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**HONG KONG's** government said yesterday that it was willing to raise the threshold for extraditing criminal suspects amid widespread concerns over moves seen as eroding the territory's independent legal system.



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**NORTH KOREA** A senior official who had been reported as being purged over the failed nuclear summit with Washington was shown in state media yesterday enjoying a concert near leader Kim Jong Un.  
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## Pearl Horizon buyers given one month to buy public house

Starting from June 17, buyers of the former Pearl Horizon project can apply to purchase the government's public housing units, according to a dispatch published yesterday in the government's Official Gazette. The application period lasts until August 16. Those who fail to apply within the time limit will be disqualified. Individuals, couples or joint owners of the previous Pearl Horizon project can purchase one public housing unit. The available area for the replacement can have a difference of up to 5% compared to the previous purchase. The price will be settled according to the original Pearl Horizon contract.

## Court rejects Surf Hong appeal

The Court of Second Instance rejected the appeal of Surf Hong Company to suspend a fine totaling MOP11.7 million. Surf Hong Company was fined based on the damage caused to the public by the forced closure of several swimming pools due to a shortage of lifeguards. The company's proprietor submitted the company's bank account information, stating that neither his personal assets nor the company's assets were sufficient to pay the fine, and that the fine will lead to his bankruptcy, which will cause irreparable damages. According to him, his company might lose the contracts for all pools, meaning that his employees would be jobless.

## Lawmaker wants better real estate agent training

Lawmaker Song Pek Kei has asked the local government to review the on-the-job training content for real estate agents. In her written inquiry to the government, Song pointed out many problems in the local real estate market, including illegal guesthouses. In Song's opinion, Macau's current training of real estate agents lacks knowledge on illegal guesthouses. Song wants the inclusion of identification knowledge training and also for the government to enhance communication with the real estate industry so as to protect residents' interests and rights.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

# Sulu Sou proposes amendment to include trade union rights

Staff reporter

**D**ESPITE the failure of his colleagues to pass any of the 10 previously submitted trade union bills at the Legislative Assembly (AL), lawmaker Sulu Sou submitted a similar proposal yesterday to the legislature.

Instead of proposing a new bill, Sou requested to amend the existing Law 4/98/M, which provides a basic framework governing employment policy and safeguarding labor rights.

Sou proposed the addition of several labor rights, including the right to organize and join labor unions which offer collective bargaining, and allow for labor strikes.

These rights will have to be protected and regulated by specific legislation, and the bill would also mandate that the exercise of these rights must be protected by future legislation.

The lawmaker said he is not playing with the procedures, as he explained that in 1998, Law 4/98/M had already inscribed a provision – Item C, Article 7 – that guarantees a minimum wage and its regular adjustment.

According to Sou, at that time, even though there was no consensus with regard to the implementation of the minimum wage policy, the legislature accepted the inclusion of the provision in the legal framework.

On the other hand, labor's



rights to forming or joining a trade union and starting a strike are protected by both the Basic Law and pertinent international treaties to which Macau is a signatory.

Sou emphasized that Macau is the only place in China where such rights are not protected by dedicated legislation. He insisted that the government has the constitutional responsibility to realize such protection.

Additionally, Sou quoted that the Committee which propo-

sed the legislation in 1998 had specifically set forth the intention to add labor rights into the law. As such, Sou thought that this amendment could achieve the same goals by first concentrating labor rights into a single law to stress their value, and secondly making it harder to limit or abolish such rights, as he stressed that having dedicated legislation on trade union rights should be a goal and duty of the SAR.

The lawmaker is confident

that his proposal will proceed to the plenary agenda, as he claimed that it is supported in principle by a number of his colleagues, including those who voted against previous trade union bills.

Their main concerns on this bill are the details, technicality, and timing of the legislation. Therefore, he considered it was about time the administration, legislature, and society as a whole commence discussion on the matter.

## CRIME

# Taxi drivers conspired to keep passenger's money

Julie Zhu

**T**HREE taxi drivers have been brought to the prosecution authority, being accused of conspiring to retain possession of a passenger's property, the Public

Security Police Force (PSP) informed during yesterday's press conference.

The incident was reported to the police on June 1 by a mainland man who said he lost his bag containing

HKD108,500 in cash, inside a taxi that took him to the Cotai border frontier.

The first suspect, a local resident surnamed Ng, is the driver of the specific taxi. Upon discovering the bag, Ng

kept it after putting HKD70,000 in cash in his own pocket.

Ng subsequently contacted another taxi driver (the second suspect) and offered to give him half of the remaining money. The second dri-

ver accepted the offer and proceeded to transfer the money to his private car. The second suspect then gave his car keys to a third driver in order to protect the money.

The police eventually found all the cash.

The first driver has been charged with inappropriate possession of others' belongings. The other two have been accused of conspiracy in handling stolen goods.

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# Attack on lawyer is 'attack on profession and rule of law'

Renato Marques

**T**HE attack on lawyer Jorge Menezes on a Macau street on May 16, 2013, which resulted in him sustaining several injuries, was not just an attack against his person, but also an attack against a profession and ultimately, the "rule of law." These were the

conclusions made by Menezes and his lawyer Pedro Leal at the first court session held yesterday morning where two suspects are on trial for carrying out the attack six years ago.

During the session's final allegations, Leal, took the opportunity to highlight the case saying, "more than an attack to Mr Menezes, this

was an attack on lawyers [in general]." He additionally directed criticism toward the Public Prosecutions Office (MP) for the way it handled the case, making reference to the "MP's mistakes."

According to the lawyer, more important than ascertaining the guilt of the suspects in the case, it was crucial to investigate and find

out the intentions of this attack: "who were the contacts of the executors of the attack in Macau?" and ultimately, who ordered the attack and hired the men.

Leal noted that the suspects had never been in Macau before the attack and they could not possibly know who Menezes was, where he lived, nor indeed other details of his daily routine.

In addition, he noted that one of the suspects who was detained by the police was able to easily and promptly contract the services of a lawyer in Macau to defend them. Leal has noted that the MP did not bother to investigate such connections and resources.

apparently his great contribution to justice, and it was all done by the Public Prosecutions Office (MP). It was the MP's [actions] that told him [the suspect] that he should not bother to come to Macau [for the trial]," added Leal.

Unhappy with the way the trial unfolded, Menezes said, "this was not what is supposed to happen. There wasn't, in fact, a will to investigate those behind [the attack], who ordered it and what were the motives that justified it."

"Like it was proved today in court, there was no way they [the suspects] could know all my steps, where I lived, etc., without [local] collaboration."

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JORGE MENEZES

A Public Security Police Force officer, testified that Leal questioned him as to whether the police had searched the contacts on the suspect's phone when he was intercepted and detained. The officer replied that such diligence was not done at that time.

"It was a vile and mandated attack," Leal said, adding, "now the 'architect' of the attack comes out untouched."

Menezes mentioned to the court that the attack possibly sought to kill him, or at least to prevent him from continuing to do his job.

Right from the beginning of the session, the lawyers protested the attack's classification as an attempted crime, pleading that it was in fact accomplished, even if the attackers were unsuccessful.

The judge presiding over the trial replied that the clarification will be left to the reading of the court's decision.

**'A WASTE OF TIME'**

Exiting from the Court of First Instance, where the trial session took place, lawyer Leal and victim Menezes spoke to the media about the case.

"This is in fact, a waste of time, and I say this because one of the suspects was detained and then released on a bail of MOP5,000," Leal said.

"The suspect was given a declaration to authorize that the trial would move forward in his absentia. This was

"This was the reason that led the police in the first place to classify the case as an organized crime and in cases of criminal organizations, there is always a 'brain' that should have tried to be found and this did not happen."

Replying to a question on the motive for such an attack, Menezes said he did not have any doubts that it was motivated by a case related with his professional duties but he cannot make assumptions on which particular case it was related to without having evidence.

In his words, more important than ascertaining which case it is related to is to note "the process puts into question the freedom of lawyers' work, questions the rule of law and the right of defense. I would say it is a slight return to barbarism and a collapse of civilization if the lawyers, the judges, and even the journalists are forced to work or decide according to a certain group's wishes." He highlighted that was ultimately the reason he kept this case running so long.

According to Menezes, the case does not end with a decision of the courts on the two suspects that were absent from the session yesterday, with the lawyer saying, "even though it might be a bit too late to investigate, I still hope that after the trial, the investigation can continue in order to find the criminal mastermind behind this case."

## REFLECTIONS FROM MACAU

# We don't talk (enough) about Tiananmen

Daniel Beitler &amp; staff reporters

**T**ODAY is the 30th anniversary of the violent crackdown that ended seven weeks of nationwide protests calling for political reform. Remembered as the June Fourth Incident, the violence of 1989 has since become one of the most important events in the story of modern China, with its effects felt in Macau, then negotiating its return from Portugal to China, and far beyond.

The intent behind the 1989 demonstrations was not, as is often conceived, to topple the Chinese Communist Party. The demonstrators were calling for corruption to be countered, for income inequality to be redressed and for the pace of political reform to be expedited.

"China required political reforms, however, the suppression led to more and more serious corruption issues in China," local lawmaker Au Kam San told the Times yesterday. "If it had really succeeded, in terms of democracy and rule of law, Chinese people nowadays could benefit more from the economic development, and the disparity between the poor and the rich would not be this serious."

Instead, after seven weeks of protests, the Central Government responded with a level of violence unbecoming of the times. The whole world was shocked; the reverberations felt suddenly in places culturally close to the mainland, like Macau.

"To the Chinese people, June 4 is a milestone in the struggle against authoritarianism, bureaucratic centralization, corruption and single thinking, but at the same time a call to development and to the lessons of history," said lawyer and political commentator Sérgio de Almeida Correia.

"For the Central Government it should be an appeal to the recognition of error and recurrence of historical truth for the greater greatness of the nation," he added. "I believe that to this day the Central Government has not realized yet what has happened and has



Beijing, 1989

never made a genuine effort to do so," he continued. "Without a process of historical reconciliation, as it was done in other countries – [for example] South Africa, Chile, Angola – it will always be an open wound."

**HISTORICAL INSECURITY**

This weekend, China's Defence Minister Wei Fenghe made a rare acknowledgement of the June Fourth Incident, calling it the "correct policy" for handling the "turbulence." The language, chosen

carefully, is intended to trivialize the severity of the Central Government's reaction, but it is also revealing of Beijing's insecurity.

That insecurity is echoed by the pro-establishment camp in Macau, who yesterday downplayed the significance of the historical event in their comments to the Times.

"I think there is nothing to be expressed regarding this matter," said pro-establishment lawmaker Ho Ion Sang, when asked about the way the event is memoriali-

zed in Macau. "There is no need to comment. It is their personal choice to organize the vigil," he said about the pro-democrat organizers.

Legislative Assembly peer Wu Chou Kit was equally evasive, determining that it "is difficult to judge right and wrong about a thing that has passed."

"I don't have much to [recall] about this event," he told the Times yesterday. "Many people know about it; many young people also know about it. Many histori-

cal moments have already passed. How do they affect our generation? Are they good or not for us? It's difficult to say."

Some lawmakers contacted by the Times declined to comment, while messages sent to others went unanswered throughout the day.

**AN OMINOUS ABSENCE**

Seen by much of the world as a pivotal moment in modern Chinese history, the absence of June Fourth from the mainstream



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POLITICAL SCIENTIST

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AU KAM SAN  
LAWMAKER



Macau, 1989

curriculum in Macau is striking. It contrasts with the historical treatment of the student-led May Fourth Movement, almost exactly 80 years earlier, which is celebrated today as a part of the nation's identity.

"[June Fourth] is not only an important part of Chinese history, but also an important part of human history," said lawmaker and democracy advocate Sulu Sou. "It had a great influence on the entire world, especially the communist world in the 1980s, where it bloomed in Eastern Europe."

But the events of Tiananmen Square in 1989 are not widely re-

membered in Macau. That is evident from the reactions of the youth who pass by the Senado Square vigil each year and, interviewed by the Times, admit they know little or nothing about the incident.

For some, the lack of familiarity with the event starts with how the subject is treated in the classroom.

"How can you teach Chinese contemporary history by jumping from the sacking of Hu Yaobang in 1987 to the Southern tour of Deng Xiaoping in January 1992?" posed Sautedé, when asked about the importance of teaching the June Fourth Incident. "History is very badly taught in Macau. The biggest

patriotic schools would never venture into that topic, and [...] if you look at the new textbook on Chinese history that was released last year, June 4 is completely absent."

Former educator Au, who has held his seat at the Legislative Assembly since 2001, said that the latest generation of history textbooks to be circulated in Macau schools have no mention of June Fourth. "In pro-government schools and in Catholic schools it is not mentioned that much," he said, however, "I know that many educators [in other schools], during their lecturing, will mention it to the students."

Sou said that many young people are familiar with the June Fourth Incident, despite a glossing over of the material in schools, because of the accessibility of information online. "When I was in school, it was mentioned because we were using textbooks from Hong Kong," said Sou, who is now in his late twenties. The lawmaker added that he understands mention of the event is becoming scarcer today.

"People in their 30s or younger may know less as they didn't experience it," agreed Au, "but Macau has freely-accessible information - if people are willing to, they can find a lot on the internet."

**NOT ALWAYS COMPLACENT**

"It is important to remember that Macau was not always as complacent as it is today," said Sautedé.

The political commentator stresses that the older generation will remember the extent of the mobilization of demonstrators that occurred in Macau three decades ago, when approximately 100,000 people crowded the Ruins of St. Paul's to protest a crackdown some 2,000 kilometers away.

Veteran journalist Severo Portela, who at the time covered the rapidly unfolding events for the public broadcaster, recalled "two or three events that changed hearts: the 100-to-200 thousand-strong demonstration in the stairs and around the iconic St. Paul's Ruins under a heavy downpour; the public fall and demise of the editor of an influential Chinese-language daily, crying and apologizing for a front page empty of the fresh massacre and the starting point of the empowerment of those that were shyly printed as 'liberals', who were to swallow the legislative elections with half the directly elected legislators."

How did such a vocal generation fall silent in the years that followed?

For Sou, although the events of 1989 "tremendously influenced that generation" and "started a wave of democracy in Macau," these very people have learned to "keep it to themselves and not share with other people."

"Nowadays, society is different," added Au in agreement. "Some people may not express their opinion, but they keep it to themselves."

"What is disturbing is that what happened on June 4 remains hidden and silent," said Correia. "In Hong Kong and Macau, once a place to shelter and welcome those who needed it, few people know the

recent history of the country. There are young people who do not know even the past before 1997 and 1999 and the inheritance of other administrations. They think everything has always been like this. Ignorance helps keep silence."

**THE DAY OF THE LAST VIGIL**

A government eager to wipe an inconvenient event from the record. A directive for unwavering patriotic education to be instilled among Macau youth. A climate of willful ignorance. Under such conditions, it is not unimaginable that one day - by whatever reason or excuse - the annual Senado Square vigil held to memorialize the events of June Fourth might be disallowed.

"It is difficult to say whether it will one day be forbidden," said Sautedé. "It has already been restrained. For many years, the vigil had to take place in front of Saint Dominic church instead of near the fountain in Senado Square, as there was always a competing event being held there - for youth day - that was always deemed more important. That changed again in 2014."

"It is not impossible that the vigil may be banned one day as the political situation changes," admitted lawmaker Sou. "It is difficult to foresee these things."

Fellow democrat Au said he believes the annual memorial will continue to have a place in Macau so long as the 'one country, two systems' policy endures.

Correia agrees. "The day people are prevented from honoring the memory of those who perished in Tiananmen, the 'second system' will be no more than a footnote in the history books," he said.

This year, the vigil will go ahead in its usual location - next to the fountain in Senado Square - where it is being held for the 29th consecutive occurrence. Lawmakers Au and Ng Kuok Cheong will lead a candlelight vigil starting from 8 p.m.

As in previous years, the two lawmakers will share their thoughts and memories of the incident, before inviting participants to share their own thoughts. An exhibition of photographs, articles, and news clippings connected to the incident will be displayed next to the vigil.

"The vigil is meaningful; it is a ritual, a platform," said Sou, who is expected to attend. "A ritual may not change that much, but each year, people gather and discuss it and the future. I think this is a very meaningful activity."



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LAWYER, POLITICAL ANALYST

# Fun fair aims to raise environmental sustainability

**GRAND** Coloane Resort held its first green fair on Sunday, featuring eco-friendly products and sustainable workshops for children.

The “Boa Vida All Things Green Fun Fair,” was opened to local micro firms that aim to raise awareness on reducing waste and using recyclable items.

The fun fair is an extension of a series of Boa Vida activities varying from culture to wining and dining, as well as wellness to artistry.

“This is something that we would like to continue to do. If there is a hotel in Macau that suits [conducting these activities], then it’s the Grand Coloane Resort because we are currently outdoors,” said Rutger Verschuren, general manager of Grand Lapa and Area VP – Macau Operations of Artyzen Hospitality Group.

“People like to come here on a weekend anyway, so might as well take the chance to create interesting events. [...] And really this isn’t for us to make money, but it just puts us on



Guilherme Martins

the map as a resort in Macau where we do green things,” he added.

The event was held in collaboration with the Macao Green

Environmental Protection Association that invited local businesses which promote healthy food and hand-made items.

One local micro firm, Stuff

Box, has been retailing eco-friendly items for the past few years and noted that awareness of environmental products has grown.

Sonic Pun who represented the firm remarked, “I think there are more people who are starting to be aware of these eco issues. Many of them are starting to use their eco-friendly products as they bring their own straws, containers and reusable cups to buy coffee.”

Another Made-in-Macau firm, Mighty Greens, was also present at yesterday’s event, aiming to encourage visitors to live a sustainable lifestyle.

Mighty Greens is the first and only local urban farm in the region growing microgreens and wheatgrass.

Questioned on how such a lifestyle has become so easily adaptable in the region, owner of the firm, Guilherme Martins, said, “everything takes time. People need to be more aware and this is why we come to these kinds of events. We want to spread awareness.”

Meanwhile, Verschuren remarked that Grand Lapa has one more phase of renovation to go, which may finish by the end of the year.

The executive pledged that it would continue to modernize its facilities, adding that Grand Lapa had just finished its exterior renovation and is currently working on the preparations for the indoor renovation, which will cover three floors of the hotel. **LV**

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# Artworks by people with disabilities showcased at USJ

**T**HE “Step with Love, Leaps with Art – Asia Pacific Accessible Art Festival 2019” is featuring over 100 artworks in different styles from various cultures created by people with disabilities.

The annual festival has been held in Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau since 2016 in a bid to highlight people with disabilities who enjoy arts and cultural creativity.

Through exchange activities, the festival assists in establishing an art and cultural sharing platform for people within the Asia Pacific region.

This year, the three-day festival features 18 rehabilitation and disability organizations from countries including Australia, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Thailand, the Philippines and Malaysia.

According to event organizers, there are 20 local rehabilitation and disability organizations participating in the event as supporting units.

Representatives from the organizations will host a total of 24 workshops to facilitate the exchange of artistic experiences.

With its final day tomorrow, the festival will also hold a series of workshops including dance, sign language and music.

Co-hosted by Caritas Macau and the University of Saint Joseph, the artworks are being



displayed at the university’s Ilha Verde campus.

Paul Pun, secretary general of Caritas Macau remarked, “in recent years, the MSAR has actively promoted the development of arts for people with disabilities and strives to build a cohesive society so that everyone can enjoy equality.”

As it can be challenging for the mentally challenged to express

themselves, many of them find self-expression through arts, which according to Pun, can enable them to have a more “integrative and fulfilling life.”

“This event is a manifestation of the basic rights of people with disabilities to enjoy arts and cultural creativity,” he added in his speech during the festival’s opening ceremony yesterday.

Keith Morrison, vice-rector

of USJ believes it is fitting that the festival was held at the university as the institution aims to foster inclusiveness and provide opportunities for all.

Morrison recalled that one of the university’s graduates was the first visually impaired person to finish graduate school in Macau.

“It is an unusual and long overdue event in Macau to give such

prominence to the celebration of those with disabilities and challenges [...] who so often go unnoticed, unremarked, under-represented and unvoiced in the society,” he noted, adding, “this is something to celebrate and welcome here.”

The event is sponsored by the Macao Foundation and the Macao Cultural Heritage Association. LV

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### Six killed in Guangdong landslide

Six people, who had been buried under a landslide in south China's Guangdong Province early Sunday morning, have been confirmed dead, local authorities said. A landslide hit a three-story building at around 2:30 a.m. in Dagangping Village in the city of Yangchun, according to the local publicity department. There were 14 residents in the building when the accident occurred. Eight of them escaped, but the rest were buried. Rescuers have now retrieved the bodies of the six victims. More than 300 personnel participated in the rescue work.

### Gongbei customs arrest 12 for diesel smuggling

Chinese customs have busted a gang suspected of smuggling over 49 tonnes of diesel through two fishing boats and three refueling ships. Twelve people were arrested in the smuggling case, according to the customs of Gongbei Port, in neighboring Zhuhai. An investigation has found that sailors hired by domestic businessmen drove boats to smuggle diesel from Hong Kong to Zhuhai in Guangdong, before further selling to domestic boats. About 310 tonnes of diesel worth 1.8 million yuan (MOP2.1 million) has been smuggled into the mainland since March this year. A further investigation is underway.



HONG KONG

# Property just hit an all-time high

IN the world's most-expensive real estate market, the sky's the limit.

Property prices in Hong Kong have reached an all-time high after relentless gains over the past three months. Home values in the city have now broken their previous record set last August, Cen-

taline data show, making the correction from mid last year through January look like a temporary blip.

The Centa-City Leading Index, which measures the city's used homes values, stood at 189.42 for the week ended May 26, the highest ever. Prices have risen by 8.6% since

the beginning of the year.

Home prices have rebounded on revived sentiment around low interest rates and limited supply. UBS Group AG said earlier this month that the property market in Hong Kong will remain bullish for another decade, thanks in part to the popu-

lation influx from mainland China.

In some quarters, the demand has never let up. At Wheelock Properties Ltd.'s Montara project in the Tseung Kwan O area, 103 potential buyers have been vying for each unit, making it the most competitive project since 2013, the Hong Kong Economic Times reported May 10.

It's grim news for those trying to get on the property ladder. Hong Kong already holds the mantle of the world's least-affordable property market and this will make even basic apartments the preserve of the rich. A CBRE Group Inc. report in April found that the city has the highest average home price at \$1.2 million, as well as the highest average prime property price at \$6.9 million.

Still, others have more bearish predictions. Knight Frank said this week that home prices may dip 5% in the second half due to the uncertainties from the trade war and stock market volatility. And noted economist and Harvard professor Carmen Reinhart told a conference in Singapore that the city's property market is showing signs of a bubble. **Bloomberg**

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# Leicester City owners set to win renewal for Thai airport duty-free deal

**T**HE billionaire family that owns Leicester City soccer club is set to win renewal of airport retail contracts that helped build its fortune.

Airports of Thailand Pcl selected the Srivaddhanaprabha family's King Power Group as the top bidder for duty-free operations at Bangkok's main international airport. It was also picked for the airport's other commercial zones. That puts King Power in pole position to finalize the deals, which will run for almost 11 years from 2020.

King Power achieved the highest score when the bids were assessed, the state-run airport operator - Asia's largest by market capitalization - said in statements Friday. The next step is for Airports of Thailand's board to approve the bids. Financial details have yet to be revealed.

King Power is currently the sole provider of duty-free stores and other outlets at major Thai airports but most of these concessions expire next year. Critics attacked Airports of Thailand for creating a monopoly, arguing

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Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha

more competition would boost retail sales.

The firm broke up the concessions in response. At Bangkok's main Suvarnabhumi airport, one contract covers duty-free stores and another spans remaining commercial zones. Similar contracts are available for a group of three smaller airports in Phuket, Chiang Mai and Hat Yai.

Firms had to stipulate how much revenue they will share

with Airports of Thailand. The operator has said bids would be predominantly assessed on technical merits rather than revenue sharing.

The state-run firm's shares slid as much as 5.6%, the most intraday in more than two years, signaling investor concern about the outcome. They pared some of the loses, and were down 4.5% as of 3:43 p.m. in Bangkok, more than the 0.2% drop in the overall Thai

stock market.

"The duty-free contract only had three bidders," said Sukrit Fries-tad, an analyst at CIMB Securities (Thailand) Co. in Bangkok. "And King Power has very high bargaining power. So the market expects the terms might not be as favorable to Airports of Thailand."

A group comprised of Royal Orchid Hotel Thailand Pcl, Empire Asia Group and WDFG UK Ltd.

also bid for the Suvarnabhumi duty-free contract, as did a consortium of Bangkok Airways Pcl and South Korea's Hotel Lotte Co.

There was only one other qualifying bidder for the commercial zones contract, Central Pattana Pcl.

More transparency in the selection process is needed, since the losing bidders for the duty-free contracts include some of the industry's top-ranked operators, said Deunden Nikomborirak, a research director for regulatory policy at the Thailand Development Research Institute.

All the firms were seeking to capitalize on Thailand's extended tourism boom, with about 40 million visitors expected this year alone.

The highest-scoring bidders for the smaller airports will be unveiled later this month.

King Power's founder Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha, who was also Leicester City chairman, died in a helicopter crash in October near the club's stadium. His family has been steering the business empire since then. **Bloomberg**

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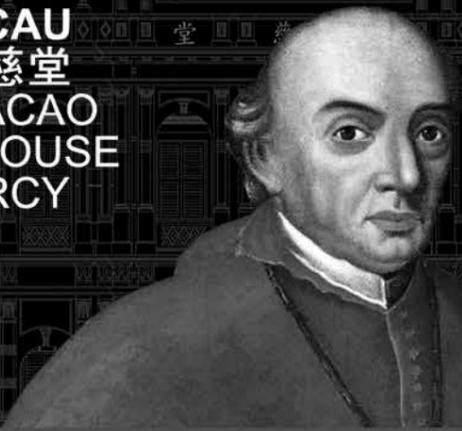
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# Prosperity, repression mark China 30

**T**HIRTY years since the Tiananmen Square protests, China's economy has catapulted up the world rankings, yet political repression is harsher than ever.

Hundreds of thousands of Muslims are held in re-education camps without charge, student activists face relentless harassment and leaders in the beleaguered dissident community have been locked up or simply vanished.

Religious groups face ever greater pressure to conform, and a web of mass surveillance is bolstering a system many call totalitarian. It's a far cry from the hopes of the idealistic student demonstrators, and a level of control far beyond what many imagined possible, even after the army's bloody crushing of the protests on the night of June 3-4, 1989.

Critics say the Tiananmen crackdown, which left hundreds, possibly thousands, dead, set the ruling Communist Party on its present course of ruthless suppression, summary incarceration and the frequent use of violence against opponents in the name of "stability maintenance."

"The June 4 incident changed the direction of Chinese history," said Zhang Lifan, who in 1989 was a scholar at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. "The narrative that China would grow strong and normal, become a stable country through a process of political reform, was destroyed."

Chinese officials routinely respond to questions about the su-

ppression by pointing to the economic progress China has made. In the three decades since the protests, China has risen to become the world's second-largest economy and is forging ahead in areas from high-speed rail to artificial intelligence and 5G mobile communications.

China's navy now sails around the globe, its space program has launched half a dozen crewed missions and its sprawling cross-border infrastructure projects are extending its influence from Nairobi to the Netherlands.

Politically, however, the state has never been more repressive. Restrictions on freedom of speech have been extended from publishing into social media, and the slightest act of perceived defiance can prompt a near instantaneous response from the authorities. The sprawling domestic security apparatus operates with impunity, coerced confessions are broadcast on state television and prison sentences are handed out on the flimsiest of charges, including "picking quarrels" and "incitement to subversion."

Calls for even moderate reforms have been attacked or just ignored. An attempt to introduce grass-roots democracy at the village level years ago foundered after the Communist Party refused to concede even a modicum of control. Deliberative bodies at all levels are filled with party appointees who vote how they're told, and the national legislatu-

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re is a mere rubber stamp body, re-electing president and party head Xi Jinping last year by a margin of 2,970 to 0.

Regarded as China's most powerful leader in a generation, Xi took the opportunity to amend the constitution and remove presidential term limits, making him president-for-life if he so chooses. While the party is believed to be rife with power struggles, Xi's ongoing anti-corruption campaign and the threat of heavy prison sentences keep his opponents in check.

In the wake of the Tiananmen crackdown, efforts to supervise the party's workings and control corruption through the media and public oversight were lost, Zhang said. While it ushered in the era of new party leader Jiang Zemin under which the economy grew, graft also became endemic, faith in communism was exhausted and interpersonal relationships revolved around sheer personal gain, essentially finishing off what the violent, radical Cultural Revolution had begun almost 20 years earlier, he said.

"The moment the government ordered its army to fire on its own people, it lost its legitimacy," said Rowena Xiaoqing He, a former protester who created a course on Tiananmen at Harvard and is a current member of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton.

"Of course, those in power can easily manipulate history and twist our memory. But that kind of manipulation and suppression of history is always followed by distortions of all kinds — social, political, psychological," He

**T**HE American photographer who shot the iconic image of a man standing in front of tanks at the 1989 Tiananmen protests says it's time for the Chinese government to come clean about the bloody events of 30 years ago.

Jeff Widener was an Associated Press photo editor based in Bangkok when he was called in to help cover a growing student-led pro-democracy movement centered on Beijing's Tiananmen Square.

The day after the military crushed the protests on June 3-4, Widener took the shot of an unknown man holding shopping bags facing a row of tanks. The photo of "tank man" became one of the most famous images of defiance of the 20th century.

In an interview, Widener said he doesn't understand why China's leaders won't admit to errors made and reveal the truth behind the crackdown.

"The United States and

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The most iconic photo of the 'tank man' by Jeff Widener

## 'Tank man' photographer urges Beijing to open up on Tiananmen

European countries have made mistakes throughout history and they've reconciled those problems," Widener told AP.

"I think it's time for China to move forward and just come clean on what happened, report to the family members what ha-

ppened to their loved ones so that they can put this to rest," he said. "I think that's the right, decent thing to do."

The 62-year-old Californian developed a love of photography at a young age, eventually joining AP as Southeast Asia pic-

ture editor.

Rejected for a journalist visa at the Chinese Consulate in Bangkok, he flew to Hong Kong, where he got a tourist visa through a travel agency, and made it through customs in Beijing with a mobile darkroom in his luggage.

With the protests in full swing, he developed a daily routine of riding a bicycle early in the morning to Tiananmen Square, where thousands of students were camped out.

His May 30, 1989, photo captured the "Goddess of Democracy," the students' version of the Statue of Liberty, facing the portrait of Communist China's first leader, Mao Zedong, on the massive Tiananmen gate.

"So you had this democracy facing off with Communism that was quite striking," Widener said.

The photo made him a Pulitzer Prize finalist and was named by Time magazine as one of the 100 most influential images of all time. **MDT/AP**

# 30 years after Tiananmen



said. "It is indeed impossible to understand today's China without understanding the spring of 1989."

Speaking at a regional defense forum in Singapore on Sunday, Chinese Defense Minister Wei Fenghe defended the government's response to the protests, drawing the stock link to China's post-1989 development.

"How can we say that China didn't handle that Tiananmen incident appropriately? There is a conclusion of that incident, that incident was political turbulence

and the central government took measures to stop the turbulence, which is a correct policy," Feng said.

An editorial yesterday in the official Communist Party newspaper Global Times' English edition said the 1989 "riot" had "immunized China against turmoil" and blamed veteran student leaders and foreign politicians of using the anniversary to attack China. The editorial made no mention of the military crackdown or subsequent repression.

Given that unbending official

line, hopes for a re-evaluation of the crushing of the 1989 protests seem incredibly distant, despite the lack of any direct personal connection to that decision among the current ranks of leaders. Revisiting the episode, meanwhile, could undermine party prestige and authority among a younger generation who know only relative prosperity and little or nothing of the events of 1989.

While China has sought to rally the public with appeals to patriotism and the ideals of the com-

munist revolution that swept the Communist Party to power in 1949, their belief system seems hollow at the core.

In an ironic twist, the Communist Party seems truly disconcerted by young people who remain true believers in Marxism for China.

A harsh crackdown on members of the Marxist student society at prestigious Peking University is one of the most extreme examples of the regime's insecurity and willingness to trample basic human rights. The school, whose Communist Party secretary — its top leader — was recently replaced by a former head of the national spy agency's branch in Beijing, has stood by as security agents have beaten, harassed and forcibly removed students who joined in the club's activities, including seeking solidarity with workers by joining them on the assembly line.

"I think the government has been very concerned about another round of student activists staging mass demonstrations. That's why they are being so nervous about students getting involved in protest," said Patrick Poon, China researcher for Amnesty International in Hong Kong.

China's domestic security spending now outstrips its defense budget, constituting an ever-growing strain on finances as the economy slows — from double digits to just 6.6% last year, a three-decade low. In addition, 20% of the defense budget is spent on the People's Armed Police, the internal security force.

Yet more initiatives are in the works, in particular the "social

credit" system of mass data collection that monitors every citizen's digital, economic and social behavior and can limit access to everything from job offers to train tickets. Still, China ranks far down in global rankings for political stability and absence of violence, below countries such as Sri Lanka, Greece and Moldova in 2017. Numbers of protests listed as "mass incidents" run into the tens of thousands each year.

With the party having shut off all channels for organized opposition or even calls for inner-party reform, Zhang, the scholar, says he sees only two scenarios under which China might be able to "overturn the verdict" on Tiananmen. One would be during a time of supreme economic and political confidence, offering a chance to "pay off this historical debt," he said. The other would be in the case of an existential crisis, when the regime was "grasping at straws."

The opportunity for the first option has already passed because of constant infighting for political influence and the economy on decline, partly because of the trade war with the U.S., Zhang said. The second scenario "has yet to come to pass."

Despite the setback it dealt to Chinese political reform, the crackdown may have had a salutary effect on events elsewhere, hurrying the peaceful fall of the Berlin Wall the same year and the dissolution of the Soviet Union soon after, Zhang said.

"So even though the Chinese people didn't benefit from it, the rest of the world felt the impact," he said. **AP**

## A look at key events in the 1989 protests

**O**VER seven weeks in 1989, student-led pro-democracy protests centered on Beijing's Tiananmen Square became China's greatest political upheaval since the end of the Cultural Revolution more than a decade earlier.

Corruption among the elite was a key complaint, but the protesters were also calling for a more open and fair society, one that would require the ruling Communist Party to relinquish control over many aspects of life, including education, employment and even the size of families.

Next week marks the 30th anniversary of the bloody crackdown that ended the protest. The government has never given a clear account of how many were killed and has squelched discussion of the events in the years since.

A timeline of the events that led to the military intervention on the night of June 3-4, 1989, and the aftermath:



Pro-democracy demonstrators carry portraits of former Chinese rulers Mao Tse-Tung and Chou En-Lai as they march to join student strikers at Tiananmen Square on May 18

### APRIL 15 HU YAOBANG'S DEATH IGNITES DEMONSTRATIONS

A leading liberal voice in the ruling Communist Party, Hu Yaobang had been deposed as general secretary by paramount leader Deng Xiaoping in 1987. Deng held Hu responsible for campus demonstrations calling for political reforms. His death from a heart attack in 1989 attracted mourners to Tiananmen Square. They called for continuing his reformist legacy and opposing corruption, nepotism and a decline in living conditions. The number of protesters swelled into the thousands in the days afterward, and spread to cities and college campuses outside Beijing, deeply alarming Deng, Hu's successor Zhao Ziyang, and other party leaders.

### APRIL 25 EDITORIAL REVIVES PROTESTS

The protests had begun to wane after 10 days but were re-energized by an editorial read out on state television on April 25 and published in the official People's Daily newspaper the next day. Titled "The Necessity for a Clear Stand Against Turmoil," it described the protests as a "well-planned plot" to overturn Communist rule. The tone of the editorial raised the strong possibility that participants could be arrested and tried on national security charges. Following its publication, protests broke out in cities around China. The text appeared to closely follow the 84-year-old Deng's views on the protests, as chronicled in *The Tiananmen Papers*, a 2001 book edited by American scholars Andrew Nathan and Perry Link and believed to be based on documents sourced from government archives.

## A look at key events in the 1989 protests

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### MAY 13 STUDENT HUNGER STRIKES

Frustrated by government indifference to their demands and the potential consequences of the April editorial, student leaders launched a hunger strike to demand substantive dialogue with the nation's leaders and recognition of their movement as patriotic and democratic. The strike drew attention from noted intellectuals including Dai Qing, who praised the students' ideals, but called on them to have patience and to abandon Tiananmen Square temporarily to allow a groundbreaking visit by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to proceed smoothly. The students rejected the suggestion, and a formal welcoming ceremony for Gorbachev was canceled in what was seen as a huge loss of face for the government. On May 18, student leaders were finally granted a meeting with Premier Li Peng and other party officials, but the session was contentious and no commitment was given on meeting their two demands.

### MAY 18 LEADERS AGREE TO DECLARE MARTIAL LAW

With the tone inside the Zhongnanhai leadership compound turning increasingly combative, Deng and other leaders met to agree on declaring martial law. Finding himself isolated and undermined, Zhao determined he could no longer back the party's position and drafted a letter of resignation. With no sign of compromise from either the government or the students, Zhao visited the square to address the students at 4 a.m. on May 19, accompanied by Li Peng. With a grim-faced future premier Wen Jiabao standing behind him, Zhao told the students, "We have come too late." He urged them to end their hunger strike and assured them that their concerns would be addressed eventually. Zhao then took sick leave and disappeared from public life, soon to be replaced by former Shanghai party head Jiang Zemin. Beijing citizens meanwhile defiantly stood up to block the first martial law troops and students began arriving in Beijing from across the country as the protests spread to an estimated 400 other cities.

### JUNE 3-4 TROOPS MOVE TO CLEAR SQUARE

Having decided that armed force was needed to end the protests and uphold Communist rule, the leadership ordered in the army, a move that would send in an estimated 180,000 troops and armed police. The commander of the 38th army, who was entrusted with the task, refused to follow orders and checked himself into a hospital. Soldiers faced resistance from Beijing residents, especially in the western neighborhoods of Muxidi and Xidan. Troops on the ground and in tanks and armored vehicles fired into crowds as they pushed toward the square through makeshift barricades. Trucks, buses and military vehicles were set on fire and some troops killed citizens as they vented their rage. As troops closed the cordon around Tiananmen Square, a cohort of student die-hards refused to leave until persuaded to by other leaders, including Taiwanese singer Hou Dejian. City hospitals filled up with the dead and wounded. Hundreds, possibly thousands, were believed killed in Beijing and other cities during the night and in the ensuing roundup of those accused of related crimes. There has never been an official accounting of the casualties.

### THE AFTERMATH

The army's crackdown was widely condemned in the West, as well as in Hong Kong, then a British colony, where supporters organized missions to bring those wanted by authorities to safety. On June 13, Beijing police issued a most-wanted notice for 21 student leaders, 14 of whom were arrested. No. 1 on the list was 20-year-old Wang Dan, who was subsequently given a four-year prison sentence but released early. By 1992, most of China's overseas relationships had been restored and Deng used his remaining personal influence to relaunch economic reforms that ushered in a new era of growth while the party ruthlessly enforced its monopoly on political power. The protests, first labeled a "counterrevolutionary riot," are now merely referred to as "political turmoil," when they are referred to at all, as the party tries to suppress all memory of them having occurred. The government has never expressed regret over the killings and rejected all calls for an investigation, leaving the protests an open wound in Chinese history. Asked if he had any comment about the anniversary at a monthly briefing on Thursday, defense ministry spokesman Wu Qian said he didn't agree with the use of the word "suppression" to describe the military action, but offered no alternative. "I think over the 30 years, what we have achieved in reform and opening up and development has already answered your question," Qian said. AP



Student leader Wang Dan in Tiananmen Square Beijing calling for a city-wide march in late May



Protesters occupying Beijing's Tiananmen Square work on the statue of the Goddess of Democracy



A young woman is caught between civilians and Chinese soldiers, who were trying to remove her from an assembly near the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on June 3



Student pro-democracy protester flashes victory signs to the crowd as People's Liberation Army troops withdraw on the west side of the Great Hall of the People near Tiananmen Square



Civilians hold rocks as they stand on a government armored vehicle near Changan Boulevard in Beijing

# Tiananmen veterans look back on movement's mistakes, passion

**WU'ER** Kaixi was among the most outspoken of the student leaders during the 1989 Tiananmen Square pro-democracy protests, famously reproaching then-Premier Li Peng at a meeting broadcast on national television.

Three decades on, he's more circumspect but remains just as harsh a critic of the Communist regime and just as committed to bringing democracy to China.

While many former leaders and participants in the protests have moved on, embracing lives and careers that have little direct relation to the movement, others remain wedded to the cause, either by vocation, through survivors' guilt or because their actions permanently put them on the wrong side of the authorities. They remain determined to keep the memories alive even as China's rulers seek to sandblast the protests and the military's bloody crackdown from history.

"Sometimes remembrance is one of the most humble forms of resistance," Wu'er Kaixi said in an interview in Taiwan, where he now lives with his wife and children.

While Wu'er Kaixi, 51, escaped abroad – via Macau – after the June 4 crackdown after finding himself at No. 2 on the government's most-wanted list, then-graduate student Pu Zhiqiang remained in China despite his role in the protests as a high-profile advocate of speech and press freedoms. Looking at old photos of his younger self, Pu reflects on the motivations of the protesters that were mostly pure, if somewhat naive.

"We hoped that China could change for the better," said Pu, 54. "As a 24-year-old, presented with this chance to serve society, had I not played a role at all, not made my voice heard, I would not have been able to forgive myself."

The military crackdown, in which hundreds, perhaps thousands, of people died, put an end to more than seven weeks of student-led protests in 1989 calling for an end to corruption and for a more open and fair society.

While many who took part wonder what could have been done differently to avoid the bloodshed, Feng Congde, a graduate student that year at elite Peking University, is convinced the students didn't push hard enough.

The experience of 1989 was "both positive and negative," Feng said. "But we have to learn the lesson, that even though we had these large numbers of people on the street, we didn't know what we should do. We should have asked the military to overthrow the regime."

Feng maintains that now, as back then, the regime remains resistant to reforming itself in the way that Taiwan's Nationalists evolved from an authoritarian police state into a multiparty democracy, eventually handing over power to the opposition



Wang Dan, 50



Wu'er Kaixi, 51



Dong Shengkun, 59



Pu Zhiqiang, 54

through elections. Like many in the democratic movement, Feng idolizes Chiang Ching-kuo, the son and successor of Chiang Kai-shek, who began the process of Taiwan's democratization during the 1980s.

"I'm quite optimistic about the democratic future of China, but I have very little hope that [President and Communist Party leader] Xi Jinping can learn from Chiang Ching-kuo. I think the totalitarian [Communist Party] regime is totally different from an authoritarian regime like the [Nationalists]," Feng said.

While few echo Feng's ruing of the lost chance of a military coup, hostility toward the regime and frustration with perceived foreign gullibility are near constants among members of the movement who remain active, especially those based abroad. Their impressions appear permanently colored by the shock, horror and disbelief they felt when the People's Liberation Army opened fire on the people they'd been charged with protecting and who'd grown to trust and revere them.

Wang Dan, 50, who was imprisoned after being named No. 1 on the most-wanted list, is among those who doesn't mince words.

"It is time for us now, for the whole democratic countries now, to re-recognize the true face of

the (Communist Party) and try to learn some lessons from the Tiananmen massacre," Wang said, using another term for the crackdown of June 3-4. "This is a very important challenge for the whole world, because now China is a rising power, and seems like a threat for the democracy and freedom of the whole world."

Wu'er Kaixi is similarly scathing, deriding the regime's claims to patriotic zeal as a cover for their desire to maintain their wealth and privileges at any cost.

"Let's look at what the Chinese regime is clearly. It's a group of people who stole the position of ruling China, one of the largest counties in the world and they're taking advantage of that position to do one thing: loot," he said.

Pu, a lawyer who was disbarred for his political activism, bemoans 1989 and the years since as a lost opportunity to develop a new, possibly alternative, political class.

Tiananmen "was an excellent training opportunity for taking part in society, taking part in politics for young people of my generation," Pu said. "But the distinctive characteristic of Chinese politics – this long-term totalitarianism – is that it cannot permit a political force or political party to take organized action."

Things have grown only more difficult amid tightening social

controls, making it much harder to rally forces in society to do things "either good or bad," Pu said.

Yet Wu'er Kaixi, now the honorary chairman of Reporters Without Borders at its East Asia office in Taipei, says those actions – the increasing repression borne out in policies such as the internment of 1 million or more Chinese Muslims in re-education camps – provide a constant reminder of the unchanged nature of the regime.

"The reason people still remember [1989], other than the mere importance of it, is also because the Communist Party is still conducting all of these brutal acts and atrocities within China against Uighur people, against Tibetans, Hong Kong, Macau, and even conducting threats against neighboring countries like Taiwan," he said.

"That will remind people that this regime, today's acts of this regime, is the same regime that massacred peaceful demonstrators 30 years ago," he said.

Feng, who is studying acupuncture and administers pro-democracy websites, and Wu'er Kaixi say their continued zeal for the cause is bolstered by a sense of obligation to those who fell in 1989, to see their names rehabilitated and their goal of a democratic China achieve fruition.

"So I have to live with this sur-

vivor's guilt ... but I will try to make the dream of those who fell 30 years ago come true sooner," Wu'er Kaixi said.

Pu, who continues to work as a legal adviser, said he sees his generation as a link to the past. Veterans, those around 50, are now the "backbone of society" who are obligated to pass on their experiences and ideals to a younger generation.

Apart from the leaders, who to varying degrees have had some say in how they have lived their lives since, Tiananmen left many scarred for life or saddled with criminal records that have severely restricted their choices.

Since serving a 17-year sentence for allegedly attacking martial law troops – a charge he denies – Dong Shengkun has been unable to find a steady job and is forced to live with his elderly mother while receiving the government's minimum living allowance of 1,000 yuan per month. Though he wishes to marry his girlfriend, the government would take away even that meager stipend were he to do so due to her somewhat better financial circumstances.

Still, Dong, who picks up odd jobs for extra income, has no regrets for having joined in the protests out of a sense of outrage and desire for change.

The 1989 movement "was about justice," Dong said. **AP**



## NORTH KOREA

# Top official reappears days after purge report

Kim Tong-Hyung, Seoul

A senior North Korean official who had been reported as being purged over the failed nuclear summit with Washington was shown in state media yesterday enjoying a concert near leader Kim Jong Un.

North Korean publications yesterday showed Kim Yong Chol sitting five seats away from a clapping Kim Jong Un in the same row along with other top officials during a musical performance by the wives of Korean People's Army officers. A report by Pyongyang's official Korean Central News Agency named Kim Yong Chol among the attendees of the event, which it said "impressively represented the ideological and mental features of KPA officers' wives, who make every moment of their life honorable with ardent yearning for the leader."

Kim Yong Chol has been North Korea's top nuclear negotiator and the counterpart of U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo since Kim Jong Un entered nuclear talks with the U.S. early last year. He traveled to Washington and met President Donald Trump twice before Kim's two summits with Trump.

Negotiations between Washington and Pyongyang have been at a standstill since February, when the second summit between Trump and Kim broke down over what the United States described as excessive North Korean demands for sanctions relief in exchange for only a partial surrender of its nuclear capabilities.

Last week, South Korean newspaper Chosun Ilbo cited an unidentified source in reporting that Kim Yong Chol had been sentenced to hard labor and ideological re-education over the failed summit in Hanoi,

Vietnam's capital. The newspaper also reported that senior envoy Kim Hyok Chol, who was involved in pre-summit working-level talks with American officials, was executed with four other officials from the North's Foreign Ministry for betraying Kim Jong Un after being won over by the United States.

South Korea's government and media have a mixed record on tracking developments among North Korea's ruling elite, made difficult by Pyongyang's stringent control of information about them.

Lee Sang-min, spokesman for Seoul's Unification Ministry, which deals with inter-Korean affairs, said the ministry would not comment on a "specific internal event in North Korea or its participants" when asked about Kim Yong Chol's reappearance in public. Seoul's spy service has said it could not confirm Friday's report of a possible pur-

ge, while the presidential Blue House cautioned against "hasty judgments or comments."

Pompeo said after the report came out that he had seen it and the U.S. was "doing our best to check it out."

The report came at a delicate time for diplomacy as North Korea in past weeks has tested short-range missiles and issued belligerent rhetoric toward American and South Korean officials. Kim Jong Un declared in April that the Trump administration has until the end of the year to come up with mutually acceptable terms for a deal to salvage the nuclear negotiations. Experts say the North is playing measured brinkmanship aimed at increasing pressure on Washington without actually causing the negotiations to collapse.

North Korea has previously executed scapegoats to atone for high-profile political flops. But while many experts believe Kim Yong Chol was pushed to a back seat in negotiations with the United States, there were doubts about the report of a purge.

Cheong Seong-Chang, an analyst at South Korea's Sejong Institute, said Kim Yong Chol, who is also rumored to have health problems, wouldn't have appeared in public this quickly if

he was undergoing political re-education. Cheong said it wouldn't make sense for Kim Jong Un to execute Kim Hyok Chol when Kim Yong Chol, the more senior official, would be seen as more responsible for the failure in Hanoi.

"If Kim Jong Un sentences senior officials to hard labor, executes them, or puts them in political prison camps over the collapse of meetings, then no official would be willing to step up in external negotiations," Cheong said. "It's unlikely that Kim would issue extreme punishment unless he's giving up on the talks with the United States."

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Kim Yong Chol's rise during the nuclear negotiations had baffled many North Korea watchers because he handled South Korea ties, not international or U.S. relations. Previously, he was a military intelligence chief believed to be behind a slew of provocations, including two deadly attacks in 2010 that killed 50 South Koreans and an alleged 2014 cyberattack on Sony Pictures. Both Seoul and Washington imposed sanctions on him in recent years.

Many experts in South Korea believe experienced foreign ministry hands such as Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho and First Vice Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui are likely to take the lead in North Korea's nuclear diplomacy as it prepares for the possibility of protracted and highly complicated negotiations with Washington. AP

## Samsung vows to keep up investment as trade war raises risks

SAMSUNG Electronics' Vice Chairman Lee Jae-yong has vowed to keep up robust investments in key businesses as South Korea's leading company weathers slowing demand and the impact of trade clashes between Washington and Beijing.

In a weekend meeting with top Samsung executives, Lee called for "unwavering focus on long-term, fundamental leadership in technology" and reaffirmed plans to invest USD112 billion to strengthen the company's presence in the non-memory chip market.

Samsung also last year announced a three-year plan to invest \$152 billion to strengthen its memory chip segment and other key sectors and hire 40,000 more people in the process.

"In this rapidly changing environment, we need to

keep our unwavering focus on the long-term, fundamental leadership in technology," Lee said in a statement provided by Samsung.

Samsung is the world's biggest maker of memory chips and smartphones, strong both in components

and finished products.

The company saw its operating profit during the last quarter drop more than 60% from a year earlier because of falling chip prices and sluggish demand for display panels.

Samsung has forecast that memory chip prices

will continue to fall in the second quarter despite expectations for a modest improvement in demand for mobile products.

Analysts say potential U.S. sanctions on Chinese technology giant Huawei could hurt Samsung by further reducing demand for chips used such products.

In the long run, though, Samsung's smartphone business could benefit from sanctions against its leading rival in that sector.



US-MEXICO

# Officials to begin talks over tariffs, border

Lisa Mascaro & Hope Yen, Washington

**T**OP officials from the U.S. and Mexico will begin talks today [local time] in a scramble to fend off President Donald Trump's threat of devastating tariffs on imports from the southern ally and meet his demand for fewer migrants at the border.

Trump is heading to London for a long-planned overseas trip, leaving others to stem a potential trade crisis. It's unclear what more Mexico can do — and what will be enough — to satisfy the president. Trump's Republican allies warn that tariffs on Mexican imports will hit U.S. consumers and harm the economy.

The president all but taunted negotiators for a quick resolu-

tion. "Mexico is sending a big delegation to talk about the Border," the president tweeted Sunday. "Problem is, they've been 'talking' for 25 years. We want action, not talk."

Mexican Economy Minister Graciela Marquez plans talks with Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross. Two days later, delegations led by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Foreign Relations Secretary Marcelo Ebrard

will also meet in Washington.

Trump has been here before, issuing high-stakes threats, only to back off come crunch time. But a top White House official warned that the president was "deadly serious." Trump is threatening 5% tariffs on Mexican imports starting June 10.

Trump claims Mexico has taken advantage of the United States for decades but that the abuse will end when he slaps tariffs on Mexican imports. His frustration with the flow of migrants is nothing new, but it's a subject he often returns to, as he did last week after special counsel Robert Mueller's rare public statement on the Trump-Russia report.

The president said last week that he will impose the tariffs to pressure the government of Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador to block Central American migrants from crossing the border into the U.S. Trump said the import tax will increase by 5% every month through October, topping out at 25%. It swiftly re-focused attention on the border issues.

Mick Mulvaney, the acting White House chief of staff, said on "Fox News Sunday" that the president is "deadly serious."

Still, Mulvaney acknowledged there are no concrete benchmarks being set to assess whether the U.S. ally is stemming the migrant flow enough to satisfy the administration. "We intentionally left the declaration sort of ad hoc," he said.

"So, there's no specific target, there's no specific percentage,

but things have to get better," Mulvaney said. "They have to get dramatically better and they have to get better quickly."

The tariff threat comes just as the administration has been pushing for passage of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, which would update the North American Free Trade Agreement and top Republicans warned it could derail that effort.

GOP Sen. John Kennedy of Louisiana, called the tariffs a "mistake" and said it was unlikely Trump would impose them.

Republicans on Capitol Hill and GOP allies in the business community have expressed serious unease with the tariffs. Some see this latest threat as a play for leverage and doubt Trump will follow through. Earlier this year Trump threatened to seal the border with Mexico only to change course.

The president "has been known to play with fire, but not live hand grenades," Kennedy said on CBS's "Face the Nation."

"It's going to tank the American economy," he said. "I don't think the president's going to impose these tariffs."

Republicans have repeatedly tried to nudge Trump away from trade wars and have specifically questioned the White House's ability to rely on executive authorities to impose some of them as national security issues.

At the same time, Trump's efforts to revamp immigration laws have drawn little support in the Congress. **AP**

# Trump, first lady meet with queen at Buckingham Palace

Jonathan Lemire & Kevin Freking, London

**P**RESIDENT Donald Trump met with Queen Elizabeth II yesterday during two-day visit to Britain that's meant to strengthen ties between the two nations, although the trip was immediately at risk of being overshadowed by Brexit turmoil and a political feud with London's mayor.

Trump and first lady Melania Trump flew to Buckingham Palace in Marine One, landing on a lawn where they were greeted by Prince Charles and his wife Camilla. They received a royal gun salute as they walked to the palace where the queen greeted the president with a smile.

Even before Air Force One touched down north of London, Trump unleashed a Twitter tirade against London Mayor Sadiq Khan, lea-



U.S. President Donald Trump (right) walks with the U.K.'s Prince Charles

der of the world city where Trump will stay for two nights while partaking in a state visit full of pomp and circumstance.

The move came after a newspaper column in which Khan said Trump did not deserve red-carpet treatment in Britain and was "one of the most egregious examples of a growing global threat" from the far-right to liberal democracy.

"@SadiqKhan, who by all accounts has done a terrible job as Mayor of London, has been foolishly 'nasty' to the visiting President of the United States, by far the most important ally of the United Kingdom," Trump wrote just before landing. "He is a stone cold loser who should focus on crime in London, not me."

The president added that Kahn reminded of the "ter-

rible" mayor of his hometown, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio though "only half his height." De Blasio, a Democrat, is a longshot candidate in the 2020 presidential race. Khan supporters have previously accused Trump of being racist against London's first Muslim mayor.

The president then added a few warm words for his hosts, tweeting that he was

looking forward "to being a great friend to the United Kingdom, and am looking very much forward to my visit."

The Trumps then boarded Marine One, the presidential helicopter, for the trip from Stansted Airport to the center of Britain's capital.

The agenda for Trump's weeklong journey is mostly ceremonial: a state visit and the audience with the queen, D-Day commemoration ceremonies on both sides of the English Channel and his first presidential visit to Ireland, which will include a stay at his coastal golf club.

During a ceremony welcoming him to Buckingham Palace, Trump and Prince Charles inspected the Guard of Honor formed by the Grenadier Guards wearing the traditional bearskin hats. Royal gun salutes were fired yesterday from nearby Green Park and from the Tower of London as part of the pageantry accompanying an official state visit, one of the highest honors Britain can bestow on a foreign leaders.

But the U.S. president arrived in Britain at a precarious moment. He faces a fresh round of impeachment fervor back home and uncertainty on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean. British Prime Minister Theresa May has faced months of political turmoil over Brexit and French President Emmanuel Macron is expected to use the 75th anniversary of the World War II battle that turned the tide on the Western Front to call for strengthening the multinational ties the U.S. president has frayed.

A sense of deja vu quickly spread around London as Trump blasted British leaders.

A year ago, Trump also took aim at his hosts before landing on English soil, blasting May in an interview just hours she hosted him for dinner. Though he has spared May so far this time, he has praised her rival, prime ministerial hopeful Boris Johnson, just days before May steps down as Conservative leader on Friday for failing to secure a Brexit deal. **AP**

## what's ON



REMINISCENCES OF THE SILK ROAD - EXHIBITION OF CULTURAL RELICS OF THE WESTERN XIA DYNASTY  
 TIME: 10am-6pm (No admission after 5:30pm; closed on Mondays)  
 UNTIL: July 1, 2019  
 Venue: Macau Museum  
 ADMISSION: Free  
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 UNTIL: July 28, 2019  
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## Offbeat

## RUSSIANS CRITICIZE HEAVILY EDITED VERSION OF ELTON JOHN FILM



Russian gay rights activists and cultural figures are criticizing the local distributor of a new movie about Elton John for cutting scenes in it depicting homosexual activity and drug use. The deletions became known last week after a Moscow screening of the film "Rocketman."

The Moscow movie theater Pioneer, noted for its adventurous programming, said it would ask for an original cut of the movie with Russian subtitles. But the theater said last weekend it had not received a response from the distributor.

Russian news agencies reported that the distribution company said the scenes were cut to conform with Russian law but that the Ministry of Culture said it was not involved in the decision.

"In this way, the Russian distributor indirectly supports homophobia," the Russian LGBT Network said in a Facebook statement. "We urge people not to support such a policy and not to go see the Russian version of the film."

Although homosexuality is not criminalized in Russia, animosity toward gays remains strong. In 2013, the country passed a law banning so-called propaganda supporting non-traditional sexuality from being made available to minors.

Trailers for the Russian version of "Rocketman" showed it carrying a rating restricting it to viewers 18 years or older.

"So, one day we woke up in Saudi Arabia," film critic Anton Dolin said on Facebook, criticizing the cuts. He said the "most repellent" aspect of the cuts was the removal of the statement at the end of the movie that John eventually found "the love of his life" and has raised children with the man he married in 2014.

Nonetheless, Dolin said, "the theme of the hero's homosexuality is still central in the film."

Ksenia Sobchak, a liberal TV star who ran for president in 2016, said purging all homosexual content from a film about the singer would make it meaningless.

A joint statement from John and the filmmakers said "that the local distributor has edited out certain scenes, denying the audience the opportunity to see the film as it was intended, is a sad reflection of the divided world we still live in and how it can still be so cruelly unaccepting of the love between two people."

John has previously criticized Russia's law on gay "propaganda" and comments by President Vladimir Putin that suggested gay people prey on children.

In 2015, phone pranksters tricked John into believing that he was talking to Putin about the issue. Putin actually later called the musician and said he would be willing to meet to discuss the matter, but no meeting has taken place.

## TV canal macau



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13:30	Telejornal RTPi (Diferido)
15:00	Agua de Mar
15:45	Zig Zag
16:20	Portugueses Sem Fronteiras
16:50	Quem Quer Ser Milionario
17:45	Moda Portugal Sr.3
18:15	Amor Maior (Repetição)
19:00	Montra do Lilau (Repetição)
19:35	Os Nossos Dias Sr.2
20:30	Telejornal
21:15	TDM Talk Show
21:50	Livros com João Guedes
22:00	Todas as Palavras
22:25	Amor Maior
23:15	TDM News
23:50	Resumo Liga dos Europa 2018/2019
00:10	O Ocidente no Oriente - Macau e o Testamento de Robert Ho Tung
01:05	Telejornal (Repetição)
01:50	RTPi Directo

## cinema



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## GODZILLA II: KING OF THE MONSTERS

ROOM 1

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

Director: Michael Dougherty

Starring: Kyle Chandler, Vera Farmiga, Millie Bobby Brown

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 131min



## DOG'S JOURNEY

ROOM 2

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

Director: Gail Mancuso

Starring: Josh Gad, Dennis Quaid, Kathryn Prescott

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 109min



## ALADDIN

ROOM 3

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

Director: Guy Ritchie

Starring: Will Smith, Mena Massoud, Naomi Scott

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 109min

## this day in history

## 1940 DUNKIRK RESCUE IS OVER - CHURCHILL DEFIANT

The Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, has described the "miracle of deliverance" from Dunkirk and warned of an impending invasion. His moving speech to Parliament came on the day the last allied soldier arrived home from France at the end of a 10-day operation to bring back hundreds of thousands of retreating allied troops trapped by the German Army. Many French troops remained to hold the perimeter and were captured.

Major-General Harold Alexander inspected the shores of Dunkirk from a motorboat this morning to make sure no-one was left behind before boarding the last ship back to Britain.

The beach and sea were in chaos. There were bodies floating in the water and we were under constant attack from machine-gun fire, bombing, explosions sending shrapnel in every direction.

Battle-weary and hungry soldiers from the retreating British Expeditionary Force (BEF) as well as French and Belgian troops had spent many days waiting to board ships from the one remaining pier, the east mole.

Many thousands were taken straight off the beaches, struggling in shallow waters to board small vessels that transferred them to the waiting ships. When those who survived the evacuation arrived exhausted in England they were welcomed as returning heroes and offered plenty of tea and sandwiches as they boarded special trains.

Commander-in-chief of the BEF, Lord Gort, arrived back in England on 1 June and was also feted as a hero.

When his force was almost swallowed up by the Germans - after the French were driven south from Sedan and the Belgians surrendered - he took the vital decision to withdraw to Dunkirk where, according to the Times newspaper, four-fifths of his men were rescued.

This afternoon Mr Churchill admitted to the House that when Operation Dynamo was launched on 26 May to rescue allied forces cornered by the advancing Germany Army, he expected about 20,000 or 30,000 would be saved.

But thanks to the valour of the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force, no less than 338,000 British and French troops were rescued and brought back across the Channel to fight another day. Mr Churchill tempered his admiration for the success of Operation Dynamo with these words: "Wars are not won by evacuations". He said there was no doubt in his mind that the last few weeks had been a "colossal military disaster".

The BEF had to leave behind all its heavy armour and equipment.

The French army was weakened, the Belgian army had surrendered, Channel ports, valuable mines and factories in France and Belgium had been taken over by the enemy.

He said the nation should brace itself for another blow. "We are told that Herr Hitler has a plan for invading the British Isles," he said.

Returning troops were vital if Britain were to resist such an invasion. He ended his speech with a defiant message to Hitler's armies.

"We shall defend our island whatever the cost may be. We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills. We shall never surrender."

Britain would "ride out the tyranny of war, if necessary for years, if necessary alone."

Mr Churchill paid special tribute to the Royal Air Force that had provided what protection it could for the ships and stranded soldiers.

The Royal Navy sent 220 light war ships and 650 other vessels under a hail of bombs and artillery fire.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

The evacuation of Dunkirk, codenamed Operation Dynamo, took place between 26 May and 4 June 1940.

A flotilla of 900 naval and civilian craft was sent across the Channel under RAF protection and managed to rescue 338,226 people.

During the evacuation, the Luftwaffe attacked whenever the weather allowed, reducing the town of Dunkirk to rubble and destroying 235 vessels and 106 aircraft. At least 5,000 soldiers lost their lives.

A further 220,000 Allied troops were rescued by British ships from other French ports - Cherbourg, Saint-Malo, Brest, and Saint-Nazaire - bringing the total of Allied troops evacuated to 558,000.

Although the Germans took more than a million Allied prisoners in three weeks at a cost of 60,000 casualties, the evacuation was a major boost to British morale and enabled the Allies to fight another day.

German forces continued their invasion across France until an armistice was signed on 22 June.

Stories of amateur sailors rushing heroically to Dunkirk in their own small boats is largely a myth.

There were a handful of fishing boats that went over to rescue the troops but the operation itself was carefully co-ordinated.

Hundreds of small vessels were co-opted after an order was issued on BBC Radio to "all owners of self-propelled pleasure craft between 30' and 100' in length to send all particulars to the Admiralty".

Most were crewed by naval reservists and were used to ferry men from the beaches to the destroyers. The majority of troops were taken off by Royal Navy destroyers.

YOUR STARS

**Aries**  
Mar. 21-Apr. 19  
It goes without saying that you put your personal needs aside while at work, but today it seems almost impossible to do. If you need inspiration, look to someone else in the office.

**Taurus**  
April 20-May 20  
A weekday might not seem like a good day to spend on yourself, but it is, and you don't even need to spend annual leave. There are plenty of ways to squeeze self indulgent activities into your work day if you look.

**Gemini**  
May 21-Jun. 21  
A good idea won't get off the ground without the consent of your partner. Now that the intellectualizing is done, focus on the romantic side. That's right, woo them.

**Cancer**  
Jun. 22-Jul. 22  
It's not the right time for new ventures. Sit tight, no matter how boring your usual projects may have become. Until you smooth out the rough edges, new endeavors can wait.

**Leo**  
Jul. 23-Aug. 22  
Your naive side is showing. Raindrops on roses and whiskers on kittens -- these may be a few of your favorite things, but try coming up with some good combinations that are more appropriate for the office.

**Virgo**  
Aug. 23-Sept. 22  
Indulge in impulse buys. The right suit of clothes, the sharp briefcase, the perfect stapler -- none of those things will get the job done, but they will help you feel good about doing it.

**Libra**  
Sep.23-Oct. 22  
A burst of effort is what's called for. Why settle for fantastic? You're flirting with super, and all you have to do is give the day that one extra push.

**Scorpio**  
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21  
It's beginning to look like management is being passive, but they're just wrestling with some hard decisions. Give everyone a chance to toss ideas back and forth before you start agitating.

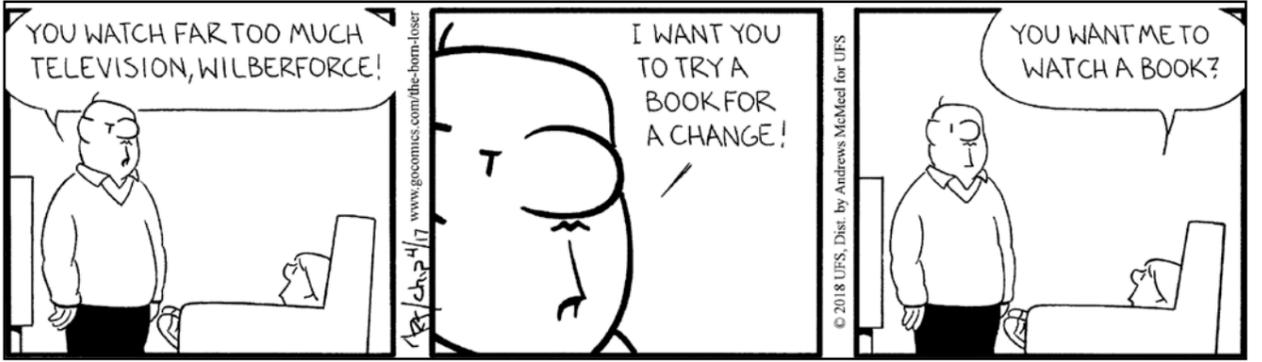
**Sagittarius**  
Nov. 22-Dec. 21  
Time to put on your robes. Others look to you for answers, and that makes you feel like quite the judge. Put some fun and laughter into the day while you're meting out justice.

**Capricorn**  
Dec. 22-Jan. 19  
The culture of the office is everything. Well, close to it. There are a few other things to take into consideration when wondering if it's the right time for a raise, but you already know what they are.

**Aquarius**  
Jan. 20-Feb. 18  
A personal issue is keeping you from working. The best medicine is socializing, so spend some time by the coffee pot. You'll be surprised by the connections you make there and their motivating ability.

**Pisces**  
Feb.19-Mar. 20  
Who says we dream in black and white? If you don't have any debts, then make some up. Imagining in red may be the only way to get yourself motivated today.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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WEATHER

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<b>CHINA</b>			
Beijing	12	27	clear
Harbin	7	16	cloudy
Tianjin	13	26	clear
Urumqi	12	22	moderate rain
Xi'an	13	26	overcast
Lhasa	8	20	cloudy
Chengdu	16	24	drizzle
Chongqing	18	29	cloudy
Kunming	14	22	shower
Nanjing	15	23	clear
Shanghai	14	23	cloudy
Wuhan	15	26	cloudy
Hangzhou	15	25	cloudy
Taipei	19	25	heavy rain
Guangzhou	21	28	cloudy
Hong Kong	24	27	shower
<b>WORLD</b>			
Moscow	2	12	cloudy
Frankfurt	9	20	drizzle
Paris	7	18	drizzle
London	5	16	overcast
New York	8	17	drizzle

CROSSWORDS

**ACROSS:** 1- Offers a price; 5- Grate; 9- Rental agreement; 14- Mine entrance; 15- K-12, in the ed biz; 16- Mote; 17- Attentive; 19- Less loony; 20- Followed; 21- Bust maker; 23- Lamb's dam; 24- Declares; 26- Phobia; 28- Some Celts; 30- Inventor Otis; 34- Bar bill; 37- Patriach; 39- Buck ender; 41- Sheep talk; 42- Ethereal; Prefix; 43- Accountable; 48- Went first; 49- Canal site; 50- Dens; 52- Arm or leg; 54- Clawed; 57- Tic \_\_\_ Dough; 60- Peachy-keen; 62- Usual; 64- Replay option; 66- Endurable; 68- Parting word; 69- Some nest eggs; 70- This can be guilty or not guilty; 71- Talks wildly; 72- Young goats; 73- Pianist Myra;

**DOWN:** 1- Milhouse's pal; 2- Thoughts; 3- Toe or finger; 4- "Hogan's Heroes" setting; 5- Cervus elaphus; 6- Politico Landon; 7- Avoid; 8- Rice dish; 9- Milan opera house; 10- 7th Greek letter; 11- Top-drawer; 12- Diving duck; 13- Jane \_\_\_; 18- Price twice; 22- Ridge of rock; 25- Thick slices; 27- Actress Hayworth; 29- Slowpoke; 31- Author Silverstein; 32- In this place; 33- Parched; 34- Field cover; 35- Half the base times the height, for a triangle; 36- Cap'n's underling; 38- Sponge gently; 40- Fall birthstone; 44- Foreboding; 45- Reputation; 46- Pride woman; 47- Mistake; 51- Angel of the highest order; 53- It's a dyeing art; 55- Mosey; 56- Stories; 57- Old autocrat; 58- Alan of "M\*A\*S\*H"; 59- Quarter, e.g.; 61- Actress Spelling; 63- Meadowlands; 65- Ran into; 67- Youth;



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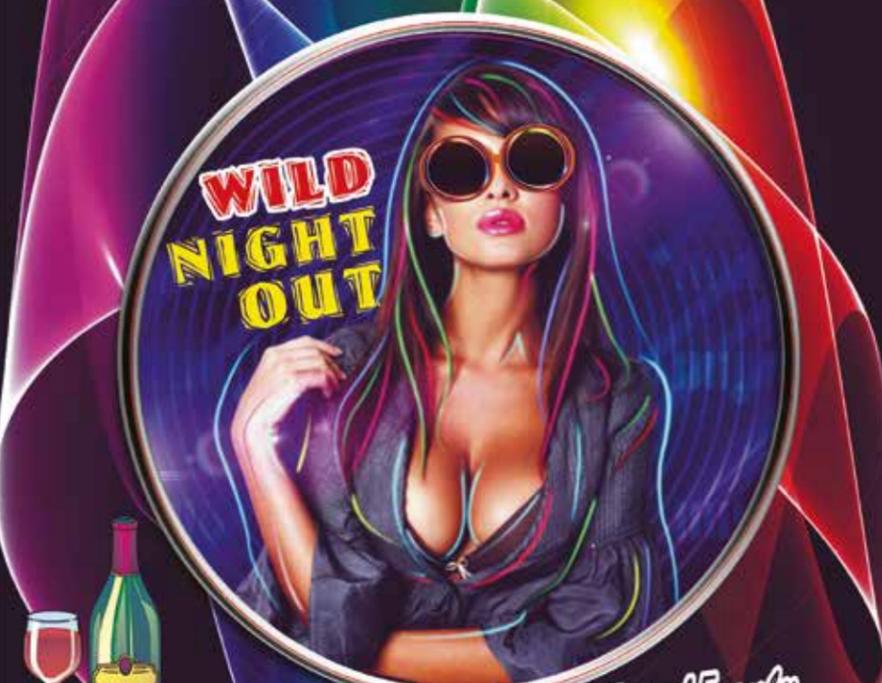


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TENNIS

# Nishikori wins 2-day five-setter, Djokovic easily advances

Samuel Petrequin, Paris

**W**HEN it comes to the deciding set, count on Kei Nishikori.

The Japanese player won his eighth consecutive five-set match yesterday to defeat Benoit Paire 6-2, 6-7 (8), 6-2, 6-7 (8), 7-5 over two days and set up a quarterfinal match against defending champion Rafael Nadal at the French Open.

In a match ridden with unforced errors that featured 15 breaks of serve but also some beautiful shots, Nishikori prevailed after a nearly four-hour battle. Their fourth-round match had been suspended by darkness on Sunday, with Nishikori leading two sets to one.

Nishikori extended his impressive record in five-set matches to 23-6, including a 6-1 mark at the clay-court Grand Slam. He also holds the best percentage of wins in deciding sets (132-45) — either in best-of-



Japan's Kei Nishikori plays a shot against France's Benoit Paire

five or best-of-three matches — since the Open Era began in 1968.

In damp conditions, Paire's all-risk tennis was working

when they came back on court. The Frenchman saved two match points in the fourth-set tiebreaker and served for the match at 5-3, but he was finally

made to rue his awful mistakes. "He was serving for the match, and I just tried to play one point at a time," Nishikori said.

Paire hit 15 double-faults and

79 unforced errors.

"Never easy to finish a match," Paire said. "It was tough emotionally. I'm very sad to lose this match but glad for what I did this week."

Nishikori will play in a third quarterfinal match in Paris but faces a tall order in the next round. Nadal has won 10 of their 12 previous matches, including all three matches on clay.

Top-ranked Novak Djokovic had an easier time against 45th-ranked Jan-Lennard Struff of Germany, becoming the first man to reach the French Open quarterfinals 10 years in a row with a 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 victory. His quarterfinal opponent will be No. 5 Alexander Zverev or No. 9 Fabio Fognini.

In the women's draw, Sofia Kenin and Katerina Siniakova could not follow up their upsets of Serena Williams and Naomi Osaka.

Kenin lost to eighth-seeded Ash Barty 6-3, 3-6, 6-0, while 14th-seeded Madison Keys advanced to last eight for the second straight year with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Siniakova.

Keys and Barty will face off in the quarterfinals.

"It's going to be a tough one," said Keys, a semifinalist in Paris last year. "I feel like clay actually suits her game really well with her kick serve and slice." **AP**

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ATONEMENT

The greatest difficulty China has in revisiting the June 4, 1989 episode has a name attached to it: Deng Xiaoping.

The 'architect' of the "open door" policy, of the economic reforms, of the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and of the "one country, two systems" formula which serves to accommodate Macau and Hong Kong's historic legacies and ultimately aims at getting Taiwan back was the leader who gave the order for the brutal charge over the protesters in Tiananmen Square – Deng was the chairman of the Central Military Commission, where the power lies in Maoist China.

The Vox newspaper recalls two debates about China's future which converged on June 2, and Deng won both of them: what to do about the student protesters and whether or not to continue his program of economic liberalization.

"We can't handle chaos while we're busy with contradiction. If today we have a big demonstration and tomorrow we have a great airing of views and a bunch of wall posts, we won't have any energy left to get anything done. That's why we have to insist on clearing the square."

The next day martial law was imposed and the following morning the square was cleared.

Thirty years on, when China is steadily establishing its diplomatic influence and its economic dominance in the world it would be close to disastrous for Beijing to admit the very leader who launched and symbolizes an incomparable era of growth and abundance is responsible for the death of hundreds, if not thousands of citizens.

Hence, "to be rich is glorious" became easily the motto of this so-called socialism (or capitalism) with "Chinese characteristics," and Beijing's reading of the human rights chart was trimmed to the right to make a living and, possibly, save an extra buck. Independent thought and political openness suffered a deadly blow and the regime became increasingly paranoid with the mere scent of dissent.

Arts, activism and religion have been a target of continuous and increased persecution. Amnesty International report of 2017/18 on China describes a near-return to the dark days of the Cultural Revolution:

"Activists and human rights defenders were detained, prosecuted and sentenced on the basis of vague and overbroad charges such as 'subverting state power' and 'picking quarrels and provoking trouble.' Police detained human rights defenders outside formal detention facilities, sometimes incommunicado, for long periods, which posed additional risk of torture and other ill-treatment to the detainees. Controls on the internet were strengthened. Repression of religious activities outside state-sanctioned churches increased."

In the grand design of 'architect' Deng, two buffer zones were erected near Macau and Hong Kong to avoid the spread of the virus of liberal ideas and traditions enjoyed in the two sister cities of the Pearl River delta.

Zhuhai and Shenzhen are paradigmatic examples of what China became in 30 years: places without memory and soul.

In a visit last year to Shenzhen, I was almost terrified with the behavior of people in that SEZ. They act, dress, walk and talk the same way. Even on a night out, they party, they dance or get wasted just the same, like robots.

The 'zoners' have no particular identity, they came from all over very recently to be part of a social experiment of a magnitude of 15 million people.

The same is happening to a whole generation of Chinese brainwashed of memories of the sweet smell of the spring of 1989, and of the tragic events that followed and ended on June 4.

Memory and atonement lie beyond the buffer zones, namely in Macau and Hong Kong where every year, this day, there are (still) candles in the wind.

THE TAIWAN LASHES BACK AT CHINESE DEFENSE MINISTER'S THREATS

Taiwan lashed out at the Chinese defense minister's renewed threat to use force to assert China's claim to the island, accusing Beijing of creating unease in the region and seeking to "expand its hegemony."

A statement from the Cabinet's Mainland Affairs Council targeted comments Defense Minister Wei Fenghe made in Singapore on Sunday in which he said China would "resolutely take action" to defend its claim to Taiwan and the South China Sea.

The council asserted later that Taiwan has never been a part of the People's Republic of China and would never accept Beijing's threats. It accused China of "challenging international norms and order" and said Beijing's claim to seek peaceful development had been recognized internationally as "a lie of the ages."

"We need to remind the public that the Chinese Communist Party is practicing anti-democracy, anti-peace between the two sides of the strait and further resorting to war."

UK's anxiety takes center stage at Hay ideas festival

At Britain's leading literary gathering, the word of the year was anxiety.

Fifty shades of worry – about climate change, mental health and of course Brexit – dominated the Hay Festival this year. The event is an annual carnival of ideas held amid sheep-studded green hills in Hay-on-Wye, a tiny Welsh town with about 2,000 residents and close to 20 bookshops.

With Britain's departure from the European Union in limbo, its population split, its politicians deadlocked – and divisive U.S. President Donald Trump in Britain on Monday for a state visit – many of the 600 authors and 100,000 audience members were asking where things went wrong, and what can be done about it.

"I used to think 'the Brits are so calm when they talk about politics. They don't get angry,'" Turkish-British novelist Elif Shafak told an audience in Hay, 240 kilometers northwest of London. "I no longer think that way. Brexit literally broke the political narrative here and brought to the surface a much more toxic form of politics."

The festival, which ended yesterday [Macau time], draws novelists, poets, scientists and politicians, and was famously dubbed the "Woodstock of the mind" by former U.S. President Bill Clinton. It's an annual indicator of what's on the mind of a large and largely liberal chunk of Britain. This year, the best-selling book in the onsite bookshop was "Heroic Failure," an evisceration of Brexit failures by Irish journalist Fintan O'Toole.

Britain's 2016 decision to quit the European Union created a deep fault-line between the 48% of voters who wanted remain in the European Union and the 52% who voted to leave. Three years on, Britain's politicians have failed to agree on exit terms, the country is still in the bloc, and voters on both sides are angry. The words "traitor" and



"betrayal" are shouted and shared on social media in what often feels like a bad-tempered dialogue.

"We have half the country who think the other half are idiots," said British historian Peter Frankopan, whose book "The New Silk Roads" charts the growing power of Asia. "One of the challenges is how you blend those perspectives. How do you sit in the middle?"

The depth of the political chaos has come as a surprise, even to the experts. American historian Jared Diamond, whose latest book "Upheaval - How Nations Cope with Crisis and Change," told his audience at Hay that he originally planned to include a chapter on Britain, a country long regarded as a stable leading democracy.

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"It was going to be a happy-ending chapter," he said, about how Britain in the late 20th century overcame a crisis over its loss

of empire "by finding a new identity in joining the European Union."

The 2016 Brexit referendum made him reconsider that thesis. Diamond said that at the moment, he'd hesitate to write about Britain at all.

"Things are changing so fast with Brexit anything I wrote a week ago would be out of date," he said.

As it stands, Britain is due to leave the EU on Oct. 31, the delayed departure date set by the bloc amid political deadlock in London. Prime Minister Theresa May has given up trying to get her unpopular divorce deal approved by Parliament and will step down as Conservative Party leader on Friday.

Most of the more than a dozen contenders to replace her have vowed to take Britain out of the bloc, even without a deal. Pro-EU Britons – along with most economists – say that would plunge the country into recession. But many Brexit supporters believe the only alternative is being stuck in the EU indefinitely.

The deep division over Brexit looks to be transforming British politics. Last month's European Parliament elections saw voters desert the Conservatives and main opposition Labour – the two parties that tried and failed to find a compromise EU divorce deal – for the newly formed Brexit Party and the fervently pro-EU Liberal Democrats. AP

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Roadside	45-65 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	30-50 Good
Ambient	70-100 Moderate

WORLD BRIEFS

INDIA's air force pilots spotted five bodies yesterday in the Himalayas near the border with China and Nepal while searching for eight climbers attempting to chart a new route near India's second-highest peak who went missing in an avalanche.

SUDAN Security forces attacked a protest camp in the capital yesterday, opening fire, torching tents and killing at least 13 people, as they cleared away the months-old sit-in that was demanding the military yield power, witnesses and protest leaders said.



GERMANY Chancellor Angela Merkel says she won't run for a fifth term, but the departure of a top ally in her oft-cantankerous coalition has raised new doubts about whether her government will even survive until the end of her current term in 2021.



UK President Donald Trump met with Queen Elizabeth II yesterday during two-day visit to Britain that's meant to strengthen ties between the two nations, although the trip was immediately at risk of being overshadowed by Brexit turmoil and a political feud with London's mayor.

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EU More than 40,000 people have been intercepted in the Mediterranean and taken to detention camps and torture houses under a European migration policy that is responsible for crimes against humanity, according to a legal document asking the International Criminal Court to take the case yesterday.