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Macau could retain 'second system' status past 2049

Daniel Beitler

MACAU and Hong Kong could retain their 'second system' status going into the second half of the 21st century, according to an international and independent China strategist.

Andrew Leung, a former high-ranking government official turned independent strategist, said that allowing Hong Kong and Macau to keep their high degree of autonomy past arrangements due to expire in 2047 and 2049 respectively, could serve Beijing

as it seeks to reroute global trade flows under a plan known as the Belt and Road Initiative.

"Hong Kong and Macau have roles to play in the Belt and Road Initiative, the flagship strategy for China to connect to [the rest of] the world," Leung told the Times on the sidelines of an event organized by the British Business Association of Macao.

"Hong Kong is useful. In constitution it is part of China, but in terms of practice, it is under a different system," said Leung, who has been practicing as an

independent strategist since his retirement from government in 2005. "It's a very sophisticated financial market with lots of connections to the outside world, and offers the potential for disputes to be arbitrated in its courts. China can make use of Hong Kong's separate law, its common law, its high degree of judicial independence – which China could never allow to occur [on the mainland]."

"If Hong Kong were to maintain its 'one country, two systems' principle, it would continue to be

useful to promote the Belt and Road Initiative around the world. This can only happen if the 'one country, two systems' principle does not expire in 2047."

Macau might play a similar role in connecting the Portuguese-speaking world to the under-construction trade routes of the Belt and Road Initiative, he added.

A constitutional principle formulated by Deng Xiaoping in the early 1980s, 'one country, two systems' refers to the high degree of autonomy that per-

mits Hong Kong and Macau to have their own systems of government, legal framework, and economic, trade and financial affairs. Deng had hoped that the 'second system' would persuade the island of Taiwan to rejoin the mainland by peaceful means.

Leung said yesterday that unification under the 'one country, two systems' principle was unlikely for Taiwan. "I don't think that Taiwan will buy the 'one country, two systems' principle for now," he said. "Taiwan has seen what has happened to Hong Kong and is not prepared to accept that kind of relationship."

Instead, the island finds itself caught in the crossfire between two economic superpowers warring over trade, tariffs and global influence.

The rise of China has long alarmed many in the West, who fear the realization of a 'Thucydides Trap' scenario between the incumbent great power and a challenger looking to displace it. The trap is the tendency for the encounter to lead to military conflict.

Should tensions between the two escalate, the U.S. might find Taiwan very useful. Leung described the American view of the island as "an unsinkable aircraft carrier."

"The United States recognizes the 'One China' principle, but then it also wants to nurture a degree of separation between China and Taiwan," said the strategist. "It is a balancing act: on the one hand recognizing the principle, and on the other trying to increase diplomatic exchanges with Taiwan [...] as if it were a country in all but name."

opinion

CHINA IS COMMITTED TO INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROTECTION

Gong Xin

Intellectual property (IP) is a bridge for international cooperation in the process of trade globalization. Some politicians in the United States, however, use it as an excuse to provoke economic and trade frictions and exert maximum pressure on China by accusing China of "IP theft" and "forced technology transfer."

China is by no means a thief, but rather a protector and creator of intellectual property. It only took 40 years for China to go from its earliest attempt to the establishment

of a relatively complete legal system with high standards for IP rights protection. Currently, China is committed to modernization and reform in intellectual property management, which will further promote China's ability to become an intellectual property power and participate in global innovation cooperation with more confidence.

Today, China is on the fast track for scientific and technological innovation and has become a major innovating country with global influence. New industries, new models and new business forms are emerging one after another

and innovation has become an engine of economic and social development. China does not only take the lead in manufacturing large-scale aircraft, high-speed railways, third-generation nuclear power projects and electric vehicles, but has also made great progress in new generation information technologies, such as artificial intelligence, big data and cloud computing.

The Wall Street Journal reported that Chinese researchers have published more papers on artificial intelligence than their U.S. counterparts in the last few years. China now has the world's

largest research and development team, and China's patent application volume has ranked first in the world for eight consecutive years. According to the Global Innovation Index 2018 released by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), China has moved up to 17th place in the WIPO innovation ranking and has broken into the world's top 20 most innovative economies for the first time.

China has made increased efforts in the judicial and administrative protection of IP rights. The judicial system of "Court of Appeal + speciali-

zed court in the area of intellectual property" was established, and China's National Intellectual Property Administration was restructured to carry out a series of special actions against violations of IP rights. In 2018, China's spending on research and development increased to RMB2 trillion, accounting for 2.18% of its GDP and surpassing the average spending of OECD countries. At the same time, China strengthened the protection of intellectual property and has maintained rapid growth in the purchase of IP rights. According to official data, overseas IP rights

loyalties paid by China have increased by an average of 17% since 2001, reaching USD28.6 billion in 2017.

Intellectual property should serve as a bridge for technical exchanges, cooperation and innovation between different countries. China will continue to make unremitting efforts in the protection of IP rights and will participate in the global governance of intellectual property in a more active way.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Democrats urge lawmakers to rehabilitate June 4 memory

Julie Zhu

PRO-DEMOCRACY lawmakers Sulu Sou, Au Kam San and Ng Kuok Cheong voiced their concerns about the memories of the June Fourth Movement during yesterday's Legislative Assembly (AL) session.

Ng expressed his grief by presenting a speech before the AL agenda started.

"Historical truth does not care about government officials' evaluations. But in order to let the people know about the history to lead the country along the right path of democracy, I hope that the June Fourth Movement can be rehabilitated as soon as possible, and justice is [served] for the people who perished," Ng's speech started.

Ng called for the rehabilitation of the June Fourth Movement, having made proposals to China for fair and independent investigations, compensation for late victims' family members and accountability for the people responsible.

"Saying that the June Fourth [Movement] should not be rehabilitated because it is already history is obviously naïve," said Au. "In 2014, Xi Jinping said that forgetting history means betrayal, and means



This still taken from video shows Sulu Sou yesterday at the AL

denying [criminal] accountability, and means repeating the crime. People should never forget the severe crime committed by the invaders. It [the words] is applicable to tyranny. The difference is that invaders consist of people from other countries killing people from our country, whereas tyranny consists of rulers killing their own people. Both kinds of crime are unforgivable."

"We keep asking every Japanese president to apologize for their invasion of China and for the Nanjing Massacre. The Beijing authority has never apologized to people who were killed

during the June Fourth Movement, to their relatives, and to all compatriots of the Chinese community. Why is that?" Au questioned.

"In fact, even the Chinese Communist Party does not think that this issue is over, because for the last 30 years, during every month of May and June, the CCP authority creates white terror. Tiananmen mothers were taken, imprisoned and then disappeared, while other people were kept under close watch. [...] It can be seen that guilty people have done things they are afraid of other people mentioning. It is

actually more difficult for them to forget June Fourth than ordinary people," said Ng.

"June Fourth was indeed a crime of the former government. However, each CCP government in the past 30 years has continued the crime and dirty deals. This is the CCP's joint career," said Ng.

"Freedom has never been taken for granted. We are not even able to guarantee that there will [not] be one day when our airwaves will be banned, social networks will be banned, newspaper columns will be banned, public gatherings will be banned and when

people who come forward for justice will be labeled as troublemakers. Do not forget June Fourth. Fight until the end," said Sou.

"Therefore, every June Fourth warns us that we must defend our existing rights and freedom, because they are like the air: they can't be touched or smelled, but once they are

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We must defend our existing rights and freedom, because they are like the air: once they are lost we suffocate and die.

SULU SOU

lost we suffocate and die. Do not forget June Fourth, fight until the end," said Sou.

Sou was present at the AL with a picture of the June Fourth incident. He wore a t-shirt with Chinese characters that read: "People will not forget."

Moreover, Sou also criticized Ho Iat Seng, chairman of the AL, for rejecting a motion by Sou, Ng, and Au for a debate on June Fourth. Sou urged Ho to stop using his political power to prevent lawmakers from having a voice.

CYBERSECURITY

Government banned from collecting internet data

Julie Zhu

THE final draft of the cyber security law was discussed and passed at yesterday's Legislative Assembly (AL) session.

The bill proposed to set up the Committee for Cybersecurity and Cybersecurity Incident Alert and Response Center (CARIC). According to the bill, internet service providers (ISPs) would retain, for at least one year, their users' online activity logs. The government added another article inside the bill proposing that computer data shall not be collected or analyzed by the government authority.

"Free circulation of internet can give the residents freedom of speech, which is a rather important right. In the future, when the



cybersecurity law is implemented, [the government] should not censor the content of telecommunications," said Sou, who also expressed concern regarding the mandatory obligation for ISPs to retain logs on online activities.

Questioned by Angles Lam, Wong Sio Chak, Secretary for Security, explained that the Judiciary Police (PJ) will be the only organization supervising cybersecurity activities.

In response to Sou, Secretary for Security Wong Sio

Chak stated, "I have said that our operation will not involve online speech."

"Monitoring cybersecurity will not involve content nor ISPs. Even if there is a problem, [the concerned party] can report to a supervision body, the court, or the Com-

mission Against Corruption," said Wong.

"The police have no right to block a website. It is illegal. We will not ask the police to do that, as it is illegal. If they do that, it is also illegal," said Wong. "If the operator does not agree with us accessing online activity, we can't do it. The PJ will not do it."

After the law was passed, Zheng Anting and Sulu Sou made their statements.

"The government can conduct more promotional campaigns to let residents know about the necessity of cybersecurity and about protecting Macau's safety," said Zheng.

"The whole world wants to implement cyber security, and for that, government of Macau's neighboring region - and all over

the world - monitor, sensor, block and delete online speech. This law will give the government authority the right to monitor the internet, collect data and even take exceptional measures," said Sou.

"Even though the government authority has already provided an explanation, it is still likely to abuse the abovementioned rights. The freedom of telecommunications and the freedom of the internet will disappear," said Sou.

Separately, two other bills were passed during the AL session, one on the minimum wage bill of cleaning staff and building security workers of property management companies and the other on the consolidation of the financial resources of the Social Security Fund.

HERITAGE

Pátio da Eterna Felicidade listing is 'very important first step' in protection



Renato Marques

THE listing and detailed restoration of the “Pátio da Eterna Felicidade”, to allow the area to retain its unique characteristics, are the two most important phases in the preservation of the 13 buildings donated to the government by the Kiang Wu Charitable Association (KWHCA). That is the opinion expressed to the Times by Nuno Soares, an architect and urban planner who has been based in Macau since 2003.

For Soares, the listing is really the most important first step.

“A first step and a measure that is essential is that the group of properties is listed [as heritage],” he said. “In this particular case, the fact that they now belong to the government is great news as it allows them to accelerate the process to safeguard it, but it is very important to list them first.”

The 13 properties are located in an area of the Peninsula that is considered a protection zone of the Macau Historical Center. The area exhibits Lingnan architecture styles and covers 2,184 square meters.

According to a statement from the Office of the Government Spokesperson, the KWHCA de-

ecided to make the donation last year. The association expressed their intentions in a letter to the Macau government, donating the properties in order to collaborate and support the development of cultural and creative industries, and the decision was supported unconditionally by all members of the association.

“This is a very ‘sui generis’ [special] place because although it presents a typology that is often seen in that area known as the ‘Chinese Bazaar,’ it has particularities that are very important as it spans over two different areas,” said Soares. “It has a link to the ‘Chinese Bazaar’ area with a covered corridor but also another connection to the [old area] or the ‘Catholic City,’ and this makes it very unusual in the point of view of urban morphology.”

‘VERY RICH’ ARCHITECTURE

Elaborating on the special characteristics of the place, the scholar, architect and urban planner said, “it’s very rich. It has several buildings with different styles and typologies such as patio-homes as well as group housing, all from the same time period, and it also has several types of accesses like corridors

and staircases.”

“In architectural terms, it is really very rich and of course, it’s very important to preserve it and to allow the public use [of this space],” he said.

According to Soares, “at the moment this area is in a very bad condition, with the majority of the buildings closed and with access barred.”

“It’s a unique space and deserves an exemplary restoration,” he argued. More than thinking about how the site could be used in future, what is important for Soares is that the group of buildings can be fully restored, but retain their original characteristics.

“I think what is important is to restore [the buildings] as they were and not to preserve only the façade, which is something we are getting used to seeing in Macau.”

“In this patio style of buildings, it is important to note that these are single buildings [that group together] and this singularity should be preserved. I hope that in the restoration this separation between the buildings is still preserved and that we resist the temptation to pull down all the interior partitions and connect several plots in just one. If we do this, we are destroying what

is particular and unique in this architecture style and where its value comes from,” he warned.

Nevertheless, Soares said he was pleased by the donation of the 13 properties to the government for public use. “It is always great news to know that a group [of buildings] of such quality have been donated to the government and [have] become part of the Macau society heritage,” he said.

IC PLANNING ‘CULTURAL SPACE’

The Times also contacted the government through the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC). In reply, the IC, which is now responsible for the site, noted “the Pátio da Eterna Felicidade is a traditional Chinese-style courtyard relatively well-preserved. Although it is located in the buffer zone, it is not included in the classified immovable properties list.” The IC also noted that the “historical value and superior geographical position are favorable conditions for revitalization and utilization,” a reason leading to the KWHCA’s donation for the purposes of cultural conservation. The IC’s plans to revitalize the patio are said to conclude a plan to use it as a “cultural space that

integrates heritage conservation, cultural inheritance as well as cultural and artistic performances, thereby integrating and linking the surrounding cultural resources in Pátio da Eterna Felicidade.”

The IC said it aimed to provide cultural facilities for residents and tourists, and share the achievements of heritage conservation with the public.

FUTURE USE BY POPULAR OPINION

Soares said that the future use of the buildings “must fit the buildings [themselves]. We can’t use them to perform functions that they can’t do.”

He added that while the restoration takes place, the government should promote “an ideas contest for that space, which would be open to local associations so they can express their ideas and suggestions on what uses would fit the space.”

For Soares, this would be a great opportunity for the authorities to promote creativity.

“Instead of the usual top-down [approach] where the government decides what to do with it, we should follow a bottom-up approach in order to create a ‘creative cluster’ in that area of the city.”

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Staff reporter

ART MACAO 2019

Main exhibition opens in city's largest ever arts festival

DESCRIBED as the largest art and culture festival Macau has ever witnessed, Art Macao 2019 was officially opened yesterday with the launch of the festival's main exhibition, titled "Art Macao: International Art Exhibition".

As previously announced by organizers, the main exhibition is a collection of artworks chosen by the seven partnering companies. These works are either exact or shrunk replicas of art pieces on show at the properties of the seven partners.

The official introduction to the exhibition, posted at the entrance, quoted educational psychologist and philosopher John Dewey, who said art is a form of experience that has connections with that from everyday life. By quoting this, organizers say that the exhibition connects with both citizens of Macau and visitors to the city.

The theme for the main exhibition is "diversity". It is illustrated by interdisciplinary collaborations, and the various forms of presentation.

While several resort exhibitions are yet to open, viewers yesterday had access a preview of some of the works to be shown. An example is "The Universe" – or "The Vast Void" in Chinese – chosen by the SJM, created by Meng Shu, and presented in the form of glass spheres and sand scattered around a branch of Thuja, all illuminated by a foundation of LED light box. It is one in a series of works.

MGM has chosen to exhibit a large piece that covers a considerable volume of space, because it starts from the ground and extends to a partition, like branches of vines. It is named "A Metamorphosis: No End to End", and can be liberally extended or contracted.

Selected by Nam Kwong Group, "Snow" by Gabrielle Wambaugh, is made with ceramics. Meanwhile, a dedicated space has been reserved for screening videos made by Portuguese artists.

Wynn Macau's contribution to the festival, an exhibition titled "Garden of Earthly Delights", was also opened yesterday at the resort operator's Cotai property, Wynn Palace. An art gallery was especially built to accommodate the exhibition.

The company held a special talk yesterday before the opening, featuring the curator and three of the artists participating in this exhibition. The curator, Chip Tom, introduced that the name of the exhibition was inspired by a Renaissance painting made between 1490 and 1510 by Dutch painter Hieronymus Bosch.

There was no documented explanation from the painter about the real meaning of his painting, but it's widely specu-



Silence Dogood



Macau Currents



Sacral

lated that it illustrates a timeline through which human beings indulge and rot.

Tom, as many others, sees it as "a celebration and warning of sin, which illustrates the beauty and sumptuousness of life, while warning us of the dangers of excess," he said.

A pair of giant "dragon" rubber footprints was printed on the lawn next to the resort, connected in theme to the two protruding dragon heads that support the resort's cable car.

Moving into the gallery, visitors will be greeted by two enormous, 5x6-meter LED screens, showing moving ima-

ges. Turkish artist Refik Anadol named them respectively "Melting Memories" and "Macau Currents: Data Paintings".

The former uses terrain-like images to show "the elusive process of memory retrieval into data collection." The latter is more connected to Macau, as the artist studied the 30-day sea level along the coastline of the city and transformed the data into a sculpture.

American artist Jennifer Steinkamp "turned the thing I'm most afraid of to happiness." In her speech at the talk, she referred to Benjamin Franklin's contribution in fin-

ding electricity. Then she expressed her anxiety about nuclear energy and reaction, which inspired her "Silence Dogood". It is an extensive screen showing projections of various natural elements, mainly asteroids, floating freely.

Italian Edoardo Tresoldi presents transparency with "architecture" made with wire mesh. His finished work, the Sacral, looks more like a low-resolution plotted image or an imaginary concept, than a real building. Sacral portrays a Renaissance-style architecture that has arches, columns, and a dome. Tom noted that Macau

locals may relate to this work as there are many similar architectural aspects currently in the city.

Apart from the Macao Museum of Art, the main exhibition also takes place at other locations, such as the Macao Contemporary Art Centre, the Old Court Building, and OxWarehouse. The organizers say they want to spread art across the city and make Macau an art piece itself.

The main exhibition will run from now to October, while the Wynn Palace exhibition from now to October 6. Entry to both exhibitions is free of charge.

MUST visits research academy in Mainland

Staff reporter

VICE President Tong Ka Lok of the Macau University of Science and Technology led a delegation from the university to visit the Dunhuang Research Academy in Gansu Province of mainland China.

Dunhuang is a city of history and has a rich collection of antique arts and historical culture. The visit mainly focused on the conservation of these precious elements, including that of cultural heritage.

Both parties also discussed cooperation in developing creative and cultural products. In all aspects, the MUST and the research academy have come to a preliminary consensus.

According to a statement, Director Wu Xiaoning of the MUST pointed out that both Macau and Dunhuang are cities recognized by the



Tong Ka Lok (left), Vice President of the Macau University of Science and Technology, presents a souvenir to Zhao Shengliang, the director of the Dunhuang Research Academy

UNESCO as possessing cultural heritage. In addition, Dunhuang was a key city of the Silk Road, while Macau was key to the Maritime Silk Road.

The Dean of Faculty of Humanities and Arts, Prof. Zhang Zhiqing, expressed his thought that arts

students of the university should visit Dunhuang for inspiration on their work, given the city's richness in history.

During the meeting, a souvenir was presented by Tong to Zhao Shengliang, the director of Dunhuang Research Academy.

Apart from the meeting, the delegation also paid visits to the various historical sites of the city, including the Mogao Caves and the Yulin Caves. These are educational sites in disciplines of religious culture, wall painting restoration, and cave architecture, among

Book chronicling 170 years of casinos launched

THE book "The Casinos of Macau - History of the World's Largest Gaming Market" has been launched, shedding light on the history of Macau's most prominent industry from 1849 to the current day.

The book was written in Portuguese by Jorge Godinho, a scholar working in Macau, who has published much work on the topic. The author discusses Macau's 170-year-long gaming history and how the city overtook Las Vegas to become the world's largest market for games of chance.

This is the first time that the history and evolution of legalized casino-style gaming has been addressed in detail from its early days until current times. The book describes the operation of games of chance in casinos in

Macau and reviews the concessions that have been authorized, the tendering processes, regulation and taxation, as well as the manner in which the various concessions have functioned within the economic and political context of each time period.

Divided into three major parts, the book addresses the Fantan era (1849-1961); the Sociedade de Turismo e Diversões de Macau concession (1962-2002), during which baccarat became the most important game; and the current period of integrated resorts (2002 onwards), characterized by reforms such as the introduction of competition, the regulation of gaming promoters and credit for gaming, and an emphasis on diversification in the context of major growth in tourism. **RM**

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Angus Leung Chun-kwong, a senior immigration officer (right) and Scott Adams, a same-sex couple who married in New Zealand five years ago, pose for photographers outside the Court of Final Appeal in Hong Kong

HONG KONG

Top court issues landmark ruling for LGBT rights

HONG Kong's Court of Final Appeal said yesterday the government cannot deny spousal employment benefits to same-sex couples, in a ruling hailed as a major step forward for same-sex equality in the semi-autonomous Chinese territory.

The court overturned an earlier judgment, saying unanimously that denying same-sex couples access to spousal benefits is unlawful.

"It follows therefore that the

'prevailing views of the community on marriage' [...] even if this can confidently be gauged in the first place, are simply not relevant to a consideration of the justification exercise," the ruling said.

Although same-sex marriage is not recognized in Hong Kong, the judgment appears to move the territory further in that direction. Last year, the Court of Final Appeal ruled that the same-sex partner of a British expatriate married abroad was

entitled to the same visa treatment as a heterosexual partner under immigration law.

Angus Leung, a senior immigration officer who brought the case on behalf of himself and his partner, Scott Adams, said the ruling was the culmination of a stressful four-year process.

"We understand that it is just a small step for the equality in Hong Kong," Leung told reporters as he and Adams held hands outside the courthouse. "We think that as a small

citizen, we shouldn't be going through such a process to fight for such a basic family right."

Leung urged the government to rectify discriminatory policies and legislation so that other couples wouldn't have to undergo the same legal process.

Man-kei Tam, director of Amnesty International Hong Kong, called Thursday's judgment a "huge step forward for equality" that brings Hong Kong "more in line with its

international obligation to respect, protect and fulfil the rights of people with different sexual orientations."

Tam also called on the government to review its laws, policies and practices to end all discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity and intersex status, saying, "No one should experience discrimination because of who they are or who they love."

It isn't clear what effect the ruling might have on private businesses and organizations, although some already offer benefits to same-sex partners as they compete for top talent in finance, marketing and other fields for which Hong Kong is famous. In another sign of acceptance, the city of 7.4 million people is also preparing to host the 2022 Gay Games.

Last month, Taiwan became the first place in Asia to allow same-sex marriage in a legislative vote on a cause that the island's LGBT rights activists have championed for two decades. Hundreds of same-sex couples rushed to get married on the first day the decision took effect.

In mainland China, the Communist Party-controlled government has ruled out the possibility of same-sex marriage without ever hearing legal arguments on the matter and strictly limits the activities of gay rights organizations. Hong Kong is a former British colony and maintains its own Western-style legal system distinct from China's heavily politicized courts. With its large semi-permanent foreign population, the city is also far more socially liberal than the mainland.

Still, Hong Kong's High Court earlier this year refused to allow three transgender men to be recognized as males on their official identity cards because they have not undergone full sex-change operations. **MDT/Agencies**

Guangdong opens center to serve young Macau entrepreneurs

GUANGDONG Province has opened a center to serve young entrepreneurs from Macau, reports Xinhua, in the latest move to enhance interaction with the two Special Administrative Regions.

The "Guangdong-Macau Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurship Base" is located in the Hengqin New Area of Zhuhai, a city that neighbors the MSAR.

The center will support

young entrepreneurs and startups with personnel training and counselling services on issues including business registration, tax, policy and financing, according to the Hengqin government.

Hengqin is home to an incubator that has supported the development of 196 Macau projects in the past four years.

The new center is one of the three planned in

Guangdong to serve young entrepreneurs from Macau. The other two will be located in the cities of Shenzhen and Guangzhou.

Guangdong is enhancing its contribution toward the construction of the Greater Bay Area. Covering a total area of 56,000 square kilometers, the Bay Area had a combined GDP of about 10 trillion yuan (about MOP11.7 trillion) in 2017. **Xinhua**

ONE SHOT NEWS



This aerial photo shows a rice paddy art picture at Luohong Village of Deqing County in Zhaoqing City, Guangdong Province, where several artworks visible only from the sky have been created this summer.



The trade war could pop HK's property bubble

Shawna Kwan & Enda Curran

RECORD high home prices in Hong Kong have prompted some economists to forecast a bursting of the bubble.

Residential property values in the city reached an all-time high last week after relentless gains

over the past three months. Prices have risen by 8.6% since the beginning of the year, Centaline data show.

However with Hong Kong exposed to the trade war between China and the U.S. and the city's stock market taking a hit, analysts say the likelihood of home prices declining is even

greater now. The recent equities sell-off has been so widespread that about a third of Hang Seng Index constituents entered over-sold territory last Friday - a technical indicator that traders use to evaluate whether buying or selling of a security has become too extreme - the most in almost one year.

"Sentiment is likely to turn more cautious over the next several months or probably for an even longer period," said Tommy Wu at Oxford Economics Ltd. in Hong Kong. "If the stock market continues to come under pressure, especially if there's no sign of U.S.-China trade tensions getting any major relief," then home prices will fall, he said.

The value of property transactions in Hong Kong in the first five months of the year reached the highest level since 1997, with buyers spending HKD348.2 billion (USD44.4 billion) on everything from homes to car parks, shops and office units, ac-

ording to Ricacorp Properties Ltd.

But the realtor believes an escalation in the trade war and a stock market correction could put the brakes on buying, resulting in up to 40% fewer deals this month versus May.

That negative sentiment is being expressed in other quarters, too. Knight Frank LLP said last week that trade tensions and stock market volatility will keep a lid on home prices and values could even dip 5% in the second half. Even noted economist and Harvard professor Carmen Reinhart thinks the city's property market is showing signs of a bubble.

"There is some more room for prices to go up given that demand remains strong and mortgage rates are still low," said Ines Lam, an economist at CLSA Ltd. "However I think the increase in 2019 will be capped by a slowing economy, and employment, and the intensification of the U.S.-China trade war."

Natixis SA's chief Asia-Pacific economist Alicia Garcia Herro, meanwhile, said the solution to high housing prices is supply.

"The Hong Kong government can, but doesn't want to, solve the issue," she said. "In any event, no worries, the market will do it for them since prices are bound to fall as the economy decelerates and China tightens the screws on outflows." **Bloomberg**

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REAL ESTATE MATTERS**Top 20 questions on renting a property in Macau - Part 4**

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With sales prices at a record high, most people arriving in Macau for the first time are looking to rent a property rather than make purchase. Here are the final five top questions we were asked by tenants;

16. Can a landlord charge a fee for late payment of rent?

Yes.

According to Macau Law, when a rent is late by more than 8 days, the landlord is entitled to add a late payment penalty equivalent to 50% of the rental amount.

Should a rent remain outstanding for more than 30 days, the late penalty may be increased up to 100%.

17. Can a landlord increase rent anytime?

Only if the tenancy agreement allows them to do so. Under normal circumstances, the landlord can only increase the rent within the terms and conditions of the tenancy agreement.

If the agreement stipulates the rent and the term of the tenancy, but does not specifically state that the rent can be reviewed during the term of the agreement, then the rent cannot be increased.

18. Will the Landlord pay my agent?

It is unlikely.

In each transaction, there is usually an agent representing the tenant and an agent representing the landlord.

The agent has the responsibility to look after their individual client's best interests.

You are paying your agent, and the agent should therefore represent your best interests.

The owner should pay their own agent, and in turn their agent should represent the best interests of the owner.

19. Do I expect the Landlord to be around for the long-term?

This is a difficult question to answer.

Few owners will divulge their true intentions when it comes to property.

You can ask for a brief outline of the owner such as their background, their location and their history, and see what you can deduce from that.

20. Does the Landlord maintain a property inside and out?

It is the responsibility of the landlord to keep the property in a safe condition, and the responsibility of the tenant to keep the property in the condition in which it is handed over.

Many Macau owners will only provide a turnkey tenancy. In other words, once the key is handed over, the apartment is the entire responsibility of the tenant.

On the other hand, tenants often feel that it is the responsibility of the landlord to fix every issue in an apartment, even a consumable issue such as a light bulb.

In reality and in the absence of any special clauses in the tenancy agreement, the owner is responsible for ensuring that the property is SAFE to inhabit, whilst the tenant is responsible for keeping it in the condition in which it was handed over.

China seeks to boost car, electronics sales as economy slows



CHINA unveiled a stimulus plan to help spur demand for automobiles and electronics as escalating tensions with the U.S. threaten to hurt the world's second-biggest economy.

The policies announced yesterday don't include any new spending from the central government, but encourage local governments to provide "support" if they have the capacity. Local governments will be banned from placing any new restrictions on car purchases or limits on using new energy vehicles, according to the statement on the National Development and Reform Commission's website.

China is trying to support an economy which is slowing due to the effects of weak domestic demand and a worsening dispute with the U.S., the largest export market. The government is constrained in how much money it can offer after announcing large tax cuts earlier in the year, which may be a factor in why the announcement was less generous and expansive than a leaked earlier draft.

"The measures may not be enough to reverse the slowdown in consumption growth" as the lack of compulsory spending could weaken implementation, said Xia Le, Hong Kong-based chief Asia economist at Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria SA. The authorities have been keeping stimulus targeted so far because

they don't want to put pressure on the currency or trigger debt-related risks, he said.

Consumption-support policies by themselves won't be enough to lift domestic demand - the government needs to ease uncertainties about economic growth and incomes to effectively stimulate people's spending, Xia said.

"The market has been waiting for the stimulus policy and now it is like the boots have finally landed on the ground," said Xu Haidong, assistant secretary general of China Association of Automobile Manufacturers. Even though there is no direct financial support from the central government, this points in the right direction for local governments to follow and stimulate consumption, he said.

To remove barriers to auto consumption, the policy urged local governments to focus on guiding car usage based on considerations such as pollution and congestion, on top of the ban on any new restrictions. Local authorities should also be supportive of families when they make first-time car purchases, the NDRC said.

China's auto sales have plunged for the past 11 months, with carmakers calling for the government to help.

The NDRC is "focusing on auto, home appliances and consumer electronics to cement the trend of upgrading in those industries," according to its statement. It

aims to "form a stronger domestic market to realize high-quality development."

The government will promote the next generation 5G mobile phones, encourage research and development into smart household products using artificial intelligence and the Internet of Things, and push consumers to upgrade their appliances and discard energy-inefficient products. Appliance makers are also encouraged to enhance collaboration with real-estate developers.

The "policy is generally in line with the previous government stance to encourage domestic consumption and energy-efficiency of home appliances," Robin Yuen, an analyst at UOB Kay Hian, said in a note yesterday.

China's home-appliance manufacturers such as Gree Electric Appliances Inc. of Zhuhai and Midea Group Co. have faced challenges with fierce competition in the sector and the country's stagnant property market growth. Domestic sales in the industry grew 1% in 2018, easing from previous years, according to Midea's annual report.

Revenue weakness for China's appliance makers has typically followed a slowdown in residential property sales, Bloomberg Intelligence analysts said note in May. The new policy trend toward loosening could support sales of appliances in 2020 and beyond, they said. **MDT/Bloomberg**

Gov't says list of 'unreliable' foreign firms coming soon

Ken Moritsugu, Beijing

CHINA'S Commerce Ministry will release a list of "unreliable" foreign companies in the near future, a spokesman said yesterday, without giving a specific date.

The decision to create the list, announced last week, is widely seen as a response to a U.S. decision to put Huawei Technologies on a blacklist for alleged theft of intellectual property and evasion of Iran sanctions.

Chinese Commerce Ministry spokesman Gao Feng told reporters at a weekly briefing that the process of drawing up the list was underway. He said no particular company or industry is being targeted.

"Companies that abide by Chinese laws and contractual spirit totally needn't worry," he said.

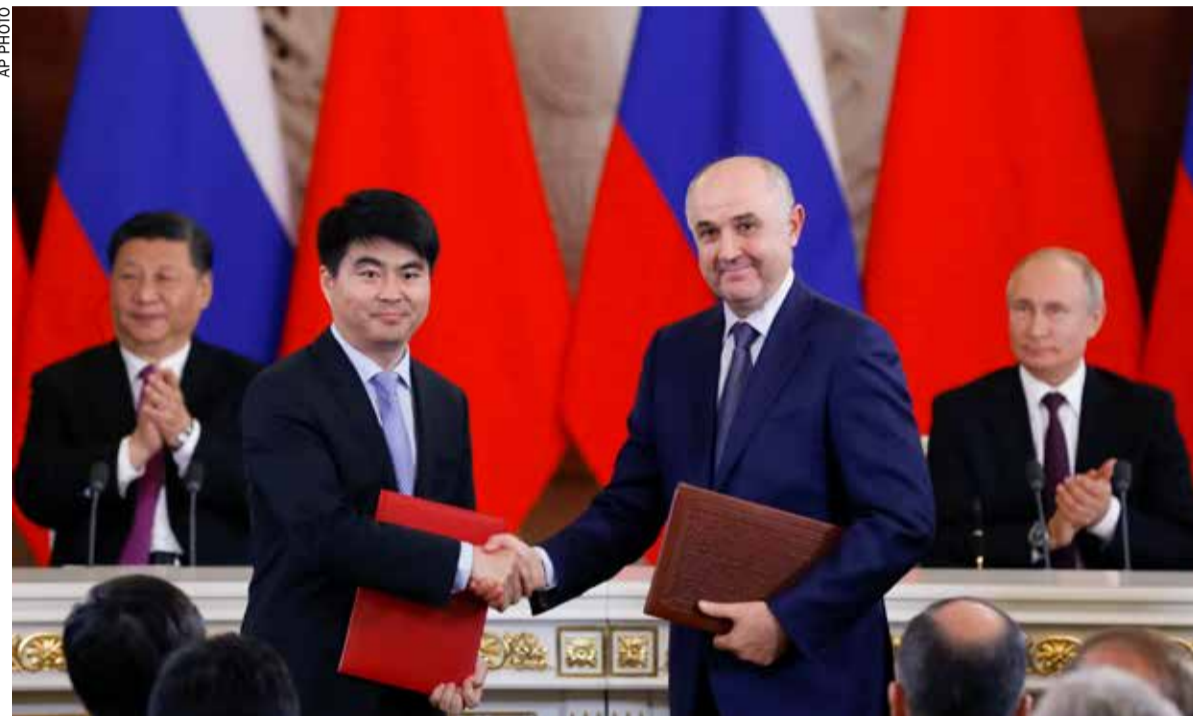
The U.S. Department of Commerce has issued an order that U.S. companies will have to seek government approval for sales to Huawei once its own list takes effect after a 90-day grace period.

China hasn't said what action it would take against the entities included on its list.

Gao said China does not want a trade war but is not afraid of one.

"If the U.S. keeps escalating trade frictions," he said, "China will follow to the end."

Huawei, once a little-known supplier of telecoms network gear and now the industry leader,



Guo Ping, deputy chairman of Huawei Technologies Co Ltd and Russian president of MTS mobile network operator, Alexei Kornya

has become a national champion as Beijing fights back against U.S. claims that the company poses a security risk and should be excluded from development of super-fast next-generation 5G networks.

Huawei has denied it might be forced to spy on behalf of China's ruling Communist Party and demanded that the U.S. and other governments produce evidence to back up their allegations.

Chinese President Xi Jinping highlighted the Chinese government's strong support for the company, based in southern China's Shenzhen, by presi-

ding over a signing ceremony in Moscow on Wednesday of a deal between Huawei and Russian telecom company MTS.

The deal calls for MTS and Huawei to jointly develop 5G networks in Russia, MTS said in a statement.

Xi and Russian President Vladimir Putin also attended a launch ceremony for a Chinese car factory in Russia's Tula region. The two leaders signed their names on a Great Wall Motors Haval F7 sedan and Putin hailed the venture as evidence of increasingly close business ties between the former rivals.

Huawei's chairman, Guo Ping,

noted that with 16,000 5G-related patents, the company leads in the technology.

In Beijing, the Commerce Ministry issued a report yesterday emphasizing that China and the U.S. have both benefited from their trade ties, despite China's huge surpluses.

"The argument that the U.S. suffered losses doesn't hold ground," it reads in part. "China is an important export market to the U.S., and U.S. exports to China have created a great deal of employment for the U.S. [...] There is not necessarily a connection between the trade deficit and the economy and em-

ployment."

President Donald Trump has ordered tariffs of up to 25% on hundreds of billions of dollars' worth of Chinese exports and his administration is preparing to extend them to \$300 billion more — almost all items shipped to the U.S. from China. China has reciprocated with tariffs of its own, among other measures.

There has been no recent sign of progress on resolving the standoff between Beijing and Washington over U.S. demands that Beijing act to reduce the trade imbalance.

■ Gao said China does not want a trade war but is not afraid of one

The Trump administration also wants Chinese leaders to give up their blueprint for making Chinese industries leaders in a wide range of advanced technologies, plans that U.S. officials worry might erode American technological dominance. The U.S. and other governments and foreign companies also are unhappy over Chinese policies and business practices that they say force transfers of technology.

Gao, the Commerce Ministry spokesman, said U.S. pressure tactics were responsible for the stalemate in the trade talks.

"The responsibility completely lies in the U.S. side," he said. "Whoever started the trouble should end it. How the trade talk will develop depends on the US. We will listen to what they say and watch what they do." **AP**

Taiwan confirms request for US tanks, air defense systems



TAIWAN confirmed yesterday it has asked to purchase more than 100 tanks from the U.S., along with air defense and anti-tank missile systems in a major potential arms sale that drew immediate protest from China.

A Defense Ministry statement said it has submitted a letter of request for 108 cutting-edge M1A2 Abrams tanks, 1,240 TOW anti-armor missiles, 409 Javelin anti-tank missiles and 250 Stinger man-portable air defense systems.

The request is proceeding "as normal," it said. It wasn't clear when the official request had been issued, after which the U.S. has 120 days

to respond.

Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said that China firmly opposes U.S. arms sales to Taiwan.

"This position is consistent and clear," he said at the ministry's daily briefing. "We urge the U.S. to fully understand the high sensitivity and serious harm of the issue of arms sales to Taiwan and abide by the one-China principle."

China considers self-governing Taiwan part of its territory, to be brought under its control by force if necessary. It says U.S. arms sales to the island constitute both interference in its internal affairs and a betrayal of earlier commitments made by Washington to Beijing.

The U.S. is the main supplier of weapons to Taiwan, and earlier reports have said Taiwan is also seeking 66

F-16 fighter jets in the most advanced "V" configuration.

President Tsai Ing-wen said in March that Taiwan was seeking tanks and jet fighters, but didn't provide any details.

At a public appearance yesterday, she pledged continued support for a strengthened military and said the island's efforts were winning it more international support.

"We will keep on strengthening our self-defense capabilities (and) will also keep on being a contributor to regional peace," Tsai said.

The M1 Abrams would mark a significant upgrade from the aging tanks Taiwan's army now uses, while the TOW and Javelin systems would upgrade Taiwan's ability to repulse an attempt by China to land tanks and troops from across the 160 kilometer-wide Taiwan Strait. **AP**



AUSTRALIA

Prosecutors: Cardinal's convictions should stand

Rod McGuirk, Melbourne

AUSTRALIAN prosecutors argued in court yesterday that child sex convictions against a Roman Catholic cardinal should not be overturned and said his accuser had been a compelling witness.

Cardinal George Pell, 77, is the most senior Catholic to be convicted of child sex abuse and is appealing those guilty verdicts in the Victoria state Court of

Appeal. He attended both days of the hearing, wearing a cleric's collar and occasionally taking notes.

The three judges reserved their decision to a date to be set.

Prosecutor Chris Boyce told the judges that the convictions, largely based on the testimony of a single accuser, should stand.

"The complainant was a very compelling witness," Boyce said. "He was clearly not a liar. He was not a fantasist. He was a

witness of truth."

A jury unanimously convicted Pope Francis' former finance minister in December of orally raping a 13-year-old choirboy and indecently dealing with the boy and the boy's 13-year-old friend in Melbourne's St. Patrick's Cathedral in December 1996. Pell had become archbishop of Melbourne, Australia's second-largest city, only months before.

One of the boys, now aged in his 30s, was the key prosecu-

tion witness. The other died of a heroin overdose in 2014, apparently without ever alleging he had been abused. State law prohibits identifying either victim.

Francis' papacy has been thrown into turmoil by clerical sexual abuse and the church's handling of such cases worldwide. In a little more than a year, the pope has acknowledged he made "grave errors" in Chile's worst case of cover-up, Pell was convicted of abuse, a French cardinal was convicted of failing to report a pedophile, and a third cardinal, former U.S. church leader Theodore McCarrick, was defrocked after a Vatican investigation determined he molested children and adults.

In addition to the rape and three indecency convictions from the sacristy crimes, Pell was also convicted of an act of indecency against the complainant by squeezing his genitals as they passed in a cathedral corridor immediately after a Mass in early 1997.

Appeal Court Justice Chris Maxwell described that allegation as "wildly improbable."

Boyce said "perhaps it is" unlikely or improbable.

Boyce said the complainant spent more than eight hours in the witness box and underwent "searing" cross examination during Pell's original trial in the Victoria County Court, which ended with a deadlocked jury in September last year.

A second jury convicted Pell after watching a video of the complainant's testimony. The appeal judges will also watch the same testimony.

Boyce told the judges they had to watch the complainant's evi-

dence from start to finish.

After hearing the man's responses, "one puts down one's pen and stares blankly at the screen and is moved," Boyce said, adding that at that point any doubts are removed.

Boyce told the judges they need not consider why at least two jurors in Pell's original trial were not convinced beyond reasonable doubt of his guilt.

Pell's lawyer Bret Walker had told the court on Wednesday that Pell could not have molested the two boys and argued the five verdicts against Pell were "unsafe and unsatisfactory" and should be overturned.

During the jury's deliberations, they asked to watch for a second time the video evidence of the complainant and of the defense's most important witness, Monsignor Charles Portelli. Portelli had testified that he had always been with Pell during the Masses in December 1996, helping the then-archbishop robe and disrobe.

Maxwell said Portelli's evidence was part of an "aggregate of hurdles" that the jury had to overcome to reach their guilty verdicts.

The judges say they have to go through more evidence from the trial before deciding on Pell's appeal. Whichever way the court rules, the case could reach the High Court, Australia's ultimate arbiter.

If the judges rule that the verdict is unsafe on the evidence, Pell would be acquitted. If they rule there was an irregularity in his arraignment, another of the grounds cited in his appeal, he could be retried. If that happens, he would likely be freed on bail until his third trial. **AP**

NEW ZEALAND

Judge allows images of man charged in mosque shootings

Nick Perry, Wellington

ANew Zealand judge ruled yesterday that media outlets can now show the face of the man accused of killing 51 people at two Christchurch mosques.

Two New Zealand courts had previously ruled that television stations, websites, newspapers and other media could only publish images which pixelated the face of Brenton Harrison Tarrant, the 28-year-old Australian white supremacist accused of the March 15 mass shooting.

But High Court Judge Cameron Mander wrote in a court note that prosecutors had advised him there



was no longer any need to suppress images of Tarrant's face and he was lif-

ting the order.

The previous rulings hadn't stopped images

of Tarrant from circulating on the internet, and questions remained about

whether the court's rulings could be applied to media operating outside of New Zealand's borders.

Prosecutors and defense lawyers, who have not commented on the case publicly, did not return calls from The Associated Press seeking comment yesterday.

Retired law professor Bill Hodge said the initial argument for suppressing images of Tarrant was likely made to ensure witnesses weren't tainted — that they could identify the gunman from their own recollection and not from seeing a picture in a newspaper.

"I can only assume that neither side is concerned about poisoning the well of identification witnesses," Hodge said.

The gunman livestreamed much of his attack on Facebook. The chilling 17-minute video, in which he shows his face, was copied and widely viewed on

the internet even as tech companies scrambled to remove it.

New Zealand's Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern has vowed never to say the accused man's name, and last month helped lead a global pledge named the "Christchurch Call," aimed at boosting efforts to keep internet platforms from being used to spread hate, organize extremist groups and broadcast attacks.

The White House did not endorse the pledge, citing respect for "freedom of expression and freedom of the press."

A spokesperson for Ardern said the prime minister had no comment to make on a matter for the court.

Tarrant is next scheduled to appear in court via videolink on June 14, when he is expected to enter pleas to 51 counts of murder, 40 counts of attempted murder and one count of terrorism. **AP**

THAILAND

Prime minister has little to say about staying in power

Kaweewit Kaewjinda, Bangkok

THAI Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha isn't feeling chatty about being elected to stay on as premier.

Prayuth stayed out of the spotlight yesterday, a day after he skipped a Parliament session in which lawmakers, including hundreds he helped appoint, voted to keep him in the job he has held since staging a military coup in 2014.

He delivered little more than a brief thank you through a spokesman and on his Facebook page, also promising to carry out his duties to the best of his ability.

Prayuth's return to the premiership was not a surprise given that he and his junta spent the past five years reworking the country's political system to make sure he remained in power.

Prayuth's opponents charge the new system is merely a



continuation of military rule in another form. Some provisions in the new constitution the junta commissioned assign special privileges to the military, especially if national security or stability is involved. And the heads of the police and branches of the military are automatically members of the Senate.

But there are doubts that

Prayuth will be able to run things smoothly since he will lose some powers he had as head of the junta, and be accountable to a Parliament with an opposition, rather than the tame national assembly he appointed after the coup and used to rubber-stamp his decisions. In the lower house, which passes law and approves budgets, Prayuth's ruling coalition

has a razor-thin majority.

"He is in a kind of a strongman mold, but now he has to be accountable, more scrutinized, so we can expect him to lose some temper. We can expect him to be flustered, frustrated. But the big question is whether the coalition government will hold," said Thitinan Pongsudhirak, a professor of political science at Bangkok's

Chulalongkorn University.

Under Prayuth's junta there were a bevy of laws enacted that allowed it to take action against its critics and opponents, stifling dissent online and in real life.

The major instrument he wielded was a provision known as Article 44, which handed him lawmaking powers without the need for approval from anyone. It was enacted under an interim constitution to replace martial law, which was declared right after Prayuth's 2014 takeover.

The junta will be dissolved when Prayuth appoints his new Cabinet, and Article 44 will expire with it, even though the orders enacted under Article 44 will remain in force.

Thitinan expects Prayuth's will try to stay above the fray and allow military-allied lawmakers to protect him, a strategy other previous unelected military prime ministers employed. He said that may prove a difficult task, given the size and determination of the opposition bloc and the unwieldy nature of his own coalition.

"General Prayuth as head of it all will have a big headache at a minimum, but beyond that, he also will face a kind of scrutiny he hasn't seen in the last five years that may involve some very sensitive issues," such as his personal assets, his relatives and associates, Thitinan said. **AP**

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SUDAN

Protesters to keep up campaign until military's ouster

Bassam Hatoum & Noha Elhennawy, Khartoum

SUDAN'S pro-democracy leaders vowed yesterday to press their campaign of civil disobedience until the ruling military council is ousted and killers of protesters are brought to justice, following a crackdown this week that killed scores of people.

The pledge comes after new clashes brought the death toll in three days of the military crackdown to 108. On Wednesday, troops were seen pulling 40 bodies of victims, slain by Sudanese security forces, from the Nile River in Khartoum and taking them away.

The Sudan Doctors Committee, one of the protest groups, said it was not known where they were taken. The committee also said more than 500 have been wounded in the crackdown.

The Sudanese Professionals Association, an umbrella of union groups that has been behind months of rallies that



forced the military to oust long-time autocrat Omar al-Bashir in April, urged people to block main roads and bridges to "paralyze public life" across the country in retaliation for the military's crackdown.

The crackdown began with a violent dispersal of the protest movement's main sit-in camp, outside the military headquarters in the capital, Khartoum, on Monday.

"Our success depends on our full adherence to peaceful protests, no matter how hard the criminal militias seek to drag us into violence," the association said in a Facebook statement yesterday.

Word about the retrieval of the bodies from the Nile came as Sudan's ruling general called for a resumption of negotiations with the protest leaders, which they promptly rejected. They

said the generals cannot be serious about talks while troops keep killing protesters.

The protesters said that instead, they would continue their demonstrations and strikes seeking to pressure the military into handing over power to a civilian authority.

Meanwhile, Sudan's military-controlled health ministry is disputing the death toll of 108 killed in the crackdown. The ministry's undersecretary, Soliman Abdel Gaber, issued a statement insisting that only 46 people died in this week's violence.

Since Monday's violent dispersal of the protest sit-in outside the military headquarters in Khartoum, violent clashes have erupted in other parts of Sudan.

The protest leaders said there were attacks in 13 cities and towns this week perpetrated by security forces and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces, which grew out of the Janjaweed militias used by al-Bashir's government to suppress the Darfur insurgency in the 2000s, a

campaign that prompted charges of genocide against its perpetrators.

Before Monday's crackdown began, the military and protest leaders had for weeks negotiated the makeup of a transitional council meant to run the country until elections. The protesters demanded civilians dominate the council, which the generals resisted.

After the crackdown, the military suspended the talks and canceled all agreed-on points. It also announced the military would form a government and hold elections within seven to nine months.

But the head of the military council, Gen. Abdel-Fattah Burhan, then on Wednesday abruptly announced the generals were prepared to resume negotiations— an offer the protesters immediately turned down.

In Moscow, a top diplomat said Russia — which has largely stayed on the sidelines of the crisis in Sudan — opposes "any foreign intervention" and believes a compromise is needed.

Mikhail Bogdanov, chief of the foreign ministry's Middle East desk, told local news agencies that Russian diplomats are in touch with all political players in Sudan, including the opposition. Bogdanov visited Khartoum earlier this year. **AP**

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FRIDAY

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13:30	Telejornal RTPi (Diferido)
15:00	Água de Mar
15:45	Zig Zag
16:05	Portugueses Sem Fronteiras
16:35	Quem Quer Ser Milionário
17:30	Tempos Modernos
18:00	Amor Maior (Repetição)
18:50	TDM Talk Show (Repetição)
19:25	Livros com João Guedes (Repetição)
19:35	Os Nossos Dias Sr.2
20:30	Telejornal
21:15	Semana Internacional
21:50	Viagens em Série - Estreia
22:15	Amor Maior
23:15	TDM News
23:50	Daqui P'rá Frente
01:20	Telejornal (Repetição)
02:05	RTPi Directo

SATURDAY

10:30	Zig Zag
11:05	Purple Devil
11:10	Chai Chai
11:30	Portugal Selvagem
12:00	Visita Guiada Sr.3
12:30	Ingrediente Secreto
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21:15	Uma Noite Fora do Palácio
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Offbeat

SCIENTISTS CRACK SECRET OF FISH'S DEADLY, TRANSPARENT TEETH



Scientists have discovered what makes a dragonfish's teeth transparent -- and this may help the deep-sea fish catch their food.

The dragonfish is a small predator with needle-like teeth that jut out from its mouth.

Researchers reported this week that the teeth are made of the same materials as human teeth, but their microscopic structure is so different that light doesn't reflect off them. Instead, most light passes through, so the teeth are almost completely concealed.

Some other predatory deep-sea fish also have transparent teeth, so this might be a common strategy.

Their finding in the journal *Matter* was from dragonfish found about a third of a mile underwater off the coast of San Diego.

cinema



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X-MEN: DARK PHOENIX

ROOM 1

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

Director: Simon Kinberg

Starring: James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender,

Jennifer Lawrence

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 113min



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

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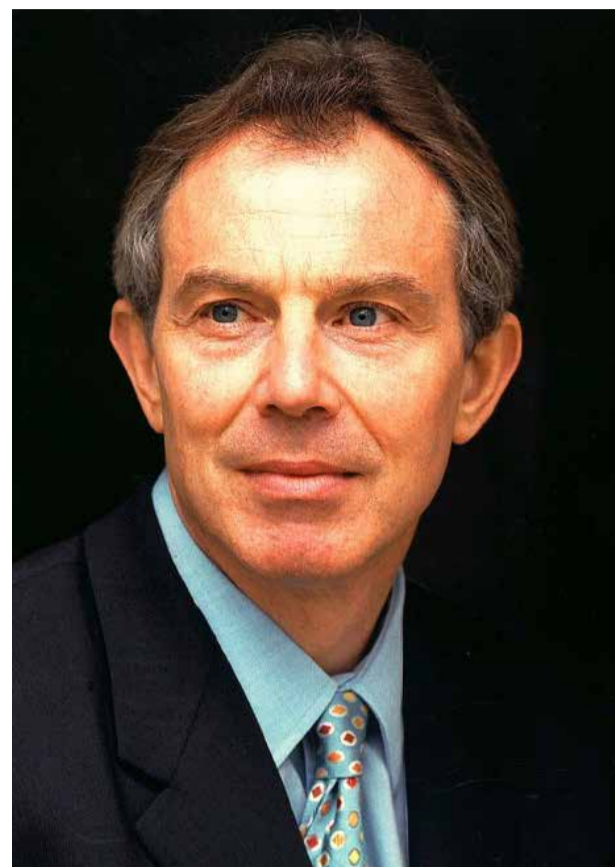
Director: Guy Ritchie

Starring: Will Smith, Mena Massoud, Naomi Scott

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 109min

this day in history



2000 BLAIR 'HANDBAGGED' BY THE WI

Prime Minister Tony Blair has been given a hostile reception by Women's Institute members, who heckled and slow hand-clapped a speech he gave to their conference.

After what Mr Blair had hoped would be an address to win back the political initiative from the Tories, he received poor applause and drew criticism from some of the 10,000 audience members.

Some women even walked out in protest, saying the speech was too long and too overtly political.

One was heard to say: "This is just not on. This is the WI. We are not here for this."

Mr Blair used his speech to the WI conference at Wembley, in London, to stress that traditional values lay at the heart of Labour's policies.

He said: "I try to distinguish between the genuine values which underpin the best of Britain and the attitudes we can safely, rightly leave behind.

"Old fashioned values are good values, but old fashioned attitudes and practices can sometimes hold those values back."

Returning from paternity leave, Mr Blair explained how the birth of his son Leo had given him a "renewed sense of purpose", and he called for a revival of respect and responsibility in British civic society.

But the hand-clap protest, which began mid-speech, threatened to gather pace, before WI chairman Helen Carey appealed for members to listen politely.

The prime minister appeared uneasy and dropped a section of the speech about the NHS.

Downing Street later said there was no significance in that and it had only been done to save time.

Conservative leader William Hague dismissed the speech as "just words".

He said: "People's disappointment in the government is that they are not actually delivering anything".

Liberal Democrat leader Charles Kennedy accused Labour of failing to develop a coherent philosophy.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Following the embarrassment of the speech itself, Downing Street became entangled in a row about whether Mr Blair had actually been invited to address the WI at all.

WI leaders said the prime minister had approached them about a speech, while Number 10 insisted the invitation had come from the organisation itself.

The WI began as an educational movement in the 1920s and now has more than 260,000 members in 8,000 local groups.

Although traditionally considered the reserve of blue-rinsed ladies who enjoy making jam, the WI has actively campaigned on issues such as the future of post offices, human rights and third world debt.

YOUR STARS

Aries
Mar. 21-Apr. 19
Use your smiles and charm to get your way today – people are much more likely to pay attention if you just quietly ask them if they'd mind obliging you than if you issue demands.

Taurus
April 20-May 20
Too much of a good thing is still too much, so make sure you don't overdo it today. Your energy is perfect for balancing between a range of activities, so enjoy your time and then move on.

Gemini
May 21-Jun. 21
Stray thoughts are winners right now – make sure you've got some way to record them. A simple voice message on your phone may be good enough, or you could scribble it all down on a Post-It.

Cancer
Jun. 22-Jul. 22
You can't rely on other people to the same extent as usual today – so make sure that you're watching out and checking up on them. You are sure to find at least one mistake or mishap.

Leo
Jul. 23-Aug. 22
Your romantic side is out in force right now, so make a play for someone new or let your sweetheart know how you really feel about them. Things are good, but they could always be better!

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Impulse buying can be dangerous today, so see if you can get your friends to restrain you if you end up at a mall or some other money extraction venue. Your resistance isn't quite enough on your own!

Libra
Sep.23-Oct. 22
Art and design are highlighted today, so you should either hit a museum or check online for some new way to spruce up your pad – or blog. You can make things much more beautiful.

Scorpio
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
Your eyes open to something – or someone – with more aspects than you had previously believed. You don't need to act on this knowledge yet, but you ought to at least mull it over for a while.

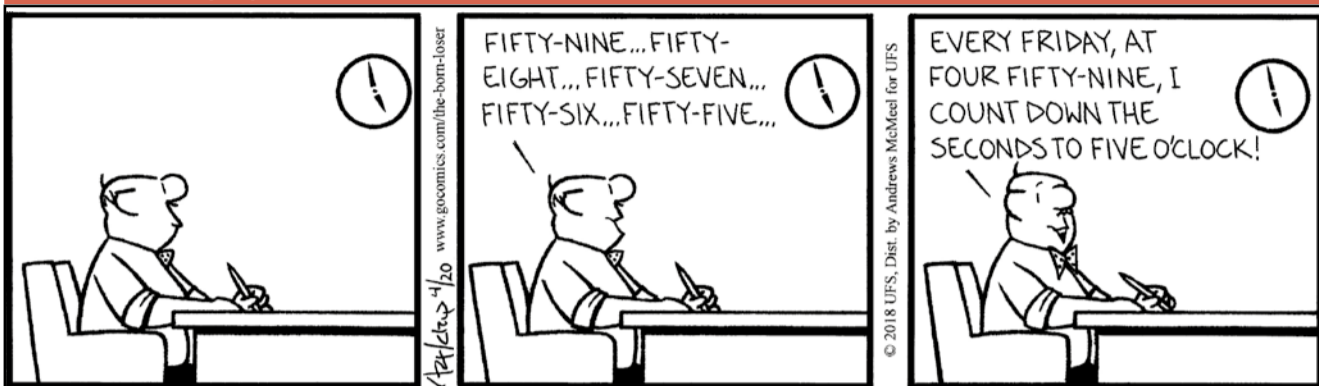
Sagittarius
Nov. 22-Dec. 21
You may have to deal with a lawyer – but with luck, it's just a formality. If not, your social energy is just right for dealing with big issues in a way that is beneficial to most parties concerned.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19
Your ability to push things forward is making life move faster – and your initiative is sure to make life a lot more appealing! You may find that things are much simpler by this time tomorrow.

Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18
You hit it off with someone you don't usually see much of – or maybe someone you'd normally avoid! Your terrific energy makes it much easier to forge new connections and friendships.

Pisces
Feb.19-Mar. 20
Your active social life is finally more or less balanced – but it may not stay that way for long! Enjoy the variety for now and see if you can reach out to folks you don't hear from all that often

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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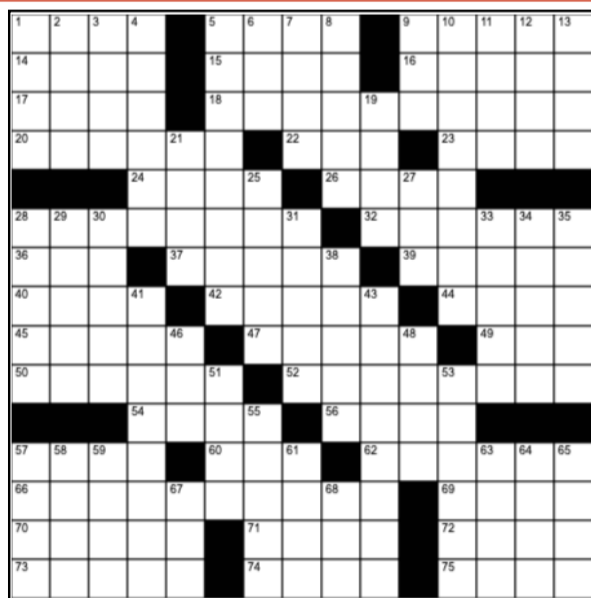
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Xi'an	11	27	cloudy
Lhasa	7	22	clear
Chengdu	15	25	clear
Chongqing	17	27	cloudy
Kunming	15	28	cloudy
Nanjing	15	28	cloudy
Shanghai	16	27	clear
Wuhan	14	29	cloudy
Hangzhou	17	28	cloudy
Taipei	21	24	drizzle
Guangzhou	21	29	cloudy
Hong Kong	22	26	cloudy
WORLD			
Moscow	15	24	drizzle
Frankfurt	8	18	drizzle
Paris	12	17	drizzle
London	7	15	drizzle
New York	11	20	drizzle

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- ERA, for one; 5- Your excellency; 9- Inedible orange; 14- Kind of support; 15- District; 16- Yippee!; 17- Sea eagle; 18- Logical; 20- Set in layers; 22- Drops on the ground; 23- Pops; 24- Molecular component; 26- Goneril's father; 28- Island S of mainland Australia; 32- Meager; 36- Invoice fig.; 37- Blair of "The Exorcist"; 39- Carol start; 40- Per ___; 42- Young male horses; 44- Rime; 45- Kate & ___; 47- Gaucho's rope; 49- ___ Lanka; 50- Period of the year; 52- Having dark hair; 54- Linebacker Junior; 56- Travelers' stops; 57- Exchange premium; 60- ___ had it!; 62- Son of one's brother or sister; 66- American wildcat; 69- New Rochelle college; 70- Less than lively; 71- Large cat; 72- "Return of the Jedi" critter; 73- 2:1, e.g.; 74- Work like ___; 75- Zaire's Mobutu ___ Seko;

DOWN: 1- Editor's mark; 2- Garr or Hatcher; 3- Clearasil target; 4- Aries; 5- Mocking; 6- Wrath; 7- Went through, as the paper; 8- Flip-chart holder; 9- Suffix with ball; 10- Companion of Daniel; 11- Palindromic pop group; 12- Olympian's quest; 13- Baby blues; 19- Is indebted; 21- List-shortening abbr.; 25- Lesser; 27- GI mail drop; 28- Triumphant cries; 29- Miss by ___; 30- Stone marker; 31- Off-the-cuff; 33- Perch; 34- Stylish; 35- Spine-tingling; 38- Missile Command maker; 41- State of USA; 43- Of striking beauty; 46- Fair-hiring abbr.; 48- Actress Heche; 51- Neet rival; 53- Glimpses; 55- Tonsil neighbor; 57- Close to closed; 58- Explorer Vasco da ___; 59- ___ Rhythm; 61- Oklahoma city; 63- Sewing machine inventor; 64- Slugger Slaughter; 65- Rouse from sleep; 67- From ___ Z; 68- ___-wop;



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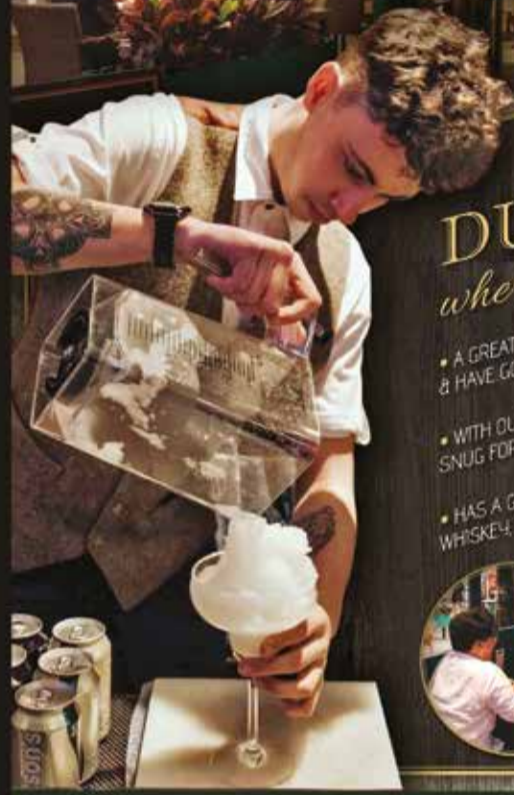
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FOOTBALL

Ronaldo's hat trick sends Portugal into Nations League final

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ON a night when Portugal unveiled its newest star, it was the same old Cristiano Ronaldo who came through for the national team again.

Teenager Joao Felix, who has been called Ronaldo's successor, made his international debut yesterday [Macau time], but it was Ronaldo who scored the hat trick that gave Portugal a 3-1 win over Switzerland and a spot in the final of the inaugural Nations League.

"Clearly these were three very important goals, beautiful goals," Ronaldo said. "But the most important is that we won and that the team have qualified for the final, which was our objective."

While the 19-year-old Felix wasn't much of a factor, Ronaldo proved decisive again, converting a first-half free kick and netting two late goals that gave the hosts a chance of winning UEFA's newest competition.

"It's one of those things you don't have enough adjectives to describe," Portugal coach Fernando Santos said. "He's a genius."

Portugal and Ronaldo will play either the Netherlands or England, which meet in the other semifinal on Thursday in Guimaraes. Switzerland will face that game's loser in the third-place game, also on Sunday.

"The objective was to get through," Ronaldo said. "Whoever we face now will be difficult. Both



the Netherlands and England are excellent teams and either will present great opposition."

Ronaldo's late double also helped erase the controversy surrounding Switzerland's second-half equalizer by Ricardo Rodriguez. It came from a highly disputed penalty kick that was awarded after a video review, and which nullified a penalty that had been given to Portugal as play continued.

Portugal will be seeking its second international title after winning the 2016 European Championship with a team led by Ronaldo.

The star forward put Portugal ahead at the Estadio do Dragao with a well-taken free kick in the 25th minute. His shot dropped quickly after going over the wall, catching Swiss goalkeeper Yann Sommer flat-footed.

When the game seemed headed to extra time, Ronaldo came through to put the hosts ahead again. He scored with a shot from inside the area after a nice pass by Bernardo Silva in the 88th, then completed his sixth inter-

national hat trick in the 90th, entering the area with the ball and cutting back inside before firing a shot into the far corner. It was his 88th goal for Portugal in 157 internationals.

"They have this 'cherry on top,'" Switzerland coach Vladimir Petkovic said about Ronaldo. "And he really made the difference."

Ronaldo had taken time off from the national team after last year's World Cup and hadn't yet

played in the Nations League. It was only his third match with Portugal this year after returning to the squad for European Championship qualifiers.

Earlier, it was announced that a lawsuit by a Nevada woman accusing Ronaldo of raping her in 2009 was moved from state to federal court in the United States, but the claims against him stood. The player has denied wrongdoing.

Felix wasn't on the field when Ronaldo came through with the late-game heroics. He had been substituted in the 70th.

"It was an incredible feeling to be with the main national team for the first time," Felix said. "And we won the match, which is what matters."

The Benfica forward, who has been attracting the attention of some top clubs in Europe, had a golden chance to score his first goal with Portugal just before halftime, but he couldn't get a clean shot off after receiving a pass inside the area with only the

goalkeeper to beat.

German referee Felix Brych didn't initially award the penalty for Switzerland after Steven Zuber was touched by Nelson Semedo inside the area, and as play continued he instead called one for Portugal when Silva was fouled in the other box.

After a long delay, Brych went to the VAR cabin and reversed the non-call for the first penalty, allowing Rodriguez to convert the spot kick in the 57th to even the score.

"I've never seen anything like that," Petkovic said. "It was a bit strange because the penalty wasn't that clear. The way it was handled wasn't entirely clear."

Portugal loudly complained as the contact between Semedo and Zuber appeared to be incidental.

Brych was also involved in a controversial penalty call in the match between Switzerland and Serbia at the World Cup last year.

It was the first time the VAR was used in a UEFA competition between national teams. **AP**

England soccer team embarrassed by fan disorder in Porto

FANS of England's national soccer team have again become an "embarrassment" after a night of disorder at the UEFA Nations League tournament in Portugal, the English Football Association said yesterday.

The FA condemned the supporters who hurled bottles at locals and clashed with police in Porto, where Portugal was playing Switzerland.

"Anyone responsible for these disturbances cannot be seen as true England supporters and are not welcome in football," the FA said in a

statement. "They are an embarrassment to the team."

Fans also sang about World War II and the Irish Republican Army.

Portuguese authorities said two British citizens were detained after a few altercations that were quickly contained by police. They said two officers were injured.

Fearing trouble in Portugal, the FA launched a video campaign targeted at fans with the message "Don't Be That Idiot." **AP**

SUPER RUGBY

Crusaders pressured to clinch top spot

THE defending champion Crusaders have their last chance to make sure of first place in Super Rugby when they meet the Melbourne Rebels tomorrow in their final match of the regular season.

The Crusaders need two points from the match at Christchurch to seal top spot, seeing off the late challenge of the Wellington-based Hurricanes who trail them by nine points with two matches remaining.

Because of byes, the Crusaders have played one match more than the Hur-



Sunwolves' Hayden Parker (right) fends off Brumbies' Lachlan McCaffrey

ricanes.

Well past the midpoint of the regular season the Crusaders appeared to be cruising toward another

first place finish and, with it, the guarantee of home advantage throughout the playoffs.

But a loss and two draws

in their last five matches have made that less certain, shaking the Crusaders' confidence and allowing their rivals to see them as beatable.

The Crusaders failed to take a bonus point from their remarkable 43-27 loss to the Hamilton-based Chiefs in the Fiji capital Suva last weekend, keeping the Hurricanes in the contest for first place. They now need at least a draw against the Rebels to ensure they can't be usurped by the Hurricanes who need bonus-point wins from their last two games.

Those, also, are likely to be hard to come by. The Hurricanes face the Lions in Johannesburg tomorrow and the Auckland-based Blues in Wellington in the last round of the regular season.

Rebels captain Dane Haylett-Petty said Super Rugby has never been closer.

"It is that sort of comp at the moment, anyone can beat anyone," he said. "We saw the Chiefs beat the Crusaders, the Tahs [Wairatahs] beat the Crusaders earlier in the season, the Sunwolves beat the Tahs.

It's the closest the competition has ever been, and that makes it exciting."

Meanwhile, the ACT Brumbies face derbies in each of the last two rounds as they try to seal first place in the Australian conference. The Brumbies, who hold a five-point lead over the Rebels, face a tough match against the New South Wales Waratahs who are currently just outside the playoff zone in 10th place but still in the race.

In the South Africa conference, the Jaguares hold a handy six-point lead over the Lions with a further point back to the Bulls who open the weekend's 17th round in Dunedin against the Highlanders. **AP**

opinion

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Eric Sautédé



THE POLITICS OF MEMORY

Remembering and commemorating June 4, 1989 is not an easy task.

First and foremost as the government that sits in Beijing forbids and effectively prevents any attempt at commemorating what happened in Tiananmen Square and around that day. The official press is silent. People who were at the forefront of the movement are tightly monitored, if not under house arrest or gone for forced holidays. Sensitive places are not freely accessible, be it the Square itself, adjoining streets where most of the bloodshed took place or cemeteries where the ones who were killed that night rest forever. And even virtual candles cannot be posted online.

Equally important is the fact that the regime has been systemically and thoroughly wiping off all traces of memory in connection with the events, and has refused to revise its judgement regarding those, even though what was once characterized as “a counter-revolutionary rebellion” has become mere “political turmoil” in official lingo. Actually, additional blurriness serves a purpose as it is one step further towards the completion of the erasing process.

And then, in places where it is actually possible to publicly pay tribute to June 4, what is it that we commemorate? The “massacre” so that unarmed students, workers and ordinary Beijingers killed by the bullets of the People’s Liberation Army or crushed by its tanks do not fall into the oblivion of a mere “incident”?

But, in commemorating the tragedy and rightfully requesting a long-overdue vindication, aren’t we ourselves relegating to the background the hope and joy that existed beyond injustice and sadness? After all, the occupation of Tiananmen Square was the main stage of a social movement that initially started with a gathering of students from elite universities on April 15. That day they had come to the Monument to the People’s Heroes to mourn the passing away of a former general secretary of the very same Party that would ultimately order to fire on unarmed civilians on June 4.

In between these two dates, a tribute to a reformist communist cadre who had unjustly been sacked two years earlier had transformed over the course of almost two months into a resolute denunciation of rampant corruption and demands for greater political participation as well as democratic reforms, and spread to some 400 cities in China.

This year, as we were commemorating the thirtieth anniversary of the massacre, a lot of the commentaries focused on whether or not the official attempt at wiping out the memory of the events among Chinese citizens and especially the younger generations had actually been successful.

Foreign journalists going around the streets of Beijing with an image of the Tank Man, the most iconic picture in the West of the Chinese people’s heroic resistance to savage repression, and asking passers-by whether they had recognized the image verged on indecency as it produced mainly bewilderment and embarrassment, and clearly did not prove much given the general political environment of the capital city at this sensitive time.

Much more convincing was what Louisa Lim, a journalist turned scholar, has characterized as the “People’s Republic of Amnesia” and her more recent essay in which she remarked that “indoctrinating China’s young people with a utilitarian view of history is an even more powerful tool than censorship itself.”

But then, are these really certainties, even though documentation goes beyond the incidental? Another scholar working on Chinese millennials is now stressing that most of his interviewees were indeed the ones who had brought up the subject of the Tiananmen repression during the lengthy conversations he had with them. Another journalist-scholar emphasizes that a significant number of unabated writers, filmmakers, poets, artists, songwriters and public intellectuals have turned into amateur historians to preserve the memories of the country’s many upheavals. And then, what about the many private photos taken at the time?

In Hong Kong, there is no doubt that record numbers of participants turned up for the vigil this year also because of the ongoing debate over the extradition law. Ultimately, memories resurfaced when they resonate with the present. Sooner or later, they never fail to do so.

THE WATCHDOG FINDS ROTTING FOOD AT US MIGRANT DETENTION FACILITIES

Homeland Security’s watchdog agency says it has found rotting food, moldy and dilapidated bathrooms and practices that violated standards at immigration detention facilities.

The Office of Inspector General made unannounced visits to four facilities in California and New Jersey between May and November of last year. The facilities together house about 5,000 detainees.

The inspection of one facility, in Adelanto

California, found nooses in detainee cells, overly restrictive segregation of detainees and inadequate medical care.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials said they took action at each facility and are working to ensure contractors at the facilities comply with the standards.

They say they have already trained food service staff on proper documentation and packaging, and they undertook an extensive cleaning and renovation of housing units.

Station	Air quality	
Roadside	25-45 Good	
High Density Residential Area	15-35 Good	
Ambient	25-45 Good	

SOURCE: DSI/MG

WORLD BRIEFS



THAILAND A Thai court has sentenced former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra to two years in prison over his handling of a state lottery program he initiated while in office more than a decade ago.

JAPAN A government spokesman says Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will visit Iran in an effort to reduce tensions between Tehran and Washington.



SUDAN Pro-democracy leaders vowed yesterday to press their campaign of civil disobedience until the ruling military council is ousted and killers of protesters are brought to justice, but an overwhelming presence of security forces across the capital, Khartoum, appeared to thwart new demonstrations. [More on p15](#)



GREECE’s prime minister warned his country’s voters yesterday that the choices they make in next months’ early elections will determine whether Greece slips back into “the dark days” of austerity.



RUSSIA President Vladimir Putin says Moscow didn’t meddle in the 2016 U.S. presidential election, and never will. Speaking yesterday at a meeting with international news agency chiefs, Putin said “we didn’t meddle, we aren’t meddling and we will not meddle in any elections.”

EU The European Central Bank has taken action to support the economy in the 19-country eurozone, joining other major central banks like the U.S. Federal Reserve in responding to fears about global trade conflicts.



Andrew Lloyd Webber

Madame Tussauds celebrates a bit of Broadway on Broadway

Mark Kennedy, New York

ON the ninth floor of the Madame Tussauds building in New York, they’ve built a little piece of Broadway.

A new permanent immersive attraction opened this week that offers visitors an Instagram-ready chance to put on costumes for some cosplay and sing some of Broadway’s most famous show tunes, and also gives a taste of what’s going on backstage, from controlling fog to switching on spot lights.

While it’s billed as “The Ultimate Broadway Experience,” the truth is it’s more an Andrew Lloyd Webber Experience, featuring only props, music and characters from the theater icon’s work. His shows “The Phantom of the Opera,” “Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat,” “Evita,” “Sunset Boulevard” and “Cats” are represented.

The self-guided tour includes three actors — playing a stage manager, an actress getting ready for “Cats” and a Phantom — four main chambers, and 10 waxwork figures,

including one of Lloyd Webber himself, hunched over his favorite Yamaha Clavinova. The price of a tour is included with the basic USD29.95 ticket.

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Visitors navigate a mirrored labyrinth (representing the complex birth of artistic creation), visit a dressing room to put on makeup in front of a digital screen with plenty of filters, play a giant interactive floor piano with their feet (like the movie “Big”) or belt out the finale from “Phantom” in a fog-filled gondola.

“Broadway is an integral part of what New York is, so we wanted to bring an immersive experience and an interactive experience that can give you a Broadway you can’t have anywhere else,” said Kael Elliott, the creative lead of North America for Merlin Magic Making, which oversees the Madame Tussauds brand.

Madame Tussauds has packed the space with ways for the audience to pose beside wax figures (Glenn Close from “Sunset Boulevard” is in the dressing room), in Joseph’s dreamcoat or with props. (Beware of the falling chandelier and the hairspray bottles that spew smoke). One highlight is a Grizabella wax figure singing “Memory” that features a sculpted 3-D head, which video projection brings alive.

“You can tell this is very different from what Madame Tussauds has been in the past. We’re moving into the immersive, interactive world — that’s where the future of the brand is. It’s about making the figures more alive, more immersive,” said Elliott. **AP**