesterday requiring all Catholic priests and nuns around the world to report clergy sexual abuse and cover-up by their superiors to church authorities, in a new effort to hold the Catholic hierarchy accountable for failing to protect their flocks.

HOLIDAY TIMES

Macau Daily Times will not be published during the holiday. The Times will be back on the stands on Tuesday, May 14. However the MDT website will be updated with breaking news during the recess period. We wish our readers, advertisers and friends the best of times.