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**Sri Lanka** Four Muslim ministers who resigned from their Cabinet portfolios after the Easter attacks that killed more than 250 people have rejoined the government after an investigation cleared them of having any links with the local Islamic militant group that carried out the bombings.

**Philippines** The defense chief criticized China yesterday for what he called “bullying” actions in the South China Sea and said Beijing’s peaceful assurances contrast with its behavior in the contested waters. [More on p11](#)

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### LAWMAKER ASKS ABOUT DOMESTIC AFFAIRS MEDIATION SYSTEM

Lawmaker Wong Kit Cheng has written an interpellation to the government asking about the progress of the legislation on the domestic affairs mediation system. Wong pointed out that in 2015, the local government promised it would build a domestic affairs mediation system suitable for Macau. In 2018, the Legal Affairs Bureau stated that the bureau would first formulate a mediation system for civil and commercial matters, excluding a domestic affairs mediation system. In Wong's opinion, the legislation on the domestic affairs mediation system continues to be delayed, creating difficulties for the implementation of the domestic violence law.

### IAM TO COLLECT WASTE FURNITURE DURING FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST

From August 1 to 7, the Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM) will set up 60 temporary large-scale waste furniture collection points across all districts of Macau to facilitate the disposal of large-scale waste furniture. The public may abandon the discarded furniture at the designated points between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. during this period. There are 50 drop off points in the Macau Peninsula, six in Taipa and four in Coloane. During the evenings of that period, the responsible cleaning company will send additional personnel and vehicles to the points to clear all items.

# Pearl Horizon buyers take to streets again

STAFF REPORTER

**S**OME 100 buyers of the pre-sold, but never-completed, premium residential project Pearl Horizon took to the streets again yesterday, urging the government to honor their transactions.

The protestors were those who had failed to register their transactions with the government. Under the law then in effect, even pre-sold apartments should have an ownership registration.

The failure of doing so has denied them the chance

to purchase transit apartments under a new scheme launched by the government.

As such, the protest yesterday urged the government to honor their contracts made with Polytec, the original developer of the residential project, so that they can receive their purchases in the future.

They also want supplementary registration conducted for their pre-sold purchases, in order to allow them to get transit apartments.

The protestors are also calling for the current government to resolve the dispute, as they have been insisting for the past few years. They also requested the Central Government – and in particular Chinese President Xi Jinping – for help, as they noted on one of the banners for protest yesterday.

The protest was conducted peacefully yesterday. The march started from the original Pearl Horizon site, and ended at the Government Headquarters.

Complaints were played through speakers in Mandarin.

Meanwhile, Secretary for Administration and Justice Sonia Chan's office reiterated that the transit apartment mechanism had not been made especially for Pearl Horizon buyers. The office emphasized that there are legal provisions that must be followed.

Chan's office explained that property registration is crucial because it constitutes legal recognition of the pre-sold property's buyer.

# SPORTS EQUIPMENT CORDONED OFF AT RESERVOIR

STAFF REPORTER

**T**HE recreational area at the reservoir has had its exercise equipment upgraded. However, although the work was finished in April, some of the new equipment has been cordoned off or removed since, reported local newspaper Macau Daily News.

According to the report, the equipment, including those for weight bearing and stretching, was installed during the latest upgrade. Additionally, a workout area for adult users have been added to the side of the recreational area close to Jai Alai. A water dispensing machine was also installed.

However, after just a few months in operation, much of the equipment has been removed. Wooden boards were used to cover the hole left after the removal, while some locations were fenced off to avoid accidents.

The refurbishment work was deemed necessary because the

original pebble ground finishing was not fit for sporting activities.

The recreational area is especially popular among residents who jog or run. They like to do so along the periphery of the reservoir.

It was decided that the ground finishing be changed to another

material. It is currently finished with bricks, which the government rationalized had better draining ability.

Work to improve the drainage system in the area was also organized. Wider drains were placed in the hope of reducing the chance of floods in the area during poor weather condition.

# MEMORY LANE

Isabel Canhota and Júlio Bucho

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Forty years separate these two views from Macau's UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Guia Lighthouse. The older dates from 1978 and shows the early days in the construction of Macau's new development areas. The only building to escape a landscape of scattered houses was the "old" Hotel Lisboa, on the right side. Today the landscape has significantly changed and the uninterrupted views over the Governador Nobre de Carvalho Bridge, the unexplored Taipa Island and the former Islands of Lapa, Dom João and Montanha (now condensed in one single piece of land known as Hengqin) have given way to a hotchpotch of buildings of all sizes, colors, and shapes. RM

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# Wong advances rumor crime, admitting Hato deaths unrelated to hearsay

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**S**ECRETARY for Security Wong Sio Chak has reaffirmed his stance in favor of establishing the rumor crime, even after having admitted that none of the ten deaths recorded during Hato were related to rumors. Neither were any of the serious but non-fatal accidents seen during both Hato and Mangkhut.

Wong made his remarks yesterday on the sidelines of the meeting between the security authority and the First Standing Committee of the Legislative Assembly. "All ten deaths [recorded during Hato] were not related to these [rumors]," said Wong.

Upon being questioned by the media, Wong said that "we establish laws comprehensively. We do not simply establish the law only for this specific matter."

"Things not having happened does not mean they will not happen in the future. We need to make a comprehensive evaluation and we will refer to international standards," Wong added.

In addition to his firm stance on the establishment of a rumor crime, Wong also highlighted that the government did not use the term "rumor" in the bill; instead, it used the terminology "false information."

Wong repeatedly claimed that the local government proposed the rumor crime in pursuit of the public's safety.

In addition, he mentioned some statistics to testify the legitimacy of the proposal. "We [the security force] have issued eight articles explaining the proposal. The in-

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formation bureau issued articles, and ten organizations also publicly voiced their support for the rumor crime."

Aside from the rumor crime, the civil protection law also proposes a mandatory evacuation under "extremely dangerous" situations, with the evacuation including the media.

The secretary explained that "we will try to persuade [people to evacuate], and I hope not to use force or public power for the mandatory evacuation."

"There will be no violation of law" if the media choose to not evacuate, according to Wong.

Meanwhile, in addition to his comment on the civil protection

law, Wong also responded to matters concerning the current situation in Hong Kong.

On Sunday, four Macau residents were denied entry to Hong Kong.

"Every country and region has their own immigration policy. We do not interfere in their procedures. We do not know why they were denied entry. We also wanted to know why they were rejected, hence why we questioned them," said Wong.

When Wong was asked to comment on the Hong Kong police authority's violence in dealing with recent peaceful demonstrations taking place in Hong Kong, he declined to comment, expressing only his faith in the Hong

Kong police team.

"I believe and am confident that the Hong Kong police authority is capable of and persistent in doing a good job. I am fully confident in the Hong Kong police force. We have acquired a lot of experience from the force," said Wong.

Recently, several countries issued alerts to their citizens regarding trips to both Hong Kong and Macau.

"Many countries may not know the geography of Macau and Hong Kong very well. The alerts have some impact on Macau's image," said Wong, adding that "when they see [news about] Hong Kong, they might think that Macau is like that as well."

In addition, according to Wong, the security force has been discussing the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the handover since June.

Regarding suggestions that the mainland's top official will be present for the celebrations, the Secretary answered, "I do not dare to say" whether the Chinese President Xi Jinping will visit Macau to attend the handover anniversary.

"The 20th anniversary of the handover needs security and stability, and, with these goals in mind, we must do comprehensive work and consider any kind of unstable factors," said Wong. "As of today, Macau is safe, stable and harmonious."

## AIPIM calls for further changes to Civil Protection Law

**T**HE Macau Portuguese and English Press Association (AIPIM) has again sent a letter to the Legislative Assembly's First Standing Committee calling for the removal or amendment of the rumor offence in the controversial Civil Protection Law.

The press association focused on the Articles 5 and 25 of the bill that currently face review by the panel.

Although AIPIM considered the initial

amendments of the Article 25 as a "positive step forward," the association still expressed its concerns that there are still risks pertaining press freedom and freedom of expression in the current version of the bill.

In the letter to the committee, AIPIM suggested that if lawmakers decide to keep Article 25 of the bill, it proposed two changes that could be adopted cumulatively.

It proposed to amend

Article 25, suggesting that a new wording could be used to define the article if ever the bill is not scrapped.

AIPIM argued that the definition listed in the article would have to be "objectively sufficient," and proposed that the prison sentence could be reduced by half to one year or a fine of up to 120 days.

It also suggested the removal of Article 5 regarding typology of "internal security incidents,

economic functioning incidents, and sudden security incidents arising from or related to external factors."

"Given the vague nature of the description [...], we fear that the way will be opened for a broad and unobtrusive interpretation of what is at stake. We may be faced with gray areas in relation to phenomena unrelated to the mission of civil protection," the association said in the statement. **LV**

### TYPHOON

## WEATHER AUTHORITY RAISED SIGNAL NO.3

**T**HE Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau (SMG) raised Signal No.3 last night as a tropical cyclone brewing in the South China Sea looked set to come within 300 kilometers of Macau.

As of midnight today, the tropical cyclone was located about 450 kilometers south of Macau and moving in the direction of the Leizhou peninsula in Guangdong Province.

Local winds are expected to strengthen tonight as the cyclone reaches its closest point to the SAR. The SMG said that gusts in Macau may exceed 110 km/h at their most intense.

The weather authority raised Signal No.3 at 9 p.m. yesterday after Signal No.1 had been put in place just after midday. The SMG said yesterday that Signal No.3 will remain in effect at least until 5 a.m. this morning. The bureau also issued the yellow storm surge warning, warning that flooding may occur.

The weather authority warned that as winds over the bridges are expected to be strong, drivers should pay particular attention to traffic safety. Motorcyclists should travel between the Macau peninsula and Taipa via the motorcycle lane on Sai Van Bridge. **DB**

# LAWMAKER AU WANTS GAMING INDUSTRY TO PARTNER WITH GOVERNMENT ON LRT

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**L**AWMAKER Au Kam San wants the gaming concessionaires to be partners in the Macau Light Rail Transit (LRT) project, which will open to the public this year. The idea came in the form of a proposal to the government in the period before the agenda began at the Legislative Assembly (AL) yesterday afternoon.

According to Au, the operation of the LRT should highlight its commercial aspect and the gaming companies should be given the opportunity to be shareholders of the company that will operate the transportation system. The LRT Company is wholly-owned by the government, which directly holds 96% of the shares, with the remainder being distributed by two governmental funds – the Industrial and Commercial Development Fund with 3% and the Science and Technology Development Fund with 1%. According to Au, this division between the three governmental entities is a tactic employed by the government purely to comply with the law – which requires three partners – a system Au regards as unnecessary.

In fact, Au supports a more commercial side to the operations by involving the gaming concessionaires, which he said could be some of the bigger beneficiaries of the project.

The lawmaker thinks the government should have a more open and commercial approach to the management of the company, which would allow private investors to be involved. He said this

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would help to save public money.

Au noted that now is the right time to approach the gaming concessionaires “to invite them to invest in the LRT” since the “gaming concessions contracts are about to expire.”

Au referred back to the period before the gaming liberalization, recalling how Stanley Ho's Sociedade de Turismo e Diversões de Macau (STDM) “invested heavily in public companies such as the Macau International Airport Company, Teledifusão de Macau [TDM] and Companhia de Electricidade de Macau [CEM].” He remarked that in this new era of added competitiveness in the market, there are better conditions for this kind of participation

to take place.

Au also remarked that at a time when society has been arguing about whether gaming companies should assume a more relevant role in terms of social responsibility – “to which they have never objected” – he noted his belief that this is an opportunity for them to do so.

He added that the LRT operating company can benefit from the “excellent commercial teams” that the gambling operators possess, giving opportunities to improve the operation of the LRT so that it does not become a “giant white elephant.”

The proposal from Au came on the day that the plenary finally approved the LRT Transportation

System Law without many remarks from the lawmakers.

Nevertheless, remarks were made on the interlinking with other public transportation systems as well as in relation to fares for the LRT.

After the approval, lawmaker Zheng Anting, speaking also in the name of Mak Soi Kun, delivered a vote declaration in which, although expressing agreement with the LRT and the law, said he had some reservations.

“Society is concerned with this service and with the fares,” he said. “The government replied that such fares will be settled by dispatch by the Chief Executive but [he] never noted to be willing to hear the population on

this matter.”

Zheng said he hoped that the fares will be set at a reasonable level and in line with other transportation options in the SAR.

The lawmaker also alerted the government about the need to train specialized employees locally so the service would not be completely dependent on imported labor.

Angela Leong noted that the government had said that with the entry into force of the LRT service, some bus routes and services would be subjected to changes, although there has been no clarification on what those changes will be. Leong specifically questioned the interlinking between the service and buses in Macau.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

# Kou's first day chairing opens with messages for next government

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**I**N one of the first sessions with Kou Hoi In as Legislative Assembly (AL) president, several lawmakers took the opportunity to deliver messages apparently aimed at the incoming next government of Macau, soon to be led by Ho Iat Seng.

In fact, the first lawmaker to speak yesterday was also the first with a message for the next government.

Ho Ion Sang remarked on the results of a survey conducted by a local association on the “current situation of Macau and expectations for

the next Chief Executive,” noting that the transportation issues scored third on the priorities of the population.

He noted that the respondents elected traffic problems as the most severe category, resonating with 42% of the respondents. Ho noted, “if this problem is not resolved in the long term, it will affect the stability and sustainability of Macau's socio-economic development, as well as endangering the future actions of the government.”

Ho also remarked that traffic issues will likely worsen as the city links itself to

neighboring cities within the Greater Bay Area plan, adding that the problem concerns both the flow of people and logistics, interfering with urban development.

Separately, lawmaker Ip Sio Kai addressed the plenary to express his disagreement with a study held by the Macao Government Tourism Office on the feasibility of implement a visitor tax in the SAR.

In Ip's opinion, “the reason why the government made this survey is because there is this idea that there are too many tourists and there is insufficient capacity to receive

them.”

“I feel that this way of consulting the population is inadequate and the government, unintentionally, fell on temptation to create a restriction to reduce the number of tourists visiting Macau, which is [a measure] in clear opposition with Macau's [attributed] position as establishing itself as a World Center for Tourism and Leisure.”

“It can lead to a drop in tourism revenues, undermining the pillars of the industries supporting the economy and directly causing economic instability in Ma-

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cau,” added Ip.

For the lawmaker the solution to boost other economic areas of the city is simple.

“One should learn from the mainland, taking different measures to optimize tourist attractions,” said Ip. “It is very simple: just paint a wall and add artistic elements [and] young people will be attracted to take pictures. If the neighboring shops have

typical snacks, the whole street is energized, because the pedestrian streets with snacks and places to take photos are mandatory stops for young people.”

The lawmaker said that this type of arrangement currently exists with cities such as Beijing, Nanjing, and Chengdu, where there is always a historical and cultural street.

# Light rail gates not yet equipped with e-payment option

STAFF REPORTER

**T**HE Light Rapid Transit (LRT), more commonly known as the Light Rail, is not currently equipped with a tap-and-go payment for passage through gates.

The government explained that this is due to the contract provisions agreed upon earlier with the system's manufacturer, Japan's Mitsubishi Heavy Industry.

In most modern urban railway systems such as the Metro in Taipei and Kaohsiung, as well as the MTR in Hong Kong, tap-and-go by e-payment has been in use for a long time. Hong Kong's system has been in service for nearly 22 years.

In the meantime, a similar payment system in Macau, the Macau Pass, was introduced in March 1999.

Lawmakers were invited to visit the LRT depot on Monday and ride one of its trains.



Among the 22 visiting lawmakers, Wu Chou Kit asked the government why the gates were not equipped with e-payment facilities. The government explained that this function was not stated in the transaction contract with the Japanese manufacturer, and therefore could not be added.

The government has recommended a solution. Passengers will be able to buy ti-

ckets by cash or Macau Pass at one of the vending machines, and they will use these tickets to pass through the gates.

The government has also pledged to work on cross-mode transit. Sulu Sou, who was also at the visit, has doubts as to how the government will realize this. "Without taking both means of transport with the same card, transit with discount may be difficult," Sou said.

He also said that single-trip tickets will be sold without discount, but the LRT system will provide a stored value card which entitles its holder to a discount on each ride. He also voiced agreement that work should be done to combine the two payment systems.

Nonetheless, the lawmaker is satisfied with the LRT trial ride. "The huge windows – almost floor to ceiling – are impeccable. The ride was quiet and stable," Sou said.

Finally, he pointed out that the public should be aware of a potential flaw in the service agreement between the government and the MTR subsidiary in Macau which manages the LRT services.

"We may enter a paradox that when incidents happen in the future, only the technical owner of the LRT company will take the blame, but not the MTR. Provisions should be added to avoid this situation."

## SECOND AIRPORT SMOKING ROOM NOW READY

**T**HE Macau International Airport issued a statement informing the public that a second smoking room has been renovated at the departure lounge of the passenger terminal. They have obtained formal approval from the Health Bureau, and the room has been open to departing passengers since July 26.

With this addition, the airport now possesses two smoking rooms in the departures restricted area, one located in the south end and this new one in the north.

The airport claimed that the air-purification system of the smoking lounges includes advanced technology introduced from Japan.

This machine separates smoking areas from non-smoking areas by employing "air curtains". This technology ensures that negative air pressure is maintained within the smoking area and eliminates smoke drifting outside of the controlled area.

The new smoking lounge can accommodate up to 40 people at the same time.

From the start of 2018, a ban on smoking was extended to all indoor establishments accessible to the public, with the exception of certain designated smoking lounge areas at either the city's airport or the city's casinos.

Under the amended Regime of Tobacco Prevention and Control, the selling and advertising of e-cigarettes, as well as the use of e-cigarettes in no-smoking areas, is also prohibited. **JZ**

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# MUSIC FESTIVAL RETURNS WITH HIGHLIGHT ON INSTRUMENTALISTS

STAFF REPORTER

**T**HE Macao International Music Festival (FIMM) returns for its 33rd edition this year, between October 4 and 30, with the theme of "The Instrumentalist." Tickets will go on sale from August 4.

Its organizer, the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC), is bringing the big names in classical music to stages across Macau.

They include the Vienna Philharmonic, the China NCPA Orchestra and Chorus, the Hong Kong Philharmonic, Billy Childs, Os Quatro e Meia, Sona Jobateh as well as host representative, the Macao Orchestra.

Along with other performers, they will present 17 programs in a total of 22 performances.

The Vienna Philharmonic will return to Macau to perform Dvořák's Symphony of the New World and the virtuosic Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3 with celebrated Chinese pianist Yuja Wang, in an al-fresco ambience in front of the University of Macau Library.

This year's festival will be open-



ned by Mozart's last opera: The Magic Flute. It was finished in September 1791, four months before the music master's demise in December that same year.

The opera, filled with creativity beyond imagination, makes a breakthrough in the traditional operatic presentation, leading the audience to a magical and fantastic world. Produced by the Komische Oper Berlin and British

theatre group "1927", this innovative opera production blends film animation and live singing.

Meanwhile, Os Quatro e Meia is a group of several young Portuguese singers who blend modern and contemporary music, sometimes pop-rock, into traditional Fado, a heritage art form.

Sona Jobateh is the first female in her family to play the African kora, or the African harp. It is a

male-only activity, at least in her family. She will stage various traditional African tunes in the concert Manding Griot.

Childs released his first studio record in 1977, when he was 20 years old. He has since won several Grammy Awards.

The festival will be closed by the The Yellow River Cantata by Xian Xinghai. It will be performed by the Macao Orchestra, in asso-

ciation with the China NCPA Orchestra and Chorus. It is a signature piece with majestic momentum and tenacity as a wonderful closing tribute.

Besides their respective concerts, the Billy Childs Quartet and the Dorian Wind Quintet from the United States, renowned for its exquisite and passionate performances, will present the world premiere of Childs' highly anticipated piece Ecosystems.

Trio Mediaeval from Norway will present the concerts Aquilonis and Folk Songs, allowing music aficionados to indulge in the world of vocal music.

Two of Macau's upcoming musical stars, guzheng and erhu player Choi Hio Lam and erhu player Fang Teng, will stage a performance to showcase local talent, according to organizers.

The IC and the various sponsors of the festival are offering a series of discounts and packages for music lovers. Details can be obtained on the organizer's website and box offices.

In the launching press conference yesterday, the IC emphasized that the music festival aims to bring world-class performances to Macau. It said that it hopes more local artists can take to the stage of the festival in future.

The budget for this year's festival is set at 31 million patacas.

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# Gov't bureaus hold seminar on retail sales techniques

**T**HE Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO) and Consumer Council held a seminar yesterday titled "Sales Technique Seminar: To be the best in retail sales," the first activity under its collaborative initiative "Certified Shop Scheme."

The seminar was held with the aim of equipping retail personnel with practical sales techniques and enhance service quality, thus creating enjoyable shopping experiences for locals and visitors.

The two government bureaus have introduced the collaborative initiative "Quality Tourism Services Accreditation Scheme" (QTSAS) which has crossover with the "Certified Shop Scheme" this year, extending QTSAS to the local retail sector.

The joint statement noted that the inter-departmental cooperation is in place to encourage and support the retail sector to consistently enhance



Hong Kong sales trainer Brian Cha

service quality, and to protect the interests of consumers.

In the seminar yesterday, Hong Kong sales trainer Brian Cha was invited as the keynote speaker to share sales tips and techniques with approximately 360 sales participants from Macau's "Certified Shops."

Cha spoke on a number of

topics including understanding the real reasons driving customers to make a purchase, how to build mutual trust faster, and how to drive repeat purchases.

Last year, the keynote speaker was also invited to share his insights in a workshop under the "Celebrity Mentor" Workshop Series co-organized

by MGTO and a local industry partner.

MGTO acting director Cheng Wai Tong said that he hopes industry professionals can be well-equipped as the composition of visitor source markets is becoming increasingly diverse as a result of the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge.

"Certified Shops" that receive grade A or A- in the assessment this year and fulfill prescribed industry categories will be automatically enrolled in QTSAS.

The qualified retailers will then be selected as "Star Merchant Award" winners in QTSAS for the retail sector and receive the "Star Merchant Award" accreditation which is valid for one year.

Through this collaborative initiative, both QTSAS and the "Certified Shop Scheme" can be promoted at the same time to visitors. **LV**

## MACAU RECEIVES 4.9M PACKAGE TOUR VISITORS

**I**N the first half of 2019, Macau received a total of 4.9 million package tour visitors, representing growth of 14.9% year-on-year.

At the same time, outbound residents using travel agency services grew 8.3% to 828,000 in the first half-year, while those traveling under their own arrangements grew 13.5% to 560,000.

Visitors on package tours numbered 779,000 for June 2019, according to data released yesterday by the Statistics and Census Service, 15.2% more than a year earlier.

The growth was mainly driven by visitors from mainland China (602,000), which grew by 16.9% year-on-year in June. However, package tour visitors from Hong Kong surged 49.8% in the same period to 14,000, while those from South Korea (53,000) and Taiwan (59,000) rose 14.4% and 1.3% respectively.

Meanwhile, outbound residents using the services of travel agencies totaled 142,000 in June, growing 16.1% year-on-year, while those traveling under their own arrangements increased 17.3% to approximately 100,000.

At the end of June 2019, there were 119 hotels and guesthouses operating in the Macau SAR, three more than in June 2018. The number of guest rooms edged up 0.1% year-on-year to 39,000, with five-star hotel rooms holding steady at about 25,000, or about 63% of the total. **DB**

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Police restrain an angry passenger who tried to fight with protesters

## HONG KONG

## PROTESTERS HIT SUBWAY TO DISRUPT MORNING COMMUTE

KATIE TAM, HONG KONG

**COMMUTERS** in Hong Kong argued yesterday with demonstrators who blocked subway train doors in their latest protest action to demand greater accountability from the semi-autonomous Chinese territory's government.

Service was delayed and partially suspended on the Island and Kwun Tong lines, subway operator MTR said. It cited "a number of train door obstructions" as well as someone activating a safety device at a platform on the Kwun Tong line.

The action targeted rush hour traffic at several stations. MTR responded by providing minibuses to replace delayed trains and

normal service was restored by around noon.

Protester Ken Chan said he wanted MTR officials to explain why they allegedly failed to take action on July 21 when a large gang of men in white shirts brutally beat dozens of people inside a train station as a massive protest was winding down. Hong Kong's government and the central authorities in Beijing have blamed protesters for sparking the confrontation.

"How could they let the triads in white attack people on the platform randomly, including the elderly and children in the train?" said Chan, 32, using the common term for members of organized crime groups. "Some of the elderly got smacked on

their heads, but (MTR staff) turned a blind eye to it."

Lorraine Lee, 26, said the subway disruption was an attempt to remind people of the government's alleged failure to deal with social, economic and political injustices.

"The government has not been addressing the problems in our society," Lee said. "That is why now Hong Kongers have no choice but to use different 'creative' approaches to remind people what is happening in Hong Kong."

AP video showed heated exchanges at Tiu Keng Leng station, where a crowd of protesters and commuters filled the platform and a stopped train.

The disruption is part of a pro-democracy movement that has

seen hundreds of thousands take to the streets this summer for marches and rallies. The protests have shaken the government in Hong Kong and raised concerns in Beijing. Hong Kong is part of China but has a fair degree of autonomy in local affairs.

Posts on Twitter showed long lines of commuters waiting for free shuttle buses provided by MTR to other subway stops.

Protesters conducted a similar action to block trains last week.

Activists began protesting in early June for the government to withdraw an extradition bill that would have allowed people to be sent to stand trial in mainland China, where critics say their legal rights would be threatened. The government suspended the bill,

but the protests have expanded to calls for democracy and government accountability.

On Sunday, police repeatedly fired tear gas and rubber bullets to drive back protesters blocking Hong Kong streets with road signs and umbrellas.

The protesters have demanded an independent inquiry into police conduct at the protests, which they say has been abusive.

China on Monday accused unidentified foreign actors of encouraging the protests. Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said Tuesday that the central government "resolutely opposes any foreign forces' attempts to intervene in Hong Kong affairs."

"We have the determination and ability to safeguard peace and stability in Hong Kong," Hua said at a daily briefing.

On Saturday, Hong Kong police fired tear gas, swung batons and forcefully cleared out protesters who defied warnings not to march. AP

## Three aeronautical authorities ink agreement in Hong Kong

**THE** aeronautical authorities of mainland China, the Hong Kong SAR and the Macau SAR convened yesterday in Hong Kong where they signed an agreement to foster closer technical collaboration, particularly in the areas of low-altitude airspace development and personnel training.

The Air Traffic Management Bureau of the Civil Aviation Administration of China, the Civil Aviation Department

of Hong Kong SAR and the Civil Aviation Authority of Macau SAR met and signed a document now known as the "Agreement for the Tripartite Collaboration on the Development of Air Space in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area".

The signing ceremony was convened in the headquarters of the Hong Kong local government yesterday afternoon.

According to the

agreement, the three parties will set up a team composed of representatives from major airlines and airports in the Greater Bay Area to collect the views from airspace users, assess the impact on the traffic demand and provide technical support for the safe operation and development planning for all the airports in the area.

The agreement also intends to encourage the use of their various

civil aviation training facilities and the mutual acceptance of training courses, promoting a learning mechanism for personnel training in the civil aviation industry.

The three parties pledged to further develop their respective advantages in air traffic control in order to achieve a mutually beneficial relationship with the soon-to-be airport cluster in the Greater Bay Area. DB

## TURMOIL RISKS ECONOMIC GROWTH, FITCH SAYS

**HONG** Kong's ongoing protest movement against the government's extradition bill presents a downside risk to Fitch Ratings Inc's forecasts for economic growth in the city, the company said in a report.

The unrest potentially undermines both trust in governance and business confidence, two pillars which support Hong Kong's AA+ rating at Fitch, the report said. The city's "considerable" financial buffers are unlikely to be challenged in the near term, Fitch said. Fitch currently forecasts real gross domestic product growth of 1.6% in 2019.

Large scale protests have been taking place in the city since June, with the disruption stretching now into the eighth week.

The report added that the ongoing tension could lead to "policy paralysis," with regard to initiatives intended to bind the territory closer to the mainland, such as the Greater Bay Area plan. Fitch said the assumptions which currently underpin Hong Kong's rating "are currently being tested, including the effectiveness of the territory's governance and its rule of law." DB/BLOOMBERG



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A waiter serves a customer at an outdoor cafe in Lisbon (left), while workers throw broccoli plants into a trailer during harvesting in Alpiarca (right)

# Madonna's welcome, but Portugal wants immigrants to lift economy

JOAO LIMA

**I**T'S not just the likes of Madonna and the Aga Khan that Portugal wants to attract.

Unlike many governments in Europe, Portugal wants immigrants to shore up its economy as its population shrinks and ages. While it has drawn the rich - Madonna went house hunting in Lisbon in 2017 and the Aga Khan was granted Portuguese nationality this year - the country is making a push to lure back citizens who fled the euro-area crisis and attract immigrants who can fill crucial gaps in the labor market.

"This isn't about just any immigration; it's about drawing qualified immigrants for the needs of the Portuguese economy," said Jorge Bravo, an economics professor at the Nova University in Lisbon. "Mostly in terms of salaries, we're not very competitive. If there was a championship for the most sought-after countries for immigration, Portugal isn't in the Champions League."

As Portugal prepares for a general election in October, the lack of immigrants rather than their presence may be a campaign issue for politicians. Unlike in Italy and Hungary, where the anti-im-

migrant parties of Matteo Salvini and Viktor Orban are in power, and France, where Marine Le Pen's party led the European Parliamentary vote in May, Portugal has no populist forces at play. In fact, some of the country's businesses want politicians to come up with coherent plans to lure immigrants.

## HELP WANTED

"It's urgent to introduce substantial improvements to the policies for welcoming foreign workers," said Jose Theotonio, chief executive officer of the Pestana Hotel Group, Portugal's biggest hotel operator. "The lack of professionals already causes concern in the present and has a strong future impact."

The tourism and hospitality industry is among those feeling the shortage most acutely. Finding adequately skilled housekeeping and kitchen staff is the "most complicated," Theotonio said. He wants the government to make labor rules more flexible to accommodate temporary and seasonal workers.

"The average education level of the Portuguese has increased a lot, so it's natural that in jobs such as room service or waiters there's a lack of workers," said Raul

Martins, the chairman of the Altis hotel chain and the head of Portugal's Hotel Association, which represents about 600 hotel companies.

Tourism represents about 14% of Portugal's gross domestic product and has boosted the economy, which expanded for a fifth consecutive year in 2018. That's helped Prime Minister Antonio Costa's minority Socialist government to lower the jobless rate and manage the budget deficit. Portugal's unemployment rate of 6.6% in May was less than half of Spain's 13.6% and below the euro-area average of 7.5%.

## HIRING TROUBLES

Still, Portugal's debt ratio remains the third-highest in the euro area, behind Greece and Italy, and to keep the growth engine chugging along the country needs more hands.

The Bank of Portugal warned in a report on June 12 that "some indicators suggest there are difficulties for Portuguese companies to hire workers, particularly those with higher qualification levels."

The number of immigrants in Portugal increased 14% in 2018 to 480,300, the highest since at least 1976, according to its Immigration

and Borders Service. That hasn't been enough to offset its shrinking population, which has dropped since 2010 and reached about 10.3 million at the end of 2018. Projections show it may fall to 7.9 million in 2080.

The median age in Portugal was 45.2 years in 2018, having increased by about 4.4 years since 2008. In 2017, the country had the third-highest median age in the European Union at 44.8 years, behind Italy and Germany.

## OPEN ARMS

"The country's arms are open for the Portuguese who want to return," Jose Luis Carneiro, the secretary of state for Portuguese communities, said at a July 22 presentation of measures to get citizens to come back. The government is offering up to 6,536 euros (\$7,276) to returnees.

Portugal has had some success in drawing so-called non-habitual residents. Lured by its beaches, clement weather, laid-back life and, crucially, its tax breaks, almost 30,000 people have made the country their home. A third of them earn a pension overseas.

Italian actress Monica Bellucci, French fashion designer Christian Louboutin and former Manches-

ter United Football Club player Eric Cantona are among those who've bought property or are reportedly sometime-residents in Portugal.

The government has been criticized for its tax breaks to the rich. Critics also say wealthy foreigners have boosted real estate values, pricing out locals. The regime allows expatriates to pay as little as 20% on their income tax during a decade and exempts some pensioners from taxes altogether.

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"Retirees locally spur some sectors linked mostly to tourism and leisure, as can be seen in the Algarve, or in the cities of Lisbon and Oporto, and in small inland areas," said Bravo. "But it's not the solution."

On July 23, the government expanded the regime to add farmers and machine operators to the list of eligible professions, citing difficulties in hiring workers.

Portugal needs an "intelligent immigration policy," like in countries such as Singapore and Canada, that isn't just based on tax incentives, Antonio Horta-Osorio, the CEO of Lloyds Banking Group Plc and a Portuguese national, said at a conference near Lisbon on May 17.

"We have an extraordinary demographic problem compared to the rest of Europe," he said. Portugal should work on attracting "people with the qualifications and abilities that our companies and society need," he said.

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## CORPORATE BITS

### Taiwanese singer to celebrate his farewell tour at Cotai Arena in September

Taiwanese ballad singer and television host Fei Yu Ching will perform his "Suncity Group Presents: Fei Yu Ching 2019 Farewell Concert" at The Venetian Macao's Cotai Arena on September 21.

With a rich, soulful voice, Fei has enjoyed a glittering 45-year career. He is feted for his classic versions of songs such as "A Spray of Plum Blossoms" and "Good Night Song" as well as his sense of humor and ability to accurately imitate other singers.

In 2006 he raised his profile, especially

with younger music fans, when he collaborated with Mando-pop king Jay Chou on the hit ballad "Faraway".

But in 2018, Fei published a handwritten letter to his fans and media announcing his retirement from the entertainment industry along with news about his farewell concert tour. In his letter, he explained that making the decision was very difficult because of his many loyal fans, but he felt it was the right time for him to retire.

The evergreen performer returns for

one of his last ever shows - Suncity Group Presents: Fei Yu Ching 2019 Farewell Concert phenomenon at The Venetian Macao.

Tickets went on sale yesterday at all Cotai Ticketing box offices.

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# HUAWEI SAYS SALES UP 23% DESPITE US CONTROLS

JOE MCDONALD, BEIJING

**H**UAWEI'S sales rose by double digits in the first half of this year despite being blacklisted by Washington and its chairman, saying U.S. pressure has "galvanized our people," expressed confidence yesterday the Chinese tech giant will "enter a new period of growth."

Huawei Technologies Ltd., the biggest maker of network gear for phone companies and the No. 2 smartphone brand, is scrambling to preserve its business after the Trump administration blocked access to U.S. components and technology in May on security grounds.

Sales have suffered "some impact" but Huawei avoided disruption in shipments to customers, Liang Hua said at a news conference at its headquarters in Shenzhen, near Hong Kong. He said Huawei is reviewing its product lineup to make sure it can fill orders without U.S. components if necessary.

American pressure "has galvanized our people and reinvigorated the company," Liang said.

"We believe we will get through the difficulties and challenges in the short term and enter into a new period of growth," he said.

Washington says Huawei is a security risk, an accusation the company denies. American officials also see Huawei as a competitive threat and a recipient of official Chinese support for technology development they say is based on improper subsidies and stealing or pressuring foreign companies to hand over know-how.

Sales in the six months through June rose 23.2% over a year earlier to 401.3 billion yuan (\$58.3 billion), according to Liang. That was up from 2018's full-year growth rate of 19.5%, but Liang warned Huawei will "face difficulties" in the second half.

Smartphone shipments rose 24% from a year ago to 118 million handsets, he said.

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Liang declined to give a forecast of second-half sales, but said, "I am very confident in our full-year growth."

At the start of his presentation, a photo of a fighter plane in flight despite being hit by gunfire was projected onto a screen beside Liang. He said, "like this airplane riddled with bullet holes, we stayed the course."

Huawei's resilience reflects its financial and technological strength compared with its smaller Chinese rival, ZTE Corp., which was nearly driven into bankruptcy last year by a ban on access to U.S. technology over its sales to Iran and North Korea. President Donald Trump restored access after ZTE paid a \$1 billion fine and replaced its executive team.

Huawei has developed its own low-end chips for use in entry-level smartphones and servers but still needs U.S. chips and other components for its most advanced products.

Liang said Huawei plans to increase this year's research and de-

velopment spending to 120 billion yuan (\$17 billion). That would be a 20 percent increase over 2018 spending, which already was among the highest for any global company.

Washington's decision to add Huawei to an "entity list" of foreign companies that require

## American pressure 'has galvanized our people and reinvigorated the company'

official permission to buy technology sent shock waves through U.S. industry. Huawei is one of the biggest buyers of chips and other components and paid American suppliers some \$12 billion last year.

Trump agreed to allow vendors to sell widely available technologies to Huawei. But Liang said "we have not seen a resumption of supplies" of components needed for its core products.

Trump has suggested he might lift controls on Huawei if Washing-

ton and Beijing reach a deal to end a tariff war over American complaints about China's trade surplus and technology ambitions.

American and Chinese trade negotiators were due to meet this week in Shanghai.

Huawei, with 180,000 employees, has for a decade fought U.S. accusations it might facilitate Chinese spying.

The company denies suggestions it might install "backdoors" in equipment to permit eavesdropping. Its founder, Ren Zhengfei, a former military engineer, told reporters earlier this year he would reject Chinese government demands to disclose his foreign customers' secrets.

The U.S. export curbs threatened Huawei's smartphone sales by disrupting access to the Android operating system supplied by Alphabet Inc.'s Google unit. Huawei can use the basic system, which Google provides for free, but lost access to maps and other services that require the U.S. company's support.

Ren, the company founder, said earlier smartphones sales plunged 40 percent following the ban. Liang said yesterday sales had recovered to 80 percent of their previous level.

Liang said Huawei can develop its own operating system if necessary, based on its Hongmen system created for internet-linked cars, factory equipment and other devices.

"Using Android is always our preference," he said. "But if the United States doesn't let us use it, we have the capability to develop our own OS and ecosystem."

Liang said the U.S. curbs had no effect on Huawei's sales of next generation, or 5G, telecoms technology.

Huawei is, along with Sweden's LM Ericsson and Nokia Corp. of Finland, a top developer of 5G networks that are meant to expand support to internet-linked cars, factories and other devices.

Huawei has signed 11 commercial contracts with foreign carriers since the May ban was imposed and has shipped a total of 150,000 base stations, according to Liang. AP

# Tesla to pay China USD323m a year in tax for factory site

ANGUS WHITLEY

**T**ESLA Inc. agreed to pay China 2.23 billion yuan (USD323 million) in tax every year as part of a deal with local authorities to build an electric-vehicle factory on the outskirts of Shanghai.

Under the terms of the lease with the Shanghai government, Tesla must start generating the annual tax revenues at the end of 2023 -- or hand the land back, the company's latest quarterly

filing shows.

The U.S. company must also spend 14.08 billion yuan (USD2 billion) in capital expenditure on the plant over the next five years, according to the lease. Tesla's first overseas plant is aimed at avoiding tariffs and keeping prices down in the world's largest electric-vehicle market.

The obligations aren't onerous compared with the company's own targets, which include sinking se-

veral billion dollars into the facility. Tesla said last week it aims to produce half a million cars at the Shanghai site over the next 12 months, depending on how quickly output ramps up.

"We believe the capital expenditure requirement and the tax revenue target will be attainable even if our actual vehicle production was far lower than the volumes we are forecasting," Tesla said in the filing. BLOOMBERG

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## Official praises Xinjiang camps as 'pioneering'

**O**FFICIALS from China's northwestern Xinjiang region said yesterday that most of the people who were in the area's controversial re-education centers have since left the facilities and signed "work contracts" with local companies.

The U.S., human rights groups and independent analysts estimate around 1 million Muslims have been arbitrarily detained in Xinjiang's heavily guarded internment camps, which the Chinese government calls vocational training centers. The region is

home to Uighurs, Kazakhs and other predominantly Muslim ethnic minority groups.

Shohrat Zakir, Xinjiang's Uighur governor, declined to give a figure for those he called "students" inside the centers during a news briefing. Zakir defended the facilities as an effective and "pioneering" approach to counterterrorism.

"Most of the graduates from the vocational training centers have been reintegrated into society," Zakir said. "More than 90% of

the graduates have found satisfactory jobs with good incomes."

Xinjiang Vice Chairman Alken Tuniaz said accounts of mistreatment in the camps were concocted

### They said they were subject to repeated political indoctrination

by a few countries and media outlets.

Former detainees and their family members have said in inter-

views with The Associated Press that the re-education centers resembled prisons where they were forced to renounce their faith and swear loyalty to China's ruling Communist Party. They said they were subject to repeated political indoctrination and often did not understand why they were being held in the facilities.

Travelling overseas, speaking to relatives abroad and growing an excessively long beard are all acts that might land someone in detention, according to Uighurs and Kazakhs who have fled the region.

They have also told The AP that some detainees were forced into factory jobs. They were taken to a government office and handed labor contracts for six months to five years in a distant factory, which they were required

to sign, according to one detainee who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Tuniaz said the centers protected people's liberties by allowing them to "request time off" and "regularly go home." While the people inside the centers are not permitted to practice their religion during their "period of study," they can resume activities related to their faith when they are at home. The officials yesterday did not address whether the program is voluntary or how often people are allowed to go home.

After international condemnation of and extensive reporting on the centers, China began organizing highly choreographed trips to Xinjiang for journalists and foreign officials. Earlier this month, United Nations envoys from 37 countries including North Korea, Syria and several Muslim-majority states, signed a letter supporting the camps and commending China's human rights record.

Dilxat Raxit, spokesman for the World Uyghur Congress, called Zakir a "political microphone" used by Beijing to spread its "deception."

"Shohrat Zakir's remarks completely distort the reality of the systematic persecution that Uighurs are suffering in China," Raxit said.

The U.S. State Department's counterterrorism coordinator, Nathan Sales, said in a July interview with the U.S. government-funded Radio Free Asia that the detentions of Muslims in Xinjiang had "nothing to do with terrorism" and was instead part of the Communist Party's "war on religion."

"It is trying to stamp out the ethnic, linguistic, cultural and religious identities of the people that it's been targeting," Sales told RFA. AP

## Philippine defense chief hits Beijing for South China Sea acts

JIM GOMEZ, MANILA

**T**HE Philippine defense chief criticized China yesterday for what he said was its bullying actions in the South China Sea and added that Beijing's peaceful assurances contrast with its behavior in the contested waters.

Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana criticized China's increasingly assertive actions when asked to comment on the Chinese ambassador's assurances in Manila that Beijing won't seek hegemony in the disputed region and "will not take the first shot."

"They say we do not bully people around, they follow international law,

but I said you are not, what you are telling is not what you are doing on the ground," Lorenzana said in one of his most stinging public rebukes yet of Chinese actions in territories claimed by Beijing, Manila and four other governments.

Unless China does what it says, its words will be doubted and Filipinos will continue to look at Beijing with mistrust, said Lorenzana, a retired army general. He cited China's low trust ratings in local opinion polls compared to those of the United States, a treaty ally of the Philippines.

In a speech in Manila late Monday to mark the anniversary of the People's Liberation Army, Chinese

Ambassador Zhao Jianhua said his country's peaceful intent is enshrined in the Chinese constitution and that it's strengthening its military "entirely for the purpose of self-defense."

"No matter how strong China may become, China will never seek hegemony or never establish spheres of influence," Zhao said. "China will remain committed to serving as a force for peace, for stability and for prosperity in the world."

Zhao added that "China adopts a military strategy of active defense which adheres to the principle of defense, self-defense and post-strike response. Meaning we will not take the first shot."

China's PLA is ready to deepen trust with the Philippine military, he said.

On the long-raging territorial disputes, Zhao said both sides should be patient and added that China would continue to adopt a policy of peaceful settlement rather than confrontation. Pending a peaceful resolution, Zhao said both sides should ensure the disputes won't undermine overall relations.

"We cannot let the 1% differences hijack the whole 99% of friendship and cooperation as hostage," Zhao said.

As the world's second-biggest economy, China upholds freedom of navigation and overflight because

nearly 75 percent of its imported and exported goods and nearly 80 percent of its imported oil and gas transit through the South China Sea, Zhao said. Blocking the sea lanes would badly hit China's economy, he added.

Lorenzana called China's takeover of the Scarborough Shoal following a protracted 2012 standoff as "bullying." The United States brokered a deal for the simultaneous withdrawal of Chinese and Philippine ships from the vast fishing shoal, but Beijing reneged, prompting the Philippines to bring its disputes with China to international arbitration the following year, according to Philippine officials.

The Philippines largely won the case, with the arbitration tribunal invalidating in a 2016 ruling China's historic claims to virtually the entire South China Sea based on the 1982 U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea. China refused to participate in the arbitration and ignored the outcome.

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte, who revived ties with Beijing after taking office in 2016, has refused to immediately seek Chinese compliance to the arbitration ruling while seeking Chinese infrastructure funds and investment, often coming under criticism for his China-friendly approach. AP

# TOP DIPLOMATS GATHER IN BANGKOK FOR KEY ASIA-PACIFIC TALKS

GRANT PECK, BANGKOK

**T**OP diplomats from the Asia-Pacific region started gathering yesterday in the Thai capital to discuss issues of concern to the area, including security on the Korean peninsula and China's territorial claims in the South China Sea.

The meetings in Bangkok are hosted by the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations, chaired this year by Thailand. Thai officials say there will be 27 meetings in all through Saturday, and 31 countries and alliances will participate.

The core ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting brings together the group's top diplomats, but they are likely to be overshadowed by the big power players attending the adjunct meetings, such as the ASEAN Regional Forum and the East Asia Foreign Ministers' Meeting.

The heavy-hitters in Bangkok this week include U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov.



Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov (left) and Thailand Foreign Minister Don Pramudwinai

Other ASEAN dialogue partners include Australia, India, the European Union, Japan and South Korea.

Most attention will be on these side meetings, in which ASEAN will play a supporting role, if any.

A representative of North Korea will be present in Bangkok, a Thai foreign ministry spokesman said last week, though it is not clear if Pyongyang is sending its

foreign minister. Washington has downplayed Pyongyang's recent launch of medium-range missiles and expressed interest in reviving talks on North Korean denuclearization, so sideline talks are a possibility.

Reports say that the United States is also willing to hold a sidelines meeting with Japan and South Korea to discuss the bitter trade dispute between the two

East Asian nations that threatens to disrupt Seoul's electronics industry by hindering its purchase of semiconductor components.

The dispute also draws on long-standing bitterness over Japan's actions toward Korea during World War II and threatens to poison relations at a time when Washington would prefer to see a united front in dealing with North Korea.

ASEAN's own most pressing concern arguably involves Beijing's expansive territorial claims in the South China Sea, which pits it against the claims of Vietnam, the Philippines, Malaysia and Brunei.

The dispute is long-running, but flared up again earlier this month when Vietnam accused China of violating its sovereignty by interfering with offshore oil and gas activities in disputed waters.

Vietnam can count on having some allies at this week's meetings but may have to operate outside the conventional ASEAN framework by forming a de facto maritime bloc with Indonesia, which has aggressively dealt with Chinese poachers in its waters,

and the Philippines, still smarting over a June incident in which a Chinese fishing vessel hit a Philippine fishing boat and fled the scene as 22 Filipinos escaped their sinking vessel.

It's unlikely ASEAN will agree on any major statement against China since it operates by consensus, which in practice means a single member can exercise veto over the group's decisions and declarations. Beijing can count on the support of allies such as Cambodia and Laos, and reluctance by others to defy Asia's superpower.

Beijing also is disinclined to flout legal norms that might restrain its actions, say critics, citing as an example the Permanent Court of Arbitration's ruling on the South China Sea case brought by the Philippines.

The struggle for influence between the U.S. and China looms larger than ever over this year's meetings, with their trade disputes fueling the rivalry.

Beijing's attempts to project its influence even further afield through its Belt and Road Initiative, an ambitious global development program of major infrastructure projects, has sharpened the sense of unease among some parties.

The U.S. has countered with its own vision strategy for a Free and Open Indo-Pacific, which Beijing regards as directed against it. **AP**

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# Malaysia: Myanmar must be accountable for Rohingya to return

EILEEN NG, BANGKOK

**M**ALAYSIA'S foreign ministry said yesterday that Myanmar's government must pursue justice for alleged human rights abuses against the Muslim Rohingya minority so that hundreds of thousands who fled a brutal military crackdown can return safely to the country.

The call came ahead of a meeting of Southeast Asian foreign ministers in Bangkok this week. It also followed a weekend meeting between a Myanmar government delegation and representatives of Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh to discuss creating conditions for their safe repatriation.

More than 700,000 Rohingya fled to Bangladesh after a counterinsurgency campaign by Myanmar's military in the western state of Rakhine in response to attacks in 2017 by a Rohingya insurgent group. The campaign led to accusations that security forces committed mass rapes and killings and burned thousands of homes.



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United Nations experts said they found evidence that Myanmar's military committed crimes with "genocidal intent" against the Rohingya.

"Many efforts are ongoing to solve the Rohingya crisis, but ultimately, we need the political will in Myanmar and internationally to move forward," Malaysia's foreign ministry said in an email reply to questions by The Associated Press.

"Malaysia maintains the view that the government of Myanmar has the primary responsibility to

act on allegations of human rights abuse committed in Rakhine state. Ensuring accountability is imperative to finding a solution to the crisis, and to the creation of a conducive environment for the return of displaced Rohingya to Myanmar," the ministry said.

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation, to which Malaysia belongs, has agreed to take Myanmar to the International Court of Justice for rights violations, while International Criminal Court prosecutor Fatou Bensouda

asked the court last year to open an investigation into possible crimes against humanity.

However, attempts to censure Myanmar at the U.N. Security Council failed due to lack of support from China and Russia.

Malaysia's foreign ministry said in its email that it was concerned that "international power politics" have dampened efforts to bring the Rohingya crisis before an international judicial mechanism. It said Malaysia will continue to work with other countries to push for accountability in Rakhine.

The ministry acknowledged that the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations has not focused on addressing the atrocities in Rakhine but said ASEAN's role, largely limited to providing humanitarian assistance, could contribute positively in expediting the repatriation process.

ASEAN, which has a policy of non-interference in each other's affairs, has been criticized for failing to take a tougher stance against Myanmar.

ASEAN foreign ministers are ex-

pected to receive a briefing from Myanmar when they meet today.

In a draft of the proposed ASEAN ministerial communique seen by the AP, the ministers say they hope an investigative body set up by Myanmar's government will seek accountability through an impartial investigation into the alleged human rights violations. The statement didn't mention the word "Rohingya," identifying the group as "displaced persons."

"We stressed the need to find a comprehensive and durable solution to address the root causes of the conflict and to create a conducive environment so that the affected communities can rebuild their lives," the ministers said.

Over the weekend, Myanmar officials held talks with representatives of Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh to discuss conditions for their safe return and agreed to further talks. In November, the refugees rejected a plan for their repatriation out of fears for their safety.

Buddhist-majority Myanmar has long considered the Rohingya to be "Bengalis" from Bangladesh even though many of their families have lived in the country for generations. Nearly all have been denied citizenship since 1982, effectively rendering them stateless, and they are also denied freedom of movement and other basic rights. AP

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## BORIS JOHNSON TRIES TO REASSURE ON BREXIT AS POUND SLUMPS

JILL LAWLESS, LONDON

**BRITISH** Prime Minister Boris Johnson visited Wales yesterday as part of a national tour intended to reassure Britons that his hard-Brexit push won't hurt the economy and rip apart the U.K.

Currency markets were far from reassured, however, as the pound slid to a new 28-month low. And Johnson faced a tough reception from farmers — a group central to the Welsh economy — who fear economic havoc if Britain leaves the European Union without a divorce deal. They say millions of sheep might have to be slaughtered if tariffs are slapped on lamb exports to the EU.

"The bottom line is we're exporting 40% of our sheep production, we are the second-largest producer of sheep meat in the world, so if we are priced ... we're tariffed out of the EU market, where does that 40% go?" said Minette Batters, president of the National Farmers Union.

The government argues that leaving the 28-nation bloc and its rules-bound Common Agricultural Policy will be "a historic opportunity to introduce new schemes to support farming" and will open up new markets for U.K. agricultural exports.

The government's Wales Secretary Alun Cairns said "90% of global growth will come from outside of the EU." However, trade with the EU accounts for almost half of all

British exports, and any new trade deals are years away.

The trip follows a visit Monday to Scotland, where Johnson was booed by protesters and warned by First Minister Nicola Sturgeon that his vow to take Britain out of the EU on Oct. 31, with or without a deal, was "dangerous."

Britain's 2016 vote to leave the EU divided the country and also strained the bonds among the four nations that make up the U.K.: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

A majority of voters in England and Wales backed leaving in the referendum, while Scotland and Northern Ireland voted to remain. That has emboldened Scotland's nationalist government to demand a vote on independence, ar-

guing that Scotland should not be forced out of the EU against its will.

In Parliament last week, Scottish National Party lawmaker Ian Blackford mockingly welcomed Johnson as "the last prime minister of the United Kingdom."

Johnson also plans a visit to Northern Ireland, the only part of the U.K. to share a land border with the EU. The status of that currently invisible frontier with the Republic of Ireland has become the main stumbling block to a Brexit deal.

The pound has fallen sharply in recent days as businesses warn that no amount of preparation can eliminate the economic damage if Britain crashes out of the 28-nation trading bloc without agreement on the terms.

The currency fell early yesterday to USD1.2120, its lowest value since March 2017.

Fiona Cincotta, senior market analyst at City Index, said sterling had lost 4.3% of its value since the beginning of July.

"Investors' main concern remains a hard no-deal Brexit which has the potential to pull the economy into chaos," she said. "Boris Johnson's new cabinet did little to alleviate those fears, taking a hard-line with Europe on forthcoming negotiations."

Johnson became prime minister last week after winning a Conservative Party leadership contest by promising the strongly pro-Brexit party membership that the U.K. will leave the EU on the scheduled date of Oct. 31, with or without a divorce deal.

The EU struck a withdrawal agreement with Johnson's predecessor, Theresa May, but it was rejected three times by Britain's Parliament. Johnson is insisting the bloc make major changes to May's spurned deal, including scrapping an insurance policy for the Irish border that has been rejected by U.K. lawmakers.

The EU insists it won't reopen the 585-page withdrawal agreement it spent two years negotiating with May's government.

Johnson's government has been accused of sending mixed messages on Brexit that have unsettled markets.

Michael Gove, who heads a new Brexit delivery committee in Cabinet, has said the government is "operating on the assumption" that the U.K. will leave without a deal.

But Johnson — who just weeks ago put the odds of leaving without a divorce agreement at a million to one — said Monday he was "very confident" of getting a new deal.

There are currently no new negotiations planned between Britain and the bloc. **AP**

## A\$AP Rocky trial underway in Sweden

JARI TANNER, HELSINKI

**A**MERICAN rapper A\$AP Rocky and two other men believed to be members of his entourage went on trial yesterday in Sweden in a high-profile legal case that has caught the attention of U.S. President Donald Trump and celebrities.

Swedish prosecutors alleged that the Grammy-nominated rapper and the two other suspects "deliberately, together and in agreement" attacked 19-year-old Mustafa Jafari in a fight in central Stockholm on June 30.

Prosecutors alleged in

more than 500 pages of court documents that the three suspects beat and kicked Jafari while he was on the ground and that he was hit by parts of or a whole bottle.

The trial of the recording artist, whose real name is Rakim Mayers, started in Stockholm District Court, which also has set aside Thursday and Friday for the case.

Mayers' mother Renee Black was seen arriving at the court while his son was escorted in wearing a green shirt. She appeared "like she was about to burst into tears," Swedish newspaper

Aftonbladet reported.

Lawyers for both sides were to present their narrative of what happened on the night of June 30 at yesterday's court session. Testimonies are expected to take place tomorrow.

The trial was being held in a secure courtroom "because of strong interest from the media and the public," the Stockholm court said, noting that no photographing or filming will take place during the proceedings.

The charges carry a maximum sentence of two years in prison. Mayers, who has been in custody

since July 3, has said he acted in self-defense.

The rapper's lawyer, Martin Persson, told Swedish public broadcaster SVT on Monday that he would present the court with new evidence, including showing that "no bottle has been used to hit or injure anyone" and that the violence used was "within the limits of the law."

A lawyer for Jafari, Magnus Stromberg, told The Associated Press on Friday the beating started when one of A\$AP Rocky's guards "grabbed him (Jafari) by the neck and dragged him away" and that Jafari didn't



provoke the assault.

Prosecutors said that Mayers pushed Jafari to the ground and the court documents include numerous photos of Jafari's cuts, bruises and blood-

tained clothes.

Jafari, 19, is seeking 139,700 Swedish kronor (USD14,700) in damages for his injuries, lost income and damages to his appearance. **AP**

MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

# Trump lashes out at China as trade talks resume; stocks fall

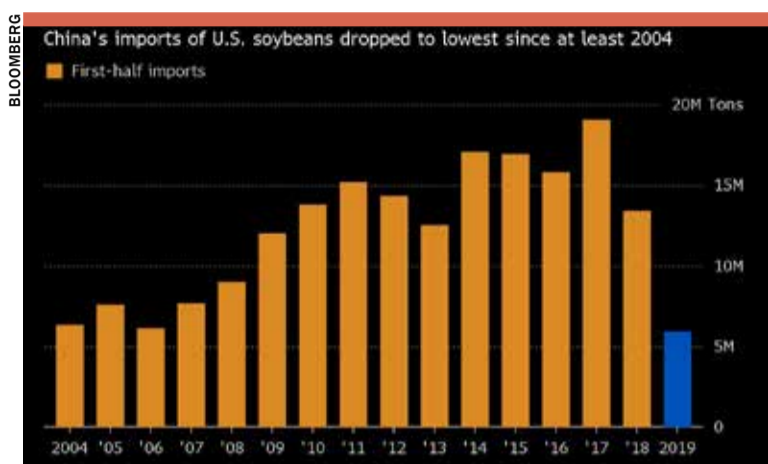
TERRENCE DOPP

**P**RESIDENT Donald Trump lashed out at China for what he said is its unwillingness to buy American agricultural products and said it continues to "rip off" the U.S., just as the two nations resumed negotiations in Shanghai after a three-month breakup.

"China is doing very badly, worst year in 27 - was supposed to start buying our agricultural product now - no signs that they are doing so," Trump said yesterday on Twitter. "That is the problem with China, they just don't come through."

Futures on the S&P 500 stock index, which is hovering near a record high, touched session lows after Trump's remarks. The price of soybeans and cotton also went lower.

Trump said that the U.S. has "all the cards" and warned that if he's reelected in 2020 China



faces a much tougher deal. He said "they always change the deal in the end to their benefit," adding that "they should probably wait out our Election to see if we get one of the Democrat stiffies like Sleepy Joe." That's a reference to Democratic presidential candidate, former Vice President Joe Biden.

Financial markets are on edge about the fate of talks between the world's largest economies and a two-day Federal

Reserve meeting that started yesterday. The U.S. central bank is expected to lower interest rates for the first time in more than a decade, partly because trade war concerns are slowing business investment.

U.S. delegates including Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer arrived in Shanghai to begin another round of talks with their Chinese counterparts. The Americans were

set to attend a dinner at the Fairmont Peace Hotel yesterday evening, and talks are scheduled to pick up again today in China's bustling port city.

Expectations for a breakthrough in the trade talks remain low. The two sides are further apart than they were three months ago, when negotiations broke down and each side blamed the other for derailing attempts to reach a deal. China is pushing for compromise in the talks, with state media underlining this week that the U.S. should meet it "halfway."

It's unclear what triggered Trump's latest outburst. U.S. soybean exports to China slumped in the first half of the year to the lowest level in more than a decade, while pork sales in June slipped from a month earlier.

After the president's tweets, soybean futures extended a decline, falling as much as 0.4% in Chicago. **BLOOMBERG**

USA

## PRESIDENT TO VISIT POLAND FOR WORLD WAR II ANNIVERSARY SEPTEMBER 1

**A**N aide to Poland's president says that President Donald Trump will visit Warsaw from Aug. 31 through Sept. 2 to take part in observances marking the 80th anniversary of World War II.

It would be Trump's second visit to Poland since July 2017. Poland is among Washington's closest partners in Europe, with cooperation focusing on defense and energy security.

The head of President Andrzej Duda's office, Krzysztof Szczerski, said yesterday that Trump would arrive in Warsaw on the evening of Aug. 31.

The next day Trump will take part in ceremonies in Warsaw marking 80 years since Nazi German troops invaded Poland on Sept. 1, 1939 starting the war.

He would depart on Sept. 2. Trump has hosted Duda twice at the White House. **AP**

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VENUE: Old Court Building

ADMISSION: Free

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### MGM PRESENTS: HUA YUAN EXHIBITION

TIME: 24 hours

UNTIL: September 3, 2019

VENUE: MGM Cotai

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TIME: 10am-6pm (No admission after 5:30pm, closed on Mondays)

UNTIL: September 30, 2019

VENUE: Jao Tsung-I Academy

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TIME: 10am-6pm (Closed on Thursdays)

UNTIL: October 27, 2019

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TIME: 10am-7pm

UNTIL: September 6, 2019

VENUE: Macau Tea Culture House

ADMISSION: Free

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## Offbeat

### TSA: MAN CHECKED MISSILE LAUNCHER IN LUGGAGE AT BWI

Federal officials say they've found a missile launcher in a man's luggage at the airport in Baltimore.

The Transportation Security Administration said in a statement that the military grade weapon was located in the man's checked luggage at Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport.

TSA officers called airport police who found the man and detained him for questioning. The unidentified traveler said he was in the military and coming home from Kuwait. He said he wanted to keep the weapon as a souvenir.

The TSA said the missile launcher was "not a live device." But it was handed over to the state fire marshal for disposal.

The man lives in Jacksonville, Texas, which is about 115 miles east of Dallas. He was ultimately allowed to catch his flight home.



## TV canal macau



13:00 TDM News (Repetição)

13:30 Telejornal RTPi (Diferido)

15:00 Agua de Mar

15:45 Zig Zag

16:20 Sim Chef! Sr1

16:50 Quem Quer Ser Milionário

17:45 A Minha Tese

18:15 Amor Maior (Repetição)

19:00 Outras Histórias

19:35 Os Nossos Dias Sr.2

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22:25 Amor Maior

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ROOM 1

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

Language: Cantonese

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

Starring: Andy Lau, Louis Koo, Michael Miu

Language: Cantonese (Chinese & English)

Duration: 86min

#### CRAYON SHINCHAN 2019

ROOM 3

2:30pm

Director: Masakazu Hashimoto

Starring: Yumiko Kobayashi, Toshiyuki Morikawa, Miki Narahashi

Language: Cantonese

Duration: 100min

#### THE CONFIDENCE MAN JP - THE MOVIE

ROOM 3

4:30, 9:30pm

Director: Ryô Tanaka

Starring: Yôsuke 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, Seishû Uragami

Language: Japanese (English & Chinese)

Duration: 110min

## this day in history



### 1991 SUPERPOWERS TO CUT NUCLEAR WARHEADS

The United States and the Soviet Union have signed an historic agreement reducing their stockpiles of nuclear warheads by about a third.

The Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, known as Start, was signed in Moscow by US President George Bush and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

At a joint news conference after the signing ceremony, Mr Bush described the Start treaty as "a significant step forward in dispelling half a century of mistrust".

Mr Gorbachev said it promised to be the start of "an irreversible process" of arms reduction, but stressed there was "still a lot to do".

The agreement took more than nine years to negotiate, and reduces each side's strategic nuclear weapons by about 35% over seven years.

The Soviet Union's land-based intercontinental ballistic missiles will also be cut by 50%.

It is the first major agreement between the two countries over arms reduction since the Salt treaties, signed in 1972 and 1979, which limited the numbers of long-range nuclear missiles.

The Start treaty goes further, however, by committing the superpowers to scaling down their fleets of nuclear missiles and bombers, rather than just limiting expansion.

However, it still leaves the US and the Soviet Union with 9,000 and 7,000 warheads respectively. There was also no agreement over space weapons, or sea-launched cruise missiles.

Cooperation

Throughout the two-day summit, the emphasis has been on a new era of cooperation between the two sides.

Mr Bush and Mr Gorbachev spent much of their time discussing Mr Gorbachev's attempts to reform the ailing Soviet economy and the help that might be offered by the West, although neither leader would be drawn on specific details.

They are also understood to have discussed a jointly-sponsored Middle East peace conference.

Mr Bush's visit takes place at a time of increasing unrest in the Soviet republics.

Six months ago Moscow put down an uprising in Lithuania, and just yesterday six Lithuanian border guards were killed in suspicious circumstances.

Both Mr Bush and Mr Gorbachev said they regretted the incident, but refused to comment further.

In an indication of the delicate balance of power in the Soviet Union, Mr Bush has taken time during his visit to meet the President of the Russian Republic, Boris Yeltsin, for private talks.

However, he was quick to reassure journalists in Moscow he continues to support Mr Gorbachev and the Soviet government.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

The Soviet Union collapsed in December 1991, before the Start treaty could be ratified.

After an intense period of diplomacy, agreements were reached with the Russian Federation and three former Soviet states where nuclear weapons were stationed - Ukraine, Belarus, and Kazakhstan.

The Start Treaty finally came into effect in December 1994, although the targets set out in the treaty were not met until 2001.

In 1993, the Start II treaty agreed to scrap a further 3,000-3,500 warheads. It was ratified by the US Congress in 1996.

In 1997, US President Bill Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin extended the treaty's deadline to 2007, and set out to begin negotiations on a Start III treaty for further reductions.

Eventually Start II and Start III were superseded by a further arms reduction treaty signed in 2002.

The Strategic Offensive Reductions Treaty, better known as the Treaty of Moscow, aims to cut the nuclear warheads of each side to between 1,700 and 2,200 by 2012 - a reduction of about two-thirds.



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### YOUR STARS

**ARIES**  
Mar. 21-Apr. 19  
Commerce is not an ideal thing to be involved in right now, especially if you are interested in selling some of your possessions. Your personal goods will not move as quickly as you think.

**TAURUS**  
Apr. 20-May. 20  
There's no going back on this so you will have to summon up your positive attitude once again. Delegating responsibilities will be the best way for you to get through this.

**GEMINI**  
May. 21-Jun. 21  
A gift you're given today will require you to call upon all your hidden stores of tolerance. This generous present might not be quite your style, but maybe it is time for you to expand your tastes.

**CANCER**  
Jun. 22-Jul. 22  
More than ever, your friends and family are providing you with the inspiration you need to keep yourself motivated and energized. It's time you thanked them all for their support and devotion.

**LEO**  
Jul. 23-Aug. 22  
Red tape is sticky stuff, so if you are in the midst of dealing with any type of bureaucracy, beware: You could get stuck in the system. Diligence is your best bet, so keep calling the numbers you have...

**VIRGO**  
Aug. 23-Sep. 22  
Give up a little bit of free time today so you can go full steam ahead - this day could bring the completion you've been working so hard for. Plan a sweet and intimate celebration for tonight.

**LIBRA**  
Sep. 23-Oct. 22  
Use your tact and charm to get them to re-evaluate their suggestion. Then help them fine-tune it so that it resembles something that can actually come into being.

**SCORPIO**  
Oct. 23-Nov. 21  
Why limit yourself? Today offers wonderful experiences for every one of your senses - including your sixth. Take full advantage of every opportunity and keep your eyes and ears wide open.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
Nov. 22-Dec. 21  
Another law you should obey is the fact that the more effort you put in, the more rewards you reap - so you may have to trim down your lunch hour if you want to get stuff done!

**CAPRICORN**  
Dec. 22-Jan. 19  
Whether or not you are looking for a new romance won't matter to someone who is trying to turn your head. That's why you will have to stay consistent in your reaction to their flattery today.

**AQUARIUS**  
Jan. 20-Feb. 18  
The only way that can possibly happen is if you find some silver lining in that cloud. Move forward, and leave the wrongdoers in your past where they belong.

**PISCES**  
Feb. 19-Mar. 20  
As focused as a laser, your vision will be directed solely at one goal. But to make real progress, try the indirect approach. If it's a romantic objective, be sure not to come on too strong.

### The Born Loser by Chip Sansom



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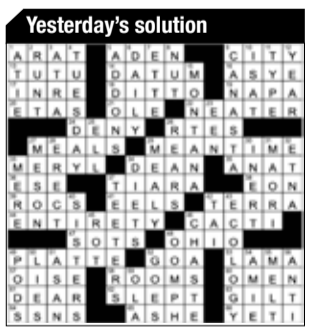
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Tianjin	27	35	thundershower
Urumqi	21	28	shower
Xi'an	24	35	cloudy
Lhasa	11	24	shower
Chengdu	24	34	shower
Chongqing	26	34	cloudy
Kunming	18	24	shower
Nanjing	29	36	cloudy
Shanghai	29	36	cloudy
Wuhan	28	37	clear
Hangzhou	28	38	cloudy
Taipei	26	30	overcast
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- Object of worship; 5- Green citrus fruits; 10- Hook's helper; 14- Letterman rival; 15- Bakery supply; 16- Cuts down; 17- Catches on; 18- Eliminate; 19- Addition column; 20- Farewell; 22- Care of the fingernails; 24- Ancient Andean; 27- Yellow of an egg; 28- Flat flour or corn bread; 32- Enjoyed; 36- Sound of satisfaction; 37- Ages between 13 and 19; 39- Villainous look; 40- You know how \_\_\_; 42- Destined; 44- Richard of "Chicago"; 45- Where Columbus was born; 47- Rasping instruments; 49- Greek letters; 50- Oven emanation; 51- College grounds; 53- Goes astray; 56- Time; 57- Glassmaker tube; 61- Outmoded; 65- Swearword; 66- Heaps; 69- \_\_\_ a one; 70- Gillette product; 71- Make into law; 72- Forearm bone; 73- Milk source; 74- Parachute material; 75- Look for;

**DOWN:** 1- Role for Ingrid; 2- Monopoly card; 3- Dedicated to the \_\_\_ Love; 4- Go ballistic; 5- Caustic stuff; 6- Comparative suffix; 7- Polite address; 8- Composition; 9- Shorthand pro; 10- Causing intense surprise; 11- Course listing; 12- Large pitcher; 13- Start of North Carolina's motto; 21- Military division; 23- Problems; 25- Musical staff sign; 26- Shake like \_\_\_; 28- Coniferous evergreen forest; 29- Shoot-'em-up; 30- Thick-skinned charger; 31- Shenanigan; 33- Retains; 34- Causing goose bumps; 35- Attire; 38- Psalms interjection; 41- A bit; 43- Floor model; 46- Seniors' org.; 48- Tater; 52- Seventh planet; 54- Age; 55- Thorny; 57- "We're all in the same \_\_\_"; 58- Behind schedule; 59- "La \_\_\_", 1946 Dolores del Rio; 60- Tel Aviv server; 62- Story; 63- Sea eagle; 64- Aborigine of Borneo; 67- Environmental prefix; 68- RR stop;



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## GLOBAL CITIZEN FESTIVAL TO FEATURE H.E.R, OTHERS

**QUEEN** and Adam Lambert, Pharrell Williams and Alicia Keys are some of the headliners at the 2019 Global Citizens Festival.

Organizers yesterday also announced OneRepublic, H.E.R and Carole King are among the other artists who will appear at the event on the Great Lawn in New York's Central Park on Sept. 28.

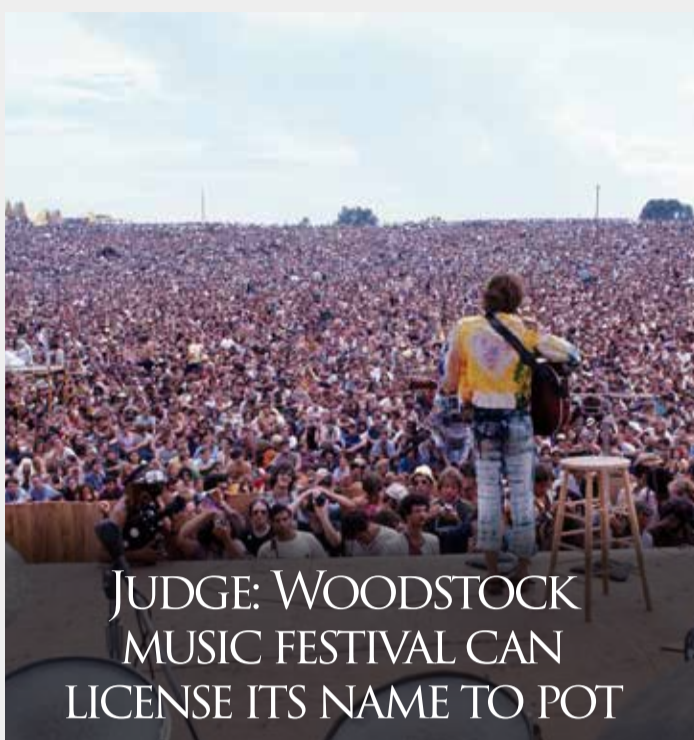
Special performances are planned by French Montana, Ben Platt, and Jon Batiste & Stay Human.

Deborra-lee Furness and Hugh Jackman will return as hosts.

The festival calls on government and businesses to fight infectious diseases, empower women and girls around the world, combat plastic pollution and provide quality education for all.

It coincides with the annual UN General Assembly meetings.

MSNBC will simulcast the festival and iHeartMedia will broadcast the festival on its radio stations nationwide.



## JUDGE: WOODSTOCK MUSIC FESTIVAL CAN LICENSE ITS NAME TO POT

**A** judge says the owners of the Woodstock music festival name can license it to create a marijuana brand marking the 50th anniversary of the famed gathering.

U.S. District Judge Paul Gardephe yesterday [Macau time] rejected a claim that the deal would infringe on the name of another company, Woodstock Roots.

Gardephe concluded the nature of the planned Woodstock-branded recreational marijuana and a competitor's cannabis-related smoking paraphernalia are different.

Woodstock Ventures, which produced the 1969 Woodstock festival, and Woodstock Roots sued each other last year. Woodstock Roots does business as Woodstock American Products.

Woodstock Ventures argued recreational marijuana falls within its "natural zone of expansion" under federal trademark law. It is working on a deal with a major marijuana dispensary.

Emails seeking comment were sent to lawyers for Woodstock Roots.

## SCORSESE VISITS OSAGE NATION AHEAD OF FILMING

**DIRECTOR** Martin Scorsese has visited Oklahoma and met with the principal chief of the Osage Nation to discuss filming his upcoming adaptation of "Killers of the Flower Moon."

The Tulsa World reported that Scorsese and others involved in the film met with Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear and other Osage representatives for about two hours to discuss how the movie will accurately portray


the tribe's culture, history and language.

The movie is an adaptation David Grann's nonfiction book "Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI." It documents the 1920s slayings of wealthy Osage tribal members after the discovery of oil on their land.

Standing Bear said Scorsese told him Robert DeNiro will play cattleman William Hale. Leonardo DiCaprio is also set to star.





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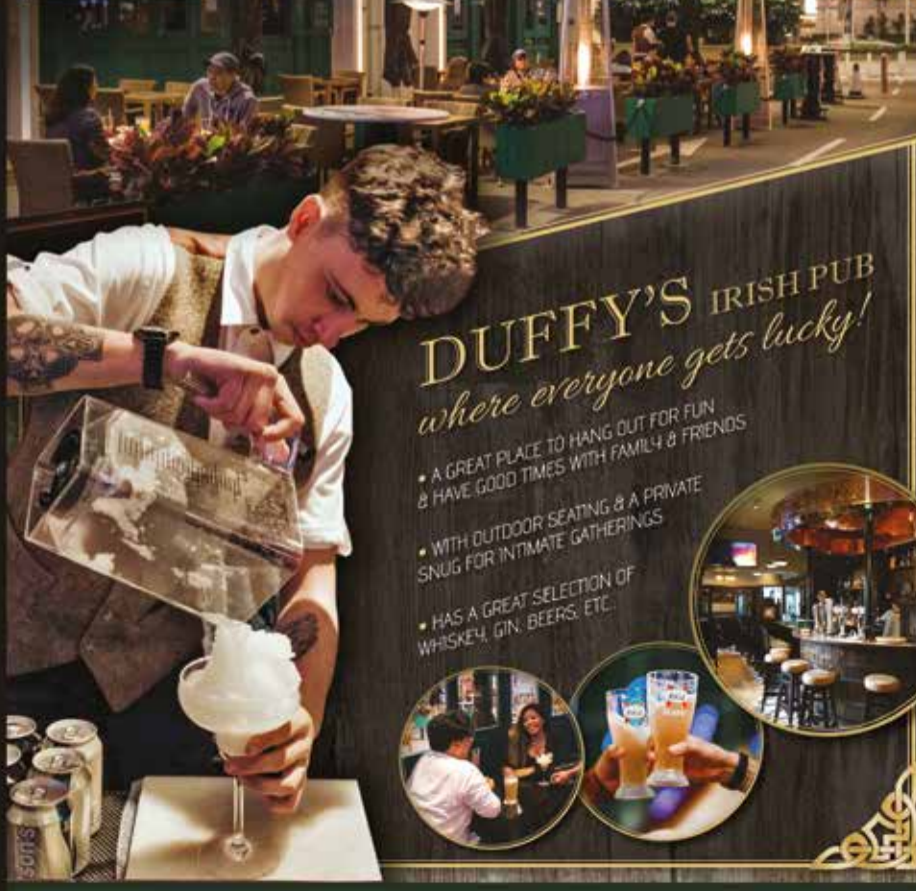


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SWIMMING

# High-water mark: Dressel sets own standard with 8 medals in Worlds

BETH HARRIS, GWANGJU

**E**XHAUSTION and relief flooded Caeleb Dressel. Maybe now the comparisons with Michael Phelps can fade away.

Dressel won eight medals, including six golds, at the world swimming championships, the biggest meet outside the Olympics. Two years ago in Hungary, he tied Phelps' record of seven golds at a single worlds, including three in one night.

Dressel set his own standard in Gwangju, where he again won three golds in a single night.

"There's parts during the meet where it's not the greatest feeling — the stress that you feel, the pressure I put on myself," he said, adding, "I do enjoy it, the challenge that it brings."

On Sunday, Dressel capped his eight-day run with silver in the 4x100-meter medley relay. He hauled the U.S. from fourth to first on his butterfly leg with a split of 49.28 seconds — the only sub-50 second fly leg in the field.

Had anchor Nathan Adrian not been overtaken by Britain's Duncan Scott in the closing meters, Dressel would have won a seventh gold. Adrian and relay teammates Ryan Murphy and Andrew Wilson were upset they didn't deliver.

"I was the first guy in the water and I would say I had a pretty embarrassing performance,"



United States' Caeleb Dressel reacts after winning the men's 100m butterfly final

Murphy said. "It kind of put us in a hole from the beginning."

Wilson added, "All of us are just finding places where it's on us. We just all need to be better and we will be next year. It's frustrating now but it's fuel for the next year."

Heading into its first Olym-

pics in the post-Phelps era, the U.S. appears in good shape for Tokyo.

After a slow start in Gwangju, the Americans finished with 27 medals in the pool, including a leading 14 golds. They won the team title and Dressel earned male swimmer of the

meet honors. The U.S. set five world records, including two by 17-year-old backstroker Regan Smith.

Australia was second with 19 and five golds.

The U.S. likely would have had two more medals if Katie Ledecky hadn't gotten sick. She withdrew from the 200 free heats and 1,500 free final while spending two days away from the pool. Her lone gold came in the 800 free after a gutsy last lap in which she pulled away from Italy's Simona Quadarella.

The Americans were limited to one medal on two different nights — both earned with Dressel's involvement.

"It's pretty evident that we didn't start on the best note," said sprinter Simone Manuel, who swept the 50-100 freestyles, "but also we did have a great meet, and I think that's getting a little lost because we had amazing swims, people got best times."

Dressel's golds came in the 50 and 100 free, 50 and 100 butterfly, mixed 4x100 free relay and 4x100 free relay. His other silver was in the mixed 4x100 medley relay.

Dressel took down Phelps' world record in the 100 fly, going 49.50 in the semifinals.

He came close in Hungary, but didn't get it done.

"Two years ago I was a little scared, I'll admit, coming that close," Dressel said. "It can be a scary thought to do something that's never been done before."

The difference in Gwangju was that Dressel woke up the day of the race and wanted to go after the mark.

"I hope he was happy watching me," he said.

Phelps was watching from his home in Arizona, and told The Associated Press that Dressel would have to be perfect to win seven or eight golds in Tokyo. Phelps, of course, won eight golds at the 2008 Beijing Games.

"If there's someone who doesn't care how hard it's going to be, how hard they're going to have to work, how much pain they're willing to put their body through, we might see it," he said by phone.

Phelps suggested Dressel could be a "great addition" to the 4x200 free relay.

"Clearly, he's got the speed," he said. "At this point, he's just got to have better endurance."

Dressel still feels his retired teammate's influence. He knows the 23-time Olympic gold medalist's times and watched how Phelps swam his races.

"It's really special for me just to have that one little moment where I claimed I was the best in the history of swimming," Dressel said. "Just a young kid from a small town, it's just crazy how far the sport can go."

Like Phelps, Dressel is his own worst critic. The 22-year-old Floridian picks apart each of his races, whether the result is gold, a world record or something less lofty.

"I always look for the bad," he said. "There's plenty to improve on. I know what to look for heading into next year, even for small meets. I take each event and I have to learn from it."

What he learned in Gwangju is that he's his own man. **AP**

## Australian swimming embarrassed after positive drug test

**I**F only the world championships ended as well as it started for the swimmers from Down Under.

The much-vaunted Australian squad had an impressive but controversial beginning on the opening day of the swimming program — an upset win by 18-year-old Ariarne Titmus over three-time 400-meter freestyle champion American Kate Ledecky.

Then there was a high-profile shunning by Mack Horton of his 400-meter freestyle opponent Sun Yang.

Horton, angry that swim-

ming's world governing body allowed Sun to compete at the world championships before his Court of Arbitration for Sport hearing into a clash with drug testers, refused to stand on the podium after finishing second to the Chinese star.

Horton was roundly criticized in China, but was given a standing ovation by fellow swimmers when he returned to the dining hall later that night at the athletes' village.

Sprint ahead to the final weekend at Gwangju, South Korea, where Australia was on its way to comple-

ting a meet total of five gold, nine silver and five bronze medals — second only to the United States' 27 in total, 14 gold. Suddenly, the Aussie team was tainted by a doping case of its own — and, it seems, not a single person on the team knew.

People who live in glass houses ... well, a lot of people in Australia could have finished the rest of that sentence.

Shayna Jack's A and B doping samples tested positive for Ligandrol, a banned substance which the 20-year-old swimmer said

can be found in supplements. But it's often a drug that body builders use to increase muscle mass.

Swimming Australia was on the back foot through most of the episode.

Jack continues to deny any knowledge of how the banned substance came to be in her system. The A sample results were given to her on July 12, the B sample on July 19, only two days before the swimming events began at the world titles. Jack had already been sent home from a pre-meet training camp, with Swimming Australia saying her



Gold medalist Australia's Ariarne Titmus (center)

departure was for personal reasons.

That means her B sample was returned to her eight days before her failed test became public, news which directly contradicted statements made by Swimming Australia chief executive Leigh Russell after the doping story broke.

And on the Saturday ni-

ght, shortly after it emerged that Jack had tested positive in an out-of-competition test in late June, Swimming Australia refused to let head coach Jacco Verhaar appear before the media. That forced swimmer Cate Campbell to answer some uncomfortable questions she should never have been made to answer. **AP**

OPINION

Animal Farm

Albano Martins



HONG KONG, A COMPLEX PROBLEM?

Many innocent people show little knowledge, or even contempt, for what China has done in these forty years, with many political games behind the scenes within the limits allowed by the system. This world has become a puzzle especially in these times of Trump.

Hypocrisy has become widespread among the political elite who live straddling the fence, corrupt against the general population.

The exercise of politics is done in hypocrisy!

Hong Kong is China, and in this regard it is best to have no doubt. There is no place in Hong Kong for pro-independence movements.

It was good that many "powers" looked more closely at their own countries rather than simply point their fingers at China!

China will never accept the undermining of its sovereignty. It is not smart to be unaware of these boundaries or to confront them! Before the handover, what democracy was there?

The governors were appointed by colonial powers. It takes Western hypocrisy to forget this, while suggesting it should only be a matter for the Chinese.

I think it is very good to fight for more democracy, especially for something greater than there is even in the West, which is a clear hypocrisy. The people who fight for it have to be smart if they want to slow down the integration of the second system in China.

This is the Beijing Achilles heel. The Basic Laws should be completely complied with! But they are not. Instead, China is greedily accelerating the integration before the 50 years are up, and the Greater Bay Area is just one prime example.

Who actively supports this? Probably just businessmen!

On the Chinese side there is congruence, let's be honest.

Anything that is destructive and provocative (as the happenings at Legco, or the Chinese State Representation in Hong Kong) is a shot in the foot and an attack on intelligence, as is putting a colonial flag in the Legco or walking with it on the streets. It is premeditated provocation.

As to what happened in the Metro, it does not ingratiate the Chinese State or the Hong Kong Government.

To get into this game of stupid violence is to destroy causes! Everyone wants freedom, and of course the young people do. But life's problems unfortunately are not just solved with freedom.

Political freedom in an environment of rampant exploitation, without fighting for social concerns, in a city where misery and the gap between the rich and the poor is colossal, with many poor people living almost in cages, solves what exactly?

Striving for freedom without minimum equality and no sense of brotherhood is simply fighting for a bag full of holes; nothing can be kept there.

The unbridled exploitation of most people is seen across all systems because of the market economy, and to my knowledge no-one has found a more effective alternative. In China the market economy is accepted but clearly with loss of political freedom!

Let's be intellectually honest. In all systems, there is little equality, even in opportunity, and no mutual support.

So, what is left to the young people? To fight for the ideals intelligently and authentically and with feet firmly grounded.

What is ideal today may not be many years from now. Those who do not fight for ideals in their youth do not fight for them in the future. They will fight for the protection of their interests but not for better lives for the populations, in either system. Our ideals evolve over time, some even shift to the opposite extreme as one gets older.

Prudence is required in this exercise of contestation and retaliation.

CAPITAL ONE TARGET OF MASSIVE DATA BREACH

A hacker gained access to personal information from more than 100 million Capital One credit applications, the bank said as federal authorities arrested a suspect in the case.

Paige A. Thompson — who also goes by the handle "erratic" — was charged with a single count of computer fraud and abuse in U.S. District Court in Seattle. Thompson made an initial appearance in court and was ordered to remain in custody pending a detention hearing tomorrow.

The hacker got information including credit scores and balances plus the Social Security numbers of about 140,000 customers, the bank said. It will offer free credit monitoring services to those affected.

The FBI raided Thompson's residence yesterday [Macau time] and seized digital devices. An initial search turned up files that referenced Capital One and "other entities that may have been targets of attempted or actual network intrusions."

PRESIDENTS HAVE MADE RACIST GESTURES THROUGHOUT US HISTORY

RUSSELL CONTRERAS, ALBUQUERQUE (N.M.)

WHEN President Donald Trump drew widespread condemnation for describing a majority-black congressional district as a "rat and rodent infested mess" and for tweets targeting four Democratic congresswomen of color, it was not the first time a U.S. president attracted such attention.

Throughout American history, presidents have uttered comments, issued decisions and made public and private moves that critics said were racist, either at the time or in later generations. The presidents did so both before taking office and during their time in the White House.

Many of the early presidents, George Washington to Zachary Taylor, owned black slaves and held power when African Americans, Native Americans and Latinos did not have the right to vote or serve on juries and could be refused service in public accommodations. They often repeated racist views that were commonly held in their times, even when challenged by scholars or civil rights leaders.

Before he became the nation's third president, Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Declaration of Independence that "all men are created equal." But in his only book, "Notes on the State of Virginia," published in 1785, the future president expressed a series of beliefs about African Americans that would be seen today as racist.

He wrote that blacks were cursed with "a very strong and disagreeable odor" and were incapable of producing art and poetry. And though he said he believed slavery was immoral, he owned slaves and, historians say, carried on a sexual relationship with at least one of them, Sally Hemings. If every black slave were ever freed, he wrote, they should be deported since he believed blacks and whites could



not live together peacefully.

Andrew Jackson, the nation's seventh president, was also a slaveholder from the South. Before he became president, he offered in an 1804 advertisement \$50 for the return of a runaway slave and \$10 extra "for every hundred lashes any person will give him, to the amount of 300." In Jon Meacham's 2008 book "American Lion: Andrew

Many of the early presidents, George Washington to Zachary Taylor, owned black slaves

Jackson and the White House," Meacham wrote that Jackson owned around 150 slaves and freed none of them in his will.

As president, Jackson allowed his postmaster general to let Southerners seize anti-slavery publications, in direct violation of the First Amendment. He called the abolitionist pamphlets urging black equality "unconstitutional and wicked."

Jackson is widely vilified today among Native Americans for his role in forcibly removing indigenous people from their land, especially for the Trail of Tears. The removal of the Cherokee people from Georgia led to thousands of deaths.

"The philanthropist will

rejoice that the remnant of that ill-fated race has been at length placed beyond the reach of injury or oppression," Jackson said in his farewell address.

The Virginia-born Woodrow Wilson worked to keep blacks out of Princeton University while serving as that school's president. When he became president of the U.S., the Democrat refused to reverse the segregation of civil service, though he had won the White House with the support of some African American men.

In 1915, Wilson sparked outrage by screening the racist film "The Birth of a Nation" at the White House. The silent movie was the retelling of Reconstruction through the eyes of the Ku Klux Klan. The movie portrayed the KKK as heroes and African Americans as uncivilized.

"No explanation or apology followed" after the screening, Patty O'Toole wrote in "The Moralist: Woodrow Wilson and the World He Made."

Wilson appeared oblivious during the "Red Summer" of 1919 — a time when communities across the country saw white mobs attack African Americans, resulting in hundreds of deaths. He spoke out against lynching but did not use the federal government's resources to stop the violence. AP

**Indonesia** An alleged British fugitive was arrested in Bali with pornography and drugs, Indonesian authorities said yesterday, after U.K. media reported that the man was selling explicit videos of himself online to fund an extravagant lifestyle on the island.



**India** Protesters took to the streets of India's capital yesterday demanding a fast-track probe into a highway crash that killed two people and seriously injured two others, including a woman who has accused a ruling party lawmaker of rape.

**Iran's** state TV says a former mayor of Tehran, Mohammad Ali Najaf, who also served as one of the country's vice presidents was sentenced to death for killing his wife.

**Cyprus** A court yesterday adjourned for one week the legal proceedings against a 19-year-old British woman who faces a public nuisance charge after admitting to falsely accusing a dozen Israelis of raping her at a Cypriot hotel.

**Romania** Interior minister Nicolae Moga says he is resigning in the wake of the murders of two teenagers, crimes which have outraged the country partly due to alleged police ineptitude.



**UK** A dispute between the ruler of Dubai and his estranged wife over the welfare of their two young children will play out over the next two days in a London courtroom amid reports the princess has fled the Gulf emirate.



**Germany** Authorities are still trying to determine the motive of a man suspected of pushing an 8-year-old boy and his mother in front of a train at Frankfurt's main station, killing the boy, and will assess whether he is mentally ill, prosecutors said yesterday.