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## WORLD BRIEFS



**THAILAND** Southeast Asian leaders yesterday pressed their call for self-restraint in the disputed South China Sea and renewed their alarm over the U.S.-China trade war, with one leader warning it may spiral out of control. The first of three rounds of talks on South China Sea proposed pact was expected to be completed this year. *More on p11*



**CAMBODIA** Prime Minister Hun Sen said Sunday that he was heading to the seaside resort town where a seven-story building under construction collapsed, killing at least 18 workers and injuring 24. Hun Sen said he would oversee the rescue operation at the site in Sihanoukville, where the building collapsed early Saturday.

**INDIA** India Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his concern over the collapse of a large tent at a religious ceremony that news reports said killed at least 14 people yesterday. Modi said in a tweet on his office's official account that the incident in Rajasthan state was "unfortunate."

**NORTH KOREA** U.S. President Donald Trump sent North Korean leader Kim Jong Un an "excellent" letter, the North's state-run news agency reported yesterday, quoting Kim as saying he would "seriously contemplate" the content. The White House press secretary, Sarah Sanders, said Trump sent a letter and "correspondence between the two leaders has been ongoing."

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# Government says Macau relentless in fight against human trafficking

Renato Marques

**T**HROUGH its judiciary authorities, the Macau government has been relentless in its efforts to combat human trafficking, according to the reply by the Office of the Secretary for Security to the U.S. Department of State's "Trafficking in Persons Report" issued last week. The report placed the region on its Tier 2 Watch List.

In the report, the U.S. Department of State issued recommendations to the Macau SAR government to "significantly increase efforts to investigate, prosecute, and convict sex and labor traffickers, and do so using the trafficking law," as well as to, "provide training on the use of the trafficking law to prosecutors and judges," and "improve and consistently implement proactive victim identification methods, especially among vulnerable populations such as migrant workers and persons in commercial sex." The attention to "identify labor trafficking among male victims" and the "institution of a minimum wage for foreign domestic workers" were the two last recommendations made.

Although noting a slight improvement in terms of the



ranking mentioned for Macau by the American authorities, Secretary of Security Wong Sio Chak replied that "security authorities strongly disagreed with the content of the report in relation to Macau," adding that the statements made, "did not reflect Macau's actual situation and contained biased judgments and baseless assumptions."

The local authorities also added that the "government's law-

## Many trafficking victims respond to false advertisements for jobs, including in casinos

-enforcement effort in combating human trafficking has been effectively carried out under the supervision of the local judiciary [authorities]," noting that the "decline in [the number of] cases relating to human trafficking

and labor exploitation recorded in recent years, demonstrates the efficient collaboration between the government and local communities."

Nevertheless, the local authorities continue to closely

collaborate with the judiciary, carrying out necessary preventive and investigative works and adopting appropriate measures. These collaborative measures include the local authorities' communication with international organizations and neighboring countries and regions.

The report recalls that Macau, as in the past five years, was found to be the destination of human traffickers exploiting foreign victims, namely sex trafficking victims that originate primarily from mainland China and Southeast Asia. According to the same report, many of these trafficking victims respond to false advertisements for jobs, including in casinos in Macau.

Upon arrival, traffickers force them into prostitution which "occurs in massage parlors, illegal brothels, apartments, and houses where they are closely monitored, threatened with violence, forced to work long hours, and have their identity documents confiscated."

The U.S. Department of State's 2019 report, also notes the fragile situation of the migrant workers in the construction and domestic work sectors, which are considered vulnerable to labor exploitation by brokers.

### ASK THE VET

by Dr Ruan Du Toit Bester



## CAUSES OF FELINE INCONTINENCE

**F**ELINE incontinence often links to an underlying disease or condition. With incontinence, pets dribble small amount of cat urine all over the house. Incontinence also includes cat diarrhoea. Here are the ten most common causes why cats deal with incontinence issues.

### Bladder stones

Bladder stones occur when minerals combine forming large crystals. Bladder stones reach the size of peas and irritate the lining of the bladder. If bladder stones reach the urethra, it becomes hard for a cat to urinate. You'll see him straining in the litter box with little to no urine coming out or cat urine will have a pinkish tint from blood.

### Bladder cancer

While rare, cats exposed to flea dips and insecticides in the yard have a higher risk of bladder cancer. Tumors build up on the inner lining of the bladder eventually blocking the urethra. Symptoms include straining while urinating or defecating, feline incontinence and lethargy.

### Feline diabetes

Feline diabetes rates are skyrocketing. A diabetic cat drinks excessive amounts of water and urinates often. Often, the cat fails to make it to the litter box on time. Controlling the diabetes eliminates this form of feline incontinence.

### Feline diarrhea

People associate incontinence with urine, but poor bowel control is another form of feline incontinence. In cases of severe cat diarrhea, common problems include spinal cord injuries, particularly including damage to the tail. Other issues include poor diet, digestive problems and bacteria or viruses in the intestines.

### Feline leukemia

The feline leukemia virus is preventable. Many spayed and neutered cats affected by feline leukemia have problems with bladder control. They frequently dribble urine when they are sleeping or resting. The problem does affect more male cats than females, however. Some veterinarians find that a low dose of chemotherapy helps eliminate if the feline incontinence is excessive.

### Kidney stones

Like bladder stones, kidney stones occur when crystals bind in the kidneys causing blockages and irritation. A cat with kidney stones will have a tender abdomen and often has problems urinating. Blood is often visible in the cat urine. Scarred Bladder If a urinary tract infection spreads to the bladder, scarring will occur. The scarring essential takes up room causing the bladder to hold less urine. He will need to urinate more frequently. More accidents occur as a result.

### Senility

With old age, some cats simply lose sense of when they need to go to the bathroom. They may wait too long and dribble on the way to the litter box, or they may forget where their litter box is located. You may find it easier to keep one litter box on each level of your house to avoid these feline incontinence accidents.

### Urinary tract infections

Feline urinary tract infections remain a leading cause of feline incontinence. When the urinary tract becomes infected, the cat finds it impossible to go to the bathroom. He will strain, but little to no urine comes out. Antibiotics are necessary for UTIs. They can quickly spread to the bladder and kidneys if left untreated.



### Weakened urinary muscle tone

Cats that are carrying litters of kittens or elderly cats lose control of their urinary system muscles. Leaking and dribbling of cat urine are common problems. In addition, when the bladder is full, it pushes against the bowels causing accidents with defecation.

Hope this info helps  
Till next week  
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# Former DSSOPT head under probe, assets seized

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**T**HE former Director of the Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau (DSSOPT), Jaime Carion, is under investigation for alleged corruption and his assets have been seized by Macau's Public Prosecutions Office (MP).

According to TDM Radio, approximately 40 properties, including housing, parking, and commercial units belonging to Carion and his family members have been seized.

It is believed that the notification by the MP for the seizure of assets belonging to Carion, his wife and daughter, as well as others with whom he is connected, is due to an ongoing corruption investigation, and hence is a preventive measure for disallowing their sale or transfer to other people.

Carion left his post at the DSSOPT in 2014 after serving as a civil servant for 36 years.

At the time, he informed the media that he was retiring due to a health problem and moved to Portugal where he has been residing since.

During his retirement announcement, Carion mentioned that he had tried his best to carry out his duties while trying to balance different interests within the department, noting that the downfall of former Secretary Ao Man Long on corruption charges had



affected the work of the DSSOPT. "Some of our staff have shown concerns about this matter. But I have always suggested that as long as we have a clear conscience, we should have nothing to fear," he told the Times in October 2014.

In February this year, the go-

vernment instructed the Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) to conduct a criminal investigation in order to ascertain the existence of any evidence of corruption or fraud in the case of the land swap deal involving the Iec Long Firecracker Factory plot, in Taipa.

The government has ordered the relevant authorities to carry out disciplinary proceedings if there is any proof that the officials involved were culpable, constituting a disciplinary offense.

## ■ Carrion noted in 2014 that the downfall of former Secretary Ao Man Long on corruption charges had affected the work of the DSSOPT

Last week, the Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Raimundo do Rosário responded to the media on the sidelines of a plenary session at the Legislative Assembly that such a process was still ongoing and that no disciplinary procedures were applied to the former DSSOPT director, due to the fact that no evidence justifying the measure could be found. He also remarked, "if any other evidence or facts were to be

found at a later stage, the authorities would act accordingly."

## 'NO EXTRADITION' DOES NOT MEAN 'NO TRIAL'

An expert in Constitutional Law in Lisbon told the Times that although the suspect may not be extradited from Portugal to Macau to face a trial in the region, since he is a Portuguese citizen, that does not mean that he will be exempted from the responsibilities of appearing in court.

"The fact he may not be extradited does not mean he can't be tried in Portugal," he said noting, "but, for that to happen, it is required for Macau's MP to drop the criminal accusation in Macau and forward the case to Portugal."

He explained that an initial request for the extradition is likely to happen, followed by a refusal by the Portuguese authorities based on article 33 of the Portuguese Constitution, which covers the requirements for deportation, extradition and the right of asylum.

The fugitive bill between Macau and Portugal was published in the government's Official Gazette last week. The bill, which was signed on May 15 in Portugal, stipulates that Portugal has the right to refuse the transfer of Portuguese nationals to Macau, and that Macau is entitled to refuse the transfer Chinese nationals and Macau permanent residents, but not Portuguese nationals who are Macau's permanent residents.

Political prisoners may not be handed over. Transfers which go against humanitarian spirit, or of a person who is sentenced to imprisonment in absentia, can be turned down.

# O Lam touted as possible Alexis Tam successor



In this July 2015 file photo, O Lam (right) welcomes Hong Kong's former Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Raymond Tam, during a visit to Macau

Daniel Beittler

**T**HE Chief-of-Office of the Chief Executive's Office is being touted as a possible successor to Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Alexis Tam, the Times has learned.

Insider and ex-government sources told the Times that O Lam is seen as a potential replacement for Tam by officials working in bureaus under the secretary's purview. The information is being shared even before the next Chief Executive of Macau has been decided.

"It's not announced, of course," one source told the Times, requesting anonymity because he is not authorized to speak to the media, "but it's arranged."

O has served in the position since Chief Execu-

tive Chui Sai On's second term began in December 2014, taking over from Tam, who held the post for five years prior.

It is thought that the incoming Chief Executive, who will be elected in August and take office in December, will appoint his or her own aide to the role.

## ■ The proposal to make O Secretary has been discussed in government circles for some time, sources say

A former senior official said that the proposal to make O Secretary has been discussed in government circles for some time.

However, the source

also said that "well-informed people" suspect Tam will continue under the next Chief Executive - along with justice and security chiefs Sonia Chan and Wong Sio Chak - for the next five years. The source said that these three were the Liaison Office's preferred candidates.

The source said that sometimes names are released to see how the public reacts to them.

O has held the post of Chief of the Chief Execu-

tive's Office since December 2014, and has been the Secretary-General of the Executive Council since 2009, according to her bio on the website of the Chief Executive's Office.

Between 2006 and 2009, she was the vice president of the Sports Bureau (ID). O was also a committee organizer for the 4th East Asian Games, which were held in Macau in 2005, when she held an administrator role in the Sports Bureau (ID).

Her educational background includes a master's in international commerce management from the American Graduate School of Business in Switzerland, and a degree in finance from the University of Jinan, in Guangzhou.

## Wynn targets overseas gamblers for Encore Boston

Wynn Resorts Ltd. expects to pack its new USD2.6 billion casino-resort in Boston with 15,000 to 20,000 people a day, many from outside the U.S. The Encore Boston Harbor casino, perched along the Mystic River in Everett, Massachusetts, will attract customers from Latin America and as far away as Asia, Chief Executive Officer Matt Maddox said on Bloomberg Television. The project will test whether Bostonians are ready for Vegas-style glitz so close to the city. It features 15 restaurants and bars, and the casino got permission to serve drinks until 4 a.m. - two hours later than normal in the state. Earlier this year, Wynn shocked the casino industry and state officials by holding talks with MGM Resorts International about selling Encore Boston Harbor. The two companies quickly ended the discussions, clearing the way for Wynn to open the resort. "Encore Boston Harbor is not for sale," Maddox reiterated on Friday. "Those talks were ceased before they really even started."

## Visitor arrivals up 21% to date

The number of visitors coming to Macau in the first five months of 2019 has surpassed 17.18 million, according to government records, up by 21% year-on-year. The surge, which has stoked fears in Macau of overtourism, is led by a 34% increase in same-day visitors to 9.23 million over the five-month period. Meanwhile, the number of overnight visitors rose 8.7% to 7.95 million. As a result of the imbalanced growth between the two market segments, the average length of stay of visitors has shorted by 0.1 days year-on-year to 1.1 days. Analyzed by place of origin, mainland China (12.21 million) continues to be responsible for the majority of visitors to Macau, followed by Hong Kong (3.07 million), Taiwan (441,519) and South Korea (389,387).

## Consumer prices increase 2.7%

The Composite Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased by 2.69% year-on-year in May 2019 to reach 115.46, according to the latest data from the Statistics and Census Service, which attributed the rise to dearer charges for eating out, higher rentals for dwellings, and rising motor vehicle prices. Among the various sections of goods and services, the price indexes for education and transport grew by 5.9% and 4.88% respectively year-on-year, whereas the index for communication fell 0.79% and that of alcoholic beverages and tobacco dropped 0.21%. For the 12 months ending May 2019, the average Composite CPI rose by 3.07% from the previous period, with notable growth in the transport, education and clothing sectors.

# Macau growth forecast slashed 3.5 percentage points

**T**HE Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) has slashed Macau's 2019 growth forecast by 3.5 percentage points in its latest report on the special administrative region, due to underinvestment in casinos and public works projects this year.

The latest estimate suggests that the city's economy will shrink by 0.3% in 2019, reports MacaHub, a significant drop from the 3.2% annual growth forecast in the previous EIU report. In accordance with the 2019 revision, the EIU's expectation for 2020 has been lowered from 3.8% to 1.6%.

In 2018 the economy grew 4.7%. It expanded 9.7% in 2017, fueled by the recovery of the city's gaming sector. The latest forecasts indicate that growth will continue to decelerate in the coming years.

The news comes as earlier this month the government announced a 3.2% contraction of the economy for the first quarter of 2019, ending 10 consecutive quarters of growth.

One of the reasons given by the EIU for the expected GDP contraction in 2019 is due to the Macau government not investing heavily in public works and no new casino or resort being planned.

EIU noted that Macau's economy is expected to grow again by 1.6% in 2020. Growth will pick up next year when new

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public works projects are expected to begin, it said, notably in the social housing, transport and infrastructure sectors.

EIU's analysis was based on the finding that new projects including the new landfill zone near the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge terminal, the future islands hospital and the start-up of surface light rail operations in Taipa, will not bring substantial changes to the Macau GDP by the end of 2020.

The International Monetary Fund, which releases its own

regular forecasts for the Macau economy, has a much higher target of 4.3% for this year, according to its latest update last month.

Meanwhile, the EIU document also noted that investment in 2019 will fall by 28.9%, which is well above previous forecasts suggesting a minor drop of 4.1%.

The report points out that China's economic growth will have an impact on Macau's economy, particularly in Macau's casinos, where tourists

from the mainland will place fewer bets. The scheduled opening of the Grand Lisboa Palace by gaming operator SJM in Cotai in early 2020 may help to mitigate the drop in Macau's growth.

EIU also noted that the six licenses of gaming operators owning casinos in Macau are expected to be renewed in 2022 but for a shorter period than the current 20 years and added that it is convinced that no more gaming licenses will be awarded. **DB/MacaHub**

## IAM to make Sai Van Lake project more transparent

Julie Zhu

**T**HE Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM) has promised to be more transparent about the "transformation plan" for Sai Van Lake in the future, according to Sulu Sou, lawmaker and member of New Macau Association (ANM).

On Friday, ANM representatives met with IAM President José Maria da Fonseca Tavares to discuss the controversial wooden promenade project at Sai Van Lake.

During this first meeting, the IAM presented ANM representatives with documents related to the Sai Van Lake

wooden promenade, which has been shelved since the end of May amid public controversy.

"The IAM is willing to promise that all PowerPoint documents, which they presented during the community advisory council meetings, will be publicized on the IAM website," said Sou. "It is one step towards transparency."

"The IAM said that a public consultation is ensured in case the IAM relaunches the Sai Van Lake night market project," Sou revealed. "However, I can't see the differences between the [Sai Van Lake wooden promenade] project

and the night market."

In Sou's opinion, both projects pose great damage to Sai Van's environment.

New Macau expressed to the IAM that such projects must go through public consultation, "otherwise the problem will never be solved."

Citing Tavares, Sou said that "the IAM is the department in Macau that listens to public opinion the most."

Sou suggested that the meetings of the advisory council of the IAM should be publicized including sub-divisions under the council.

Tavares reportedly claimed that the IAM is a newly established de-

partment, and that the bureau will strive for improved transparency.

Previously, the IAM had planned to build a five-meter wide inner lake trail along the coast of Sai Van Lake, on the Avenida da República, connecting this trail with the existing lower walkway of Sai Van Lake to form a lower lake trail.

Previously, in 2011 and 2012, the IAM's predecessor, the former Civil and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM), held two public consultations on the Sai Van Lake Integrated Tourism project, proposing to create a night market on the lower floors of

Sai Van Lake Plaza. However, the proposal was strongly opposed by the local community.

Later, in 2013, after the IACM announced the consultation results, the plan was immediately scrapped.

According to Sou, the IAM claimed that there was no consideration for any tourism purpose in regard to the Sai Van Lake "night market," and that the Sai Van Lake Promenade project is "purely a consideration of municipal affairs."

The IAM has made no promises to conduct public consultations on future projects similar to the Sai Van Lake Promenade. Nevertheless, similar projects will still be discussed internally within the IAM advisory committee and community meetings.



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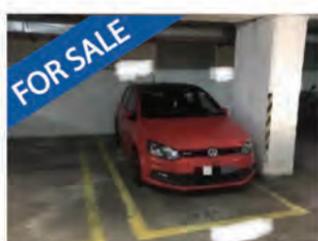
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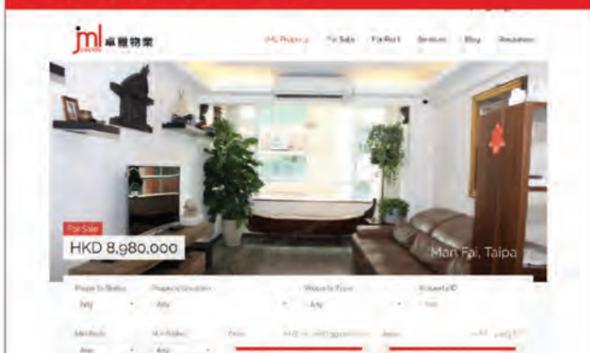
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# ARTM promotes prevention and treatment of drug addiction

Staff reporter

**T**HE Association of Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers of Macao (ARTM) organized a public event yesterday at the Iao Hon Garden to observe International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, which will be marked worldwide on the United Nations-approved date of June 26.

Organized with the aim to spread the message of prevention and treatment of substance use, the event started off with an opening ceremony, which was followed by various group performances from Portugal, the Philippines, Vietnam, and Indonesia.

As introduced by psychological counselor and coordinator of the organization Erick Cheung, the theme of this year's UN action is "Justice for Health, Health for Justice," which emphasizes that in combating the use of addictive substances, both health and justice are of equal importance.

Performers from Southeast Asian countries were invited to the event, as people from those countries residing in Macau do not usually have easy access to information on the prevention of drug use. Furthermore, they may not have the knowledge of ways to seek help.



"Because they weren't born here, they may not have sufficient knowledge about where they can get these kinds of services [of substance prevention and treatment]," Cheung mentioned. "We hope that through this activity, which also welcomes locals, the entire community has a concept where if one has

a substance use problem, they have a health concern." More studies have shown that treating substance addiction as a health problem is more effective than as a crime, as users are more willing to reach for help. In Portugal, substance use being decriminalized has been a topic of study. Substance users in Portugal are

more willing to reach for medical support to combat substance use.

ARTM treats addiction as a type of disorder that requires medical attention. It focuses on providing help at an appropriate time in order to reduce the harm caused by such addiction.

Cheung explained users should not be alienated from the mainstream community.

Booth games were also part of the program. The entire activity attracted nearly 300 adults and children seeking knowledge on the prevention of substance use.

Apart from Cheung, officiating guests included the Consul-General of Portugal to Macau, Paulo Cunha Alves, the Consul-General of the Philippines to Macau Lilybeth Deapera, and a representative of the Consulate General of Indonesia to Hong Kong, Imik Eko Putro, among other individuals from local expat organizations.

Yesterday's event was sponsored by the Social Welfare Bureau, and assisted by the organization's subsidiary "Be Cool" project.

## Anti-mosquito works damage two cultural relics

Two people were transferred to the prosecution authority after they damaged two cultural relics in Lilau Square. The suspects were arrested last week. One is a person in charge of a construction company in Macau and the other is a mainland worker. The damaged area of the affected wall is 1.5 meters wide and 1 meter high. According to the Judiciary Police (PJ), the two men were conducting anti-mosquito and weeding works at the concerned location. The mainland worker said he did not know the building was a protected cultural relic. He used a machine to drill into the wall. The PJ has reported that the owner of the damaged building will repair it according to the requirements of the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC). In total, Macau has more than 600 cultural relic buildings, with most of them privately owned. The IC says it conducts regular inspections of the city's cultural relic buildings.

## Hainan launches yacht scheme

Hainan province has launched a free yacht scheme with Hong Kong and Macau, according to a plan published last week by the State Council of China. Yachts from the SARs can enter eight marine sightseeing locations in Hainan. As the development and actual needs of the yacht free scheme change in the future, entry and exit ports can be adjusted according to the authorization. In total, there are five ferry terminals in Hainan available for entry and exit, including one in Sanya. Yachts can park at six approved ferry terminals, including two in Sanya. The plan does not mention fees for entry and exit. Earlier, in 2017, Guangdong launched a free yacht scheme together with Hong Kong and Macau. However, the program was not popular and it remains inactive due to complex immigration procedures on the mainland side and heavy taxes.

## DSEJ promises to reduce schoolbag weight

The Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ) has been said to be interested in launching a scheme to weigh students' backpacks, according to Synergy of Macao. The association visited the DSEJ last week to reflect on the problem of overweight schoolbags. According to a local government's guideline, schoolbags should not exceed 15 percent of the students' weight. However, the association's survey showed that 75 percent of schoolbags of more than 180 primary school students weigh more than the weight stipulated on the guideline. Lam U Tou, president of the association, said that the DSEJ promised that all school textbooks sponsored by DSEJ will use lighter paper and will be published into smaller books, and that the bureau will launch a schoolbag weighing program to let schools be more aware of their students' schoolbag weight. Moreover, according to Lam, the association proposed to the DSEJ to set schoolbag's maximum weight at 10 percent of the student's weight. The DSEJ has reportedly endorsed the proposal.

### ONE SHOT NEWS



The São João Festival returned last weekend, bringing the traditional sounds, flavors, and liveliness of Portuguese-style street parties to the Saint Lazarus Parish in central Macau. For two days, locals and tourists explored Macau traditions in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.



Police officers hold on to the gate as they block and argue with protesters who surrounded the police headquarters in Hong Kong on Friday

## HONG KONG

# Protesters end blockade of police headquarters

Raf Wober, Hong Kong

**PROTESTERS** in Hong Kong ended their overnight siege of police headquarters peacefully Saturday, disappointed that their demands for the territory's leader to formally withdraw a contentious extradition bill and police to apologize for heavy handed tactics have gone unmet.

By daybreak, police had cleared the streets of barriers set up by protesters to snarl traffic in the Asian financial center, and only a few groups in the mostly youthful crowd remained. Many slept outside the legislature.

Traffic was again smooth on a major thoroughfare through the government's central complex as the protest movement regrouped to consider next moves.

Police said nine female and four male staffers were hospitalized "with considerable delay" during the blockade. The police statement did not say whether they were injured in clashes or had otherwise become unwell.

Around police headquarters, masked and helmeted protesters covered surveillance cameras

with masking tape and lashed barriers together with nylon cable ties. They threw eggs at the building and drew graffiti on the walls. Protesters also "splashed oil" and targeted police officers' eyes with laser pointers, according to the police.

Hong Kong has been rocked by major protests for the past two weeks over legislative proposals that many view as eroding the territory's judicial independence and, more broadly, as a sign of Chinese government efforts to chip away at the city's freedoms.

Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam indefinitely suspended debate on the bills a week ago, making it likely they would die. But protesters are demanding that she formally withdraw the proposed changes to the extradition laws, which would expand the scope of criminal suspect transfers to include mainland China, Taiwan and Macau. Some also want Lam to resign.

Legal and business groups in Hong Kong oppose the legislation, saying critics of China's ruling Communist Party would be at risk of torture and unfair trials on the mainland and that

it further erode the "one country, two systems" framework under which Hong Kong has been governed since the handover from British rule in 1997.

## ■ The peaceful ending to Friday's protests drew a sigh of relief in the city of 7.4 million people

The peaceful ending to Friday's protests drew a sigh of relief in the city of 7.4 million people, after police unleashed tear gas and rubber bullets last week in violent clashes that left dozens injured on both sides. Police were previously criticized for their use of force but this time waited out the protesters. Police did issue a statement at 4:50 a.m. condemning them for blocking key streets and seriously disrupting work at police headquarters.

"Police have shown the greatest tolerance to the protesters who assembled outside PHQ, but their means of expressing views have become illegal, irrational and unreasonable," the statement said in part.

Activist Joshua Wong called on police to answer demands over heavy handed tactics used during a mass protest on June 12, including the firing of 150 rounds of tear gas, rubber bullets and beanbag rounds, and the beating of unarmed protesters by police with truncheons.

"We [...] urge police to apologize to the people" over the use of such tactics and their labeling of the gathering as a riot, Wong said.

of tear gas at protesters in the same location as the current protests. When the smoke from that response cleared, bigger crowds returned, angrier than before, and didn't leave for nearly three months.

The Communist Party under Chinese President Xi Jinping has been pushing ever more aggressively to quiet independent voices in Hong Kong. Beijing has squelched all reporting on the protests in mainland media and accused foreign forces of stirring up disturbances in Hong Kong.

Opposition to the legislation has come from a broad range of civic, human rights, legal profession and commercial organizations. Politicians in the U.S., the U.K. and elsewhere have also weighed in, underscoring Hong Kong's status as a global financial center with strong legal guarantees — despite its ultimate control by China's authoritarian leaders.

Despite that, Beijing has not come out strongly in favor of ramming through the legislation, perhaps mindful of threats to Hong Kong's special economic status amid a trade war with the U.S.

Under the 1992 U.S.-Hong Kong Policy Act, Beijing needs to abide by its "one country, two systems" promises to respect the territory's legal autonomy for 50 years as promised under the agreement signed with Britain for the 1997 handover. **AP**

The auxiliary bishop of Hong Kong's Catholic Diocese, the Rev. Joseph Ha, appealed to the protesters to avoid violence. He warned that public opinion could turn against them.

"You have already been on the roads for a long time," he said on Cable TV Hong Kong. "You've already done a lot. You have already expressed very clearly your hopes and wishes. But I am really worried about your personal safety. [...] Please, absolutely, do not use violence."

Since the confrontations June 12, police have eased their approach, hoping to avoid a replay of 2014 protests, when officers unleashed 87 rounds

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AVIATION

# Guangzhou Baiyun makes top three Chinese airports

**T**HE competitiveness of the major airports of Guangzhou, Beijing and Shanghai topped all 37 Chinese airports with an annual passenger throughput of more than 10 million, according to a new report released in Beijing. Beijing Capital International Airport, Shanghai Pudong International Airport and Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport had the highest domestic connectivity of all mega-airports in the country 2018, said the Report of Chinese Airport Competitiveness Index.

The report was released by VariFlight, China's leading global flight data services company.

The airport competitiveness takes multidimensional factors into consideration, including the passenger capacity, route network, profitability and operational efficiency.

In 2018, Beijing Capital International Airport had the highest domestic-global connectivity and highest capacity in transporting domestic air passengers, said the report.

Shanghai Pudong International

Airport topped the lists of both global-global and comprehensive connectivity.

In the passenger traffic segment, the top 10 airports are respectively in the cities of Beijing, Shanghai (Pudong), Guangzhou, Chengdu, Shenzhen, Kunming, Xi'an, Shanghai (Hongqiao), Chongqing and Hangzhou.

"To meet growing travel demands and market expansion, Chinese airports are in need of establishing more dimensional competitiveness to enhance their presence domestically and globally," said Zheng Hongfeng, CEO of VariFlight.

"Beyond capacity in the passenger throughput dimension, Chinese airports should precisely position themselves in the fast-evolving civil aviation market of the country," Zheng said.

By the end of 2018, China had a total of 235 certified civil transport airports, among which 37 airports reached the 10 million annual passenger throughput, statistics from the Civil Aviation Administration of China showed.

MDT/Xinhua

HONG KONG

# Another ex-Philippine official barred entry

**A**nother former Philippine official who sued Chinese President Xi Jinping before an international court was barred from entering Hong Kong.

Former Foreign Affairs Secretary Albert del Rosario was deported Friday after being held for hours by immigration officials at the Hong Kong airport, his lawyer Anne Marie Corominas told ABS-CBN News Channel.

The diplomat - who accused Xi of committing crimes against humanity before the International Criminal Court - flew to the Chinese territory

for a business meeting but was denied entry due to "immigration reasons," his lawyer added.

China has the right to control foreign visits to Hong Kong, Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang said at a briefing, adding that del Rosario should carefully read the international treaty on diplomatic relations.

Del Rosario's co-complainant against Xi, former Philippine Ombudsman Conchita Carpio Morales, was held and denied entry from Hong Kong last month.

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# SANDS CHINA NEWS

Sands China Holding "All That's Gold Does Glitter – An Exhibition of Glamorous Ceramics" at Multiple Venues

Masterpieces from some of world's best ceramic artists at Venetian, Parisian, Four Seasons, Sands Macao and Macao Museum of Art

**Sands China Ltd.** launched a museum-quality ceramics exhibition earlier this month, being held concurrently across four Sands China properties until Oct. 9.

Sands China's All That's Gold Does Glitter – An Exhibition of Glamorous Ceramics features over 90 ceramic masterpieces from outstanding contemporary ceramic artists from 13 different countries and regions. It is the largest and highest-level ceramic art exhibition in the Greater Bay Area in 2019.

The exhibits are part of Art Macao 2019 and are available for public viewing until Oct. 9 at The Venetian Macao; The Parisian Macao; the Four Seasons Hotel Macao, Cotai Strip; and Sands Macao. In addition, the exhibition has loaned four of its feature works to the Macao Museum of Art for display at Art Macao's main exhibition until Oct. 8.

Sands China's exhibition was curated over the course of 10 months by internationally renowned ceramic artist Caroline Cheng, who convened a meeting of 27 artists from all over the world, including herself, to create ceramic works under the theme of All That's Gold Does Glitter.

The majority of the works on display were created especially for the exhibition, and all contain elements of the colour gold in line with the theme. Among them, three pieces are from three well-known late ceramic artists, whose works are part of Cheng's personal collection and are on loan for the exhibition.

In order to enhance the experience for the general public and allow them to more fully enjoy the exhibition, the exhibition website and mobile app feature an audio guide. Scanning a QR code at each exhibit leads to the artist's page, which provides a voiceover introduction of the artist biography and his or her creative concept behind the piece.

The exhibition is part of Art Macao 2019, a six-month mega international arts and cultural event organised by the Macao government, with the participation of hotels, integrated resorts, and foreign consulates. The event line-up features the International Art Exhibition and a variety of other events, including diverse musical, dance and theatrical performances, and art installations in outdoor public spaces.



# Thailand's USD13 billion plan could woo 65 million tourists yearly

Natnicha Chuwiruch

**T**HAILAND is already struggling to cope with the environmental impact of a tourism boom that's expected to lure 40 million visitors this year. The influx is on course to hit 65 million a decade from now, signaling an even bigger challenge ahead.

Southeast Asia's second-largest economy plans to pour about USD13 billion into expanding airport capacity and connecting major terminals with high-speed railways. As a result, foreign tourist numbers could jump more than 60% by 2029 to about the size of the U.K. population, projections from The World Travel & Tourism Council show.

Tourism is an economic lifeblood for Thailand, and the sheer number of visitors is one of the reasons the nation has Asia's strongest currency this year. Yet the environmental challenge of coping with the deluge is multiplying, exemplified by the indefinite closing of the iconic Maya Bay - made famous by the Leonardo DiCaprio movie "The Beach" - to allow its ecosystem to recover.

"The number of tourists is growing too fast for what the country can handle," said Somprawin Manprasert, chief economist at Bank of Ayudhya Pcl, a Thai unit of Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group. "We have to implement a better system to manage the tourists and destinations, which could help with the congestion and environmental problems. We don't see enough of this being done yet."

Thailand isn't alone in facing the fallout of mass tourism, ranging from coral damage to plastic, garbage and sewage pollution in the sea. Neighbors including the Philippines and Indonesia face similar challenges.



The difference for Thailand is that tourism on some measures accounts for a fifth of the economy, making management of the sector a crucial issue for the nation's outlook. Arrivals have moderated in recent months, a blip officials view as temporary amid a cooling global economy.

Officials have tried for years to entice travelers to less visited parts of the country, to ease pressure on traditional hot-spots such as the capital Bangkok and beach resorts like Phuket. Those initiatives were only partially successful.

Thailand's planned infrastructure upgrades include adding new terminals at the two international airports in Bangkok, as well as expanding another close to the beach resort of Pattaya.

That would take capacity at all three facilities to roughly 190 million passengers per

year by 2025, from about 78 million presently. The nation's airports are handling many more passengers than they are designed for.

Transport improvements alone aren't enough to ensure tourism is sustainable, said Weerasak Kowsurat, who was Thailand's tourism minister before

being appointed to the Senate. "We need to promote more energy and water efficiency, reduce the use of plastics and recycle more," he said. **Bloomberg**

## Foreign investment booms as trade war escalates

**F**OREIGN investment into Thailand surged in the first quarter, further evidence that Southeast Asian nations are benefiting as businesses seek new locations in the region to avoid an escalating U.S.-China trade war.

Applications for foreign direct investment climbed to 84.1 billion baht (USD2.7 billion) in the first quarter, up 253% from the same period last year, according to Pisit Puapan, executive director of the Ministry of Finance's Macroeconomic Policy Bureau, citing official data from the nation's Board of Investment.

Thailand joins countries like Malaysia and Vietnam that are reporting soaring investment as global supply chains shift. Approved FDI

into Malaysia's manufacturing rose 127% in the first quarter from a year ago, and the central bank governor recently said the positive spinoff from the trade war could add 10 basis points to economic growth.

The jump in FDI in Thailand comes at a time of weakening export demand, which is weighing on the economy. The Finance Ministry in April downgraded its growth outlook for this year to 3.8%, based on a 3.4% export rise. Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-Ocha also said at a Bloomberg summit on Friday that the U.S.-China trade war creates more uncertainty for global businesses and is a concern to Thailand. **MDT/Bloomberg**

### corporate bits

#### CITY OF DREAMS CELEBRATES FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF ALAIN DUCASSE AT MORPHEUS



Two-Michelin-starred restaurant Alain Ducasse at Morpheus, City of Dreams,

is celebrating its first anniversary. To commemorate its first year of operations,

it has launched the "Le Premier" menu.

The restaurant, headed by Chef Pierre Marty who has been with Ducasse's team since 2008, pays homage to the traditions of French gastronomy, bringing signature French cooking served in a contemporary style.

The "Le Premier" menu, launched by Ducasse himself on a special visit to Macau on June 18, starts with one of his most celebrated signature dishes, the Mediterranean gamberoni, delicate gelée and gold caviar. The dish is only available at Alain Ducasse at Morpheus and at three-Michelin-starred Le Louis XV in Monaco.

#### SANDS CHINA CELEBRATES 15 YEARS WITH LONG-SERVING EMPLOYEES



Sands China Ltd. (SCL) honored more than 1,600 employees for achieving their 15-year milestones with the company in a ceremony held at Sands Macao and The Venetian Macao earlier this month.

The company's president Dr. Wilfred Wong presented each employee with an "Honourable Service Award" - a 15th anniversary souvenir box containing an anniversary certificate, special edition pin, and a

commemorative tie or scarf. The company also treated the employees to a special dinner for two to be enjoyed at a later date.

Wong said, "their loyal dedication and determination have helped Sands China get to where it is today, and they have our gratitude and appreciation for doing their part to contribute to Macau's rise as a world center of tourism and leisure. It has been a pleasure for the company to watch them grow and develop as professionals in the industry, increasing their skills and knowledge along the way."

One-third of the Sands Macao opening team has stayed with the company until today, while 84% of the 8,300 decade-veterans are locals.

# ASEAN leaders call for restraint amid sea row, US-China rift

Jim Gomez  
& Kawewit Kaewjinda, Bangkok

**S**OUTHEAST Asian leaders yesterday pressed their call for self-restraint in the disputed South China Sea and renewed their alarm over the U.S.-China trade war, with one leader warning it may spiral out of control. The long-raging territorial conflicts and the protracted dispute between the two global economic powerhouses are high on the agenda in the final of two days of meetings of leaders from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. It's an annual summit steeped in diplomacy, protocol and cultural color in the Thai capital.

Facing regional predicaments such as the Rohingya refugee crisis in Myanmar, the leaders took the stage and clasped their hands together in a trademark ASEAN handshake to project unity.

Founded in 1967 in Bangkok in the Cold War era, the diverse 10-nation bloc lumps together an absolute monarchy and constitutional monarchies, along with socialist republics and fledgling democracies.

This year's host, Thai Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha, opened the summit with a call for regional unity and a push for the bloc to conclude a massive free trade pact with China and five other Asia-Pacific nations to cushion any impact from America's trade conflicts with China.

"The winds of protectionism that are battering the multila-



Leaders of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) during the opening ceremony in Bangkok

teral system remind us that we must hang on ever stronger to one another," Prayuth said.

The U.S., which has pursued bilateral deals over multination trade accords under President Donald Trump, is not included in the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, or RCEP, which Prayuth said would encompass the world's largest free-trade region.

Officials from Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia and Vietnam will be at the G-20 summit later this month in Japan, where Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping are expected to meet, and express the region's concerns.

"ASEAN hopes there will be discussions that lead to an easing and resolution of these problems because they affect many countries," Prayuth said.

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte told other leaders on

Saturday that the trade conflict between Washington and Beijing "is creating uncertainty. It is taking a toll on global growth and it could hinder the ongoing processes of economic integration."

"The U.S. and China must both take the high road and resolve their differences before the situation spirals out of control," the usually blunt Duterte said.

In their public communiques, the leaders have avoided naming the U.S. and China or specific nations embroiled in controversial issues in a show of their conservative protocols. The leaders, however, could raise thorny issues in a closed-door and informal session.

Duterte has said he would raise the territorial conflicts in the South China Sea following the June 9 ramming of an anchored Philippine boat by a larger Chinese fishing vessel in the dis-

puted Reed Bank. The incident sparked an outcry and condemnations in the Philippines after the Chinese crew sailed away while the fishing boat sank at night. Its Filipino crew was rescued by a Vietnamese vessel.

Known for his close ties with China, Duterte has backed Beijing's initial assertion that the collision was accidental. He mocked calls for him to immediately take drastic actions and agreed to a joint investigation with China, which critics have opposed.

In a statement outlining their regional policies, the leaders renewed their call for countries involved in the territorial spat to "exercise self-restraint in the conduct of activities and avoid actions that may further complicate the situation, and pursue the peaceful resolution of disputes in accordance with international law."

Four ASEAN states — the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia and Brunei — along with Taiwan and China are locked in disputes over the strategic waterway. ASEAN has been in talks with China to negotiate a nonaggression pact called the "code of conduct" to prevent major armed clashes in the offshore region, which has long been regarded as a potential Asian flashpoint.

Southeast Asian diplomats have told The Associated Press that the first of three rounds of talks on the proposed pact was expected to be completed this year. The more difficult aspects, including whether the pact should be legally binding and cover the entire disputed region, have been relegated to the final rounds so as not to stall the talks early on.

While China has praised the negotiations as a show of Asian nations' ability to manage their conflicts peacefully, critics doubt if such a code of behavior can make a difference given Beijing's increasingly aggressive assertion of its claims in the strategic waters.

They cite China's construction of islands on seven disputed reefs in recent years despite it being a party to a 2002 non-binding regional agreement discouraging such actions.

China initially claimed some of the islands would serve as storm shelters for fishermen but Beijing instead installed defensive missile systems there and its naval forces shoo away and warn ships and aircraft that stray near.

Stepping back from the heavy issues, Prayuth told a news conference after the summit that ASEAN leaders backed the desire of the region, where football is popular, to submit a joint bid to host the FIFA World Cup in 2034. **AP**

# Qu Dongyu elected as new FAO general director

**Q**U Dongyu, China's deputy agricultural minister, was elected yesterday as the new director general of the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, the first person from a Communist country to hold the influential FAO post.

The agency's 194 member countries convened at the FAO headquarters in Rome to choose a successor to José Graziano da Silva of Brazil for the 4-year term.

Qu, 55, a biologist by training, won 108 votes, followed by France's Catherine Geslain-Laneelle with 71 votes and Georgia's Davit Kirvalidze with 12, according to official



Qu Dongyu, China's deputy agricultural minister

results. The United States had backed Kirvalidze.

The FAO, which has over 11,500 employees around the globe, works closely with other U.N. agencies to achieve the goal

of a hunger-free world by 2030. Today, more than 800 million people are facing hunger and many experts doubt that the 2030 goal will be reached.

Prior to the vote, Qu said

he aims to focus on hunger and poverty eradication, tropical agriculture, drought land farming, digital rural development and better land design through transformation of agricultural production. An expert on agriculture and rural areas, he has worked in the field for more than 30 years.

"This is a special day," he said in his speech accepting the post. "This is our day."

Qu said he was "grateful to his motherland," but then added he would be faithful to the FAO's missions.

Ahead of his election, he rejected claims that he would be beholden to

instructions from Beijing, pledging that China would follow "FAO regulations and rules." He also defended his credentials, saying he is "a scientist" educated in Europe, America and China.

Before joining China's agriculture ministry, Qu worked at the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, where he focused on conducting research and innovation, raising rural income, reducing poverty through science and technology and building a quality assessment system for produce.

From 2008 to 2015, he worked in the government of the Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, where he

applied new approaches to agricultural publications and rural tourism and provided startup micro-lending to young and female farmers.

Since being appointed vice-minister in 2015, Qu has spearheaded measures such as reforms for rural areas; using information technologies to help agriculture; instituting exchange mechanisms on urban agriculture and promoting brands and specialty industries.

Qu has also been in charge of China's agri-business cooperation with Asian, African and Latin American countries and China's main trading partners of produce. **AP**

## CHINA-N. KOREA

## Xi pushes economic reform at summit

Christopher Bodeen, Beijing

CHINESE President Xi Jinping offered encouragement for North Korea's focus on economic development in a speech in Pyongyang, turning to a topic Beijing has long pressed with its Communist neighbor amid wider concerns over the North's nuclear weapons program.

In an address at a banquet Thursday night, Xi noted that the nation under leader Kim Jong Un had "initiated a new strategic line of economic development and improving people's livelihoods, raising socialist construction in the country to a new high tide," according to China's official Xinhua News Agency.

Xi left North Korea early Friday afternoon, Chinese state media reported. An image posted on the mobile app of state broadcaster CCTV showed people waving at his Air China Boeing 747 on the tarmac at the airport in Pyongyang.

Before leaving, Xi, accompanied by Kim and their wives, laid a wreath at a memorial to Chinese soldiers killed in the 1950-53 Korean War. China's intervention in the conflict prevented a rout of North Korean forces by troops from the U.S. and others under United Nations command.

"We will pass down the China-North Korea friendship from generation to generation, consolidate and develop the two countries' socialist cause, better enrich our citizens and advance regional peace, stability, development and prosperity," Xi was quoted as saying.

The North's long-moribund economy has shown some re-



cent improvements, but it remains heavily dependent on aid — mainly from China — and food security is a constant concern. China has agreed to U.N. economic sanctions over the North's nuclear and missile programs but is wary of any measures that could push its economy toward collapse, potentially unleashing instability and chaos on its border.

Xi's speech also touched on the nuclear issue, saying all sides agreed to "stick to peace talks so as to make even greater contributions to peace, stability and prosperity in the region and the wider world," Xinhua said.

North Korean state media said Friday that Xi and Kim held broad discussions over the political situation surrounding the Korean Peninsula and reached a shared understanding on the issues they discussed. The Korean Central News Agency re-

port did not give any specifics on the stalled nuclear negotiations between Washington and Pyongyang over disagreements in exchanging sanctions relief for disarmament.

"The supreme leaders [...] broadly exchanged their opinions on the political situation of the Korean Peninsula and other serious international and regional issues," KCNA said. They assessed that deepening their relationship was in line with the "mutual interest of the two countries in face of serious and complicated changes in the environment and would be favorable for the region's peace, stability and development," it said.

In South Korea, the presidential Blue House welcomed Xi's visit to North Korea, saying it believes his talks with Kim will help promote peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula.

Kim told Xi on Thursday that

he has not received a desired response from Washington and that the U.S. should meet North Korea halfway to "explore resolution plans that accommodate each other's reasonable concerns," according to Chinese state media.

Xi said his government is willing to play a constructive role in the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. "The international community expects the U.S. and North Korea to continue to talk and achieve results," CCTV quoted him as saying.

His visit to North Korea was the first by a Chinese president in 14 years.

Xi is expected to meet with President Donald Trump next week in Japan and could pass him a message from Kim about the nuclear negotiations.

Following Thursday's banquet, the leaders and their wives attended a mass performance of

music, dance and calisthenics at a packed 110,000-seat stadium.

The spectacle featured gymnasts, dancers and flip card-holding spectators performing in precise unison — at one point producing a huge image of a waving Chinese flag in the stands, then flipping their cards to show the North Korean flag.

Xi and Kim waved to cheering crowds during the performance, dubbed "Invincible Socialism," according to KCNA. Performing groups sang Chinese favorites and put on what KCNA termed "the peculiar display of Chinese folk dances." The show ended with red fireworks over the May Day Stadium.

Nuclear talks between the U.S. and North Korea broke down after the failed summit between Kim and Trump in February in Vietnam.

The U.S. is demanding that North Korea abandon its nuclear weapons entirely before international sanctions are lifted. North Korea is seeking a step-by-step approach in which moves toward denuclearization are matched by concessions from the U.S., notably a relaxation of the sanctions.

"Over more than a year, the North Korean side has taken many positive measures to avoid escalation of the situation and manage and control the peninsular situation, but it hasn't received an active response from the relevant party," Kim told Xi on Thursday, according to CCTV.

Xi was expected to endorse North Korea's calls for an incremental disarmament process. China is also pushing for a resumption of six-nation disarmament talks it had hosted but which broke down a decade ago. AP

## US blacklists 5 Chinese groups working in supercomputing

THE United States is blacklisting five Chinese organizations involved in supercomputing with military-related applications, citing national security as justification for denying its Asian geopolitical rival access to critical U.S. technology.

The move last week by the U.S. Commerce Department could complicate talks next week between President Donald Trump and his Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping, aimed at de-escalating a trade dispute between the

world's two biggest economies.

The five blacklisted organizations placed on the so-called Entity List includes supercomputer maker Sugon, which is heavily dependent on U.S. suppliers including chipmakers Intel, Nvidia and Advanced Micro Devices.

The other four are the Wuxi Jiangnan Institute of Computing Technology and three Sugon affiliates. The Commerce Department called their activities "contrary to the national security and fo-

reign policy interests of the United States."

Sugon and the Wuxi Jiangnan Institute, which the U.S. said is owned by a Chinese army research institute, are involved in China's push to develop next-generation "exascale" high performance computing to assist with military modernization. The technology involved supports such military-related tasks as running nuclear simulations, calculating missile trajectories and hypersonic algorithms, said Paul Triolo,

technology analyst with the global risk-assessing Eurasia Group.

"This is all about the race to exascale computing, which China has designated as a major priority," he said, adding that companies such as Sugon have received major government backing.

Of particular concern to China hawks in the Trump administration, Triolo added, is Sugon's move to develop a next-generation processor of its own. It licensed one generation of AMD technology as part



of a 2016 joint venture in which a Sugon subsidiary has an ownership stake.

An AMD spokesperson said the company was reviewing the order "to determine next steps related to our joint ventures."

In recent years, U.S. and Chinese companies have been alternating as leading producers of the world's fastest supercom-

puters. Sugon had 63 of the top 500 in the most recent rankings.

The blacklist effectively bars U.S. firms from selling technology to the Chinese organizations without government approval. Last month, Commerce last month added telecommunications giant Huawei to it, heightening tensions with Beijing. AP

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NORTH KOREA

# Pyongyang says Kim received 'excellent' letter from Trump

Tong-Hyung Kim, Seoul

**U**.S. President Donald Trump sent North Korean leader Kim Jong Un an "excellent" letter, the North's state-run news agency reported yesterday, quoting Kim as saying he would "seriously contemplate" the content.

The White House press secretary, Sarah Sanders, said Trump sent a letter and "correspondence between the two leaders has been ongoing."

Formal talks between the U.S. and North Korea broke down after a failed summit between

Kim and Trump in February in Vietnam. But earlier in June Trump told U.S. reporters he received a "beautiful" letter from Kim, without revealing what was written. In an interview with TIME magazine last week, Trump said he also received a "birthday letter" from Kim that was delivered by hand a day before.

The official stances remain the same. The U.S. is demanding that North Korea abandon its nuclear weapons entirely before international sanctions are lifted. North Korea is seeking a step-by-step approach in which moves toward denuclearization

are matched by concessions from the U.S., notably a relaxation of the sanctions.

Pyongyang's Korean Central News Agency's report on the Trump letter said Kim "said with satisfaction that the letter is of excellent content."

"Appreciating the political judging faculty and extraordinary courage of President Trump, Kim Jong Un said that he would seriously contemplate the interesting content," the agency said, without elaborating.

South Korea's presidential office said it sees the exchange of letters between Kim and Trump as a positive development for

keeping the momentum for dialogue alive.

News of Trump's letter came days after Kim's summit with visiting Chinese President Xi Jinping, which experts say underscored China's importance in the diplomatic push to resolve the nuclear standoff with the North.

North Korean state media said Kim and Xi discussed the political situation surrounding the Korean Peninsula and reached unspecified consensus on important issues.

Xi is expected to meet with Trump next week in Japan during the G-20 summit.

Analysts say he could pass him a message from Kim about the nuclear negotiations.

Kim said during his New Year's speech said he would seek a "new way" if the United States persists with sanctions and pressure against North Korea. After the collapse of his meeting with Trump in Hanoi, Kim said Washington has until the end of the year to offer mutually acceptable terms for a deal to salvage the negotiations.

Following a provocative run in weapons tests, Kim initiated negotiations with Seoul and Washington in 2018, which led to three summits with South Korea's president and his first with Trump in Singapore on June 12, 2018. Kim and Trump issued a vague statement at that summit saying they would work toward a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula without describing how.

The lack of substance and fruitless working-level talks set up the breakdown of Kim's second meeting with Trump, which the Americans blamed on excessive North Korean demands for sanctions relief in exchange for only a partial surrender of its nuclear capabilities.

Nuclear negotiations have been at a standstill since.

Trump and Kim also exchanged letters in 2018 after their first summit. Sanders said at the time that the letters addressed their commitment to work toward North Korea's "complete denuclearization."

In September 2018, Trump told a cheering crowd at a campaign rally in West Virginia that Kim "wrote me beautiful letters and they're great letters. We fell in love."

Analysts say the gesture of sending letters is part of North Korean efforts to present Kim as a legitimate international statesman who is reasonable and capable of negotiating solutions and making deals. Because of the weight of formality they provide, Kim might see personal letters as an important way to communicate with leaders of countries the North never had close ties with, they say. **AP**

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## INDONESIA

# Underage fighters are drawn into conflict

Stephen Wright, Jakarta

**T**HE long-simmering armed conflict between Indonesia's military and Papuans seeking independence includes indigenous teenagers and boys who appear barely adolescent, The Associated Press has found, highlighting how Indonesia's heavy-handed attempts to extinguish the movement have produced a new generation of fighters.

The West Papua Liberation Army, which has fought Indonesian control in the easternmost region since the early 1960s, and Papuans who peacefully advocate independence acknowledge that youngsters are involved in the conflict. But they also describe them as willing participants who fight against the Indonesian state because of military operations in Papua.

International law defines a child as under 18 years old and the recruitment and use of children under 15 for military purposes is a war crime under the 2002 Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Nearly 170 countries including Indonesia have ratified a U.N. treaty that obliges governments to stop military recruitment of anyone under 18 and to work toward ending the military exploitation of children by state and non-state armed groups.

Sebby Sambom, a Liberation Army spokesman who lives in neighboring Papua New Guinea, acknowledged that combatants include people under 18, describing it as part of West Papua's history and struggle for independence.

The Papuan fighters have never been well armed but have battled Indonesia since it took control of the mineral-rich region from the Dutch in 1962. Papuans, who had declared their independence the year before, see Indonesians as invaders who cemented control with a sham referendum at the end of the 1960s.

For the Indonesian government, Papua is a rich prize endowed with mineral resources it says it will never give up. Officials say the territory is rightfully Indonesia's under international law because it was part of the Dutch East Indies empire that is the basis for Indonesia's modern borders.

The existence of child soldiers "is a sign that the West Papuan conflict is far more serious than the world acknowledges," said Veronica Koman, a human rights lawyer who has frequently called attention to alleged police and military abuses in the region.



Men and boys from the West Papua Liberation Army pose with weapons in the Nduga region of the central highlands, Papua province

"West Papua needs urgent international intervention, because child soldiers are themselves victims. The Indonesian government's security approach has created an intractable conflict by brutalizing generation after generation of West Papuans," she said.

A photo taken in May by a Liberation Army member in the Nduga area of the central highlands in Papua shows four males who appear to range in age from pre-teen to adolescent, with four older men also the same group, all holding military-style weapons.

A video recorded by the independence fighters in the same area earlier this year shows some of the same boys, one holding a rifle, and other possible adolescents standing at attention among a group of about 40 armed men who had assembled to hear a speech about their military victories since 2017.

Also in the video is Ekianus Kogeya, who turned 19 in May and is described by the Liberation Army as a brigadier general and its commander in the Nduga area, after taking over from his father Silas Elmin Kogeya, who reportedly died several years ago.

It is unclear how many teens are directly involved in the conflict or what specific roles they play, but with several hotspots it could be at least dozens.

Victor Mambor, editor of Papuan news site Tabloid Jubi, told AP he was unexpectedly

contacted by a group of 20 fighters in January while reporting on the humanitarian crisis in Nduga. Thousands of civilians have been displaced by a security crackdown following a December attack that killed 19 construction workers. The group was three-quarters teenage boys, some 15-16 years old, he said.

"This group didn't speak too much. They are only talking about 'We are not criminals, not terrorists, we fight for our people,'" he said.

"Those teenagers have no hope in their own land," Mambor said. "There is no job for them if they finish school. Many soldiers in their villages. Maybe their only hope to exist is to hold a weapon."

Groups campaigning to end the use of child soldiers say they are sometimes forcibly recruited but can also join militaries and armed groups because of cultural pressures, for protection or money to escape desperate poverty. Children in conflicts, whether as combatants or in other roles such as porters, face a high risk of being abused, killed or maimed and those that survive can suffer profound psychological and social problems.

Papua is not mentioned in the U.N. secretary-general's yearly report on states and groups using child soldiers, and international awareness of the situation in Papua is low. Indonesia's restrictions on foreign journalists and organizations

operating in the region has kept it mostly hidden from world attention. Rights groups criticize the U.N.'s list for being politicized and incomplete.

Papua makes up nearly a quarter of Indonesia's land area and is rich in tropical forests and mineral resources including one of the world's largest gold and copper mines. Even so, vast areas remain outside of Indonesian control due to being remote, mountainous and thickly jungled.

An influx of migrants from other parts of Indonesia has made Papuans an economically and politically marginalized minority in some lowland areas, adding fuel to the conflict. But highland areas about the size of Britain are populated mainly by Papuans.

Attempts to break up that jungled fortress with the construction of a trans-Papua highway have become a new flashpoint in the conflict. The highway looms as an existential threat for Papuans already reeling from the impact of high infant mortality, bouts of famine, the rampant spread of HIV/AIDS and an unknown number of deaths from Indonesian military campaigns since the 1960s.

Papuan activists fear the highway will result not in economic development but in the total dispossession of their land.

Sambom, who described youngsters involved with the Liberation Army as "children" and "young men," said children of

independence fighters grow up in the jungle, have "bitter experiences due to brutal [Indonesian] military operations" and automatically become fighters.

"This situation applies in all of the central highlands of Papua, which are areas of war conflict," he said in an email. "They grow up and become Papuan freedom fighters, namely continuing the struggle of their parents."

In a telephone interview, he didn't answer questions about the number of teenage or child combatants or their specific roles in the conflict. He said the children of Papuan fighters don't attend school, partly because they fear they'll be kidnapped or killed by the Indonesian military.

The Indonesian military spokesman in Papua, Muhammad Aidi, said Papuan fighters killed by Indonesian forces are mostly 20-40 years old. He said he had not seen any direct evidence of child combatants but in some remote areas children aspired to join the West Papua Liberation Army.

"If we ask some children in the remote region of Mapenduma about their dreams in the future, their answer is to become an OPM (Free Papua Organization) fighter," he said. "Because they don't know the outside world."

He said anyone under 18 who attacked Indonesian security forces with arms would not be spared.

"The threat is the same as adults who can kill us with their guns," he said. **AP**

ETHIOPIA

# Government says coup attempt thwarted, military chief killed

Elias Meseret, Addis Ababa

**E**THIOPIA'S government foiled a coup attempt in a region north of the capital, Addis Ababa, and the country's military chief was shot dead, the prime minister said yesterday.

The failed coup in the Amhara region was led by a high-ranking military officer and others within the military on Saturday, said Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, who made an address on the state broadcaster, wearing military fatigues, earlier yesterday.

In a related development, the head of Ethiopia's military was shot dead in the capital also on Saturday, not long after the attack in Amhara.

In Amhara, soldiers attacked a building in which a meeting of regional officials was taking place, Nigussu Tilahun, spokesman for the prime minister, told a news conference yesterday. The regional president and at least two other officials were among the victims of that attack, he said.



Ethiopia's Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed

The violent attack in Bahir Dar, capital of Amhara, was linked to the subsequent assassination of army chief Gen. Seare Mekonnen, who was shot dead by a bodyguard at his residence in Addis Ababa. A retired army general

visiting the army chief at the time was also killed in the same attack, said the spokesman.

"There is a link between the two attacks," Nigussu said.

The attack in Bahir Dar was allegedly led by a renegade bri-

gadier who had recently been pardoned by Ethiopia's prime minister after being jailed for some offenses. Most of the perpetrators of the attack in Bahir Dar have been apprehended and others are being hunted down,

said the spokesman.

The U.S. Embassy reported gunfire in the capital Saturday and urged people to be careful.

In Bahir Dar residents told The Associated Press they could still hear gunshots late Saturday. Ethiopia's internet appeared to be shut down.

The attempted coup in Amhara is the latest challenge to Abiy, who was elected last year as a reform-minded young leader.

Abiy has captured the imagination of many with his political and economic reforms, including the surprise acceptance of a peace agreement with bitter rival Eritrea, the opening of major state-owned sectors to private investment and the release of thousands of prisoners including opposition figures once sentenced to death.

Along the way he has faced some challenges. In June 2018, only months in office, an attempt to hurl a grenade at Abiy caused a deadly explosion at a massive rally in support of the sweeping changes in Ethiopia. Nine police officials were arrested over that incident, state media reported.

In October rebellious Ethiopian soldiers protested over pay, causing a security incident in the capital. Ethiopia's army is one of the largest in Africa.

The country is a key regional security ally for the United States and others in the restive Horn of Africa region. AP

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Authorities say a black bear somehow locked itself inside a Montana home and then nestled onto a closet shelf that wasn't too hard, wasn't too soft, but just right for a nap.

Missoula County sheriff's officials say the bear just yawned when deputies knocked on the window and unlocked the door in an attempt to coax it to leave Friday morning.

They had to call Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department officials, who tranquilized the bear so it could be re-located.

Sheriff's officials say in a Facebook post that deputies responded at 5:45 a.m. to a call that a bear opened the door to the Butler Creek's mudroom and somehow locked the deadbolt once inside.

They say the bear "began ripping the room apart" before climbing up the closet for a nap.

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ROOM 2

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Language: Cantonese (Chinese & English)

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Starring: Patton Oswalt, Kevin Hart, Harrison Ford

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Duration: 86min



## ALADDIN

ROOM 2

4:30pm

ROOM 3

9:30pm

Director: Guy Ritchie

Starring: Will Smith, Mena Massoud, Naomi Scott

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 109min

## this day in history



## 1983 US ASTRONAUT SALLY RIDE RETURNS

America's first woman in space has returned safely to Earth in the Challenger space shuttle after a successful six-day flight.

Sally Ride, aged 32, captured the media's attention over the weeks leading up to blast-off on 19 June as the public realised history was in the making.

Ms Ride, a former tennis champion, decided to become an astronaut in 1977 after she saw a Nasa advertisement in the campus newsletter while studying English and physics.

She was one of more than 1,000 women and almost 7,000 men to apply for just 35 places on the 1978 training programme and it was there that she met her husband, fellow astronaut Steve Hawley.

Before blast-off last week, flight commander Robert Crippen said she had been chosen to fly purely on her skills and not for her gender.

As flight engineer, Ms Ride's main tasks were to monitor the controls and make sure nothing went wrong on ascent and descent.

Up in space she also had to control a 50ft retractable arm - which she helped to design - to retrieve a satellite package of experiments.

It was the first time a satellite had been grabbed from space and paves the way for repairing satellites in orbit.

"She is flying with us because she is the very best person for the job. There is no man I would rather have in her place," he said.

This was also the first time the shuttle carried five crew members, instead of the usual three. Along with Sally Ride and Robert Crippen were Rick Hauck, John Fabian and Dr Norman Thagard.

Ms Ride is the third woman to travel into space.

Today she received a telegram congratulating her achievement from the world's first female cosmonaut, Valentina Tereshkova.

America's first female in space would have received a much larger public welcome today had it not been for poor visibility that forced Challenger to change its point of arrival.

The crew of STS-7 were due to complete their mission at Cape Canaveral, in Florida. But cloud cover meant a change of plan and a landing at Edwards Air Force base in California, some 3,000 miles away.

Nasa had hoped for a Florida landing to reduce the expense and time taken to transport the shuttle back to Cape Canaveral for its next mission.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

Two years later, tragedy struck when the Challenger space shuttle exploded on 28 January 1986, killing all on board including Christa McAuliffe, who was to be the first schoolteacher in space.

Sally Ride is the only person to have worked on investigations into both the Challenger and Columbia shuttle disasters.

She remained an astronaut until 1987, when she resigned from Nasa and took up an academic post at Stanford University.

Two years later she moved to the University of California in San Diego to become professor of physics and director of the California Space Institute. She has written several children's books about space exploration.

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## FOOTBALL

# Germany tops Nigeria, reaches Women's World Cup quarters

GERMANY 3, NIGERIA 0

ALEXANDRA Popp had just scored a go-ahead goal against Nigeria in her 100th international appearance when Japanese referee Yoshimi Yamashita signaled for a video review to determine whether a German teammate Svenja Huth, who was in an offside position, obstructed the view of goalkeeper Chiamaka Nnadozie.

"I was a bit irritated to be honest," the German captain said through a translator.

Popp's goal stood, and a few minutes later the match was stopped for another video review, this time to determine whether Germany's Lina Magull had been fouled in the penalty area by Evelyn Nwabuoko. Having seen the stud marks in her teammate's leg, Popp was pleased the referee took a look and awarded a penalty kick.

"Otherwise, I would have asked myself why we were using this technology," Popp said, "so it was quite obvious in the pictures."



Germany advanced to the Women's World Cup quarterfinals for the eighth straight time, beating African champion Nigeria 3-0 yesterday (Macau time) at Grenoble, France.

Nigeria coach Thomas Dennerby endorsed VAR but said it caused disruptions.

"Football is also a game with a rhythm and if you break the

rhythm sometimes that is not good," he said. "It's good for the game, but I don't think anybody really has the final solution for VAR yet."

Popp scored in the 20th minute. Sara Däbritz made it 2-0 in the 27th with the penalty kick and Lea Schüller got the final goal in the 82nd.

"All the interruptions are qui-

te difficult to handle, especially emotionally, but we tried to keep calm," Germany coach Martina Voss-Tecklenburg said through a translator. "Maybe they can speed up the whole process."

Players are unsure when a video review will be signaled.

"It was a bit of insecurity throughout the match because

we didn't quite know what was assessed in a certain moment," Popp said. "But in general I think it's important to have this sort of assessment."

Second-ranked Germany, which has outscored opponents 9-0, plays the winner of Monday's match between Sweden and Canada on June 29 at Rennes.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel called Voss-Tecklenburg after the match,

"She congratulated us," Voss-Tecklenburg recalled. "She said she was very delighted."

The weeklong layoff gives time for midfielder Dzsener Marozsán's broken left middle toe to heal. Injured in the opening win over China on June 8, Marozsán recovered sufficiently to be available as a substitute if she had been needed.

"Based on today's physical appearance, I would say she's able to play the next match," Voss-Tecklenburg said,

The Germans, who won the tournament in 2003 and 2007, have never failed to reach the quarterfinals.

No. 38 Nigeria was in the knockout phase for the second time, the first since it lost in the quarterfinals to Brazil in 1999, and it joined Cameroon to become the first pair of African teams to reach the knockout stage in the same Women's World Cup. The Indomitable Lionesses play England today. **AP**

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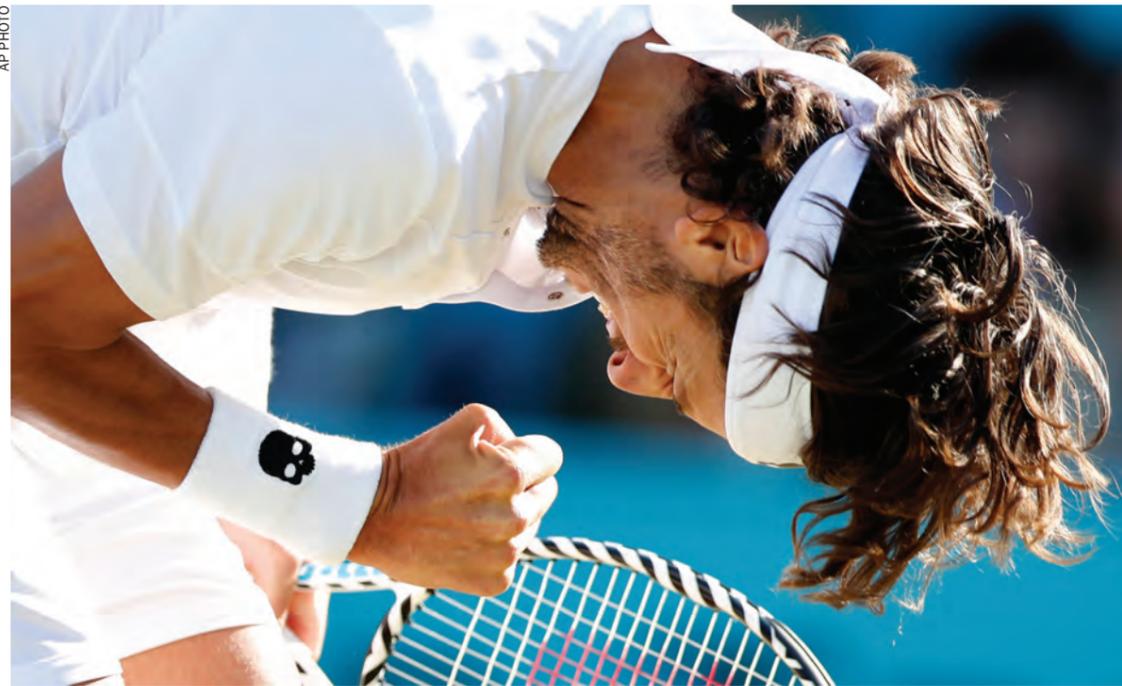
# Murray on verge of completing remarkable return at Queen's

**A**NDY Murray is on the verge of completing a remarkable return after hip surgery.

The three-time Grand Slam champion and Feliciano Lopez completed a busy Saturday at the Queen's Club by defeating the third-seeded Henri Kontinen of Finland and John Peers of Australia 7-5, 6-7 (5), 10-7 to book their place in the doubles final.

Murray and Lopez had only just completed their 6-4, 7-6 (3) quarterfinal win over British duo Daniel Evans and Ken Skupski after that had been delayed by darkness the night before. Murray and Lopez were leading 6-4, 4-5 when play was suspended on Friday.

Lopez played three matches on Saturday, starting by booking his place in the singles final with a hard-fought win over Canadian teenager Felix Auger-Aliassime over three sets.



Feliciano Lopez of Spain reacts after scoring a point against Felix Auger-Aliassime of Canada

Lopez and Murray will play Rajeev Ram and Joe Salisbury in the doubles final, when Murray can complete a noteworthy

week 146 days after undergoing what he hoped was career-saving hip surgery. In January he had said he was planning to re-

tire after Wimbledon because of the severe pain he felt on a daily basis.

But talk of retirement is shel-

ved as Murray seeks his first doubles title since 2011 when he won with his brother Jamie Murray in Tokyo.

Lopez will play Gilles Simon in the singles final first, when the Spanish veteran will become the tournament's oldest finalist.

The 37-year-old Lopez rallied to beat the 18-year-old Auger-Aliassime 6-7 (3), 6-3, 6-4 in a semifinal that saw the biggest age differential in an ATP semifinal or final since the 43-year-old Ken Rosewall defeated 23-year-old American Pat Dupre to reach the Hong Kong Grand Prix final in 1977.

Lopez saved all eight break points he faced and converted two of his own to beat Auger-Aliassime in 2 hours, 16 minutes and advance to his first final since 2017, when he defeated Marin Cilic here. Then 35, he became the tournament's oldest champion.

Auger-Aliassime hit 25 aces compared to the Spaniard's 15 and will have to wait before cracking the top 20 in the rankings. A win would have been enough for the Canadian, who is a career-high No. 21.

Simon earlier defeated the fourth-seeded Daniil Medvedev 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-3 in 2 hours, 37 minutes.

Lopez has won five of their seven meetings and all four of their matches on grass. AP

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**BACK TO BASICS**

Two million Hong Kong residents felt obliged to go down to Admiralty to fight against a fishy extradition bill, deemed an “evil law” by the freshly released Occupy Central local hero, Joshua Wong. Calling upon a SAR population tally of over 7 million people, one can say that HKSAR civil society went on to defy Chief Executive Carrie Lam’s proposal to allow suspects to be commended to Chinese courts. To put it mildly, the timing (30 years after Tiananmen) and content (a thorough legal train to a different judiciary reality) came to be a catalyst to an striking, put it mildly, number of Hongkongers, or Hong Kong people, as they would rather call themselves, or even the defensively used Asian or global citizens (thus Hong Kong) than Chinese.

Indignant civil society comes out on the streets, and naturally some havoc happens, again to put it mildly, when the police force meets an organic ad hoc coalition of civic denominations protesting against much more than the “evil law”... about eroding the autonomy granted by the Sino-British Joint Declaration and the ensuing Basic Law. The government was forced into a tactical retreat.

Chief Executive Carrie Lam went public to offer a double apology, a tearful pledge to improve her performance on issues that matter to the City - you guessed it, housing, transportation and overall living conditions - committing to not asking for “another chance” to fulfill her 3-year term she anticipates as “very difficult”.

In what appeared to be an exercise in humility, she offered to shelve and not revive the extradition bill without general acceptance. That is to say, the “evil law” was to be shelved, put to sleep, instead of scrapping it for good, as protesters were demanding out there in the open.

Seasoned activist Joshua Wong did not fall into the trap of that exercise in what he called fake humility. Carrie Lam’s apology seemed to be a kind of public humiliation for having failed to carry out a mission, to comply with an order. On no occasion did the Chief Executive question the order to carry on with the extradition bill that she failed to formally retract... she is only withdrawing it until a more convenient opportunity. Neither does she give credit to the proposals of the civil society, nor will she consider quitting the top job. That is the lingo of resolved despotism indifferent to those who are envisioning alternative futures and willing to embrace a risk in order to make it happen. Make no mistake, they do so in accordance with the Basic Law.

However, something happened that can make us wonder about the public demonstrations against the “evil law” and the scuffles with the police authority. Allegedly, the Chief Executive hinted that henceforth the assessment of the designation of a civil/social/political demonstration as a riot would be executed by the City’s police commissioner. Could this be escalated further to siege or some other exception?

If we are excused of the loose analogy, across the PRD, the truth is, freedom of assembly and protest were handled here previously by the municipal institution, now replaced by the police authority, better known by its Portuguese acronym PSP.

Our closing notes go to the apparent front-runner to become the third Chief Executive Ho Tat Seng - grace under scrutiny. Ho stated he was “pleased” to know that three grassroots residents are also interested in the election.

Ho called a press conference to make his formal announcement. He did not shy away (up to a point) from issues - his statement needs further reading - and he did not escape from another cross Pearl River Delta analogy with Carrie Lam’s commitments: he did not provide details but if his position is confirmed he will solve problems of housing, transportation and the overall living conditions.

**THE MICHAEL JACKSON’S POPULARITY ENDURES, EVEN AFTER NEW SCANDAL**

Despite Michael Jackson’s depiction as a child molester in the HBO documentary “Leaving Neverland” earlier this year, the negative publicity hasn’t greatly diminished the King of Pop’s image.

As tomorrow’s 10th anniversary of Jackson’s death approaches, experts say his music legacy is still going strong despite the documentary’s detailed

abuse allegations.

Billboard senior editor Gail Mitchell says she interviewed around 30 music executives who believe Jackson’s legacy will withstand the controversy.

Signs of any broad backlash against Jackson are few.

The superstar’s music was taken off some radio stations, but is still being played in commercials and his memorabilia is still selling.



Station	Air quality
Roadside	20-40 Good
High Density Residential Area	10-30 Good
Ambient	20-40 Good

**WORLD BRIEFS**

**Thailand’s Wild Boars mark year since going missing in cave**



**Pitcha Dangprasith, Mae Sai**

**WHEN** the 12 young boys and their soccer coach walked into a cave complex in northern Thailand a year ago yesterday, they didn’t know their lives were going to forever change.

Rising floodwater quickly trapped the youngsters inside the Tham Luang cave complex, setting off a more than two-week ordeal that the world watched with rapt attention and that left the members of the Wild Boars soccer club with a survival tale that propelled them into celebrities.

Nine of the boys and their coach were on hand in the northern town of Mae Sai to mark the anniversary along with some 4,000 others by taking part in a marathon and bike event to raise money to improve conditions at the cave.

“I want to thank everybody who has put so much effort and sacrifices to save all of us,” said Ekapol Chantawong, the former coach of the Wild Boars who led the boys on the ill-fated visit to the cave.

Ekapol stood in front of a bronze statue of Lieutenant Commander Saman Gunan that has been erected to honor the former Thai navy SEAL who died while working on the search and rescue.

The boys spent nine nights lost in the cave, living on very little food and wa-

ter, before they were found spotted deep in the twisting cave complex huddled on a patch of dirt above the rising water line. It was a moment captured on video and soon broadcast to the world.

It would be another eight days — until July 10 — before they were all safe.

Also on hand yesterday were a number of the local and foreign divers who took part in the search and rescue operation, which due to its danger and difficulty has been hailed by many as a miracle.

**■ Nine of the boys and their coach were on hand in the northern town of Mae Sai to mark the anniversary**

The operation required placing oxygen canisters along the path where the divers maneuvered dark, tight and twisting passages filled with muddy waters and strong currents.

“Not many children could have survived the way they did, so we have to respect

them for that,” said Vernon Unsworth, a British diver whose advice and experience played a key part in the search for the boys and their eventual rescue.

“What we should do right now is to just let them get on with their lives. Just let them grow up like normal kids,” he said.

A year later the boys are notably older and taller. Wearing orange T-shirts from the event, they smiled and posed for photos. They have grown familiar with the attention they receive, though are not altogether comfortable with it.

Abbot Prayutjetyanukarn, a monk in the local neighborhood who interacts with the team every week, told The Associated Press that some of the boys are wary of the media and try to avoid the press whenever they can.

“But they are fine, both physically and spiritually,” he said. “There’s nothing to worry about.”

Three of the players as well as Ekapol were stateless and were granted Thai citizenship last August.

The team traveled last year to Argentina and the U.S. The boys and their coach are represented by the 13 Tham Luang Co. Ltd., which Thailand’s government helped establish to manage business opportunities stemming from the ordeal. Netflix has acquired the rights to their story. **AP**



**USA** Press secretary Sarah Sanders (pictured) seems to be in an enviable position as she leaves the White House for a possible run for governor in her home state of Arkansas. She has the tacit endorsement of a president popular in the state and political connections that go back to her dad Mike Huckabee’s more than 10 years as governor.

**ETHIOPIA**’s government foiled a coup attempt in a region north of the capital, Addis Ababa, and the country’s military chief was shot dead, prime minister Abiy Ahmed said yesterday. **More on p15**



**TURKEY** Voters in Istanbul cast ballots yesterday in a re-run mayoral election ordered up by authorities after President Recep Tayyip Erdogan’s party narrowly lost the mayor’s office in Turkey’s largest city for the first time in 25 years. Initial results from the closely watched contest were not expected for several hours after polls closed early today (Macau time).



**GERMANY** Hundreds of climate activists called an end to their protest yesterday inside one of the country’s biggest open-pit mines after police repeatedly ordered them to leave, citing life-threatening danger, and authorities pulled some protesters out. The Garzweiler lignite coal mine has been the focal point of environmental protests in Germany’s Rhineland region since Friday, when 40,000 students rallied for more government action against climate change.