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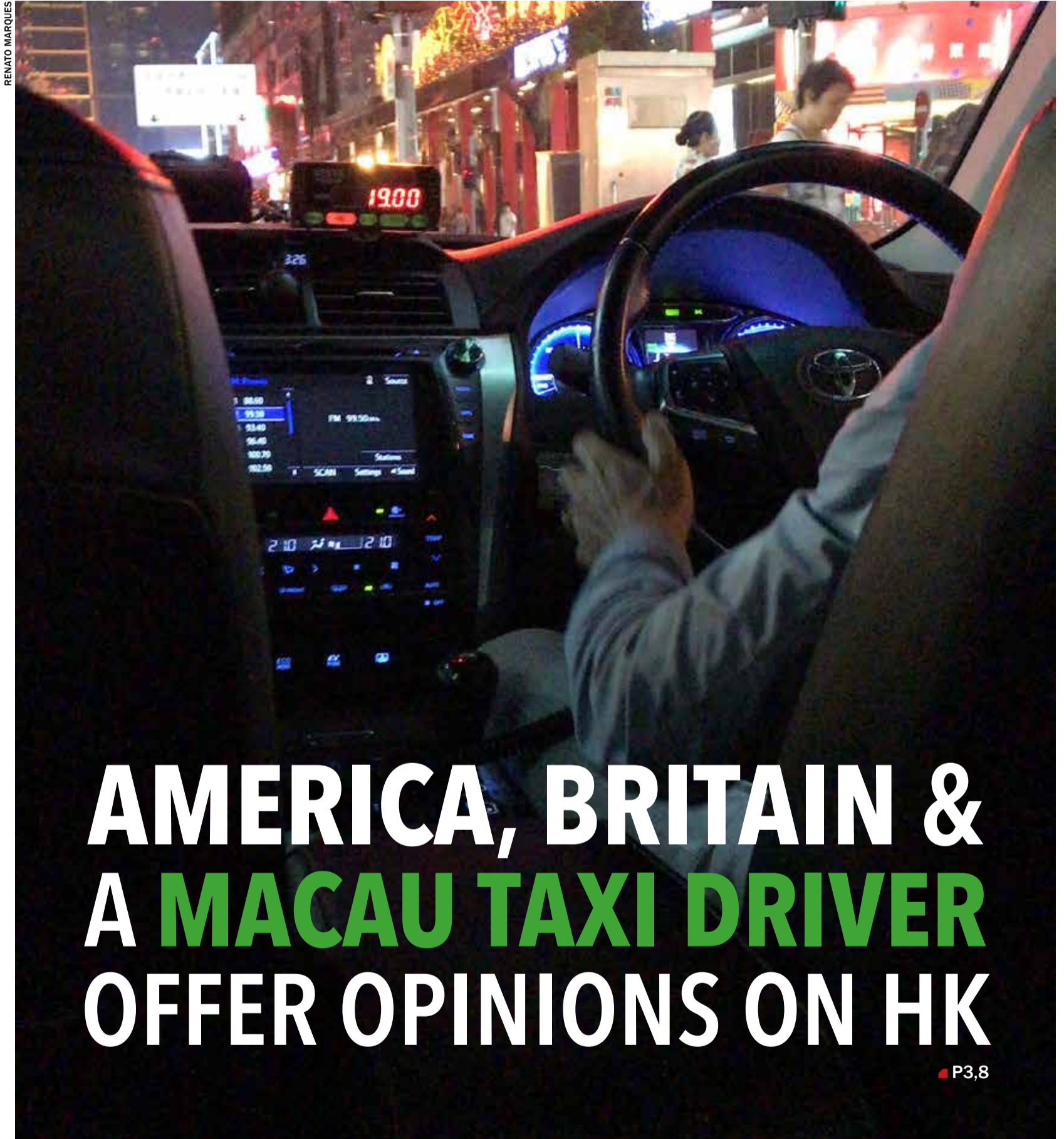
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# PATRIOTIC YOUTH VISITS WRAP UP TODAY

**T**HE “Walking Together in the New Era” youth exchange trip to mainland cities, led by the city’s Chief Executive Chui Sai On and the five secretaries, will officially conclude today.

Sonia Chan, Secretary for Justice and Administration, and Lionel Leong, Secretary for Economy and Finance, have already finished their trips to Guizhou and Jiangsu provinces respectively.

Following Chan and Leong, Secretary for Security Wong Sio Chak led his group to Guangdong province, while Chief Executive Chui, together with Raimundo Arrais do Rosário, led another group to Hebei province. Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam, travelled with a group of 100 local youths to Hunan province.

During his visit to Guangdong, Wong praised the province for its “comprehensive work on youth work,” observing that some of Guangdong’s measures targeting the youth population have inspired Macau.

Wong further said, while meeting with representatives of Guangdong province, that many industries in Macau are international and in need of young talented people who are knowledgeable, capable, and have a vision and a sense of responsibility.

Wong told Guangdong government representatives that the SAR government “is

reviewing its talented human resources policy, hoping that, through legislative and policy amendments, Macau can attract youths, especially those from mainland China,” to work in the territory.

During Chui’s trip to Hebei province, the Macau government signed a cooperation agreement with Zhangjiakou Municipal Culture, Radio, Television and Tourism Bureau to support Zhangjiakou in organizing the Winter Olympics in 2022. Based on this agreement, Macau will send tourism professionals to Zhangjiakou to train the city’s workers within the hospitality and tourism industry.

Simultaneously, Tam said that he saw during his visit to Hunan that “every single Macau youth has the heart to serve the country and build Macau.”

Tam noted this was a trip to foster love for the country, and an appreciation and understanding of culture, and many students reported that it had been an unforgettable trip.

Moreover, Tam said that the trip allowed local students to learn about the great men of China, to understand that China has gone from poor to rich and strong, and to realize that Chinese people now live in happiness and stability.

Tam added that Macau youth should feel grateful for China because the city has seen great developments in the past 20 years with China’s support. JZ



The youth delegation visiting Hebei Province sing the Chinese song “Me and My Motherland” in Saihanba National Forest Park

# Australia’s trade with the SAR continues to grow, says Consul

**T**HE Australian Consul-General in Hong Kong and Macau held a reception yesterday at the Military Club of Macau, celebrating the relationship between Australia and the SAR.

Michaela Browning, Consul-General of Australia for Hong Kong and Macau, said that there had been a continuous increase in the trade volume between the two regions, in relation to both goods and services.

With over 2,500 Australians currently residing in Macau, the official believes

that her home country has significantly contributed to the infrastructure development of the region, particularly of casinos and hotels.

“I think Australians are interested in what’s happening in Macau and we think we can be good partners in the areas of infrastructure, education, healthcare and the sorts of things that Macau needs to do to continue to grow and prosper,” Browning told the press.

“We’re keen on finding areas where we can actually

grow this relationship that would be mutually beneficial,” the official added.

Meanwhile, Browning said that they had seen a 57% rise in the goods trade and a 20% rise in the services trade between the two regions.

As the Australian Chamber of Commerce of Macau commenced earlier this year, Browning noted that the “chamber is an expression of what has been occurring over the recent years and we expect it to continue.”

Furthermore, while Hong Kong reports say that some residents are migrating to countries such as Canada due to the controversial extradition bill, the official said that the consulate had not noticed a change in the number of Australian passports and citizenship renewals.

Meanwhile, yesterday in Brisbane, tensions over Hong Kong’s future emerged at an Australian university, with footage showing a fraught confrontation between supporters

of China’s government and protesters opposed to the Asian financial hub’s proposed extradition bill.

The rival groups faced off at a University of Queensland campus in Brisbane, with one side singing pro-China songs and the other chanting “free Hong Kong.” Footage posted on Twitter showed protesters hurling verbal abuse as police tried to calm the situation, while punches were thrown between two people.

Queensland Police

provided support to the university at the scene, a spokesperson said at about 4:15 p.m. Brisbane time. No arrests had been made. The university said in a statement that it had requested police support due to “safety concerns resulting from a student-initiated protest on campus.”

“One of the roles of universities is to enable open, respectful and lawful free speech, including debate about ideas we may not all support or agree with,” it said. LV/AGENCIES

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# Macau taxi driver says he won't take HK 'independence dogs'

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A taxi driver in Macau has put up signs inside his vehicle expressing negative sentiments towards some Hong Kong protesters, calling them "independence dogs".

According to a post on Weibo, a Macau taxi driver put up signs behind the driver's and front passenger's seat with the words "Hong Kong independence dogs not welcome."

The social media post contains a video clip of the situation, showing the taxi making a turn in the NAPE area.

It is illegal in Macau for a taxi driver to refuse to serve a passenger, even though such infractions have until late been a regular occurrence across the city, attracting the ire of residents and tourists alike.

The new taxi law, which entered into force on June 3 with harsher penalties for several infractions, has led to a steep decline in the number



These stills taken from video show the Macau taxi with signs attached to both front seats of the vehicle

of reported cases. According to official data, the number of cases of taxi drivers refusing to

transport passengers fell from 121 in May to just 21 in June.

The post, which is con-

nected to the Weibo account "Beijing people defend Beijing town", received 468 likes and

109 comments.

One of the comments read, "I got to meet quite a few Macau people due to my work. I heard from them that Macau and Hong Kong are different. The majority of Macau people are pro-communist party and support the handover. Maybe it was because Portugal was indeed incomparable to the U.K."

Another comment wrote "it only [works] if Hong Kong taxis have it."

"He wrote it on purpose to cheat mainlanders" a third Weibo user, named Cai Fan Yu, suggested.

According to the original nine second video clip found on Weibo and posted by Sha Shi Sha Shi, the passenger who took the video is a man speaking Mandarin with a northeastern accent. The original video has been viewed 1.34 million times.

"Macau also has opposers, but not that many, and [they] cannot form a strong force," Wang Xiao Er Yun Cheng wrote on the post.

"I have been to Macau twice, and two taxi drivers used 'our China'," Maggie 22738 wrote, indicating that the Macau taxi drivers she had encountered had a sense of belonging to China.

## Macau placed under Irish travel alert

STAFF REPORTER

MACAU may have been accidentally placed under a travel warning by Ireland.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Ireland has posted on its website a travel warning to the Chinese Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau.

The country's travel warning, officially known as the "Security Status", has four tiers: from "normal precautions" to "do not travel", which is the most severe warning.

Currently, both Macau and Hong Kong are at the second tier, known as "high degree of caution".

Besides Ireland, the U.K., Japan, South Korea, the U.S., Australia and Canada have issued travel warnings or cautions on Hong Kong. Among these countries, Japan made special notes on the attack that took place in Yuen Long, Hong Kong.

Macau's Tourism Crisis

Management Office has also told residents to exercise caution during their trips to Hong Kong.

The Irish department has listed Macau and Hong Kong on the same webpage, leading some observers to suggest that the country follows the authority of its consulates rather than the actual places concerned.

Furthermore, the majority of content focuses on Hong Kong. For example, the text starts off by noting that "there have been a number of large-scale demonstrations in Hong Kong in recent weeks protesting changes to Hong Kong's extradition laws."

"While the protests have been mostly peaceful, isolated clashes between a small minority of the protestors and the police have taken place, which saw the deployment of tear gas, pepper spray and rubber bullets by the police in an effort to restore order."

The first two paragraphs of the text do not make re-

ference to Macau, however the third one notes: "If you are planning a trip to Hong Kong S.A.R. or Macau S.A.R. we advise you to take a high degree of caution."

"Hong Kong and Macau are generally stable societies," the webpage continues. "On occasion, however, there have been some demonstrations and civil unrest. Please exercise caution if in the proximity of a demonstration and take all reasonable precautions for your physical safety and against petty crime in such circumstances."

In response to the situation, vice director-general of Association of Synergy of Macau, Johnson Ian, said that it is not reasonable to apply a travel warning to Macau.

He pointed out that in 2003, when SARS devastated Hong Kong, Macau was not listed under any travel warning. Ian urged the government to request a change through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

## CONSULATE CONFIRMS HK HYPE FOR PORTUGUESE DOCUMENTS

RENATO MARQUES

THE Consulate of Portugal in Macau and Hong Kong (CGPMHK) has confirmed that they are receiving "a lot of requests" from Hong Kong citizens seeking information on Portuguese travel documents and other related requests.

The acknowledgment was made in response to a Times' enquiry.

"It is confirmed that there have been many inquiries lately for Hong Kong resident citizens' citizenship and residence visa applications," the consulate said. The consulate added that an increase was also registered on the "demand for [Portuguese] citizens' cards and passport renewals that have been expired for several years, many of them for 10 years or more."

The Portuguese response confirms an idea that has been expressed by several sectors in the neighboring region.

A recent report from Hong Kong media outlet South China Morning Post (SCMP) noted that the growing frustration over the extradition bill and worries over the potential erosion of freedoms had led some Hong Kong residents to consider migrating.

In the same report, Portugal was identified as a potential gateway to Europe for many residents with family bonds in Macau and Hong Kong that would make it easier to access these documents.

According to information from the CGPMHK, such citizens can obtain Portuguese citizenship through attribution by the parents as long as one of their parents have Portuguese citizenship.

The SCMP report noted that the current protests over the extradition bill, as well the document itself, increasing living costs, growing numbers of tourists,

and general frustrations and anxieties over the future of the SAR have all contributed to Hong Kong residents seeking options for a life away from their birthplace.

In the past, Hong Kong residents have been known to move to locations such as Taiwan, Canada, the United Kingdom or the U.S. This trend now appears to be changing, with more people considering less traditional locations.

Portugal is currently noted as one such option, not just due to the ease of relocation afforded by the family ties possessed by many residents of Macau, but also due to the Portuguese government policies that grant citizenship to individuals who invest in Portugal, known as "Golden Visas".

The Golden Visa policy, in the first few years of implementation, has attracted mostly Chinese nationals so far.

## 127 MACAU STUDENTS IN MILITARY TRAINING IN ZHUHAI

A total of 127 Macau local middle school students are attending a seven-day military training program in Zhuhai. Led by Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ) Director Lao Pak Seng, the students are joining the 15th Macau Middle School Students Military Summer Camp. Each September, when the new academic school year begins in mainland China, middle-school and higher educational institutes organize military training. Similar to the training targeting mainland students, the Macau students' military training also features patriotic educational elements and respect for the Chinese military.

## HOUSING PROPOSAL FOR THE ELDERLY

Yesterday's TDM radio show, Macau Forum, discussed services for the elderly. One of the speakers, surnamed Chan, is a local engineer who proposed that the government draft instructions for the installation of elevators in old buildings. Caritas president Pun Chi Meng then proposed that the government lease out seniors' apartments to young people who are able to walk up stairs without difficulty, and instead help seniors to live in newer-built houses. Pun believes that there is a shortage of nurses for the elderly, which restricts the city's services for the elderly.

## LAWMAKER SEEKS EXPANSION OF VACCINATION PROGRAM

Lawmaker Chan Ip Lap wrote an inquiry to the local government suggesting that the HPV vaccination program be expanded to include male children aged 11 and 12. Chan hopes for the expansion to be adopted as soon as possible. According to Chan's explanation, both females and males have the ability to be infected with HPV, and there is no test for HPV infection in males. Chan believes that the HPV vaccination program is the only way to prevent males from contracting the HPV infection.

## REPRINT OF PERSONALIZED STAMPS HELD TOMORROW

The Macao Post and Telecommunications Bureau says it will issue the reprint of personalized stamps named "Festivity" tomorrow, July 26, in its original design and with stamp codes unchanged. For identification purposes, the year of printing has been changed to (REIMP 2019). The first edition of these personalized stamps was issued in October 2015. Customers can select their own photos to be printed on the personalized stamps "Festivity", which according to the Bureau can be used to mark special occasions for associations and individuals.

VERNON RAINIEL CENZON



# PRIVATE HOUSING SHOULD NOT BE FORGOTTEN, SAYS JLL MACAU

LYNZY VALLES

**R**EAL estate services firm Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL) Macau is calling on the government to attend to the current private housing situation, which currently has only approximately 7,000 units under construction.

According to the managing director of JLL Macau, Gregory Ku, the SAR's residential market is expected to face challenges in view of the limited housing supply in the short and medium-to-long term.

"The government should proactively find ways to increase land supply and speed up the process of urbanization to prevent Macau's property market from facing the dilemma of supply discontinuity," said Ku.

"If we look at the government's website, we can only see some 7,000 units that are under construction, and more than 2,000 have already been sold in the pre-sale scheme."

Although there are around 14,000 units that are currently being planned, Ku implied that the public would have to know when construction would commence for these units.

As public housing is subject to restrictions and limits, Ku said that he believed that there should be a great supply for the private sector for those wishing to upgrade their homes.

He also remarked that upgrading houses would be difficult, as the urban renewal plan is not

making progress.

"I think they should speed up [the urban renewal plan] as soon as possible. I believe it's the time for them to go to the legislative council to set up rules and laws," said Ku.

Meanwhile, the total residential sales transaction volume in Macau contracted significantly in the first quarter of this year due to the China-U.S. trade war that dampened investment sentiment.

On the supply side, developers mostly adopted a wait-and-see approach in the first quarter of 2019 and only started to launch their projects in the second quarter. During first quarter, a total of 575 presale transactions were recorded, accounting for about 14.7% of the total number of residential transactions.

In the first quarter, the capital values of high-end and mass-to-

medium residential properties fell by 3.5% and 1.8% respectively compared with the end of 2018, due to external economic uncertainty, while yields were 1.6% and 1.7% respectively.

"Due to the external economic uncertainty and the easing home purchase policy in Zhuhai, local developers are facing difficulties in adjusting the asking prices of their new projects upwards and need to offer various incentives to boost sales," said Jeff Wong, senior director of capital markets at JLL Macau.

In the sales market, a total of 195 retail property transactions were recorded in the first five months of 2019, down 41.6% year-on-year.

Notable sales transactions included the sale of two ground floor shop units at Edf. Kam Yuen for approximately HKD300 million and a basket of ground

floor shops in the commercial podium of Edf. Jardim de Wa Bao for approximately HKD415 million.

According to the JLL Macau Retail Index, the overall retail rental values remained stable in the first quarter compared with results from end 2018, while the overall retail capital values fell slightly by 0.4%. The overall retail yields were maintained at 1.8% as of June 2019.

"The negative outlook of the retail leasing market has led to a fall in the volume of retail sales transactions. The number of high street shops available for sale or lease in the core areas has been increasing. Though retail capital values didn't see a significant fall in 1H19, investors will expect a higher investment yield to offset the potential risks under the current economic uncertainty," says Oliver Tong, head of leasing at JLL Macau.



The JLL Macau team at their office on the peninsula

# MOMENT OF SPLENDOR AT MGM

This summer, MGM MACAU and MGM COTAI are the ultimate hotspots for entertainment. The contemporary luxury integrated resorts bring art, culture, gastronomy, wellness and other exciting happenings to residents, tourists and anyone who set foot inside the splendid properties.



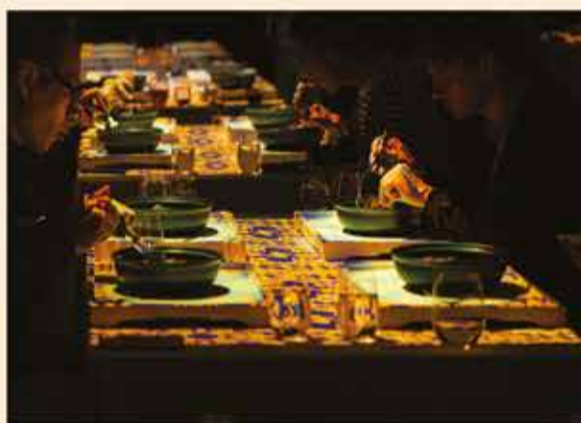
## HUA YUAN EXHIBITION

With the launch of Art Macao - Macau's largest art and cultural event of the year, MGM is presenting the Hua Yuan exhibition. The exhibition will immerse audiences in a modern artistic ink experience, showcasing the work of two world-renowned contemporary artists, Jennifer Wen Ma and Yang Yongliang, presenting the aesthetics of Chinese ink artistry in innovative digital form. The grand finale of Hua Yuan Exhibition - Paradise Interrupted, which is an arresting new installation opera, will elevate the whole experience even further.



## WAGYUMAFIA AT GRILL 58

After a day of fun, there is nothing more satisfying than to savor lip-smacking culinary creations from top chefs. From irresistible premium wagyu beef to freshly hand-picked ingredients - visit Grill 58 now for an exclusive Wagyumafia Progressive Kaiseki dining experience. MGM COTAI has invited Chef Nagayama from Wagyumafia to wow you with the finest wagyu and his refined techniques.



## LE PETIT CHEF - A FEAST FOR THE SENSES

Le Petit Chef - a small animated chef who is cooking at MGM MACAU - is bringing a unique and extraordinary multi-sensory dining and entertainment experience that combines rich visuals and storytelling with delicious cuisine and 3D projection technology presented on the dining table. He leads guests on a gastronomic adventure that retraces the steps of the explorer, Marco Polo, taking in the highlights of the Silk Road. Journey starts with a delightful French seafood starter and ends with Le Petit Chef's homeland of France, for a dessert to savor.



## ROSSIO SUSHI RESIDENCE

MGM MACAU is delighting the local food scene with exquisite sushi crafted by the renowned Michelin-starred sushi master Hiroyuki Sato, offering diners Edomae sushi at Rossio. Previously known as the chef of a Michelin 1-star sushi restaurant Sushi Tokami, Sato created his own vision of the Japanese delicacy at Hakkoku, one of the most anticipated new sushi restaurants in the heart of Ginza, Tokyo.

Sato's mixes the Shari, the sushi rice, with his trademark Akazu, seasoning composed of two different red vinegars. This unique rice takes center stage, pressed with the right temperature to pair perfectly with the finest seafood on top - thanks to the chef's determination of sourcing the finest seafood at Toyosu Fish Market in Tokyo, air-transported to Macau every two days.



## FUERZA BRUTA WAYRA MACAU

There are a string of artistic celebrations that will unravel at MGM COTAI. The Fuerza Bruta Wayra Macau show gives everyone an immersive theater party experience. This unique and thrilling experience is brought to you by Fuerza Bruta all the way from Argentina, redefining show rules with mind-blowing visual effects, lighting, and close contact with the audience from performers.



## SUMMER DAY PASS

For ultimate relaxation, an exclusive day pass is offered to those who would like to take a break and spend the day with access to the Infinity pool in MGM MACAU's Vista and enjoy inflatable sport games with friends and families.



## TRIA SPA

Relaxing massages and holistic treatments are available at Tria Spa, luxurious and premium sanctuary of relaxation. A package of treatment essentials at a promotional price of MOP600 for each treatment to rejuvenate the body and mind.

## ARTISTS OPEN TRINITY PAINTER EXHIBITION

STAFF REPORTER

**A**N exhibition featuring three painters of different backgrounds was opened yesterday at the UNESCO Centre of Macao. It will run from now until July 29.

Organized by one of the oldest artists' groups in the city, the Macau Artist Society (MAS), the exhibition features paintings created by three of the group's members.

President Lok Hei of the Society said during his welcome speech that the oldest member among the three, Lou Kam Ieng, is a veteran photographer, who has held photo exhibitions in various Chinese provinces, such as Yunan and Tibet.

Besides his interest in photography, Lou is also very into painting because Lou's life has been surrounded by painters and painting enthusiasts.

Lou's paintings on exhibition are from his more abstract collection. They may portray hills, basins,

forests and rivers, but the artist says he wants viewers to find their own meaning in his work.

Leong Vai I, another featured painter, has been under master painter Lai Ieng's tutelage for many years. Leong said she is focused on improving her painting skills.

She describes herself as a teller of Macau stories, and her paintings portray a lot of local scenery, objects and people.

Finally, painter Chan Chui Ngan has a particular affinity for depicting cats. As such, almost all of his paintings shown this time are of cats

This exhibition is showing about 70 paintings made by the three painters. The paintings are scattered across two exhibition halls at the UNESCO Centre.

The MAS was founded in 1956 as the Macau Artist Research Association. It seeks to unite the local art circle and develop the local sector.

## SPORTS

# 'BIGGEST WUSHU EVENT IN MACAU' KICKS OFF

RENATO MARQUES

**T**HE Eighth Edition of the Macau International Wushu Festival kicked off yesterday at an opening ceremony presided over by the Chairman of the Macau Chinese National Traditional Sports Association, Ambrose So.

At the event held at the Macau Polytechnic Institute Multisport Pavilion, So said, "the Macau International Wushu Festival is one of the biggest Wushu events in Macau and even the world."

"The art, discipline, and skill shown in the contests are the keys to passing on the spirit and essentials of our traditional culture of Wushu while promoting its enormous vitality and appeal to the world."

So was speaking in front of the several delegations of athletes that will compete until July 26 in different



championships such as Wushu Taolu, Wushu Sanda, Jeet Kune Do, Short Weapon Fighting, Health Qigong and Taekwondo.

According to the organizer, the event welcomes over 2,000 athletes, coaches and managers organized in over 160 teams and representing 11 countries and regions, including the United States,

France, India, Australia, Canada, Germany, Japan, China, as well as Macau, Hong Kong, and Taiwan.

Also at the opening speech, the Chairman noted the importance of the martial art saying, "Wushu is a treasure of our traditional Chinese culture and a manifestation of our belief that 'man is an integral part

of nature'."

The organizers have said that the event, now its eighth edition, has established itself as a top-level Wushu platform, strengthening exchange and cooperation among the Chinese and overseas communities that go beyond the competition itself and spread through a series of forums attended by Wushu masters around the world. Furthermore, it aims to encourage international Wushu exchanges, enhance friendships and skills, as well as advocate the morality and popularize the sport and culture of Wushu.

As in previous editions, the event has the title sponsorship of the Sociedade de Jogos de Macau, S.A. and also includes a mobile photography contest for secondary school students.

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## MFE returns tomorrow with exhibitors from 11 countries

**T**HE Macao Franchise Expo (MFE) 2019 returns to The Venetian Macao starting tomorrow and running until July 28, attracting some 180 branded enterprises from the Macau SAR and the rest of the world, according to organizers. This year's theme, the same as since at least 2015, is "Brand expansion continues, business opportunities to be seized."

This year's MFE has an exhibition area of about 6,000 square meters. There are exhibition booths from 11 countries and regions including mainland China, Brazil, Iran, Japan, Malaysia, Pakistan, Portugal, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan, covering a wide range of industries such as catering, retailing, service and education. Many of the exhibitors are internationally-renowned brands and publicly traded companies.

Jointly organized by the Macau Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM), the Macao International Brand Enterprise Commercial Association, the Macau Chain Stores & Franchise Association, the Brazilian Franchise Association, the Association of Chain and Franchise Promotion, Taiwan, and the Licensing and Franchising Association of Hong Kong, the MFE enters its 11 edition this year.

Having learned from the experience of last 10 years, this year's MFE offers exhibition zones that include "Gourmet Avenue", "Special Brands Area", "Portuguese-Speaking Countries Pavilions", "New Retail and Business Support Zone", "Branding Consultation Pavilion", among others.

As one of the highlights of the MFE this year, the "New Retail and Business Support Zone" puts together financing services, IT solutions specifically designed for business management and modern logistical systems for retail optimization.

Meanwhile, the "Branding Consultation Pavilion" will provide professional brand consultation service to help small and medium-sized enterprises re-shape their brand image, and offer one-on-one solutions with free and professional

advice on branding.

The newly added "Special Brands Area" includes the "Guangdong Time-Honored Brands Zone" and "Macau Local Brands Zone". In addition, exhibition area for Portuguese-speaking countries at the MFE has been enlarged, and will this year draw more than 20 exhibitors from Brazil and Portugal.

Meanwhile, aligning with the Macao Year of Gastronomy, the MFE continues to offer the "Gourmet Avenue" at the venue, bringing together 25 specialty cuisine booths.

In line with the regional development plans of the Central Government, this year's MFE contains more elements about the Greater Bay Area. Entities such as the Zhuhai Municipal Bureau of Commerce, the Jiangmen Bureau of Commerce, the Guangdong Time-honored Brands Association, the Guangdong East Chamber of Commerce of Importers & Exporters, the Guangzhou Food Industry Association, and the Federation Economic and Commerce of Hong Kong will participate.

The "Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Business Zone" offers consultation services with respect to relevant legal regulations and business affairs in the various municipalities. In the Multi-Functional Area, discussions will be held on topics such as specialized knowledge of franchising, opportunities for brand development, and food safety management in the Greater Bay Area.

In addition, there are also business matching services arranged for the Greater Bay zone, as well as tours to Zhongshan, during which the participants will visit and learn from some of the successful local chain stores in Zhongshan and Macau enterprises located in the nearby Greater Bay city.

The MFE offers free admission to trade visitors on the first day tomorrow, and to the general public on July 27 and 28. To encourage the use of public transportation, a free shuttle bus to the venue will be provided. **DB**



## MELCO'S management team lead volunteering efforts to benefit community

**M**elco Resorts and Entertainment endeavors to make its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programs sustainable by integrating social and community issues into its business strategy.

Volunteering to benefit the community is a cornerstone of Melco's CSR strategy, with the company strongly supporting, encouraging and facilitating such events for employees and their family members to engage in.

During the first six months of this year, 650 Melco employees have devoted their time to serve the community, spending more than 1,400 hours participating in 40 varied events to benefit beneficiaries, community groups and non-governmental organizations. During these events, Melco's senior executives and management team members have been the leaders among employees from all departments.

In April, a group of 16 volunteers from Melco's corporate office and their children devoted an afternoon to cats and dogs at Anima - Society for the Protection of Animals in Macau, spending time with them, cleaning kennels and taking dogs for walks.

Mr. Geoff Andres, Property President of Studio City, was among the participants of the Melco volunteer team. "It's great that the company arranges a wide variety of events for colleagues to volunteer their time. The animal shelter visit was meaningful and a refreshing experience. It led us to better understand the needs of these shelter animals, and the benefits of animal adoption. It was a great experience for the children who took part, too," he commented.

Another event co-organized with Pou Tai Integrated Service Center for the Elderly saw 18 Melco volunteers spend their free time with the center's residents, playing table tennis. Mr. Raymond Lo, Melco's Senior Vice President of Casino Sales, Marketing and Operations inaugurated the table tennis session and shared ways of playing the sport, encouraging a healthier, more active lifestyle for the center's residents. After the session, teatime snacks were served and enjoyed by the elderly beneficiaries and Melco's volunteers.

Pou Tai Integrated Service Center for the Elderly provides for approximately 320 senior citizens over the age of 60, including daycare, care homes and accommodation for those in good health condition. The Melco event was well-aligned with the center's mission to facilitate a balanced state of body and mind.

Since 2007, close to 101,000 colleague participants have joined Melco's CSR activities, with an aim to give back to the community it serves and make a positive difference in the lives of others. Children are also welcome to join many of Melco's volunteering events, as the objectives of the Melco-developed initiative, "Teaching Children Values," is for children to be taught important life values through the act of volunteering, and to gain meaningful experiences through devoting their personal time and energy to the society.

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## MACAU AIRPORT SETS UP JIANGMEN SERVICE CENTER

The Macau International Airport (MIA) has recently set up its second service center in the Greater Bay Area, according to a press release by the MIA. The launching ceremony of MIA's Jiangmen service center was held recently at Jiangmen city, Guangdong Province, more than 80 kilometers northwest of Macau. The MIA established its first service center in the city of Zhongshan, Guangdong Province in March. Both of the service centers provide direct bus services to the MIA. For those who want to go to Macau or travel through the MIA, the bus service offers them more options.

## SHENZHEN SEES EXPORT GROWTH IN FIRST HALF-YEAR

The export of south China's technological powerhouse Shenzhen reached 757 billion yuan (USD110 billion) in the first half of 2019, up 5.1 percent year on year, according to local customs. The city's trade volume with Belt and Road countries reached 284 billion yuan in the first half of the year, up 5.7 percent compared with a year earlier. Private enterprises in the city contributed 775 billion yuan of export and import, accounting for 58 percent of the total in the city. Shenzhen saw robust growth in the import of fruits, medicine, seafood and other products. Its import of meat products and medicine grew by 31.2 percent and 28.7 percent respectively in the first half of 2019.

## GREATER BAY AREA SEES IMPROVING AIR QUALITY

The Greater Bay Area's air quality improved last year, according to a climate monitoring bulletin released this week and compiled by the Guangdong Meteorological Service, the Hong Kong Observatory and the Macao Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau. The bulletin showed that cities in the Pearl River Delta region had 38.1 hazy days on average in 2018, 1.5 days fewer than the previous year. Hazy days monitored at the Hong Kong Observatory and the Hong Kong International Airport were three and 13 last year, compared with three and 11 days a year earlier. Eighteen hazy days were recorded for Macau, one day fewer than 2017. The Guangdong Meteorological Service said that joint efforts with Hong Kong and Macau counterparts will help the public to scientifically respond to frequently-occurring typhoons, rainstorms and thunderstorms in the area.

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Protesters are surrounded by police officers while sitting on the floor at a subway platform in Hong Kong yesterday

# China urges US to remove 'black hand' from Hong Kong protests

**C**HINA said the U.S. should remove its "black hand" from Hong Kong's protests, in some of its most pointed criticism yet against what it says is American interference in the city's affairs.

There are "signs of foreign forces behind the protests," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying told reporters Tuesday in Beijing. "I wonder if these U.S. officials can truthfully answer to the world the role the U.S. has played in recent events in Hong Kong."

Her comments came after the U.S. State Department on Monday said attacks on protesters and other bystanders by criminal gangs was "particularly disturbing," according to a Voice of America report. Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi had blamed the "black hand" of Western forces for stirring up trouble in Hong Kong last month, without singling out the U.S.

"This is a ridiculous statement," Harvey Sernovitz, a spokesman for the U.S. Consulate General in Hong Kong, said yesterday. "The ongoing demonstrations in Hong Kong reflect the sentiment of the people of Hong Kong and their broad concerns about the erosion of Hong Kong's autonomy."

Just hours after Hua's comments, a subway train service in

Hong Kong was disrupted during the morning rush hour, when dozens of protesters staged what they called a disobedience movement to protest over a Sunday mob attack at a subway station.

### FOREIGN FORCES

Beijing has long attributed unrest in Hong Kong and other regions under its control to unspecified foreign forces, with the U.S. and the U.K. as the most obvious targets. Those complaints have increased in recent weeks as American and European governments issue statements urging China to respect the rights of Hong Kong protesters critical of the government in the former British colony.

China has leveled increasingly blunt criticism against U.S. Secretary of State Michael Pompeo - with the foreign ministry accusing him of "lies and fallacies" last month - but so far spared President Donald Trump. Hua offered a more measured response Tuesday in response to a question about Trump's comment that President Xi Jinping has "acted responsibly" in Hong Kong protests and that China could stop the protests "if they wanted."

"Please trust that China's central government and the Hong Kong government will work for the benefits of our people and

we're always doing the right thing," Hua said.

A rally of more than 100,000 people in Hong Kong devolved into a night of violence on Sunday, with police firing tear gas after protesters gathered in front of China's liaison office in the city and defaced the national emblem. Masked men wearing white shirts and wielding batons, some suspected to be linked to triads, later attacked people in a metro station and mall in the mainland border town.

Sunday's gathering at the liaison office drew the harshest rebuke yet from Beijing, which said protesters had undermined Chinese sovereignty and were testing its "bottom line." The Chinese government has maintained support for Chief Executive Carrie Lam's government since her now-suspended proposal to allow extraditions to the mainland drew hundreds of thousands of protesters to the street last month.

### TRAIN SERVICE RESTORED

Meanwhile, Hong Kong's railway operator said trains had resumed normal service after a small group of anti-government protesters disrupted the city's notoriously busy morning rush yesterday, stranding crowds of commuters on platforms at a main station.

Trains on the Island Line, which cuts through the city's financial center, had returned to their regular schedule, the MTR Corp., Hong Kong's urban rail operator, said in a statement yesterday. Earlier, the company had warned that travel times were extended by 10-15 minutes due to "a number of train door obstruction incidents."

Protesters who have been campaigning for weeks against Chief Executive Carrie Lam's bid to ease extraditions to mainland China had said they planned to interrupt the morning service. The move came after dozens of protesters and other passengers were injured Sunday when mobs of stick-wielding men attacked them at a train station in the northern suburb of Yuen Long.

Some protesters yesterday wore surgical masks to hide their identities and were seen on platforms at Admiralty station shouting at police officers as commuters stood in long lines to board trains. At least one demonstrator wore a hard hat with a note commemorating Sunday's violence on it. Police removed at least three protesters who were obstructing train doors. Some passengers shouted insults at the demonstrators disrupting their commutes. **MDT/BLOOMBERG**



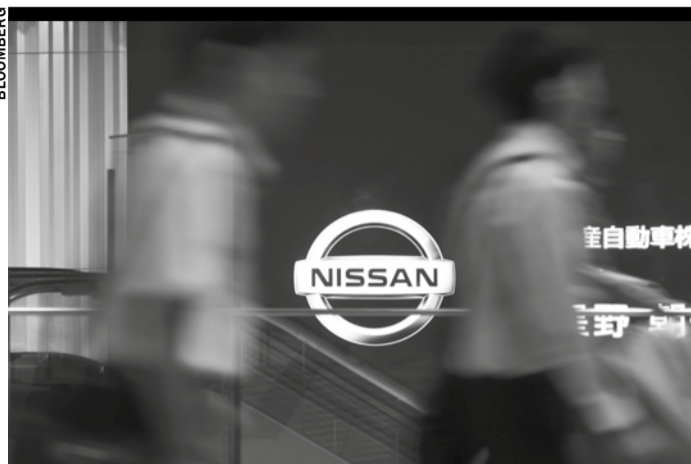
MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

## Nissan says report of 90% plunge in profit is 'broadly accurate'

**N**ISSAN Motor Co. said a media report that the company's operating profit dropped about 90% last quarter was "broadly accurate," in the latest indication that pressure is building for Chief Executive Officer Hiroto Saikawa to step up efforts to turn around the automaker.

Though the figures reported by the Nikkei newspaper on the company's fiscal first quarter were roughly correct, the carmaker won't be able to release its results until they've been approved by its board of directors, Nissan said in a statement. Analysts had been projecting, on average, a 66% decline from a year earlier, according to estimates compiled by Bloomberg.

Separately, Kyodo News earlier reported that Nissan is planning to cut at least 5,200 additional jobs globally to improve its performance, on top of a plan unveiled in May to shed 4,800 jobs. The further cuts would



take the total number of reductions to 10,000, or more than 7% of Nissan's workforce.

Saikawa is facing intense pressure to turn around the automobile manufacturer following the arrest in November of Carlos Ghosn, the former chairman and architect of the global alliance between Nissan, Renault SA and Mitsubishi Motors Corp. Profits are at a decade low and Nissan is struggling in the U.S., where years of sales incentives eroded margins and expanded vo-

lumes through fleet sales.

"Once chasing nothing but volume under Ghosn, Nissan is now scrapping that strategy and is shifting its focus more on profitability," said Koji Endo, an analyst at SBI Securities. "In order to achieve this, they are reducing the size of the company — this includes its inflated capacity and number of employees, as well as a bunch of unprofitable cars and trucks."

Nissan is planning to refresh all core models, introduce 20-plus new products

and focus on American retail sales over the next three years. The carmaker recently revamped the Nissan Skyline with design changes and features to make it more appealing to the Japanese market, and is also betting that passenger cars, especially electric sedans, will help drive future sales in China, Latin America and other growing markets.

Vehicle sales in the U.S. fell 15% in June, bringing the decline this year to 8.2%. Deliveries in China, Nissan's biggest market, dipped 0.3% in the first half.

The surprise arrest of Ghosn, who led Nissan and Renault for more than a decade, exposed rifts over control and decision-making between Nissan and Renault. Currently out on bail, Ghosn has denied all charges against him, saying his arrest was due to a "dirty game" played by some Nissan executives. He is now preparing for his trial, which may start later this year or next year. **BLOOMBERG**

## MALAYSIA AIRLINES GETS MORGAN STANLEY AS ADVISER

Khazanah Nasional Bhd. has hired Morgan Stanley to look at strategic options for Malaysia Airlines Bhd., according to an official in the prime minister's department. The investment bank was brought in as an independent adviser for the airline's recovery plan, Md Farid Md Rafik, a deputy minister in Mahathir Mohamad's department, said in parliament. The government is willing to become a minority shareholder in the carrier, Md Farid said, implying a stake sale is among options under consideration. Khazanah, Malaysia's sovereign wealth fund, is the sole shareholder of Malaysia Airlines after taking it private in 2014 following two tragic incidents - one of its planes vanished over the Indian Ocean and another was shot down over Ukraine. While the carrier's revenues have been rising over the past year, overcapacity in Asia and external volatility including the trade war between the U.S. and China are expected to continue to hamper growth.

## JOLLIBEE BUYS COFFEE BEAN FOR \$350 MILLION

Jollibee Foods Corp. will spend \$350 million to purchase loss-making Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, its largest acquisition. Shares of the Philippine's biggest restaurant company fell the most in more than two years. Jollibee will invest \$100 million for an 80% stake in a Singapore venture set up with Vietnamese partners to acquire Coffee Bean. Los Angeles-based Coffee Bean will add 14% to Jollibee's global sales and expand its store network by more than a quarter, said Jollibee Chairman Tony Tan Kaktiong. In 2018, the coffee chain with 1,189 stores reported a net loss of \$21 million on revenue of \$313 million. The Coffee Bean acquisition is Jollibee's largest to date, following its \$210.25 million takeover of American fast-food chain Smashburger, according to Bloomberg data.

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# BEIJING SAYS US 'POWER POLITICS' UNDERMINES GLOBAL STABILITY

YANAN WANG, BEIJING

CHINA yesterday accused the United States of undermining global stability with unilateral policies and "power politics" as the Defense Ministry issued the first comprehensive outline of its policies since President Xi Jinping came to power more than six years ago.

The U.S. was the first country mentioned in the document's opening section about "prominent destabilizing factors" and "profound changes" in the international security environment.

"The U.S. has adjusted its national security and defense strategies, and adopted unilateral policies," China said in the document. "It has provoked and intensified competition among countries, significantly increased its defense expenditure ... and undermined global strategic stability."

It's the 10th white paper of its kind since 1998. The last one was published in 2011, two years before Xi became president.

The document said China will not renounce the use of force in efforts to reunify Taiwan with the mainland and vowed to take all necessary military measures to defeat "separatists."

China listed among its top priorities its resolve to contain "Taiwan independence" and combat what it considers separatist forces in Tibet and the far west region of Xinjiang. While highlighting China's "defensive" approach, the report also pledged to "surely counterattack if attacked."

China's paramilitary police have helped Xinjiang authorities "take out 1,588 violent terrorist gangs and capture 12,995 terrorists," the report said. The U.S.,

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China's Defense Ministry spokesman Wu Qian

independent analysts and human rights groups have estimated that around 1 million Muslims have been detained in internment camps as part of what the government calls a counterterrorism campaign.

Former Uighur and Kazakh detainees and their families have accused China of punishing religious expression and separating children from their parents. They say members of their predominantly Muslim ethnic groups have been arbitrarily detained and subject to political indoctrination.

China has long called the Dalai Lama a dangerous separatist. But the exiled Tibetan Buddhist spiritual leader maintains that he

only wants a greater degree of autonomy for the region.

Defense Ministry spokesman Wu Qian said the threat of Taiwan separatism is growing and war-

vereign unity and territorial integrity," Wu said.

Taiwan split from the Communist Party-ruled mainland China amid civil war in 1949. China

## China will not renounce the use of force in efforts to reunify Taiwan with the mainland

maintains that Taiwan is part of its territory and seeks "complete reunification."

The U.S. has repeatedly raised Beijing's ire by selling arms to Taiwan. While the U.S. does not have formal diplomatic ties with the island, U.S. law requires that it provide Taiwan with sufficient defense equipment and services for self-defense.

Earlier this month, the U.S. tentatively approved the sale of \$2.2 billion in arms to Taiwan — a

proposal that had prompted China to threaten sanctions against the U.S. Taiwan's defense ministry said it made the request in light of a growing military threat from China.

"The Western world, led by the United States, continues to strengthen its ability to contain China," said Hong Kong-based military analyst Song Zhongping. U.S. actions on Taiwan, the South China Sea, North Korea and Iran have all contributed to making the U.S. the "initiator" of China's security concerns, he said.

The release of the white paper at this time is to "warn the Taiwan independence forces and relevant parties in the U.S. that they should not underestimate China's determination," Song said.

The white paper also pointed to U.S., Japanese and Australian moves to beef up their military presence and alliances in the Asia-Pacific as bringing uncertainties to the region.

The U.S. deployment of a missile defense system in South Korea has severely undermined the regional strategic balance, the report said. It further noted Japan's reinterpretation of its post-World War II constitution to allow its military to operate farther from its shores.

China's military expansion in recent years has prompted concerns among other Pacific countries in a region long dominated by the U.S. Navy. China's development of anti-ship ballistic and cruise missiles in particular has been seen as an effort to deter U.S. military and naval access to parts of the Asia-Pacific region.

"China exercises its national sovereignty to build infrastructure and deploy necessary defensive capabilities on the islands and reefs in the South China Sea, and to conduct patrols in the waters of the Diaoyu Islands in the East China Sea," the white paper said, referring to disputed waters as well as islands that Japan calls the Senkaku Islands. AP

# Alibaba lets US small, medium businesses sell on platform

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CHINA'S e-commerce juggernaut Alibaba will allow small and medium-sized U.S. businesses to sell on Alibaba.com.

U.S. businesses, until Tuesday, were only able to buy merchandise on the platform.

Alibaba is looking to juice its growth, which has been held in check by Amazon and threatened by trade tensions between the U.S. and China.

Alibaba says the platform has 10 million active business buyers in more than 190 countries and regions. One third of the order volume is from U.S. businesses, says John Caplan, president of North America B2B and globalization at Alibaba Group.

Sellers will have to pay an annual registration fee of about USD2,000, but it won't charge commission for each sale, unlike Amazon, Caplan said.

In March, Alibaba.com and Office Depot annou-

nced a co-branded online store to expand the reach of both companies with small and medium sized businesses. It said at the time it was part of a broader array of services they were providing to small business.

Over time, the companies intend to help U.S. small businesses sell their products to buyers around the world through Alibaba.com, the wholesale trade site of the Alibaba Group. It marked Alibaba.com's first U.S. partnership with a

major retailer. On Tuesday, it announced that Robinson Fresh, a division of C. H. Robinson, will be another "anchor seller" on the platform.

There are about 30 million small businesses in the U.S.

The lion's share of business for Group Holdings Ltd. has been providing retailers and brands in the U.S. and around the globe access to the 700 million Chinese customers through its two major marketplaces Taobao and Tmall. AP

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Daniel Zhang, CEO of Alibaba Group

# FBI Chief says China's trying to 'steal their way' to dominance

STEVEN T. DENNIS

**F**BI Director Christopher Wray told senators that China is engaging in a sweeping effort to steal its way to economic dominance, with more than 1,000 investigations underway on intellectual property theft "almost all leading back to China."

"There is no country that poses a more severe counterintelligence threat to this country right now than China," Wray told the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday. China is trying to "steal their way up the economic ladder at our expense," he said.

"It is a threat that's deep and diverse and wide and vexing," Wray said. "It affects basically every industry in this country."

China has rebuffed U.S. complaints of intellectual property theft and coun-



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terintelligence operations aimed at American companies, portraying the allegations as tools in President Donald Trump's trade war with Beijing.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying yesterday dismissed Wray's comments as "baseless" accusations. "We do not steal, rob or

lie," Hua said, paraphrasing a comment U.S. Secretary of State Michael Pompeo used earlier this year to describe his tenure as CIA chief.

Wray said Chinese companies aren't independent of the Chinese Communist Party, and that the country uses both legal and illegal means including hacking,

getting information from Chinese graduate students at American universities and partnerships with American companies.

He said some major universities have essentially created a "pipeline" of intellectual property heading back to China.

"It doesn't mean we shouldn't do business with the Chinese," Wray said, but that business leaders, universities and others need to be "clear-eyed" about the risks.

Wray also warned senators about Russia, saying it's probably the second-biggest counterintelligence threat.

"The Russians are absolutely intent on trying to interfere" with U.S. elections, he said despite U.S. efforts to combat a repeat of interference in the 2016 presidential election. "Until they stop they haven't been deterred enough." **BLOOMBERG**

## CHINESE MILITARY DENIES IT HAS DEAL TO BUILD BASE IN CAMBODIA

**T**HE Chinese military denied reports that it recently signed a secret deal to build a military outpost in coastal Cambodia.

Speaking during the release of the country's first defense white paper since 2015, Defense Ministry spokesman Senior Colonel Wu Qian said reports China had sought to build a military base in Cambodia were "not true."

He also told reporters in Beijing that "the Chinese and Cambodian armed forces have always carried out good exchanges and cooperation in military and personnel training, and logistics equipment."

News of the secret deal emerged over the weekend in a report in the Wall Street Journal that cited unnamed U.S. officials.

According to the report, China had a 30-year agreement to place armed forces on a Cambodian navy base in Sihanoukville. An early draft seen by the U.S. officials indicates the Chinese military would use a 62-acre section of the base for posting

Bloomberg reported last week the U.S. was concerned about the military implications of a USD3.8 billion resort and commercial zone in the otherwise sleepy Cambodian province of Koh Kong.

The comment comes two days after China's Foreign Ministry deflected questions regarding the deal. "As I understand, the Cambodia side has denied this," ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said during a regular press briefing. **BLOOMBERG**

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## INDIA

## CATHOLIC PRIESTS PROTEST CARDINAL'S RETURN

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**I**NDIA'S Catholic Church, already rocked by allegations that a bishop raped a nun, is facing an uprising by hundreds of priests against one of the country's four cardinals following his reinstatement by Pope Francis.

Francis last year effectively suspended Cardinal George Alencherry, head of the eastern rite Syro-Malabar church in the southern Indian state of Kerala, amid a controversy over disputed land sales. Francis named a temporary administrator to run Alencherry's Ernakulam-Angamaly archdiocese, resolve its financial problems and try to heal the divisions the dispute had caused among the priests.

Last month, Francis reinstated Alencherry after the administrator turned in his report. The findings were never made public, and two auxiliary bishops who were suspended along with Alencherry remain suspended.

About 450 priests, including 70 from outside of India, began a hunger strike and prayer vigil last week at the bishop's house in city of Kochi to protest Alencherry's reinstatement, the continued suspension of the two bishops and to demand information about the investigation. More than 360 priests signed a petition that was sent to the Vatican.

"We were expecting a positive note from Vatican but unfortunately we got a shock that

Vatican terminated the apostolic administrator and brought back Cardinal Alencherry," said the Rev. Kuriakose Mundadan, secretary of the presbyteral council and one of the protesting priests.

In a telephone interview with The Associated Press, he said the priests had originally complained that Alencherry bypassed church law requiring consultations before selling the land, and that the sales were made at a steep loss for the church.

In his June 26 letter announcing Alencherry's reinstatement, Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, head of the Vatican's office for eastern rite churches, hinted that financial controls would be strengthened. He told Alencherry that he must submit monthly financial

plans and reports to the Syro-Malabar synod, or governing body, and that synod members are to help him administer the archdiocese.

The synod is to meet again next month to decide further, long-term solutions, Sandri said, adding that he remained deeply concerned about the "grave situation of ecclesial division" in the archdiocese.

"The most important task at hand is therefore rebuilding the communion of the local church," he wrote.

Mundadan, the protesting priest, said the hunger strike had ended after priests met with members of the synod and presented their demands. "They gave us assurance that our demands will be put forward in

the coming synod in August," he told the AP.

The Syro-Malabar Church and the Syro-Malankara Church are the two main eastern rite churches in India. Together with the Latin rite Roman Catholic Church, the three churches in communion with the Vatican make up only around 1.6 percent of India's mostly Hindu population.

Earlier this year, police in Kerala — India's most Catholic state — charged a bishop with repeatedly raping a nun in a case that has generated global headlines amid the church's sex abuse crisis. The bishop has denied the allegations.

Church members filed a petition against Alencherry last year accusing him of failing to act on the nun's allegations. The petition remains pending. **AP**

## Japan to pursue S.Korea trade curbs, citing lax trade control

MARI YAMAGUCHI, TOKYO

**J**APAN'S trade minister said yesterday he will go ahead with a plan to strip South Korea of its preferred status in export licensing, saying Seoul has failed to provide a convincing explanation to address Japan's doubts that South Korean export control is strict enough to catch sensitive

materials potentially converted to weapons.

Japan on July 4 began requiring Japanese companies to require case-by-case export approvals for South Korea on three materials to make semiconductors and displays used in smartphones and other high-tech devices. Similar procedures may apply to other products when South Korea loses its "white"

nation status.

Senior lawmakers from Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's ruling party have suggested that some South Korean shipment may be reaching the North.

Trade Minister Hiroshige Seko said yesterday he will steadily pursue removal of South Korea's preferred status as planned.

A "public comment" period on the decision ends

yesterday, and the change is expected to take effect within weeks.

Earlier yesterday, South Korea's trade minister, Sung Yun-mo, demanded that Japan drop the plan, calling it baseless and one-sided.

Sung raised concerns that Japan's measure not only damages the countries' relations but also harms the global value

chain and free trade.

Seko said Seoul has kept postponing Tokyo's requests for a meeting and never provided an explanation to address concerns about South Korea's case-by-case licensing requirement that only covers items potentially converted to weapons of mass destruction and missiles, not conventional weapons.

Without a dialogue to mitigate the doubts, Japan could no longer allow South Korea preferred status, Seko said. Amid a hiatus of export control authorities' policy meetings since 2016, Seoul in December asked for a postponement until after March, and has never tried to reschedule the meetings while ignoring Tokyo's repeated requests to do so, Seko said. **AP**

# Japan utility to scrap 4 more reactors in Fukushima

MARI YAMAGUCHI, TOKYO

**T**HE operator of the nuclear plant wrecked by a 2011 earthquake and tsunami said yesterday that it will decommission four more reactors in northeastern Japan in addition to those already being scrapped.

Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings said a final decision on dismantling the four reactors at the Fukushima Dai-ni plant will be formally approved at a board meeting, expected later this month.

Nearby Fukushima Dai-ichi had meltdowns in three reactors and structural damage in a fourth during the disaster. All six reactors, including four that are currently being decommissioned, will be dismantled in a process that will take decades.

TEPCO President Tomoaki Kobayakawa told Fukushima Gov. Masao Uchibori that it will take about 40 years to finish decommissioning all four reactors at Fukushima Dai-ni. Kobayakawa



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told the governor that the company also plans to build a new facility at the Dai-ni complex to move spent fuel from cooling pools to dry casks — a safer long-term storage option recommended by experts.

The plan means all 10 of TEP-

CO's reactors in Fukushima will be dismantled. Kobayakawa, however, said the additional decommissioning won't affect the ongoing work at Fukushima Dai-ichi, which is already a challenge.

The plan still needs approval

by the Nuclear Regulation Authority. Its acting chairman, Satoru Tanaka, told reporters that the committee will carefully study TEPCO's Fukushima Dai-ni decommissioning plan. "Obviously, TEPCO must carry out a plan without affecting" the ongoing cleanup work, he said.

Fukushima officials and residents have demanded the decommissioning, saying the uncertainty hampers reconstruction in the region.

Uchibori welcomed TEPCO's plan to decommission additional reactors "as an important step toward achieving decommissioning of all reactors in the prefecture." The governor said he will consult officials from the plant's two host towns, Naraha and Tomioka, about the proposed spent fuel storage plan.

Last year, TEPCO said it will decide on the timeline and other details before formally announcing the dismantling of four reactors at the Fukushima No. 2 plant.

The company has said the decommissioning will cost about

280 billion yen (USD2.5 billion) in addition to the estimated 22 trillion yen (\$200 billion) needed for the ongoing cleanup at the wrecked Fukushima Dai-ichi plant.

TEPCO would be left with only the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa plant in Niigata, in northern Japan, to produce nuclear power. Local restart approvals for two of its seven reactors are pending more than eight years after the Fukushima disaster.

Other nuclear plant operators have also opted to decommission aging reactors due to hefty spending to meet new safety standards put in place after the disaster, making nuclear power far more expensive than it used to be.

Of the 54 workable commercial reactors that used to operate in Japan before the Fukushima accident, 24 of them, including 10 of TEPCO's, are designated for scrapping. Only nine have since restarted, while restart approval for 12 others is still pending.

Still, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's pro-business government says nuclear energy is indispensable and should account for 20-22 percent of Japan's energy mix by fiscal 2030, according to an energy plan criticized by experts as unrealistic and delaying growth of renewable energy. AP

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# FTC fines Facebook \$5B, adds limited

**F**EDERAL regulators have fined Facebook USD5 billion for privacy violations and are instituting new oversight and restrictions on its business. But they are only holding CEO Mark Zuckerberg personally responsible in a limited fashion.

The fine is the largest the Federal Trade Commission has levied on a tech company, though it won't make much of a dent for a company that had nearly \$56 billion in revenue last year.

As part of the agency's settlement with Facebook, Zuckerberg will have to personally certify his company's compliance with its privacy programs. The FTC said that false certifications could expose him to civil or criminal penalties.

Some experts had thought the FTC might fine Zuckerberg directly or seriously limit his authority over the company.

"The magnitude of the \$5 billion penalty and sweeping conduct relief are unprecedented in the history of the FTC," Joe Simons, the chairman of the FTC, said in a statement. He added that the new restrictions are designed "to change Facebook's entire privacy culture to decrease the likelihood of continued violations."

Facebook isn't admitting any wrongdoing as part of the settlement.

Two of the five commissioners opposed the settlement and said they would have preferred litigation to seek tougher penalties.

Facebook's top lawyer, Colin Stretch, said the company's FTC settlement will lead to more rigorous management of user privacy — including more technical controls to better automate privacy safeguards.

Facebook will also pay a separate \$100 million fine to the Securities and Exchange Commission to settle charges it made misleading disclosures about the risk of misuse of Facebook user data. Though Facebook isn't officially admitting wrongdoing there either, Stretch said in a blog post that Facebook should have disclosed more to investors.

The FTC opened an investigation into Facebook last year after revelations that data mining firm Cambridge Analytica had gathered details on as many as 87 million Facebook users without their permission. The agency said Wednesday that following its yearlong investigation of the company, the Department of Justice will file a complaint

alleging that Facebook "repeatedly used deceptive disclosures and settings to undermine users' privacy preferences."

The SEC fine also pertains to Cambridge Analytica. The SEC said Facebook presented misuse of data as a hypothetical for two years even though it knew the third-party developer had actually misused user data. That misuse was discovered in 2015, according to the SEC, but Facebook did not correct its existing disclosure for more than two years. When the company disclosed the incident in March 2018 its stock price dropped.

Stretch said Facebook's handling of the Cambridge Analytica affair was "a breach of trust between Facebook and the people who depend on us to protect their data."

The FTC had been examining whether that massive breakdown violated a settlement that Facebook reached in 2012 after government regulators concluded the company repeatedly broke its privacy promises to users. That settlement had required that Facebook get user consent to share personal data in ways that override their pri-

AP PHOTO



privacy settings.

The FTC said Facebook's deceptive disclosures about privacy settings allowed it to share users' personal information with third-party apps that their friends downloaded

but the users themselves did not give permissions to.

Privacy advocates have pushed for the FTC to limit how Facebook can track users — something that would likely cut into its advertising

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# oversight on privacy



ment for Zuckerberg, strict limits on what data Facebook can collect and possibly even breaking off subsidiaries such as WhatsApp and Instagram.

"The proposed settlement does little to change the business model or practices that led to the recidivism," wrote Commissioner Rohit Chopra in his dissenting statement. He noted that the settlement imposes "no meaningful changes" to the company's structure or business model. "Nor does it include any restrictions on the company's mass surveillance or advertising tactics," he wrote.

The fine is well above the agency's previous record for privacy violations — \$22.5 million — which it dealt to Google in 2012 for bypassing the privacy controls in Apple's Safari browser. There have been even larger fines against non-tech companies, including a \$14.7 billion penalty against Volkswagen to settle allegations of cheating on emissions tests and deceiving customers. Equifax will pay at least \$700 million to settle lawsuits and investigations over a 2017 data breach; the FTC was one of the parties. The money will likely go to the U.S. Treasury.

revenue, which relies on businesses being able to show users targeted ads based on their interests and behavior. The FTC did not specify such restrictions on Facebook. Three Republican commis-

sioners voted for the fine while two Democrats opposed it, a clear sign that the restrictions on Facebook don't go as far as critics and privacy advocates had hoped. That wish list included specific punish-

The FTC's new 20-year settlement with Facebook establishes an "independent privacy committee" of Facebook directors. The committee's members must be independent, will be appointed by an independent nominating committee and can only be fired by a "supermajority" of Facebook's board of directors. The idea is to remove "unfettered control" by Zuckerberg, the FTC said.

Since the Cambridge Analytica debacle erupted more than a year ago, Facebook has vowed to do a better job corralling its users' data. Nevertheless, other missteps have come up since then.

In December, for example, the Menlo Park, California, company acknowledged a software flaw had exposed the photos of about 7 million users to a wider audience than they had intended. It also acknowledged giving big tech companies like Amazon and Yahoo extensive access to users' personal data, in effect exempting them from its usual privacy rules. And it collected call and text logs from phones running Google's Android system in 2015.

Amid all that, Zuckerberg and his chief lieutenant, Sheryl Sandberg, apologized repeatedly. In March, Zuckerberg unveiled a new, "privacy-focused" vision for the social network that emphasizes private messaging and groups based on users' interests.

But critics and privacy advocates are not convinced that either a fine or Facebook's new model amounts to a substantial change.

If the company's business practices don't change as result of the FTC's action, "there is no benefit to consumers," said Marc Rotenberg, the president and executive director of the Washington-based nonprofit Electronic Privacy Information Center.

"The eight-year delay won't be justified," he said, referring to when Facebook first told the FTC it would do better.

The fine does not spell closure for Facebook, although the company's investors — and executives — have been eager to put it behind them. Facebook is still under various investigations in the U.S. and elsewhere in the world, including the European Union, Germany and Canada. There are also broader antitrust concerns that have been the subject of congressional hearings, though it is too early to see if those will come to fruition.

Matt Stoller, a fellow at the Open Markets Institute, which has been critical of Facebook, said the company should admit wrongdoing.

"There should be structural solutions to force competition into the social networking market," he added. "One of the angles for competition is privacy. They will compete to make a safer space to retain their user base." AP

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TIME: 10am-10pm

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VENUE: Wynn Macau and Wynn Palace

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TIME: 10am-7pm (No admittance after 6:30pm, closed on Mondays)

UNTIL: July 28, 2019

VENUE: Macau Museum of Art

ADMISSION: Free

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## Offbeat

### GIANT PANDA SHOCKED BY ELECTRIC FENCE IN SCOTLAND

AP PHOTO



A giant panda has learned the hard way that his new enclosure is protected by an electric fence.

Visitors at Edinburgh Zoo were worried Tuesday after watching male panda Yang Guang run back to his den after being zapped by the barrier.

The panda and his partner Tian Tian, the only giant pandas in the UK, were moved out of their glass-walled enclosure earlier this month.

Their new home was supposed to be a peaceful respite from noisy building work on a nearby former hospital.

Zookeepers stress the electric fence is there for the safety of both the animals and the public.

The Royal Zoological Society of Scotland, which owns Edinburgh Zoo, said Yang Guang had one shock from the electric fence but will soon learn to avoid it.

## TV canal macau



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13:30	Telejornal RTPi (Diferido)
15:00	Agua de Mar
15:45	Zig Zag
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16:50	Quem Quer Ser Milionário
17:45	Moda Portugal Sr.4
18:15	Amor Maior (Repetição)
19:00	Volta ao Mundo
19:30	Os Nossos Dias Sr.2
20:30	Telejornal
21:15	Banco Asiático De Investimento em Infra-Estruturas
21:50	Livros com João Guedes
22:00	Todas as Palavras
22:25	Amor Maior
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ROOM 1

9:30pm

Director: J Jon Favreau

Starring: Donald Glover, Beyoncé, Seth Rogen

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 118min

#### TOY STORY 4

ROOM 2

2:15, 4:05, 9:45pm

Director: Josh Cooley

Starring: Will Smith, Mena Massoud, Naomi Scott

Language: Cantonese

Duration: 109min

#### THE WHITE STORM 2 DRUG LORDS

ROOM 2

5:55, 9:30pm

Director: Herman Yau

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Language: Cantonese (Chinese & English)

Duration: 86min

#### CRAYON SHINCHAN 2019

ROOM 3

2:30pm

Director: Masakazu Hashimoto

Starring: Yūsuke Eguchi, Toshiyuki Morikawa, Miki Narahashi

Language: Cantonese

Duration: 100min

#### THE CONFIDENCE MAN JP - THE MOVIE

ROOM 3

4:30, 9:30pm

Director: Ryō Tanaka

Starring: Yūsuke Eguchi, Masahiro Higashide, Michael Keida

Language: Japanese (English & Chinese)

#### CHILDREN OF THE SEA

ROOM 3

7:30pm

Director: Ayumu Watanabe

Starring: Mana Ashida, Hiroyuki Ishibashi, Seishū Uragami

Language: Japanese (English & Chinese)

Duration: 110min

## this day in history



### 1943 ITALIAN DICTATOR MUSSOLINI QUILTS

The Italian dictator, Benito Mussolini, is reported to have stepped down as head of the armed forces and the government.

King Victor Emmanuel has assumed control of the army and issued a statement saying his country would "through the valour of her troops and the determination of her civilian population, find, in the respect of her old institutions, the way of recovery".

Marshal Pietro Badoglio is the new prime minister. He said the war would go on and he urged the people to rally round the King. He also gave a warning that any attempt to disrupt public order would be severely dealt with.

The resignation of Mussolini, Adolf Hitler's junior partner, will be seen as a blow to the Axis coming hot on the heels of the Allies' invasion of Sicily.

Reports from Sicily say most of the island is now in Allied hands, apart from the mountainous area in the north-east, where they are still meeting tough resistance from the German military.

The Times diplomatic correspondent says: "Mussolini, who will be 60 on Thursday, has been ill in recent months, but his resignation is not covered with the ease of ill-health."

"The people know plainly that he has resigned because he is a failure - a failed criminal."

In fact, previous reports from Italy suggested the Duce was on his way out. He made no rallying call when the Allies invaded Sicily and all appeals to the people were made in the name of Italy, not in the name of Fascism.

There were also reports ten days ago he had met Hitler for talks in northern Italy. But little news came out of the meeting and that fact, together with the news now of his resignation, suggests if he had made any last appeal for help to Hitler then it was turned down.

Rome Radio announced the news of Mussolini's departure. Afterwards the Italian national anthem was played, rather than the Fascist hymn, "Giovenessa", which has previously ended all bulletins.

It is being seen as a further indication of the new Italian regime's wish to disassociate itself from the Fascist Party, the movement founded by Mussolini in 1919 as Fasci di Combattimento.

Many observers believe the removal of Mussolini is a first step towards Italy pulling out of the war altogether and declaring neutrality - but it seems clear the Allies are not prepared to accept anything less than unconditional surrender.

Berlin has tried to minimize the significance of Mussolini's departure. Reports on Berlin radio said the change at the top was a matter of "Italian internal politics".

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

Reports the following day said Italy had been placed under strict martial law. A curfew was introduced and military and civilian patrols were given orders to shoot if necessary.

The new government was led by Marshal Pietro Badoglio, who had emerged as Mussolini's most likely successor despite some disagreement over Italy's intervention in the war.

In the week following Mussolini's resignation it became clear the Duce had been forced to resign and the old Fascist regime dismantled.

It is now known his former Fascist colleagues turned against Mussolini at a meeting of the Fascist Grand Council on 25 July, which allowed the King to dismiss him and then have him arrested.

In early September 1943 Italy signed an armistice with the Allies, but the Germans forced the surrender of Italian troops on the mainland and occupied most of the country, apart from the far south which was held by Badoglio's government supported by US and British forces.

Mussolini was rescued by German paratroops from prison in northern Italy and put in charge of their new puppet regime, the Italian Social Republic in the north of the country. But he no longer commanded the authority he had before. He was shot by partisans on 28 April 1945 after attempting to escape to Switzerland.



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## YOUR STARS

### ARIES

**Mar. 21-Apr. 19**

It always pays to plan ahead - an upcoming journey or event will be much more enjoyable if you take a little bit of time to make sure you know where you're going...

### TAURUS

**Apr. 20-May. 20**

Try not to act surprised when you receive some positive feedback from an unlikely source today. People in power have been noticing you in a new light.

### GEMINI

**May. 21-Jun. 21**

Working with other people will be very interesting and stimulating for you today - you'll be exposed to more than one new point of view regarding a topic you thought was old-hat.

### CANCER

**Jun. 22-Jul. 22**

If you are working closely with someone else or are moving closer, emotionally, to a friend, be mindful that the two of you will not always be on the exact same wavelength.

### LEO

**Jul. 23-Aug. 22**

Your self-esteem could be a tricky thing to negotiate right now. As you build it, you could have a hard time balancing a healthy sense of pride with an appropriate level of humility.

### VIRGO

**Aug. 23-Sep. 22**

Give concrete examples of where they fell short - and don't forget to let them know the ways that they blew you out of the water! Be sure that you communicate to them how much you know they are capable of.

### LIBRA

**Sep. 23-Oct. 22**

Sometimes, it's easier to have fun when you are not trying so hard to have fun. In other words: Relax! If you're bored, don't put too much effort into planning something that will entertain you.

### SCORPIO

**Oct. 23-Nov. 21**

This is a new era of freedom in your life, so embrace it and let the chips fall where they may. Spending too much time trying to prevent problems is keeping you from being able to appreciate the beauty of accidents.

### SAGITTARIUS

**Nov. 22-Dec. 21**

You will be asked to get involved with several different groups of people today - accept each and every opportunity. You could end up being the crucial voice of reason in each of them!

### CAPRICORN

**Dec. 22-Jan. 19**

Change is usually a good thing in your life - it's smart to mix things up and keep yourself on your toes! But today, be very careful that you do not veer too far from your usual routine.

### AQUARIUS

**Jan. 20-Feb. 18**

Today, your high energy will be useful in helping a poorly-positioned friend. Just by being around you, this person will get a new lease on life and start seeing things a lot more positively.

### PISCES

**Feb. 19-Mar. 20**

Are you getting caught up in someone else's dreams or life goals? To make sure you're not losing sight of what you want out of life, do something today that is just for your own benefit.

## The Born Loser by Chip Sansom



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Tianjin	27	35	thundershower
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Xi'an	24	35	cloudy
Lhasa	11	24	shower
Chengdu	24	34	shower
Chongqing	26	34	cloudy
Kunming	18	24	shower
Nanjing	29	36	cloudy
Shanghai	29	36	cloudy
Wuhan	28	37	clear
Hangzhou	28	38	cloudy
Taipei	26	30	overcast
Guangzhou	26	35	thundershower
Hong Kong	28	33	cloudy
<b>WORLD</b>			
Moscow	17	22	moderate rain
Frankfurt	21	33	clear
Paris	22	32	clear
London	16	24	clear
New York	18	27	clear

## CROSSWORDS

**ACROSS:** 1- \_\_\_\_, right; 5- Heavenly strings; 9- Common; 13- Bar at the bar; 15- On or towards the Mediterranean, for example; 16- Actress Moran; 17- Quickly; 18- Breakfast chain, for short; 19- Farm prefix; 20- Dict. offering; 21- Man-eating giant of popular folklore; 23- Follows; 25- Went too fast; 26- Boxes; 27- Sour cherry; 30- \_\_\_\_, Wan Kenobi; 31- Single-handedly; 32- Beam at the very top of a house; 37- Afternoon affairs; 38- Impertinent; 40- Drops from the sky; 41- A bit; 43- Sharp end; 44- Musical talent; 45- Burn without flame; 47- Burning; 50- Frozen rain; 51- Dissimilar; 52- Messes up; 53- Inc., in London; 56- Shock; 57- Actress Dunaway; 59- Mitchell heroine; 61- Microscopic arachnid; 62- Secondhand; 63- Titled; 64- Passed with flying colors; 65- Eye covers; 66- Words of comprehension;

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## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC AIMS TO SOLVE AMELIA EARHART MYSTERY

**T**HE deep-sea explorer who discovered the wrecked Titanic is tackling an aviation mystery: Amelia Earhart's disappearance.

Robert Ballard and a National Geographic expedition will search for her plane next month near a Pacific Ocean atoll that's part of the Phoenix Islands.

Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan were attempting an around-the-world flight when their aircraft disappeared in July 1937, spawning years of searches and speculation.

Ballard and his team will use remotely operated underwater vehicles in their search, the National Geographic channel said Tuesday. An archaeological team will investigate a potential Earhart campsite with search dogs and DNA sampling.

The channel will air a two-hour special on Oct. 20. "Expedition Amelia" will include clues gathered by the International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery that led Ballard to the atoll, named Nikumaroro.

## GORDON RAMSAY DENOUNCES CHEFS WHO SNUB MICHELIN GUIDE HONORS



**G**ORDON Ramsay has harsh words for chefs who reject Michelin stars.

The famously profane Ramsay used an expletive to describe giving back a star rating. He said the guide's mark of distinction belongs to a restaurant, not a chef.

It's an insult to Michelin and a mark against those who claim that stars impose fiscal and creative burdens on an eatery, the British celebrity chef said Tuesday.

Ramsay said a chef's failure to parlay the hard-won recognition into greater success is on them.

It pains him to see the accolade denounced because someone is "tired and bored" by it, Ramsay said. The stars are a useful consumer guide, he said.

Ramsay said he prizes the three Michelin stars, the top ranking, long held by his self-named London restaurant.

## SALMAN RUSHDIE, MARGARET ATWOOD ON BOOKER PRIZE LIST

**B**OOKER Prize winners Salman Rushdie and Margaret Atwood are contenders again for the coveted fiction trophy.

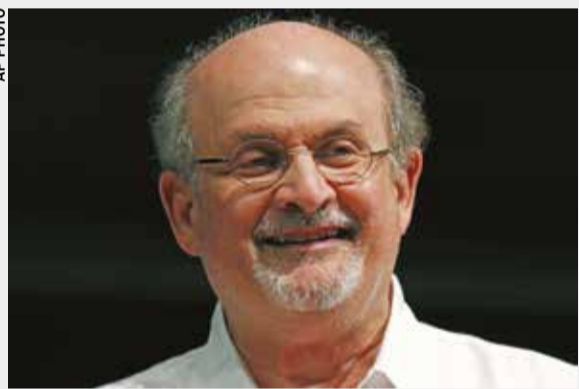
Rushdie, who won in 1981 for "Midnight's Children," makes the 13-book longlist for his latest novel, "Quichotte." Atwood won in 2000 for "The Blind Assassin" and is nominated for "The Testaments," a follow-up to "The Handmaid's Tale."

The eight women and five men on the list announced Wednesday include Britain's Max Porter for "Lanny"; Ni-

gerian-British writer Oyinkan Braithwaite for "My Sister, the Serial Killer"; British-Turkish author Elif Shafak for "10 Minutes 38 Seconds in This Strange World"; and Lucy Ellmann, the only American finalist, for "Ducks, Newburyport."

Founded in 1969, the 50,000-pound (\$67,000) prize is open to English-language authors from around the world.

Six finalists will be announced Sept. 3, with the winner revealed Oct. 14.



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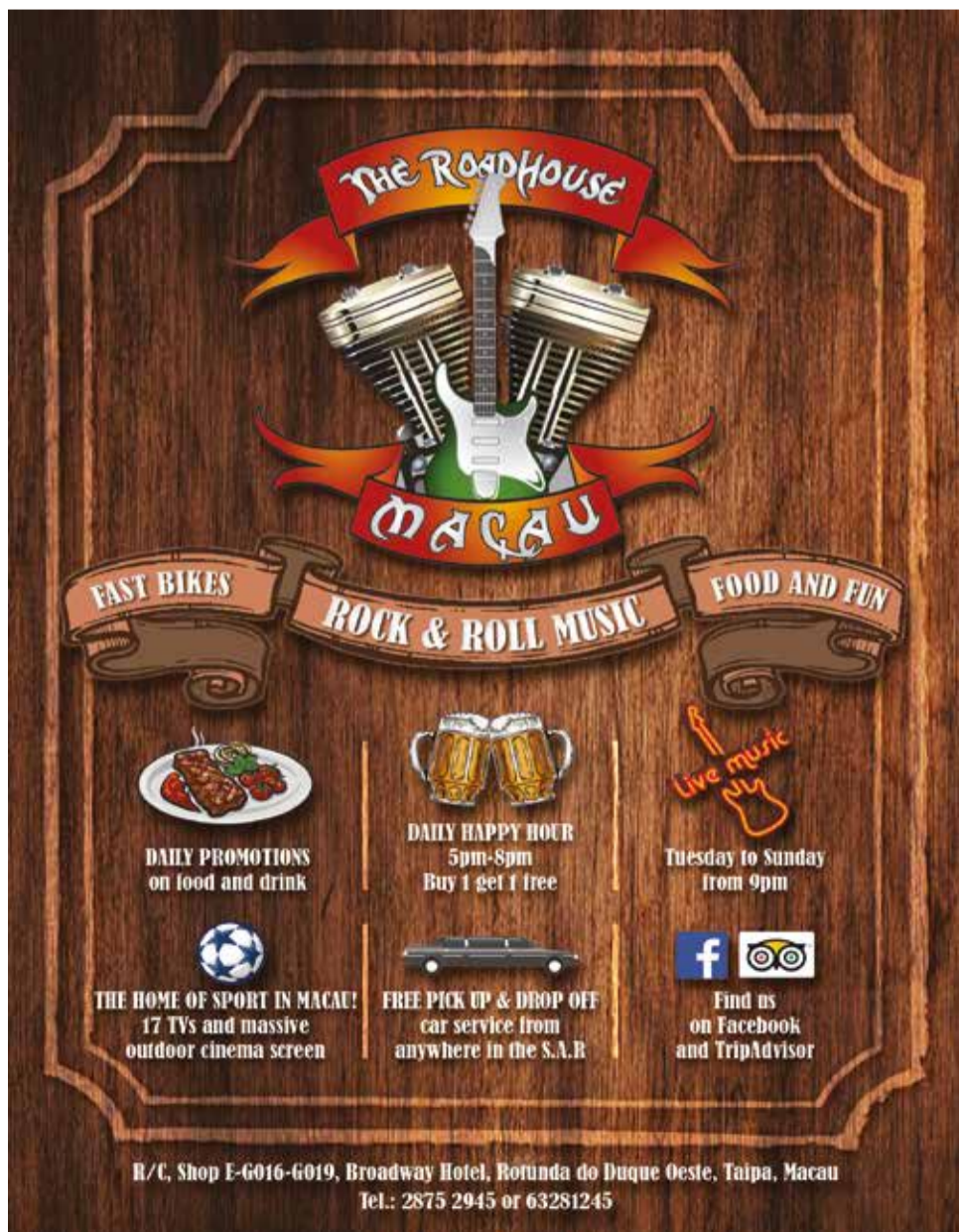


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A man walks past the Olympic rings in Tokyo, as Japan marks a year-to-go until hosting the summer games

# One year: Tokyo Olympics unveil gold, silver, bronze medals

STEPHEN WADE, TOKYO

**W**ITH exactly one year to go until the Tokyo Olympics open, organizers marked the day by unveiling the gold, silver, and bronze medals that will symbolize the 2020 Games.

Thousands of politicians, sponsors, and fans jammed a massive exhibition hall in central Tokyo on Wednesday, piling on speeches, musical interludes, and dancing performances to celebrate the one-year mark.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe made a cameo appearance to welcome the guests. And IOC President Thomas Bach repeated what he has said often in various places around the world.

"I can truly say," Bach said, "I have never seen an Olympic city as prepared as Tokyo with one year to go before the Olympic Games."

Despite all the talk and theatrics, the center stage belonged to the medals by Japanese designer Junichi Kawanishi.

Kawanishi wrote that the medals are to "resemble rough stones that have been polished and which now shine with light and brilliance."

The front side carries the Tokyo Olympic emblem, with the Greek goddess of victory on the back.

Bach, a fencing gold medalist in the 1976 Olympics, conducted a mock fencing duel earlier in the day with a junior high student — another chance to draw attention to the one-year milestone. The games will be held July 24-Aug. 9, 2020.

Tokyo is spending about \$20 billion to prepare the city to host the games, though exact Olympic spending is disputed and difficult to track. Five of the eight new venues are already finished, and the centerpiece, the \$1.25 billion National Stadium, is to open by the end of the year.

Ticket demand by Japanese residents appears to be at least 10 times above supply — maybe more — with demand also surging abroad. A recent law banning unauthorized ticket resales in Japan is sure to be tested because of glaring loopholes.

Organizers are also preparing for Tokyo's typically hot summer weather, though this summer has been wet and cool. Traffic and subway congestion is also a concern, as is earthquake preparedness.

"This year Tokyo is chilly rather than hot," Yoshiro Mori, the president of the organizing committee,

said. "It's quite different from what we experienced last year."

Mori said Japanese Emperor Naruhito had accepted a role "as honorary patron" of the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics. He will be expected to announce the opening of both the Olympics and Paralympics.

## The goals for next year are more modest than they were in 1964 when the Tokyo Olympics showcased bullet trains, futuristic designs, and a new expressway

Tokyo Governor Yuriko Koike was asked a few days ago to justify spending billions on the Olympics. Organizers have been under pressure to cut costs, and they say they have cut billions by using existing venues. Tokyo is building eight new venues, but using 35 "temporary" or older venues.

Koike described the Olympics and Paralympics as an "accelerator" to get things done, though research shows that the Olympic deadlines drive up costs. And Tokyo is famous for building thin-

gs — with or without the Olympics.

"I'd like the legacy of the 2020 Games to be something more intangible, a new way of thinking for people and for society," she said. Koike described the Paralympics, which open Aug. 25, 2020, as a "springboard" to make the city more accessible to people with disabilities.

The goals for next year are more modest than they were in 1964 when the Tokyo Olympics showcased bullet trains, futuristic designs, and a new expressway to document Japan's recovery following World War II.

A group of anti-Olympic activists, many from outside Japan, have held small protests and other events in recent days under the Japanese title "Hangorin no Kai" — which translates roughly to No Olympics. They oppose Olympic spending, which they say cuts into budgets for local housing and environmental issues.

They also call for more money to rebuild Fukushima prefecture located northeast of Tokyo. Organizers say Fukushima is a main focus of the Olympics, locating baseball, softball and soccer games there to persuade the world the area is safe.

"For us, the Olympics are a

disaster," Misako Ichimura, a spokeswoman for the anti-Olympic group, said on Tuesday. She said the billions spent on the Olympics should be used instead in to rebuild Fukushima, which was devastated by a 2011 earthquake, tsunami and the meltdown of three nuclear reactors.

"The Olympics is scary entertainment for us," she added.

Tokyo organizers have shattered records for local sponsorship revenue, which has passed \$3 billion — about three times more than any previous Olympics. Much has been raised by giant Japanese advertising company Dentsu Inc.

There have also been glitches and scandal.

Tsunekazu Takeda, the head of the Japanese Olympic Committee, was forced to quit earlier this year when he was implicated in a vote-buying scheme to land the games. He has denied wrongdoing, but acknowledged he signed off on about \$2 million that French investigators allege went to buy votes.

The 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics are implicated in the same kind of vote-buying bribery.

Tokyo organizers were also forced to redesign their logo when the original draft faced charges of plagiarism, and an international labor union has alleged work-safety violations at Olympic venues, largely regarding migrant labor.

A futuristic design for the new stadium by the late British architect Zaha Hadid was scrapped when costs soared to \$2 billion. Japanese architect Kengo Kuma was chosen instead with a design focused on wood lattice and greenery. AP

**OPINION**

**World Views**

Shira Ovide, Bloomberg

**ROLL BACK INTERNET SURVEILLANCE. START WITH FACEBOOK**

Nothing that happened Wednesday will satisfy Facebook Inc.'s critics. The U.S. Federal Trade Commission, the nation's chief consumer privacy watchdog, hit Facebook with a \$5 billion fine for violating promises to better protect personal information.

This FTC action kicked off after revelations that a politically connected consulting firm obtained information from tens of millions of Facebook users without their explicit permission. That and other eyebrow-raising privacy missteps or creepy data sharing started an overdue reckoning about how Facebook and other internet companies collect repositories of information on what people do and where they go and too often play fast and loose with that data.

The reckoning won't stop with the fine from the FTC, which said this was a record for any privacy-related enforcement action. It still won't make anyone happy. Members of Congress have already said that \$5 billion is nothing for a company with \$45 billion in the bank.

Leave aside what the FTC should have done with its power under the law. I want to suggest an action that could make Facebook less of a data-privacy horror show: Give people the power to make Facebook collect less data on them. Not fake empowerment, which is too often the case in internet privacy. I'm talking about a real option to force Facebook and the companies with which it works to collect less data in the first place.

This behavior did not originate with Facebook. The internet economy is a game of one-upmanship to normalize ever-more inventive and aggressive human surveillance. Facebook shouldn't receive all the blame for this. (Although it should get a lot of the blame.) This is how the internet works now, and it's only going to get worse. It is not OK. It's time to put roadblocks on history's largest human-tracking scheme at the hands of internet powers and the many other companies complicit in their behavior. We might as well start with Facebook.

Dina Srinivasan, who wrote a compelling legal paper linking Facebook's privacy shortfalls to monopoly power, proposed a version of the U.S. "do not call" registry introduced in the early 2000s that stopped many telemarketing calls. The idea applied to Facebook is that people would have the option to make Facebook's surveillance system end at the borders of its internet hangouts.

Facebook would no longer be able to vacuum information about what people do on websites and apps that aren't owned by Facebook, or would no longer be able to collect the location of people as they roam around the world with smartphones that double as Facebook surveillance devices. Yes, Facebook does all this, although many people are not aware of the scope of the company's information-harvesting practices.

Facebook users today can check a box — if they can find it and understand the language — to tell the company not to use information about their visits to news websites, medical information apps and their trips to the coffee shop for use in tailoring advertisements bought by Ford or Starbucks. But they cannot prevent Facebook from collecting this information in the first place, and the company even collects information on people who don't have a Facebook account at all.

Facebook says, in part, that it needs some information such as location to identify fake accounts or other security purposes. But truly, Facebook and other internet companies believe they should gather as much information about people as they possibly can because it might help their business — and hardly anyone has stood in their way.

This is how the internet works. Track everything, break down any semblance of anonymity in online activity to create highly specific personal dossiers. The big lie of Facebook and the internet is that people have knowledge about and control over what happens to their information. They absolutely do not, and people should have a choice to truly opt out of the great horror show of pervasive internet surveillance.

[Abridged]

The chief architect of France's historic monuments says he's afraid that the heat wave sweeping Europe could cause the vaulted ceilings of fire-ravaged Notre Dame Cathedral to collapse.

Dozens of sensors dotted around the 12th-century monument have shown no indication that it's deteriorating, but architect Philippe Villeneuve is worried.

Villeneuve told reporters Wednesday the stone walls are still saturated with water sprayed by firefighters during the April 15

blaze. He says they could dry too fast amid the record temperatures expected in Paris this week.

He said so far the masonry is stable but the structure remains fragile. He said "what I fear is that the joints or the masonry, as they dry, lose their cohesion ... and all of sudden, the vault gives way."

Specialists are working to stabilize the cathedral's structure before reconstruction work begins.



AP PHOTO  
 Eight-year-old Hameda works at a brick factory on the outskirts of Kabul, Afghanistan

**MIREN IN POVERTY, AFGHANS BRING THEIR CHILDREN TO WORK**

EVERY day before dawn, 10-year-old Kamran goes to work with his father and other relatives at a brick factory on the outskirts of Kabul.

Like many children in Afghanistan, school is a luxury his family can no longer afford. His father, Atiqullah, supports his family of eight as well as several siblings, nieces and nephews. One of Kamran's uncles is ill and another has passed away, leaving their families in his father's care.

"My children wake up early in the morning and right after prayers they come here for work, so they don't have time for school," said Atiqullah, who like many Afghans has only one name. "These days if you don't work, you cannot survive."

The U.S. and its allies have sunk billions of dollars of aid into Afghanistan since the invasion to oust the Taliban 18 years ago, but the country remains mired in poverty. Signs of hardship are everywhere, from children begging in the streets to entire families — including children as young as five or six — working at brick kilns in the sweltering heat.

Atiqullah's family comes from the eastern Nangarhar province, a stronghold for both the Taliban and an Islamic State affiliate that has seen heavy fighting in recent years. Brick factory owners travel to the villages and offer

loans to cover basic necessities, forcing families to work them off during the summer months in a form of indentured servitude. Workers say a family of 10 can bring in an average of \$12-18 a day, depending on their productivity.

Shubham Chaudhuri, who recently completed a three-year stint as the World Bank country director for Afghanistan, said more

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than half of Afghans live on less than a dollar a day, the amount considered necessary to meet basic needs.

"Even more striking was the fact that almost three quarters of the population was close to that level. So I think the state of poverty in Afghanistan today is that it is deep and it is widespread," he said.

A U.N. report released last year said that more than 2 million Afghan children aged 6-14 were engaged in some form of child labor. Laws governing child labor in Afghanistan are poorly enforced, especially in rural areas.

Afghanistan's economy grew by just 2% last year, the slowest rate in South Asia, held back by the lingering conflict, drought and endemic corruption. The

watchdog Transparency International regularly rates Afghanistan among the most corrupt countries on earth. Much of the international aid has ended up in the hands of former warlords who live in gated compounds, cruise around in motorcades and stash their fortunes in the Gulf.

Widespread misery and anger at the country's elites has added fuel to the conflict and swelled the ranks of the Taliban, who now effectively control around half the country. The insurgents have held several rounds of talks with the United States in recent months, aiming for a deal in which foreign forces would withdraw.

A World Bank report released this week said a political settlement with the Taliban could boost the economy by encouraging the return of capital and skilled workers from overseas — but only if the security situation improves.

"Rapid growth will only be possible with improved security under a government that remains committed to private sector development, respects the rights of investors, and maintains the gains Afghanistan has achieved over the past two decades toward establishing strong and impartial government institutions," the World Bank's current country director, Henry Kerali, was quoted as saying in the report. AP

**India** Dozens of Indian celebrities have asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi to intervene and stop rising incidents of attacks on minorities, misuse of religion by Hindu hard-liners and intolerance against dissent in the country.



AP PHOTO  
**Iran** President Hassan Rouhani suggested yesterday that Iran might release a U.K.-flagged ship if Britain takes similar steps to release an Iranian oil tanker seized by the British Royal Navy off Gibraltar earlier this month.

**Australia** Three Sunni Muslim men were sentenced yesterday to prison terms of 16 and 22 years on convictions including engaging in a terror act by burning down a Shiite mosque in the Australian city of Melbourne three years ago.

**France's** national railway is urging passengers to delay or cancel travel around Paris and 19 other regions facing heat wave warnings. The national weather service put 20 areas including the capital on the highest heat alert level today.



AP PHOTO  
**UK** Buckingham Palace says that Theresa May has tendered her resignation to Queen Elizabeth II, clearing the way for Boris Johnson to become the new prime minister of the United Kingdom.

**USA** Federal regulators have fined Facebook USD5 billion for privacy violations and are instituting new oversight and restrictions on its business. But they are only holding CEO Mark Zuckerberg personally responsible in a limited fashion. More on p14,15

**USA** Former special counsel Robert Mueller is disputing President Donald Trump's claim that Mueller was rebuffed in a bid to fill the post of FBI director.